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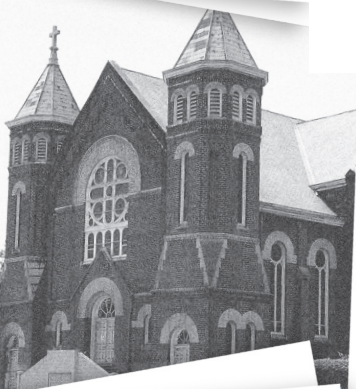
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*In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly
serve Jesus Christ and His people.*

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 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2 and 3, 2023

2 y 3 de Septiembre del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 4

No Mass

Readings: 431: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 5

5:00 p.m. Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. The Special Intentions of

The Parish Leadership Team

Readings: 432: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 6

8:15 a.m. Dale and Marvel Tighe

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 433: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 7

8:15 a.m. John and Nancy Braasch

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 434: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98/Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 8

8:15 a.m. Special Intention

Readings: 636: Mt 5:1-4a/Ps 13/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday, September 9

The Vigil for

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Jim Contrucci

Sunday, September 10

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Al Saffell

11:00 a.m. Mike Leone

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

Readings: 127: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20

Offertory for August 26 and 27, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 7,148.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,474.00
Online Giving	\$ 575.00
Total	\$ 12,197.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 40.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 225.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 45.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 50.00
Other Collections	\$ 50.00

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, September 5 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo

Wednesday, September 6 – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert

Thursday, September 7 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, September 8 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

September 9, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Sue Quillen - 1st Lector

Mary Salvo - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Jackie Hostetler,

Beth Cecil, Kateri Renicker, Mary DeBois,

Michelle Tope, Lyle Tope

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Kenton Renicker, Flynn Renicker, Gabe Winnie

September 10, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jeannine Kennedy - 1st Lector

Mike Finley - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka,

Jan Michael LaBrake, Matt Ritzert, Doug Telle,

Jack Burnham, Laura Barkett

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Easton Pope, Nadia Pope, Brady Pope

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Cathy Galbraith - 1st Lector

Bonnie Edwards - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Galbraith, Beth Ernest,

Mike Ernest, Erin Deeds, Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Terri and Mark Renner,

Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Izzy Murphy, Greg Nguyen, Joseph Miller

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

The words of the prophet Jeremiah are not words we would expect to hear from a prophet of God. "you duped me, Lord, and I let myself be duped," he complains. His call as a "prophet has led to derision and reproach all day" as he announces God's word to the people. Jeremiah learns that our ways are not God's ways and that sometimes the work of a prophet meets resistance and involves suffering – an idea reflected in today's Gospel as well. But still he perseveres because of his faith in God. Paul encourages the Romans to make a sacrifice required as disciples. Do not conform yourselves to this age, he writes; we are to strive to discern what is the will of God. Sometimes we face difficulties in doing this. But Paul encourages perseverance, for we know that God will reward our faithfulness. If God's only Son suffered for His faith, then we, too, may be called to suffer. But as God glorified Christ, we, too, will be given a share in that glory. Messianic expectations in Jesus' day varied. Some expected a royal figure, others a military leader, and still others a religious Messiah. One thing is certain – people's expectation of a Messiah did not include a figure who would suffer and die. This helps us understand Peter's response to Jesus' prediction of His Passion for the first time in Mathew. Peter rejects the idea that Jesus must suffer and die. "God forbid, Lord!" he protests. And now Jesus, who in the last episode had given the disciple the name Peter, addresses him as Satan, because he is not thinking as God does, but as human beings do. For in order to follow Christ, we must carry our own crosses.

For reflection: Has my faith brought suffering? How does Christ add to my understanding of God?

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day. If you have an emergency, please call the Parish Office and leave a message. Someone will return your call as soon as possible. The voicemail is checked routinely.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who attended the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, August 27th. \$555.00 was donated for Coats for Kids!

And thank you to everyone who made donations for the Rummage sale; \$1,450.00 was collected. All monies are to support Knights' charities.

LCBA Branch 867

The LCBA Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5th at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. During the month of October, LCBA will be doing their annual collection of hats, scarfs, gloves, and socks. There will be totes in the Vestibule.

Mark Your Calendars!

September 10, 2023

Parish Picnic

Knights of Columbus Hall
5:00 p.m.

September 17, 2023

Youth Group Kick Off Party

Knights of Columbus Hall
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 20, 2023

St. Joseph Seniors

Ricardo's Party Center
12:00 p.m. – Noon

October 3, 2023

LCBA

Family Life Center
1:00 p.m.

October 4, 2023

Blessing of Pets

6:00 p.m.

October 8, 2023

Confirmation Parent Meeting

TCCES Gym
9:45 a.m.

October 8, 2023

Family Rosary Day

Knights of Columbus Hall
Time to Be Determined

October 14, 2023

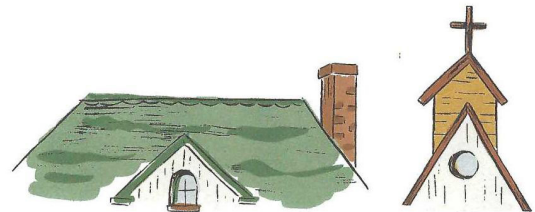
Oktoberfest

Parish Hall/TCCES Gym
6:00 p.m.

October 18, 2023

St. Joseph Seniors

Ricardo's Party Center
12:00 p.m. – Noon



Family Faith Formation

Registration now open!

It's time to register for our Family Faith Formation program previously known as PSR. This year's program will focus on faith development for the whole family with several special family programs scheduled throughout the year. Classes begin Sunday, September 10th at 9:45 a.m. in Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School. Call the Parish Office for registration or sign-up September 10. All families should plan to attend the special start of the year program "Come and Seek" on Sunday, September 24th at 9:45 a.m.

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. **Sessions will begin on Tuesday, September 5th through October 24th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The cost is \$10.00.

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 or anyone you know is interested in learning more about Catholicism and The Church's process for becoming Catholic, we invite you to attend an upcoming O.C.I.A. inquiry meetings: **Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, please contact John Kuczirka at 330-343-9988 or the Parish Office.

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

The next drawing will be
Sunday, September 17th at 5:00 p.m.
Each drawing will be livestreamed!!

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box located at the Family Life Centers 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:

Tuna Toothpaste
Baked Beans Bar Soap
Boxed Mac and Cheese Canned Chili

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

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.



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Schools



The TCCES Home and School Association "Fill Your Freezer" Raffle

Two winners will enjoy a meat bundle provided by Beitzel's Meats valued at \$250.00. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Winners will be drawn on September 29th. Money is due at the time of your ticket purchase. Please contact Samantha Clements or the school office for questions or to purchase tickets.

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.

An Affordable Catholic Education is now available to EVERYONE with Ohio's Universal EdChoice.

If paying tuition has prevented your child from receiving a Catholic education, we have great news! Every student K through 12 in the state of Ohio, is eligible for an EdChoice Scholarship. The majority of students in Tuscarawas County will receive full tuition scholarships, but every single student, regardless of income, will receive at least a partial scholarship. Please see the chart below to see how affordable a quality Catholic education is for your child. For more information or to enroll your student, please call: TCC Jr./Sr. High at 330-343-3302, IC Elementary at 740-922-3539, or TCC Elementary at 330-343-9134.

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

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 September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in." +Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

**Monday, September 4 ~ Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
~ Labor Day ~**

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:16-30 Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naam'an the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But he passed through the midst of them and went away.

Meditation: It was customary for Jesus to go weekly to the synagogue to worship and on occasion to read the scriptures and comment on them to the people. His hometown folks listened with great attention on this occasion because they had heard about the miracles he had performed in other towns. Jesus startled them with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people. He then angered them when he complimented the gentiles who seemed to have shown more faith in God than the "chosen ones" of Israel. They regarded gentiles as "fuel for the fires of hell." Jesus' praise for "outsiders" caused them offence because they were blind-sighted to God's mercy and plan of redemption for all nations.

Prayer: O God, Creator of all things, who have commanded the human race to bear the burden of labor, grant that the work we are beginning may progress in this life and, by your favor, advance the spread of the Kingdom of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The word "gospel" literally means "good news." Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to those oppressed by sin and evil (see Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus came to set people free from the worst tyranny possible – the tyranny of slavery to sin and the fear of death, and the destruction of both body and soul. God's power alone can save us from emptiness and poverty of spirit, from confusion and error, and from the fear of death and hopelessness. The gospel of salvation is "good news" for us today. Do you know the joy and freedom of the gospel?

Tuesday, September 5 ~ Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), Religious

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:31-37 Jesus went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee. He taught them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching because he spoke with authority. In the synagogue there was a man with the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out in a loud voice, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Be quiet! Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down in front of them and came out of him without doing him any harm. They were all amazed and said to one another, "What is there about his word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." And news of him spread everywhere in the surrounding region.

Meditation: When Jesus spoke he needed no authorities to back his statements. He was authority incarnate – the Word of God made flesh. When he spoke, God spoke. When he commanded even the demons obeyed. If demons, the fallen angels, believe in the power and authority of the Son of God, how much more should we believe in the power and authority of the gospel – the good news of Jesus Christ – with the full assent of our minds and hearts and entrust our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ? If we approach God's word submissively, with an eagerness to do everything the Lord desires, we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through his word.

Prayer: O God, who called Saint Teresa to respond to the love of your Son thirsting on the cross with outstanding charity to the poorest of the poor, grant us, we beseech you, by her intercession, to minister to Christ in his suffering brothers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer seeking the intercession of Saint Teresa of Calcutta: Jesus, you made Saint Teresa an inspiring example of firm faith and burning charity, an extraordinary witness to the way of spiritual childhood, and a great and esteemed teacher of the value and dignity of every human life. Grant that she may be venerated and imitated as one of the Church's canonized saints. Hear the requests of all those who seek her intercession, especially the petition I now implore... (*mention here the favor you wish to pray for*). May we follow her example in heeding Your cry of thirst from the Cross and joyfully loving You in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor, especially those most unloved and unwanted. We ask this in Your name and through the intercession of Mary, Your Mother and the Mother of us all. Amen.

Contemplation: When you read or hear the word of God how do you respond to it? Do you hear it with indifference, selective submission, or with the full assent of faith and obedience? When Jesus taught he spoke with authority. He spoke the word of God as no one had spoken it before. When the Rabbis taught they supported their statements with quotes from other authorities. The prophets spoke with delegated authority – "Thus says the Lord." If we approach God's word submissively, with an eagerness to do everything the Lord desires, we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through his word. Are you eager to be taught by the Lord and to conform your life according to his word?

Wednesday, September 6 ~ Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:38-44 After Jesus left the synagogue, he entered the house of Simon. Simon's mother-in-law was afflicted with a severe fever, and they interceded with him about her. He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up immediately and waited on them. At sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him. He laid his hands on each of them and cured them. And demons also came out from many, shouting, "You are the Son of God." But he rebuked them and did not allow them to speak because they knew that he was the Christ. At daybreak, Jesus left and went to a deserted place. The crowds went looking for him, and when they came to him, they tried to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, "To the other towns also I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent." And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Meditation: Who do you take your troubles to? Jesus' disciples freely brought their troubles to him because they found him ready and able to deal with any difficulty, affliction, or sickness which they encountered. When Simon Peter brought Jesus to his home for the Sabbath meal (right after Jesus preached in the synagogue in Capernaum), his mother-in-law was instantly healed because Jesus heard Simon's prayer. Jesus could not avoid drawing a crowd wherever he went. No one who asked Jesus for help was left disappointed. Jesus' numerous healings and exorcisms demonstrated the power and authority of his word, the "good news of the kingdom of God."

Prayer: God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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: Have you noticed that Jesus always puts human need ahead of everything else? His compassion showed the depths of God's love and concern for all who are truly needy. Jesus gave the people the word of God and he healed them physically as well as spiritually. We can never intrude upon God nor exhaust his generosity and kindness. He is ever ready to give to those who earnestly seek him out. Do you allow Jesus to be the Lord and Healer in your personal life, family, and community? Approach him with expectant faith. God's healing power restores us not only to health but to active service and care of others. There is no trouble he does not want to help us with and there is no bondage he can't set us free from. Do you take your troubles to him with expectant faith that he will help you?

Thursday, September 7 ~ Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Meditation: God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel. Saint Paul the Apostles says: "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Cor. 2:15).

Prayer: God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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: This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through each of us for his glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in his works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own. Saint Therese of Lisieux once wrote: "Jesus has so incomprehensible a love for us that he wills that we have a share with him in the salvation of souls. He wills to do nothing without us. The Creator of the universe awaits the prayer of a poor little soul to save other souls redeemed like it at the price of all his Blood." Do you live the gospel to those around you – neighbors, co-workers, relatives, students – to help them grow in the knowledge of his truths and love?

Friday, September 8 ~ Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:1-16,18-23 The Book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means "God is with us."

Meditation: Understandably many ask the question: "What is the significance of the genealogy in Matthew's gospel?" This genealogy is arranged in three sections portraying three great stages in the spiritual history of the people of the old covenant. The first stage begins with Abraham, the father of the chosen people, and ends with David, God's anointed King. The second stage takes us to the exile of God's people in Babylon. This is the period of Israel's shame and disaster due to her unfaithfulness. The third stage takes us to Jesus, God's anointed Messiah. Jesus the Messiah is the direct descent of Abraham and David, and the rightful heir to David's throne. God in his mercy fulfilled his promises to Abraham and to David that he would send a Savior and a King to rule over the house of Israel and to deliver them from their enemies. Jesus is the fulfillment of all God's promises. He is the hope not only for the people of the Old Covenant but for all nations as well. After all, Jesus is the Savior of the world.

Prayer: Impart to your servants, we pray, O Lord, the gift of heavenly grace, that the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin may bring deeper peace to those for whom the birth of her Son was the dawning of salvation. 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: Matthew begins his gospel with the genealogy of Jesus from Abraham's lineage through the line of David, King of Israel. Matthew concludes his genealogy by stating that both Mary, Jesus' mother and Joseph, his foster father, came from the line of David. Mary was asked to assume in faith a burden of tremendous responsibility. That required faith and trust. Also, Mary was not yet married. Sexual relations outside of marriage (fornication) was a sinful act then, and remains so today. Mary was only espoused to Joseph, and such an engagement had to last for a whole year. She was asked to assume a great risk. She could have been rejected by Joseph, by her family, by all her own people. Mary knew that Joseph and her family would not understand without revelation from God. She nonetheless believed and trusted in God's promises. Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, believed the message given to him to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah. Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us. He is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are you willing to trust and obey the Lord as Mary and Joseph did?

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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.

September 6, 2023 – Team D (Andrea Settimio)

September 13, 2023 – Team B (Sue Capozella)

September 20, 2023 – Team C (Knights of Columbus)

September 27, 2023 – Team A (Mike Comg)

October 4, 2023 – Team D (Judy Burnham)

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 or by contacting Michelle Tope.

Thank you for joining us in this important journey!



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– Matthew 16:26

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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

September 2023

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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Youth: Please bring your Emergency Contact Form with you, **OR** please have your parent or guardian complete the form this evening. Thank you!

Youth Group Kick-Off!

**Join us for an evening of food,
games, and fellowship!**

Who: Students in Grades 6-12 (Families welcome!)

When: Sunday, September 17th

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: Dover Knights of Columbus Hall

(346 West 9th Street)



Upcoming Meetings:

- Saturday, September 30th
- Sunday, October 15th
- Sunday, October 29th

Iglesias San José
Ministerios Hispanos
Vigésimo segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
3 de Septiembre del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	10 de Septiembre	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	17 de Septiembre	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.

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre
Septiembre 2023

Por las personas que viven al margen
Oremos para que las personas que viven al margen de la sociedad, en condiciones de vida infrahumanas, no sean olvidadas por las instituciones y nunca sean descartadas.



Horario de los Coros

10 de Septiembre	Mensajeros de Cristo
17 de Septiembre	El Buen Pastor
24 de Septiembre	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
1 de Octubre	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

Las palabras del profeta Jeremías no son palabras que esperaríamos escuchar de un profeta de Dios. "Me has seducido, Señor, y me dejé seducir," se queja. Su llamado como profeta ha llevado a "la burla y afrenta todo el día," como lo anuncia la palabra de Dios al pueblo. Jeremías se entera de que nuestros caminos no son los caminos de Dios y que a veces el trabajo de un profeta encuentra resistencia e implica sufrimiento - una idea reflejada en el Evangelio de hoy también. Pero aún así perseveró debido a su fe en Dios.

Pablo anima a los romanos para que el sacrificio exigido como discípulos. "No os conforméis a este siglo," escribe; estamos luchando para "discernir cuál es la voluntad de Dios." A veces nos enfrentamos a las dificultades para hacer esto. Pero Pablo anima a la perseverancia, porque sabemos que Dios recompensará nuestra fidelidad. Si el único Hijo de Dios sufrió por su fe, entonces nosotros también podemos ser llamados a sufrir. Pero como Dios glorifico a Cristo, así también nosotros nos darán una participación en esa gloria. Expectativas mesiánicas de la época de Jesús variaron. Algunos esperaban una figura real, otros un líder militar, e incluso otros un mesías religioso. Una de las cosas es cierta - las expectativas de un Mesías de la gente no incluían una figura que sufriría y moriría. Esto nos ayuda a entender la respuesta de Pedro a la predicción de Jesús de su Pasión por primera vez en Mateo. Pedro rechaza la idea que Jesús debía sufrir y morir. "Dios no lo quiera, Señor!," Él protesta. Y ahora Jesús, que en el último episodio acababa de dar al discípulo el nombre de Pedro (roca), se dirige a él como "Satanás" porque él no está pensando "como lo hace Dios, sino como los hombres." Para el fin de seguir a Cristo, tenemos que llevar nuestra propia cruz.

Para la reflexión: ¿Mi fe ha traído sufrimiento? ¿Cómo respondí a ella? ¿De qué manera el sufrimiento de Cristo añade a mi comprensión de Dios?

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