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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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9 and 10, 2023
9 y 10 de Septiembre del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 11

No Mass

Readings: 437: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 12

5:00 p.m. Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. The Special Intentions of
Joseph and Candice Salvo

Readings: 438: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 13

8:15 a.m. Brett Helwig, Sr.

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 439: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 14

8:15 a.m. Donnie Ballantyne, Jr.

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 638: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17

Friday, September 15

8:15 a.m. Jean Fondriest

Readings: 441: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16/Jn 19:25-27

Saturday, September 16

**The Vigil for the Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Dominic Ginnetti, Jr.

Sunday, September 17

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Victorino Carpio

11:00 a.m. Jerry Bryan

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

Readings: 130: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35

Offertory for September 2 and 3, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 2,804.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 6,639.00
Online Giving	\$ 655.00
Total	\$ 10,098.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 199.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 85.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 169.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 95.00
Other Collections	\$ 173.00

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 12 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo

Wednesday, September 13 – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert

Thursday, September 14 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

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

September 16, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Mary DeBois – 1st Lector

Debbie Tristano – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Jackie Hostetler,

Beth Cecil, Erin Cecil, Duong Nguyen, Michelle Tope,

Lyle Tope

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Cecilia Hostetler, Chase Hostetler, Carter Gilmore

September 17, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Matt Ritzert – 1st Lector

Keith Knestaut – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka,
Jeannine Kennedy, Matt Ritzert, Doug Telle,

Jack Burnham, Jessica DeBois

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Miya Olson, Matthew Olson, Sub Needed

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Mark Clemence – 1st Lector

Sally Dooling – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Galbraith, Dan Galbraith,
Elizabeth Clemence, Marcus Clemence, Patti DeVault,

Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Terri and Mark Renner,

Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Izzy Murphy, Tessa Williams, Nick Williams

**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.**



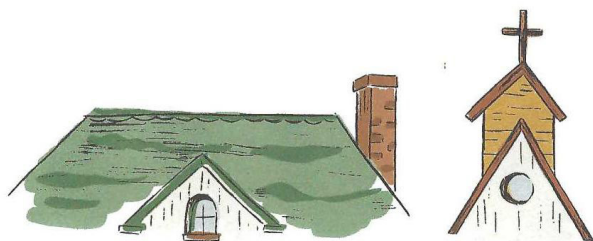
Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer
chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene
Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please
leave a message.

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

Spiritual Notes

God tells Ezekiel that he has been appointed "watchman for the house of Israel." It is his task to "warn the wicked" in God's name. As a prophet of judgment, Ezekiel is called to speak words of warning to a people who have strayed from God. This warning might lead them to repentance. Many of Israel's prophets "afflicted the comfortable" and so met persecution at the hands of their own people. As a prophet living in Babylon, he preached to his fellow exiles of God's disapproval of their behavior. In today's text, part of a section that promises hope for the repentant sinner, God calls the prophet to speak his words of warning, allowing for the possibility of repentance and reconciliation. Paul reminds us today that our task as Christians is to "love one another." This is the fulfillment of the law, he says. We are called to be concerned with the welfare of our neighbor, and sometimes this means it is our task to speak prophetically as Ezekiel did, afflicting the comfortable. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives advice about dealing with those who sin against us. As the good shepherd goes after the lost sheep, so we too should seek to bring back the lost. He is not talking about correcting a stranger, but rather, your brother; in other words, another disciple. This instruction is only one of two in which the word "church" is found on Jesus' lips. In the text connected to the commissioning of Peter, Jesus said, "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven." In that text, Jesus gave Peter alone the authority to bind and loose; in today's text, Jesus repeats those words, this time giving the disciples the same authority to forgive and to withhold forgiveness.

For reflection: Why should fraternal correction be a part of the Christian lifestyle? When have I been admonished for a wrong I committed? How did I react?



Family Faith Formation

It's not too late to register!

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. 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.

Mark Your Calendars!

September 17, 2023

Youth Group Kickoff Party

Knights of Columbus Hall

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 17, 2023

Soccer Challenge

Knights of Columbus

Ages 9 to 14

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

October 21, 2023

Knights of Columbus 5K Run

Knights Hall – 8:00 a.m.

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!

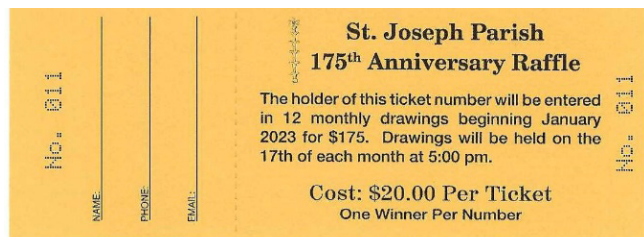
OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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 OCIA inquiry meeting: **Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact John Kuczirka at 330-343-9988 or the Parish Office.

Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County **Annual Paper Product Drive**

Beginning in September, for the entire month, there will be bins in the Vestibule, to collect paper product items. Those items most in need are: paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, dinner napkins, trash bags, Ziploc bags, wax paper, aluminum foil, baby diapers of all sizes, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, and dry laundry detergent. Please consider supporting this worthy cause!



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

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-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.

Save The Date!
October 1, 2023
TCCES Fall Festival
More information to follow!

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 13, 2023 - Team B (Sue Capozella)
September 20, 2023 - Team C (Knights of Columbus)
September 27, 2023 - Team A (Mike Comg)

Please note schedule changes.

October 4, 2023 - Team D (Andrea Settimio)
October 11, 2023 - Team E (Judy Burnham)
October 18, 2023 - Team F (Boy Scouts)
October 25, 2023 - Team G (Joan Wenzel)

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

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box located at the Family Life Centers has been able to provide 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."

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!

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.

“Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.” +Saint John Chrysostom

**Monday, September 11 ~ Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time
~ Anniversary of 9/11 ~**

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:6-11 On a certain Sabbath Jesus went into the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him closely to see if he would cure on the Sabbath so that they might discover a reason to accuse him. But he realized their intentions and said to the man with the withered hand, “Come up and stand before us.” And he rose and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?” Looking around at them all, he then said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so and his hand was restored. But they became enraged and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.

Meditation: What is God's intention for the commandment “Keep holy the Sabbath” (ref. Exodus 20:8; Deut. 5:12)? The scribes and Pharisees wanted to catch Jesus in the act of breaking the Sabbath ritual so they might accuse him of breaking God's law. Jesus knew their thoughts. The scribes and Pharisees were filled with fury and contempt for Jesus because they put their own thoughts of right and wrong above God. They were caught up in their own legalism because they did not understand or see the purpose of God. Jesus shows their fallacy by pointing to God's intention for the Sabbath: to do good and to save human life rather than do evil or destroy human life.

Prayer: Send down we pray, O Lord, the lasting dew of your mercy upon those who died as a result of the terrorist attacks on 9/11, whose anniversary we commemorate, and be pleased to grant them the company of your Saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The Sabbath for Catholics (and all Christians for that matter) is celebrated on Sunday as the “Lord's Day” to commemorate God's work of redemption in Jesus Christ and the new work of creation accomplished through Christ's death and resurrection (ref. 2 Corinthians 5:17). God's action is a model for us. If God “rested and was refreshed” on the seventh day, we, too, ought to “rest” and let others, especially the poor, “be refreshed” (ref. Exodus 31:17; 23:12). Taking “our Sabbath rest” is a way of expressing honor to God for all that he has done for us. Such “rest” however does not exempt us from our love for our neighbor. If we truly love the Lord above all else, then the love of God will overflow to love of neighbor as well. Saint Augustine of Hippo said: “The charity of truth seeks holy leisure; the necessity of charity accepts just work.” How can we make Sunday a day holy to the Lord? First, by refraining from unnecessary work and from activities that hinder the worship we owe to God. We can also perform works of mercy, such as humble service of the sick, the infirmed, and the elderly. And we ought to seek appropriate relaxation of mind and body as well. The joy of the Lord's Day is a great gift to refresh and strengthen us in our love of God and of neighbor (ref. Nehemiah 8:10).

Prayer of Pope Saint John Paul II ~ Anniversary of 9/11: Since the inhumane terrorist attacks that occurred in different parts of the United States of America, we again recommend to the eternal mercy of the God of our Fathers the numerous innocent victims. We ask for consolation and comfort for their family and relatives, burdened by pain; we invoke strength and courage for the many who continue their work in the places struck by this terrible disaster; we implore for tenacity and perseverance by all men of goodwill continuing on the paths of justice and peace. May the Lord remove from the heart of man every trace of resentment, of hostility and of hate, and open him to reconciliation, to solidarity, and to peace. Let us pray, so that the “culture of love” may be established all over the world . . . O God, Almighty and Merciful

Father, he who sows discord cannot understand You; he who loves violence cannot welcome You: watch over us in our painful human condition tried by the brutal acts of terrorism and death. Comfort your children and open our hearts to hope, that our time may again know days of serenity and peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday, September 12 ~ Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:12-19 Jesus departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named Apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called a Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. And he came down with them and stood on a stretch of level ground. A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and even those who were tormented by unclean spirits were cured. Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him because power came forth from him and healed them all.

Meditation: When Jesus embarked on his mission he chose twelve men to be his friends and apostles. In the choice of the twelve, we see a characteristic feature of God's work: Jesus chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, who had no wealth or position. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these men, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not shrug back because we think that we have little or nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Is there anything holding you back from giving yourself unreservedly to God?

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, for all who celebrate the glorious Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, she may obtain your merciful favor. 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: Wherever Jesus went the people came to him because they had heard all the things he did. They were hungry for God and desired healing from their afflictions. In faith they pressed upon Jesus to touch him. As they did so power came from Jesus and they were healed. Even demons trembled in the presence of Jesus and left at his rebuke. Jesus offers freedom from the power of sin and oppression to all who seek him with expectant faith. When you hear God's word and consider all that Jesus did, how do you respond? With doubt or with expectant faith? With skepticism or with confident trust? Pray to Jesus; while in prayer, ask him to increase your faith in his saving power and grace.

Wednesday, September 13 ~ Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:20-26 Raising his eyes toward his disciples Jesus said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. But woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

Meditation: How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and oppression. God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world.

Prayer: O God, strength of those who hope in you, who willed that the Bishop Saint John Chrysostom should be illustrious by his wonderful eloquence and his experience of suffering, grant us, we pray, that,

instructed by his teachings, we may be strengthened through the example of his invincible patience. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: When you encounter misfortune, grief, or tragic loss, do you respond with fear or with faith? With passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life — pain, suffering, sickness, and death. When Jesus began to teach his disciples he gave them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. Jesus began his sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found. The word beatitude literally means happiness or blessedness. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within — a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

Thursday, September 14 ~ Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Holy Gospel: John 3:13-17 Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Meditation: Moses lifted high the image of a bronze serpent fixed to the wood of the pole, which resembled a cross. Those who put their faith in God by repenting of their disobedience were healed and restored to wholeness of life. In today's Gospel Jesus links his victory on the cross with Moses' act of deliverance in the wilderness with his own impending sacrificial death when he will be "lifted up" on the wood of the cross at Calvary. Unlike Moses' deliverance in the wilderness which only resulted in temporary relief for the people, Jesus' atoning death on the cross brought decisive victory over sin, Satan, and death. Jesus' victory on the cross cancels the debt of our sin, and releases us from guilt and condemnation. His death and victory brings us new life - the new abundant life in his Holy Spirit which lasts forever. Jesus' victory on the cross also brought about his glorious bodily resurrection to new unending life and his ascension to the right hand of God the Father in heaven, where he now rules and intercedes for us. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising and ascending to the Father's right hand in heaven is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only has redeemed us from sin in Christ, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift of his Spirit that we might share in his own glory. Indeed, "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaimed, till all the world adores his sacred name" (Lyrics from the hymn "Lift High the Cross").

Prayer: O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption 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: There is no greater proof of God's love for us than the sending of his Son to become one with us in our humanity and to lay down his life for us -- "To ransom a slave God gave his Son." God sent his Son to free us from the worst of tyrannies -- slavery to sin and the curse of death. Jesus' sacrificial death was an act of total love through self-giving. Jesus gave himself completely out of love for his Father. And he willingly laid down his life out of selfless love for our sake and for our salvation. His death on the cross was both a total offering to God and the perfect sacrifice of atonement for our sin and the sin of the world. John tells us that God's love cannot be limited because it is boundless and encompasses all of creation (John 3:16). His love is not limited to a single nation or a few chosen friends. His love is limitless because it embraces the whole world and every individual created in His image and likeness. God is a persistent loving Father who cannot rest until all of his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says, "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love and not love. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief, or we can choose to love the light of God's truth, goodness, and mercy. If our love is guided by truth, goodness, and that which is truly beautiful, then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer. Ask yourself: Do you love God who is the supreme good above all else, all things, all people?

Tuesday, September 15 ~ Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Holy Gospel: John 19:25-27 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

Meditation: Does suffering or sorrow weigh you down? Suffering affects all of us on one level or another, in one way or another. But the cross is different – the cross brings us face to face with Jesus' suffering. He was alone. All his disciples had deserted him except for his mother and three women along with John, the beloved disciple. The apostles had fled in fear. But Mary, the mother of Jesus and three other women who loved him were present at the cross. They demonstrate the power of love for overcoming fear (1 John 4:18) in the face of horrific challenge.

Prayer: O God, who willed that, when your Son was lifted high on the Cross, his Mother should stand close by and share his suffering, grant that your Church, participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ, may merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Mary in Honor of Her Seven Sorrows: O Mary, Mother of Sorrows, I beseech Thee, by the bitter agony thou didst endure at the foot of the Cross offer to the Eternal Father, in my name, thy Beloved Son, Jesus, all covered with Blood and Wounds, in satisfaction for my sins, for the needs of Holy Church, the conversion of sinners, the relief of the Souls in Purgatory and for the special grace I now implore. (*Mention your request at this point in the prayer*). Amen.

Contemplation: This is a day to pray the Stations of the Cross. Don't wait for the Season of Lent or for Holy Week; today is also a day to read and contemplate the words of the *Stabat Mater* – "At the cross her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last." The entire text can be found via the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops web page (www.usccb.org) by clicking on today's date on the Daily Readings calendar. You might also want to read the seven sorrows of Mary in Sacred Scripture; the Biblical references are listed below.

About the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows: This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation, with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away the sins of the whole world. As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35);
2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15);
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50);
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17);
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30);
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37);
7. The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47).

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops;
prayers are from *The Roman Missal*, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011;
information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture web site.

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Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." (Ezekiel 33:7)

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

Learn how you can put God in all things by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.

Are you a registered parishioner? Do we have your current phone number? Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and commitment to the life of our parish. If you want to register, there are forms in the Vestibule, simply fill one out and drop it in the collection basket or stop in the Parish Office during the week or on Sunday mornings after the Masses and request a form.

Office of Social Concerns – Action Alerts!

For Action Alerts, visit

<http://socialconcerns.columbuscatholic.org>.

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/I/AB/Abortion.htm.

Immigration Reform

With a new Congress, comes a renewed debate on immigration reform. The immigration system is broken. Visit the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Campaign website for the latest action alerts and education resources, www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

Promise to Protect – Pledge to Heal

Believe in the possibility of help and healing. There is hope. Your local victim coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his delegate, if desired.

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.



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 gift 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

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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An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.



**Join Catholics across Ohio
in praying a 54-Day
Rosary Novena
beginning
Friday, Sept. 15,
for the defeat of this
dangerous amendment.**

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here or at pray54ohio.org.



Iglesias San José
Ministerios Hispanos
Vigesimo Tercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
10 de Septiembre del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	17 de Septiembre	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	24 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

17 de Septiembre	El Buen Pastor
24 de Septiembre	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
1 de Octubre	El Nuevo Sembrador
8 de Octubre	Seguidores de Cristo
15 de Octubre	Mensajero de Cristo



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

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

Notas Espirituales

Dios le dice a Ezequiel que él ha sido nombrado "centinela de la casa de Israel." Es su tarea de "advertir al impío" en nombre de Dios. Como profeta del juicio, Ezequiel es llamado a decir palabras de advertencia para un pueblo que se han apartado de Dios. Esta advertencia podría llevar al arrepentimiento. Muchos de los profetas de Israel "afligen al comfortable" y así experimentaron la persecución a manos de su propio pueblo. La leyenda dice que Ezequiel fue asesinado por su propia gente. Como un profeta viviente en Babilonia, él predicó a sus compañeros de exilio de la desaprobación de su conducta de Dios. En el texto de hoy, parte de una sección que promete esperanza para el pecador arrepentido, Dios llama al profeta para hablar sus palabras de advertencia, lo que permite la posibilidad de arrepentimiento y reconciliación. Pablo nos recuerda hoy que nuestra tarea como cristianos es "amarnos unos a otros." Este es "el cumplimiento de la ley," dice. Estamos llamados a preocuparnos por el bienestar de nuestro prójimo, y a veces esto significa que es nuestra tarea de hablar proféticamente como lo hizo Ezequiel, afligiendo al comfortable. En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús da consejos sobre cómo tratar con los que pecan contra nosotros. Como el buen pastor va tras la oveja perdida, así también nosotros debemos tratar de traer de vuelta a los perdidos. Él no está hablando de la corrección de un extraño, sino más bien "tú hermano" en otras palabras, otro discípulo. Esta instrucción se dirige a los miembros de la iglesia. De hecho, el texto de hoy es sólo una de las dos en las que la palabra "iglesia" se encuentra en los labios de Jesús. En el texto conectado a la puesta en servicio de Pedro, Jesús dijo: "Todo lo que ates en la tierra quedará atado en el cielo." En ese texto, Jesús le dio a Pedro solo la autoridad para atar y desatar; en el texto de hoy, Jesús repite esas palabras, esta vez dando a los discípulos (en plural) de la misma autoridad para perdonar y retener el perdón.

Para la reflexión: ¿Por qué la corrección fraterna es una parte de la vida cristiana?

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