



*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.

<b>MASS TIMES</b>	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](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

# St. Joseph Church

## Dover, Ohio 44622

### Third Sunday of Easter

### May 3 and 4, 2025

### 3 y 4 de Mayo del 2025



#### Mass Intentions

**Monday, May 5**

**No Mass**

Readings: 273: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119/Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday, May 6**

**5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration**

**6:00 p.m. James Coning**

Readings: 274: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday, May 7**

**8:15 a.m. Stanley and Liz Burnham**

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

Readings: 275: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday, May 8**

**8:15 a.m. Fran Mason**

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

Readings: 276: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday, May 9**

**8:15 a.m. Loretta Capozella**

Readings: 277: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117/Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday, May 10**

**The Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**4:00 p.m. Theresa Doriche**

**Sunday, May 11**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 a.m. Liz Burnham**

**11:00 a.m. Jim and Nancy Zifer**

**1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish**

**(Mass in Spanish)**

Readings: 51: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100/  
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

#### Ministry Schedule

**Tuesday, May 6 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary DeBois**

**Wednesday, May 7 – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert**

**Thursday, May 8 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy**

**Friday, May 9 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students**

#### May 10, 2025

**4:00 p.m.**

**Lectors:** Mary Salvo – 1st Lector

Lyle Tope – 2nd Lector

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tim Avon, Beth Cecil,  
Susan Murphy, Jackie Hostetler, Mary DeBois,  
Giovanni Ionno, Michelle Tope

**Ushers:** Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

**Servers:** Sofia Ionno, Chase Hostetler, Cecilia Hostetler

#### May 11, 2025

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

**Lectors:** Tony Incarnato – 1st Lector

Ella Incarnato – 2nd Lector

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Doug Telle, John Kuczirka,  
Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio, Jeannine Kennedy,  
Mary LaBrake, Matt Ritzert

**Ushers:** Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,  
Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

**Servers:** Marleny Ajanel, Jocelyn Ajanel, Jennifer Ajanel

#### 11:00 a.m. Mass

**Lectors:** Bonnie Edwards – 1st Lector

Mike Ernest – 2nd Lector

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Elco, Cathy Galbraith,  
Dan Galbraith, Mark Clemence, Elizabeth Allison,  
Marcus Clemence, Patti DeVault, Beth Ernest

**Ushers:** Patti DeVault, Lindsay Williams,  
Larry and Linda Clawson

**Servers:** Izzy Murphy, Adamari Huinac, Theresa Huinac

#### Offertory for April 26 and 27, 2025

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 8,469.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,767.00
Online Giving	\$ 765.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,001.00</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	
Poor Fund	\$ 200.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 212.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
St. Joseph School Support	\$ 70.00
Easter	\$ 285.00
Other Collections	\$ 73.00

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 who is in a 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.

### Spiritual Notes

The Sanhedrin is the religious court in biblical Israel. The apostles brought before the court for "teaching in the name," reply that they would rather obey God than human authority. So great is their faith in Jesus and the Resurrection that they are willing to suffer for "the name." This text reminds us that from the earliest days of the Church, the Gospel divided people of faith. Jesus' death on the cross is a scandal for some, but for others, it is a sign of God's grace freely given to us.

The Book of Revelation is probably the most misquoted and misunderstood text in the Bible. Today's text speaks of the heavenly court, in which "countless" hosts, along with the angels and the symbolic four living creatures, surround the throne of God. They sing, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain," acknowledging Christ's victory over the powers of sin and death. Because of His sacrifice, we receive a share in God's life. This is what our Easter faith teaches us. Most scholars consider John 21 an addition written by someone other than the original evangelist; its style and vocabulary are distinct from the rest of the book. Today's text narrates another appearance by the Risen Christ. The episode, which takes place in Galilee rather than Judea, is reminiscent of the call of Simon Peter in Luke's Gospel; it functions as a recognition story: the disciples come to realize that the stranger who calls them is the Risen One. Their miraculous catch of 153 fish is symbolic of the mission of the Church, guided and protected by Christ. The number of known species of fish in Jesus' day was 153, so the number represents a universal catch. Because the net did not break, not one of them was lost.

*For Reflection: Does my faith enable me to stand firm in the face of trials?*



**The Appeal**

*Together in Mission*

—2025—

"*Together in Mission*," the theme of the The Appeal, embodies our collective effort to live the Gospel and grow closer to God. Our parish has been asked to raise \$70,467.75. We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Every dollar raised after we meet our goal is returned to our parish to be used where it is needed.



### St. Joseph Parish Festival!!

July 18 and 19, 2025  
5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.



#### Festival Sponsors

If you or your company are interested in becoming Festival Sponsors, we are accepting donations. For more information, please contact Milt Hamilton or the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer at the Festival,  
please call the Parish Office.  
More information coming soon!

### Diocese of Columbus

#### Annual Serra Club Altar Server Awards

This year, the Serra Club Altar Server Awards will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus. We are excited to announce that St. Joseph Parish has two recipients! Congratulations to Jesus Utuy Rodriquez and Shayla Sica Perez. Thank you for your dedication to serving at St. Joseph Parish.



**On Saturday, May 3rd, the following members of our parish received their First Holy Eucharist.**

Noe Aguirre	Desmond LaBrake
Lesly Ajanel Tecum	Saydi Lopez Gonzalez
Dariana Andres Miguel	Javier Mendez Agustin
Jose Andres Miguel	Carolina Onorio
Henry Arbogast	Annaya Ortiz Rodriquez
Carter Bowe	Bryan Ortiz Velasco
Joseph Cabrera	Gianna Ortiz Velasco
Maria Cedillo Alvarez	Anthony Ortiz Zarza
Maily Cifuentes Santay	Teodoro Pelico Rojop
Sienna Coleman	Maria Phillips
Ana Gonzalez Calel	Raymie Rees
Deysi Gonzalez Calel	Rowan Rees
Samantha Gonzalez Hernandez	Jennifer Sica Ajanel
Edgar Gonzalez Ramos	Jesus Silva
Charlotte Hamsher	Lenny Silva
Jessica Hernandez Lopez	Jocelyn Toc Hernandez
Trent Huston	Diego Toj Muz
Luzma Ixcoy Hernandez	Roxana Velasquez Ixcoy
Jaden Kubena	Nadia Warner

### Employment Opportunity

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph Church (Dover, OH) seeks a Pastoral Minister with experience to serve the needs of a growing Latino population in the parish. An excellent working knowledge of Catholic worship is required. Qualifications for the position include, but are not limited to, flexibility, fluent oral and written bilingual communication, public relations skills, interpret and translate with public officials and other service agencies, advocate for the needs of the Latino families, act as a liaison between church and school families and ability to educate and catechize Latino families.

The candidate must be a practicing Catholic, exhibit an attitude and behavior for cultivating lifelong learning and development in the faith. Candidates must submit to a standard background screening. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and Diocesan policies. Send résumé and references by May 6, 2025 to Father Jimmy Hatfield, c/o St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622 or email to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).



## Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School  
600 N. Tuscarawas Ave.  
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# TCCES is HIRING!

## Custodial Assistant

### DETAILS:

- Part-Time
- 2pm-6pm, Monday-Friday
- \$15/Hour
- Assisting Custodian with school cleaning til end of school year 2024/25 (off for summer break and will resume again at the start of school year 2025/26)



For more info:  
Principal, Jessica DeBois  
330-343-9134



**Send resumes and inquiries to:**  
**Principal, Jessica DeBois**  
**jdebois@cddeducation.org**

### Registration underway at TCCES!

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open for Preschool through Grade six at Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School. We are open to all. We are affordable. We invite you to be a Saint! If you would like to discover more about our schools, schedule a visit or for registration information, please call 330-343-9134 or email Jessica DeBois at [jdebois@cddeducation.org](mailto:jdebois@cddeducation.org).

### Dress-A-Child 2025

As one school year ends, the Dress-A-Child program looks forward to the new 2025-2026 school year. Each new school year presents new opportunities and challenges for each student, no matter the grade level. Giving our students who attend school in Tuscarawas County a fresh new set of clothes to begin the year is a wonderful blessing. We raise our money in Tuscarawas County, serve the children who attend school here and do our shopping here. Last year, we were able to give 980 children \$85.00 worth of new clothing.

This year, in-person interviews will be held in July to make certain that we are serving those whose families meet the federal poverty guideline. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the names below. Financial donation can be mailed to either of them. Please make checks payable to Dress-A-Child. You may also make a donation through the church, by dropping it in the collection basket, in an envelope marked Dress-A-Child or at the Parish Office. Donations must be made no later than July 20th. Mary Kay Reed, 2406 St. Route 39 NW, Dover, Ohio 44622 or Beth Rafter, 4447 Swonger Road, Dover, Ohio 44622.

### 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:

Canned Fruit	Peanut Butter
Canned Meats	Canned Pasta
Stew	Rice and Pasta sides
Pasta Sauce	

(Please, No Glass)

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

We cannot accept food items that have expired.

### St. Joseph Meal

The intention for our community meal 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.

May 7, 2025 - Team D (Andrea Settimio)

May 14, 2025 - Team E (Judy Burnham)

May 21, 2025 - Team F (Boy Scouts)

May 28, 2025 - Team G (Joan Wenzel)

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

### Knights of Columbus

#### Holy Hour Added to Adoration

A Holy Hour of Prayer and Reflection has been added to the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Adoration is celebrated on the First Friday of each month. From 1:00-2:00 p.m., Members of the Dover Knights of Columbus will lead prayers after which personal reflections will be observed. Holy Hour concludes with the Rosary and a short prayer for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney, a priest who founded the K of C in 1822.

**The next Holy Hour will be held on June 6th.**

**The Memorare Moms' Group meets in the Family Life Center on Friday mornings after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. All mothers of school-age children and younger are invited to attend.**

### Women's Prayer Group

**Would you like to learn more about prayer, why we prayer, and how we pray?** All women are invited to join us on the first and third Monday of each month in the Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Mary Elco or the Parish Office.

# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“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 May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

***"God, Who is infinitely rich, became man in order to experience the poverty and misery of fallen man, not because He needed this experience but because we needed His example. Now that we have seen His love, let us love one another as He has loved us. Thus His love will work in our hearts and transform us into Himself."***

**~Fr. Thomas Merton, OCSO**

### **Monday, May 5 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:22-29** After Jesus had fed the five thousand men, his disciples saw him walking on the sea.] The next day, the crowd that remained across the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not gone along with his disciples in the boat, but only his disciples had left. Other boats came from Tiberias near the place where they had eaten the bread when the Lord gave thanks. When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

**Meditation:** Take a few moments and ask yourself: What do you hunger most for in life? Is it health, wealth, power, titles, fame, love, truth, life? Jesus addressed this issue with those who sought him after the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. Were they simply hungry for things which satisfy the body or for that which satisfies the heart and soul? Jesus echoes the question posed in the Old Testament by the prophet Isaiah: "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy" (Isaiah 55:2)? There are two kinds of hunger -- physical and spiritual. Only God can satisfy the spiritual hunger in our heart and soul -- the hunger for truth, for life, and for love. Jesus also spoke about the works of God and what we must do to be doing the works of God, namely to believe in God's Son whom he has sent into the world.

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, putting off our old self with all its ways, we may live as Christ did, for through the healing paschal remedies you have conformed us to his nature. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** We must understand that Jesus offers a new relationship with God which provides for a new kind of life – in fact the only *real* life. It is a life of love and service, and the forgiveness of others which corresponds to God's mercy and kindness; a life of holiness and purity which corresponds to God's holiness; and a life of submission and trust which corresponds to the wisdom of God. This is the work which Jesus directs us to and enables us to perform in the power of the Holy Spirit. Do you hunger for the bread which comes down from heaven and thirst for the words of everlasting life? Find this hunger, and fulfill it with Christ!

### **Tuesday, May 6 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:30-35** The crowd said to Jesus: "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to Jesus, "Sir, give us this bread

always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Meditation:** Do you have a true and genuine hunger for the bread of life? A "from the depths of your heart" hunger? The Jewish people had always regarded the manna in the wilderness as the bread of God (Psalm 78:24, Exodus 16:15). There was a strong Rabbinic belief that when the Messiah came he would give manna from heaven. This was the supreme work of Moses. Now the Jewish leaders were demanding that Jesus produce manna from heaven as proof to his claim to be the Messiah. Jesus responds by telling them that it was not Moses who gave the manna, but God. And the manna given to Moses and the people was not the real bread from heaven, but only a symbol of the bread to come. Jesus then makes the claim which only God can make: I am the bread of life. The bread which Jesus offers is none else than the very life of God. This is the one true bread which can truly satisfy the hunger in our hearts. So the question becomes for each of us: Do you hunger for God and for the food which produces everlasting life?

**Prayer:** O God, who open wide the gates of the heavenly Kingdom to those reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, pour out on your servants an increase of the grace you have bestowed, that, having been purged of all sins, they may lack nothing that in your kindness you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Have you tasted and savored the bread of life? Or are you trying to pack ten pounds into a five-pound bag – cramming other things in your life, instead of investing your time the only thing that will give your life purpose, meaning, direction – life itself?! So what do you have to do to receive this great treasure - this "pearl of great price" we hear in scripture - this living bread? You have to sell all you have; your desires to go your own way instead of God's way; your desire to have power or fame. You have to put everything else behind God and seek Him and his righteousness first and all else will be given to you. This is never easy, and it will cost you a great deal. But what you get in return will be worth the price. So, seize this opportunity. Taste the bread that Jesus offers. St. Augustine wrote a prayer to express his gratitude to God for giving us the bread of life: *You are great, Lord, and highly to be praised; great is your power and your wisdom is immeasurable. Man, a little piece of your creation, desires to praise you, a human being bearing mortality with him, carrying with him the witness of his sin and the witness that you resist the proud. Nevertheless, to praise you is the desire of man, a little piece of your creation. You stir man to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you. Amen.*

### **Wednesday, May 7 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:35-40** Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen me, you do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

**Meditation:** For us to more fully understand who Jesus is, we need to understand why he called himself the "bread of life." The Jews understood that God promised them manna from heaven to sustain them on their journey to the promised land. Bread is the very staple of life. We could not live without food for very long. Bread sustains us. But what, then, is life? Jesus clearly meant something more than mere physical existence. The life Jesus refers to is connected with God, the author of life. Real life is a relationship with the living God, a relationship of trust, love, obedience. This is what Jesus makes possible for us -- a loving relationship with the God who created us for love with Him. Apart from Jesus no one can enter that kind of life and relationship.

**Prayer:** Be present to your family, O Lord, we pray, and graciously ensure those you have endowed with the grace of faith an eternal share in the Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Ask yourself: are you satisfied with mere physical existence, or do you hunger for real life? Jesus makes three claims here. First he offers himself as spiritual food which produces the very life of God within us. Second, he promises unbroken friendship and freedom from the fear of being forsaken or cut off from God. Third, he offers us the hope of sharing in his resurrection. Those who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior will be raised up to immortal life with Jesus when he comes again on the last day. Remember, our earthly journey is just that – a journey. And where our journey leads us is up to us as to

whom we follow – is it Christ our shepherd and guide? Or is it someone or something else? Jesus leads us to eternal life, everything else leads to a dead end – literally! Knowing this, why would anyone choose to follow anyone or anything but Christ on our earthly journey?

### **Thursday, May 8 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:44-51** Jesus said to the crowds: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall all be taught by God.* Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."

**Meditation:** God offers us, his people, abundant life. But we can miss it. What is the bread of life which Jesus offers? It is first of all the life of God himself -- life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. The Rabbis said that the generation in the wilderness have no part in the life to come. In the Book of Numbers it is recorded that the people who refused to brave the dangers of the Promised Land were condemned to wander in the wilderness until they died. The Rabbis believed that the father who missed the promised land also missed the life to come. When Jesus offers us real life he brings us into a new relationship with God, a relationship of trust, love, and obedience. And he offers us real life which last forever, a life of love, fellowship, communion, and union with the One who made us in love to be with him forever. To refuse Jesus is to refuse eternal life, unending life with the Heavenly Father. To accept Jesus as the bread of heaven is not only life and spiritual nourishment for this world but glory in the world to come. Do you truly accept Jesus as the bread of life?

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, let us feel your compassion more readily during these days when, by your gift, we have known it more fully, so that those you have freed from the darkness of error may cling more firmly to the teachings of your truth. 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:** Saint Bonaventure wrote this prayer to Jesus, the bread of life, that is worth contemplating on today: "Grant that my soul may hunger after Thee, the bread of angels, the refreshment of holy souls, our daily and super substantial bread, having all sweetness and savor and every delight of taste; let my heart ever hunger after and feed upon Thee, upon whom the angels desire to look, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savor; may it ever thirst after Thee, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the torrent of pleasure, the richness of the house of God. May it ever compass Thee, seek Thee, find Thee, run to Thee, attain Thee, meditate upon Thee, speak of Thee, and do all things to the praise and glory of Thy name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, and with perseverance unto the end."

### **Friday, May 9 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:52-59** The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my Flesh is true food, and my Blood is true drink. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." These things he said while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

**Meditation:** Why did Jesus offer himself as "food and drink"? The Jews were scandalized and the disciples were divided when Jesus said "unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you." What a hard saying, unless you understand who Jesus is and why he calls himself the bread of life. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, when Jesus said the blessing, broke and distributed the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper. The Gospel of John has no account of the Last Supper meal (just the foot washing ceremony and Jesus' farewell discourse). Instead, John quotes extensively from Jesus' teaching on the bread of life. In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered in sacrifice as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to their Creator. Melchizedek's offering of bread and wine, who was both priest and king (Genesis 14:18), prefigured the offering made by Jesus, our high priest and king. The remembrance of

the manna in the wilderness recalled to Israel that it lives by the bread of the Word of God (Deuteronomy 8:3). When at the Last Supper Jesus described his blood “poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins” (Matthew 26:28), he was explaining his coming crucifixion as a sacrifice for sins. His death on the cross fulfilled the sacrifice of the paschal lamb. That is why John the Baptist called him the “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” Jesus made himself an offering and sacrifice, a gift that was truly pleasing to the Father. He “offered himself without blemish to God” (Hebrews 9:14) and “gave himself as a sacrifice to God” (Ephesians 5:2).

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who have come to know the grace of the Lord's Resurrection, may, through the love of the Spirit, ourselves rise to newness of 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 chose the time of Passover to fulfill what he had announced at Capernaum— giving his disciples his body and his blood. Jesus' passing over to his Father by his death and resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Last Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church in the glory of God's kingdom. When the Lord Jesus commands his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood, he invites us to take his life into the very center of our being. That life which he offers is the very life of God himself. Do you hunger for the bread of life?

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### **Why is the month of May dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary?**

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The link between Mary and the month of May became popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it had a firm hold among their students at the Roman College and a short time later it was publicly celebrated in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the rest of the Church.

The pious practice of honoring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy *Mediator Dei*. He characterized it as one of “other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops.”

Devotion to Mary is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed “Yes” to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his or her mother.

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### **Office of Social Concerns – Action Alerts!**

For Action Alerts, visit  
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#### **Care for Creation**

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**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.

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### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions May 2025**

#### **For working conditions**

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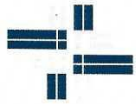


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### EVANGELIZATION:

Reaching out to our communities and spreading the Good News (\$2,673,000):



**700** adults became Catholic last year, which has more than **tripled** in the past three years.



**1,110** students now attend Mass at St. Thomas More Newman Center – a **38% increase** from last year.



**255** engaged couples were assisted by **150** couples, priests, and deacons in their preparation for the sacrament of Marriage.

### VOCATIONS:

Nurturing and supporting seminarians, priests, deacons, and religious men and women who are answering God's call (\$2,603,000):



**122** Deacons are serving the Diocese of Columbus, **9** ordained in 2024, **39** are in the stages of discernment, aspirancy, or candidacy.



**40** men are in formation at **3** seminaries (Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus; Mt. St. Mary's, Cincinnati; Pontifical North American College, Rome).



**26** new men have discerned the priesthood in the last two years, with **5** being newly ordained, which more than doubled from the previous two years.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS:

Addressing the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and those suffering in our diocese (\$1,392,000):



**22,330** summer meals were served to families by St. Francis Evangelization Center (Vinton County). They also provided **10,386** individuals with a 6-day supply of food, and **4,550** individuals with clothing.



**8,395** individuals were assisted with rent and utility assistance, hygiene supplies, medication assistance, COTA passes, and so much more by the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN).



**23** counties across central Ohio have been served by **dozens** of mission partners who feed the hungry, cloth the naked, and serve the poor.



**12** prison facilities in the diocese were served by diocesan staff that met the spiritual need of **hundreds** of prisoners.

### EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION:

Ensuring that our schools and religious formation programs provide the best foundation in faith and academics (\$1,332,000):



**30,175** elementary students are in parish youth catechesis programs.



**50** schools throughout our diocese are served by dedicated staff who provide curricula and academics, licensure, government and program support.



**18,000** students in Our Catholic Schools were provided crucial support including safety and security services.



**1,834** high school students are in parish faith formation programs.

# Iglesia de San José

## Ministerios Hispanos

### Tercer Domingo de Pascua

### 4 de Mayo del 2025



#### Calendario Litúrgico:

##### Misas en Español

Domingo	11 de Mayo	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	18 de Mayo	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	25 de Mayo	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.



#### Horario de los Coros

Mayo 11	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Mayo 18	El Nuevo Sembrador
Mayo 25	Seguidores de Cristo

#### Oportunidad de Empleo

La comunidad católica de la Iglesia de San José (Dover, Ohio) está en busca de un ministro pastoral con experiencia para atender las necesidades de la población latina que está creciendo en la parroquia. Se requiere un excelente conocimiento práctico del culto católico. Los requisitos para el puesto incluyen: flexibilidad, comunicación oral y escrita bilingüe, habilidades de relaciones públicas, interpretación y traducción con oficiales públicos y otras agencias de servicios, defensor de las necesidades de las familias latinas, colaborar entre la iglesia y las familias de la escuela, y capacidad para educar y catequizar a las familias latinas.

El candidato debe ser católico practicante y mostrar una actitud y un comportamiento que fomenten el aprendizaje y el desarrollo permanentes en la fe. Los candidatos deben someterse a una verificación de antecedentes estándar. El salario y los beneficios se ajustan a la experiencia y a las políticas diocesanas. Envíe su resumen de trabajo y referencias antes del 21 de abril de 2024 al Padre Jimmy Hatfield, a la atención de la Iglesia de San José, 613 N. Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622 o envíe un correo electrónico a [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

#### Notas Espirituales

Primera lectura de hoy ofrece una visión de la historia temprana de la iglesia cuando los Apóstoles se enfrentaron con los líderes religiosos de Jerusalén. Bajo la influencia del Espíritu Santo, los Apóstoles no pueden permanecer en silencio. Ellos necesitan enseñar acerca de Jesús. La formación clásica "Hay que obedecer a Dios antes que a los hombres" podría ser utilizado como una reflexión de entrada para la homilía. Hay muchos ejemplos en nuestra historia (incluso en el día de hoy) nos retan a seguir el camino de Dios en medio de la adversidad humana.

En el Salmo responsorial de hoy y la primera lectura, nos muestran y nos recuerda maravillosamente a Dios que rescata a sus fieles de la adversidad.

El predicador procurara reunir los dos temas distintos pero relacionados en el Evangelio. En esta lectura que representa la tercera parte de las apariciones después de su resurrección, Jesús instruye el Apóstol a echar las redes en el mar, llame al grupo a almorzar, y finalmente, da instrucciones a Pedro para "alimentar a mis ovejas." Las numerosas interacciones entre Jesús y los Apóstoles proporcionan una serie de caminos para la homilía. La perseverancia en el Señor, el reto del Señor a nosotros en circunstancias ordinarias, y el servicio de cada uno proporcionar un enfoque para la predicación. Muchos de los predicadores quieren prepararse leyendo el cardenal Joseph. La homilía de Ratzinger en el funeral del Papa Juan Pablo II en 2005. En esa homilía, el cardenal Ratzinger se inspiró en las palabras de Jesús: "Sígueme," para mostrar cómo el Papa siguió a Cristo de un joven que le dio la lectura de la literatura a la filosofía y la teología a través de sus años como sacerdote, obispo, cardenal, y papa. Las palabras dentro de esa homilía pueden traer el predicador para reflexionar sobre cómo se acepta la llamada a seguir a Cristo. La reflexión del cardenal Ratzinger en la homilía de la misericordia resonará en este Año de Misericordia. "Ha interpretado para nosotros el misterio pascual como misterio de la misericordia divina." dijo el cardenal a los papa.

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