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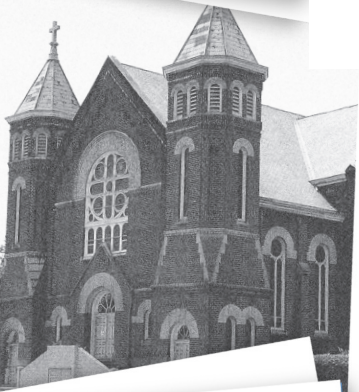


1848-2023

*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.

**MASS TIMES**

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

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**MARRIAGES**

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

**BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS**

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office. *Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir 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](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).



**St. Joseph Church**  
**Dover, Ohio 44622**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 31 and February 1, 2026**  
**1 de Enero del 2026**



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, February 2**

**No Mass**

Readings: 524: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

**Tuesday, February 3**

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

**6:00 p.m. Sandy Rubino**

Readings: 324: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/  
Ps 86/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday, February 4**

**8:15 a.m. Cindy Conidi**

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

Readings: 325: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday, February 5**

**8:15 a.m. Jack Fitzgerald**

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

Readings: 326:1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/(Ps) 1 Chr 29/  
Mk 6:7-13

**Friday, February 6 (First Friday)**

**8:15 a.m. Paul Kramer**

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

**3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Readings: 327: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday, February 7**

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

**4:00 p.m. David Meinke**

**Sunday, February 8**

**The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 a.m. Joseph E. Ifft**

**11:00 a.m. John and Katherine Gopp**

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

Readings: 73: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

**Offertory for January 24 and 25, 2026**

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 2,211.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 2,754.00
Online Giving	\$ 760.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,725.00</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	
Poor Fund	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 30.00
St. Joseph School Support	\$ 80.00
Initial Offering	\$ 100.00
Other Collections	\$ 105.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Ministry Schedule**

**Tuesday, February 3** – 6:00 p.m. – Janice Cosenza

**Wednesday, February 4** – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert

**Thursday, February 5** – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

**Friday, February 6** – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

**February 7, 2026**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Lectors:** Mary Salvo – 1st Lector

Lyle Tope – 2nd Lector

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

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

**Servers:** Chase Hostetler, Cecilia Hostetler,  
Flynn Renicker

**February 8, 2026**

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

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

Keith Knestaut – 2nd Lector

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Doug Telle, John Kuczirka,  
Sharon Kuczirka, Jan Michael LaBrake, Jack Dooling,  
Matt Ritzert, Jack Burnham

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

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

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

**Lectors:** Anne Bruno – 1st Lector

Cathie Peters – 2nd Lector

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

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

**Servers:** Adamari Huniac, Eddy Quinilla,  
Elijah Velasco Ixcoy

If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



**Prayer Chain:** To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please leave a message.

## Spiritual Notes

The prophet Isaiah speaks words of promise and hope to Israel in today's reading. "Darkness" is replaced with "a great light" with abundant joy and great rejoicing. Zebulon and Naphtali, lands captured by the Assyrians earlier in the eighth century BC, are promised deliverance. Israel's hope rests in the birth of a child a royal child who we see in verses after our reading today will sit upon David's throne. God has not abandoned the people: the Lord has smashed "the rod of the taskmaster." Paul writes to the church in Corinth to address some problems he has heard about. It has been reported to me that there are rivalries among you. Groups are claiming loyalty to Paul, Apollos, Cephas, or Christ, who gave his life for us and in whose name we were baptized. Our allegiance is to him, not to his apostles. He addresses this important issue along with several other immediate concerns. Later in the letter, he says that other matters can wait until he visits them again. The fact that much of Jesus' ministry takes place in Galilee is significant. Galilee is up north, far from Jerusalem, its temple and the religious establishment. Because Galilee is separated from Judea, many in Jerusalem look down on it: "Galilee of the Gentiles" is not a complimentary title. But the people of Galilee turn out to be more receptive to Jesus' message than those in Judea. For Matthew, this is a fulfillment of a prophecy from Isaiah. As Jesus' ministry unfolds, God's promises continue to be fulfilled.

*For Reflection: How can I foster unity in my local church? How can I help bring God's great light to contemporary places of darkness and gloom?*



### "Fat Tuesday/Pancake Day"

On Tuesday, February 17th following the 6:00 p.m. Mass, we will burn our old blessed palm at the Family Life Center. The ashes from these palms are used for Ash Wednesday. Following this prayer service, we will enjoy a traditional Mardi Gras dinner. We hope you attend, and make this evening the beginning of your Lenten journey.

### Ash Wednesday - February 18, 2026

Masses will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers, if you would like to volunteer to serve, please call the Parish Office.

### Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in English and at 8:00 p.m. in Spanish. You may also attend Stations with the students from TCCES at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays, February 27th, March 6th, and March 27th.

## Woman's Prayer Group

Would you like to learn more about prayer, why we pray, and how we pray?

All women are invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd 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.



### Family Faith Formation

February 15, 2026

No Class - Presidents' Day Holiday Weekend

### First Reconciliation Family Retreat

March 1, 2026

9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

TCCES Gym

All Parents with children receiving their Sacrament of Reconciliation must attend.

### Confirmation Session

March 1, 2026

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Church

### First Reconciliation

March 7, 2026

10:00 a.m.

St. Joseph Church

### Lent Family Day Program

March 8, 2026

9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

TCCES Gym

### Confirmation

March 22, 2026

3:00 p.m.

## MCC Appalachian Build (Formerly known as SWAP)

MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP) is a home repair ministry program in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. Volunteers help families make their homes safe, warm and dry, while building relationships and learning about Appalachia. If you are interested in joining us, or learning more about the trip and the experiences of those who attended last year, please contact John Karl or Matt Ritzert. More information will be coming soon about our upcoming 2026 trip!



**Tuscarawas County  
Catholic Schools News**



**2026 Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools**

**ARTS FEST**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**5:30pm on Thurs. Mar 26, 2026**

@ Tuscarawas Central Catholic Jr/Sr High School  
777 3rd St NE New Phila, OH 44663



**Be A Saint!**

**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.

February 4, 2026 - Team C (Knights of Columbus)

February 11, 2026 - Team H (Cindy Jones)

February 18, 2026 - Team B (Capozella Family)

February 25, 2026 - Team E (Judy Burnham)

March 4, 2026 - Team F (Boy Scouts)

\*\*\*Please Note Schedule Changes\*\*\*

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 food for many people in need.

The items most in need are:

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| Canned Meat      | Canned Fruit             |
| Hearty Soup/Stew | Peanut Butter            |
| Canned Pasta     | Jelly (No glass, please) |
| Rice             | Black Beans              |

PLEASE, NO GLASS

NO MEDICATIONS OR VITAMINS

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!

**LOOK TO HIM AND  
BE RADIANT**  
Psalm 34:6

**COLUMBUS CATHOLIC  
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**February 21, 2026**

8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Ohio Expo Center - Kasich Hall

Featured speakers:



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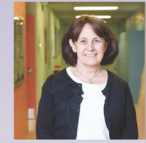
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Sr. MARY GRACE



RACHEL MUHA



MASS CELEBRANT:  
BISHOP FERNANDES



EMCEE: JEN RICE



MUSIC: MEREDITH JOY KELLER



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REGISTRATION

The 29th Annual  
**CATHOLIC  
MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
**CALLED  
TO BE  
SAINTS**  
**TAKE COURAGE**

**Saturday + February 28, 2026**  
**Kasich Hall + Ohio Expo Center, Columbus**



Matt Birk



Father Robert Spitzer



Justin Fatica

Adoration + Reconciliation + Holy Mass  
Breakfast & Lunch + Faith Organizations

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# 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 February is dedicated to the Holy Family + Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

***Saint Blaise, faithful Bishop and Martyr, you showed compassion to the sick and courage in the face of persecution. Intercede for us, that we may grow in faith, serve others with love, and remain steadfast in our trust in God. Protect us from all illness, especially ailments of the throat, and help us use our voices to glorify the Lord. Amen.***

**+INTERCESSORY PRAYER TO SAINT BLAISE**

**Monday, February 2 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40** When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, / for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: / a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted -and you yourself a sword will pierce- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.

And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Meditation:** Do you know the favor of the Lord? After Jesus' birth, Mary fulfills the Jewish right of purification after childbirth. Since she could not afford the customary offering of a lamb; she gives instead two pigeons as an offering of the poor. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all good parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favor is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. Do you know the joy of submission to God? And do you seek to pass on the faith and to help the young grow in wisdom and maturity?

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be

presented to you with minds made pure. 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:** Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the joy of a life fully surrendered to God with faith and trust?

## **Tuesday, February 3 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 16:15-20** Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

**Meditation:** Ask yourself: "Lord, what are you saying to me in these scripture passages?" Need some inspiration? Think about this. Saint Mark the Evangelist is honored today. Each of the four gospel accounts gives us a portrait of Jesus, His mission and teaching. Each is different in style, length, and emphasis. But they all have a common thread and purpose -- the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the Apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' last words to His Apostles point to His saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of His saving death and His glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. God's love and gift of salvation is not just for a few, or for a single nation -- it is for the whole world, and for all who will accept it. The Gospel guides us, inspires us, enlightens us, challenges our way of thinking and our ways of life and invites us to share in the life of Christ. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel teachings -- the power to inspire us to conform our lives to Christ?

**Prayer:** Hear, O Lord, the supplications your people make under the patronage of the Martyr Saint Blaise, and grant that they may rejoice in peace in this present life and find help for life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task -- to be heralds of the good news and be living witnesses to the teachings of Jesus Christ in every place and at every time -- not just when may think it is "convenient." We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission worldwide. So let's think about this. Do I give adequate reflection on God's Word and how these timeless teachings have an application in my daily life? Am I a living witness to others the joy of the Gospel and the hope of the resurrection? If not, why not? What must I do to conform my life to Christ, and join in the mission of Christ and His Apostles?

## **Wednesday, February 4 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1-6** Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**Meditation:** Jesus startled his familiar audience with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people. The people of Nazareth took offense at Jesus and refused to listen to what he had to say. They despised his preaching because he was a mere workman, a carpenter, and a layman who had no formal training by a scholar or teacher. They also despised him because of his undistinguished family background. How familiarity can breed contempt. Jesus could do no mighty works in their midst because they were closed-minded and unbelieving towards him.

**Prayer:** Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** The word "gospel" literally means "good news". Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to the afflicted who suffered from physical, mental, or spiritual oppression (see Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus came to set people free – not only from their physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities - but also from the worst affliction of all – the tyranny of slavery to sin, Satan, and the fear of losing one's life. God's power alone can save us from hopelessness, dejection, and emptiness of life. The gospel of salvation is "good news" for everyone who will receive it. Do you know the joy and freedom of the gospel?

### **Thursday, February 5 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 6:7-13** Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick –no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**Meditation:** Jesus gave his apostles both the power and the authority to speak and to act in his name. He commanded them to do the works which he did – to heal, to cast out evil spirits, and to speak the word of God – the Good News of the gospel which they received from Jesus. When Jesus spoke of power and authority he did something unheard of. He wedded power and authority with love and humility. The "world" and the "flesh" seek power for selfish gain. Jesus teaches us to use it for the good of our neighbor.

**Prayer:** May the Virgin Martyr Saint Agatha implore your compassion for us, O Lord, we pray, for she found favor with you by the courage of her martyrdom and the merit of her chastity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** This traveling light provision which Jesus shared with his Apostles has solid purpose. This "poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with possessions and makes ample room for God's provision. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. He wills to work through and in each of us for his glory. The Lord entrusts each of us with his gifts and talents. Are you eager to place yourself at his service, to do whatever he asks you, and to live in witness his truth – *the only truth* – and saving power to whomever and whatever situation he sends you?

### **Friday, February 6 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary time Saint Paul Miki, Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29** King Herod heard about Jesus, for his fame had become widespread, and people were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead; that is why mighty powers are at work in him." Others were saying, "He is Elijah"; still others, "He is a prophet like any of the prophets." But when Herod learned of it, he said, "It is John whom I beheaded. He has been raised up."

Herod was the one who had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom he had married. John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Herodias harbored a grudge against him and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so. Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody. When he heard him speak he was very much perplexed, yet he liked to listen to him. Herodias had an opportunity one day when Herod, on his birthday, gave a banquet for his courtiers, his military officers, and the leading men of Galilee. His own daughter came in and performed a dance that delighted Herod and his guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask of me whatever you wish and I will grant it to you." He even swore many things to her, "I will grant you whatever you ask of me, even to half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her

mother, "What shall I ask for?" Her mother replied, "The head of John the Baptist." The girl hurried back to the king's presence and made her request, "I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist." The king was deeply distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests he did not wish to break his word to her. So he promptly dispatched an executioner with orders to bring back his head. He went off and beheaded him in the prison. He brought in the head on a platter and gave it to the girl. The girl in turn gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

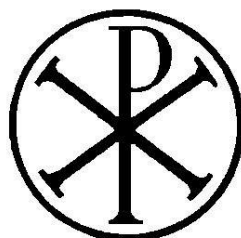
**Meditation:** What better way to shut someone up permanently than to have them beheaded? Why have John the Baptist silenced? For telling the truth! His was blunt, honest truth which Herodias did not want to hear about the sinful relationship she was living. Herodias, the daughter of Aristobulus and Bernice, was first married to her uncle, her father's half-brother, Philip (Mark 6:17). While living in Rome, they had a daughter named Salome. Herodias later left Philip and married Herod Antipas, Philip's brother, thereby making her the wife of two of her uncles. Herod Antipas was the tetrarch of Galilee during the life of Jesus. John the Baptist, a fearless and righteous servant of God, did not shy away from proclaiming the truth – in this case publicly condemning the incestuous and adulterous behavior of the ruler of the land. For this John was arrested, and at the instigation of Herodias was beheaded. The infamous "head of John the Baptist on a platter" was her idea out of revenge – revenge for John the Baptist telling the truth, instead of being politically correct and not saying anything about this sinful relationship.

**Prayer:** O God, strength of all the Saints, who through the Cross were pleased to call the Martyrs Saint Paul Miki and companions to life, grant, we pray, that by their intercession we may hold with courage even until death to the faith that we profess. 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:** How many times have we embraced the "politically correct" route in this world versus embracing the truths contained in sacred scripture? How many times have we let personal opinion ("here is what I think" or "here is how I see it") or personal feelings ("this is how I feel") trump any law of God, any teaching of Jesus Christ, or any teaching of the Catholic Church? In other words, am I just as guilty of turning away from the truth by turning a blind eye or a deaf ear to a situation in my own life or in the life of family members or friends – only so that I can be politically correct? Have I followed the route of Herodias and tried to have the truth silenced, just as she had John the Baptist silenced by having him beheaded? Or if not silenced, have I simply ignored the truth, or taken a sarcastic approach to the truth, or the convenient approach to the truth by thinking that I'm sophisticated and modern, and thus in my mind thinking that the truth has become "old fashioned" and out-of-step with modern times? The laws of God and the teachings of Christ do not have a shelf life. Always remember what Jesus tells us in John 14:6: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me..." and in John 14:15: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Folks, we need to embrace the truth with much more zeal and confidence. We cannot think that others apart from Christ have a solution to life's challenges or think that their way of living is acceptable when it is contrary to Christ. The truth is worth living, promoting and defending. We have one life, and we must turn away from the compromise of Christ's truths and instead embrace his teachings and let him be our shepherd and guide – not what's deemed popular or "okay to do" according to today's culture. Each compromise is a twisting of the truth so that it is no longer truth. So let's ask ourselves... Do I embrace, promote and defend the timeless truths of Jesus Christ? As a disciple of Christ, do I let Jesus Christ reign fully in my life? Do I let myself be challenged by the truths of Christ and, in doing so, change my present way of living to conform by mind and heart to that of Christ?

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## 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 to 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 February 6th.

## Memorare Moms Group

All mothers of school-age and younger children are welcome! You do not need to be Catholic to attend. Join us every Friday after the 8:15 a.m. School Mass at Saint Joseph. We meet in the second level of the Family Life Center. Supervision is provided for any children of attending mothers. Approximate meeting time is from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Join us as we review the upcoming Sunday Mass Scripture readings, followed by discussion of how to integrate the Gospel into our lives as we work through the joys and struggles of motherhood. Please contact Susanna Clore for more info at 330-741-0956.

## Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs

Proceeds from the Ash Wednesday Collection will be contributed to the Joint Organization for Inner City Needs. JOIN operates under Catholic Charities of the Columbus Diocese. JOIN provides emergency assistance to the poor and vulnerable throughout the diocese. This assistance may be in the form of food, life-sustaining medication, utilities, infant needs, transportation, eyeglasses, senior needs, personal care items and more. Please be generous. You are always welcome to visit JOIN or feel free to call or email me, Lisa Keita, director of JOIN, any time at 614-241-2530 or [lkeita@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:lkeita@columbuscatholic.org). God bless you with His grace and peace!



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## Other Information to Note:

**Mass Intentions:** Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

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

**Please Note:** If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.

**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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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).

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

February 2026

**For children with incurable diseases.**

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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13 | 1 Cor 1:26-31 | Mt 5:1-12a

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

There have been many times when I have experienced “imposter syndrome” in my work, where I doubt my own ability. In these times, I often looked to others to try to determine if I was doing enough. But instead of giving me the validation and encouragement I was seeking, this act of comparison frequently led to dissatisfaction. I began to wish I was more like others — more outgoing, more disciplined, more organized. But who I am and the gifts that I have to offer are exactly what I am being called to give in my vocation. Saint Paul reminds us in his First Letter to the Corinthians that we were not called because we possess a specific talent or personality; we have been called to bear witness to the work Christ is doing in us. And this witness comes from living our vocation authentically, with the gifts we naturally possess. When we not only accept but love and value our unique qualities, we give glory to the One who so lovingly and perfectly created us.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

In proclaiming the beatitudes, Christ reveals that those who will experience the rewards of heaven aren’t those we might consider “blessed” by human standards. What our culture values as markers of success and happiness are not always what is valued in the kingdom of God. Indeed, the joys of life in the kingdom are deeper than those here on earth; we were created for fulfillment greater than what this world can offer. Therefore, we must live confidently in the hope of Christ’s promises instead of comparing ourselves to others who might appear more successful. And as we live our vocation, we are called to live out the countercultural message of the beatitudes — a radical trust in the eternal promises of God in spite of earthly poverty, grief, or persecution. In doing so, we invite others to see and experience the joy of the abundant life that Christ proclaims.

### **REFLECT**

As we go through life, there can be times when we feel unprepared for the vocation God has called us to. Consider how these feelings of inadequacy may be an invitation for us to rely more fully on Christ working within us. Bring this to prayer and ask the Lord to reveal how he may be using this particular circumstance to draw us closer to him.

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**1 de Febrero del 2026**



**Calendario Litúrgico:**

Misas en Español

Domingo	8 de Febrero	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	15 de Febrero	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	22 de Febrero	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

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

Misas en Inglés

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



**Horario de los Coros**

Febrero 8	El Buen Pastor
Febrero 15	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Febrero 22	El Nuevo Sembrador
Marza 1	Seguidores de Cristo

**Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre**

Febrero 2026

**Por los niños con enfermedades incurables.**

Oremos para que los niños que padecen enfermedades incurables y sus familias reciban la atención médica y el apoyo necesario, sin perder nunca la fuerza y la esperanza.



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**

El profeta Isaías habla palabras de promesa y esperanza para Israel en la lectura de hoy. "Oscuridad" se sustituye por "una gran luz" y "sufrimiento" con "abundante alegría/y una gran alegría." Zabulón y Neftalí, tierras capturadas por los asirios más temprano en el siglo VIII antes de Cristo, se les promete la liberación. La esperanza de Israel se basa en el nacimiento de un niño, un niño real que (lo vemos en los versículos después de nuestra lectura de hoy) se sentará "en el trono de David" Dios no abandona el pueblo: el Señor ha roto: la vara de su tirano."

Pablo escribe a la iglesia en Corintio para hacer frente a algunos problemas que ha oído hablar: "Se ha informado a mí que hay rivalidades entre ustedes." Grupos reclaman lealtad a Pablo, Apolo, Cefas (Pedro), o Cristo. Pero Pablo argumenta que debemos vivir una vida unida en Cristo, que dio su vida por nosotros y en cuyo nombre fueron bautizados. Nuestra lealtad es para con él, y no para sus apóstoles. Él se dirige a este importante tema, junto con varias otras principales preocupaciones. Más adelante en la carta, que dice que "otros asuntos" pueden esperar hasta que él los visita de nuevo. El hecho de que gran parte del ministerio de Jesús tiene lugar en Galilea es significativo. Galilea es el norte, lejos de Jerusalén, su templo, y el establecimiento religioso. Debido a que Galilea está separada de Judea (la zona sur), muchos en Jerusalén mira hacia abajo en él: "Galilea de los gentiles" no es un título de cortesía. Pero el pueblo de Galilea resulta ser más receptivos al mensaje de Jesús que están en Judea. Para Mateo, esto es el cumplimiento de una profecía de Isaías. Como el ministerio de Jesús se desarrolla, las promesas de Dios se siguen cumpliendo.

*Para reflexionar: ¿Cómo puedo fomentar la unidad en mi iglesia local? ¿Cómo puedo ayudar a traer gran luz de Dios a los lugares contemporáneos de la oscuridad y la tristeza?*

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