



*In the spirit of St. Joseph,
we lovingly serve Jesus Christ
and His people.*

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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NEW PARISHIONERS Please register in person at the Parish
Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please
return to Parish Office or put in collection.

MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Mass in Spanish	Sunday 1:30 p.m.
Holy Days	Check inside of bulletin
Weekdays	Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. | Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES Arrangements should be made through the Parish
Office at least eight months before any other planning.

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday
at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal
Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of
each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome
to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office. *Bautismo*
en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo.
Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro
Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Please have bulletin
announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or
e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

St. Joseph Church

Dover, Ohio 44622

The Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 15 and 16, 2023

15 y 16 de Abril del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 17

No Mass

Readings: 267: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 18

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary

6:00 p.m. Jim and Shirley Fondriest

Readings: 268: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 19

8:15 a.m. Joseph Cihon

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 269: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 20

8:15 a.m. Gary Mercer

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 270: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 21

8:15 a.m. Kathy Thomas

Readings: 271: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 22

The Vigil The Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Donata Ginnetti

Sunday, April 23

The Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Robert and Polly Zifer

11:00 a.m. John and Katherine Gopp

1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)

Readings: 46: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, April 18 – 6:00 p.m. – Vicki Wilhelm

Wednesday, April 19 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

Thursday, April 20 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, April 21 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

April 22, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Bill Bartz – 1st Lector

Debby Tristano – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Mary DeBois, Beth Cecil,

Kateri Renicker, Janice Cosenza, Lyle Tope,

Michelle Tope

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Flynn Renicker, Kenton Renicker, Gabe Winnie

April 23, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Keith Knestaut – 1st Lector

Mike Finley – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeannine Kennedy,

Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio, Matt Ritzert,

Jack Burnham, John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Miya Olson, Matthew Olson, Piper Olson

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Cathie Peters – 1st Lector

Anne Bruno – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Joe Sciarretti,

Cathy Galbraith, Dan Galbraith, Mary Elco, Jim Elco,

Tom O'Donnell

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Larry and Linda Clawson,

Lindsay Williams

Servers: Vince Sciarretti, Patrick Sciarretti, Izzy Murphy

Offertory for April 8 and 9, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 5,667.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 3,443.00
Easter	\$ 4,678.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,155.00
Total	\$ 14,943.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 602.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 235.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 50.00
Good Friday	\$ 862.00
Other Collections	\$ 225.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.

If you know of a friend or family member who is in the hospital for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please leave a message.

Please Note: If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.

Spiritual Notes

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Today's Gospel reminds us that believing is seeing things differently. John tells us that the disciples, who are hiding "for fear of the Jews," are visited by the Risen Christ on Easter night, "the first day of the week." For our evangelist, belief in Jesus leads to "life in his name;" this is the goal of his text. "These things are written that you may come to believe." John's text provides revelation that fosters faith leading to salvation. We see in the scene with Thomas that when Jesus reveals Himself to him, Thomas makes a strong statement of faith by declaring "Jesus my Lord and my God." In Acts, Luke gives us a picture of the early church in Jerusalem. Their life is dedicated to prayer and "breaking bread" in their homes, and early term for the Eucharist. Nourished by this meal, which for them is a way of being in the presence of the Risen Lord, their lives progress in holiness and "every day the Lord added to their number." Believing, they come to approach the world in a different way. Their faith leads them to a new way of life on earth, which leads others to desire to join them. In Peter's letter, we hear of the "new birth to a living home" we receive from God "through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." The author speaks of faith, "even though you do not see him," encouraging us to preserve in that faith even in the face of "various trials." Like John, this writer tells us that "the goal of your faith" is "the salvation of your souls."

For reflection: How has God's revelation strengthened my faith? Do I see things differently because of my faith? How is this manifest in my life?



A special thank-you to all the volunteers who helped to make our Easter Liturgies so beautiful: Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir members and musicians, Jeannine Kennedy and her team of decorators, our Easter Fire builders, and the Knights of Columbus.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and The Family Life Committee for hosting our first annual Easter Egg Hunt! We had an awesome turnout! Over 150 kids participated! And thank you to members of the Youth Group and Boy Scouts who volunteered their time, filling eggs, hiding eggs, and helping the kids who attended!

Diocese of Columbus

Annual Serra Club Altar Server Awards

This year, the Serra Club Altar Server Awards will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at the St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus. St. Joseph Parish has two recipients! Congratulations to Nadia Pope and Brady Pope! Thank you for your dedication to serving at St. Joseph Parish.

"Mark Your Calendars!"

April 19th

St. Joseph Seniors
Manor Restaurant - 12:00 p.m.

April 20th

Festival Committee Meeting
Family Life Center - 6:30 p.m.

May 4th

First Communion Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m.

May 5th

First Friday
Eucharistic Adoration - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chapel - 3:00 p.m.

May 6th

First Communion
Mass - 4:00 p.m.

May 7th

Chicken BBQ

May 17th

St. Joseph Seniors
Manor Restaurant - 12:00 p.m.

May 21st

Confirmation
Mass - 3:00 p.m.

May 29th

Parish Office Closed

July 14th and 15th

St. Joseph Festival

Save the Date

Sunday, June 25, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.

Bishop Fernandes will celebrate our Anniversary Mass, followed by dinner at the Union Country Club.

Everyone is invited!

More information coming soon!

Youth Ministry News

Sunday, April 16th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Holy Trinity
Outdoor Games/Ice Cream Sundaes

Sunday, April 30th

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Boulevard Lanes, Dover

Sunday, May 7th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Family Life Center
Guest speaker - Jeremiah Jones, Music Director

Discipleship Quads

Grow as a disciple and form other disciples.

Are you interested in forming a Quad?

A Discipleship Quad is a group of four people who journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversation, and learning. This 12-month path of accompaniment fosters growth through prayer, accountability, and authentic relationships. For more information, please contact Judy Burnham at 330-340-2077 or the Parish Office.

175th Anniversary!

We need your help!

Do you have photos from parish events in the past?

We are doing a video to celebrate our 175th Anniversary, and are looking for more candid pictures, if you have some you would like to share. We are also looking for mementos that you may be willing to share for display at the Anniversary Dinner. They will be returned to you. Please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

St. Joseph Parish		
175th Anniversary Raffle		
The holder of this ticket number will be entered in 12 monthly drawings beginning January 2023 for \$175. Drawings will be held on the 17th of each month at 5:00 pm.		
Cost: \$20.00 Per Ticket One Winner Per Number		
NAME	PHONE	EMAIL

Our next drawing will be
Monday, April 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Each drawing will be livestreamed!!

Tickets are available in Parish Office or by contacting Jeannine, Meg, Janice, or Brenda!



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School



Congratulations!

Honor Roll – Sixth Grade

Sybil Cronebaugh	Shayla Sica Perez
Megan Flores Martinez	Isabella Tadiello
Brisa Gonzalez Rodriguez	

Life Skill Awards – Sixth Grade

Jordan Cheng	Xavi Pator Calel
Nick Civiello	Shayla Sica Perez
Sybil Cronebaugh	Isabella Tadiello
Megan Flores Martinez	

Honor Roll – Fifth Grade

Marleny Ajanel Tecum	Katelyn Breehl
Ella Bertsch	

Life Skills Awards – Fifth Grade

Belinda Ajanel Gonzalez	Katelyn Breehl
Marleny Ajanel Tecum	Lilly Gerber
Jennifer Ajanel Toc	Luna Gonzalez
Ella Bertsch	Adamari Huinac Santiago

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need; the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimo or the Parish Office.

April 19, 2023 – Team I (Isabellas)

April 26, 2023 – Team J (Ashley Graham)

May 3, 2023 – Team K (Hannah Jacobs)

May 10, 2023 – Team L (Chrissie Hensel)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Canned Fruit

Sardines

Pancake Syrup

Pancake Mix

Spaghetti-Os

Canned Ravioli

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church; or you can make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

SWAP – Sharing with Appalachian People

SWAP is a service of MCC/Great Lakes. It is a home repair ministry that serves low-income families in several counties of southeastern Kentucky and West Virginia. A SWAP experience includes spending time in the mountains of Appalachia, ministering to and building relationships with local folks in need while reflecting on and sharing your experiences as you serve "In the name of Christ."

If you are interested in joining us, or learning more about the upcoming June trip and the experiences of those who attended last year, please contact John Karl or Matt Ritzert.

Office of Social Concerns

Care for the Unborn

Several pro-life bills calling for a reduction of abortions will work their way through the Ohio General Assembly and Congress. For updates, visit www.ohiocathconf.org.

Care for Creation

The Ohio Catholic Rural Life Conference issued a Care for Creation Calendar which identifies various patron saints associated with God's creation. For more information, visit www.ohiocathconf.org.

Immigration Reform

With a new Congress, comes a renewed debate on immigration reform. The immigration system is broken. Please visit the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Campaign website for the latest information at www.justiceforimmigrants.org or email socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org.

If you would like to receive Action Alerts and Upcoming Events by email, please submit the following information to the Office for Social Concerns:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Parish: _____

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit.

"If souls would put themselves completely in my care, I myself would undertake the task of sanctifying them, and I would lavish even greater graces on them. There are souls who thwart My efforts, but I have not given up on them; as often as they turn to Me, I hurry to their aid, shielding them with My mercy, and I give them the first place in My compassionate Heart." +Jesus speaking to Saint Faustina Kowalska, *The Divine Mercy in My Soul Diary*, 1682 (59) May 1, 1938.

Monday, April 17 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 3:1-8 There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born from above, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?" Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I told you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Meditation: Notice how hungry Nicodemus was for God's word – so hungry that he became the closest disciple of Jesus. He sought Jesus out, though surreptitiously in the dead of the night. Why? Nicodemus was a "leader of the Jews" and "a teacher of Israel" (ref. John 3:10), and a member of the religious party most opposed to the teaching of Jesus. In fact it was Nicodemus' own group, the Pharisees, which intimidated the authorities against confessing Jesus (ref. John 12:42). Instead he engaged him in a seemingly unrelated topic of conversation. Jesus said that rebirth was necessary to enter the kingdom of God. Of course, Nicodemus the Pharisee had already found religion, so he thought that Jesus must have referred to physical rebirth. No, Jesus responded, someone who is reborn spiritually knows the experience as surely as one who has been refreshed by an invisible breeze. How can a respected rabbi among the Jews not know this? And that is precisely the point. Nicodemus is the first of what we might loosely call the official clergy with whom Jesus has personal engagement. The Gospel portrays Nicodemus as a defender of Jesus' right to a fair trial (ref. John 7:51). Nicodemus also helped to bury Jesus with honor. Nicodemus did not understand the new birth which Jesus spoke of until after the resurrection.

Prayer: Grant we pray, almighty God, that we, who have been renewed by Paschal remedies, transcending the likeness of our earthly parentage, may be transformed in the image of our heavenly maker. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We're familiar with the term "born again" or to be "reborn" in Christ. What does it mean? The new birth Jesus speaks of is a spiritual birth to new life and relationship with God as his sons and daughters. This new birth is made possible when one is baptized into Christ and receives the gift of the Holy Spirit. God wants to renew all his people in the gift of new life in his Holy Spirit. This new life brings us into God's kingdom or heavenly rule – a never-ending life of love, peace, joy, and freedom from sin and the fear of death. Do you know the joy and freedom of new life in Jesus Christ?

Tuesday, April 18 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 3:7b-15 Jesus said to Nicodemus: "'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it

goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus answered and said to him, 'How can this happen?' Jesus answered and said to him, "You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this? Amen, amen, I say to you, we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you people do not accept our testimony. If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

Meditation: Jesus spoke to Nicodemus of the power of his cross and a "new birth in the Spirit." The Hebrew word for "spirit" means both "wind" and "breath." Jesus said to Nicodemus: "You can hear, feel, and see the effects of the wind, but you do not know where it comes from. In like manner, you can see the effects of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those the Spirit touches." Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus the necessity of the crucifixion and resurrection by analogy with Moses and the bronze serpent in the desert. When the people of Israel were afflicted with serpents in the wilderness because of their sin, God instructed Moses: "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live" (Book of Numbers 21:8).

Prayer: Enable us, we pray, almighty God, to proclaim the power of the risen Lord, that we, who have received the pledge of his gift, may come to possess all he gives when it is fully revealed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The bronze serpent points to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising and exaltation to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only redeems us, but he fills us with his own divine life and power that we might share in his glory. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit that we may have power to be his witnesses and to spread and defend the gospel by word and action, and to never be ashamed of the Cross of Christ. The Holy Spirit gives us his seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence for God and his ways, and a holy fear in God's presence (ref. Isaiah 11) that we may live for God and serve him in the power of his strength. Christ came to serve, not to be served. Do you lovingly serve others as Christ served us?

Wednesday, April 19 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 3:16-21 God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Meditation: Do you know the love which surpasses all else? A true lover holds nothing back but gives the best that can be offered, even everything in their possession for the beloved. God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer – his only begotten Son who freely gave himself as an offering to God for our sake and as the atoning sacrifice for our sin and the sin of the world. Abraham's willing sacrifice of his only son, Isaac prefigures the perfect offering and sacrifice of God's beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. This passage in the gospel of John tells us of the great breadth and width of God's love. Not an excluding love for just a few or for a single nation, but a redemptive love that embraces the whole world, and a personal love for each and every individual whom God has created. God is a loving Father who cannot rest until his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says, God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love. God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love.

Prayer: As we recall year by year the mysteries by which, through the restoration of its original dignity, human nature has received the hope of rising again, we earnestly beseech your mercy, Lord, that what we celebrate in faith we may possess in unending love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus shows us the paradox of love and judgment. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief or we can love the light of God's truth, beauty, and goodness. This all takes place by the choices

we make – our “free will.” If our love is guided by what is true, and good and beautiful then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer. Do you love God above all else? Does he take first place in your life, in your thoughts, and actions? Are your choices guided by the love of God? If not, why not?

Thursday, April 20 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 3:31-36 The one who comes from above is above all. The one who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of earthly things. But the one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. Whoever does accept his testimony certifies that God is trustworthy. For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God. He does not ration his gift of the Spirit. The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him.

Meditation: God's truth has consequences and he gives us the freedom to choose how we will respond. The choice he gives us has eternal consequences – everlasting life or everlasting death. God challenged his people in the Old Covenant: “See I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil...I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him” (Deuteronomy 30:15-20). And he issues the same challenge to the people of the New Covenant today. And so we must ask ourselves... Do you weigh the consequences of your choices? Do they lead you towards life or towards death? If you choose to obey God's voice and to do his will, then you will know and experience that life which comes from God himself. If you choose to follow your own way apart from God and his will, then you choose for death – a spiritual death which poisons and then kills the soul until there is nothing left but an empty person devoid of love, truth, goodness, purity, peace, and joy. Do your choices lead you towards God or away from God?

Prayer: O God, who for the salvation of the world brought about the Paschal sacrifice, be favorable to the supplications of your people, so that Christ our High Priest, interceding on our behalf, may by his likeness to ourselves bring us reconciliation, and by his equality with you free us from our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you hunger for the true life which God offers through the gift of his Holy Spirit? The Jews understood that God gave a certain portion of his Spirit to his prophets. When Elijah was about to depart for heaven, his servant Elisha asked for a double portion of the Spirit (2 Kings 2:9). Jesus tells his disciples that they can believe the words he speaks because God the Father has poured his Spirit on him in full measure, without keeping anything back. The function of the Holy Spirit is to reveal God's truth to us. When we receive the Holy Spirit he enables us to recognize and understand God's truth. Jesus is the Word of God and he gives us his Holy Spirit so that we can recognize his truth and live according to it.

Friday, April 21 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter **Optional Memorial: Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Holy Gospel: John 6:1-15 John Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people recline.” Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, “This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.” Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

Meditation: Can anything on this earth truly satisfy the deepest longing and hunger we experience God? A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life.

Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. They even complained how much money it would take to feed such a crowd – at least six month's wages! Jesus, the Bread of Life, took the little they had – five loaves and two fish – and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger. The people of Israel had been waiting for the prophet whom Moses had promised: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brethren – him shall you heed (Deuteronomy 18:15). The signs which Jesus did, including the miraculous feeding of the five thousand signified that God has indeed sent him as anointed Prophet and King. Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle recorded in all four gospels. What is the significance of this miracle? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of manna in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership. This food foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers. Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his sacred body and blood. Saint Ignatius of Antioch calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20,2). This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward. When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist is an intimate union with Christ. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ.

Prayer: O God, hope and light of the sincere, we humbly entreat you to dispose our hearts to offer you worthy prayer and ever to extol you by dutiful proclamation of your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you? Do you share freely with others, especially those who lack even the most basic necessities? How about doing some spring cleaning, and take what you're not using in your home (items in good condition, of course) and give them to any number of Catholic organizations reaching out to help those in need?

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*Eternal God, in Whom mercy is
endless and the treasury of
compassion inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us and
increase Your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments we
might not despair nor become
despondent, but with great
confidence submit ourselves to
Your Holy Will, which is Love
and Mercy itself. Amen.*



St. Joseph Parish Festival!!

July 14 and 15, 2023

5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Booth Chairpersons,
we will have a meeting.**

Festival Committee Meeting, April 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

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All mothers of school-aged and younger children are welcome! You do not need to be Catholic to attend. Join us every Friday after the 8:15 a.m. All-School Mass at Saint Joseph. We meet in the second level of the Family Life Center (across the street from the church). Supervision is provided for any children of attending mothers. Approximate meeting time is from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Join us as we review the upcoming Sunday Mass Scripture readings, followed by discussion of how to integrate the Gospel into our lives as we work through the joys and struggles of motherhood. Please call/text mediator Susanna Clore at 330-741-0956 with any questions.



Other Information To Note:

Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day: Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

Homebound and Shut in Ministry

Do you know of anyone who is currently homebound and not able to get to Mass, but would like to receive the Eucharist weekly? Our Eucharistic Ministers are honored to visit with them. It can be temporary or long-term needs. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

April 2023

**For a culture of peace and non-violence
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by decreasing the use of weapons by States and
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Our next meeting will be
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12:00 p.m. Noon
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mashed potatoes, and vegetables

New members are welcome!

Entertainment will be provided by Jeremiah Jones.

For reservations or cancellations call
Joanne Hamilton at 330-364-5860 or Larry Cihon at 330-365-0393



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16 de Abril del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	23 de Abril	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	30 de Abril	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	7 de Mayo	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

Sábados	4:00 p.m.
Domingos	8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre Abril 2023

Por una cultura de la no violencia
Oremos por una mayor difusión de una cultura de la no violencia, que pasa por un uso cada vez menor de las armas, tanto por parte de los Estados como de los ciudadanos.



Horario de los Coros

23 de Abril	Seguidores de Cristo
30 de Abril	Mensajeros de Cristo



Ya está abierta la registración para la escuela TCCES, si usted tiene niños en edad escolar o conoce a alguien que le interese registrar a sus niños, por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela.

Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Todos somos bienvenidos a venerar en la Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Podemos encender una vela que permanece prendida por tres días, con una donación de \$ 3.00. (2 velas por \$6.00, etc.). **Por favor usar sólo las velas de la Capilla.**



Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.

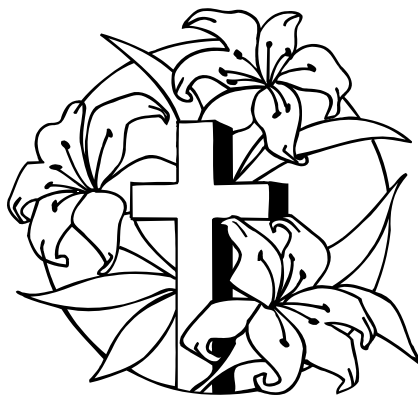
Notas Espirituales

¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya! El evangelio de hoy nos recuerda que creer es ver las cosas de manera diferente. Juan nos dice que los discípulos, quienes se ocultan "por miedo o los Judíos," son visitados por el Cristo resucitado en la noche de Pascua, "el primer día de la semana." Para nuestro evangelista, la creencia en Jesús lleva "vida en su nombre;" este es el objetivo de su texto: "Estas cosas se han escrito para que creáis." El texto de Juan ofrece la revelación que fomenta la fe, lo que lleva a la salvación. Vemos en la escena con Tomas que cuando Jesús se revela a él, Tomas hace una fuerte declaración de fe al declarar a Jesús "Señor mío y Dios mío."

En Hechos, Lucas nos da una imagen de la iglesia primitiva en Jerusalén. Su vida está dedicada a la oración y "partir el pan" en sus hogares, y a principios de la Eucaristía. Alimentados por esta comida, que para ellos es una manera de estar en la presencia del Señor resucitado, sus vidas progresan en santidad, y "cada día el Señor agregaba a la comunidad a los que querían salvar." Creyendo, vienen a ver el mundo de una manera diferente. Su fe les lleva a una nueva forma de vida en la tierra, lo que lleva a otros a desear unirse a ellos.

En la carta de Pedro nos enteramos del "nuevo nacimiento a una esperanza viva" que recibimos de Dios "por la resurrección de Jesucristo." El autor habla de la fe "a pesar de que no lo ven," que nos anima a perseverar en la fe, incluso en la cara de "diversas pruebas." Al igual que Juan, el escritor nos dice que "la meta de vuestra fe" es "la salvación de vuestras almas."

Para reflexionar: ¿Cómo a revelación de Dios fortaleció mi fe? ¿Veo las cosas de manera diferente debido a mi fe? ¿Cómo se manifiesta esto en mi vida?



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