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*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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 12 and 13, 2023

12 y 13 de Agosto del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 14

No Mass

Readings: 415: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 15 (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 p.m. Frank and Rosalie Cugliari

Readings: 622: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45/

1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday, August 16

8:15 a.m. Elena Littleton

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 415: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 17

8:15 a.m. Jack Beckman

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 416: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114/

Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 18

8:15 a.m. Denny Contini

Readings: 417: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 19

The Vigil for The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Jim Markino

Sunday, August 13

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Terry Miller

11:00 a.m. Ivan Vinkovich

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

Readings: 118: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67/

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Offertory for August 12 and 13, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 8,751.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 8,481.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,020.00
Total	\$ 18,252.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 631.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 100.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 70.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 70.00
Other Collections	\$ 155.00

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 15 – 6:00 p.m. – Volunteer Needed

Wednesday, August 16 – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert

Thursday, August 17 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, August 18 – 8:15 a.m. – Lyle Tope

August 19, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Mary DeBois - 1st Lector

Cathie Peters – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Jackie Hostetler,

Beth Cecil, Kateri Renicker, Janice Cosenza, Lyle Tope,

Michelle Tope

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Kenton Renicker, Flynn Renicker, Alex Utuy

August 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Tony Incarnato - 1st Lector

Mike Finley – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka,

Matt Ritzert, Mary LaBrake, Jeannine Kennedy,

Leigh Burnham, Doug Telle

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Miya Olson, Matthew Olson, Sub Needed

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Cathy Galbraith – 1st Lector

Sue Quillen – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Elco, Mary Elco,

Mark Clemence, Marcus Clemence, Elizabeth Clemence,

Dan Galbraith, Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Terri and Mark Renner, Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Nick Civiello, Meghan Martinez, Joseph Miller

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

Today's reading from Isaiah comes from what is traditionally called Trito-Isaiah. Written by an anonymous prophet in the line of Isaiah, it addresses the postexilic community back in their homeland. Written with a universal perspective, the text anticipates "foreigners who join themselves to the Lord" Membership within the community of God's people is not about bloodlines as much as it is about keeping the commandments and holding to my covenant. They are the ones who will be gathered on God's "holy mountain" Jew and gentile alike, for God's house is to be "a house of prayer for all peoples." Paul describes himself as the apostle to the Gentiles in the letter to the Romans. He sees his mission to them as a way of making my race jealous which will lead to some of them being saved. The conversion of the gentiles, who have "disobeyed God, but have now received mercy, will serve to lead the Jews who have disobeyed to also receive mercy of God extended to all. Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman finds Him in foreign territory, among gentiles. The woman approaches Jesus pleading for help for her daughter who is tormented by a demon. She is persistent in her request even in the face of Jesus' preliminary refusal, "I was sent only to have lost sheep of the house of Israel" But she reminds Him that "even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." She is not looking to take anything away from the Jews; she is merely looking for help for her daughter. Her perseverance pays off, as Jesus heals her daughter in response to her great faith. God's grace and mercy are intended for all who seek them.

For reflection: How does an "us against them" mentality reflect an attitude contrary to Christianity? Who are those who are overlooked today, and how can we as church assist them in experiencing God's grace and mercy?

Save the Date! St. Joseph Parish Picnic!

September 10, 2023

5:00 p.m. at the Knights Hall

Food, Fellowship, Games for the Kids

And.....Tequila Mary!!!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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.



We will be praying the Rosary before each Mass on the weekends until the November election. If you would like to participate and lead us in prayer, please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

Mark Your Calendars!

August 15, 2023

Feast of the Assumption

Procession beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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 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 ensure 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 \$52,105.00!**

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.

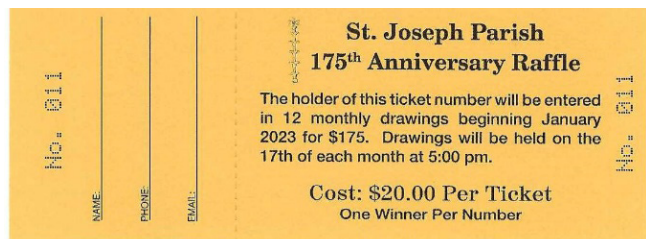
Looking ahead, our Lent 2024 study will focus on Jesus in the Eucharist. More details to follow!

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 registrations forms, please call the Parish Office. **More information will be coming soon.**

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!!



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.



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

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:

Black Beans	Soup
Chunky Soup	Canned fruit
Jelly	Spaghetti noodles

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 16, 2023 - Team L (Chrissie Hensel)

August 23, 2023 - Team M (Fran Mason)

August 30, 2023 - Team O (Pat Figuly)

September 6, 2023 - Team A (Mike Comg)

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!

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.

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.

“Our wish, our object, our chief preoccupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make His spirit, His devotion, His affections, His desire, and His disposition live and reign there.” +SAINT JOHN EUDES

**Monday, August 14 ~ Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:22-27 As Jesus and his disciples were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were overwhelmed with grief. When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax approached Peter and said, “Does not your teacher pay the temple tax?” “Yes,” he said. When he came into the house, before he had time to speak, Jesus asked him, “What is your opinion, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take tolls or census tax? From their subjects or from foreigners?” When he said, “From foreigners,” Jesus said to him, “Then the subjects are exempt. But that we may not offend them, go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Open its mouth and you will find a coin worth twice the temple tax. Give that to them for me and for you.”

Meditation: On three different occasions the Gospels record that Jesus predicted he would endure great suffering through betrayal, rejection, and the punishment of a cruel death. The Jews resorted to stoning and the Romans to crucifixion – the most painful and humiliating death they could devise for criminals they wanted to eliminate. No wonder the apostles were greatly distressed at such a prediction! If Jesus their Master were put to death, then they would likely receive the same treatment by their enemies. Jesus called himself the “Son of Man” because this was a common Jewish title for the Messiah. Why must the Messiah be rejected and killed? Did not God promise that his Anointed One would deliver his people from their oppression and establish a kingdom of peace and justice? The prophet Isaiah had foretold that it was God's will that the “Suffering Servant” make atonement for sins through his suffering and death. Jesus paid the price for our redemption with his blood. Slavery to sin is to want the wrong things and to be in bondage to destructive desires. The ransom Jesus paid sets us free from the worst tyranny possible – the tyranny of sin and the fear of death. Jesus' victory did not end with death but triumphed over the tomb. Jesus defeated the powers of death through his resurrection.

Prayer: O God, who filled the Priest and Martyr Saint Maximilian Kolbe with a burning love for the Immaculate Virgin Mary and with zeal for souls and love of neighbor, graciously grant, through his intercession, that striving for your glory by eagerly serving others, we may be conformed, even until death, to your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: No one is overly fond of paying taxes, especially when one thinks they might be unreasonable or unjust. And yet taxes provide much in the way of necessary services. Jesus and his disciples were confronted by tax collectors on the issue of tax evasion. When questioned about paying the temple tax, Jesus replied to his disciples: We must pay so as not to cause bad example. In fact, we must go beyond our duty in order that we may show others what they ought to do. The scriptural expression to give no offense doesn't refer to insult or annoyance; rather it means to put no stumbling block in the way of another that would cause them to trip or fall. Jesus would not allow himself anything which might possibly be a bad example to someone else. Do you evade personal responsibilities or obligations?

Tuesday, August 15 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
~ A Holy Day of Obligation ~

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-56 Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Meditation: What enabled Mary to grow in faith and to persevere in hope in the face of obstacles and trials? The Gospel of Luke reveals the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in Mary's life. When Elizabeth and Mary greeted one another they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Savior. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leapt for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the King to be born. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Mary accepted her mission with uncompromising faith and obedience. She acted with unwavering trust and faith because she believed that God would fulfill the word he had spoken. Her great hymn of praise echoes the song of Hannah (see 1 Samuel 2:1-10) and proclaims the favor of the Lord: God exalts the lowly and he fills the hungry. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to renew your faith and hope in God's promises and to make you strong in love for God and your neighbor. Do you live in the joy and confidence of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her 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 strong is your hope in the promises of God? Mary is a model of faith and hope for us. And she is among "the first-fruits" of "all those who belong to Jesus" and who share in his triumph (1 Corinthians 15:20-24). There is a venerable tradition dating back to the early church which marks Mary's "falling asleep" (the "Feast of Dormition" in many Eastern churches) and her heavenly birthday when she was received into heaven. Her reception into heaven is seen as a sign to all believing Christians of the promise Jesus made that we too would be received into paradise. At the last supper Jesus told his disciples that he would prepare a place for them in his Father's house. "And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:3).

Wednesday, August 16 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Stephen of Hungary,

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church. If he refuses to listen even to the Church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Meditation: If you believe that you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says our goal should not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. The emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force or threat of legal action.

Prayer: Grant your Church, we pray, almighty God, that she may have Saint Stephen of Hungary, who fostered her growth while a king on earth, as her glorious defender 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: Saint Augustine provides a wonderful commentary on Jesus' instruction in today's gospel – something truly worth contemplating: "If someone has done you injury and you have suffered, what should be done? You have heard the answer already in today's scripture: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone." If you fail to do so, you are worse than he is. He has done someone harm, and by doing harm he has stricken himself with a grievous wound. Will you then completely disregard your brother's wound? Will you simply watch him stumble and fall down? Will you disregard his predicament? If so, you are worse in your silence than he in his abuse. Therefore, when any one sins against us, let us take great care, but not merely for ourselves. For it is a glorious thing to forget injuries. Just set aside your own injury, but do not neglect your brother's wound. Therefore "go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone," intent upon his amendment but sparing his sense of shame. For it might happen that through defensiveness he will begin to justify his sin, and so you will have inadvertently nudged him still closer toward the very behavior you desire to amend. Therefore "tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother," because he might have been lost, had you not spoken with him" [Sermon 82.7].

Thursday, August 17 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-19:1 Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart." When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee and went to the district of Judea across the Jordan.

Meditation: Jesus teaches that one must forgive in order to be forgiven. If we do not forgive our fellow human being we cannot expect God to forgive us. James says that "judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy" (James 2:13). Mercy is truly a gift and it is offered in such a way that justice is not negated. C.S. Lewis once wrote: "Mercy will flower only when it grows in the crannies of the rock of Justice: transplanted to the marshlands of mere Humanitarianism, it becomes a man-eating weed, all the more dangerous because it is still called by the same name as the mountain variety."

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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 Peter posed the question of forgiveness, he characteristically offered an answer he thought Jesus would be pleased with. Why not forgive seven times! How unthinkable for Jesus to counter

with the proposition that one must forgive seventy times that. Jesus made it clear that there is no reckonable limit to forgiveness. And he drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed an enormous sum of money – millions in our modern currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province – more than it would cost to ransom a king! The man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not, however bring himself to forgive his neighbor a very small debt which was fraction of his own debt. The contrast could not have been greater. If God has forgiven each of us our debt, which was very great, we, too must forgive others the debt they owe us.

Friday, August 18 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 19:3-12 Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?" He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate." They said to him, "Then why did Moses command that the man give the woman a bill of divorce and dismiss her?" He said to them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) and marries another commits adultery." His disciples said to him, "If that is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." He answered, "Not all can accept this word, but only those to whom that is granted. Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so; some, because they were made so by others; some, because they have renounced marriage for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it."

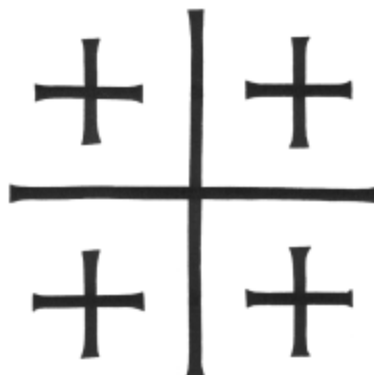
Meditation: Jesus sets a high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands. Jesus also sets the high ideal for those who freely renounce marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Both marriage and the single life are calls from God to live a particular form of consecrated life, that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Despite what we may think, or what others may "decree" as part of being modern and sophisticated, our lives are not our own – they belong to God. He gives the grace and power to those who seek to follow in his way of holiness in their state of life. The question for us becomes, then, do you seek Christ and his graces to help you live your state of life?

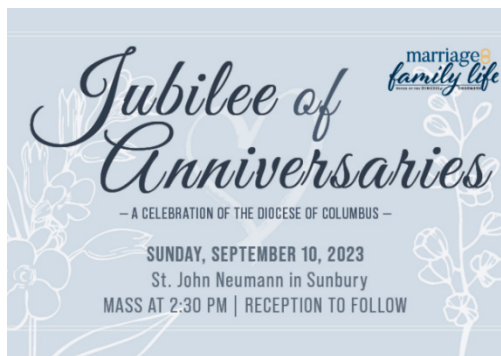
Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What is God's intention for our state in life, whether married or single? Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his hearers back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for the human race. In Genesis 2:23-24 we see God's intention and ideal that two people (one man and one woman) who marry should become so indissolubly one that they are one flesh. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. They are the pattern and symbol for all who were to come – including those, today, called to this vocation.

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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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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.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Early Fall Getaway

Spend time this fall enriching your relationship. Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2023 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is September 8-10, 2023 in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMecolumbus.org or contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.



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.

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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.



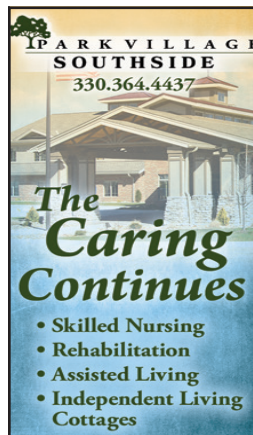
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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

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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Attention, St. Joseph Seniors!

Our next meeting will be
Wednesday, August 16, 2023
12:00 Noon

Ricardo's Party Center

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The buffet style lunch will feature roast beef, ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salad, and drinks.

The cost will be \$15.00

New members are welcome!

Our guest speaker will be
David Mitchell from the
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13 de Agosto del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	13 de Agosto	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	20 de Agosto	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	27 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.



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

La lectura de hoy de Isaías viene de lo que tradicionalmente se llama Trito-Isaías. Escrito por un profeta anónimo a la línea de Isaías, se dirige a la comunidad después de exilio de nuevo en su tierra natal. Escrito con una perspectiva universal, el texto prevé que "los extranjeros que sigan al SEÑOR ". La membresía en la comunidad del pueblo de Dios no se trata de líneas de sangre tanto como se trata de guardar los mandamientos y la celebración "de mi alianza." Ellos son los que se reunirán en el "monte santo" de Dios - Judío y gentiles por igual - para la casa de Dios será "una casa de oración para todos los pueblos." Pablo describe a sí mismo como "el apóstol de los gentiles" en la carta a los Romanos. Él ve su misión también como una forma de hacer "mi raza celosa," lo que llevara a algunos de ellos de ser salvado. La conversación de los gentiles, que han desobedecido a Dios, Pero ahora habéis alcanzado misericordia," servirá para llevar a los Judíos que han es obedecido también "obtener misericordia." La desobediencia de Judío y gentiles resultados en la misericordia de Dios extendida a todos. El encuentro de Jesús con la mujer cananea le encuentra en territorio extranjero, entre los gentiles. La mujer se acerca a Jesús pidiendo ayuda para su hija, que "esta atormentada por un demonio." Ella es persistente en su petición, incluso en la cara de rechazo preliminar de Jesús: "No soy enviado sino a las ovejas perdidas de la casa de Israel." Pero ella le recuerda que "hasta los perros comen las migajas que caen de la mesa de sus amos." Ella no está tratando de quitarle nada a los Judíos; ella esta simplemente buscando ayuda para su hija. Su perseverancia da sus frutos, ya que Jesús cura a su hija en respuesta a su gran fe. La gracia y la misericordia de Dios son para todos los que lo buscan.

Para reflexionar: ¿Cómo una mentalidad de "nosotros contra ellos" refleja una actitud contraria al cristianismo? ¿Quiénes son los que se pasan por alto hoy en día, y como podemos como Iglesia ayudarles a experimentar la gracia y la misericordia de Dios?

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

13 de Agosto	El Buen Pastor
20 de Agosto	Nuestra Señor 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.**

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