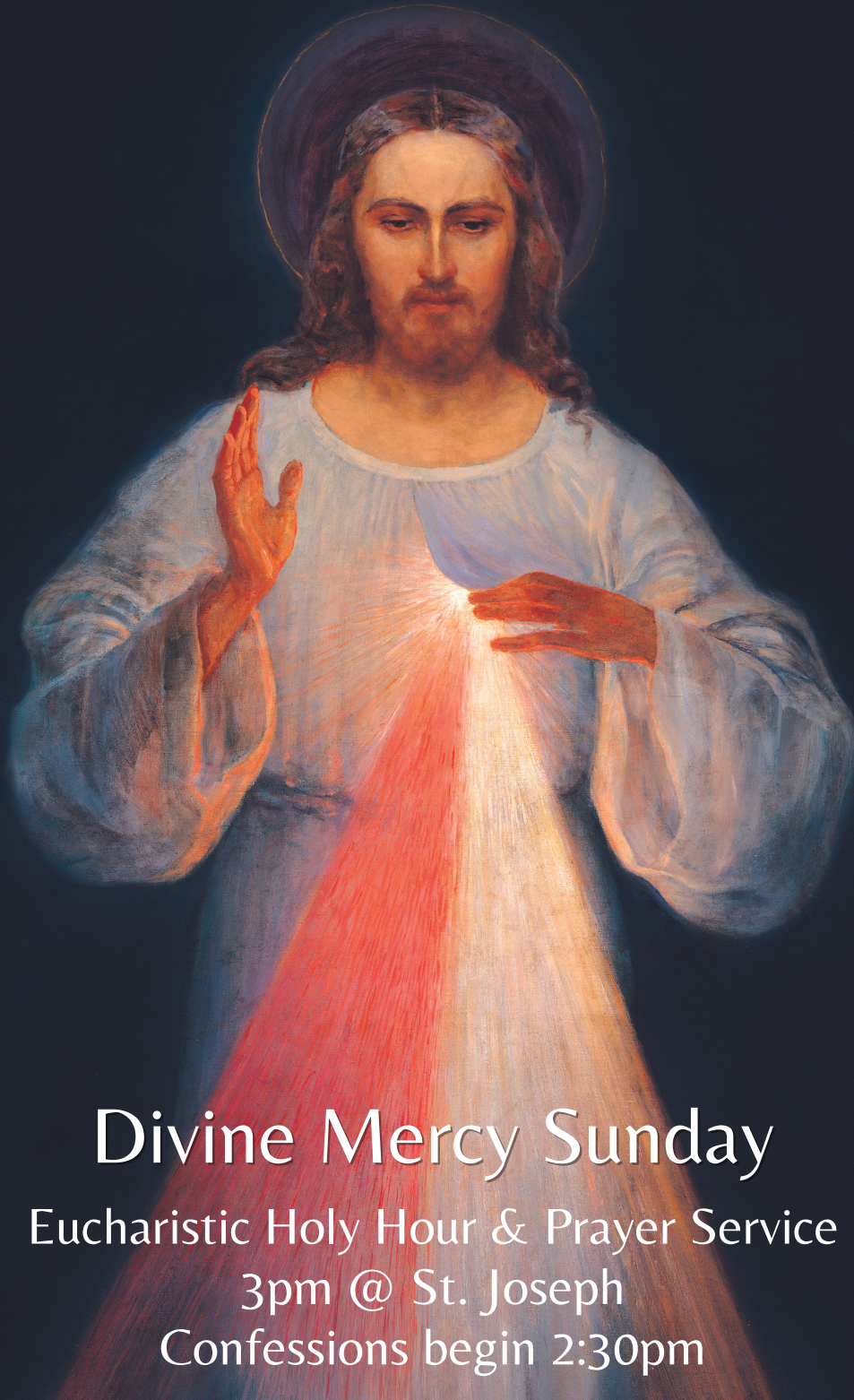


*We exist to become and form saints.*

# HOLY FACE OF JESUS

## PETERSBURG PARISHES

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Divine Mercy Sunday

Eucharistic Holy Hour & Prayer Service

3pm @ St. Joseph

Confessions begin 2:30pm

# AN INVITATION TO DIVINE MERCY

On April 17, 2015, Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago died after a brief battle with cancer. In my humble opinion, he was one of the greatest bishops to ever serve in the United States: a brilliant thinker, a humble pastor, and a dedicated servant.

As a young priest, he completed a doctoral degree on American Philosophy which gave him the mindset to always see the good and the bad in America. One of his insights was that in our current cultural climate, "everything is permitted and nothing is forgiven." Years later, this is still the case in our culture.

"Everything is permitted." Objective moral standards seem to have completely dissipated. Male athletes can claim to be female to compete in women's sports, abortion and euthanasia are basically available on demand. Creating rumors and gossip about famous celebrities and athletes is commonplace. Everything is permissible.

And yet, "nothing is forgiven." Cancel culture is real. If someone says something that is controversial, they can be blacklisted for years. This even exists in our own lives. How quick can we be to never trust someone who has hurt us, even if they've apologized. All of us have had the experience of being unforgiven.

The answer to all of this is Divine Mercy. Today, the Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday highlights the reality that we are all sinners. At the beginning of every Mass, we are invited to acknowledge our sins. Yet the Lord is "rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us" (Ephesians 2:4). Everything is forgivable through the victory of Jesus Christ and the love of our Merciful Father.

In regards to this feast day, Jesus told St. Faustina Kowalska:

*"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy."*

This Feast Day is a great opportunity to go to Confession, especially if it has been a number of years. On Sunday afternoon, we'll have three priests available from 2:30pm to 4:00pm (or later if the line is longer). Also at 3:00pm we'll have our Divine Mercy Service. This is a great opportunity to thank God for His infinite mercy and to pray that the whole world may experience His mercy.

This year, the service will be at St. Joseph Church. Due to the anticipated crowds in Wapakoneta for the eclipse, we decided to move it this year from Immaculate Conception. Maybe some of our visitors will experience the depths of God's mercy.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Sean Wilson*

## **Petersburg Parishes**

St. Joseph (SJ): 101 West Pearl Street, Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
Immaculate Conception (IC): 116 N Mill Street, Botkins, OH 45306  
St. Lawrence (SL): 16053 Botkins Road, Botkins, OH 45306  
St. John Fryburg (SJF): 11319 Van Buren Street, Fryburg, OH 45895  
Parish Office: 309 Perry Street, Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
Office Hours: Mondays-Wednesdays & Fridays 8:30am-5:00pm;  
Thursdays 10:30am-5:00pm  
Phone: (419)-738-2115; Fax: (419)-738-4525  
Emergency Line: (937)-419-1137

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

## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigils	4pm Immaculate Conception, 4:30pm St. Joseph
Sunday	8am St. John, 8:30am St. Lawrence, 10am St. Joseph, 10:30am Immaculate Conception
Monday	8am Immaculate Conception
Tuesday	8am St. Joseph
Wednesday	8am St. Lawrence, 8am St. John
Thursday	8am Immaculate Conception, 8am St. Joseph
Friday	8am Immaculate Conception, 8am St. Joseph
Saturday	8am St. John

*(Anointing of the Sick during 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Masses)*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

- 4:00 p.m. IC Judy Steinke - *Birthday*  
4:30 p.m. SJ L&D Harold & Lavera Harrison Family

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> *Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday*

- 8:00 a.m. SJF People of Petersburg Parishes  
8:30 a.m. SL Joe Hageman - *Anniversary*  
10:00 a.m. SJ Paul Walter  
10:30 a.m. IC Maryann Cotterman

### Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 a.m. IC L&D Adrian & Marie Koenig Family

### Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 a.m. SJ L&D St. Joseph Class of 1958

### Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 a.m. SL Betty Flaute  
8:00 a.m. SJF L&D Wilbur & Rita Behr Family

### Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 a.m. IC Sharon Aselage  
8:00 a.m. SJ Robert Laas

### Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 a.m. IC Chelsea Lukey  
8:00 a.m. SJ Joseph Jeanneau

### Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 a.m. SJF Souls in Purgatory  
4:00 p.m. IC Richard Bible Jr.  
4:30 p.m. SJ William & Denise Shepline -  
*25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

### Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> *Third Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 a.m. SJF Fred Koenig  
8:30 a.m. SL People of Petersburg Parishes  
10:00 a.m. SJ Ned DeLong  
10:30 a.m. IC Mary Doty

SJ - St. Joseph IC - Immaculate Conception SJF - St. John SL - St. Lawrence

## Mass Readings

### For the Week of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>** *Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday*

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6;  
Jn 20:19-31

**Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>** *Solemnity of the Annunciation*

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10;  
Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>** *St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr*

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>** *St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr*

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>** *Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a;  
Lk 24:35-48

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday** After morning Mass at St. John (8:40am)  
3:15-3:45pm Immaculate Conception  
3:15-4:15pm St. Joseph
- Sunday** 7:15-7:45am St. John  
7:45-8:15am St. Lawrence
- Wednesday** 5:45-6:30pm Immaculate Conception
- Thursday** Before First Friday 4-5pm IC and SJ
- Friday** After morning Mass at St. Joseph (8:40am)

## Area Weekday Mass & Reconciliation Schedule

### Tuesday

*Holy Angels (Sidney)* Confession 5-6pm

### Wednesday

*Holy Rosary (St. Marys)* Conf. 11:30am, Mass 12:05pm

*Holy Angels (Sidney)* Confession 12-1pm

### Thursday

*Sacred Heart (McCartyville)* Confession 6-7pm

### Friday

*Sacred Heart (McCartyville)* Mass 6:30am, Conf. 7:05am

# Parish Information & Events

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

- 7:15 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 7:45 a.m. SL Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 11:00 a.m. SJ Baptism of Lily Ann Roberts
- 3:00 p.m. SJ Divine Mercy Service (*Confessions begin at 2:30pm*)

### Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> Office Closed

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
- 4:15 p.m. SJ Spiritual Movement
- 5:15 p.m. SJ Spiritual Movement

### Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 8:40 a.m. SJ Holy Face Devotion/Prayers
- 9a-3p SJ Festival Sewing
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
- 6:30 p.m. SJ Alpha
- 6:30 p.m. SL Schoenstatt

### Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. IC Men's Rosary
- 4:15 p.m. SJ Spiritual Movement
- 5:15 p.m. SJ Spiritual Movement
- 5:45 p.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> Office opens at 10:30am

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 9a-7p SJ All Day Adoration in the Church
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
- 6-8:30pm SJ Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. SJ Christ Renews His Parish Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Wapak K of C Council Meeting

### Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 8:40 a.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary

### Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Catholic Relief Services Collection

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 8:15 a.m. SJ Spiritual Movement
- 8:40 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 9:15 a.m. SJ SoulCore
- 12:00 p.m. SJ Fatima Rosary
- 3:15 p.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 3:15 p.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. IC Baptism of Lily James Russell
- 5:00 p.m. IC Baptism of Waylon Jay Marchal

### Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> (Cont.)

- 4-7 p.m. Wapak K of C Chicken Fry
- 4:30 p.m. SJ 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Blessing - William & Denise Sheipline
- 5:30 p.m. SJ Baptism of Anderson Louise Standley

### Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Catholic Relief Services Collection

- 7:15 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 7:45 a.m. SL Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 1:00 p.m. Wapak St. Joseph Cemetery Re-Dedication
- 1:30 p.m. SJ St. Joseph CYO Basketball Banquet

## Adoration Chapel Open Hours

Immaculate Conception Adoration Chapel has an open hour: Sundays 4–5pm.

Please call the office (419)-738-2115 if you are interested in spending this hour with our Lord.

## Adoration Chapel Closure

The Chapels will re-open from eclipse weekend on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

## Wall Rosary Making

The next wall rosary making evening is Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Adult Center at St. Joseph. This is a great opportunity to make a Mother's Day gift or bring your mother with you to create one together! Seats are limited. Contact Kim Fisher at 419-230-3318. Looking ahead, there will be another wall rosary making evening on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - same time, same place!

## St. John Anniversary Celebration

The 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. John Church is next year! We are starting to form a committee to make celebration plans for this event. Next year is also the 135<sup>th</sup> annual Fryburg Homecoming, so we may try to promote that as well as a **big** year for our church to celebrate the goodness of the Lord. If you would like to be a part of this celebration committee, please contact Anita Foor at (419)-204-5885.

## Pastoral Council

IC: Travis Russell, Linda Christman, & Kathy Behr  
SJF: Mike Ruppert, Ashley Headapohl, & Anita Foor  
SJ: Ryan Kremer, Erika Eley, & Barb Harrod  
SL: Alan Borchers, Jeanie Bergman, & Colleen Winner

## St. Lawrence Windows Project

The graphic below represents the progress of the St. Lawrence Stained Glass Windows Project!

Raised/Date	GOAL	St. Lawrence Church Stained Glass Windows Project
	\$ 334,650	<b>Phase 4 \$ 48,500</b> Priority #3 Windows 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
	\$ 330,000	
	\$ 320,000	
	\$ 310,000	
	\$ 300,000	
	\$ 290,000	
	\$ 280,000	
	\$ 270,000	
	\$ 260,000	
	\$ 250,000	
	\$ 240,000	<b>Phase 3 \$ 58,300</b> Priority #2 Windows 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	\$ 230,000	
	\$ 220,000	
	\$ 210,000	
	\$ 200,000	
	\$ 190,000	<b>Phase 2 \$ 62,350</b> Priority #1 Windows 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
	\$ 180,000	
	\$ 170,000	
	\$ 160,000	
	\$ 150,000	
	\$ 140,000	
	\$ 130,000	
Partial Savings allotted as of 3/15/2024 <b>\$ 30,000.00</b> <small>*includes \$10,000 previously donated for windows</small>	\$ 120,000	<b>Phase 1 \$ 165,500</b> Protective Storm Glass and Face Layer of Mahogany Includes \$10,000 Wood Replacement Allowance <i>Phase 1 projected completion by Dec 2024</i>
Pledged Money (yet to be received) as of 3/15/2024 <b>\$ 15,850.00</b>	\$ 110,000	
Actual Money Received as of 3/15/2024 <b>\$ 113,122.73</b>	\$ 100,000	
<b>TOTAL</b> <b>\$ 158,972.73</b>	\$ 90,000	
	\$ 80,000	
	\$ 70,000	
	\$ 60,000	
	\$ 50,000	
	\$ 40,000	
	\$ 30,000	
	\$ 20,000	
	\$ 10,000	
	\$ 0	
		Actual money received as of 3/15/2024      \$ 113,122.73  Current pledged money as of 3/15/2024      \$ 15,850.00  Savings allotted towards project                    \$ 30,000.00  <b>TOTAL \$ 158,972.73</b>

04.27.2024

# We Got the Joy

## HOW TO LIVE JOY IN YOUR MARRIAGE

- ◆ **Mass:** 4:30pm at St. Joseph
- ◆ **Dinner:** 5:30pm in the Parish Life Center (*wine & beer included*)
- ◆ **Speaker:** Be inspired by international speakers Damon & Melanie Owens for a night all about how to ignite joy in your marriage
- ◆ **Cost:** \$75/couple (*space is limited to 88 couples*) - **Tickets available at the parish office!**

*"If a man and woman marry in order to be companions on the journey from earth to heaven, then their union will bring great joy to themselves and to others." - St. John Chrysostom*

### Couples Night!

Attention, married couples: We are hosting an evening inviting you to embrace the joy of your marriage! **Tickets are being sold at the parish office for \$75/couple!** Come and get yours! Damon Owens is an international speaker and evangelist with over 20 years of experience. He is passionate about the joy & sanctity of marriage and family life. Don't miss this opportunity!



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, April 7th at 3pm  
Confessions begin at 2:30pm

"On that day the very depths of My tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy [the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist]. The soul that will go to Confession [beforehand] and receive Holy Communion [on that day] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment...The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness." - St. Faustina's *Diary* 699

St. Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter Divine Mercy Sunday and in order that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, enriched it with an indulgence.

**Exposition - Confessions - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Benediction**

## We're Hiring!

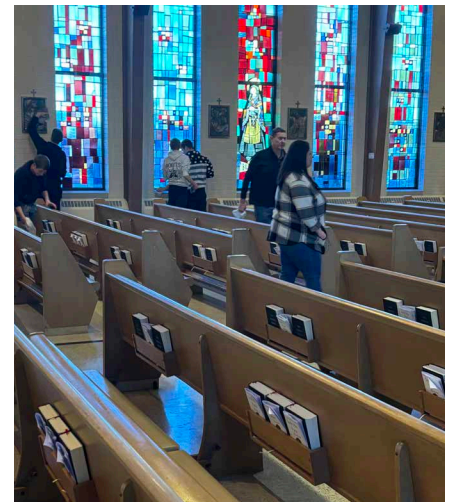
**Coordinator of Youth Evangelization and Discipleship:** Holy Face of Jesus Parishes is hiring a Coordinator of Youth Evangelization and Discipleship. We are located in Auglaize and Shelby Counties. The Coordinator of Youth Evangelization is a full-time, benefits eligible position, reporting to the Director of Evangelization and is a key member of the Evangelization Team. The coordinator is responsible for all efforts of accompanying youth – grades 9–12 (and their families) – through the Process of Evangelization and Discipleship so that youth encounter Christ. Candidates should send their resume and cover letter to Fr. Sean Wilson at [fr.wilson@petersburgparishes.org](mailto:fr.wilson@petersburgparishes.org).

**Director of Liturgical Music for St. Lawrence, Rhine, and Immaculate Conception, Botkins:** Holy Face of Jesus Parishes is hiring a Director of Music for two of its parishes, St. Lawrence, Rhine and Immaculate Conception, Botkins. The churches are located three miles apart in Shelby County. The position is 12-15 hours a week and includes planning liturgical music and accompanying one Saturday and two Sunday Masses. The Director of Liturgical Music also plays the organ/piano for all weddings (10-15 per year) and funerals (20-25 per year). The congregations are familiar with chanting the ordinary parts of the Mass along with the Communion Antiphons. Finally, Immaculate Conception is beginning the process to replace their current pipe organ. Candidates should send their resume and cover letter to Fr. Sean Wilson at [fr.wilson@petersburgparishes.org](mailto:fr.wilson@petersburgparishes.org).

Full job descriptions for each of these opportunities can be found at [petersburgparishes.org/were-hiring/](http://petersburgparishes.org/were-hiring/).

## Thank You for Cleaning Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception Ladies Sodality would like to thank everyone who helped clean the church in preparation for Easter. Special thanks to the junior high students who helped out. Your act of loving service is greatly appreciated. You played an important role in preparing God's dwelling place for the Sacred Triduum!



## Padre's Petitions

APRIL, 2024

*Please pray & fast for these intentions this month.  
Cut this out & keep it wherever you pray.*

- For those preparing for First Communion and their families
- That all of our parishioners may experience the peace and joy of the Resurrection
- For the newly baptized and confirmed
- For all our parishioners as we make this transition to become the Holy Face of Jesus Parish

## Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week, April 14<sup>th</sup>, our parishes will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## Knights of Columbus Scholarships

The Wapakoneta Knights of Columbus is offering two scholarships to high school students or students already attending college or trade school. Applications are available in the parish office or you may text/call John Brown at (937)-638-3765. Deadline to submit applications is May 31<sup>st</sup>.



# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Weekly Scripture

"For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith."

- 1 John 5:3-4

## Weekly Saint Quote

"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears. There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy - that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God."

- St. John Paul II

## Steubenville Registration

Registration for Steubenville is open! 2024 conference will be July 12-14! Find registration at [petersburgparishes.org/youth](https://petersburgparishes.org/youth).

## Freshman Confirmation Classes



Freshman! Reminder that you have Confirmation Class on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm** in the Immaculate Conception Convent. These classes are an important part of the confirmation process for those being confirmed in 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Soules. Thank you!

## THANK YOU

- Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the First Communion Retreat. It was awesome to spend the morning with so many youth excited to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.
- Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the First Communion Retreat run smoothly.
- Thank you to all of the 2nd grade catechists. Your love, joy, and commitment to the Eucharist is evident in all you do.

THANK YOU to all who donated scholarship funds for our Steubenville trip. We are in awe of the support shown to our teens. We know that each scholarship represents a sacrifice. You will be updated on our trip and invited to our midnight Mass prior to our departure. You are awesome and appreciated.  
– Angie Soules



# SAVE THE DATE

## ATTENTION ALL CURRENT FRESHMEN:

Confirmation will be:  
Sunday, April 6, 2025  
1:30pm at St. Joseph with Fr. Sean

## Finance, Building & Grounds, & Pastoral Council Meeting Highlights

### Pastoral Council Meeting – March 2024

- As of the meeting on March 7 we have not received a decree of merger from the Archbishop.
- We discussed staff changes, including the upcoming departure of Anthony Moeder and ensuring our buildings are maintained.
- We confirmed who would remain on the Pastoral Council after July 1, 2024 and how many new members we need to recruit.
- The pastoral council made a recommendation for the eclipse on April 8.
- Pastoral Council will help with Coffee and Doughnuts on April 21st.

### All Finance with Building & Grounds Committees

- Archdiocese audit was performed in November. All went well, minor recommendations were noted.
- All were asked for names of present Buildings & Grounds and Finance Committee members to be on the combined Finance Committee & Buildings & Grounds Committee on July 1, 2024
- All four parishes received monies from the Kleinhenz-Moeller Foundation
- All were asked for parishioners' businesses that can be offered to the general contract for the renovation of the Faith Center

### Immaculate Conception Finance Meeting Notes – February 12, 2024

- Little Flower Home (Rectory) may be used for seminarians this summer.
- Convent needs to add noise absorbing panels. Kurt will install.
- Committee is being formed for the Organ Project with a consultant to advise throughout the process.

### Immaculate Conception Building & Grounds Meeting Notes

- Garage door will be replaced.
- Parking lot is awaiting new quotes.
- A 7-foot cross was donated by a parishioner and will be placed near the sign or at the back of the convent where the Boy Scouts rock was previously.

### St. John the Evangelist Finance Meeting Notes – February 8, 2024

- Expenses are still pending – Gravel for extension of parking spaces in Mary Yard.
- Furnaces have been installed. A/C to be installed in March 2024.
- Members attended the Zoning Board concerning LK7 LLC

### St. John the Evangelist Building & Grounds Meeting Notes

- Historical Marker has been installed and dedicated.
- Auglaize County Anniversary tree has been planted.
- Remaining lights for Homecoming will be ordered by Beth or Cindy.

### St. Joseph Finance Meeting Notes – February 19, 2024

- Employee Retention Credit (ERC) application has been sent.
- Leasing computers instead of buying them was not shown to be cost effective.

### Building & Grounds Meeting Notes

- Listed projects that could be completed through the Kleinhenz-Moeller Foundation monies previously donated to us. (Church tuck-pointed, reseal sandstone, two pumps replaced)
- Threshold of the door in the PLC near the kitchen has been replaced.
- General Restoration has fixed the screen issue of the Faith Center.

### St. Lawrence Finance Meeting Notes – February 15, 2024

- Elaine Staton reported on Reverse Raffle planning: event timeline, rules of games, and workers list. She reported almost all tickets have been sold.
- Windows Project: \$128,472.73 has been pledged at this time. (42 families). Using our savings of \$30,000.00, we are at \$158,472.73 of the \$165,500.00 needed for the exterior windows.

### Building & Grounds Meeting Notes

- The cemetery land needs to be retiled.
- Backstop has been removed from the field. It will need to be filled in with dirt.
- Boiler needs to be replaced in the Hall.
- Put notice in the bulletin for the need of mowers/trimmers for church property. Quotes were to be in the parish office by March 11<sup>th</sup>.



## Century Farm Award

Catholic family farms that are celebrating 100 years in the northern part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati have an opportunity to be honored with the Century Farm Award! Awards will be presented at the 2024 Rural Urban Mass on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds. To apply for the award, please contact Roger Hoying at rbhoying@hotmail.com or (419)-733-4543.

## St. Joseph Festival

The St. Joseph Festival committee has started planning this year's Festival, and, as always, volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. There are several areas you can help with. If you haven't already filled out a sign-up sheet, please take one from the back of St. Joseph Church. You can either call Tina at 419.733.4206, or put it in next week's collection. We are in most desperate need of set-up and tear-down workers and someone to head the chicken dinners. We would like to give a big THANKYOU to Pat Elsass, who is stepping down as chairman of the chicken dinners this year. Pat has served for many years, and has done a tremendous job. We wish her the best. If you have any questions, call or text Tina. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in continuing the tradition of having chicken dinners at our Festival.

## St. Joseph's Cemetery Association Rededication Ceremony

The community is invited to attend a **Rededication Ceremony at St. Joseph's Cemetery on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**, in appreciation of this wonderful community that helped repair the cemetery from the tornado damage April 1<sup>st</sup> of last year. We will update the progress from the past year, and there will be a blessing of the cemetery. Future projects for the cemetery will also be discussed. For those who are interested, a guided information and history tour will be held at the end of the ceremony. Light refreshments will also be provided. Another note-worthy mentioning, the cemetery will be closed through Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> for the solar eclipse  
Yours in Christ - St. Joseph's Cemetery Board of Trustees

## Thank You

Larry and Carol Gehrlich would like to thank everyone who helped with donations, food, and cleanup from the tornado. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.



## Stephen Ministry

Do you know someone carrying a heavy cross in their life and could benefit from a one-to-one, Christ-centered, confidential, caring relationship? Contact Pam Coon at (419)-302-0119 for information about Stephen Ministry. You can also learn more by scanning this QR code!



## Open House Celebration!

All are invited to an Open House on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in honor of Tom Fisher's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! The celebration will be held in the St. Joseph Adult Center from 2-4pm.

## Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parishes

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### Current Mass Attendance (by church & total)

Time/Church	Mar. 23-24	Mar. 16-17	Mar. 9-10
4:00pm IC	384	237	306
4:30pm SJ	325	314	339
8:00am SJF	195	153	148
8:30am SL	197	202	177
10:00am SJ	453	338	350
10:30am IC	308	260	350
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,862</b>	<b>1,504</b>	<b>1,670</b>

**Seating Capacities** IC: 366; SJF: 197; SJ: 538; SL: 189

### Averages from Previous Years

2021: 1,435; 2022: 1,492; 2023: 1,538

### From the Weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph		Immaculate Conception		St. Lawrence		St. John	
Weekly Goal:	\$11,102.00	Weekly Goal:	\$6,153.85	Weekly Goal:	\$2,500.00	Weekly Goal:	\$1,647.05
Week Total:	\$20,259.25	Week Total:	\$10,347.00	Week Total:	\$2,415.00	Week Total:	\$2,403.00
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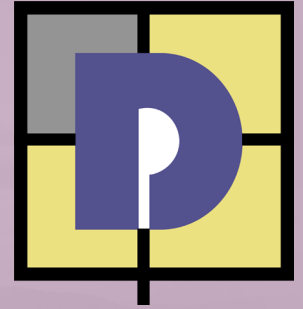
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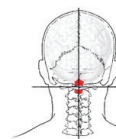
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