

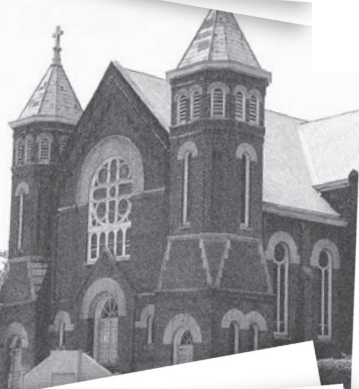


*In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly  
serve Jesus Christ and His people.*

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

# SAINT JOSEPH

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Dover, Ohio 44622  
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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 charlas 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  
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**St. Joseph Church**  
**Dover, Ohio 44622**  
**The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 17 and 18, 2023**  
**17 y 18 de Junio del 2023**



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, June 19**

**No Mass**

Readings: 365: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98/Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday, June 20**

**No Mass**

Readings: 366: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146/Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday, June 21**

**No Mass**

Readings: 367: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, June 22**

**No Mass**

Readings: 368: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111/Mt 6:7-15

**Friday, June 23**

**No Mass**

Readings: 369: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34/Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday, June 24**

**The Vigil for The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 p.m.** Deceased Members of the Altier Family

**Sunday, June 25**

**The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 a.m.** Sandy Wagner

**11:00 a.m.** Jim and Nancy Zifer

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

Readings: 94: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69/Rom 5:12-15/  
Mt 10:26-33

**Offertory for June 10 and 11, 2023**

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 2,539.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 6,411.00
Online Giving	(Unavailable)
Total	\$ 8,950.00

**Other Funds**

Poor Fund	\$ 314.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 70.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 90.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 140.00
Other Collections	\$ 0.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**

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

**When traveling, and you need to find information on the closest Catholic Church and the times for their Masses, please check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)**



**Ministry Schedule**

**Tuesday, June 20 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo**

**Wednesday, June 21 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham**

**Thursday, June 22 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy**

**Friday, June 23 – 8:15 a.m. – Lyle Tope**

**June 24, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.**

Lectors: Cathy Peters- 1st Lector

Lyle Tope – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Erin Neff,

Jackie Hostetler, Beth Cecil, Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

**Servers: Servers will be called**

**June 25, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

Lectors: Mike Finley – 1st Lector

Nancy Allen– 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Jan Michael Labrake,

Doug Telle, Laura Barkett, John Kuczirka,

Sharon Kuczirka, Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

**Servers: Servers will be called**

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

Lectors: Ann Bruno – 1st Lector

Mark Clemence – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Joe Sciarretti,

Sarah Sciarretti, Erin Deeds, Marcus Clemence,

Mike Ernest, Beth Ernest

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Larry and Linda Clawson

**Servers: Servers will be called**

**If you know of a friend or family member that 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

Ezekiel's words are addressed to the people in exile. While much of his message concerns divine judgment against Israel, it also contains a message of hope, as in today's text. The imagery of the "topmost branches" that will be transplanted on the mountain heights of Israel promises a new exodus, a return to Jerusalem, God's holy mountain. Once again, the people will be lead from captivity to freedom. And it shall "become a majestic cedar" the "birds of every kind" dwelling in its shade represent the nations of the world finding a home there. All the trees of the field shall know that God is the Lord. God's supremacy will be made known to the nations of the world. Jesus' use of agricultural imagery makes a similar statement about the kingdom of God. In the first image, the seed would sprout and grow without the farmer understanding the process. God provides for the growth until the grain is ripe. The mustard seed, starting out as a small seed, becomes the largest of plants and the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade. Like the transplanted branch of Isaiah, it provides a place of welcome. Jesus' words serve to encourage the disciples as they guarantee the growth of the kingdom because of God's involvement. Paul reminds us today that our time on Earth is a prelude to life in heaven. While we are on Earth, "we are away from the Lord." This reading, often used at funerals, exhorts us to live lives worthy of our Christian calling in anticipation of the day when we "go home to the Lord." Knowing that we will "appear before the judgment seat of Christ," Paul calls us to dedicate our lives to the Gospel.

*For reflection: In what ways have I experienced the growth of faith in my own life? How can I help the church become more like the trees of Isaiah and the mustard plant?*

**Congratulations to Piper Olson, daughter of Kurt and Jessica Olson,** for being a recipient of this year's Bishop Herrmann Service Award.

The Bishop Herrmann Award is given to 10 High School Seniors in the Diocese of Columbus. This award highlights the importance of service in the student's life. For complete details, you may visit *The Catholic Times* online at [www.columbuscatholic.org](http://www.columbuscatholic.org).



During the months of June and July, the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays. If you have an emergency, please call the office and leave a message.



### 175th Anniversary Mass

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

Bishop Fernandes will celebrate our Anniversary Mass, along with many of other priests that are a part of our Parish Family. Call Brenda in the Parish Office for more information.



### St. Joseph Parish Festival!!

July 14 and 15, 2023

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

#### Bands are booked

Tequila Mary – Friday, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Badstone – Friday, 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Larry Notz and Mandolin Dave –

Saturday, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Moonlyterz – Saturday, 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

#### Festival Sponsors

If you or your company is interested in becoming a Festival Sponsor, we are accepting donations.

For more information, please contact  
Milt Hamilton or the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Festival, please contact Joe and Sarah Sciarretti, or you may call the Parish Office.

More information coming soon!

#### Festival Setup

Wednesday, July 12th

Beginning after Noon through the evening.

#### Festival Teardown

Sunday, July 16th – 1:00 p.m.

L.C.B.A. and the St. Joseph Crafty Ladies are accepting donations for the Fancy Booth at the Festival. Please bring your handmade items, arts, crafts, jewelry or other creations to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063 or Mary Pusateri at 330-364-2775.

If you would like to volunteer to work at the Festival, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Where you would like to work: \_\_\_\_\_

Available day and times: \_\_\_\_\_

The Memorare Mom's Group continues to meet in the Family Life Center on Friday mornings after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. All mothers of school aged children and younger are invited to attend.



**"FORWARD WITH JESUS"** We are moving forward in the Light of Christ Jesus and ever more dependent on our Lord who is with us always. Your contributions help diocesan ministries and services in providing a path to move forward. Our parish goal is \$69,680.00. Please prayerfully consider your gift today and contribute to The Appeal. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. **We are off to a great start, with pledges of \$32,885.00 to date! Thank you for your generosity!**

St. Joseph Parish 175 <sup>th</sup> 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			
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**Our next drawing will be**  
**Monday, July 17th at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Each drawing will be livestreamed!!**

### **Walking with Moms in Need**

The Parishes of Tuscarawas County recently joined a nationwide effort to increase outreach and support for pregnant and parenting mothers entitled "Walking with Moms in Need."

As part of this initiative, our parishes will be taking an inventory of the pregnancy resources currently available in our local area, identifying gaps, and planning and implementing responses to better serve mothers in need. You are invited to follow our journey. We are also inviting you to join us in prayer for all of the mothers and families who are in need of support. But mostly, we are inviting you to join us in forming the most expansive network of people who want to do better at "Walking With Moms in Need."

To follow us, use the forms located in the pews to provide your name and email address. If you prefer, you can also share that information with us on our local website, [WWMINTusc.com](http://WWMINTusc.com). Once a month, we will provide updates, progress reports, and stories of how we as a community can participate in the "Walking With Moms in Need" program.

**To learn more about the nationwide initiative, you can visit [walkingwithmoms.com](http://walkingwithmoms.com).**

Thank you for joining us in this important journey!

### **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 Settimio or the Parish Office.

June 21, 2023 - Team D (Andrea Settimio)

June 28, 2023 - Team E (Judy Burnham)

July 6, 2023 - Team F (Boy Scouts)

**Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!**

### **Mini Food Pantry**

Our mini food pantry box located at the Family Life Centers has been able to provide foods for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week.

The items most in need are:

Tuna	Canned Spaghetti
Canned Fruit	Peanut Butter
Toothpaste	Deodorant

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

### **Dress-A-Child**

A new school year can bring both excitement and fear for some students. Students today face so many more pressures than students in the past. Social media has been both a blessing and a curse for many students. In the times we live, students can be made fun of more publicly than ever before. New clothes to begin a new school year can do so much for the self esteem of each student. Dress-A-Child program was able to provide 2,264 students with \$34.00 of new clothes last year for our students most in need. We were able to partner with Blessings in the Backpack and the Tuff Backpack programs, as well as direct contact with schools in order to identify those most in need. We need your help in raising funds for the 2023-2024 school year. We serve students in K to 12. We raise our funds here and do our shopping at local stores.

**100% of all donations go to the clothing vouchers!**

There are envelopes at the entrances of the church, or you may put it in the collection basket marked "Dress-A-Child." You may also make your donation directly to 2406 State Route 39 NW, Dover or 4447 Swonger Road NW, Dover. For more information, please contact Beth Rafter at 330-365-1307 or Mary Kay Reed at 330-343-6782.

### **August Special Election**

A special election will take place in Ohio on August 8, 2023 to vote on Issue 1, which asks voters if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment." As our bishops remind us, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" *Faithful Citizenship*, No. 13. We urge you to register and vote in the upcoming election:

- **July 10:** Deadline to Register to Vote or Update Voter Information
- **July 11-August 6:** Absentee and Early In-Person Voting
- **Tuesday, August 8th:** Election Day

**Please note: The Bishops of Ohio do not have a position on Issue 1 as it does not have moral content.**

# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“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)

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*The month of June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

***"Better to pray one psalm with devotion and compunction than a hundred with distraction."*** +SAINT ROMUALD

### **Monday, June 19 ~ Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time Saint Romuald, Abbott and Founder of the Camaldolese Order**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:38-42** Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow."

**Meditation:** Jesus does something quite remarkable – He transforms the law of mercy with grace and loving kindness. Jesus also makes clear that there is no room for retaliation. We must not only avoid returning evil for evil, but we must seek the good of those who wish us ill. Do you accept insults, as Jesus did, with no resentment or malice? When you are compelled by others to do more than you think you deserve, do you insist on your rights, or do you respond with grace and cheerfulness? What makes a Christian different from everyone else? What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. Have you experienced the power of Christ's redeeming love and mercy?

**Prayer:** O God, who through Saint Romuald renewed the manner of life of hermits in your Church, grant that, denying ourselves and following Christ, we may merit to reach the heavenly realms on high. 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:** If someone insults you or tries to take advantage of you, how do you respond? Do you repay in kind? Jesus approached the question of just retribution with a surprising revelation of God's intention for how we should treat others, especially those who mistreat us. When Jesus spoke about God's law, he did something no one had done before. He gave a new standard based not just on the requirements of justice (i.e. giving each their due), but based on the law of grace and love. Jesus knew the law and its intention better than any jurist or legal expert could imagine. He quoted from the oldest recorded law in the world: If any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe (Exodus 21:23-25). Such a law today seems cruel, but it was meant to limit vengeance as a first step towards mercy. This law was not normally taken literally but served as a guide for a judge in a law court for assessing punishment and penalty (ref. Deuteronomy 19:18).

### **Tuesday, June 20 ~ Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48** Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only,

what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

**Meditation:** Think about what Jesus was saying when He said that each of us must be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. The original meaning of "perfect" in Aramaic is "completeness" or "wholeness – not lacking in what is essential." God gives us every good gift in Jesus Christ so that we may not lack anything we need to do his will and to live as his sons and daughters. He knows our weakness and sinfulness better than we do. And he assures us of his love, mercy, and grace to follow in his ways. Do you want to grow in your love for God and for your neighbor? Ask the Holy Spirit to change and transform you in the image of the Father that you may walk in the joy and freedom of the gospel.

**Prayer:** O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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:** What makes Christians different from others and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace – treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated – with loving-kindness, compassion and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return. Our prayer for those who do us ill both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and sorrows. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good.

### **Wednesday, June 21 ~ Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor**

**Holy Gospel: 6:1-6,16-18** Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to others to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

**Meditation:** This gospel passage should be familiar in that it is proclaimed on Ash Wednesday – the beginning of the Season of Lent. And yet we sometimes forget that what we learn about ourselves and our lifestyle during Lent should be carried out throughout our lifetime, not just during Lent. So why, then, did Jesus single out prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for his disciples? The Jewish people considered these three as the cardinal works of the religious life. These were seen as the key signs of a pious person, the three great pillars on which the good life was based. Jesus pointed to the heart of the matter. Why do you pray, fast, and give alms? To draw attention to yourself so that others may notice and think highly of you? Or to give glory to God? The Lord warns his disciples of self-seeking glory – the preoccupation with looking good and seeking praise from others. True piety is something more than feeling good or looking holy. True piety is loving devotion to God. It is an attitude of awe, reverence, worship and obedience. It is a gift and working of the Holy Spirit that enables us to devote our lives to God with a holy desire to please him in all things (ref. Isaiah 11:1-2).

**Prayer:** O God, giver of heavenly gifts, who in Saint Aloysius Gonzaga joined penitence to a wonderful innocence of life, grant through his merits and intercession, that, though we have failed to follow him in

innocence, we may imitate him in penitence. 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:** What is the reward which Jesus points out to his disciples by living a life of regular prayer, fasting and almsgiving (as opposed to just 40 days a year)? It is communion with God our Father. In him alone we find the fullness of life and happiness, truth and beauty, love and joy. Saint Augustine wrote the following prayer in his *Confessions*: "When I am completely united to you, there will be no more sorrows or trials; entirely full of you, my life will be complete. The Lord rewards those who seek him with humble and repentant hearts. He renews us each day and he gives us new hearts of love and compassion that we may serve him and our neighbor with glad and generous hearts. Do you want to grow in your love for God and for your neighbor? Seek him expectantly in prayer, with fasting, and in generous giving to those in need."

### **Thursday, June 22 ~ Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time** **Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15** Jesus said to his disciples: "In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This is how you are to pray: 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.' "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions."

**Meditation:** It is through the gift of the Holy Spirit that we can know God personally and call him "Abba, Father" (ref. Romans 8:15). We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Jesus Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his death and resurrection. When we ask God the Father for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace and favor and mercy. It is his nature to love generously and to forgive mercifully. When he gives he gives more than we need so we will have something to share with others in their need as well. God the Father is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbor the same. Do you treat others as they deserve, or do you treat them as the Lord would treat you with his grace and favor and mercy? Jesus' prayer includes an injunction that we must ask God to forgive us in proportion as we forgive those who have wronged us. Ask the Lord to free your heart of any anger, bitterness, resentment, selfishness, indifference, or coldness towards others. Let the Holy Spirit fill you with the fire of his burning love and compassion and with the river of his overflowing mercy and kindness.

**Prayer:** O God, who in martyrdom have brought true faith to its highest expression, graciously grant that, strengthened through the intercession of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, we may confirm by the witness of our life the faith we profess with our lips. 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:** When you pray, do you pray with joy and confidence? The Jewish people were noted for their devotion to prayer. Formal prayer was prescribed for three set times a day. And the rabbis had a prayer for every occasion. Jesus warns his disciples against formalism, making prayer something mechanical and devoid of meaning, with little thought for God. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray he gave them the disciple's prayer, what we call the *Our Father* or the *Lord's Prayer*. This prayer of Jesus calls God "our Father" and boldly asks for the things we need to live as God's sons and daughters.

### **Friday, June 23 ~ Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:19-23** Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. "The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light; but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness. And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be."

**Meditation:** Have you given any thought to the kind of treasure and wealth that you are searching for in your earthly life? Sometimes we are so focused on our careers and jobs that our spiritual life, our faith life, suffers. We must remember that Jesus offers a treasure of incomparable value and worth. But in order to recognize this we need healthy eyes – good spiritual vision. What Jesus said about seeking treasure made perfect sense to his audience: keep what lasts! Aren't we all trying to find something we



treasure in the hope that it will bring us happiness, peace, and security? Jesus contrasts two very different kinds of wealth – material wealth and spiritual wealth. Jesus urges his disciples to get rich by investing in wealth and treasure which truly lasts, not just for a life-time, but for all eternity as well. Jesus offers heavenly treasures which cannot lose their value by changing circumstances, such as diminishing currency, material degradation, loss, or physical destruction. The treasure which Jesus offers is kept safe and uncorrupted by God himself. What is this treasure which Jesus offers so freely and graciously? It is the treasure of God himself – the source and giver of every good gift and blessing in this life – and a kingdom that will endure forever. The treasure of God's kingdom produces unspeakable joy because it unites us with the source of all joy and blessings – God himself. God offers us the treasure of unending joy and friendship with himself and with all who are united with him in his heavenly kingdom.

**Prayer:** O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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:** Our vision can be easily blinded or distorted as to what is true, good, lovely, pure, and eternal (ref. Philippians 4:8). Certainly prejudice, jealousy, and self-conceit can distort our judgment of ourselves and others and lead to moral blindness. Prejudice and self-conceit also destroy good judgment and blinds us to the facts and to their significance for us. Jealousy and envy make us despise others and mistrust them as enemies rather than friends. We need to fearlessly examine ourselves to see if we are living according to right judgment and sound principles or if we might be misguided by blind prejudice or some other conceit. Love is not jealous ...but rejoices with the truth (ref. 1 Corinthians 13:4-6). Do you live your life in the light of God's truth? If so, where do you direct your time and energy most often?

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*The Month of June ~ Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

*Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

*composed by Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque*

*O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee. I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee. I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen.*





## **Tuscarawas Central Catholic Schools**



### **Take Action Now! Let your voices be heard!**

The Catholic Conference of Ohio has a new action alert out in support of universal school choice in the state budget. Support of this bill will allow more people to receive EdChoice. To learn more, visit [www.votervoicenet/OHCATHOLIC/campaigns/105501/respond](http://www.votervoicenet/OHCATHOLIC/campaigns/105501/respond).



### **Please help us welcome Religious Sisters back to ministry in Tuscarawas County**

Arriving this summer, four Sisters of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pondicherry, will be residing at the Immaculate Conception Rectory in Dennison.

The Sisters will be working in support roles at both Immaculate Conception School in Dennison and Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School in Dover.

- Founded in 1844 in Pondicherry, India
- Spirituality of Saint Francis under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and Saint Francis
- Charism: Sanctification of Sisters for the sanctification of women
- Motto: Love and Sacrifice
- Mission: "We, the sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary cultivate a vision and a dream of personal sanctification striving to establish the Kingdom of God following the example of our Master, the Risen Lord. By our vocation, we are called to live in a community reflecting the image of the Universal Church and sharing in its mission of salvation. We dedicate ourselves with a sense of evangelization in the Catholic education of the society, especially for women. We also undertake other apostolic ministries - health care, care for the aged, pastoral and social service - to achieve the specific objectives and charism of our Congregation."
- 997 Sisters in 169 convents spread throughout India, Kenya, Nairobi, Tanzania, Uganda, France, Germany, Italy, Papua New Guinea, and the United States of America



### **Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith**

Your last will and testament can leave a legacy of your faith by helping to pass it on to others. When drafting your will, after taking care of your family, please consider naming St. Joseph Parish or the Diocese of Columbus as a recipient of your estate. For more information, contact the Catholic Foundation at 1-866-298-8893.



### **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.

**Low-gluten Hosts:** If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

**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.

**Bulletin deadline:** The bulletin deadline is Monday at 12:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

### **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.

### **St. Joseph Cemetery**

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Russ in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.



### **Online Giving**

If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like giving to your church online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Please visit [www.stjosephdover.org](http://www.stjosephdover.org) to get started. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.

### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions**

**June 2023**

**For the abolition of torture**

**We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.**

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# St. Joseph Seniors!

Our next meeting will be  
Wednesday, June 21, 2023  
12:00 p.m. (Noon)  
The Manor Restaurant in Strasburg.

The menu will feature fish and chicken

## New members are welcome!

Our guest speaker will be from  
David Mitchell from the Performing Arts Center

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**Iglesias San José**  
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**Décimo primero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**  
**18 de Junio del 2023**



**Calendario Litúrgico:**

Misas en Español

Domingo	18 de Junio	1:30 p.m.
**Domingo	25 de Junio	1:00 p.m.**
Domingo	2 de Julio	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**  
**Junio 2023**

Por la abolición de la tortura  
Oremos para que la comunidad internacional se comprometa concretamente en la abolición de la tortura, garantizando el apoyo a las víctimas y sus familias.



**Horario de los Coros**

18 de Junio	El Nuevo Sembrador
25 de Junio	Seguidores 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.**

**Notas Espirituales**

Las palabras de Ezequiel están dirigidas a las personas en el exilio. Aunque gran parte de su mensaje se refiere al juicio divino contra Israel, sino que también contiene un mensaje de esperanza, como en el texto de hoy. Las imágenes de las "ramas más altas" que serán trasplantadas "en los altos montes de Israel," promete un nuevo éxodo, un regreso a Jerusalén, la montaña sagrada de Dios. Una vez más el pueblo será llevado de su cautiverio a la libertad. Y será "convertido un cedro majestuoso;" los "pájaros de todo tipo" morando en su sombra representan las naciones de la palabra para encontrar un hogar allí. "todos los árboles del campo sabrán" que Dios es el Señor. La supremacía de Dios será a las naciones del mundo.

El uso de imágenes agrícola de Jesús hace una afirmación similar acerca del "reino de Dios." En la primera imagen, "la semilla germina y va creciendo" sin que el agricultor coloque el proceso.

Dios provee para el crecimiento hasta que "el grano está maduro." El grano de mostaza, comenzando como una pequeña semilla, se convierte en "la mayor de las plantas," y "las aves del cielo pueden morar bajo su sombra." Al igual que la rama trasplantada de Isaías, que ofrece un lugar de acogida. Las palabras de Jesús sirven para animar a los discípulos ya que garantizan el crecimiento del reino debido a la participación de Dios.

Pablo nos recuerda hoy que nuestro tiempo en la tierra es un preludio a la vida en el cielo. Mientras estamos en la tierra "estamos lejos del Señor." Esta lectura, de uso frecuente en los funerales, nos exhorta a vivir una vida digna de nuestra vocación cristiana en anticipación del día en que "vamos a casa con el Señor." Sabiendo que vamos a "comparecer ante el tribunal de Cristo" Pablo nos llama a dedicar nuestras vidas al evangelio.

*Para reflexionar: ¿De qué manera he experimentado el crecimiento de la fe en mi propia vida? ¿Cómo puedo ayudar a la iglesia a ser más como los árboles de Isaías y el plan de mostaza?*



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.



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