



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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LORD'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday – 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
and 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday – 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



AWARE
OF GOD'S CONSTANT PRESENCE
AND NOURISHED BY PRAYER, THE SACRAMENTS,
THE WORD OF GOD
AND THE TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
SAINT JOSEPH PARISH STRIVES TO BE
A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES
**REACHING OUT
IN SERVICE TO ALL**

A MEMBER OF THE SAINT LUKE DEANERY

Welcome to Saint Joseph Parish, 5411 Main Street, Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Parish Leadership Team

Reverend Monsignor Michael R. Billian
Mrs. Joanne M. Denyer
Mr. Robert P. Edwards
Reverend Joseph J. Mominee
Mrs. Libby S. Saxton
Mrs. Heather R. Koziarski

Parish Clergy

Pastor

Reverend Monsignor Michael R. Billian

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Joseph J. Mominee

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Pastoral Associate -- Mrs. Joanne Denyer
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Business Manager—Mrs. Heather Koziarski
Bookkeeper—Miss Kayla Cluckey
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Account Clerk—Mrs. Barb Thomas
Parish Scheduler—Jennifer Kauffmann

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Preschool to Grade 8
Principal—Mr. Robert Edwards
Assistant Principal—Miss Lori Langenderfer
Preschool Director—Mrs. Cheryl Peatee

Music Ministry—419-885-5791

Director of Music—Mrs. Libby Saxton
Music Ministry Assistant & Social Media Coordinator
—Mr. Dean Tartaglia
Parish Cantor—Mr. Paul Casmus

Youth Formation Ministry – 419-885-2181

Fax –882-5235
Director—Mr. Philipp Levering
Youth Minister—Mrs. Mandy Seymour
Administrative Assistant and Athletic Coordinator—
Mrs. Alex McCormack

Infant Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated after the Noon Mass on the Second and Fourth Sundays of the month. Registered parishioners are asked to make arrangements for the Baptismal Preparation Class and the Liturgical Celebration by calling the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: This process for becoming Catholic is a series of steps conducted in the context of learning about the faith and spiritual formation, through which a person is fully incorporated in the Body of Christ, the Church. This formation is for the unbaptized, those baptized in other Christian communities, and Catholics who have not received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

Penance: The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., during a Communal Penance Service during Advent and Lent *or by appointment*.

Holy Orders: When a gentleman feels the call to follow the Lord as a Priest in the Catholic Church, he should call Father Philip Smith, our Diocesan Vocation Director, at 419-244-6711 or speak to one of the Parish Priests. If the Permanent Diaconate is of interest to a gentleman, he should call Deacon Daniel Brahier, our Delegate for Deacons, at 419-244-6711 or speak to one of the Deacons of the Parish.

Religious Life: Consecrated women and men religious by their lives witness the joy of eternal union with God. Freed from earthly cares, they more fully manifest the Kingdom of God to all Christians. The structure of the vowed life frees consecrated religious to live entirely for God and others. If you are interested in this vocation, you can contact Sister Maria Amata, RSM, at <https://toledodiocese.org/page/delegate-for-consecrated-life#welcome>.

Matrimony: Anyone planning to be married must contact the Parish at least six months in advance. The exact date and time of your wedding should not be determined until after consultation with a Priest or Deacon. If either party has previously been civilly or religiously married, the Presider is not permitted to set a date for the wedding without resolving the previous marriage.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: When a parishioner is confined to home because of age or infirmity, please call the Parish Office to arrange for Holy Communion at home. When a parishioner is in a hospital or nursing home, please call the Parish Office to arrange for a visit. You may wish to call before any planned surgeries. When one is seriously ill, the healing Presence of the Lord should be requested in the Sacrament of the Sick by calling the Parish Office at 419-885-5791. Please call, do not email in urgent situations.

WORSHIP: Worship is the response of the People of God to the Father's invitation to be one with Him, expressed through the Church's official liturgy, as well as through other prayers and devotions. Our worship is direct to the Father, through the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. All the ministries related to the prayer of the Church are included in this category.



Welcome/Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

A weekend retreat that changes lives and transforms parishes.

Come to our next men's or women's **Welcome retreat** to deepen your faith, form meaningful relationships with people in the parish and enrich your prayer life.

Women's – February 24-25, 2024

Men's – March 2-3, 2024

Questions/Registration: contact Dave Mallory at 419-360-3135 for the men's retreat, contact the Parish Office for the women's retreat at 419-885-5791.

Testimonial from an attendee:

If you are on the fence about attending the men or women's Welcome Weekend retreat, I encourage you to clear your calendar. I was very skeptical when I was asked in 2022, but I am extremely blessed and grateful that I accepted the invitation. My spiritual life has been enhanced beyond my expectations and I have developed lifelong friends through the brothers and sisters-in-Christ I have met. I am a retired military officer, and my family has been a part of many different Catholic parishes throughout my career. We always felt welcomed in those parishes, but because of the Welcome Weekend and the friendships and ministries it has blessed us with, we finally feel like we have a Catholic Parish to call home. - Wayne Kinsel, Lt Col (retired) USAF

Worship Ministries:
All Souls Day of Remembrance--
 Joanne Denyer
Altar Linen Care Group
 LuAnn Tafelski
Anointing Mass--
 Joanne Denyer
Choirs/Music
 Mrs. Libby Saxton,
 Director:
 Adult Choir
 Cantors
 Contemporary
 Ensemble
 Instrumentalists
 Resurrection Choir
Eucharistic Adoration
 LuAnn Tafelski
Funeral Coordinators--
 Kris Soldner,
 Parish Office
Holy Communion Ministry--
 Nursing Homes,
 Extended Care
 Facilities, Hospitals,
 Homebound--
 Joanne Denyer
Liturgical Ministers at Mass--
 Extraordinary
 Ministers of Holy
 Communion,
 Greeters, Lectors,
 Ushers & Sacristans
 --Joanne Denyer
Altar Server Training--
 Deacon Pistilli
Altar Server Scheduling--
 LuAnn Tafelski
Rosary Devotions--
 Linda Spencer
Call Parish Office
 419-885-5791
 or email
 parish@stjosephsylvania.org



MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT DAY!

with Father Philip A. Smith, Director
 Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations

January 13, 2024
 9:30am - 5:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
 6149 Hill Avenue, Toledo, OH 43615



For Catholic men, ages 18 to 35, who are open to considering a call to the priesthood or religious life.

This day of reflection is an opportunity for young adults to learn practical methods of prayer and discernment that will help them better understand God's plan for their life.

For more information, contact:
 Father Philip A. Smith,
 Diocese of Toledo
 Office of Diocesan Priestly Vocations

psmith@toledodiocese.org
 419-244-6711, ext. 4945

To register, contact:

Marie C. Sprague
 msprague@toledodiocese.org
 419-214-4923



MASS OF THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MERCY. DREAM. FAITH. SERVICE. JUSTICE. CONVICTION. STRENGTH. CHARACTER. LOVE. PEACE. COURAGE.

With the presentation of the
 Drum Major Awards

Recalling the Legacy of Reverend Doctor
 Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 14, 2024

10:00 a.m., Saints Peter & Paul, 510 Columbus Ave., Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Celebrant and Homilist: Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo

For more information, please contact
 Intercultural Ministries at 419-214-4887.



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A Note about the Notes

It is rare for me to hear today's Gospel without simultaneously hearing the carol, "We Three Kings of Orient Are." To me, the minor chords and droning rhythms of this song are reminiscent of the camels trotting along. The music paints a picture of the weary travelers and then when we sing "Oh-oh!" it is as if the kings themselves are having their epiphany – the very thing we celebrate today. Sometimes the night is long and the light is hidden so we plod along as best we can and then, "oh-oh!" we see the light and find our way again – back to baby Jesus, the Light of the world, the Bread of life, the Hope of the nations, and the King of our heart. "Star of wonder, guide us to the Perfect Light!" ~Libby Saxton, Director of Music Ministries

FORMATION: Formation is the growth and development of the whole person by an intentional focus on one's spiritual and interior life, as well as spiritually fruitful interactions with others in ordinary life. It is a lifelong process as a believer desires to become more like Him. This is possible only because of the divine grace of the Gospel and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit. All the ministries related to the education and formation of God's people are included in this category.



Are you interested in registering your child for our 2024-2025 Kindergarten classes? Saint Joseph Parish School is hosting two Information Nights for parents interested in sending their child to SJPS.



We would like to invite parishioners with students who will be starting Kindergarten to please come and learn about our parish school. We will share how the Catholic Faith is intertwined with a rigorous academic curriculum to help your child succeed academically. Additionally, Mrs. Patti Bell will explain how, as a resident of Ohio, you can receive the EdChoice scholarship that will cover your child's tuition. To learn more, please reach out to Stacy Bruno, our enrollment director (sbruno@stjoesylvania.org) or call the school office for more information (419-882-6670). We hope to see you in January.

Kindergarten Information Nights: **Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 (West Campus school library)**
Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 (West Campus school library)

Middle School Information and Open House **Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 (East Campus).**

Middle school signals a time of new academic challenges and spiritual growth. The students need new freedoms combined with age-appropriate expectations that will help better prepare them for their high school experience. Come see what Saint Joseph Parish School has to offer! Any questions, please reach out to Stacy Bruno, our enrollment director (sbruno@stjoesylvania.org) or call the school office for more information (419-882-6670).

Save the Date

Saint Joseph Parish Confirmation

February 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral.



REBOOT
 FEATURING **CHRIS STEFANICK**

Lourdes University Franciscan Center
 6832 Convent Blvd
 Sylvania, Ohio 43560

February 28th, 2024
 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 Tickets: \$33 - \$39
 Early Bird pricing until Feb 7th!

Special thanks to our co-hosting parishes:
 Holy Trinity Assumption
 Lourdes University Theology Department
 St. Joseph - Sylvania
 Our Lady of Lourdes
 St. Richard - Swanton

Scan here for FREE access to the Search program!

Scan here to purchase your tickets to Reboot!

The Saint Joseph Parish School
 18th Annual Benefit Dinner

SAVE THE DATE

A Night Under the Stars

MARCH 16, 2024 • 6-10:30PM

Auction, Dinner and Dancing
 Wurzel Family Center

HelpOurMarriage.com

RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Retrouvaille program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships

NORTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER
A WEEKEND HAS BEEN SCHEDULED!!
January 26th - 28th, 2024

WEEKEND RESERVATIONS
[HTTPS://HELPOURMARRIAGE.ORG](https://helpourmarriage.org)

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience in which husbands and wives are helped to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. This part of the program is presented by three married couples and a priest. The team couples, who have experienced disillusionment, pain, anger, and conflict, offer hope as they share their personal stories of struggle, reconciliation and healing. You will find courage and strength in the realization that you are not alone in your struggle.

The weekend is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering, nor is it counseling.

You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else. However you will be encouraged to put the past behind you, to look beyond the hurt and pain, in order to rediscover each other in a new and positive way.

The Retrouvaille Weekend offers a very different message from the current secular themes of self-gratification and self-reliance. The weekend will help you discover how listening, forgiveness, communication, and the dialogue process are powerful aids for building a loving and lasting relationship.

<https://helpourmarriage.org>

NWOhio@helpourmarriage.org

- Formation Ministries:
- Adult Faith Formation Programs--Joanne Denyer
 - Bible Studies--J. Denyer
 - Christ Renews His Parish/Welcome Retreat--J. Denyer
 - Divorced & Separated--Joanne Denyer
 - Saint Valentine Dinner--Joanne Denyer
 - Children's Religious Education--Philipp Levering
 - Children's Liturgy of the Word Facilitators--Philipp Levering
 - Catholic Youth Organization Athletics--Alex McCormack
 - Early Childhood Ministry--Philipp Levering
 - Engaged Couples Conference --Brandon & Grainne Kulka
 - Registration: LuAnn Tafelski
 - High School and Middle School Youth Groups --Mandy Seymour
 - Pre-K - 8 Parish School--Robert Edwards, Principal
 - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)--Joanne Denyer
 - Sunday School for Preschoolers--Philipp Levering
 - Vacation Bible School--Alex McCormack
 - Youth Service Group--Philipp Levering
 - Parish Office
 419-885-5791 or email parish@stjoesylvania.org
 - Youth Formation Office
 419-885-2181

Saint Joseph Parish Engaged Couples Conference

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Registration Required:
 Call LuAnn Tafelski, Ministry Coordinator,
 at 419-885-5791

COMMUNITY: The community of disciples has as its principle task the promotion and sustaining of growth through interpersonal relationships focused on the person of Christ. This bonding together makes us into the Body of Christ. Parishes are called, through their activities, to bring people together in a spirit of unity through diversity. All the ministries related to the building up of the community are included in this category.



Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest

The Sylvania Knights of Columbus Council # 5628 will host their annual Basketball Free-Throw Contest at Saint Joseph Sylvania West Gym on Monday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday) **January 15, 2024** from 4:00 pm to 4:30 p.m.

The Free-Throw contest is free of charge and open to all boys and girls ages 9 through 14 (age determined as of January 1, 2024). Forms are available at the door, through your CYO basketball coaches or by contacting Joe Beham.

Each shooter will shoot 15 baskets and all ties will be broken via a shoot-off in 5 shot increments. Foul shots will be shot from the regulation foul shooting distance of 15 feet for ages 12, 13 and 14-year-old contestants and from 12 feet for ages 9, 10 and 11.

The winners from each age group (both boy and girl) will receive a trophy and will advance to the District level competition to be held in mid-February.

Also, at the end of the traditional K of C Free-Throw contest, we will do a "knock-out" free-throw contest with the winners getting a gift certificate.

Attendance has been dwindling each year, so we would really appreciate the support by having as many boys and girls participate. It is a fun event and takes only 30 to 45 minutes. There is no charge. **If you have any questions, please contact Joe Beham at 419-944-7449.**

Celebrating 34 Years of Black History Month

With the Toledo Symphony Orchestra

At St. Martin de Porres Church

Sunday
February 25, 2024
5:00 pm
(Doors Open at 4:30)

St. Martin de Porres
1119 W. Bancroft St.
Toledo Ohio 43606
www.stmartindeporres.com

For Tickets
419-241-4544

- Community Ministries:**
 Bereavement Support Group--
 Joanne Denyer
 Bridge Group--JoAnn Hoppenjans 882-4094
 Bulletin Editor--
 LuAnn Tafelski
 Cribbage--Gary Bell-343-8547
 Deb's Ministry of Prayer and Hope--Sue Cutshall 882-4183; Chris Powers 885-1148
 Festirama Parish Festival--
 Heather Koziarski Parish Office
 Funeral Luncheon--
 Annie Lawrence
 Golf Outing--
 Harvest Dinner--
 Brenda Boudrie
 Little Carpenters Play Group--Alex McCormack
 Lunch 'n Learn--
 Joanne Denyer
 Mah Jongg--
 Pat Duncan
 261-7115
 Pancake Breakfast--
 Knights of Columbus--Mark Boyer--699-3856
 Potluck Dinner--
 Mary Jane DelVerne-345-7920
 Toledo Symphony Neighborhood Concert--
 Margie Heck-843-8548
 Welcoming Committee--
 Stacy Bruno

MAHJONGG PLAYERS
 Play was back in the Pastors Suite on Jan. 5. Any questions, call Pat Duncan at 419-261-7115.

The Eucharist – as Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, and Real Presence

Four presentations by Monsignor Billian and Father Mominee will be held to discuss the book, "This is My Body," by Bishop Robert Barron. Copies of this book were given out at Christmas Masses.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and the talks will help us understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly, so that we might fall in love with the Lord more completely. Come to one or all one-hour sessions.

Tuesdays from 1 – 2 p.m. and **Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** in the Family Center – East Campus. Sessions to be held on **January 9/10, 16/17, 23/24, 30/31.**

Registration is encouraged and all adults are welcome.

Bring a friend! Call 419-885-5791, or jdennyer@stjoesylvania.org.



Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John
 Following Christ takes more than simply believing in Him or doing what He asks of us – He wants you to be His disciple and friend. **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John** invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. In this study you will learn what it takes to follow Christ and discover the joy of divine friendship. You will see how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart. As we celebrate the Eucharistic Revival, emphasis will be made on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist – as found in chapter six of this Gospel.

Join us for this eight-week Scripture Study held on **Tuesday evenings (7-8:30)** or **Wednesday mornings (9:30-11) beginning February 13/14**, in the East Campus meeting rooms. Cost for materials is \$26, and registration is requested at 419-885-5791 or jdennyer@stjoesylvania.org. **BRING A FRIEND!**



SERVICE: Service is both an attitude and a practical response based on the Lord's declaration that one who wishes to be greatest in the Kingdom of God must become the servant of all. It is also the virtue that directs all the other virtues of individuals toward the common good. All the ministries related to the social outreach directed by the social doctrine of the Church are included in this category.

- Service Ministries:**
All numbers 419 unless noted
- Boy Scouts--Scoutmaster--
 Nat Ducat--787-6864
 - Baptismal Garment Sewing
 Group--Joanne Denyer
 - Cub Scouts--Cubmaster--
 Matt Harrison--
 345-7041
 - Comfort Blanket--
 Denise Stump-260-7035
 - Christmas Outreach--
 Michelle Griore and
 Sue Jurski
 - Feed My Sheep Garden--
 Marcus Droll--349-7325
 - Good Samaritan Outreach--
 Mary Jane DelVerne
 - Helping Hands of Saint Louis
 Soup Kitchen--Dick Schuller--
 567-202-7760
 - Historic Saint Patrick Soup
 Kitchen--Mike Kruse--
 351-2989
 - Joseph's Meals-- Larry & Deb
 Gaster -460-7386
 - Knights of Columbus--
 Paul Youngpeter--
 419-262-8749
 - Medical Equipment Loan
 Closet -- Joanne Denyer
 At East Campus
 - Parish Library--
 Joanne Denyer
 - Parish Office Volunteer
 Receptionist Coordinator--
 LuAnn Tafelski
 - Parish School Parent Teacher
 Organization --
 Val Bullard--297-5571
 - Red Cross Blood Drive--
 Knights of Columbus--
 Mark Boyer--699-6856
 - Respect for Life Committee--
 Don Birsen
 - Serving Neighbors
 Toiletry Collection--
 Marge Lubiatowski
 - Saint Vincent de Paul
 Society--Parish Office
 - Questions on any of the above,
 contact the Ministry
 Leader listed.
 - Call Parish Office if no
 number is listed--885-5791
 or email
 ltafelski@stjoesyvania.org or
 parish@stjoesyvania.org

Service Saturday

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Join us and help make meals for the Toledo Labre Program.

*Make sure your ride will be ready to pick you up at 11am!

We also need donations, follow the link on the registration page and help us out!

9 O'clock
 January 31st, 2024

The Family Center
 East campus

Register Now




In Need of Sewers

All sewing is done in the comfort of your own home!



Comfort Blanket Ministry

The **Comfort Blanket Ministry** meets on the Third Wednesday (September through May, excluding December) in the East Campus Meeting Rooms. Please consider joining this ministry to create blankets that are given to those suffering from an illness or for family members who have lost a loved one. For additional information, contact Denise Stump at 419-260-7035 or Joanne Denyer at 419-885-5791 or jdenyer@stjoesyvania.org.

The Respect Life Ministry is having a **Family Rose Procession on January 20 and 21, 2024**, to commemorate 51 years of *Roe vs. Wade* at all the Masses.

If you would like to participate and be a part of the procession, please contact Corinne Miller at 419-343-3369, or email camiller33@yahoo.com. Thank you for being a loving voice for the voiceless.



Nurturing the Spiritual in the New Year

Join us for **The Way of the Nativity** on Monday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Regina Conference Room. Modeled on the traditional Way of the Cross, this visual meditation focuses on events from the Visitation to the Return of the Holy Family to Egypt.

Sister Brigid Merriman will present a two-part explanation on **Duns Scotus' Theology of the Incarnation** on Tuesday, January 16 and Thursday, January 18 (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.) in the Regina Conference Room.

No fee for either session, but donations would be appreciated. To register, contact Sister Nora Klewicki, OSF, at nklewicki@sistersosf.org or 419-824-3562.



The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

Traditionally on the feast of Epiphany, Catholics bless their homes by writing the letters **C, M and B** and the numbers of the year, for example **2024**, at the top of their doors. The letters stand for the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also represent the Latin blessing *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means "May Christ bless this house."

Many Catholic parishes will give their parishioners a piece of chalk, a small bottle of holy water, and the house blessing written so that each family can go and bless their homes. Find the house blessing here: www.usccb.org/prayers/...

Liturgy Screen Projection Ministry—Volunteers Needed

This is an easy way to help during Mass. The slideshow for Mass displays song lyrics, prayers and instructions, helping people participate better. It makes our liturgy easier to understand and takes away limitations to our prayer.

To volunteer, please contact Libby Saxton, lsaxton@stjoesyvania.org or www.stjoesyvania.org to sign up.

Arrive 10 minutes before Mass to look through the slideshow that is projected on the screen during the liturgy. The computer station is at the column near the Saint Joseph statue. Simply press a button to advance the words at the appropriate time. Families or individuals are welcome to help. *You may sign up at the link on our website.* www.stjoesyvania.org

First-time training can be provided before or after Mass. Contact Libby Saxton in the parish office with any questions. Email: lsaxton@stjoesyvania.org or call 419-885-5791.

BAPTISM *of the Lord*



CELEBRATE YOUR BAPTISM

In the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. As we reflect on Christ's baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism. "Celebrate the anniversary of your baptism like a birthday", says Pope Francis. It is a day to give thanks for God's gift of faith to us, and to give thanks for baptism, the foundation of our Christian life. Celebrate the day like a birthday. It is a day to remind ourselves that we are loved and cherished by God.



Pray together

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, solemnly declared Him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing 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.

As families, we celebrate birthdays, holidays, and wedding anniversaries, but too often we forget to celebrate the most IMPORTANT day of our lives, which is our BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY! That is the day we became sons and daughters of God the Father, and we need to celebrate it! Our family has a tradition of celebrating this important day for each member of our family. To help us, we keep our baptism candles displayed on our prayer table all year, and each candle has a wooden candle holder with our initials and baptism date burned into the wood. On the day of our baptism anniversary, we put the candle on the dinner table, have a special meal and dessert, and then light the candle. We sing the Happy Birthday song and replace birthday with "Baptism Anniversary" and then blow out the candle. Our baptism "wish" is always to become the saint God created us to be so we can spend eternity with Him. After all, that is what baptism allows us to do...and that is worth celebrating and remembering!

The Wood family from All Saints, New Riegel



Plan together

Do you know when you were baptized? If you don't - find out! Contact the parish where you were baptized to get the date.



Watch together

FORMED.org has Born into the Kingdom: The Miracle of Baptism (kids).

EPIPHANY

of the Lord

The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY



The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated in honor of the Magi visiting the infant Jesus in Bethlehem. The Epiphany proves that all, including gentiles, were called to honor the Son of God. The story can be found in Matthew 2:1-12.



Celebrate together

Throw an Epiphany party! This traditional celebration is not as common today as in past, but it's a great way to show that Christmas does not end on December 25. It can be elaborate, with decorations and guests, or simply your family. Either way, make it a special day to honor a special feast.



Pray together

The Church extends itself on Epiphany to the homes of the faithful. The custom of blessing the home on this day probably originated from these words in the Gospel, "And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary, His Mother, and falling down they adored Him." The priest blesses the house if he can be present, but if not, the head of the family may do so.

20 + C + M + B + 22 (or current year)
The initials are separated by crosses and the year above the door. The initials CMB also stand for the words "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "May Christ bless this house". This inscription above the entry of our house should be a reminder to us that we should be with and go to Christ in all our comings and goings.

Find the Epiphany House Blessing here: www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-epiphany



Eat together

There is a long history of celebratory food for the Epiphany! One tradition popular in France, the Kings' Cake, called Galette des Rois dates back to the Middle Ages. It is a puff pastry cake that is stuffed with almond and sugar paste. Inserted in the Kings' Cake is a small porcelain bean or figurine. The person who finds the bean typically wears a gold paper crown.

Find a recipe for the Kings' Cake here: catholiccuisine.blogspot.com/2011/01/feast-of-epiphany.html

STEWARDSHIP: Christian stewards are disciples of Jesus Christ who receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. All the ministries related to the stewardship of God's gifts to His people are included in this category.



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from Your hand. Gracious and loving God, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.

Welcome New Parishioners

- Debra Downs and Jackson & Jakoby
- Marilyn Muszynski
- Gary & Anne Hoovler
- Frank & Patricia Sattler
- Jerry & Jessie Rand and Sydney
- Timothy & Linda Halloran
- Paul McKaig
- Mark & Emily Carrier and Crew & Wells
- Deborah Zaborski and Maximus & Lillian
- Cheryl Bogedain
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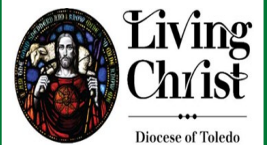
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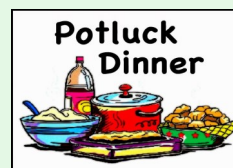
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—Saint Peter of Alcantara



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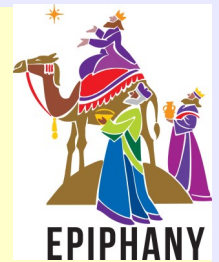


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We need permission from the prayer recipient or their caregiver to add their name. Please contact LuAnn Tafelski, Ministry Coordinator, in our Parish Office at 419-885-5791 to add or remove a name. Thank you.

Activities This Week Saint Joseph Parish



EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 7

Feast of the Epiphany

8:30 a.m.--RCIA--HR

12:30 p.m.--CYO Basketball Games--E Gym

3:00 p.m.--Christmas Send-off Concert--Ch

5:00 p.m.--CYO Basketball Practice--EGym

Monday, January 8

Teacher Professional Development Day

12:00 p.m.--Bridge Group--PS

3:30 p.m.--Basketball Practice--E Gym, W Gym

5:00 p.m.--Parish Potluck Dinner--FC

5:00 p.m.--Pastoral Council--MZ

7:00 p.m.--Women's CRHP--HR

7:00 p.m.--Women's Volleyball--E Gym

Tuesday, January 9

Students return.

1:00p.m.--Fireside Chats--FC

3:30 p.m.--Basketball--E Gym

4:00 p.m.--Basketball--W Gym

6:30 p.m.--Boy Scouts PLC--BH

6:30 p.m.--Kindergarten Information Night--Lib

7:00 p.m.--Cribbage--FC

Wednesday, January 10

3:30 p.m.--CYO Basketball--W Gym, E Gym

4:00 p.m.--Comfort Blanket Ministry--PS

6:30 p.m.--Fireside Chats--FC

6:30 p.m.--Boy Scouts--BH

7:00 p.m.--Knights of Columbus--HR

7:00 p.m.--Women's Volleyball--E Gym

Thursday, January 11

3:00 p.m.--CYO Basketball--E Gym

3:30 p.m.--CYO Basketball--W Gym

7:00 p.m.--Men's Welcome CRHP--Lib

7:00 p.m.--Baptism Preparation Class--HR

Friday, January 12

7:00 a.m.--Muffins with Moms--BH

12:00 p.m.--Mahjongg--PS

3:00 p.m.--CYO Basketball--E Gym

4:00 p.m.--CYO Basketball--W Gym

Saturday, January 13

8:00 a.m.--CYO Basketball Games--E Gym

8:30 a.m.--Service Saturday--E Kitchen, FC

Sunday, January 14

8:30 a.m.--RCIA--HR

Looking Ahead:

January 15--Martin Luther King, Jr. Day--Offices Closed

January 15--Free-throw Contest by Knights of Columbus--WG

January 18--The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

January 20, 21--Rose Procession--Ch

January 27/28--Personal Care Collection

February 11--Parish Confirmation at Cathedral

February 14--Ash Wednesday

February 28--Reboot--Franciscan Center

March 9--Engaged Couples Conference--FC, PS

March 16--Parish School Gala--Family Center

Liturgy: Daily Mass Times, Intentions, Readings, and Ministers

| | Time / Location | Mass Intention (†Deceased) | Daily Scripture Readings |
|---|---|---|--|
| Monday, January 8 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | 9:00 a.m.--Ch 7:00 p.m.--HFC | †Aldesia Fioretti Rosary Prayer Group | Is 42:1-4,6-7 Mk 1:7-11 |
| Tuesday, January 9 (Ordinary Time Begins) | 6:45 a.m.—Ch 8:30 a.m.--HFC 6:30 p.m.--Ch | †Charles Bolanis, I Saint Joseph Parishioners Contemporary Ensemble | 1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28 |
| Wednesday, January 10 | 6:45 a.m.—Ch 7:15 a.m.—HFC 2:30 p.m.--FCC 5:15 p.m.—HFC 5:30 p.m.—HFC | †Ron Craig Eucharistic Adoration until 5:15 p.m. Franciscan Care Center Mass Benediction †Lucrecia Silvan | 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 Mk 1:29-39 |
| Thursday, January 11 | 6:45 a.m.--Ch 8:30 a.m.--Ch 4:30 p.m.--HFC 7:00 p.m.--HFC | †Ray Parker Special Intention: For the Sick Children's Choir Adult Choir Rehearsal | 1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45 |
| Friday, January 12 | 6:45 a.m.--Ch | †Bob Alge | 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22 Mk 2:1-12 |
| Saturday, January 13 Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church | 3:00 p.m.—Ch | Confessions | Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4 Mk 2:13-17 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3-10,19 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20 Jn 1:35-42 |

| January 13/14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Saturday 4:30 p.m. | Sunday 7:30 a.m. | Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Sunday 12:00 p.m. | Sunday 5:00 p.m. |
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| Mass Intention | †LaJiness & Cutshall Families | †Denise Skrououkos | †Michael Brady | †Mary Birsen | †Megan Donahue |
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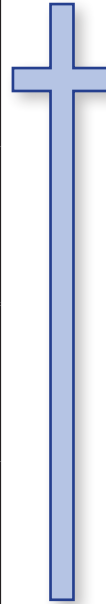


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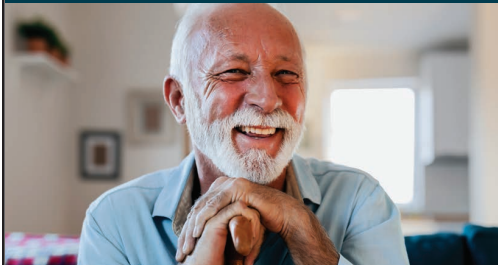
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