

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PLAIN CITY, OHIO

*Christmas 2017*



**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO TAKE PART OF OUR VIBRANT PARISH FAMILY LIFE.**

**IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES WE ARE OFFERING DESCRIPTIONS OF THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES AT ST. JOSEPH. THESE MINISTRIES ARE ALL VOLUNTEER AND NEED YOU!**



**JOIN US, AND BRING YOUR TIME AND TALENT TO ONE OR MANY OF THE GROUPS AVAILABLE.**

**EVERYTHING WE DO AS A PARISH DEPENDS ON OUR VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THEM HAPPEN.**



**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Eucharistic Adoration is an act of worshiping God in the church as He is present in the consecrated Host. As the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, the faithful adore it.

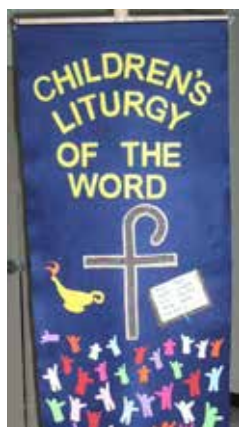
Generally, adoration is an hour but can be any length of time you can manage. Afternoon hours have recently been added to a general schedule of 6 am - 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, *“Adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus in which I say to Him: ‘I am yours and I ask you, please, always stay with me’.”*



To spend an hour a week with the Lord is time well spent. Please contact Lori Crock to reserve your hour.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**



Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is specifically designed to develop a child’s awareness and knowledge of Scripture on a level they can comprehend. With the help of the Holy Spirit and adult lay people, the younger children of our parish family, 4 to 7 years old, explore our loving Lord on the beginning of their faith journey.

CLW is offered during the 11 am Mass at the PAC on the first two Sundays of each month. We are always looking for older youth or adult volunteers to help facilitate this ministry. Please contact Elaine Bonacci if you can help.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

### LITURGY:

In order to enhance the living experience of our Lord at Mass we need people to help us. Preparation for each Mass is essential and we have several groups of volunteers that bring joyful meaning to each celebration. Which one calls you?

**CHOIR:** Join our Music Director, Greg Elchert, who brings his musical talents to enhance the Spiritual experience of each Mass. We are looking for voices to help lead us in song and musicians to play their instruments in harmony. Choir practice times vary, please consult the bulletin for times and locations.



### ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS & USHERS:

Pope Francis said, *"Serving at the altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus. The closer you are to the altar the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the word and the body of the Lord, the better able you will be to go out and help others..."*. Contact Father Trapp or Deacon Tony if you are ready to share your enthusiasm for Mass by greeting our parish family, voicing the Holy Scriptures or by attentively serving at the altar of our Lord.



### BIBLE STUDY:

*Catholics don't read the bible!* Oh, yes we do! Are you looking for a deeper understanding of Scripture? Do the names and dates confuse you? Do you need some clarity in a passage? Then join our growing group for fellowship and learning on Friday mornings at the PAC after morning Mass. There's always a hot pot of coffee and delicious treats to enhance your spiritual journey.



### ALPHA:

*"Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and our Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment"*.

Got questions  
about life



During Lent, 2017 we conducted the first session of Alpha and had tremendous support by the parish. Each week there was a different topic of Christianity to explore by watching a short video by creator Nicky Gumbel. His creative, funny and thought-provoking topics generated much discussion in our small groups. Each week we begin with a dinner prepared by many of the ministries here at the parish. It is delicious and heart-warming. Stay tuned for details for the next opportunity to experience a life-changing event.

### WALKING WITH PURPOSE:

This ministry is new to St. Joseph and is off to a beautiful start. As women of the parish we are growing in faith using a Scripture-based program that is fresh, relevant and focuses on increasing knowledge as well as conversion of the heart. It features three elements: at-home study, weekly small group meetings and a monthly talk. We meet on Wednesday evenings at the PAC. Please join us on January 10, 2018 when we resume our prayers, conversations and fellowship.



**THAT MAN IS YOU!** Is a mens ministry that helps each man consider his relationship with God, his spouse and his children. It harmonizes current social issues with medical science and the teachings of the Church. The men of the parish meet on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am. Please see Deacon Tony Bonacci to join this exhilarating group of our finest examples of Christian men. Our next meeting resumes January 6, 2018.



## SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES OUTREACH



The St. Martin de Porres Outreach Mission Center began in the 1990's by a group of parishioners who were interested in improving the lives of the poor and needy in our community.

It began as furniture and household items in our basements and garages. We operated by word-of-mouth and quickly grew.

In early 2000, we formalized our mission with the advice of Father Pat Toner. With a very generous grant from the Catholic Foundation we completed the St. Martin building in 2009.

We are very blessed to receive monetary donations from our 5th Sunday collections at St. Joseph, private gifts and of course our community. We also raise money from the dessert table during the Lenten Fish Fries.

With these funds we are able to have an inventory of small appliances and household items that are a critical need for those in our town. We put a special emphasis on

brand new beds for the children in need. It is part of our philosophy that every child deserves a clean, warm bed of their very own.

In addition to this mission we also coordinate the Giving Tree at Christmas that provides much needed daily house hold items for the DNA Center, Plain City Food Pantry and Holy Family Soup Kitchen downtown.

Meetings for 2018 are scheduled for March 13, June 12 and September 11 and December 11 at the PAC. All are welcome to join us. Please contact Gloria Butler at 614-581-2074 for more information.



## THE FATHER EDWARD FITZGERALD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12772

The Knights of Columbus Council at St. Joseph Parish is a thriving and dynamic group of over one hundred men and growing. Our organization is based on the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity first begun by Father Michael McGiveny in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882.



We continue these principles by supporting various requests at St. Joseph and Plain City through prayer, monetary donations and service hours.

We offer our prayers for our seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum and offer monetary support for their educations as well; at St. Joseph we organize our Lenten Fish Fries - a perennial favorite; the Easter egg hunt for the kids, the Fourth of July fireworks viewing, and we "man" the grills for our Parish picnic in August.

For our community we organize a supply drive for our US Veterans at the VA Hospital in Chillicothe; we collect food for the Plain City Food Pantry; and we directly offer financial scholarships for students in our parish who are entering college. (And you may have seen our road sign along Rt. 42 in the New California area - we are litter patrol several times a year).

We are very proud to be honored as a *Star Council* for the past two years and will be eligible again this year. This award is given to councils who meet the Supreme Knights goals for outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service programs.

We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings and social gatherings which are advertised in the weekly bulletin. All men, 18 and over are welcome.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Joseph's Youth Ministry helps teens better know, love, and serve God. Faith life doesn't stop after Confirmation. God calls each of us to a lifelong, authentic relationship with Him. By encouraging teens to know and love God and giving them opportunities to serve, we hope to revolutionize teen culture and form young disciples. Teens in 8th grade and older are invited to join our three main activities: **YDisciple** small groups, **Service Saturday**, and **Ignite** fun nights.

Contact Emily Winner at [emily@saintjosephplaincity.com](mailto:emily@saintjosephplaincity.com) to get email updates and text reminders.

### Take a look at Formed and YDisciple

Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and type in the St. Joseph Parish Code: **RFTRYT**

Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)

Go to STUDY and click on YOUTH/YDISCIPLE



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This is the group responsible for the Potluck for the Feast of St. Joseph in March, Parish Picnic in August, Corks, Caps & Cuisine, and other family-centered social gatherings at the parish.

### CORKS, CAPS & CUISINE:

This wine and beer tasting is an annual event in November and is a relaxing, fun and festive adult event. Gift baskets are raffled off, wine is poured, beer is tapped and the lights are turned down low. Best to get your tickets when they first go on sale - we sold out last year!



### PARISH PICNIC:

This fun, family event takes place in August just after the regular school year begins. The Knights man the grills and the parishioners provide the side dishes and desserts. There are games and crafts for the kids, Bingo for everyone and great prizes. The kids would say the best part is the fire truck! Check it out this coming summer. All are welcome!

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

The PSR program at St. Joseph has a great group of 34 dedicated volunteers to instruct the children of our parish in our faith. Some even have children in the parish school. We have a total of 160 students in the program from grades 1 - 8. Grades 1 - 6 meet on Mondays throughout the school year in two sessions at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm. The junior high youth meet on Sunday mornings throughout the year at 9:40 am.

This year the **PSR Work of Mercy Project** is collecting coins on each first Monday of the month for The Holy Family Soup Kitchen. We have collected almost \$400 so far. The whole parish can participate if they would like. From each PSR session, the class with the most money wins a pizza party.



### **Upcoming major events for the PSR program are:**

**NET Retreat** open to 6-7-8 grade: Friday, February 2, 2018 from 7 pm - 9:30 pm at the PAC

March 12, 2018 is a Reconciliation Service during the class times at the PAC

March 19, 2018 **St. Joseph Feast Day** Masses at 4:30 pm and at 6:30 pm at the PAC. These are Liturgies for the children to participate. So sign up your child if they would like to read, usher, or help in another way.

May 7, 2018 is **May Crowning** at 5:30 pm at the PAC



### **Sacramental Events coming up:**

**Retreat for Reconciliation:** Saturday, January 27, 2018 8:30 am -12 Noon at the PAC

**First Reconciliation:** Sunday, February 11, 2018 4 pm at the PAC

**Retreat for First Holy Communion:** Saturday, April 21, 2018 8:30-12 Noon at PAC

**Practice for First Holy Communion:** Friday, May 4, 2018 Session 1, 6 PM;  
Session 2, 7 pm at the church



**First Holy Communion:** Sunday, May 6, 2018 @ Church 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM (2 Masses)

**CONFIRMATION Retreats** required for 8 grade: Friday, February 2, 2018 from 7 pm -9:30 pm at the PAC and Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9 am - 5 pm with Net Ministries

**CONFIRMATION Rehearsal:** Sunday, April 22, 2018 6:30 pm at PAC

**CONFIRMATION:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 7 pm at PAC



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

This no-cost event will take place the week of June 11, 2018, for students age 4 to 12. We are going to have a Birthday Bash! It is full of songs, arts & crafts, and lots of fun. We are currently looking for a special volunteer to direct this summer's VBS and for approximately 25 other volunteers. If this ministry is calling you, please contact Father Trapp or Maria Vonada as soon as possible. We need you!



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your donations  
of Christmas  
Flowers in honor of,  
or in memory of:*

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Dot Achtner & Kate Benson

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