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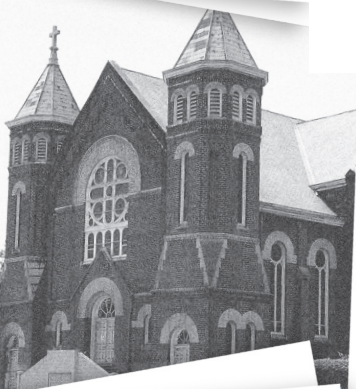
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*In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly
serve Jesus Christ and His people.*

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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 23 and 24, 2023
23 y 24 de Septiembre del 2023


Mass Intentions

Monday, September 25

No Mass

Readings: 449: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 26

5:00 p.m. Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Denise Fitzgerald

Readings: 450: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122/
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 27

8:15 a.m. Bill Altier

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 451: Ezr 9:5-9/(Ps) Tb 12/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 28

8:15 a.m. Jim and Lorraine Kneubuehl

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 452: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149/Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 29

8:15 a.m. A Special Intention

Readings: 647: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday, September 30

**The Vigil for The Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Jim and Nancy Zifer

Sunday, September 17

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Leonard and Ida Altier

**11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the
DeToio Family**

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

Readings: 136: Ez 18: 25-28/Ps 25/Phil 2:1-11/
Mt 21:28-32

Offertory for September 16 and 17, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 2,477.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 2,753.00
Online Giving	\$ 835.00
Total	\$ 6,065.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 190.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 138.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 13.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 25.00
Other Collections	\$ 55.00

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 26 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo

Wednesday, September 27 – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert

Thursday, September 28 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, September 29 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

September 30, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Sue Quillen – 1st Lector

Bonnie Edwards – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Jackie Hostetler,

Beth Cecil, Michelle Tope, Lyle Tope, Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Sophia Ionno, Cecilia Hostetler, Chase Hostetler

October 1, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jack Burnham – 1st Lector

Keith Knestaut – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka,

Jeannine Kennedy, Matt Ritzert, Doug Telle,

Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Miya Olson, Matthew Olson,

Marleny Ajanel Tecum

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Cathy Galbraith – 1st Lector

Cathie Peters – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Galbraith, Elizabeth Clemence,

Marcus Clemence, Mark Clemence, Patti DeVault,

Beth Ernest, Mike Ernest

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 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

Isaiah reminds us that God "is generous in forgiving." The Lord tells us, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." We should not expect God to act as we would; rather, we should strive to conform our actions to the mind of God. God calls sinners to return, not so that they might be condemned, but that they might be forgiven. The church in Philippi was the first Christian community in Europe, a major step in the growth of Christianity. Writing from prison, Paul calls the Philippians to persevere in their faith, conducting themselves "in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ." Not knowing whether he will face death or release from prison, he longs to depart this life and be with Christ. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. The parable of the workers in the vineyard makes many people uncomfortable. Why should one who worked only an hour get the same pay as someone who "bore the day's burden and the heat"? It doesn't seem fair. Jesus tells this parable to teach us that God is more concerned with being merciful than being fair. We should not be envious because God is generous.

For reflection: Am I an all-day laborer, or have I come to work late in the day? What is my response to God's mercy extended to others? Do I see God as not fair or as generous?

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It was with great sadness to report that Deacon Ron Fondriest was called home to be with the Lord, Monday, September 18, 2023 at 9:00 p.m. surrounded by his family. While it is a time to grieve the loss of a dear friend and mentor, I rejoice that I was blessed to be able to serve with Deacon Ron for these past 13 years. More than anyone I have known in ministry, his heart was uniquely close to the heart of Jesus in his love and service to all God's people. Let us keep in our prayers Deacon Ron's wife Sue and all of his large and loving family.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Fr. Jimmy Hatfield

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 the Parish Office or John Kuczirka at 330-343-9988.

Mark Your Calendars!

September 30, 2023

Youth Group

Holy Trinity

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

October 1, 2023

Confirmation Parent Meeting

TCCES Gym

9:45 a.m.

October 3, 2023

LCBA

Family Life Center

1:00 p.m.

Father Jimmy is the guest speaker

October 4, 2023

Blessing of Pets

Family Life Center

6:00 p.m.

October 8, 2023

Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Meeting

Family Life Center

10:00 a.m.

October 8, 2023

Confirmation Session 1

11:00 a.m. Mass

Followed by Session in the Family Life Center

October 8, 2023

Family Rosary Day

Knights of Columbus Hall

3:00 p.m.

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.

October 27, 2023

TCCES Grandparents Day

October 28, 2023

Knights of Columbus Pig Roast

Knights Hall - 5:00 p.m.

October 31, 2023

Vigil Mass for All Saints

6:00 p.m.

November 1, 2023

Mass for All Saints

8:15 a.m.

November 2, 2023

Memorial Mass for the Deceased

6:00 p.m.

Family Rosary Day
Sunday, October 8th at 3:00 p.m.
Dover Knights of Columbus Hall

Join us as we honor Our Lady during a fun afternoon of Marian songs, the recitation of the Rosary and children's activities! Refreshments will be provided!



Box of Joy

Box of Joy is an annual Christmas gift ministry organized by Catholic Churches across the United States. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope. Our boxes are available and you may pick them up in the Vestibule. Please return them no later than October 29th.



Congratulations, Tom DiGenova,
winner of the September drawing!!

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



Tuscarawas Central
Catholic Elementary School



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.

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

The Men's Bible Study Group is Back!

We will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday evenings in the Family Life Center starting Monday, September 25th. All men are invited to attend. We will be using a new Bible study series called "When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God." This is an excellent series for anyone interested in improving their prayer life and learning more about the saints.

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 27, 2023 - Team A (Mike Comg)****

Please note schedule changes.

October 4, 2023 - Team E (Judy Burnham)

October 11, 2023 - Team F (Boy Scouts)

October 18, 2023 - Team G (Joan Wenzel)

October 25, 2023 - Team H (Cindy Jones)

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:

Canned Potatoes

Canned Fruit

Canned Green Beans

Spam

Jelly

Spaghetti Noodles

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.

“We cannot better assure our eternal happiness than by living and dying in the service of the poor, in the arms of Providence, and with genuine renouncement of ourselves in order to follow Jesus Christ.” +SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Monday, September 25 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:16-18 Jesus said to the crowd: “No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light. Take care, then, how you hear. To anyone who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he seems to have will be taken away.”

Meditation: What does the image of light and a lamp tell us about God's kingdom? Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood “light” as an expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. In his light we see light (Psalm 36:9). His word is a lamp that guides our steps (Psalm 119:105). God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy, and peace. Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enables one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. In fact, our mission is to be light-bearers of Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel and be freed from the blindness of sin and deception.

Prayer: O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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: Jesus remarks that nothing can remain hidden or secret. We can try to hide things from others, from ourselves, and from God. How tempting to shut our eyes from the consequences of our sinful ways and bad habits, even when we know what those consequences are. And how tempting to hide them from others and even from God. But, nonetheless, everything is known to God who sees all. There is great freedom and joy for those who live in God's light and who seek his truth. Those who listen to God and heed his voice will receive more from him — abundance of wisdom, guidance, peace, and blessing. Do you know the joy and freedom of living in God's light?

Tuesday, September 26 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Saints Cosmas and Damien, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:19-21 The mother of Jesus and his brothers came to him but were unable to join him because of the crowd. He was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you.” He said to them in reply, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”

Meditation: Have you given any thought to the real meaning of what it means to be Christian? While being a Christian involves doctrine, precepts, and commandments, it is first and foremost a relationship – a relationship with Christ built on trust, affection, commitment, loyalty, faithfulness, kindness, thoughtfulness, compassion, mercy, helpfulness, encouragement, support, strength, protection, and so many other qualities that bind people together in mutual love and unity. God offers us the greatest of relationships – union of heart, mind, and spirit with himself, the very author and source of love (ref. 1

John 4:8,16). God's love never fails, never forgets, never compromises, never lies, never lets us down nor disappoints us. His love is consistent, unwavering, unconditional, and unstoppable. Nothing can deter him from ever leaving us, ignoring us, or treating us unkindly. God wants all of our relationships to be rooted in his love. Jesus is God's love incarnate — God's love made visible in human flesh (ref. 1 John 4:9-10). That is why Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and the shepherd who seeks out the sheep who have strayed and lost their way. God is like the father who yearns for his prodigal son to return home and then throws a great party for his son when he has a change of heart and comes back (ref. Luke 15:11-32). Jesus offered up his life on the cross for our sake, so that we could be forgiven and restored to unity and friendship with God. It is through Jesus that we become the adopted children of God — his own sons and daughters. That is why Jesus told his disciples that they would have many new friends and family relationships in his kingdom. Whoever does the will of God — “those who hear the word of God and act on it” — is a friend of God and a member of his family — his sons and daughters who have been ransomed by the precious blood of Christ.

Prayer: May you be magnified, O Lord, by the revered memory of your Saints Cosmas and Damian, for with providence beyond words you have conferred on them everlasting glory, and on us, your unfailing help. 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: Ask yourself a very fundamental question: Who do you love and cherish the most? God did not intend for us to be alone, but to be with others. He gives us many opportunities for developing relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Why does Jesus seem to ignore his own relatives when they pressed to see him? His love and respect for his mother and his relatives is unquestionable. Jesus never lost an opportunity to teach his disciples a spiritual lesson and truth about the kingdom of God. On this occasion when many gathered to hear Jesus he pointed to another higher reality of relationships, namely our relationship with God and with those who belong to God.

Wednesday, September 27 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:1-6 Jesus summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them.” Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

Meditation: Why does Jesus tell the apostles to “travel light” with little or no provision? “Poverty of spirit” frees us from greed and preoccupation with possessions and makes ample room for God's provision. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. He wills to work through and in each of us for his glory. Are you ready to handle the power and authority which God wishes you to exercise on his behalf? The Lord entrusts us with his gifts and talents. Are you eager to place yourself at his service, to do whatever he bids you, and to witness his truth and saving power to whomever he sends you?

Prayer: O God, who for the relief of the poor and the formation of the clergy endowed the Priest Saint Vincent de Paul with apostolic virtues, grant, we pray, that, afire with that same spirit, we may love what he loved and put into practice what he taught. 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 people use the phrase “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks” as a crutch to say that they do not have the ability or the capacity to change their lives, they are shortchanging themselves, the power of God, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the transformative words and teachings of Jesus Christ. God's word has power to change and transform our lives. Do you recognize the power and authority which God has entrusted to you as his son or daughter? Jesus gave his apostles both power and authority to speak and to act in his name — to cast out evil spirits, to heal, and to speak the word of God. When Jesus spoke of power and authority he did something unheard of. He wedded power and authority with love and humility. The “world” and the “flesh” seek power for selfish gain. Jesus teaches us to use it for the good of our neighbor.

About Saint Vincent de Paul: Saint Vincent de Paul was a great apostle of charity, and brought a great revival of the priesthood in the 17th century. He was born near Dax in the Landes (France) in 1581. As a young priest he was captured by Moorish pirates who carried him to Africa. He was sold into slavery, but freed in 1607 when he converted his owner. Having returned to France, he became successively a parish priest and chaplain to the galley-slaves. He founded a religious Congregation under the title of Priests of the Mission or Lazarists (now known as Vincentians), and he bound them by a special way to undertake the apostolic work of charity; he sent them to preach missions, especially to the ignorant peasants of that time, and to establish seminaries. In order to help poor girls, invalids, and the insane, sick and unemployed, he and St. Louise de Marillac founded the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity, now better known as the Sisters of St. Vincent. St. Vincent worked tirelessly to help those in need: the impoverished, the sick, the enslaved, the abandoned, the ignored. He died in 1660 at St. Lazarus's house, Paris. His motto: "God sees you."

Thursday September 28 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time **St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs**

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:7-9 Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was greatly perplexed because some were saying, "John has been raised from the dead"; others were saying, "Elijah has appeared"; still others, "One of the ancient prophets has arisen." But Herod said, "John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?" And he kept trying to see him.

Meditation: As you watch the news, read a book, or interact with people, whom do you most admire? People with power, influence, fame or wealth? Scripture warns us of such danger (ref. Proverbs 23:1-2). King Herod had respected and feared John the Baptist as a great prophet and servant of God. John, however did not fear to rebuke Herod for his adulterous affair with his brother's wife. Herod, however, was more of a people pleaser than a God pleaser. Herod not only imprisoned John to silence him, but he also beheaded him simply to please his family and friends. Now when reports of Jesus' miracles and teaching reach Herod's court, Herod becomes very troubled in conscience. He thinks that John the Baptist has risen from the dead! Herod sought to meet Jesus more out of curiosity and fear than out of a sincere desire to know God's wisdom and truth.

Prayer ~ Saint Wenceslaus: O God, who taught the Martyr Saint Wenceslaus to place the heavenly Kingdom before an earthly one, grant through his prayers that, denying ourselves, we may hold fast to you with all our heart. 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.

Prayer ~ Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions: Grant us, we pray, Lord God, the same perseverance shown by your Martyrs Saint Lawrence Ruiz and his companions in serving you and their neighbor, since those persecuted for the sake of righteousness are blessed in your Kingdom. 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: So who is the most influential in your life? And who do you most want to be like? We naturally look up to other people we want to imitate. If we truly want to be like God and to live as his sons and daughters, then it greatly helps us to have models and examples of holy people – Christ-like persons who follow in his footsteps – who show us how to live in the power of God's love and holiness. God's grace frees us from the tyranny of fear and the pressure to please others rather than to please God. Do you allow God's grace to fill you with faith and courage to choose what is good and pleasing to him and to reject whatever would keep you from embracing his love and will for your daily life?

Friday, September 29 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time **Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

Holy Gospel: John 1:47-51 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Meditation: What does Jesus mean when he says "you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man"? One of the most remarkable revelations recorded in the

bible is the dream of Jacob (Genesis 28:12-17). God had opened a door for Jacob that brought him and his people into a new relationship with the living God. In Jacob's dream God revealed his angelic host and showed him the throne of heaven and promised Jacob that he and descendants would dwell with the living God. Who are the angels and why do they intervene between heaven and earth? The scriptures tell us the angels are God's servants and messengers. "They are the mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word" (Psalm 103:20). The angels belong to Christ and were created for and through him (Colossians 1:16). The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of the role of the angels in God's plan of salvation: "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14) The angels are not only messengers but protectors and guardians as well. "For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11). We are not alone in our struggle against sin and evil in the world. The armies of heaven fight for us and with us in the spiritual battle for our hearts, minds, and wills.

Prayer: O God, who dispose in marvelous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you 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: Jesus' response to Nathaniel's new faith is the promise that Jesus himself will be the "ladder which unites earth with heaven." Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the promise made to the Patriarch Jacob and his descendants. Jesus is the true ladder or stairway to heaven. In Jesus' incarnation, the divine Son of God taking on human flesh for our sake, we see the union of heaven and earth – God making his dwelling with us and bringing us into the heavenly reality of his kingdom. Jesus' death on the cross where he defeated sin and won new life for us through his resurrection opens the way for each of us to come into a new relationship with God as his sons and daughters. The Lord Jesus opens the way for each of us to "ascend to heaven" and to bring "heaven to earth" in the daily circumstances of our lives. God's kingdom is present in those who seek him and who do his will. Through the gift of faith God opens a door for each one of us to the heavenly reality of his kingdom. Do you see and believe the heavenly reality with the "eyes of faith?"

About this Feast and the Archangels: The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "[T]he existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition." Angels are pure, created spirits. The name "angel" means "servant" or "messenger of God." Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which humans can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible. In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim. The name of the **Archangel Michael** means, in Hebrew, *who is like unto God?* and he is also known as "the prince of the heavenly host." He is usually pictured as a strong warrior, dressed in armor and wearing sandals. His name appears in Scripture four times, twice in the Book of Daniel, and once each in the Epistle of St. Jude and the Book of Revelation. From Revelation we learn of the battle in heaven, with St. Michael and his angels combating Lucifer and the other fallen angels (or devils). We invoke St. Michael to help us in our fight against Satan; to rescue souls from Satan, especially at the hour of death; to be the champion of the Jews in the Old Testament and now Christians; and to bring souls to judgment. **Archangel Gabriel's** name means *God is my strength*. Biblically he appears three times as a messenger. He had been sent to Daniel to explain a vision concerning the Messiah. He appeared to Zachary when he was offering incense in the Temple, to foretell the birth of his son, St. John the Baptist. St. Gabriel is most known as the angel chosen by God to be the messenger of the Annunciation, to announce to mankind the mystery of the Incarnation. The angel's salutation to our Lady, so simple and yet so full of meaning, Hail Mary, full of grace, has become the constant and familiar prayer of all Christian people. Our knowledge of the **Archangel Raphael** comes to us from the book of Tobit. His mission as wonderful healer and fellow traveler with the youthful Tobias has caused him to be invoked for journeys and at critical moments in life. Tradition also holds that Raphael is the angel that stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda. His name means *God has healed*.

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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 Saint Teresa Recognition Award

Do you know of a faithful, thoughtful woman who freely serves others? The St. Teresa Recognition of Charity, Compassion, and Service is returning! This program will recognize and honor those lay women within the Diocese of Columbus who have, in their everyday lives, striven to exemplify the work of Christ.

You can nominate her for the Saint Teresa Recognition Award (formerly the Catholic Woman of the Year). Nominations may be done online or by mail; all nominations are due by September 30th. She would be honored at the Recognition Ceremony Luncheon with Bishop Fernandes on Sunday, November 5th, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Life Center, 3730 Broadway, Grove City, OH. Registration for family and friends is due by October 20th. Individuals can nominate a lay woman who they feel exemplifies the spirit of St. Teresa by visiting <https://columbuscatholic.org/teresanom>.



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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

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Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	1 de Octubre	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	8 de Octubre	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	15 de Octubre	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

Isaías nos recuerda que Dios "es rico en perdón." El Señor nos dice: "Porque mis pensamientos no son los de ustedes, ni sus caminos mis caminos." No debemos esperar que Dios actúe como lo haríamos; más bien debemos esforzarnos para confirmar nuestras acciones a la mente de Dios. Dios llama a los pecadores para volver, no para que pudieran ser condenados, sino que pudiéramos ser perdonados. La iglesia en Filipo fue la primera comunidad cristiana en Europa, un paso importante en el crecimiento del cristianismo. Escribiendo desde la cárcel, Pablo llama a los filipenses a perseverar en la fe, conduciéndose a sí mismos "de una manera digna del evangelio de Cristo." Sin saber si va a enfrentarse a la muerte o la liberación de la cárcel, él desea "salir de esta vida y estar con Cristo." Sin embargo, "permanecer en la carne/es más necesario para su beneficio."

La parábola de los obreros de la viña incomoda a mucha gente. ¿Por qué alguien que trabajó sólo una hora obtiene el mismo salario que alguien que "llevó el peso del día y el calor"? No parece justo, Jesús dice la parábola para enseñar que Dios está más preocupado ser misericordioso que con ser justo. No debemos ser envidiosos porque Dios es generoso.

Para la reflexión: ¿Soy un trabajador durante todo el día, o vine a trabajar hasta tarde en el día? ¿Cuál es mi respuesta a la misericordia de Dios extendida a otros? ¿Veo a Dios como no justo o como generoso?

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

1 de Octubre	El Nuevo Sembrador
8 de Octubre	Seguidores de Cristo
15 de Octubre	Mensajero de Cristo
22 de Octubre	El Buen Pastor
29 de Octubre	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Clase de Bautismo: La próxima clase será en el Centro Familiar San José al 330 364 6661

Sacramentos. Si necesita sacramentos como: Penitencia, Comunión o Confirmación, por favor regístrese en la Iglesia al 330 364 6661

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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