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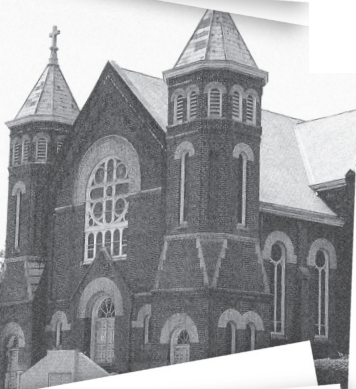
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*In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly
serve Jesus Christ and His people.*

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

SAINT JOSEPH

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Dover, Ohio 44622
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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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20 and 21, 2024
20 y 21 de Enero del 2024



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 22

No Mass

Readings: 317: 2 Sm 5:1-7/Ps 89/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 23

6:00 p.m. Rosalie Cugliari

Readings: 318: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24/
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24

8:15 a.m. Betty Scolati

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 319: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25

8:15 a.m. Tom Bearducci

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 519: Acts 22:3-16/Ps 117/Mk 16:15-18

Friday, January 26

8:15 a.m. Jack and Ruth Beckman

Readings: 520: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 96/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27

The Vigil for The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Kay Ginnetti

Sunday, January 28

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Tom Bearducci

11:00 a.m. Sandy Davy

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

Readings: 71: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95/1 Cor 7:32-35/
Mk 1:21-28

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday - January 23 - 6:00 p.m. - Vicki Wilhelm

Wednesday, January 24 - 8:15 a.m. - Matt Ritzert

Thursday, January 25 - 8:15 a.m. - Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, January 26 - 8:15 a.m. - TCCES Students

January 27, 2024

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Janice Cosenza - 1st Lector

Mary Salvo - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Jackie Hostetler,

Beth Cecil, Kateri Renicker, Susan Murphy,

Michelle Tope, Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan

Servers: Miya Olson, Matthew Olson, Chase Hostetler

January 28, 2024

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Matt Ritzert - 1st Lector

Nancy Allen - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka,

Mary LaBrake, Doug Telle, Jack Burnham,

Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Nadia Pope, Brady Pope, Easton Pope

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Cathy Galbraith - 1st Lector

Sally Dooling - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Galbraith, Elizabeth Clemence,

Mark Clemence, Marcus Clemence, Beth Ernest,

Mike Ernest, Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Lindsay Williams,

Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Greg Nguyen, Joseph Miller, Eva Gonzalez

Offertory for January 13 and 14, 2024

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 6,669.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 3,294.00
Online Giving	\$ 775.00
Total	\$ 10,738.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 447.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 50.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 135.00
Other Collections	\$ 105.00

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

Paul writes to the Corinthians with the expectation of Jesus' imminent Second Coming. His view on this will change in later letters, but at this point, he believes that "time is running out." This means the people should live with a strong awareness that "the world in its present form is passing away." In Mark's text today, we encounter another call narrative of the first apostles. Today's story is the more familiar one: Jesus calls the fishermen to drop their nets and follow Him. For Mark, their immediate response "they abandoned their nets and follow" emphasizes Jesus' authority. The sons of Zebedee also leave everything, including "their father in the boat" to follow Jesus. They will learn from Him and take part in His mission to call others to "repent, and believe." The call is not merely to reject sin, but also to embrace the way of the Gospel; we are to reject evil and choose good. Jesus' call is to a radical reorientation of our lives. We are to live our lives in response to God's call. Like the apostles, Jonah was called to preach God's word, specifically the call to repentance. After initially rejecting the calls, he embraced his mission and went to Nineveh. Jonah is unusual in that his preaching is addressed to Gentiles, the citizens of Nineveh. His original reluctance is based on his belief that as sinners outside of Judaism, the people in that city did not deserve to hear the word of God, much less be transformed by it. We hear that as a result of his preaching, "The people of Nineveh believed God" and thereby avoided the evil God "had threatened to do them."

For reflection: What am I willing to sacrifice for the sake of my call to be a disciple? Have I ever experienced or witnessed a radical conversion like that of the citizens of Nineveh? How did it serve as a sign of God's grace?

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation Program is excited to present the SEEK Program beginning Sunday, January 21.

SEEK is a great program to encourage the whole family to encounter Jesus Christ and grow closer to Jesus as a family. SEEK will include special activities for both parents and students. SEEK will begin this Sunday and continue for four consecutive Sundays. Because the SEEK Program will run longer than the usual class time, we are asking families to attend a Mass other than 11:00 a.m. After the four-week SEEK Program is completed, the Family Faith Formation Program will return to the normal class time of 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

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 be ending on January 28th. We asked 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 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.

February 14, 2024

Family Life Center
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

March 1, 2024

First Friday
Mass 8:15 a.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3:00 p.m.

March 1, 2024

Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. in English
8:00 p.m. in Spanish

March 9, 2024

First Penance
10:00 a.m.

Family Faith Formation

March 3, 2024 – First Reconciliation Family Retreat
April 21, 2024 – First Communion Family Retreat

St. Joseph Youth Ministry – Upcoming Dates!

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.



Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools



Protecting God's Children

The next PGC session will be held on **Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. All coaches and volunteers must attend a PGC workshop and have an appropriate background check to be compliant with Diocesan Safe Environment Policies. Please visit Virtus.org to register.

The next session will be in preparation for summer and will be held on April 13th.



**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**

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; 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.

Birthright

Annual Steak Dinner

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Dennison Knights of Columbus Hall
122 Grant Street

The cost is \$25.00 per meal.

For advance tickets, please contact
Georgianna at 330-874-3635 or
Bernie at 330-447-7932

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 Settimmio or the Parish Office.**

January 24, 2024 – Team G (Joan Wenzel)

January 31, 2024 – Team H (Cindy Jones)

February 7, 2024 – Team I (Isabellas)

February 14, 2024 – Team J (Ashley Graham)

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:

Peanut Butter	Jelly
Canned Pasta	Beef Stew
Soups	Canned chicken

Please No Glass

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."

Respect Life Mass and Roe Remembrance

On Monday, January 22nd, our diocese will join all dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Bishop Earl K. Fernandes will celebrate the Respect Life Mass at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Downtown Columbus, Ohio, at 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact the Diocese of Columbus Office for Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.

Following the Mass, Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor the annual Roe Remembrance at the Ohio Statehouse (West Lawn). For additional information, visit www.gcrtl.org/roe.html.

Urgent Support Needed in the Holy Land

As the war rages on, Pope Francis is reaching out to world leaders calling for a cease-fire, 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 also 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. For more information, contact the Diocesan Office of Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or call 614-224-2540.

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 January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

"Faithfully attend to your obligations, but know that you have no greater obligation than that of your salvation and of the saving progress of your soul on the way to true devotion." +SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Monday, January 22 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time
Day of Penance and Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 At that time the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father. What is your opinion? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost.

Meditation on this special day of prayer: Love is not merely a feeling, but is rather the desire for the best possible good for those whom we love. Through our natural intelligence and through Divine Revelation we become aware of the value of this most basic of all gifts which is life. Mere reason leads us to comprehend that it is better to be alive than never have had been in existence. The knowledge of the value of life that comes through revelation leads us to understand better this gift and to appreciate it: as a result, we worship and love more and more the Giver of this gift. This love is what moves us to protect the life of the unborn or any who might be unjustly treated. We are also led to protect women that might feel tempted or forced to commit abortion, as we know the devastating consequences that abortion will have in their lives. Last but not least we have to love, even if most of them seem to be utterly unlovable, the many perpetrators of abortion: medical personnel, and pro-abortion activists and politicians. We have to do everything that we can to convince them of their errors so that they repent and change their ways, both for their own benefit and for the benefit of society.

Prayer: God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human 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 on this special day of prayer: All human beings are created in the image and likeness of God. Using a traditional scholastic term, we can state that He is the exemplary cause of every human being, in other words, He is the model on which all human beings are created. He looked upon himself and wished that other beings would share in His own happiness. So if we reflect upon ourselves, we can begin to understand our participation in the greatness of our Creator. This participation on His greatness leads us to comprehend that He has brought us out of nothing with a purpose, because knowing His intelligence and His loving nature it is clear that all His actions are always guided by a magnificent purpose. The first intention for which He has created us is that we should enjoy for an eternity His loving company in Heaven. All human persons are called to this eternal and loving company, no one is excluded, save those who, through their own actions, exclude themselves. This manner of creation brings us to understand the unique essential dignity of every human being. A dignity that is not lost for any deprivation of the many external perfections that we might expect to find in a human person. A person might be born with a

disability, or may suffer disability through injury or disease, but these deprivations do not affect his basic dignity. A Christian also has the hope that one day when the doors of Paradise will be opened for those children, all their human imperfections will be healed and they will enjoy forever the beatific vision that we all long for.

Tuesday, January 23 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Mark 3:31-35 The mother of Jesus and his brothers arrived at the house. Standing outside, they sent word to Jesus and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Meditation: Jesus is God's love incarnate – God's love made visible in human flesh (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 (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 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: Almighty ever-living God, mercifully pour out your Spirit upon us, so that our hearts may possess the strong love by which the Martyr Saint Vincent triumphed over all bodily torments. 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: One of the early martyrs of the Church, Lucian of Antioch, once said: "a Christian's only relatives are the saints" – namely those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ and adopted as sons and daughters of God. Those who have been baptized into Jesus Christ and who live as his disciples enter into a new family, a family of "saints" here on earth and in heaven. Jesus changes the order of relationships and shows that true kinship is not just a matter of flesh and blood. Our adoption as sons and daughters of God transforms all of our relationships and requires a new order of loyalty to God first and to his kingdom of righteousness and peace. Do you want to grow in love and friendship? Allow God's Holy Spirit to transform your heart, mind, and will to enable you to love freely and generously as he loves.

Wednesday, January 24 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Patron Saint of the Diocese of Columbus

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:1-20 On another occasion, Jesus began to teach by the sea. A very large crowd gathered around him so that he got into a boat on the sea and sat down. And the whole crowd was beside the sea on land. And he taught them at length in parables, and in the course of his instruction he said to them, "Hear this! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep. And when the sun rose, it was scorched and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it and it produced no grain. And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit. It came up and grew and yielded thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold." He added, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear." And when he was alone, those present along with the Twelve questioned him about the parables. He answered them, "The mystery of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you. But to those outside everything comes in parables, so that they may look and see but not perceive, and hear and listen but not understand, in order that they may not be converted and be forgiven." Jesus said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand any of the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown. As soon as they hear, Satan comes at once and takes away the word sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground who, when they hear the word, receive it at once with joy. But they have no roots; they last only for a time. Then when tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Those sown among thorns are another sort. They are the people who hear the word, but worldly

anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the word, and it bears no fruit. But those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

Meditation: Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else. Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word?

Prayer: O God, who for the salvation of souls willed that the Bishop Saint Francis de Sales become all things to all, graciously grant that, following his example, we may always display the gentleness of your charity in the service of our neighbor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task – to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

About Saint Francis de Sales: Francis was born on August 21, 1567, and ordained to the priesthood in 1593. From 1594 to 1598 he labored at the difficult and dangerous task of preaching to the Protestants of Chablais and effected the return of some 70,000 souls to the Catholic faith. In 1602 he became bishop of Genf. His zeal for souls is attested in 21,000 extant letters and 4,000 sermons which exemplify how he applied St. Paul's words: "I have become all things to all men." You may epitomize his character in two words: (1) kindness and (2) loveliness — virtues that were the secret of his success. His writings reflect his kindheartedness and sweet disposition. Most widely known is the saint's *Introduction to the Devout Life*, which, with the *Imitation of Christ*, is rightly considered the finest outline of Christian perfection. Francis' *Introduction* proves to the world that true piety makes persons amiable, lovable and happy. In recognition of the *Introduction* and his other writings Francis was declared a doctor of the Church.

Thursday, January 25 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time **Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**

Holy Gospel: Mark 16:15-18 Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Meditation: Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time. Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to the entire world. Their task is to proclaim the good news of salvation, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations. God's love and gift of salvation is not just for a few, or for a nation, but it is for the whole world – for all who will accept it. The gospel is the power

of God, the power to forgive sins, to heal, to deliver from evil and oppression, and to restore life. Do you believe in the power of the gospel?

Prayer: O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, draw us, we pray, nearer to you through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today, and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task – to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

About Saint Paul: St. Paul, originally named Saul, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome in the year 66 A.D.; his body is kept in the Basilica of St. Paul near the Ostian Way.

Friday, January 26 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the Kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

Meditation: What can mustard seeds teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit.

Prayer: O God, who adorned Saints Timothy and Titus with apostolic virtues, grant through the intercession of them both, that, living justly and devoutly in this present age, we may merit to reach our heavenly homeland. 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: The Lord of the Universe is always ready to transform us by the power of his Spirit. Are you ready to let God change you by his grace and power? The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

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Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day:

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

January 2024

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

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In the past year our council has:

- Ushered at Holy Day Masses and leading the Rosary at all Saturday and Sunday Masses.
- Participated in the bell ringing for the Salvation Army
- Participated in The Knights Measure Up Campaign; "Helping Citizens with Developmental Disabilities"
- The current program "Baby Bottles for Birthright," which we support
- We support Dress-A-Child, Coats for Kids, Boy Scouts, and bringing the community and parish closer together
- We work with the various church committees on Church projects; Parish Festival, Parish Picnic, Breakfast with Santa, Easter Egg Hunt
- We host a soup kitchen feeding those in need, provide meals for the residents at the Tuscarawas County Friends of the Homeless, and donate and help at the Community Food Pantry

We invite all men 18 years and older of the parish to join us as Knights of Columbus. We are having an initiation to the Dover Knights of Columbus:

Thursday, February 1st at 6:00 PM
Knights Hall in Dover – 346 W. Ninth Street

If you are interested, please call Larry Cihon 330-365-0393



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Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

21 de Enero del 2024



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	28 de Enero	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	4 de Febrero	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	11 de Febrero	1:30 p.m.

Miércoles de Ceniza

Febrero 14	8:15 a.m. y 6:00 p.m.
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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.

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

Notas Espirituales

Pablo escribe a los Corintios con la expectativa e inminencia la segunda venida de Jesús. Su punto de vista sobre esto cambiará la carta posterior, pero en este momento él cree que "el tiempo se está acabando." Esto significa que las personas deben vivir con una gran conciencia de que "el mundo en su forma actual, está por desaparecer."

En el texto de Marcos hoy nos encontramos con otra narrativa llamada de los primeros apóstoles. La historia de hoy es la más conocida: Jesús llama a los pescadores a abandonar sus nidos y seguirlo. La respuesta inmediata de Marcos, "abandonaron sus redes y lo siguieron" hace hincapié en la autoridad de Jesús. Los hijos de Zebedeo dijeron dejar todo, incluyendo "su padre... en el barco," para seguir a Jesús. Ellos aprenderán de él y tomar parte en su misión de llamar a otros a "convertirse y creer." La llamada no es simplemente para rechazar el pecado, sino también para aceptar el camino del evangelio; debemos rechazar el mal y escoger el bien. El llamado de Jesús es una reorientación radical de nuestras vidas. Debemos vivir nuestra vida en respuesta al llamado de Dios.

Como los apóstoles, Jonás fue llamado a predicar la palabra de Dios, específicamente el llamado al arrepentimiento. Tras rechazar inicialmente las llamadas, aceptó con gusto la misión y fue a Nínive. Jonás es inusual, ya que es la predicación se dirige a los gentiles, a los ciudadanos de Nínive. Su renuencia inicial se basa en su creencia de que como pecadores fuera del judaísmo, la gente en esa ciudad no merece escuchar la palabra de Dios, y mucho menos ser transformados por ella. Oímos que, como resultado de su predicación, "la gente de Nínive creyeron en Dios" y por lo tanto evitan el mal Dios "los amenazaron."

Para reflexionar: ¿Qué estoy dispuesto a sacrificarme por el bien de mi llamado a ser un discípulo? ¿Alguna vez he experimentado o presenciado una conversión radical como la de los ciudadanos de Nínive? ¿Cómo has servido como un signo de la gracia de Dios?



Horario de los Coros

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

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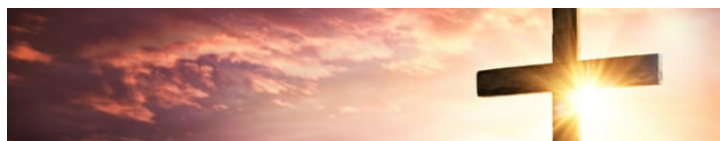
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