

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
**SAINT JOSEPH**

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**NEW PARISHIONERS** Please register in person at the Parish Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please return to Parish Office or put in collection.

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Mass in Spanish	Sunday 1:30 p.m.
Holy Days	Check inside of bulletin
Weekdays	Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 a.m.

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. | Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.  
or anytime by appointment

**MARRIAGES** Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.

**BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS** Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please preregister 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 email stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe*

*November 23, 2025*



He delivered us from the power of darkness  
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

— Colossians 1:13

**St. Joseph Church**  
**Dover, Ohio 44622**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**November 22 and 23, 2025**  
**22 y 23 de Noviembre del 2025**



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, November 24**

**No Mass**

Readings: 503: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/(Ps) Dn 3/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday, November 25**

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

**6:00 p.m. Judy Penrod**

Readings: 504: Dn 2:31-45/(Ps) Dn 3/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday, November 26**

**8:15 a.m. Carol VanFossen**

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

Readings: 505: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/  
(Ps) Dn 3/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving)**

**9:00 a.m. Neil Knestaut**

Readings: 684A: Sir 50:22-24/Ps 145/1 Cor 1:3-9/  
Lk 17:11-19

**Friday, November 28**

**No Mass**

Readings: 507: Dn 7:2-14/(Ps) Dn 3/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday, November 29**

**The Vigil for The First Sunday of Advent**

**4:00 p.m. Louis Magnacca**

**Sunday, November 30**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

**8:30 a.m. Deacon Ron and Sue Fondriest**

**11:00 a.m. Kathy Phillips**

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

Readings: 1: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/  
Mt 24:37-44

**Offertory for November 15 and 16, 2025**

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,092.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,434.00
Online Giving	\$ 850.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,376.00</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	
Poor Fund	\$ 430.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 91.00
St. Joseph School Support	\$ 94.00
Retirement for the Religious	\$ 5,000.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 165.00
Other Collections	\$ 80.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Ministry Schedule**

**Tuesday, November 25 - 6:00 p.m. - Frederick Frank**

**Wednesday, November 26 - 8:15 a.m. - Matt Ritzert**

**Thursday, November 27 - 9:00 a.m. - Volunteer Needed**

**Friday, November 28 - No Mass**

**November 29, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Lectors:** Frederick Frank - 1st Lector

Lyle Tope - 2nd Lector

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

**Ushers:** Tim Avon, Steve DeBois, Vince Sandy

**Servers:** Alex Utuy, Dylan Utuy, Miya Olson

**November 30, 2025**

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

**Lectors:** Jeannine Kennedy - 1st Lector

Jack Burnham - 2nd Lector

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Doug Telle, Andrea Settimio,  
Lou Settimio, Jan Michael LaBrake, John Kuczirka,  
Sharon Kuczirka, Matt Ritzert,

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

**Servers:** Marleny Ajanel, Jocelyn Ajanel, Fabiola Ajanel

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

**Lectors:** Greg Williams - 1st Lector

Mark Clemence - 2nd Lector

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marcus Clemence, Elizabeth Allison,  
Patti DeVault, Mary Elco, Beth Ernest, Mike Ernest,  
Volunteer Needed

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

**Servers:** Adamari Huniac, Ernesto Velasquez Ixcoy,  
Henry Velasquez Ixcoy

If you know of a friend or family member that 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

We close our liturgical year with the Solemnity of Christ the King established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. It serves as a reminder that we as Christians are called to acknowledge Christ as King of our hearts, pledging our lives to Him who gave His life for us. After the death of Saul, Israel's first king, the southern tribes accepted David as king while the northern tribes, known as Israel, refused to accept him for more than seven years. Today's first reading narrates their ultimate acceptance of David when the elders of Israel and David made an arrangement. David's reign is the beginning of the dynasty that will rule in Jerusalem for more than four centuries. After the monarchy ceased, biblical Israel looked to the future with the expectation that God would reestablish His rule with a descendant of David. For us as Christians, this hope is fulfilled in Jesus. The letter to the Colossians, thought to have been written by Paul while he was in prison, presents us with an early hymn concerned with Jesus' identity. "The beloved Son is the image of the invisible God," we are told, "and all things were created through him and for him." As head of the body of the church, Christ has made peace by the blood of His cross, reconciling us to God. A king dying on the cross is not what the world would expect, but that is how our King saved us. Though the inscription announced Jesus as the King of the Jews, the witnesses to His execution mocked Him as a false king. Only one person is presented as recognizing Jesus' true identity, the good thief, who pleads with Jesus, "Remember me when you come into kingdom." And Jesus, whose death means life, promises him a place in Paradise.

*For Reflection: Is Christ central to my life? Do I accept Him as king? How can I better serve my King with my life?*

Please keep in your prayers Edward Hagarman, age 73, who died on Friday, November 21, 2025. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.* Please also, keep his family in your prayers.

### Employment Opportunity

St. Joseph Church is looking for a person to join our Parish Staff. This is a part-time, hourly position, with approximately 12 to 15 hours a week. An understanding of communications and the Catholic perspective; the ability to both serve others; excellent reading skills and communication skills and flexible to adapt to changing needs are a must. Individuals interested in position, may apply in person, or by sending a résumé to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com). Passing a background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course are mandatory.



Catholic estate planning scheduled for November 13th has been rescheduled for January 29, 2026.  
More information to follow!

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

As we celebrate this season of Thanksgiving, I find myself reflecting on the many blessings we share as a diocesan family. Among those blessings, I am especially grateful for you, the faithful people of St. Joseph and your pastor Father Hatfield, for your extraordinary generosity and commitment to the 2025 Appeal, *Together in Mission*. Scripture reminds us, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). Your generous response to this year's Appeal is a beautiful expression of that enduring love. Through your sacrifice and stewardship, you have strengthened not only your parish community but also your brothers and sisters across the Diocese of Columbus.

The theme of this year's Appeal, *Together in Mission*, calls us to live the words of the Gospel of Mark (16:15): "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." You have answered that call with open hearts and willing hands. Because of your generosity, we are able to support the vital ministries that bring Christ's presence to others, through evangelization, education and faith formation, social doctrine, and the fostering of vocations.

During this time of Thanksgiving, please know how deeply I appreciate your faith, your example, and your trust in the mission we share. The Diocese cannot do its work without you. Your generosity sustains the Church's ministry and enables us to bring the hope of the Gospel to a growing and diverse community.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones abundantly this Thanksgiving and throughout the remainder of this Jubilee Year.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
+ Earl K. Fernandes  
Bishop of Columbus



A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Thursday, November 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. This Mass gives each of us an opportunity to thank God for all the many blessings we enjoy each day. Each year, this Mass concludes with a special blessing of the foods we will eat at our Thanksgiving Day meal. A table will be set up in front of the church for those foods. The collection at this Mass will be to support our Poor Fund.

### Advent Wreath Signup



Signup sheets for lighting the Advent Wreath Candles is hanging in the Vestibule of the church. All family and friends are encouraged to sign up. The sheets will remain in the Vestibule to give parishioners the opportunity to check your schedules and select the Mass time that is convenient for your family.

## "Mark Your Calendars!"

November 27, 2025

**Thanksgiving**

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

November 28, 2025

Parish Office is closed

November 30, 2025

No Family Faith Formation

December 3, 2025

**TCCES Reconciliation Service**

10:00 a.m.

December 7, 2025

**Lessons and Carols**

Music begins at 5:30 p.m.

December 9, 2025

**L.C.B.A. Christmas Meeting**

Family Life Center

12:00 p.m. (Noon)

December 16, 2025

**Posadas begin**

December 17, 2025

**TCCES Nativity Play**

St. Joseph Church – 6:00 p.m.

December 20, 2025

**Breakfast with Santa**

Knights Hall – 9:00 a.m.

December 24, 2025

Masses – 5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

Music begins 30 minutes before Mass

December 25, 2025

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Music begins 30 minutes before Mass.

December 26, 2025

Parish Office is Closed

December 27, 2025

Parish Caroling

5:30 p.m.

January 1, 2026

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

The Parish Office is closed

January 4, 2026

Tres Reyes Magos

Mass – 1:30 p.m.

The Giving Tree is displayed with multiple tags listing items needed for St. Joseph Families, Share-A-Christmas, and Birthright. Unwrapped gifts should be placed under the tree with the tag attached. All cash donations should be placed in an envelope and put in the Collection Basket.

All gifts for Share-A-Christmas must be received no later than Sunday, December 7th. Gifts for Birthright and

donations for needy St. Joseph Families should be returned to the Parish Office by Sunday, December 14th.



## Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools



TCC Athletic Booster Club

**Annual Stag Fish Fry and No-Limit Texas Hold 'em**

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025**

\$2,500.00 Guaranteed top prize.

Structure is set for a six-hour tournament. Food available throughout the evening. Draft beer is free, bottled beer available. Cash games, Craps, instant Bingo and fun following the tournament.

For more information, contact TCC High School at 330-343-3302, or call Greg Williams at 330-205-8944



...and help make an authentic Catholic education affordable and accessible for all!

**Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund**

**DESIGNATE FUNDS TO...**

- Tuscarawas Central Catholic Jr/Sr High School, New Philadelphia
- Immaculate Conception School, Dennison
- Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School, Dover



**Donate Online Today! or Mail a check!**

<https://emmausroadscholarship.org/gift>

Use the provided envelopes and make checks payable to Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund

School will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 26th, 27th and 28th.

## 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 Settimmio or the Parish Office.

November 26, 2025 – Team F (Scouts)

December 3, 2025 – Team G (Joan Wenzel)

December 10, 2025 – Team H (Cindy Jones)

December 17, 2025 – Team I (Isabellas)

December 24, 2025 – Team J (Ashley Graham)

**\*\* note schedule change\*\***

December 31, 2025 – Team L (Chrissy Hensel)

January 7, 2026 – Team K (Hannah Jacobs)

January 14, 2026 – Team M (Andrea Settimmio)

**Captains, please remember to pick up your key before 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.**

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

# 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 November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

***"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen."*** +PRAYER OF SAINT GERTRUDE

### **Monday, November 24 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 21:1-4** When Jesus looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."

**Meditation:** Jesus teaches that real giving must come from the heart, because a gift given out of love, with a spirit of generosity and sacrifice, is precious. The amount or size of the gift doesn't matter as much as the cost to the giver. The poor widow could have kept one of her coins, but instead she recklessly gave away all she had! Jesus praised someone who gave barely equaled a penny because it was literally everything she had – her whole living – that she offered to God. What is your weekly Offertory on Sunday to God? On a percentage of income basis, is it truly a significant offering to God, given out of love for him and his son, Jesus Christ, and the Church he founded?

**Prayer:** O God, source and origin of all fatherhood, who kept the Martyrs Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions faith to the Cross of your Son, even to the shedding of their blood, grant through their intercession, that, spreading your love among our brothers and sisters, we may be your children both in name and in 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:** During the Mass the Offertory collection is really important. Whether we put in the "widow's mite" as today's Gospel refers or have the means to give much more, our financial contribution represents the gift of ourselves to God – literally my personal offering to God. As the Offertory brought forward at the presentation of the gifts, along with the bread and wine, our financial contribution serves as a sign of our self-offering. While the Bible speaks of tithing – and many Christian denominations insist on the 10 percent of income basis referenced in the Bible – the Catholic Church does not insist on tithing. But is your Offering to God a noteworthy amount given back to God out of love for him, his son Jesus Christ, and the Church that Jesus founded? If not, shouldn't it be? As Advent quickly approaches, and a new Church Year begins, now is a good time to revisit the amount we give each Sunday through the Offertory during Mass so that it reflects more closely our love for God – our offering to him made in thanksgiving and love. Let us pray that each of us will give freely and generously in gratitude for all that God has given to us.

**Food for thought:** If you have not yet had a chance, I would encourage you to read Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of the Poor which was celebrated on November 16; the text is available on the Vatican web page: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/poor/documents/20250613-messaggio-giornata-poveri.html>

### **Tuesday, November 25 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Catherine of Alexandria**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-11** While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here – the days will come when there will

not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky."

**Meditation:** No doubt there have been many times throughout human history when people thought "this is it...these are the end times." World War II and the evils of the Nazis for one; the cold war era with the former Soviet Union and threat of nuclear war; our current times as well with the evil of terrorism and wars taking place around the world. "Teacher, when will this happen..." is on the tips of many tongues today as it has been throughout human history. Of course Jesus says in scripture that we do not know the day nor the hour of his second coming, of the end times, but the important question is are you ready? As you read this, are you ready for the second coming of Christ? If you have an intimate, loving relationship with Christ and love him above all things then yes, you are probably ready. Of course we need to ask ourselves: When did I make my last confession? Have I done any works of mercy? Have I lived my life in witness to Christ and the teachings of his Catholic Church? Okay, after an honest introspection, maybe I'm not as ready as I originally thought, and perhaps my relationship with Christ is not what it should be. But there is no time like the present to undergo a radical conversion of mind and heart so that each of us are, in fact, living a life worthy to be called a disciple of Christ, and in a manner defined by sacred scripture, not the way of the world and the plethora of false prophets who pander teachings based on the "do whatever you want" attitudes of moral relativism. Let's joyfully take whatever steps are necessary to ready ourselves for him always and everyday – not out fear, but out of love of him, eager and ready to give an accounting of our lives to Jesus at the throne of judgment which awaits us all.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, who gave Saint Catherine of Alexandria to your people as a Virgin and an invincible Martyr, grant that through her intercession we may be strengthened in faith and constancy and spend ourselves without reserve for the unity of the Church. 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:** There are times when we don't fully recognize the moral crisis and spiritual conflict of the age in which we live, until something wakes us up to the reality of this present condition. God reminds us that a future judgment and outcome awaits every person, as each of us were created by God. The reward for doing what is right and good and pleasing to God – doing God's will – and the penalty for sinful rebellion and rejection of God's will are not always experienced in this present life, but this is sure to come the day of final judgment. Jesus tells us that there will be trials, suffering, and persecution in this present age until he comes again at the end of the world. God intends our anticipation of his final judgment to be a powerful deterrent to unfaithfulness and wrongdoing. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation Jesus extends his compassion, mercy and grace to all who have a humble and contrite heart, who recognize that we have strayed from following him and have sinned. Do not pass up, even for one day, the profound two-word invitation of Jesus – "follow me" – and to experience his grace and mercy through a good confession. Remember, too, not to cling simply to human laws but instead to divine laws and teachings. Following the many flawed opinions of civil courts and legislative bodies will not get anyone to heaven; following the divine laws of God and faith and moral teachings of God's prophets and of his son, Jesus Christ, will get us where we ultimately want to go – to the eternal arms of Jesus in heaven. Turn a deaf ear to anyone and anything (especially certain advocacy groups) that may lead one astray from following our one Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, for they offer nothing; Jesus, however, offers us what is most important – his constant and unwavering love and eternal life with him.

### **Wednesday, November 26 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 21:12-19** Jesus said to the crowd: "They will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

**Meditation:** Jesus tells his disciples that if they endure to the end they will gain their lives - they will inherit abundant life and lasting happiness with God. And so endurance is an essential strength which God gives to those who place their hope and trust in him. Endurance is the patience which never gives up

hope, never yields to despair or hatred. Patience is long-suffering because it looks beyond the present difficulties and trials and sees the reward which comes to those who persevere with hope and trust in God. That is why godly endurance is more than human effort. It is first and foremost a supernatural gift of the Holy Spirit which enables us to bear up under any trial or temptation. Endurance is linked with godly hope - the supernatural assurance that we will see God face to face and inherit all the promises he has made. Jesus is our supreme model and pioneer who endured the cross for our sake (Hebrews 12:2). "God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Jesus willingly shed his blood for us - to win for us pardon and peace with God. Our joy and privilege is to take up our cross each day to follow the Lord Jesus.

**Prayer:** Stir up the will of your faithful, we pray, O Lord, that striving more eagerly to bring your divine work to fruitful completion, they may receive in greater measure the healing remedies your kindness bestows. 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 ever wondered what attracts others to the truth and power of the Gospel? More often than not it is when they see Christians loving their enemies, being joyful in suffering, patient in adversity, pardoning injuries, and showing comfort and compassion to the hopeless and the helpless. And while "fear" is a very natural human emotion, Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear our adversaries because God will give us sufficient grace, strength, and wisdom to face any trial and to answer any challenge to our faith. Knowing this, are you ready to lay down your life for Christ and to bear witness to the joy and freedom of the Gospel?

## **Thursday, November 27 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time ~ Thanksgiving Day ~**

***Begin this national day of giving thanks to God by thanking God, in person, at Mass!***

**Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19** As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten persons with leprosy met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

**Meditation:** Today's gospel, translated and shortened into a news headline might very well read: "Only one out of ten people thank God." Think about this. When was the last time you paused and thanked God for anything? Sometimes in the busyness of our lives we simply expect God to give us certain things, but we never thank him. Today is a national holiday set aside to give thanks to God for everything - and God has, indeed, given us everything. Everyday should be Thanksgiving Day for all of us - thanking God our Father, with love from each of us his children. None of us should ever think that we are "above" thanking God because we achieved everything on our own, attributing nothing to God - "enlightened" people often think this way. Thanking God is not a quaint thought or anything old fashioned - it is the right thing to do for all the right reasons. I am reminded of an old story that may be familiar to you. An old farmer once had a less-than-faithful relative visit him. After the farmer had bowed his head and thanked God for the food they were about to eat, the relative rudely said, "What did you do that for? There's no God. We live in an age of enlightenment." The old farmer smiled and said, "There are several on my farm who don't thank God before they eat." The relative sat up and said, "Who are these enlightened ones?" to which the farmer quietly replied, "My pigs." The farmer's punchline about the pigs serves as a quiet but poignant rebuke to the relative's arrogance, suggesting that a refusal to acknowledge God and to express our gratitude to him places one in the company of unthinking animals. It is a tale that emphasizes humility and the importance of giving thanks to God at all times for the many blessings he has bestowed on us.

**Prayer:** Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite; as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman, and child, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. 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.

**Litany of Thanksgiving:** Go to <https://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/litanies/p03456.htm>

**History of Thanksgiving Day in America:** Way much more than 5k Turkey Trot races, read this *National Catholic Register* article about the history and meaning of this day of giving thanks to God: <https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/thanking-god-at-thanksgiving-100-years-ago-and-today>

**Contemplation:** Saying thank you to God should be part of our daily examen, part of our daily prayers, part of our spiritual life. Each of us has so much to be grateful for – and it all begins with God. As Fr. Thomas Merton, OCSO, once said: “To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense grace from Him. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.” Let’s give thanks to God, folks. Give thanks to God!

## **Friday, November 28 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 21:29-33** Jesus told his disciples a parable. “Consider the fig tree and all the other trees. When their buds burst open, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near; in the same way, when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

**Meditation:** Jesus used the image of a fig tree to teach his disciples an important lesson about reading the “signs of the times.” The fig tree was a common and important source of food for the Jews. It bore fruit twice a year, in the autumn and in the early spring. The Talmud (teachings and commentaries of the ancient rabbis on the Jewish Scriptures) said that the first fruit came the day after Passover. The Jews believed that when the Messiah came he would usher in the kingdom of God at Passover time. The early signs of a changing season, such as springtime, summer, or autumn, are evident for all who can see and observe the changes. Just so are the signs of God’s kingdom and his return in glory on the day of judgment. The “budding” of God’s kingdom begins first in the hearts of those who are receptive to God’s word. Those who trust in God’s word will bear the fruits of his kingdom. And what are the fruits of that kingdom? “The kingdom of God...is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17). The Lord gives the first-fruits of his kingdom to those who open their hearts to him with expectant faith and trust in his word. We do not know the day nor the hour when the Lord Jesus will return again in glory. But the Lord does give us signs, not only to “wake us up” as a warning, but also to “rouse our spirits” to be ready and eager to receive his kingdom when he comes in all his power and glory. The “Day of the Lord” will strike terror in those who have ignored or rejected God, but it will be a day of joy and rejoicing for those who long to see the Lord face-to-face. The Lord Jesus wants us to be filled with joyful anticipation for his coming again.

**Prayer:** Stir up the will of your faithful, we pray, O Lord, that striving more eagerly to bring your divine work to fruitful completion, they may receive in greater measure the healing remedies your kindness bestows. 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:** While we wait for the Lord’s physical return in glory, we can know his presence with us through the work and action of the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts, and by our constant and ongoing communication with him in prayer. The Lord Jesus comes daily and frequently to those who long for him and he speaks tenderly to our hearts. He comes to show us the way to our heavenly Father and to give us the hope of eternal life. Listen to him so that you may embrace him and follow him – and do so with love.

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*The new Liturgical Year commences with the First Sunday of Advent, November 30.  
In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period,  
but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
Savior and Redeemer. This time of prayer and path of penance is so powerful, so rich and intense, it  
endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome Jesus Christ, embrace his teachings,  
and take Jesus up on his invitation when he says “follow me” so that we may share in his eternal life.*

### 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. The items most in need are:

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| Canned Vegetables | Canned Fruit  |
| Hearty Soup/Stew  | Peanut Butter |
| Canned Pasta      | Jelly         |
| Rice              | Black Beans   |

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.



Christmas Flower Donation Envelopes are in your envelope packets for December. The cost is \$20.00 for three names. They must be returned by December 15, 2025.

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### Memorare Moms' Group

You are invited to join fellow moms on Friday mornings after the St. Joseph 8:15 a.m. Mass in the Family Life Center for prayer, Sunday reading discussion, and fellowship. Children are welcome. For more information, call or text Susanna Clore at 330-741-0956.



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*"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."*

- Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things." Try putting God first in all things instead. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

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

**Bulletin Deadline:** The Bulletin Deadline is Monday at 12:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

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

### St. Joseph Cemetery

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Russ in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

November 2025

For the prevention of suicide.

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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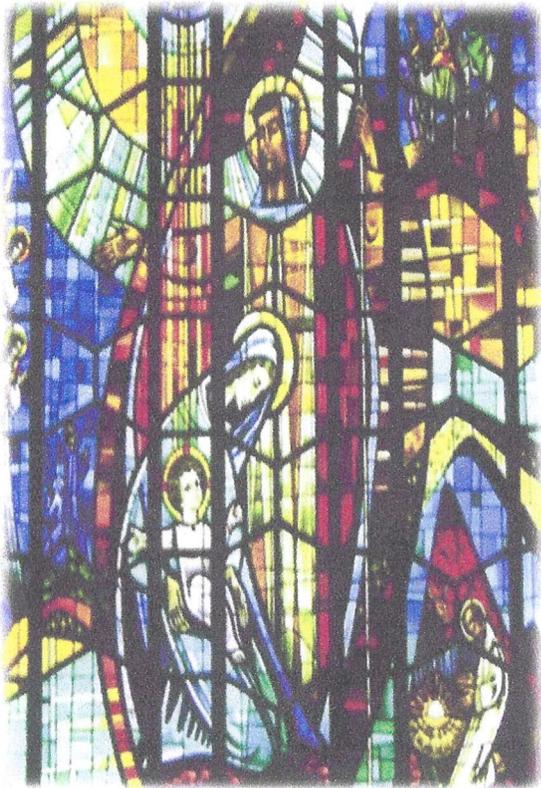


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# Lessons & Carols

St. Joseph Catholic Church



*Sunday December 7, 2025*

*6:00 p.m.*

*(prelude beginning at 5:30)*

*Please join us for this special community Advent service! The service will include choirs from the surrounding area, a brass ensemble, hand-bell choir, the singing of carols, and readings from Sacred Scripture.*

*-This event is free and open to the public-*

*The tradition of Lessons & Carols dates back to the 1880's and has proven to be a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior.*

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**23 de Noviembre del 2025**



**Calendario Litúrgico:**

**Misas en Español**

Día de Acción de Gracias

27 de Noviembre

Misa 9:00 a.m.

Domingo	30 de Noviembre	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	7 de Diciembre	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	14 de Diciembre	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**

Noviembre 30	El Buen Pastor
Diciembre 7	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Diciembre 14	El Nuevo Sembrador
Diciembre 21	Seguidores de Cristo
Diciembre 28	Mensajeros de Cristo
Enero 4	El Buen Pastor

**Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre**

**Noviembre 2025**

**Por la prevención del suicidio.**

Oremos para que las personas tentadas por el suicidio encuentren en su comunidad el apoyo, el cuidado y el amor que necesitan y se abran a la belleza de la vida.

**Notas Espirituales**

Cerramos nuestro Año litúrgico con la solemnidad de Cristo Rey, fundado en 1925 por el Papa Pío XI. Que sirve como un recordatorio que nosotros, como cristianos estamos llamados a reconocer a Cristo como Rey de nuestros corazones, prometiendo nuestra vida a aquel que dio su vida por nosotros.

Después de la muerte de Saúl, el primer rey de Israel, las tribus del sur aceptaron a David como rey, mientras que las tribus del norte, conocidas como Israel, se negaron a aceptarlo por más de siete años. Primera lectura de hoy nos narra su aceptación definitiva de David, cuando los "ancianos de Israel" y David "hicieron un acuerdo." El reinado de David es el comienzo de una dinastía que gobernará en Jerusalén durante más de cuatro siglos. Después de la monarquía cesada, Israel bíblico miró hacia el futuro con la esperanza de que Dios fuera a restablecer su dominio con un descendiente de David. Para nosotros, como cristianos, esta esperanza se cumplió en Jesús. La carta a los Colosenses, que se cree que fue escrito por Pablo mientras estaba en la cárcel, nos presenta un canto a principios que se trate con la identidad de Jesús. El Hijo amado es "la imagen del Dios invisible," se nos dijo, y "todas las cosas fueron creadas por medio de él y para él." Él es también la "cabeza del cuerpo, que es la iglesia," Cristo ha dado "la paz por medio de la sangre derramada en la cruz," que nos reconcilia con Dios. Un rey moribundo en la cruz no es lo que el mundo espera, pero así es como nuestro rey nos salvó. Aunque la leyenda anunció a Jesús como "el Rey de los Judíos," los testigos de su ejecución se burlaban de él como un rey falso. Sólo una persona se presenta con el reconocimiento de la verdadera identidad de Jesús, el "buen ladrón" que defiende a Jesús, "Acuérdate de mí cuando vengas en tu reino," cuya muerte significa la vida, lo que promete un lugar "en el paraíso."

*Para reflexionar: ¿Es Cristo el centro de mi vida? ¿Lo acepto como rey? ¿Cómo puedo servir mejor a mi rey con mi vida?*

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



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