



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE

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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

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Anthony J. Pistilli
Deacon Richard A. Sasala

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Pastoral Associate -- Mrs. Joanne Denyer
Ministry Coordinator -- Mrs. LuAnn Tafelski
Executive Assistant to Monsignor Billian –
Mrs. Kristine Soldner

Stewardship Services—419-885-5791

Business Manager—Mrs. Heather Koziarski
Bookkeeper—Miss Kayla Cluckey
Development Director—Ms. Stacy Bruno
Account Clerk—Mrs. Barb Thomas
Parish Scheduler—Jennifer Kauffmann

Saint Joseph Parish School—419-882-6670

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.



Monday, January 1, 2024, New Year’s Day Mass: 9:00 a.m.

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

The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate all the students who entered the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest!

With all the great entries, it was a difficult decision to pick one overall winner whose poster will now be entered into the Greater Toledo Area finals contest. The winning



artist is: Cameron O’Leary, a 6th grader at Saint Joseph Parish School. Congratulations Cameron!

- 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@stjoesylvan.org



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And Facebook!



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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.



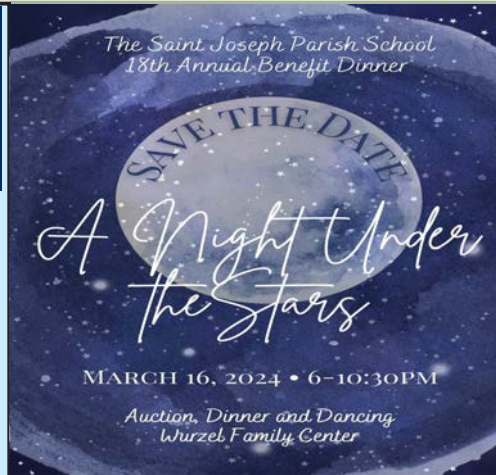
Are you interested in registering your child for our 2024-2025 Kindergarten classes? Saint Joseph Parish School is hosting two Information Nights for parents interested in sending their child to SJPS.



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).



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

- 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

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.



Additional Christmas Flower Envelopes:

- Bertha Duden by Gary Duden
- Mary, Jack and John Arkebauer, Trudy and Robert Lewandowski by Janice and Jerry Arkebauer
- Richard Sendlebach by Joann Sendlebach & Family
- John & James Gryca by Joann Sendlebach & Family
- Joseph & Theresa Gryca by Joann Sendlebach & Family
- Robert and Phyllis McClain by Andrew & Jayne Beckstead
- Leonard & Maraie Beckstead by Andrw & Jayne Beckstead
- William & Deloris Weber, Donald & Helen Krumel, & Tom Bockrader by M/M Stephen Weber

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 pm EST.

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 contact 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 a half hour to 45 minutes. There is no charge. **If you have any questions, please contact Joe Beham at 419-944-7449.**

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Contact Jenn Okuley to **RSVP by January 4th.**

jokuley@olltoledo.com,
419-865-2345, or QR code.

Cost: \$35 per couple. *Please mail or drop off cash or check **by January 4th.** **Childcare from professionals included on the campus!

Open to all couples married ten years or fewer, including those outside our parish!

Saturday, January 20th

Our Lady of
Lourdes Parish,
6149 Hill Avenue,
Toledo, OH



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

- 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

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. We have a limited supply available that *will be given to parishioners at the 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.



Deb's Ministry of Prayer & Hope
 Ring in the New Year with prayer at the **Thursday, January 4th** gathering of Deb's Ministry of Prayer and Hope. Start the year with prayer for your special intentions with fellow parishioners, just one hour, 4-5 p.m., in the East Campus School, Pastor's Suite. Make your resolution come true! Prayer never fails, God hears all requests. Chris Allen Powers will facilitate and is happy to answer any concerns, call her at 419-885-1148, or Sue Cutshall at 419-882-4183. Invite your Saint Joseph friend and join us for prayer, Scripture, sharing, and your special intention. All is confidential. Blessings for the New Year.



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. To volunteer, please contact Libby Saxton, lsaxton@stjoesyvania.org or www.stjoesyvania.org to sign up. It makes our liturgy easier to understand and takes away limitations to our prayer. Thank you. 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.

HOLY FAMILY OF *Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

The Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday following Christmas. The Holy Family serves as a model for all families. This feast honors their lives together, beginning in Bethlehem and then moving to Nazareth, Egypt and back to Nazareth. The feast recognizes the humility of Jesus, Mary's virtue and Joseph's steadfastness, along with the obedience of all three to God's plan for them in salvation history.

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD



January 1

We close out the Christmas octave—the eight days following the birth of Christ—with a day honoring Mary as the Mother of God. This holiday is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind.

The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". Mary being chosen by God, the Father, to bring Jesus Christ into this world, and her willingness to do so is a great cause for celebration. The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431.



Plan together

New Years Day is a great time to make a resolution to get to know Jesus' mother better. How can your family do that?



Pray together

Most years, January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. In 2022, the Solemnity falls on a Saturday, so it's not a holy day of obligation. It's still a wonderful chance to go to Mass, though. It's also a perfect opportunity to pray the Hail Mary slowly and intentionally.

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Listen for the words, "Mother of God."



Work together

Create a Marian Altar in your home. It's simple:

- Select a location. Where in your home do you want the altar to be?
- Find a surface. It could be a small table or a shelf.
- Add religious items. A Marian altar should include an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That could be as simple as a holy card or as ornate as a beautiful statue.

That's all you need! From there, you can get as creative as you wish.

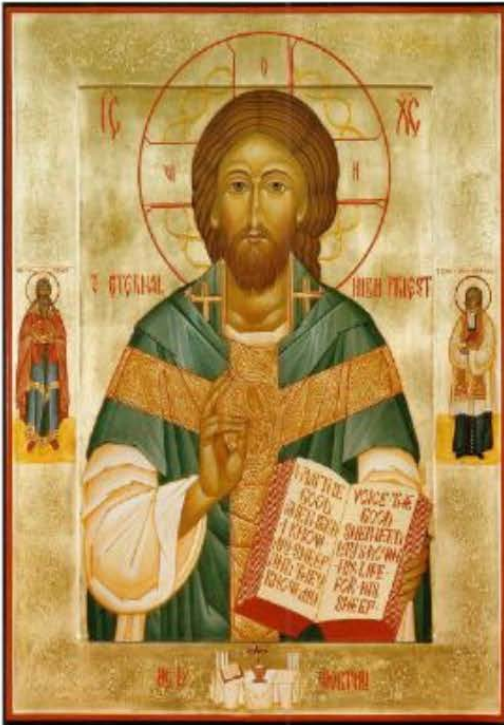


Explore together

Find a statue of Mary in your church. Make a special visit (this can be right after Mass).

Parents of Priests
Prayers for Priests

Prayers for Clergy, Religious, and/or Groups of Individuals for each day of the month.



Dear Lord,
 we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.
 Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pope Francis	2 Bishop Daniel E. Thomas	3 Your Parish Priests	4 Parents of Priests	5 Rev. Gerald Chmiel	6 Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
7 Very Rev. David Cirata	8 Rev. Anthony Cosi	9 Rev. Nathan Cromley	10 Rev. James Cryan	11 Rev. Eric Culler	12 Rev. Nicholas Cunningham	13 Deacons and Missionary Priests
14 Rev. Michael Dandurand	15 Rev. Luyen Dau	16 Very Rev. Mark Davis	17 Seminarian Frederick Del Guidice	18 Rev. Charles Denny	19 Rev. Micheal Diemer	20 Religious Brothers and Sisters
21 Rev. Todd Dominique	22 Rev. Melwin Dsouza	23 Rev. Frederick Duschl	24 Rev. Frank Eckart	25 Rev. Francis Ejimofor	26 Very Rev. Thomas Extejt	27 Deceased Priests of our Diocese
28 Rev. Paul Fahrbach	29 Rev. Philip Feltman	30 Bishop Earl Fernandes	31 Rev. Timothy Faris			



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH
SEASON SEND-OFF

Concert
SUNDAY JANUARY 7

3PM

HEAR THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS ONE LAST TIME!
ADULT CHOIR, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

5411 MAIN STREET SYLVANIA, OH 43560



Saint Joseph Parish School

Scholarship Granting Organization

Announcing the certification of **Saint Joseph Scholarship Fund** as a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO).



What does this Mean?

- Monetary donations made to Saint Joseph Parish School may qualify for an OHIO TAX CREDIT!
- Donors paying Ohio Income Tax can receive a tax credit up to \$750 per individual or \$1,500 per joint Ohio tax return.

You may donate by sending a contribution directly to the **Saint Joseph Scholarship Fund**, 5411 Main Street, Sylvania, Ohio, 43560.

DONATE TODAY!

How do I take advantage?

- Estimate your State of Ohio tax liability.
- Give to the **Saint Joseph Scholarship Fund**.
- Save your acknowledgment letter and claim your tax credit on your State of Ohio tax return.

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.



Year-End Giving

Many of you evaluate your financial resources this time of year and make decisions regarding charitable contributions. Please consider Saint Joseph Parish as you make plans for charitable giving this season.

Parish Operating Fund

Your contributions to this fund help to pay for our everyday operational expenses such as utilities, lawn care service and snow removal, cleaning and maintenance, salaries, benefits, etc., which allow us to continue our parish mission of reaching out in service to all.

Saint Joseph Parish School Endowment Fund

Your contributions to this fund will support our school long-term. Your gift to this fund is an investment tool that provides for the financial security of the school. Parishioners, alumni, and friends donate financial gifts to the fund. The funds are pooled together and invested. Annually, a portion of the earnings are returned to the parish/school for tuition assistance. The principal and remaining interest stay in the fund and grow with returns on investments.

Rainy Day Fund

Your contributions to this fund will be used for future capital improvement needs, such as unexpected and unbudgeted building repairs and other needs of the parish.

IRA Charitable Giving Opportunity

If you have reached the age of 70 1/2, you are eligible for what the IRS has deemed a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD allows you to give directly from your IRA to a qualifying charity, such as Saint Joseph Parish, and the distribution is not counted as taxable income to you. If you are also required to take an annual Required Minimum Distribution (age 73 and older), a QCD can count toward this minimum. We recommend that you consult with your investment advisor and/or tax advisor if you have questions!

Giving Appreciated Securities

Many people who own appreciated investment securities want to use these as a way of making charitable donations. The tax benefit can be twofold: 1) The value of your donation may be tax-deductible; 2) No capital gain taxes will be due on the increase in value over your cost basis. If you would like to make a donation to Saint Joseph Parish using appreciated securities, please notify our Business Manager, Heather Koziarski at 419-885-5791 (ext. 228) (hkoziarski@stjoesylvania.org) and she can provide instructions for donating stock or mutual funds to Saint Joseph Parish.

Sign up for Online Giving

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We appreciate your contributions now and throughout the year.

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Thank you for your support of Saint Joseph Parish!

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Parish Goal:
\$113,990.00 to Date:
\$147,363.53

Percent to Goal:
129.28%*

507 Gifts

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All numbers 419 unless noted

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 - School Advisory Council-- Nicole VanderWeele
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Saint Joseph Parish Goal: \$2,300,000

Saint Joseph Parish Challenge Goal: \$3,000,000

Total Gifts & Pledges: \$4,443,435

148% of Challenge Goal

Total Diocesan Goal: \$65,000,000

Total Diocesan Gifts & Pledges: \$91,537,304

141% of Diocesan Goal

Thank you!



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Eucharistic Adoration is held on **Wednesdays each week and on First Fridays** in our Holy Family Chapel.

Adoration begins after the 6:45 a.m. Mass and on **Wednesdays, ends at 5:15 p.m.**, followed by Benediction at 5:15 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m.

On First Fridays, Adoration ends at 4:15 p.m. Please sign up now for Adoration at www.stjoesylvania.org or use the QR code.

We need at least one person scheduled for each Holy Hour as the Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended.

Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them.

—Saint Peter of Alcantara



Requested Special Prayer Intentions

Jacob Nelson
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Rita Prebe
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Sandra Pennington
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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



Sunday, December 31

Happy New Year's Eve

Monday, January 1

Happy New Year

Tuesday, January 2

Parish Office is closed today.

Students return January 9.

Wednesday, January 3

12:00 p.m.--CYO Basketball Practice--E Gym

12:00 p.m.--Schmidt Dinner Committee--HR

4:30 p.m.--CYO Basketball--W Gym,

7:00 p.m.--Boy Scouts--BH

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

Thursday, January 4

1:30 p.m.--CYO Basketball--E Gym

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

4:00 p.m.--Deb's Ministry of Prayer--PS

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

7:00 p.m.--Respect Life Ministry--PS

First Friday, January 5

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

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

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

Saturday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 7

Feast of the Epiphany

1:30 p.m.--CYO Basketball Games--E Gym

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

Looking Ahead:

January 8--Parish Potluck Dinner--FC

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

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

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



**Joanne Carter
Barbara McCloskey
Ursula Strasbaugh**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

December 28, 2023

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

	Time / Location	Mass Intention (†Deceased)	Daily Scripture Readings
Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	9:00 a.m.--Ch	†Marty Davis	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday, January 2 Saints Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops	6:45 a.m.—Ch 8:30 a.m.—HFC 6:30 p.m.—Ch	†Richard Puszczewicz Saint Joseph Parishioners Contemporary Ensemble	1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus	6:45 a.m.—Ch 7:15 a.m.—HFC 5:15 p.m.—HFC 5:30 p.m.—Ch	†Helen Bolanis Eucharistic Adoration until 5:15 p.m. Benediction †Stephen Sobecki	1 Jn 2:29--3:6 Jn 1:29-34
Thursday, January 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton	6:45 a.m.--HFC 8:30 a.m.--HFC 7:00 p.m.--HC	For Safe Travel in the New Year †Father Raymond Ensman Adult Choir Rehearsal	1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42
First Friday, January 5 Saint John Neumann, Bishop	6:45 a.m.--HFC 7:15 a.m.—HFC	†John Skrououkos III Eucharistic Adoration until 4:15 p.m.	1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51
Saturday, January 6 Saint André Bessette, Religious	3:00 p.m.—Ch	Confessions	Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:7-11 Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3.5-6 Mt 2:1-12

January 6/7 The Epiphany of the Lord	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.
Mass Intention	†Jim Kronbach	†Mary Clare Langenderfer	†Sal Cellura	†Civello & Tartaglia Families	†Cynda Bernardo
Presider	Father Joseph Mominee	Father Joseph Mominee	Father Joseph Mominee	Monsignor Michael Billian	Monsignor Michael Billian
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Greeters	Nancy Cook Sue Jurski Barbara Masten	Danny Briscoe Andrew Wyatt Gina Wyatt	JoAnn Cellura Jane Schuessler Need 1	Sharon Parker Lynn Schmenk Phyllis Seymour	Tina Haack Need one
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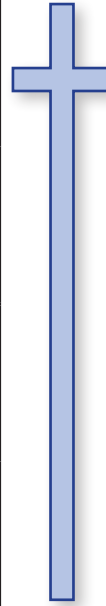
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