

WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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St. Joseph Catholic Church,
Plain City, Ohio



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**Are you new
to Saint Joseph
Parish?**



Welcome!

Are you new to St. Joseph's? We invite you to please introduce yourself before or after Mass, or stop by the parish office to register, meet Father Trapp and become part of our parish family.

MASSES

**Weekday Masses are
at the church**

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.

**Weekend at the
church:**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

At the PAC:

Sunday 11 a.m.

ADORATION

M - Th 6 -11 a.m.
& 6 -11 p.m.
Friday: 6-8 a.m.
& 6-11 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

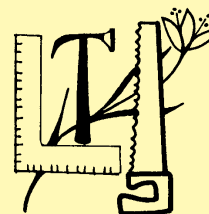
AT CHURCH:
Saturday after
9 a.m. Mass
and 3:30 p.m.
Also by
appointment.



**Parish Activity Center
and Parish Office**

670 W. Main Street
Plain City, OH 43064

ARE YOU NEW TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH? Please stop by the office to register you and your family or call 614-873-8850.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament. Parents are encouraged to contact the office for an appointment **prior** to the birth of their child.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of intended date. A marriage preparation program is required. Please contact Father Trapp.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call the office for emergencies and notify the office for calls to the sick or visits to the hospital. To have a name added to the bulletin prayer list please send to: bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com

EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Please call the office to be added to the weekly Communion list.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? RCIA is a process that provides time for inquiry, instruction, prayer and discernment. For more information please contact the parish office. We welcome you!

OFFERTORY: You may make your offertory weekly or monthly by visiting our website at www.saintjosephplaincity.com and registering with ONLINE GIVING.



Adoration angels are needed as follows:

Tuesdays 10 - 11 p.m.

Wednesdays 8 - 9 p.m. **Thursdays** 9 - 10 p.m. - every 4th week

Fridays 10 - 11 p.m.

Please contact Elaine Bonacci to sign up. Thank you!

Please pray for our military:

2LT Denis R. Aurelius USAF
 SFC Michael S. Bertorello, USA
 1SGT Kevin R. Gleich, USA
 Logan Hill,
 LTC Patrick Parsons, USAF
 MASN Todd Thieken Jr., USN
 Lt. Cmdr. Matt Wood, USN



Please pray for who all who are ill and healing:

Patricia Ann Allen
 George Geruntino
 Elfriede Gregel
 David Harris
 John High
 Zachary Kaiser
 Mary Jane Ward

Rhonda Campbell
 Kevin Gleich
 Florine Hamlin
 John Harris
 Gabriel Kaiser
 Betty Stricharczuk

Mass Intentions & Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday, April 3

DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; PS: 23; JN 8:1-11
NO MASS

Tuesday, April 4

NM 21:4-9; PS: 102; JN 8:21-30
5:30 p.m. Mary Grady (DOD Oct. 20, 1942)

Wednesday, April 5

DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; PS: LK 8; JN 8:31-42
5:30 p.m. Harry & Julia Grzeskowkiak (Parish)

Thursday, April 6

GN 17:3-9; PS 105; JN 8:51-59
NO MASS

Friday, April 7

JER 20:10-13; PS 18; JN 10:31-42
8 a.m. Intentions Of: Jean Newton (L. LaTour)

Saturday, April 8

EZ 37:21-28; PS: JER 31; JN 11: 45-56
9 a.m. Intention of: Our Seminarians (R.&C. McCarty)
4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Palm Sunday, April 9

MT 21: 1-22; PS: 22; PHIL 2:6-11; MT 26:14-27:66
8:30 a.m. Intention of: Crock Family (A. & L. Crock)
11 a.m. Helen Grywalski (Grywalski Family)

Calendar

Monday, April 3

PSR 1st-6th Grades 4:30 p.m.
 PSR 1st-6th Grades 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, April 5

Alpha 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 6

Liturgy Committee Mtg 3 p.m.
 Parish Penance Service @ PAC 7 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Bible Study 9 a.m.
 K of C Fish Fry 5:30 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross* 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Confessions & Parish Rosary* 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 9

PSR - 7th & 8th Grades 9:40 a.m.
 Folk Choir Practice 9:45 a.m.
 Youth Group 7 p.m.

* Event at the Church

Knights of Columbus Pennies for Heaven

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Pennies for Heaven Campaign this weekend. The money raised will support our seminarians and promote vocations. They will be collecting after each Mass. Please pray for our seminarians and for vocations.



Easter Flowers

Please send in your envelope for Easter flower donations as soon as possible. In order to have your remembrance printed in the bulletin we need your donation by tomorrow, April 3. Please drop it off at the parish office. Thank you!



Join us for Stations of the Cross this Friday at 7 p.m. at the Church.



Announcements

- The Parish Penance Service is this Thursday at 7 p.m. at the PAC.
- Our last Alpha course is this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. It has been a huge success and a wonderful way of learning more about Christianity.
- This Friday is your last chance to patronize the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at 5:30 p.m. at the PAC.

Stewardship:

Offertory Collection for March 12, 2017

Envelopes*	\$2,849
Loose* (Unknown)	\$ 180
Diocesan Tax (6%)	<u>\$ (182)</u>
Total	\$2,847

Offertory Collection for March 19, 2017

Envelopes*	\$3,956
Loose* (Unknown)	\$ 216
Diocesan Tax (6%)	<u>\$ (250)</u>
Total	\$3,922

*These numbers do not reflect on-line Giving

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’”

JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a



life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

Our Weekly Reflection:

“What is this grace I speak of? Grace is the help God gives us to respond to his call, and to do what is good and right. We do nothing to deserve this gift of grace, and yet, as a loving father lavishes gifts upon his child, God lavishes grace upon us. ...God gives us the strength to break through resistance so that we can do things that are healthy and worthwhile.”



Try going to a weekday Mass

“There is something about the intimacy of those daily Masses that creates a difference experience. It is the same Mass, but you hear things in different ways; you witness things in a different way. The prayers of the Mass are both ancient and fresh. They speak of yesterday and apply to your life and mine today. I fell in love with the Mass during weekday Masses, because it was there in those intimate experiences that I really started to understand it.

Once you understand that God has an incredible dream for you, once you grasp that he wants you to become the-best-version-of-yourself and help others do the same, and once you start to listen to the prayers of the Mass with all this in mind, you very quickly discover that there is genius in Catholicism.”

St. Joseph's daily Masses are Tuesday & Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., Friday 8 a.m., and Saturday at 9 a.m.

Read more www.dynamiccatholic.com

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstinence from meat on Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Good Friday.
3. On Good Friday only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and juice are allowed. When health or the ability to work is seriously affected the law does not oblige.

**CELEBRATE
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
AS THE PARISH FAMILY OF
SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Palm Sunday

4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass of the Passion of The Lord with Blessing of Palm
8:30 a.m. Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord with Blessing of Palm
11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord with Procession
Gathering outside the (PAC) Parish Hall for Procession
(Weather permitting)

Daily Mass at the Church

Monday: 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Until 10:00 p.m., at the Church

Good Friday

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets
3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)
8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday
AT THE CHURCH**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

AT THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER (PAC)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Egg Hunt following 11:00 a.m. Mass
sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

ALPHA - April 5, 6:30 p.m.

This week we will discuss "Does God Heal Today?"

BIBLE STUDY - FRIDAYS MORNINGS 10 a.m.

The Friday Bible Study - Continuing with the Study of the Gospel of Mathew. Using the Jeff Cavins course of study, *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*. Friday Mornings - Following Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Double Classroom in the PAC.

DAILY MASS

Participating in daily mass is the best reminder to keep your Lenten resolutions. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5:30 pm and Friday, 8:00 am Saturday, 9:00 am - Mercy and Life Mass – followed with Praying the Rosary and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Parish Adoration Program - join with many parishioners who devote themselves in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament praying for the needs of many and personal prayer. Come and pray for an hour. Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane asked his Peter: "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? (MT 26:40) Monday-Friday mornings: 6am – 11am; evenings: 6pm – 11pm at Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

The Communal Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation will be on April 6, Thursday, at the PAC at 7p.m., extra priests will be available for this Penance Service with individual confessions. Confessions Saturdays, following the 9:00am Mass for Mercy and Life and 3:30 – 4:00 p.m .

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays at 7 p.m. at the Church

The traditional Friday Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be prayed; together we follow the final steps of Christ along the Sorrowful Way to Calvary.

OPERATION RICE BOWL and ST. MARTIN DE PORRES AND PLAIN CITY FOOD PANTRY

Catholic Relief Services, CRS's calls this "Operation Rice Bowl," because many people in the world only survive on a bowl of rice a day. Rice Bowl feeds the world, supports agriculture and water projects, and projects that help the self-sufficiency and dignity of the poor in many nations. **25% of Rice Bowl funds collected remains in our diocese for local poverty alleviation projects. 25% OF ALL OUR RICE BOWLS WILL SUPPORT THE ST. MARTIN DE PORRES AND 25% PLAIN CITY'S FOOD PANTRY. RICE BOWLS ARE DUE DURING HOLY WEEK.**

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT: MISSION SUPPORT

The collection of non-prescription medicines for Northern Nurses Without Borders for our parishioner, Megan Will, to take on her medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. She is asking for: *Acetaminophen & ibuprofen & aspirin, vitamins, anti-itch creams, cold medicines, throat/cough drops, stomach relief, hydrogen peroxide, rubbing alcohol, swabs, bandages, tongue depressors and band-aids. She is also gratefully accepting cash and check donations made payable to: Northern Nurses Without Borders. Thank you!*



Nicely done Deacon Tony and family at the Pontifical College Josephinum Clergy Who Cook annual event. His Italian Wedding Cookies were a hit!

Good Friday Collection

The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Paul VI is ***“not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.”***



Parish Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Penance is an experience of the gift of the Lord's boundless mercy. Not only does it free us from our sins, it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sinned against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We gain new insight into the words of the Prayer of Saint Francis: *“It is in pardoning that we are pardoned”*.

St. Joseph Church will hold a parish Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m. at the PAC. Additional priests will be available.

As Catholics we are encouraged to make going to confession a significant part of our spiritual lives during Lent.

Pic: ucg.org



Do you have dried blessed palms from last year? Bring them to the church or the PAC and drop off in the bins provided. Father will burn them in a special container and use them for the ashes for next year on Ash Wednesday. The ultimate recycling!



Parish School of Religion News



~ Another school year is rapidly coming to a close and you know what that means, right? PSR registration for the 2017-2018 school year will begin on April 30th for active parishioners. Details will be published soon.

~ Speaking of PSR, is God calling you to be a catechist or classroom aide? Teaching our faith is one of the most profound ways to bring our children to the Word of God. Please contact Renee Dvorsky at the parish office or via email at renee@saintjosephplaincity.com.

~ First Communion Retreat is Saturday, April 22, at 8:30 a.m. at the PAC. All First Communicants and a parent **must** attend.

Care for God's Creation

Encounter Dita:



Dita, her husband and their seven children depend on the money they earn selling crops from their small farm in Ethiopia. But frequent droughts often mean that families like Dita's who depend on home-grown crops go hungry. And amidst the current historic drought, more than 10 million people are struggling with hunger.

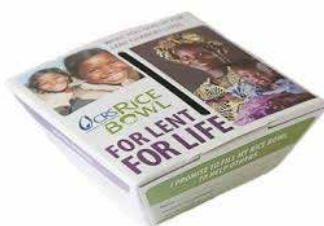
But thanks to a CRS program that helps families prepare for crises like droughts, Dita was able to build a new house and open a small store. Instead of relying solely on what she can grow on her farm, she is able to sell items like pasta, shampoo and bananas. She earns a steady \$400 a month.

"Before, I had to get eggs from my neighbors. Now I have 15 hens," she proclaims. Saving money and being able to borrow not only allowed her to buy hens but also a metal roof for her new house, a rarity for families in this part of Ethiopia.

"Now we have no problems with food," she says. Unlike families across Ethiopia that struggle to find enough to eat, Dita says her children eat three times a day, thanks to her newfound business knowledge.

And what's more, all her children are attending school. "When I was a child, there were no education opportunities," she says. Then, with a shy but proud smile, she adds, "That's a big difference."

Rice Bowls are due during Holy Week. Please see the drop off areas at the church and the PAC.



A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

~ Proverbs 11:25



Coming up at St. Joe's Youth Group

- April 2-** Bowling at Plain City Lanes 6:30-8:30 (Middle School and High School students)
- April 6-** Parish Penance Service 7:00-8:00
- April 9-** Viewing of 'The Passion' followed by Adoration (@ the church)
- April 23-** Speaker Fr. Joshua Wagner (Middle School and High School students)
- April 30-** Sleep in Sunday (Mass @ 5:30 YG and pizza following from 6:30-7:30)

Guest Speaker for Middle School and High School Students: Father Joshua Wagner

Fr. Wagner, in addition to his ministerial and administrative duties, also runs his own speaking business, "Total Possibility" since 2007, and has spoken in numerous religious organizations, businesses and non-profits across the country, to tens of thousands of people, in groups both large and small. He also does stand-up comedy from time to time!

Please join us on April 23, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the PAC for this exciting speaker.

We will have ping-pong, pizza, and a chance to win gift cards!

Check out more about Fr. Wagner at FatherWagner.com



Pope Francis' General Audience: 'We Are Called to Spread Hope'

Official Synthesis of the Catechesis



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, today we reflect on two words used by Saint Paul in the opening reading: steadfastness and encouragement. Paul says that both are contained in the message of the Scriptures, but even more, that ours is a God of steadfastness and encouragement (cf. Rom 15:4-5). In the Christian life, we are called to spread hope by supporting and encouraging one another, especially those in danger of faltering. But we do so with the strength provided by the Lord, who is our unfailing source of hope. Faithful to the Apostle's injunction, may we always live in harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus (v. 5).

www.zenit.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH APRIL 8

Usher M. & T. Schurman
 Lectors M. Wood, D. Rowley
 EM D. Needham, J. Humphrey, R. Rabold
 Serve B. & D. Corbitt

8:30 A.M. AT THE CHURCH APRIL 9

Usher J. Elias, B. Sievers
 Lectors T. Schwoppe, M. Valois
 EM Dcn. T. Bonacci, T. & G. Hare
 Serve J. Fritter, C. Haaser

11 A.M. AT THE PAC APRIL 9

Usher P. Thomas, M. Peck
 Lectors M. Thiergartner, M. Weisburn
 EM J. Ciuca, J. & R. Dvorsky
 Serve A. & C. Miller

HOMEBOUND D. & M. Needham

COLLECTION COUNTING

April	10	Team St. Barbara
April	18	Team St. Cunegundes
April	24	Team St. Diego
May	1	Team St. Anthony



The schedule listed above may not be the most current ministry schedule.
 Please check Ministry Scheduler Pro for the latest schedule.