

The Catholic Community of

# Saint Joseph

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



# Christmas 2023

Parish Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday • Parish Office: 330-364-6661 • After Hours Emergency Line: 330-364-6662

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**St. Joseph Church**  
**Dover, Ohio 44622**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 6 and 7, 2024**  
**6 y 7 de Enero del 2024**



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, January 8**

**No Mass**

Readings: 21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29/Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday, January 9**

**6:00 p.m.** Stephen Gombos

Readings: 306: 1 Sm 9-20/(Ps) 1 Sm 2/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 10**

**8:15 a.m.** Tom and Martha Bearducci

**9:00 a.m.** Rosary

Readings: 307: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 11**

**8:15 a.m.** Jose R. Samson

**9:00 a.m.** Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 308: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday, January 12**

**8:15 a.m.** Theresa Doriche

Readings: 309: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 13**

**The Vigil for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 p.m.** Tim Tarulli

**Sunday, January 14**

**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 a.m.** Francis Staub

**11:00 a.m.** Ann Lusic

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

Readings: 65: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40/  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**Ministry Schedule**

**Tuesday - January 9 - 6:00 p.m.** - Mary Salvo

**Wednesday, January 10 - 8:15 a.m.** - Matt Ritzert

**Thursday, January 11 - 8:15 a.m.** - TCCES Students

**Friday, January 12 - 8:15 a.m.** - Jack Burnham

**January 13, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.**

Lectors: Bonnie Edwards - 1st Lector

Debbie Tristano - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Jackie Hostetler,

Beth Cecil, Kateri Renicker, Susan Murphy,

Michelle Tope, Lyle Tope

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan

Servers: Dylan Utuy, Alex Utuy, Carter Gilmore

**January 14, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

Lectors: Ella Incarnato - 1st Lector

Tony Incarnato - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczikra,

Jan Michael LaBrake, Doug Telle, Matt Ritzert,

Jack Burnham, Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Easton Pope, Nadia Pope, Brady Pope

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

Lectors: Mark Clemence - 1st Lector

Mike Ernest - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Galbraith, Dan Galbraith,

Elizabeth Clemence, Beth Ernest, Patti DeVault,

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Lindsay Williams,

Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Izzy Murphy, Tessa Williams, Marleny Ajanel

**Offertory for December 30 and 31, 2023**

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 8,388.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 11,468.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,625.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,481.00</b>

**Other Funds**

Initial Offering	\$ 345.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 25.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 65.00
Christmas	\$ 700.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 463.00
Other Collections	\$ 30.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.**

**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 Feast of the Epiphany reminds us that Christ came to save all people. The Magi represent those who come to know God through nature. The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution of Divine Revelation teaches that God was made known first in created realities. The Magi read the sky and are led to find the light of the world. Herod's advisors turn to the Scripture and learn that the Messiah is to be born in Bethlehem of Judea. But Herod's response is not "to do him homage" like the Magi; he seeks to destroy the child. While Herod is greatly troubled by the birth of the child, the Magi are overjoyed. Our response to God's revelation is key to our salvation. Today's text from Isaiah is often interpreted through the lens of the story of the Magi. Writing five centuries before Christ's birth, our prophet, Third Isaiah, envisions a time when Zion, God's mountain, will be a place where the nations of the world will encounter the Lord. "Your light has come," he says to his people, "the glory of the Lord shines upon you." Writing some years after the exile, our prophet has as strong sense of universalism: God desires to save all people. We are called to walk in God's light. Paul writes to the Ephesians of God's mystery, which "was made known to me by revelation." This is a new message, "not made known to human beings in other generations," but now made known "by the Spirit." In Christ, this mystery has been revealed: "the Gentiles are coheirs ... in the promise of Christ Jesus." Christ came for all. It is up to us to accept or reject Him.

*For reflection: What is my attitude toward those who seek God in places other than the Church? How can I better carry Christ's light to the world in this new calendar year?*

Please keep in your prayers, Betty Forrest, age 99 who died on Wednesday, December 27, 2024. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.* Please, also, keep Betty's families in your prayers.

The Men's Bible Study Group will begin a 10-part study of St. Peter on Monday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. The group meets each Monday in the Family Life Center. All men are invited to join us for this study of the fisherman who became the "rock" upon which Jesus would build His Church.

### The Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign to Benefit Birthright

The Knights of Columbus passed out baby bottles for you to take home and fill with your loose change, checks, or paper money. The Drive will run through the month of January, ending on January 28th. We ask that you return the bottles that you picked up on or before that date. Thank you for your support!

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### Upcoming Events

January 6, 2024

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign begins

January 12, 2024

No School - Teacher In-service

January 15, 2024

The Parish Office is Closed

No School

January 17, 2024

St. Joseph Seniors - Ricardo's Restaurant

Noon

January 21, 2024

Family Faith Formation - SEEK Week 1

9:45 a.m.

January 21, 2024

Confirmation Session

11:00 a.m.

January 28, 2024

Baby Bottle Campaigns Ends

January 28, 2024

Family Faith Formation - SEEK Week 2

9:45 a.m.

February 2, 2024

First Friday

Mass 8:15 a.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.

February 4, 2024

Family Faith Formation - SEEK Week 3

9:45 a.m.

February 11, 2024

Family Faith Formation - SEEK Week 4

9:45 a.m.

February 11, 2024

Youth Ministry Pizza Fundraiser Pick Up

February 13, 2024

Palm Burning Prayer Service following Mass

Mardi Gras Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday

Mass - 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

February 16, 2024

Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. in English

8:00 p.m. in Spanish

February 19, 2024

Parish Office is Closed

No School

February 23, 2024

Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. in English

8:00 p.m. in Spanish

### Save the Dates

#### Family Faith Formation

March 3, 2024 - First Reconciliation Family Retreat

April 21, 2024 - First Communion Family Retreat

### St. Joseph Youth Ministry – Upcoming Dates!

Sunday, January 7, 2024  
Celebrate the New Year  
Family Life Center  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**  
Activity and location to be determined

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**  
Family Life Center  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**  
Family Life Center  
Volunteers needed to assemble pizzas  
Noon to 3:00 p.m.

### Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Tuna	Jelly
Canned Pasta	Beef Stew
Toothbrushes	Shampoo

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 (WWMIN)

A small core team of volunteers has been collaborating to complete the objectives of the WWMIN initiative as provided by the Diocese of Columbus. Our team consists of volunteers from all four Catholic parishes in Tuscarawas County. Primary goals revolve around completing a local inventory of pregnancy help resources; development and utilization of the WWMIN website at [www.mintusc.com](http://www.mintusc.com); adding content to the website; and building a base of volunteers interested in helping us in this initiative. We ask you to please take a look at the resource inventory on the website. Let us know if anything needs to be corrected, added or removed. The next steps of this committee will be to increase awareness of the needs of mothers; the helpful resources within our community; and how every Catholic can work toward creating a culture of life for mothers in need by walking with them through the challenges of our modern world.



### Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools



#### The Neal Kwasnicka Tuition Assistance Catholic Foundation Endowment Fund

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



**PING PONG  
BALL DROP**

**EVENT on Feb 12, 2024**  
Directly following the TCC Varsity basketball game

**Support  
TCC GOLF**  
ONLY \$5 per ball number!  
Scan QR Code to learn more!



Winning ball # takes home 50% of funds raised  
**Possible cash prize  
of up to...  
\$750**

## 9 DAYS FOR LIFE

### 9 Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics across the country coming together in prayer during the bishops' Pro-Life Novena, 9 Days for Life, from January 16-January 24. Participate through email, text message, and Facebook, or at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena>.

### January 15-22 – Stand Against Violence Week

In 1994, the U.S. Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral letter entitled, "Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action." As a response to the pastoral letter, parishes and dioceses across the United States focus on peacemaking and policy efforts against violence from January 15, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and January 22nd, the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing the violence of abortion. To learn more about the Diocesan efforts against domestic violence, gun violence, and other threats to the dignity of the human person, please contact the Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

### 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.

January 10, 2024 – Team E (Judy Burnham)

January 17, 2024 – Team F (Boy Scouts)

January 31, 2024 – Team G (Joan Wenzel)

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



# 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)

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*The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.*

***"The role of faith may be compared to that of the root which fixes the tree to the ground, and by its imperceptible but unceasing work maintains its strength. All the growth of the tree, its whole development, depends on this secret nourishment. Cut the roots and the tree, however splendid and full of life it may be, will perish miserably."***

**+BLESSED COLUMBA MARMION, O.S.B.**

### **Monday, January 8 ~ Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 1:7-11** This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**Meditation:** The great Benedictine Abbot and spiritual writer, Blessed Dom Columba Marmion, in *Christ in His Mysteries*, wrote in reflecting upon today's Feast: "And Jesus being baptized, forthwith came out of the water; and lo, the heavens were opened to Him and He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him. And behold a voice from heaven saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.' Jesus stoops so low as to mingle with the multitude of sinners, and forthwith the heavens are opened to magnify Him — He acknowledges Himself worthy of the strokes of divine justice, and behold, the Father declares that He takes all His delight in Him. It is at this moment that the mission of Jesus, as One sent by God, is declared authentic. The Father's testimony accredits, so to speak, His Son before the world, and hence this testimony relates to one of the characters of Christ's work as regards ourselves. The mission of Jesus has a double aspect: it bears at the same time the character of redemption and of sanctification. It is to redeem souls, and, this done, to infuse life into them. That is the whole work of the Savior."

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Contemplation:** Without question, the greatest obstacle to following Christ has been, and continues to be, people's own preconception and self-will. As Blessed Columba Marmion wrote in *Christ, the Life of the Soul*, such persons "make holiness consist in such or such a conception formed by their own intelligence; attached to those purely human ideas they have formed, they go astray; if they make great strides, it is outside the true way marked out by God; they are victims of those illusions against which St. Paul warned the first Christians. In so grave a matter, in so vital a question, we must look at and weigh things as God looks and weighs them. God judges all things in the light, and His judgment is the test of all truth. 'We must not judge according to our own liking,' says St. Francis de Sales, 'but according to God's will.' Divine Wisdom is infinitely above human wisdom; God's thoughts contain possibilities of fruitfulness such as no created thought possesses. That is why God's plan is so wise that it cannot fail to reach its end because of any intrinsic insufficiency, but only through our own fault. If we leave the Divine idea full freedom to operate in us, if we adapt ourselves to it with Love and fidelity, it becomes extremely fruitful and may lead us to the most sublime sanctity." As a new year gets underway, let's contemplate the meaning of our own Baptism into the mystical body of Christ, and ponder the words of Blessed Columba Marmion on lovingly following Christ, embracing His wisdom, and in doing so enjoy the fruits of a life rooted in Christ.

## Tuesday, January 9 ~ First Week in Ordinary Time

**Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28** Jesus came to Capernaum with his followers, and on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "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, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

**Meditation:** Ask yourself a couple of very simple questions: Do you believe that God's word has power to change and transform your life? And are you eager to hear and believe the word of God? 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." 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. Do you respond to God's commands as God wants you to?

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, who were pleased to shine forth with new light through the coming of your Only Begotten Son, grant, we pray, that, just as he was pleased to share our bodily form through the childbearing of the Virgin Mary, so we, too, may one day merit to become companions in his kingdom of grace. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Saint Augustine once remarked that the "devils confessed Christ, but lacking charity it availed nothing...They confessed a sort of faith, but without love. Hence they were devils." We must always remember that faith is mighty, but without love faith profits nothing (ref. 1 Corinthians 13). True faith works through love (ref. Galatians 5:6) and abounds in hope (ref. Romans 15:13). That is why faith is both a free gift of God and the free assent of our will to the whole truth that God has revealed. To live, grow, and persevere in the faith to the end, we must nourish it with the word of God. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds that we may grow in his truth and in the knowledge of his great love for each of us. 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, once taught by Christ, to conform your life according to the Word of the Lord?

## Wednesday, January 10 ~ First Week in Ordinary Time

**Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39** On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

**Meditation:** We all have challenges, but how we deal with them is important. Who do you take your troubles to? A self-help book? An advice web page, blog? A TV talk show host? What about Christ? 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 brought Jesus to his home, his mother-in-law was instantly healed because Jesus heard Simon's prayer. Saint Jerome reflects on this passage: "Can you imagine Jesus standing before your bed and you continue sleeping? It is absurd that you would remain in bed in his presence. Where is Jesus? He is already here offering himself to us. 'In the middle,' he says, 'among you he stands, whom you do not recognize' (ref. John 1:26) 'The kingdom of God is in your midst' (ref. Mark 1:15). Faith beholds Jesus among us. If we are unable to seize his hand, let us prostrate ourselves at his feet. If we are unable to reach his head, let us wash his feet with our tears. Our repentance is the perfume of the Savior. See how costly is the compassion of the Savior."



**Prayer:** Attend to the pleas of your people with heavenly care, O Lord, we pray, that they may see what must be done and gain strength to do what they have seen. 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:** Do you allow Jesus to be first in your life? Do you make the Lord and healer number one in your personal life, family, and community, especially in times of trial, challenge, fears and anxiety? Learn to approach Christ 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.

### **Thursday, January 11 ~ First Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 1:40-45** A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. Then he said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

**Meditation:** No one who sought Jesus out is refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives.

**Prayer:** Attend to the pleas of your people with heavenly care, O Lord, we pray, that they may see what must be done and gain strength to do what they have seen. 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:** Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper; ritual defilement occurred when contact was made. This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. St. Francis of Assisi once said: "Preach the Gospel at all times – if necessary, use words." In other words, our Christ-directed actions speak louder than words in helping others at all times. Talk can be cheap. Do your actions speak louder than your words about how you live your life as a proclaimed disciple of Christ?

### **Friday, January 12 ~ First Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 2:1-12** When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to him, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" –he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

**Meditation:** Jesus' treatment of sinners upset the religious teachers of the day. When a person with a severe physical handicap was brought to Jesus because of the faith of his friends, Jesus did the unthinkable. He first forgave the man his sins. The scribes regarded this as blasphemy because they understood that only God had authority to forgive sins and to unbind a man or woman from their burden

of guilt. Jesus claimed an authority which only God could rightfully give. Jesus not only proved that his authority came from God, he showed the great power of God's redeeming love and mercy by healing the cripple of his physical ailment. This man had been crippled not only physically, but spiritually as well. Jesus freed him from his burden of guilt and restored his body as well.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, who through your Only Begotten Son have made us a new creation for yourself, grant, we pray, that by your grace we may be found in the likeness of him in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Have you ever experienced the great healing power associated with forgiveness? Remember what we pray for each time we pray the "Lord's Prayer" – "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Before we can fully experience God's love and mercy in forgiving us, we must first extend that same level of love and mercy to those who seek our forgiveness. If we don't we risk placing walls between us and the love and mercy of Christ. The Lord is every ready to bring us healing of body, mind and soul. Do you allow anything to keep you from experiencing the love and mercy and forgiveness of Jesus Christ?

## **Saturday, January 13 ~ First Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 2:13-17** Jesus went out along the sea. All the crowd came to him and he taught them. As he passed by, he saw Levi, son of Alphaeus, sitting at the customs post. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed Jesus. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners sat with Jesus and his disciples; for there were many who followed him. Some scribes who were Pharisees saw that Jesus was eating with sinners and tax collectors and said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus heard this and said to them, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

**Meditation:** Many people were drawn to Jesus, including the unwanted and the unlovable, such as the lame, the blind, and the lepers, as well as the homeless such as widows and orphans. But public sinners, like the town prostitutes and corrupt tax collectors, were also drawn to Jesus. In calling Matthew to be one of his disciples, Jesus picked one of the unlikeliest of men – a tax collector who by profession was despised by the people. Why did the religious leaders find fault with Jesus for making friends with sinners and tax collectors like Matthew? The orthodox Jews had a habit of dividing everyone into two groups: those who rigidly kept the law and its minute regulations and those who did not. They latter were treated like second class citizens. The orthodox scrupulously avoided their company, refused to do business with them, refused to give or receive anything from them, refused to intermarry, and avoided any form of entertainment with them, including table fellowship. Jesus' association with the latter, especially with tax collectors and sinners, shocked the sensibilities of these orthodox Jews.

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may rightly understand and truthfully profess the divinity of your Son, which the Bishop Saint Hilary taught with such constancy. 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 the Pharisees challenged his unorthodox behavior in eating with public sinners, Jesus' defense was quite simple. A doctor doesn't need to visit healthy people; instead he goes to those who are sick. Jesus likewise sought out those in the greatest need. A true physician seeks healing of the whole person – body, mind, and spirit. Jesus came as the divine physician and good shepherd to care for his people and to restore them to wholeness of life. The orthodox were so preoccupied with their own practice of religion that they neglected to help the very people who needed care. Their religion was selfish because they didn't want to have anything to do with people not like themselves. Jesus stated his mission in unequivocal terms: "I came not to call the righteous, but to call sinners. Ironically the orthodox were as needy as those they despised. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (ref. Romans 3:23). The Lord fills us with his grace and mercy. And he wants us, in turn, to seek the good of our neighbors, including the unlikeable and the trouble-maker by showing them the same kindness and mercy which we have received. Do you thank the Lord for the great kindness and mercy he has shown to you?

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops;  
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information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture web site.

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## **Urgent Support Needed in the Holy Lands**

As the war rages on, Pope Francis is reaching out to world leaders calling for a ceasefire, entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza and the release of all hostages being held by Hamas. Due to longstanding presence, Catholic Relief Services has been responding to meet urgent comprehensive needs, while monitoring possible extended needs across the region. To support their efforts, pray and consider learning more and donating to CRS at Catholic Relief Services [crs.org](http://crs.org). For more information, contact the Diocesan Office of Social Concerns at [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org) or call 614-224-2540

## **Stand up and be counted!**

**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 out one 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.

## **Save the Dates!**

The 2024 Catholic Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 17th at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus. A week later, on Saturday, February 24th, the Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the same location. More information will be coming.

## **Start the New Year Right!**

### **Give the gift of time to each other this year.**

Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend in the Central Ohio area is February 9-11, 2024. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [WWMEcolumbus.org](http://WWMEcolumbus.org). Early registration is highly recommended.



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*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."*

– Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Learn how you can show your faith by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/development](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/development) for more information.



## **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 to 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](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

## **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.



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## **The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions**

January 2024

**For the Gift of Diversity in the Church**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



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](http://www.masstimes.org).

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Youth Ministry will be selling pizzas for pick up 9am- 1pm on Superbowl Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. These are 12" pizzas from Village Bakery in Sugarcreek. You may purchase singles or bundle any three pizzas for a savings, see chart below.

ORDERS DUE: Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>  
PICK UP DATE & TIME: Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 4:30-5:30pm or  
Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 9am – 1pm  
PICK UP LOCATION: Family Life Center (No need to get out of your car)

\*\*\*\*\*DETACH HERE\*\*\*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Pizza	Cost	Quantity	Bundle of Three (May Mix types)	Quantity	Total Cost
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Total Cost					

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Orders can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off at the parish office.

Please contact Joan Wenzel 330-204-5647 for any additional questions.



# Iglesias San José

## Ministerios Hispanos

### La Epifanía del Señor

#### 7 d Enero del 2024



#### Calendario Litúrgico:

##### Misas en Español

Domingo	14 de Enero	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	21 de Enero	1:30 p.m.

##### Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 a 1:15 p.m.

##### Misas en Ingles

Sábados	4:00 p.m.
Domingos	8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

**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.

#### Notas Espirituales

La fiesta de la Epifanía del Señor nos recuerda que Cristo vino para salvar a todas las personas. Los magos representan a los que vienen a conocer a Dios a través de la naturaleza. La constitución dogmática del Concilio Vaticano II sobre la Divina Revelación enseña que Dios se hizo por primera vez conocido "en la realidad creada." Los magos leen el cielo y los ha llevado a encontrar la luz del mundo. Asesores de Herodes recurren a las Escrituras y se enteran de que el Mesías va a nacer "en Belén de Judea." Pero la respuesta de Herodes no es "a rendirle homenaje" igual que los magos; el busca destruir al niño. Mientras Herodes "enormemente preocupado" por el nacimiento del niño, los magos se "alegran." Nuestra respuesta a la revelación de Dios es la clave para nuestra salvación.

El texto de hoy de Isaías es a menudo interpretado a través del lente de la historia de los Reyes Magos. Escribiendo cinco siglos antes del nacimiento de Cristo, nuestro profeta, Tercer Isaías, prevé un tiempo en Sion, el monte de Dios, será el lugar en el que las naciones del mundo se encontrarán con el Señor. "Ha llegado tu luz," dice a su pueblo: "la gloria del Señor brilla sobre ti." Escribiendo algunos años después del exilio, nuestro profeta tiene un fuerte sentido de universalidad: Dios quiere salvar a la humanidad. Estamos llamados a caminar en la luz de Dios.

Pablo escribe a los Efesios el misterio de Dios, que "se me dio a conocer por revelación." Este es un mensaje nuevo, "no se ha dado a conocer a los seres humanos en otras generaciones," pero ahora se ha dado a conocer "por el Espíritu. En Cristo este misterio ha sido revelado: "los gentiles son coherederos... en la promesa de Cristo Jesús." Cristo viene para todos. Depende de nosotros aceptarlo o rechazarlo. *Para la reflexión: ¿Cuál es mi actitud hacia aquellos que buscan a Dios en lugares distintos de la iglesia? ¿Cómo puedo llevar mejor la luz de Cristo al mundo en este nuevo año?*



#### Horario de los Coros

14 de Enero	El Nuevo Sembrador
21 de Enero	Seguidores de Cristo
28 de Enero	Mensajeros de Cristo
4 de Febrero	El Buen Pastor
11 de Febrero	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
18 de Febrero	El Nuevo Sembrador
25 de Febrero	Seguidores de Cristo
3 de Marza	Mensajeros de Cristo

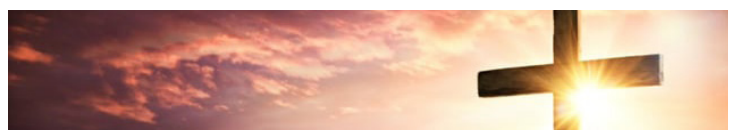
#### Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Enero 2024

Por el don de la diversidad en la Iglesia  
Oremos al Espíritu Santo para que nos ayude a reconocer el don de los diferentes carismas dentro de las comunidades cristianas y a descubrir la riqueza de las diferentes tradiciones rituales dentro de la Iglesia Católica.



Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.



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