

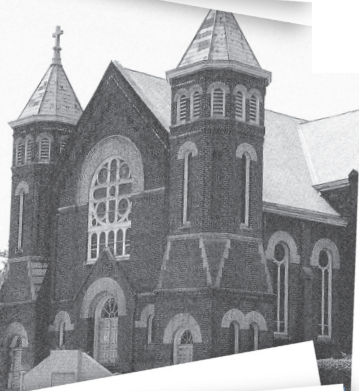


*In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly
serve Jesus Christ and His people.*

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 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
stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.



St. Joseph Church

Dover, Ohio 44622

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29 and 30, 2023

29 y 30 de Julio del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 31

No Mass

Readings: 401 Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, August 1

6:00 p.m. A Special Intention

Readings: 402: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103/
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, August 2

8:15 a.m. Bill Altier

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 403: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 3

8:15 a.m. Ann Leibfarth

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 404: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84/Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 4

8:15 a.m. Sandi Grasselli

Readings: 405: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81/
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 5

The Vigil for The Transfiguration of the Lord

4:00 p.m. Phillip Wintrow

Sunday, August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Dennis, Richard, and Terry Capozella

11:00 a.m. Doug Sopher

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

Readings: 614: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mt 17:1-9

Offertory for July 22 and 23, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 2,423.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,147.00
Online Giving	\$ 545.00
Total	\$ 7,115.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 315.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 60.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 40.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 25.00
Other Collections	\$ 130.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, August 1 –6:00 p.m. – Vicki Wilhelm

Wednesday, August 2 – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert

Thursday, August 3– 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, August 4 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

August 5, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Sue Quillen- 1st Lector

Mary Salvo – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Jackie Hostetler,

Beth Cecil, Kateri Renicker, Erin Neff, Mary DeBois,
Janice Cosenza

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Alex Utuy, Kenton Renicker, Flynn Renicker

August 6, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Nancy Allen - 1st Lector

Tony Incarnato – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Telle, John Kuczirka,

Sharon Kuczirka, Matt Ritzert, Jack Burnham,
Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Miya Olson, Matthew Olson, Piper Olson

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Mike Ernest – 1st Lector

Sally Dooling – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Elco, Mary Elco, Patti DeVault,

Marcus Clemence, Elizabeth Clemence, Beth Ernest,
Sue Worth

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Izzy Murphy, Megan Martinez, Nick Civiello

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

In 1 Kings, Solomon, Israel's new king, reveals his wisdom by asking God for "an understanding heart... to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." The king's wisdom would enable him to discern what is truly valuable, and we are told "The Lord was pleased that Solomon made this request." This led the Lord to bless Solomon so that "There has never been anyone like you....and after you there will come no one to equal you." We are called to seek a similar wisdom in our own lives. Paul tells the Romans that "all things work for good for those who love God." He calls them to trust in God, who has "justified" us through the blood of Christ. In a subsequent verse, he tells us that "if God is for us," we have nothing to fear. As members of God's household, we are called to have confidence in God's love for us. It was not uncommon in Jesus' day to buy wealth in a field in order to protect it from theft before going on a long journey or in the face of an attack. Should the owner of the treasure not return to retrieve it, the treasure becomes the property of the next owner, Jesus compares "the kingdom of heaven" Matthew's usual substitute for "the kingdom of God" with a buried treasure; because it is of such a great value, the one who finds it "goes and sells all that he has and buys the field." In the parallel image of the "pearl of great price," the merchant also "sells all that he has and buys it." The message is that we should seek to "acquire" the kingdom, no matter the price. *For reflection: How can I grow in wisdom? Am I willing to "sell everything" to acquire God's treasure?*

Parish School of Religion

Registrations for next year's P.S.R. classes have been mailed, to all who registered last year. If you have any questions or concerns, or are a new family to our program and need registration forms, please call the Parish Office. **More information will be coming soon.**



The Knights of Columbus will be having a rummage sale on August 25th and 26th at the Knights Hall. They are accepting donations! Please no clothing, electronics, or tires. If you would like to make a donation, or need more information, please call Larry Cihon at 330-365-0393.

Calendar Planning

Committees and Organizations, please have your calendar dates to Brenda by Tuesday, August 1st. This helps us to plan for the upcoming year!

Mark Your Calendars!

August 15, 2023

Feast of the Assumption

Mass - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner following in the Family Life Center

August 19, 2023

St. Joseph Alumni Dinner

Parish Hall - 6:00 p.m.

August 27, 2023

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Family Life Center - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Proceeds will support Coats for Kids

September 10, 2023

Parish Picnic

Knights of the Columbus Hall - 5:00 p.m.

October 8, 2023

Family Rosary Day

TBD

October 14, 2023

Oktoberfest

TBD

Save the Date! August 19, 2023

St. Joseph High School Alumni reunion will be held in the Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School gymnasium/parish hall. More information will be sent to all graduates soon. Please contact Mary Lou Kuemerle Miller at 330-343-1796 for questions.

Come and See!

This fall, we will again be offering *The Chosen* (Season 2) for study and group discussion. *The Chosen* is a multi-season TV series that allows us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him. The Bible study questions and 30 minute discussion groups further challenge us as disciples. Session will begin on Tuesday, September 5th through October 24th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please RSVP with the Parish Office by August 31st, to insure we have enough books for everyone. The cost is \$10.00. If you didn't join us for Season 1, you can catch it on the new *Chosen* app or streaming on Netflix or Amazon Prime. It also has begun airing on network TV on Sunday nights on The CW, or purchase it on Blu-Ray or DVD. Come and see this breakthrough hit and see the Gospels with fresh eyes.

"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. **To date, we have pledges of \$48,400.00!**
Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Our Advent study, Rejoice!

We will delve into the Sunday readings via brief videos and daily journal. The introductory session will be Sunday, November 26th and the brief weekly video plus group discussion will be all four Sundays of Advent, December 3, 10, 17, and 24 after the 8:30 a.m. Masses.

Looking ahead, our Lent 2024 study will focus on Jesus in the Eucharist. More details to follow!

O.C.I.A. Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about Catholicism and The Church's process for becoming Catholic, please encourage them to contact John Kuczirka at 330-343-9988 for information concerning the next period of inquiry.



The next drawing will be

Thursday, August 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Each drawing will be livestreamed!!

The Neal Kwasnicka Tuition Assistance Catholic Foundation Endowment Fund

The Tuition Assistance Fund named in honor of long-time custodian at Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School, is being established by the St. Joseph Parishioners for his retirement with love and gratitude for his service to the community. If you would like to make a contribution to this new endowment fund that will provide tuition assistance to deserving students, who attend TCCES, in the future, please make your checks payable to either St. Joseph Church or the Catholic Foundation. For more information, please call the Parish Office.



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Schools



Do you want to help our Catholic Schools financially?

In 2021, the Ohio Legislature created a new dollar-for-dollar tax credit for donations made to certified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO) for nonpublic schools. What does this mean for you? Donors can receive a credit up to \$750.00 per person, per year or \$1,500.00 for those married filing jointly when you donate to scholarships for Catholic education. Donations can be restricted for scholarships at a specific school or given to the unrestricted fund which can aid students in any school in the diocese. If you are interested in taking advantage of this tax credit, you can visit www.emmausroadscholarship.org to get started.

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:

Instant Coffee	Canned Chicken
Pancake mix	Pancake syrup
Baked beans	Rice

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

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.

August 2, 2023 - Team J (Ashley Graham)

August 9, 2023 - Team K (Hannah Jacobs)

August 16, 2023 - Team L (Chrissie Hensel)

August 23, 2023 - Team M (Fran Mason)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

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." 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 vestibule to provide your name and email address. If you prefer, you can also share that information with us on our local website at 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.

Thank you for joining us in this important journey!



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.

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 August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"During our sojourn in this world, we should learn from the saints now in heaven, how to love God. The pure and perfect love of God they enjoy there, consists in uniting themselves perfectly to his will. It would be the greatest delight of the seraphs to pile up sand on the seashore or to pull weeds in a garden for all eternity, if they found out such was God's will. Our Lord himself teaches us to ask to do the will of God on earth as the saints do it in heaven: 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'"

~SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

**Monday, July 31 ~ Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time
Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest; Founder, Society of Jesus**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-35 Jesus proposed a parable to the crowds. "The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" He spoke to them another parable. "The Kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: *I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.*

Meditation: What can mustard seeds and leaven teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Leaven is another powerful agent of change. A lump of dough left to itself remains just what it is, a lump of dough. But when the leaven is added to it a transformation takes place which produces rich and wholesome bread when heated — the staple of life for humans. The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers.

Prayer: O God, who raised up Saint Ignatius of Loyola in your Church to further the greater glory of your name, grant that by his help we may imitate him in fighting the good fight on earth and merit to receive with him a crown in heaven. 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: When we yield our lives to Jesus Christ and allow his word to take root in our heart, we are transformed and made holy by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says: "We have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us: (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?"

PRAYERS OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Prayer of Surrender: Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess You have given me: I surrender it all to You to be disposed of according to Your will. Give me only Your love and Your grace; with these I will be rich enough, and will desire nothing more. Amen.

Prayer for Generosity: Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will.

About Saint Ignatius of Loyola: Ignatius, by nation a Spaniard, was born of a noble family at Loyola, in Cantabria. At first he attended the court of the Catholic king, and later on embraced a military career. Having been wounded at the siege of Pampeluna, he chanced in his illness to read some pious books, which kindled in his soul a wonderful eagerness to follow in the footsteps of Christ and the saints. He went to Montserrat, and hung up his arms before the altar of the Blessed Virgin; he then watched the whole night in prayer, and thus entered upon his knighthood in the army of Christ. Next he retired to Manresa, dressed as he was in sackcloth, for he had a short time before given his costly garments to a beggar. God favored and refreshed him with such wonderful spiritual lights, that afterwards he was wont to say that even if the Sacred Scriptures did not exist, he would be ready to die for the faith, on account of those revelations alone which the Lord had made to him at Manresa. It was at this time that he, a man without education, composed that admirable book of the *Spiritual Exercises*. At Paris he was joined by nine companions from that University, men of different nations, who had taken their degrees in Arts and Theology; and there at Montmartre he laid the first foundations of the order, which he was later on to institute at Rome. He made the restoration of piety among Catholics his first care. He increased the beauty of the sacred buildings, the giving of catechetical instructions, the frequency of sermons and of the sacraments. He everywhere opened schools for the education of youth in piety and letters. He founded at Rome the German College, refuges for women of evil life, and for young girls who were in danger, houses for orphans and catechumens of both sexes, and many other pious works. He devoted himself unweariedly to gaining souls to God. At length in the sixty-fifth year of his age he passed to the embrace of his Lord, whose greater glory he had ever preached and ever sought in all things. He was celebrated for miracles and for his great services to the Church, and Gregory XV enrolled him amongst the saints; while Pius XI, in response to the prayers of the episcopate, declared him heavenly patron of all *Spiritual Exercises*.

Tuesday, August 1 ~ Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists)

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:36-43 Jesus dismissed the crowds and went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom. The weeds are the children of the Evil One, and the enemy who sows them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his Kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Meditation: There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else. Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is for ever too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate and pray on God's word. He or she may work so hard that they are too tired to even think of anything else but their work. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. The "evil one" refers to Satan who also tempts us with sowing his evil seed in our hearts and minds. The evil one can also refer to those among us who promote ways that are contrary to that of Christ – those who embrace contrary ways of living, far from the way that God has commanded and Christ has taught. Do you embrace the laws of God and the teachings of Christ and His Church? Or do you embrace the ways of the evil one, public opinion, the politically correct, that which may be popular, that which may be civilly legal yet immoral in the eyes of God, and anything that is contrary to the truths in sacred scripture?

Prayer: O God, who constantly raise up in your Church new examples of virtue, grant that we may follow so closely in the footsteps of the Bishop Saint Alphonsus in his zeal for souls as to attain the same rewards that are his in heaven. 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: Let's not be naïve, folks. An enemy exists who seeks to destroy the good seed of His word before it can bear fruit. Both good and evil can be sown in our hearts like tiny seeds which germinate, and in due time yield a harvest of good or bad fruit. We must stand guard lest evil take root in our hearts and corrupt us. In the day of judgment each will reap what he or she has sown in this life. Those who sow good will shine in the kingdom of their Father. They will radiate with the beauty, joy, and fullness of God's love.

Wednesday, August 2 ~ Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Founder, Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46 Jesus said to his disciples: "The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Meditation: Discovering God's kingdom is like stumbling across hidden treasure or finding the one pearl of great price. When we discover the kingdom of God we receive the greatest possible treasure — the Lord himself. Selling all that we have to obtain this incomparable treasure could mean many things — our friends, job, our style of life, what we do with our free time. Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. In this parable what does the treasure of the kingdom refer to? It certainly refers to the kingdom of God in all its aspects. But in a special way, the Lord himself is the treasure we seek. If the Almighty is your gold and your precious silver, then you will delight yourself in the Almighty (Job 22:22-23). Is the Lord the treasure, desire and delight of your heart?

Prayer: O God, who adorned Saint Peter Julian Eymard with a wonderful love for the sacred mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son, graciously grant that we, too, may be worthy to receive the delights he drew from this divine banquet. 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 do you treasure most and how do you keep it secure? In a peasant community the best safe was often the earth. The man in the parable "went in his joy" to sell everything. Why? Because he found a treasure worth possessing above everything else he had. He did not, however, have enough to buy the treasure. Fortunately, he only needed enough money to buy the field. In a similar fashion, God offers his kingdom as incomparable treasure at a price we can afford! We can't pay the full price for the life which God gives us. But when we exchange our life for the life which God offers, we receive a treasure beyond compare. So what is of greater value, then? The treasure of this earthly life? Or the treasure that God makes available to us — the Lord himself!

Thursday, August 3 ~ Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53 Jesus said to the disciples: "The Kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the Kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." When Jesus finished these parables, he went away from there.

Meditation: What can a story of a dragnet and a great catch of fish tell us about God's kingdom? The two most common ways of fishing in Jesus' time was with a casting-net (or hand-net) which was thrown from the shore and the drag-net or trawl which was let down or cast into the waters from a boat. As the boat moved through the waters the drag-net was drawn into the shape of a great cone which indiscriminately took in all kinds of fish and flotsam and jetsam swept in its path. It usually took several men to haul such a net to shore. What is Jesus' point here? Just as a drag-net catches every kind of fish in the sea, so the church acts as God's instrument for gathering in all who will come. Just as the drag-net does not or cannot discriminate, so the church does not discriminate between those "identified" or "classified" by segments of humanity as being good or bad, useless or useful. God's kingdom is open to all who will accept and believe in the way of Christ, and covert from the ways of the world. But there will come a time of separation, at the close of the age, when the angels will send the good and the bad to their respective destinations. Our duty is to gather in all who will come. God, in the end, will give the good and the bad the reward they

deserve. God offers the treasure of his kingdom to all who believe. Do you hunger for God and his kingdom?

Prayer: O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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 Catholic Church and her faithful are often the subject of finger pointing by those who say the Church needs to get in step with modern times and contemporary thinking on any number of issues. Many follow what may be popular in opinion polls or the way of the world versus the way of Christ and, in doing so, fail to recognize that Church teaching is based on the timeless truths divinely revealed in Sacred Scripture – both in the Old and New Testaments. So what is right and good and true as defined by God through the Old Testament prophets, and by Jesus in the New Testament, becomes the basis and foundation for Church teaching in faith and morals. Saint Jerome once said “Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ” so the more we read and learn scripture the more we see the correlation with Church teaching. “You are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.” These words of our Savior in Matthew 16:18 form the core of the Catholic Church's role as being the one, true Church founded by Jesus Christ: *Ubi Petrus, ibi ecclesia* – “Where Peter is, there is the Church.” The Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth, the successor of Peter and bishop of Rome, is the sure sign that the Catholic Church remains the Church of Christ and His apostles. And so when the Church speaks she does so pastorally and with authority always to save souls. We are called, as her faithful, to listen, learn, embrace, and live as she shepherds all men and women to and along the path of Christ.

Friday, August 4 ~ Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time **Saint John Vianney, Priest; Patron Saint of Priests**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58 Jesus came to his native place and taught the people in their synagogue. They were astonished and said, “Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us? Where did this man get all this?” And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house.” And he did not work many mighty deeds there because of their lack of faith.

Meditation: Are you critical towards others, especially those who are close to you? The most severe critics are often people very familiar to us, a member of our family, a relative, neighbor, student, or worker we rub shoulders with on a regular basis. Jesus faced a severe testing when he returned to his home town, not simply as the carpenter’s son, but now as a rabbi with disciples. But it was of no matter, as the people of Nazareth took offense at him and refused to listen to what he had to say. They despised his preaching because he was a carpenter from the working class, and a mere layman untrained by religious scholars. They also despised him because of his family background. After all, Joseph was a tradesman as well and Mary had no special social distinctions.

Prayer: Almighty and merciful God, who made the Priest Saint John Vianney wonderful in his pastoral zeal, grant, we pray, that through his intercession and example we may in charity win brothers and sisters for Christ and attain with them eternal glory. 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: How easily familiarity breeds contempt. Jesus could do no mighty works in his hometown because the people who were familiar with him were closed-minded and despised his claim to speak and act in the name of God. If people come together to hate and refuse to understand others different than themselves, then they will see no other point of view than their own and they will refuse to love and accept others. How do you view those who are familiar to you? With kindness and respect or with a critical and judgmental spirit? The Lord Jesus offers us freedom from sin, prejudice, contempt, and fear. His love and grace sets us free to love others with the same grace and mercy which he has shown to us. Only Jesus can truly set us free from the worst tyranny possible — slavery to sin and the fear of death. His victory on the cross brings us pardon and healing, and the grace to live holy lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. Do you know the joy and freedom which Christ's love brings to our hearts?

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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.



Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and every year after their 60th, anniversaries of marriage are cordially invited to attend, whether in person, or via livestream. All Jubilarians will receive a congratulatory letter and a certificate in the mail! Please register at <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage/jubilee-of-anniversaries>.



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Office of Social Concerns

Care for the Unborn

Several prolife bills calling for a reduction of abortions will work their way through the Ohio General Assembly and Congress. For updates, 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.



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.

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.



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 give is made and where it goes. To get started, please visit www.stjosephdover.org. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

August 2023

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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Affording a Catholic Education in Ohio Now at Your Fingertips with Universal EdChoice



particularly those with lower incomes. But, now, every Ohio family - regardless of their residence or household income - can utilize state scholarship dollars to help fund tuition at the Catholic school of their choosing.

Ohio's Educational Choice (EdChoice) Scholarship Program is now accessible to **ALL Ohioans!** Thanks to sweeping changes outlined in HB 33 and signed into law on July 3 by Governor DeWine, EVERY student now has the opportunity to attend a participating Catholic school for **little or no cost.**

Originally enacted in 2005 to serve families living in underperforming school districts, the program has been expanded multiple times over the past 18 years to aid more families, particularly those with lower incomes. But, now, every Ohio family - regardless of their residence or household income - can utilize state scholarship dollars to help fund tuition at the Catholic school of their choosing.

What does this mean for you?

Simply, an **affordable** and **unapologetically Catholic** education is right at your fingertips!

Federal Poverty %	Family of 3	Family of 4	Family of 5	Family of 6	K-8 Scholarship	9-12 Scholarship
0-450%	\$111,870	\$135,000	\$158,130	\$181,260	\$6,100	\$8,400
451-500%	\$124,300	\$150,000	\$175,700	\$201,400	\$5,200	\$7,050
501-550%	\$136,730	\$165,000	\$193,270	\$221,540	\$3,650	\$5,000
551-600%	\$149,160	\$180,000	\$210,840	\$241,680	\$2,600	\$3,550
601-650%	\$161,590	\$195,000	\$228,410	\$261,820	\$1,850	\$2,500
651-700%	\$174,020	\$210,000	\$245,980	\$281,960	\$1,300	\$1,750
701-750%	\$186,450	\$225,000	\$263,550	\$302,100	\$900	\$1,250
751% & Up	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	\$650	\$950

Qualify for EdChoice Traditional AND Expansion?

Families in our diocese living in an underperforming school district who previously qualified for the Traditional EdChoice scholarship now have the option to choose the one that provides the greatest financial benefit to them.

Under the new Expansion guidelines, if their Federal Poverty Guideline results in a scholarship less than the maximum amount of a Traditional Scholarship, the Traditional Scholarship will provide a greater financial benefit. In addition, the family will not need to submit any income verification, unless they qualify for low-income status (200% or below the Federal Poverty Guideline). Contact your school for further clarification.

Applying for a Scholarship is as Easy as 1-2-3!*

- 1 Reach out to your school(s) to get started or visit <https://bit.ly/ohioedchoice>.
- 2 Complete a **Scholarship Request Form** for EACH eligible student in grades K-12 who is enrolled in Our Catholic Schools. Submit the request form, as well as a copy of the **student's birth certificate** and **current proof of address** (see scholarship request form for accepted documents) to the appropriate school(s) for submission via the online application system.
- 3 Complete the **income verification process** at <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>. An OH ID is required for online submission.

The deadline to request scholarships for this academic year and receive the entire amount for which the family qualifies is **October 14, 2023**. Any application received after this date will be awarded at a pro-rated amount by the Department of Education and Workforce.

**Families who previously were approved for an EdChoice Expansion Scholarship for the 2023-24 school year need to do nothing at this time. Your scholarship will be updated automatically based on the new scholarship amounts.*

Iglesias San José
Ministerios Hispanos
Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
30 de Julio del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	30 de Julio	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	6 de Agosto	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	13 de Agosto	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	20 de Agosto	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

Agosto 2023

Por la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud
Oremos para que la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud
en Lisboa ayude a los jóvenes a ponerse en camino,
dando testimonio del Evangelio con su propia vida.



Horario de los Coros

30 de Julio	Seguidores de Cristo
6 de Agosto	Mensajeros de Cristo
13 de Agosto	El Buen Pastor
20 de Agosto	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
27 de Agosto	El Nuevo Sembrador



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

En 1era. de Reyes, Salomón, nuevo rey de Israel, revela su sabiduría pidiendo a Dios "un corazón comprensivo/juzgar a tu pueblo y distinguir el bien del mal." La sabiduría del rey le permitiría discernir lo que es verdaderamente valioso, y se nos dice: "El Señor le agradó que Salomón hizo esta petición." Esto llevó al Señor que bendiga a Salomón para que "nunca haya existido nadie como tú..., y después de que no vendrá nadie a ser igual que tu." Estamos llamados a buscar una sabiduría similar en nuestras propias vidas.

Pablo les dice a los romanos que "todas las cosas trabajan para bien de los que aman a Dios." Él los llama a confiar en Dios, que ha "justificado" a nosotros a través de la sangre de Cristo. En un versículo posterior que nos recuerda que "si Dios está con nosotros," no tenemos nada que temer. Como miembros de la familia de Dios, estamos llamados a tener confianza en el amor de Dios por nosotros.

No era raro que en los días de Jesús para enterrar riqueza en un campo con el fin de protegerlo contra robos antes de ir en un largo viaje o frente de un ataque. En caso de que el dueño del tesoro no volviera a recuperarlo, el tesoro se convierte en propiedad del nuevo propietario. Jesús compara "el reino de los cielos" - sustituto habitual de Mateo como "el reino de Dios"-con un tesoro enterrado; ya que es de gran valor, el que le resulta "va y vende todo lo que tiene y compra aquel campo." En la imagen paralela de la "perla de gran valor," el comerciante también "vende todo lo que tiene y la compra." El mensaje es que debemos tratar de "adquirir" el reino, sin importar el precio.

Para reflexionar: ¿Cómo puedo crecer en sabiduría? ¿Estoy dispuesto a "vender todo" para adquirir el tesoro de Dios?



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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