

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2026

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass: 5 PM (Saturday), 8 AM, and 10 AM

Daily Mass: 8 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 7 PM Wednesday

Holy Day of Obligation Mass: See bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6 PM on Wednesdays and concludes with **Benediction** at 6:50 PM.

Confession Schedule

Sunday 7:45 AM and 9:45 AM

Wednesday 6:00-6:45 PM

Saturday 4:30 PM

Mass Intentions

15-Sat, 5 PM	Margy Leick
16-Sun, 8 AM	Don & Joyce Reed
16-Sun, 10 AM	People of the Parish
17-Mon, 8 AM	Robert & Margaret Gillispie
18-Tues, 8 AM	Melrose Guthier
19-Wed, 7 PM	Margy Leick
20-Thurs, 8 AM	Steve Lorenz
21-Fri, 8 AM	Sr. Mary Kevan Siebert
22-Sat, 5 PM	Thomas Rief, Jr.
23-Sun, 8 AM	People of the Parish
23-Sun, 10 AM	Richard & Glorianna Heck

To schedule a Mass intention for a person, living or deceased, or for some other intention, contact the parish office.

Administration and Staff

Pastor

Very Rev. Ryan L. Stenger, J.C.L., J.V.
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Parish Office Hours This Week

Monday – Wednesday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday Collection

08-09-2026	\$5,809.00
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Upcoming Events.

Aug. 17	Meet the Teacher Night
Aug. 19	First Day of Pre-K
Sept. 6	Doughnuts & Coffee after 8 & 10 a.m. Masses
Sept. 10	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.

Parish News

We hear in the Gospel reading this Sunday about the Lord's encounter with a Canaanite woman, which ends with His declaration, "O woman, great is your faith!" What is it about this pagan woman's faith that merits such praise from the Lord? Quite simply, it's her persistence. When she first approaches the Lord, He doesn't respond. Her second attempt is dismissed softly and her third attempt is dismissed strongly. And yet, she is not discouraged, nor does she give up and go away. She persists in her prayer and Christ praises her faith and heals her daughter.

This might remind us of the Lord's parable about the man who went to his friend at midnight to ask for bread, but was rejected because of the late hour. He concludes the parable, "I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence" (Luke 11:8). This persistence in prayer is so important, because the goal of our prayer is not to change God or convince Him to be good to us, but rather to change us and transform our hearts to be able to receive the gifts that God already desires to give us. And we won't be changed overnight or by sporadic and perfunctory acknowledgements of God. This is why St. Paul wrote, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Only if prayer becomes a habit, a persistent relationship with the Lord that characterizes all that we do, will it really change us and open our hearts to receive the gift that God truly wishes to give us: His own life and love. What can we do differently this week to cultivate a habit of prayer in our lives? What obstacles in our lives cause us to feel discouraged about prayer? Time given to the Lord is never time wasted, so let's resolve to give Him our time more generously in prayer and allow Him to carry out His saving work in our lives.

Fr. Stenger

Church Cleaning

Team One: Aug. 17 – Aug. 30

Team Two: Aug. 31 – Sept. 13

Team Three: Sept. 14 – Sept. 27

Upcoming VIRTUS Trainings

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky 41011

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

9:00 AM to 11:30AM

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

The VIRTUS bulletin was posted on Aug. 2 and is due Sept. 1.

Pray for Those Who Protect Us

PFC Jared Allender, Staff Sgt. Dave Evans, SRA Emily Wagner, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Wagner, I CL Petty Officer T.J. Waters. Please pray for those who put themselves in harm's way each day to protect us, including armed service personnel, police, and firefighters.

Pray for the Sick and Homebound

Chris Arlinghaus, Brooke Barganier, Vyneta Barnett, Kim Brun, Teri Buckler, Marian Carl, Roy Carl, Doug and Ella Carmack, Flo Clair, Tom Corman, Greg Dierig, Keegan Dietz, Joyce Dorgan, Judy Dornbusch, Kent Enzweiler, Jose Flores, Mike Futscher, Henry Glossner, Leigh Gorman, Billy Guthier, Jonathan Harper, Blake Hegner, Tammy Hess, Jon Hickman, Chandra Huff, Flo Kaffenberger, Mary Kettenacker, Karma Kinsella Klingenberg, Bernie Kohls, Betty Kohls, Kelli Kramer, Bernice Kremer, Germaine Kremer, Helen Kremer, Jim Kremer, Ron Kremer, Nancy Lagedrost, Kathy Leahy, Iva Leick, Al Lovell, Dick Mader, Wilma Maschinot, Lynn McCormick, John Muench, Pam Leahy Nagle, Linda Neltner, Jane Pangallo, Josh Penney, Joyce Pfefferman, Adelyn Porter, Phyllis Prodoehl, Dominic Ramler, Lorrie Rawe, Rana Reckner, Rowen Redmond, Krista Roetting, Virginia Schadler, Dan Schalk, Casen Schrock, Gail Schultz, Ella Stieby, Diane Taylor, Steve Tischner, Karen Vananco, Pauline Wade,

Larry Wagner, Joe Whitford, Julie Wientjes, Candice Yelton

2027 Mass Intentions Calendar

Our 2027 Mass intentions calendar is open. If you have Mass intentions to schedule, you can call or email the office or request dates on the parish website. Please contact Lauren during office hours to schedule your intentions for the new year.

Parish Registration

If you have been in attendance at our parish for some time now, consider becoming a member! Registration forms are available in the vestibule. Fill one out, put it back in the offertory at the next Mass, and we will update your information so that you can receive e-mail versions of the bulletin and your own offertory envelopes. Joining the parish is a great way to begin getting involved in all that we have going on here at St. Joseph! We look forward to hearing from you!

DPAA 2026 - Update

This year's theme is "*Live as Children of Light*" from Ephesians 5:8. It invites us to be innocent, to trust fully in God's love, mercy, and plan for us. By sharing our spiritual and materials gifts, we can be a light to those in need. Please prayerfully consider giving to the 2026 DPAA. Your support strengthens vital diocesan services and ministries. **We have exceeded our goal! So far, we've raised \$62,600.**

This year, the amount raised above our goal will go towards purchasing a digital sign for the parish.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship. God bless you for your generosity!

St. Vincent de Paul

For the month of August, we will be taking donations of canned tomato soup. Please check to ensure that all food is in date. You can place your donations in the laundry baskets under the counter in the vestibule. We appreciate your continued support of our neighbors in need.

Women's Bible Study Group

Our women's Bible study group will be meeting in the school cafeteria beginning on Saturday, September 12. The meetings will last approximately one hour starting at 9:00 a.m. Our focus for this session is St. Paul's Letters to the Philippians. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Please sign up by August 16th so that we can order materials. If you have any questions, contact Jean (859-630-0247).

2026-2027 Pre-K Registration

It's registration time for the 2026 - 2027 School Year! If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 and you would like them to join the fun and learning that goes on in our Pre-K every day, reach out to Lisa at LRoetting@Saint-Joseph-School.org or text/call her at 859-409-9185 today, before all the slots are filled! School starts soon!

2026 Domestic Needs Combined Collection

The weekend of August 29-30, 2026, the Domestic Needs Collection will be conducted in every parish and mission throughout our 14 counties. Gifts to this one Collection funds the ministries of six Catholic Appeals as they work to strengthen the Church and Her people here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this important Collection. Thank you!

BBHS News

BBHS Art Gallery Presents "The Student's Eye"

Showcasing works from Bianca Schmidt, BBHS Alumni. August 16, 23, & 30, 12-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday by appointment only 859.630.2874
In the BBHS Art Gallery (2nd Floor) 4 Grove St., Alexandria, KY 41001

Other News

2026 Wedding Anniversary Couples Vespers Celebration

Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, to honor couples celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2026. Married couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary

in 2026 are invited to a vespers celebration on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026, at 2:00 pm. Anniversary couples RSVP by Aug. 13, 2026, at covidio.org/wedding-vespers/. Phone registrations are available after Aug. 6 through Isaak Abraham Isaak at 859-392-1529. Reservations are only required for anniversary couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend. Congratulatory certificates will be available upon request.

Support Group for Separated and Divorced

New Beginnings is an 8-week program that provides the opportunity to heal and move forward despite a complicated situation. Led by facilitators who have been through their own personal losses. Registration is required. Visit <https://covidio.org/new-beginnings-2/> or call (859) 392-1529. The next session will be held on consecutive Tuesdays, Aug. 18 – Oct. 6, 7- 8:30 pm at Catholic Charities, Covington.

St. Philip Summer Festival & Golf Ball Drop

Saturday, August 15, 2026, Melbourne, Kentucky Bourbon Raffle featuring the Weller Rainbow Chance to win \$5,000
Grilled food, games & expanded kids funland
Visit our website for details!

CASSBA 2026

CASSBA is coming! Join us for an unforgettable afternoon celebrating America at 250 and Catholic Charities at 95 years of Love and Action on Sunday, August 23, 2026, 3:00-7:00p.m. at The Drees Pavilion, Covington, KY! Tickets and raffles are available now at www.cassba.com. Thank you!

SVDP Volunteer Opportunities

Answer the Call for Neighbors in Need

Every phone call to St. Vincent de Paul Northern Kentucky is a neighbor in need reaching out for help. With more than 1,700 calls each month, Call Center volunteers are urgently needed. Weekday and remote shifts are available, with training in-person at our Erlanger location. Volunteers must be 18+. Learn more at www.svdpnky.org/volunteer.

Can We Count You In?

Help provide food and hope to local families by volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul Northern Kentucky Food Pantry in Erlanger. More than 300 families are served each month, and volunteers are needed to assist neighbors and stock shelves. Flexible weekday opportunities are available. Visit www.svdpnky.org/volunteer to learn more.

Job Opportunities

The Diocese of Covington Curia, located at 1125 Madison Ave, Covington, KY, has several openings across our departments. We are looking for qualified, passionate, and faith-filled co-workers in the vineyard to answer God's call to help us serve our local Church community. Please go to <https://www.covidio.org/category/job-postings/curia-openings/> to apply today!

St. Catherine of Siena is looking for a part-time aide for our preschool, Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. - noon. If you or someone you know is interested, please send a resume to preschool@stcky.org.

2026 Seminary Ball

Save the Date! Friday, October 16, 2026, Receptions Event Center in Erlanger. Please join Bishop John Iffert and the Diocese of Covington Seminarians for the 2026 Seminarian Ball. For more details on attending or sponsoring the event, go to www.covidio.org/seminaryball or scan the QR code below.

