

# 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 pm  
Wednesday 5:30 pm  
Friday 8 am  
Saturday 9 am

**Weekend at the  
church:**

Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am

**At the PAC:**

Sunday 11 am

## ADORATION

M - Th 6 -11 am &  
6 -11 pm  
Friday: 6-8 am  
& 6-11 pm

Confessions at  
church:  
Saturday after  
9 am Mass  
and 3:30 pm 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.

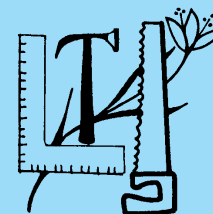
**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of intended date. A marriage preparation program is required. Please contact Father Trapp.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.saintjosephplaincity.com) and registering with ONLINE GIVING.



**ADORATION ANGELS NEEDED:**

**Mondays:** 10 - 11 pm  
**Tuesdays:** 7 - 8 am, 9 - 10 pm, 10 - 11 pm  
**Wednesdays:** 8 - 9 pm  
**Thursdays:** 9 - 10 pm - every 4th week  
**Fridays:** 10 - 11 pm  
 Please contact Lori Crock to sign up.  
 Subs needed also. Thank you!



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

2LT Denis R. Aurelius USAF  
 SFC Michael S. Bertorello, USA  
 SGT Justin Edwards, ANG  
 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	Shannon Eckman	George Geruntino	Kevin Gleich
Florine Hamlin	David Harris	John Harris	Sam Herriot
John High	Gabriel Kaiser	Zachary Kaiser	Barbara Sievers
Mary Jane Ward			

To have your loved one added to the prayer list, please email: [bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com](mailto:bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

**4:30 pm AT THE CHURCH Dec 2**

Usher: T. & S. Thobe  
 Lector: B. Hess, J. Fritter  
 EM: (open), (open), K. Kaminski  
 Servers: M. Ridder, S. Trushel

**8:30 AM AT THE CHURCH Dec 3**

Usher: J. Elias, B. Sievers  
 Lector: E. Bonacci, G. Slane  
 EM: Dcn. T. Bonacci, R. & J. Dvorsky  
 Servers: J. Fritter, J. O'Connell

**11 AM AT THE PAC Dec 3**

Usher: M. & W. Brown  
 Lector: J. Humphrey, C. High  
 EM: P. Thomas, M. Theirgartner, J. Ciuca  
 Servers: C. Miller, D. Tobe

**HOMEBOUND: F. & G. Hamlin**

**COLLECTION COUNTING:**

DEC 4 Team St. Diego  
 DEC 11 Team St. Anthony  
 DEC 18 Team St. Barbara  
 DEC 26 Team St. Cunegundes



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

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS:**

**Monday, Nov. 27**

DN 1:1-6, 8-20; PS: 3; LK 21:1-4

No Mass

**Tuesday, Nov. 28**

DN 2: 31-45; PS: 3; LK 21: 5-11

5:30 pm: Elizabeth Ann Trapp (Parish)

**Wednesday, Nov. 29**

DN 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; PS: DN3; LK 21: 12-19

5:30 pm: People of the Parish

**Thursday, Nov. 30**

Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

ROM 10: 9-18; PS: 19; MT 4: 18-22

No Mass

**Friday, Dec. 1**

DN 7:2-14; PS: DN3; LK 21: 29-33

8 am: LaTour / Rummel Families (LaTour Family)

**Saturday, Dec. 2**

DN 7: 15-27; PS: DN 3: LK 21: 34-36

9 am: Steve Halaiko (J. Newlon)

4:30 pm: Monnin Family (C. Monnin)

**Sunday, Dec. 3**

First Sunday of Advent

IS 63: 16b-17, 19B, 64:2-7; PS: 80; 1COR 1:3-9; MK 13: 33-37

8 am: People of the Parish

11am: Bertha Thayer (DOD Mar. 15, 1957)

Mass Intentions are filling up fast for the rest of the calendar year. Please contact the office to have a Mass reserved for your loved one.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK: TIME:**

**MONDAY, NOV. 27**

PSR Grades 1 - 6	4:30 pm
Christmas Pageant Practice	5:30 pm
PSR Grades 1 - 6	6:30 pm

**TUESDAY, NOV. 28**

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29**

**THURSDAY, NOV. 30**

Choir Practice	7 pm
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**FRIDAY, DEC. 1**

Bible Study	9 am
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**SATURDAY, DEC. 2**

Confessions*	3:30 pm
Rosary*	4 pm

**SUNDAY, DEC. 3**

PSR Grades 7 - 8	9:40 am
Folk Choir Practice	9:45 am
Retrouvaille	1:30 pm
YDisciples	7 pm

\*Denotes event takes place at the Church

**St. Martin de Porres next quarterly meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 pm at the PAC. Please join us!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Masses for Immaculate Conception will be a vigil on Dec. 7 at 5:30 at the PAC. All PSR students and families are encouraged to attend. Other Masses will be Dec. 8: Noon at the church and 5:30 pm at the PAC. Ministers are needed.

**STEWARDSHIP:**

**Offertory Collection for November 12, 2017**

Envelopes	\$2,455
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 240
Diocesan Tax (6%)	<u>\$ (162)</u>
Total	\$2,533*

\*These numbers do not reflect on-line Giving October, 2017 Online Giving: 12,406.

**"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" - MATTHEW 25:40**

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy

And  
He  
Shall  
Reign



Christ, our King

Forever  
And  
Ever

when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.



### What is the Feast of Christ the King?

Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for the universal church, in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. He connected the increasing denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism throughout much of Europe. At the time of *Quas Primas*, many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority.

Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of non-Christian dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders. These dictators often attempted to assert authority over the Church. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was needed most.

Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state
2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ.
3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

Today, the same distrust of authority exists, although the problem has gotten worse. Individualism has been embraced to such an extreme, that for many, the only authority is the individual self. The idea of Christ as ruler is rejected in such a strongly individualistic system. Also, many balk at the idea of kings and queens, believing them to be antiquated and possibly oppressive. Some even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. However true these statements might be (some kings have been oppressive), these individuals miss the point: Christ's kingship is one of humility and service.

Thus, Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular kings, and in contrast to them, he connected his role as king to humble service, and commanded his followers to be servants as well. In other passages of Scripture, his kingdom is tied to his suffering and death. While Christ is coming to judge the nations, his teachings spell out a kingdom of justice and judgment balanced with radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to die for humanity and whose "loving-kindness endures forever." Christ is the king that gives us true freedom, freedom in Him. Thus we must never forget that Christ radically redefined and transformed the concept of kingship.

Christ the King Sunday used to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October, but since the calendar reforms of 1969, the feast falls on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, which is the Sunday before Advent. It is fitting that the feast celebrating Christ's kingship is observed right before Advent, when we liturgically wait for the promised Messiah (King).

[www.churchyear.net](http://www.churchyear.net)



This is one of the busiest times of the year for everyone. The Holidays are closing in on us, and we have dozens of things we all want to accomplish. Despite this, once again, St. Joe's Parish members never fail to step up when the call goes out for help!

HUGE thanks to all who prepared and delivered food for the Bereavement Luncheon for Joe Elias. The variety of hot and cold dishes plus delicious desserts was amazing and the Elias family's 85 guest thoroughly enjoyed the meal and the fellowship at the PAC.

Thanks to the crew who served and cleaned up afterward. A few leftover containers are on the counter in the kitchen for pick-up. Thank you again and Blessings for your service to our departed.

Also a great big "Thanks" to all the "cut-ups" who made fast work of preparing the tags for the Giving Trees last week. The tags are now available. ~Gloria Butler



Please come  
to a  
**Cookie Swap Party**

Saturday, December 9, 2017 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

At St. Joseph's Parish Activity Center  
670 West Main Street, Plain City, Ohio

Please bring 5-6 dozen Christmas cookies, the recipe written on an index card, and a tray to take home cookies. Any unwanted cookies will be donated to Plain City area organizations. Lots of fun is planned.

RSVP to Lorree at [dendis@hotmail.com](mailto:dendis@hotmail.com) or call the Parish Office.

**Breakfast with St. Nicholas, Dec. 9**




The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual Breakfast with St. Nicholas on Saturday, December 9, 8am - 11 am.

The pancake and sausage breakfast includes drinks and a special appearance by that jolly elf in red.

Costs: Age 12 - adult is \$6 Age 4-11 is \$4 Under 4 is free with a \$20 cap per family.

Photos with St. Nick are \$3.00, extra prints \$2 ea, and for a \$5 donation the digital photo will be emailed to you. Ho! Ho! Ho! - Come join the fun!

 Thank you for remembering to use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) for your holiday purchases. St. Joe's just received another quarterly payment of \$20.69. Every little bit helps! Happy Shopping!

**Christmas Poinsettia Flower Donations**

If you would like to make a cash donation for a potted flower in honor of, or in memory of a loved one please use the form below and turn it in with your check. Checks should be payable to St. Joseph Church. A list of honorees will be printed in the Christmas Day bulletin. Deadline for inclusion in that bulletin is December 11, 2017.

**Christmas Flower Remembrance**

**In Honor Of / In Memory of:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Donated by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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 After another successful event we would like to thank all the parishioners who helped sponsor our activity, all those who contributed to our silent auction, and all those people who volunteered their time to help before, during and after our event. Most importantly, thanks to all of you who came and supported us that evening. You, our parishioners, again, made it a fantastic success. THANK YOU from the CCC committee: Pat Fredendall, Mary Rice, Ann Walter and Rene Dvorsky.



Mass times for the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation will be:

**Thursday, Dec. 7,** vigil at the PAC 5:30 pm - all PSR children and families are asked to attend and participate.

**Friday, Dec. 8,** at the PAC at 5:30 pm



# Youth Group



## Youth Group Christmas Party!

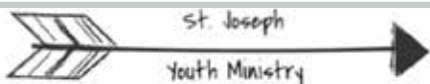
*Presents vs. Presence*

*What is Christmas really all about?*

- *White Elephant gift exchange ( bring a wrapped gift worth \$5.00 for the exchange)*
- *Wear your BEST crazy Christmas sweater or elf outfit! There will be a prize for Best Dressed!*
- *Lots of games, cookies, music, and more!*
- *All teens in 8th grade and up are welcome.*

**December 17th**

**7:00-8:30 at the PAC**



## Upcoming Events!

**YDisciple:**

**December 3rd, 10th**

**January 7th, 14th, 21st**

**7-8 @the PAC**

Teens are always welcome to YDisciple, even if you have never been there before!

**Ignite: December 17th**

There is no Youth Group during Christmas break. Use some of your free time to watch the movies and formation studies on Formed.

Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), use parish code **RFTRYT**.



## POPE FRANCIS' MORNING ANGELUS:

### On the Parable of the Talents and the Importance of a True Idea of God



Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good Morning!

In this penultimate Sunday of the Liturgical Year, the Gospel presents the parable of the talents (Cf. Matthew 25:14-30). Before leaving on a journey, a man gave his servants talents, which at the time were coins of notable value: to one servant five talents, to another two, and to another one, according to each one's ability. The servant that received five talents was entrepreneurial and made them yield, earning another five. The servant who received two behaved in the same way, and earned another two. Instead, the servant that received one dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's coin.

It's this same servant that explained to his master, on his return, the reason for his gesture, saying: "Lord, I know you are a hard man, who reap where you have not sown and gather where you have not winnowed. I was afraid and I went and hid your talent in the ground (vv. 24-25). This servant doesn't have a relationship of trust with his master, but is afraid of him, and this blocks him. Fear always immobilizes and often makes one carry out mistaken choices." Fear discourages one from taking initiatives; it induces one to take refuge in secure and guaranteed solutions, and thus one ends by not doing anything good. One must not be afraid; one must have trust to go forward and to grow in life's journey.

This parable makes us understand how important it is to have a true idea of God. We must not think that He is a wicked master, hard and severe who wants to punish us. If this mistaken image of God is within us, then our life can't be fecund, because we'll live in fear and this won't lead us to anything constructive, rather, fear paralyzes us, it's self-destructive. We are called to reflect to discover what is truly our idea of God. Already in the Old Testament He revealed Himself as "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and a bounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Exodus 34:6). And Jesus always showed us that God isn't a severe and intolerant master, but a Father full of love, of tenderness, a Father full of goodness. Therefore we can and must have immense trust in Him.

Jesus shows us the generosity and care of the Father in many ways: with His word, with His gestures, with His reception of all, especially of sinners, little ones and the poor – as the World Day of the Poor reminds us today –; but also with His admonitions, which reveal His interest so that we won't waste our life uselessly. In fact, it's a sign that God esteems us greatly: this awareness helps us to be responsible persons in all our actions. Therefore, the parable of the talents calls us to a personal responsibility and a fidelity that becomes also the capacity to set out continually on new paths, without burying our talent, namely, the gifts that God has entrusted to us, and of which He will ask us to account.

May the Holy Virgin intercede for us, so that we remain faithful to the Will of God, making the talents fructify with which He has gifted us. Thus we will be useful to others and, on the last day, the Lord will receive us, <and> will invite us to take part in His joy.

[www.zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)



**Reminder:** Distribution night of the items donated through the Giving Trees will be Thursday, December 14 at 6pm at the PAC. On Distribution Night, we need plenty of help to sort and box the hundreds of donated items. Bring your family and enjoy a bit of

fellowship while you help those less fortunate. There will be pizza and pop plus sweet treats for all to enjoy! Any questions: Contact Gloria : 614-581-1240

