

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

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

SAINT JOSEPH

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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
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 charles 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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12 and 13, 2025 12 y 13 de Julio del 2025



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 14

No Mass

Readings: 389: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday, July 15

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 p.m. Tom and Therese Wintrow

Readings: 390: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69/Mt 11:2-24

Wednesday, July 16

8:15 a.m. Paul and Faye Altier

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 391: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 17

8:15 a.m. Lori Meese

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 392: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105/Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 18

8:15 a.m. Liz Burnham

Readings: 393: Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 19

The Vigil for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Guy and Liz Chiarella

Sunday, July 20

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Deacon Joe James

11:00 a.m. Lisa Fenton

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

(Mass in Spanish)

Readings: 108: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15/Col 1:24-28/

Lk 10:38-42

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, July 15 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary DeBois **Wednesday, July 16** – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert **Thursday, July 17** – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy **Friday, July 18** – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

July 19, 2025 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Frederick Frank – 1st Lector

Mary Salvo - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Beth Cecil, Susan Murphy, Jackie Hostetler, Mary DeBois,

Giovanni Ionno, Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois **Servers:** Sofia Ionno. Alex Utuy, Dylan Utuy

July 20, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jack Burnham – 1st Lector Sally Dooling – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Telle, John Kuczirka, Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio, Jan Michael LaBrake,

Matt Ritzert, Jeannine Kennedy

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Easton Pope, Nadia Pope, Brady Pope

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Mike Ernest – 1st Lector Mark Clemence – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Elco, Mary Elco,

Elizabeth Allison, Marcus Clemence, Beth Ernest,

Patti DeVault, Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Lindsay Williams,

Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Theresa Huinac, Adamari Huinac, Eddy Quinilla

Offertory for July 5 and 6, 2025

Loose Cash and Checks	\$	2,487.00		
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$	6,052.00		
Online Giving	<u>\$</u>	790.00		
Total	\$	9,329.00		
	Otl	Other Funds		
Poor Fund	\$	456.00		
Youth Ministry	\$	155.00		
St. Joseph School Support	\$	10.00		
Other Collections	\$	35.00		

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

Today's The Book of Deuteronomy, presented as a collection of farewell speeches given by Moses to the Israelites just before his death, serves as a source of legislation for biblical Israel. "Deuteronomy" means "second law;" the book is a second edition of the Law found earlier in the Torah. In today's reading, Moses exhorts the people to keep the Law, which is not too mysterious and remote. "This Law is to be internalized, not written on stone tablets, but in your mouths and in your hearts." Writing to the Colossians, Paul calls Christ the firstborn of all creations. Christ reconciled us to God by the blood of His Cross, and so we share the promise of a new life given to the Resurrection. As head of the body, the church, Christ sanctifies us by His blood. Because of this, we share in His life. Sharing in that life, we must strive to conform our lives more fully to His by loving our neighbor. The scholar of the law who questions Jesus in today's Gospel knows the answer to his own question. He questions Jesus: to love our neighbor is central to the practice of the Law of Moses and has been taught as such for centuries. The question of the identity of one's neighbor is another issue. For some, the word only referred to fellow Israelites; for Jesus, anyone who is in need is our neighbor. The scholar would not consider a Samaritan, someone detested by the Jews, as his neighbor. Samaritans were so despised that even after Jesus' parable, the scholar still doesn't use the term; he merely calls him "the one who treated him with mercy."

For Reflection: In God's law something internalized in my life or is it a set of rules found in a book on a shelf? Is there a "neighbor" in my life whom I need to love in a better way? What prevents me from loving as I should?

Please keep Edward Streb, age 91, who died on Friday, June 27, 2025 in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Please also keep his family in your prayers.

Family Faith Formation

Registrations for next year's Family Faith Formation classes have been mailed to all who registered last year. If you have any questions or concerns, or are a new family to our program and need registrations forms, please call the Parish Office.

Interested in becoming a Catholic or know of someone who is? If so, our O.C.I.A. team would love to meet with you for an informal time of inquiry on **Tuesday**, **July 22nd at 7:00 p.m**. in the Family Life Center. We look forward to your questions and learning about your own journey.

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



The 2025 Appeal: Together, We Can Transform Lives

The 2025 Appeal is making a profound impact across the Diocese of Columbus, strengthening faith, serving those in need, and building up the

Church for future generations. Our parish goal is \$78,446.00, and we've already raised \$58,960.00 thanks to the generosity of many. But we still need your help to reach our goal. If you haven't yet made a gift, please consider doing so today. Pledge cards are available at the entrances, or you can give securely online at columbuscatholicgiving.org.



St. Joseph Parish Festival!! July 18 and 19, 2025 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.



You may drop off your Raffle Tickets at the Parish Office until Friday, July 18th. Afterwards you may return them to the ticket booth at the Festival.

Bands are booked

Tequila Mary – Friday, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Badstone – Friday, 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Larry Notz and Mandolin Dave – Saturday, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Moonlyterz – Saturday, 8:00 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.

L.C.B.A. and the St. Joseph Crafty Ladies are accepting donations for the Fancy Booth at the Festival. Please bring your handmade items, arts, crafts, jewelry or other creations to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063 or Mary Pusateri at 330-364-2775.

Festival Youth Volunteers

Teens wishing to volunteer to help with the upcoming St. Joseph Festival, and earn needed service hours, please call the Parish Office. Grades 6th-12th are welcome.

Festival Setup

Wednesday, July 15th-Friday, July 18th Beginning at 8:00 a.m. through the evening.

Festival Tear-down

Sunday, July 20th – 7:00 a.m. All are welcome!!

Immaculate Conception Parish Festival July 25th and 26th.

Friday: Badstone 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. Saturday: Moonlyterz 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Food, games for the kids and adults, beer garden Please support our neighboring parish!

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.

July 16, 2025 - Team M (Andrea Settimio)

July 23, 2025 - Team A (Jack and Mike)

July 30, 2025 – Team B (Sue Capozella)

August 6, 2025 – Team C (Knights of Columbus)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box located at the Family Life Center has been able to provide foods for many people in need. The items most in need are:

Canned Fruit Canned Meats
Rice Black Beans
Jelly (plastic only) Pouch Pasta
Pouch Pasta Sardines

(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."

We cannot accept food items that have expired.



Woman's Prayer Group will resume meeting in September. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. If you would like to learn more about prayer, why we pray, and how we pray, this group is for you! For more information, please contact Mary Elco or the Parish Office.

Tuscarawas County Catholic Seniors (+55)

The Tuscarawas County Catholic Seniors from the parishes of Holy Trinity, Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, and St. Joseph are invited to the July 23rd luncheon at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The speaker will be Matt Ritzert from Friends of the Homeless. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 (Noon) p.m. Menu will be picnic foods and a sundae bar. You do not need to be a member to attend your first meeting. Call to make a reservation by July 18th with Linda Rupe at 330-343-4934. Bingo will follow the meeting for anyone wishing to play.

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. Financial donations 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. Contact Mary Kay Reed, 2406 State Route 39 NW, Dover, Ohio 44622 or Beth Rafter, 4447 Swonger Road, Dover, Ohio 44622.

Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass

Registration is open for the Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass. This is open to all married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary (25, 30,35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+).

The 2025 Jubilee of Anniversaries will take place on Saturday, August 16th, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral (212 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215).

Couples can register at https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/marriage/jubilee.

For questions or more information, please contact the Office of Marriage and Family at jspoolstra@columbuscatholic.org.

Together in Holiness

Join us at the First Annual Together in Holiness Marriage Enrichment Conference in the Diocese of Columbus on Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church in Gahanna, OH!

Whether you are newly-married or celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, *Together in Holiness* is the perfect pause from the busyness of everyday life so you can rediscover the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage.

Early Bird Couple: \$54.00. Discount available through August 18th. Childcare: \$5.00 per Child. Full and partial scholarships available.

Questions? Email Conference Coordinator Nancy Ariza at nancy@forlifeandfamily.org.

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 July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

"Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord for the gift of understanding where our life is stuck. Let us try to give voice to our desire to be healed. And let us pray for all those who feel paralyzed, who do not see a way out. Let us ask to return to dwell in the Heart of Christ, which is the true house of mercy!" +POPE LEO XIV

Monday, July 14 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time Optional Memorial: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin ~ the "Lily of the Mohawks"

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34-11:1 Jesus said to his Apostles: "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's enemies will be those of his household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is righteous will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple- amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." When Jesus finished giving these commands to his Twelve disciples, he went away from that place to teach and to preach in their towns.

Meditation: Why does Jesus describe his mission and the coming of God's kingdom in terms of conflict, division, and war? Jesus came in peace to reconcile a broken and sinful humanity with an all-merciful and loving God. Jesus also came to wage war, to overthrow the powers and principalities arrayed against God and his kingdom. What are these powers? Jesus describes Satan as the ruler of this world whom he will cast out (John 12:31). The battle Jesus had in mind was not an earthly conflict between nations, but a spiritual warfare between the forces of Satan and the armies of heaven. The scriptures make clear that there are ultimately only two powers or kingdoms – God's kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. John contrasts these two kingdoms in the starkest of terms: We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one (1 John 5:19).

Prayer: O God, who desired the Virgin St. Kateri Tekakwitha to flower among Native Americans in a life of innocence, grant, through her intercession, that when all are gathered into your Church from every nation, tribe and tongue, they may magnify you in a single canticle of praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Kateri Tekakwitha: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, our elder sister in the Lord, discreetly, you watch over us; may your love for Jesus and Mary inspire in us words and deeds of friendship, of forgiveness and of reconciliation. Pray that God will give us the courage, the boldness and the strength to build a world of justice and peace among ourselves and among all nations. Help us, as you did, to encounter the Creator God present in the very depths of nature, and so become witnesses of Life. With you, we praise the Father, the Son and the Spirit. Amen.

Contemplation: When Jesus spoke about division he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: a man's enemies are the men of his own household (Micah 7:6). The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or anything else above God is a form of idolatry. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can

become our enemies, if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. True love for God compels us to express charity towards our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God. Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to the people of Christ will not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Jesus sets before his disciples the one goal in life that is worth any sacrifice and that goal is the will of God which leads to everlasting life, peace, and joy with God.

Tuesday, July 15 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:20-24 Jesus began to reproach the towns where most of his mighty deeds had been done, since they had not repented. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. And as for you, Capernaum: Will you be exalted to heaven? You will go down to the nether world. For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."

Meditation: If Jesus were to walk down the streets of any community – your neighborhood, perhaps – what would he say? Would he issue a warning like the one he gave to Chorazin and Bethsaida? And how would you respond? Wherever Jesus went he did mighty works to show the people how much God had for them. Chorazin and Bethsaida had been blessed with the visitation of God. They heard the good news and experienced the wonderful works which Jesus did for them. Why was Jesus upset with these communities? The word woe can mean misfortune, calamity, distress, sorrow, sadness, misery, grief, or wretchedness. It is as much an expression of sorrowful pity and grief as it is of dismay over the calamity and destruction which comes as a result of human folly, sin, and ignorance.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, just as we celebrate the heavenly birthday of the Bishop Saint Bonaventure, we may benefit from his great learning and constantly imitate the ardor of his charity. 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: Repentance demands constant change – a change of heart, a change of mind, and always a call to change the way we live our life. God's word is life-giving and it saves us from destruction – the destruction of heart, mind, and soul as well as body. Jesus' anger is directed toward sin and everything which hinders us from doing the will of God. In love he calls us to walk in his way of truth and freedom, grace and loving-kindness, justice and holiness. Do you receive his word with faith and obedience or with doubt and indifference?

Wednesday, July 16 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50 While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him. But he said in reply to the one who told him, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Meditation: God offers to each of us the greatest of relationships - union of heart, mind, and spirit with himself, Jesus Christ, who is the very author and source of love (1 John 4:8,16). God's love never fails, never forgets, never compromises, never lies, never lets us down nor disappoints us. His love is consistent, unwavering, unconditional, and unstoppable. Nothing can deter him from ever leaving us, ignoring us, or treating us unkindly. He will love us no matter what. It is his nature to love. That is why he created us - to be united with him and to share in his love and unity (1 John 3:1). God is a trinity of persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and a community of love. That is why Jesus challenged his followers and even his own earthly family to recognize that God is the true source of all relationships. God wants all of our relationships to be rooted in his love.

Prayer: May the venerable intercession of the glorious Virgin Mary come to our aid, we pray, O Lord, so that, fortified by her protection, we may reach the mountain which is Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel: O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein You are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand Your power. O show me herein You are my Mother. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. (3 times) Sweet Mother, I place this cause in Your hands (mention your request now).

Contemplation: God did not intend for us to be alone, but to be with others. That is why he gives us virtually unlimited opportunities for developing relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Why does Jesus seem to ignore his own relatives when they pressed to see him? His love and respect for his mother and his relatives (and for all people) is unquestionable; we must live accordingly.

About the Memorial to Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the twelfth century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Carmelite order devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of Mary, the holy Mother of God. Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is worldwide, and most Catholics are familiar with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, and gave him the scapular with the following words, which are preserved in a fourteenth century narrative: "This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire." The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was instituted for the Carmelites in 1332, and extended to the whole Church in 1726.

About the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: If you have not already done so, have a priest enroll you in the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, or popularly known as the "Brown Scapular" and begin wearing it as a sign of your love for Our Lady. A priest enrolls people in the Brown



Scapular only once. The Scapular can then be replaced afterwards by other scapulars or the scapular medal, which has on one side the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and on the other, the image of Mary. The medal needs to be blessed by a priest, but the cloth scapulars do not require a blessing (separate from enrollment).

Wearing the Brown Scapular is not an automatic guarantee of salvation. It is not a magical charm, nor is it an excuse to live in a way contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church. It is a sacramental which has been approved by the Church for over seven centuries and is a sign of one's decision to follow Jesus as did Mary, the perfect model of all the disciples of Christ. The Sabbatine Privilege is associated with faithfully wearing the Brown Scapular, and carries with it certain

requirements. In addition to being an introduction into the Family of Carmel, the Brown Scapular is an expression of our belief that we will meet God in eternal life, aided by the intercession and prayer of Mary. While sacramentals prepare us to receive grace if we are in the right disposition, the Church emphasizes that only sacraments can confer sanctifying grace (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1670). Read "The Scapular of Carmel: A Treasure for the Church" by Pope Saint John Paul II by going to this web page: https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=3525

Thursday, July 17 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Meditation: What does the yoke of Jesus refer to in the gospel? The Jews used the image of a yoke to express submission to God. They spoke of the yoke of the law, the yoke of the commandments, the yoke of the kingdom, the yoke of God. Jesus says his yoke is "easy." The Greek word for "easy" can also mean "well-fitting". Yokes were tailor-made to fit the oxen well. We are commanded to put on the "sweet yoke of Jesus" and to live the "heavenly way of life and happiness". Jesus also says his "burden is light". There's a story of a man who once met a boy carrying a smaller crippled lad on his back. "That's a heavy load you are carrying there," exclaimed the man. "He ain't heavy; he's my brother!" responded the boy. Think about it...no burden is ever too heavy when it is given in love and carried out in love.

Prayer: O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is

contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus offers us a new kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. In his kingdom sins are not only forgiven but removed, and eternal life is poured out for all its citizens. This is not a political kingdom, but a spiritual one. The yoke of Christ's kingdom, his kingly rule and way of life, liberates us from the burden of guilt and from the oppression of sinful habits and hurtful desires. Only Jesus can lift the burden of sin and the weight of hopelessness from us. Jesus used the analogy of a yoke to explain how we can exchange the burden of sin and despair for a weight of glory and victory with him. The yoke which Jesus invites us to embrace is his way of love, grace, and freedom from the power of sin.

Friday, July 18 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time
Optional Memorial: Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest;
Patron Saint of the Sick and of Healthcare Workers
Founder of the Order of Saint Camillus, Ministers to the Ill and Infirm
(https://www.camillians.org/)

Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:1-8 Jesus was going through a field of grain on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "See, your disciples are doing what is unlawful to do on the Sabbath." He said to the them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry, how he went into the house of God and ate the bread of offering, which neither he nor his companions but only the priests could lawfully eat? Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests serving in the temple violate the Sabbath and are innocent? I say to you, something greater than the temple is here. If you knew what this meant, I desire mercy, not sacrifice, you would not have condemned these innocent men. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

Meditation: What does the commandment "keep holy the Sabbath" mean for us? Or better yet, what is the primary intention behind this command? The religious leaders confronted Jesus on this issue. The "Sabbath rest" was meant to be a time to remember and celebrate God's goodness and the goodness of his work, both in creation and redemption. It was a day set apart for the praise of God, his work of creation, and his saving actions on our behalf. It was intended to bring everyday work to a halt and to provide needed rest and refreshment. Jesus' disciples are scolded by the scribes and Pharisees, not for plucking and eating corn from the fields, but for doing so on the Sabbath. In defending his disciples, Jesus argues from the scriptures that human need has precedence over ritual custom. In their hunger, David and his men ate of the holy bread offered in the Temple. Jesus also quoted of the Sabbath work involved in worship in the Temple. This kind of work was usually double the work of worship on weekdays. Jesus then quotes from the prophet Hosea (6:6): I desire mercy, and not sacrifice. While the claims of ritual sacrifice are important to God, mercy and kindness in response to human need are even more important.

Prayer: O God, who adorned the Priest Saint Camillus with a singular grace of charity towards the sick, pour out upon us, by his merits, a spirit of love for you, so that, serving you in our neighbor, we may, at the hour of our death, pass safely over 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. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Camillus: Glorious Saint Camillus, turn your merciful eyes upon those who suffer and those who care for them. Grant to the sick, Christian resignation and trust in the goodness and power of God. Make those who take care of the sick be generous and lovingly dedicated. Help us to understand the mystery of suffering as a means of redemption and the way to God. May your protection comfort the sick and their families and encourage them to live together in love. Bless those who dedicate themselves to the sick. And may the good God grant peace and hope to all. Amen. Saint Camillus, pray for us!

Contemplation: The message of today's gospel can be complimented by contemplating on this prayer by Saint Francis of Assisi: "Lord, make us to walk in your way: Where there is love and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance; where there is patience and humility, there is neither anger nor annoyance; where there is poverty and joy, there is neither greed nor avarice; where there is peace and contemplation, there is neither care nor restlessness; where there is the fear of God to guard the dwelling, there no enemy can enter; where there is mercy and prudence, there is neither excess nor harshness; this we know through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

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



Men's Day of Reflection

FOR MEN OF ALL AGES & VOCATIONS

"Catholic Seminaries: The Antidote for What Ails Society" Led by Father Thomas Blau, OP, STL

Saturday, August 2, 2025 9 am - 4 pm at the Josephinum pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection

Quo Vadis Retreat

The Vocations Office invites all your men entering Grades 9-12 who are interested in discerning a call the priesthood to attend Quo Vadis, July 27-30 at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Quo Vadis opportunities include Holy Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, time for personal reflection, interaction with priests and seminarians, as well as recreational activities, sports, and fellowship. The cost is \$50.00. Registration deadline is July 18. Questions? Contact Shane Gerrty at <a href="mailto:collapse

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



"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise." LUKE 10:37 This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know or someone that looks different than you or someone that you don't like – all without expecting anything in return.

Expect nothing and share your blessings by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit 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.

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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.

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<u>Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre</u> Julio 2025

Por la formación para el discernimiento.

Oremos para que aprendamos cada vez más a discernir, saber elegir caminos de vida y rechazar todo lo que nos aleje de Cristo y del Evangelio.



Están todos invitados al Festival de la Iglesia San José en Julio 18 y 19!



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

Notas Espirituales

Hoy en el libro de Deuteronomio, presentado como una colecta de palabras de despedida de Moisés a los israelitas antes de su muerte, los servidores como fuente de la legislación de Israel bíblico. "Deuteronomio" significa "segunda ley," el libro es una segunda edición de la Ley anteriormente en la Tora. En la lectura de hoy Moisés exhorta al pueblo a cumplir la Ley, que no es demasiado misterioso y remoto. Esta Ley tiene por objeto ser interno, no escrita en tablas de piedra, sino en vuestra boca y en vuestros corazones. Al escribir a los Colosenses, Pablo llama a Cristo el primogénito de toda creación. Cristo nos ha reconciliado con Dios por la sangre de su cruz, por lo que comparte la promesa de una nueva vida dada a la resurrección. Como cabeza del cuerpo de la iglesia, Cristo nos santifica con su sangre. Debido a esto, compartimos su vida. Participando en la vida, debemos esforzarnos por cumplir nuestras vidas más plenamente a su amor por el prójimo. El erudito de la ley que cuestiona a Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy conoce la respuesta, es a su propia pregunta, le pregunta a Jesús, amar a nuestro prójimo son fundamentales para la práctica de la ley de Moisés, fueron enseñados como tal durante siglos. Para algunos, la palabra sólo se refirió a los demás israelitas, a Jesús, quien se encuentra en necesidad en nuestros vecinos. El erudito no consideraría una persona Samaritano detestado por los Judíos como su vecino. Los Samaritanos eran tan despreciado que incluso después de la parábola de Jesús, el estudioso todavía no utilizaba el término, sino que simplemente el que tuvo compasión exige.

Para la reflexión: ¿En la ley de Dios algunas veces lo siento interno en mi vida o son reglas que se encuentran en un libro? ¿Hay un "prójimo" en mi vida que yo necesito amar de una manera mejor? ¿Qué me impide amar como debiera?



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