

Parish Guide Book and Directory  
2019-2020



St. Joseph Church

# St. Joseph Parish

25 E. Harrison Avenue, North Bend, OH 45052

Dear Parishioners,

Communication is important. As a community of believers in Christ Jesus, we relate to one another and we communicate love and care for one another in a variety of ways. We also communicate to join our efforts to do the many good things that enrich our lives and build our community.

I am therefore pleased to present to you this new St. Joseph Parish Directory. May the Lord continue to bless our parish community with His grace and joy in serving Him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Andrew J. Umberg

## **WHAT IS THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH?**

We believe that the Roman Catholic Church, is the institutional continuation of the church founded by our Lord Jesus Christ when he sent out his apostles after his resurrection with these instructions: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to carry out all I have commanded you, and know that I am with you always, until the end of the world.” By the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, members of the church are promised eternal life and are equipped to serve God and their neighbor, according to the gifts and talents which each of them have received. In the Sacrament of Marriage, members at the church are empowered to engage in family life and build up the Church. In the Sacrament of Holy Orders, members of the church are empowered to teach, sanctify and govern the church. In the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Penance, members of the church are healed in body and soul. In this way, we worship God in Spirit and Truth and welcome his Kingdom into our hearts and into our world.

# St. Joseph Church Mission Statement

As members of St. Joseph Parish, we are called to carry out  
the mission of Jesus:

To live, teach, and share the Roman Catholic faith

To celebrate the Eucharist as the center of our faith

To come together to connect our faith to our daily lives

To support our neighbors and respond to their needs with  
compassion

## St. Joseph Church

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	8:30 am and 11:00 am
Weekdays	8:00 am
Holy Days	8:00 am and 7:00 pm
Holidays	9:00 am

### Parish Office

Hours	8:30 am-3:30 pm, M-F
Phone	513-941-3661
Fax	513-941-8559
Email	stjoseph@stjosephnorthbend.com
Website	stjosephnorthbend.com
Bulletin Deadline	10 Days Prior To Publish Date

## Parish Staff

Pastor .....	Rev. Andrew J. Umberg frandrewumberg@stjosephnorthbend.com
Deacon/Pastoral Associate .....	Marti Barnes martibarnes@stjosephnorthbend.com
Director of Religious Education.....	Beth Scholl bethscholl@stjosephnorthbend.com
Business Manager .....	Karen Thorpe karenthorpe@stjosephnorthbend.com
Music Director.....	Mia Williams miabauerwilliams@gmail.com
Parish Secretary .....	Joyce Lockwood
Parish Bookkeeper.....	Charlotte Madar stjoseph@stjosephnorthbend.com
Parish Housekeeper.....	Donna Moses

## Sacraments

### **Confession:**

Saturday 3:45 pm & by appointment.

### **Baptism:**

All parents are required to go through the Parish Baptismal Preparation Class. This program is presented five times a year. Parents may choose to participate before or after the birth of their child. To register, contact the parish office.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:**

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, contact the parish office.

### **Sacrament of the Sick:**

Notify the Parish Office or Fr. Andrew Umberg for anointing of the sick. For communion to the sick, shut-ins, or when in the hospital or nursing home contact the Parish Office.

### **Matrimony:**

Call the Parish Office and make an appointment with Fr. Andrew Umberg at least six months in advance.

**New to the Parish or moving?  
Contact the Parish Office.**

# St. Joseph Services, Programs & Organizations

## Worship/Liturgy

### **Art & Environment**

Contact: Parish Office ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 15

Email: [stjoseph@stjosephnorthbend.com](mailto:stjoseph@stjosephnorthbend.com)

The Art and Environment Committee prepare the worship space to reflect the season being celebrated. Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter are the major seasons that require artists, seamstresses, carpenters, painters, decorators, set-up & tear-down, and someone to care for plants. We use colors of the season, texture of fabric, plants, etc. Our goal is not to decorate the church but create an atmosphere for worship that invites the community into prayer. Volunteers are advised of meeting dates and times for preparation.

### **Baptismal Preparation Ministry**

Contact: Marti Barnes ..... (513) 941-3661

Email: [martibarnes@stjosephnorthbend.com](mailto:martibarnes@stjosephnorthbend.com)

The purpose of the Baptismal Preparation Ministry is to prepare both parents and godparents for the baptism of their child/godchild. These classes educate those involved on the purpose of baptism as well as its symbols and the rite itself. We also discuss the responsibilities and qualifications of the parents and godparents.

### **Bereavement Ministry**

Contact: Marti Barnes ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 12

Email: [martibarnes@stjosephnorthbend.com](mailto:martibarnes@stjosephnorthbend.com)

Bereavement members meet with the family to plan the funeral liturgy and to act as a liaison between the family and the parish staff. They help to provide necessary information about the deceased, selection of readings, and music to the presiding priest. Additional duties might include: serving as greeters, servers, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. This ministry will require orientation and ongoing education.

### **Communion for Sick & Homebound**

Contact: Parish Office ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 10

Email: [Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com](mailto:Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com)

Duties include bringing Eucharist to and pray with homebound parishioners regularly. Skills needed: Ability to listen and comfort people with prayer, willingness to grow in the Lord's service. This ministry will require orientation and ongoing education.

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### **Eucharistic Exposition**

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Email: [stjoseph@stjosephnorthbend.com](mailto:stjoseph@stjosephnorthbend.com)

Eucharistic Exposition is the worship of Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance on the altar. The communal devotion is from 8:30 am to 9:30 am on 1st Friday. Parishioners commit to keeping watch with our Lord for one hour each month to insure the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended when exposed on the altar. During regular work hours the Church is opened for private devotion.

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Contact: Parish Office ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 10  
Email: [Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com](mailto:Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com)

Following parish training, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ at regularly scheduled liturgies. They may also choose to distribute Holy Communion to parishioners homebound and in nursing homes. You must be baptized, confirmed, and receiving Eucharist regularly and be in good standing with the Catholic Church. This ministry will require orientation and ongoing education.

### **Facilities Commission**

Contact: Bruce Tumlin ..... (513) 353-4518  
Email: [BTumlin@messer.com](mailto:BTumlin@messer.com)

We seek to develop our buildings and grounds in ways that will enhance and support the growth of parishioners and parish programs.

### **Faith Formation and Spiritual Growth Commission**

Contact: Parish Office ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 10  
Email: [stjoseph@stjosephnorthbend.com](mailto:stjoseph@stjosephnorthbend.com)

We seek to deepen the faith experiences of our parishioners by encouraging active involvement in enriching liturgies, quality religious education, and diverse spiritual growth programs.

### **Greeters**

Contact: Parish Office ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 10  
Email: [Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com](mailto:Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com)

We are all called to be a welcoming presence of Christ especially as we gather to share in the Eucharistic Feast. As such Greeters are the embodiment of that presence to visitors as they enter the doors to our Gathering space. This ministry requires just the openness to share a smile and hello to everyone you meet.

## Lectors

Contact: Parish Office ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 10  
Email: Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com

Duties include Proclaiming the Word of God at Mass with reverence and understanding. Skills needed: Clear speaking voice. Love of God's Word and desire to study and reflect for each reading, an ease speaking in front of people, ability to proclaim the Word with conviction. This ministry will require orientation and ongoing education.

## Marriage Preparation

Contact Fr. Andrew Umberg ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 11  
Email: frandrewumberg@stjosephnorthbend.com

Engaged couples are required to contact Fr. Umberg as soon as they begin plans for their marriage and at least six months in advance. One of the engaged or his/her parents must be a registered and active member of the Parish. No date should be set or reception hall reserved until the couple has met with a priest/deacon of the church. Couples are expected to participate in the parish Marriage Preparation Program.

St. Joseph's Marriage Ministry Team includes married couples in the Parish who have been trained to interpret the Foccus Inventory. This tool is designed to help the couples sharpen their communication skills. The Team also includes parishioners who assist the bridal couple during the rehearsal and wedding ceremony. They help support and direct the bridal couple, bridal party, family and guests to ensure that the wedding runs smoothly.

## Music

Contact: Mia Williams ..... (513) 476-6179  
Email: miabauerwilliams@gmail.com

Parishioners who enjoy playing an instrument or singing are invited to join our music ministry. The groups sing and provide instrumental support for the congregation during weekend liturgies and other liturgies throughout the year. All members are first and foremost responsible for understanding that as ministers of music we serve the community at St. Joseph Parish. All members share the responsibility for learning music and attending rehearsals.

The adult choir, for men and women who are at least 16 years of age, rehearses on Wednesday evenings. The Youth Ensemble, for members 12 years of age and older, sings at 2-3 weekend liturgies per month, as well as special feast days, i.e. Christmas. The contemporary group is a small group of men and women with specific music training, knowledge and skills. An audition is required. Please contact the music director for more information.



### **Mass Coordinators**

Contact: Parish Office ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 12  
Email: [Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com](mailto:Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com)

The Mass Coordinator has several responsibilities in preparing for the weekend liturgies. This includes setting up the credence table and verifying that all lay ministers are present for the liturgy. This ministry requires approximately a half-hour before and a few minutes after the assigned Mass. This ministry requires orientation and ongoing education.

### **Prayer Chain**

Contact: Elaine Mack..... (513) 941-3661  
Email: [jemack@zoomtown.com](mailto:jemack@zoomtown.com)

This group prays for the members of our parish and their families daily, but especially during times of emergencies, surgery, illness and other special needs.

### **Sacristans**

Contact: Parish Office ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 10  
Email: [Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com](mailto:Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com)

This ministry sees that the vestments are clean and in good repair, and that the altar linens are clean and available. They also replace the candles as needed.

### **Altar Servers**

Contact: Parish Office ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 10  
Email: [Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com](mailto:Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com)

This ministry assists in the preparation and symbolism of our rites and rituals. All boys and girls, 4th grade and older, as well as adults, are eligible to assist at Masses, funerals, weddings, and other special occasions. This ministry requires orientation and ongoing education.

### **Ushers**

Contact: Parish Office ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 10  
Email: [Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com](mailto:Ministers@stjosephnorthbend.com)

An Usher is often the first person a parishioner or visitor will meet at St. Joseph. Ushers seat parishioners, select gift bearers, take up the collection, arrange for communion for those unable to go to the altar, deal with emergencies, provide information and distribute bulletins. This ministry requires orientation and ongoing education.



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# Religious Education/Formation

## Small Faith Sharing Groups

Contact: Beth Scholl ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 10

Email: bethscholl@stjosephnorthbend.com

These small discussion groups of 8-15 people come together for six weeks in Advent and six weeks during Lent to discuss and grow in their faith.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Contact: Marti Barnes ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 12

Email: martibarnes@stjosephnorthbend.com

The RCIA is the process which prepares unbaptized adults to become full active members of the Catholic Church. The process can also include adults baptized in other Christian traditions and uncatechized baptized Catholics. The process provides an opportunity to acquaint adults with Catholic teachings and practices. RCIA culminates at the Easter Vigil when participants come into full communion with the Catholic Church. Each participant has a sponsor who helps provide support and encouragement along the journey. We also have RCIA for youth beginning with the age of reason (7 years). Sponsors are always needed.

## Adult Scripture Study & Discussions on the Sunday Readings

Contact: Beth Scholl ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 15

Email: bethscholl@stjosephnorthbend.com

This group reflects on Sunday scripture readings, on particular parts of the Bible, and on pertinent current topics. No prior background on the Bible is needed. This group meets Wednesday at 8:45 am.

## Adult Education Group

Contact: Beth Scholl ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 15

Email: bethscholl@stjosephnorthbend.com

This group meets most Thursdays at 9:00 am for programs, movies or Bible Study.

## Lenten Series

Contact: Beth Scholl ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 15

Email: bethscholl@stjosephnorthbend.com

The Lenten Series features presentations on the Bible from Fr. Andrew Umberg and other speakers from the diocese.

## Women's Book Discussion Group

Contact: Pat Schoch ..... (513) 941-0448

Email: pats1959@fuse.net

## Library

Contact: St. Joseph Church ..... (513) 941-3661

Email: stjoseph@stjosephnorthbend.com

You are welcome to enjoy books, tapes, etc. found in our library located on the second floor hallway across from the classrooms. Check out is based on the honor system.

## **Two-Week Summer Religious Education/Youth Formation**

Contact: Beth Scholl ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 15  
Email: bethscholl@stjosephnorthbend.com

This is part of the Parish's Religious Education Process which provides for all students in grades 1-8. The 2-week session in June follows the closing of the school year. We use the Be My Disciple curriculum exploring doctrines and teachings of the Church. Music & Art/Crafts are also built into the program.

## **Preschool/Kindergarten Religious Education**

Contact: Beth Scholl ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 15  
Email: bethscholl@stjosephnorthbend.com

Christ-centered and age-appropriate curriculum featuring activities, Bible stories, ritual, music, crafts, prayers, etc. They will gather on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 am Mass. The classes begin in September and go until April not including holy days/holidays.

## **First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion**

Contact: Beth Scholl ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 15  
Email: bethscholl@stjosephnorthbend.com

St. Joseph provides a family centered and parish based sacramental preparation process, open to each child, second grade or older, who is a member of the Catholic Church. The Church's philosophy is that the family, particularly the parents, is the first and primary religious educators of their children. In support of this, we provide sacramental preparation for second graders for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion during the academic year. Expectations are that the children have completed Religious Education Classes for grades 1 & 2. In addition to the catechesis, we provide a parent orientation and a parent/child retreat.

## **Confirmation**

Contact: Beth Scholl ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 15  
Email: bethscholl@stjosephnorthbend.com

St. Joseph parish provides preparation for Confirmation beginning in the spring every other year. Confirmation takes place in November of the same year. Our next session begins in March 2016. The program makes use of "Chosen" by Ascension Press. This series covers a great number of important topics related to a basic understanding of the Catholic faith appropriate to Junior High and High School students. It has video, reading and discussion components. Our classes meet twice each month until November as well as two weeks daily in June, during the summer program. Participants are expected to attend a retreat day, and an evening designed for students with their sponsors. Students who are in at least the seventh grade by the spring of 2016 may join. Students must have attended prior religious education classes leading up to junior high level catechesis.

# Outreach/Pastoral Care

## Community Outreach

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Contact: Linda Powell..... (513) 913.2787  
Email: lindapowell@fuse.net

St. Vincent de Paul was established in Spring 2011 to bring hope and assistance to our neighbors in North Bend and Cleves. SVdP has a collection 6 times a year to help meet the immediate needs of our clients. As we help our clients we grow in our love of God. Volunteers are always welcome.

### **Emergency Meals**

Contact: Agnes Maddock..... (513) 467-6887  
Email: kcoddam@fuse.net

A group of volunteers provide meals for persons coming home from the hospital, confined to home because of an accident, or just in need of a helping hand. Volunteers are always needed!

### **Giving Tree**

Contact: Sue Rensing..... (513) 941-3670  
Email: suerensing@gmail.com

Each year during Advent, St. Joseph parish reaches out to the needy in the neighborhoods surrounding our church. Donations of gifts and money from parishioners help us provide toys and clothing through the Three Rivers Giving Tree to needy families. In November the church bulletin has details on this program. Volunteers are needed to sort gifts on the first Sunday in December.

### **Three Rivers Area Ministry (T.R.A.M.)**

Contact: Chris Fay ..... (513) 941-6034

The Three Rivers Area Ministries (TRAM) was formed to promote a unity in the Christian churches of the Three Rivers area communities. Today TRAM operates as a food pantry, which is located in the Addyston Methodist Church. The pantry is open on Monday and Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and staffed by volunteers from the churches involved in this outreach ministry.

### **Knitting and Crocheting Ministry**

Contact: Mary Beth Walter ..... (513) 941-5885  
Email: waltermb1956@yahoo.com

We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 pm to make Baptismal Afghans, prayer shawls, baby hat for newborns. We also meet on the first Tuesday of every month from 7:00-8:30 pm. Join us.

## Community Life

### Parish Pastoral Council

Contact: Don Larrick ..... (513) 276-0422  
Email: dlarrick@fuse.net

Pastoral Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Pastor. Its mission is to be an informational, consultative group of parishioners that represent the parish community. The primary responsibility of the Council includes:

- To share, in a consultative manner only, in the decision-making of the parish, and assist in the implementations of these decisions.
- To determine priorities in the parish according to its needs.
- To represent all the people of St. Joseph Parish
- To provide for communication, coordination, and cooperation among parish organizations.

Membership consists of 7 elected parish members at large. The full time parish staff are non-voting members of the Council serving in an ex-officio capacity. Meetings are typically held at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month, except in July and August. Monthly meetings are open to all parishioners as observers. To place an issue before council, contact a Pastoral Council Member.

### 2019/2020 Pastoral Council

Chairperson:	Don Larrick
Tony Bresser	Mike Groh
Elaine Kruse	Agnes Maddock
Bruce Tumlin	

### Ex-Officio Members

Karen Thorpe, Beth Scholl, Marti Barnes

### Knights of Columbus

Contact: Dan Warnock..... (513) 941-6667  
The Knights of Columbus Council serves the Tree Rivers-Miami Heights area by providing programs to exemplify charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Programs are geared at youth and families of the local parishes and communities. The Knights of Columbus provide financial contributions for local charities including the mentally disabled, local community social services like the Three Rivers School District Special Education, and the Margaret Rost School.

Events include Christmas parties, family picnics, family movie nights, ice cream socials, speaker programs and many other programs to provide members and their families with the enjoyment they need in today's hectic society.

### **Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus**

Contact: Brenda Beckemeyer ..... (513) 941-3017

The object of this organization shall be the promotion of social and charitable activities by the St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council Ladies Auxiliary; and to be supportive of the activities of the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council #11550.

Members of this organization must be 18 years of age or older. A member must be a wife, mother, grandmother, sister or daughter of a member of the St. Joseph of the Three River Council #11550 Knights of Columbus, living or deceased to be eligible for membership.

### **St. Joseph Ladies Society**

Contact: Mary Beth Walter ..... (513) 941-5885

Email: waltermb1956@yahoo.com

The Ladies Society is an organization open to all women of the parish to meet for charitable, devotional & social purposes. This organization provides an opportunity where the women of the Parish can gather to forge new friendships, support each other and socialize.

The Ladies Society meets the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am in the Hospitality Room. Events and activities are announced in the Parish bulletin.

The group has various fundraisers (i.e., Fall boutique, cookie sales ...) to provide funds for the bread & wine for the Masses, candles for the altar, liturgical supplies and many other Parish needs.

### **Annual Parish Events**

Listed below are annual events and activities that have become a tradition at St. Joe's. We welcome your participation and support.

Advent of Evensong

Lessons and Carols

Marian Devotion

Ladies Craft Show

Parish Picnic at Stricker's Grove

Ministry Fair

Monthly Birthday Breakfast

St. Joseph Table

Lenten Speakers

H.S. Senior Recognition

Anniversary Celebration

Ladies Fall Boutique

Christmas Cookie Sale

## **Finance & Administration**

### **Finance Council**

Contact: Jerry Bayer ..... (513) 941-4269

Email: jbayer\_3019@fuse.net

All financial needs, resources, and budgeting are studied and reported by the Finance Council. All members are appointed by the pastor to serve on Council for four years. Reports and recommendations are presented to the pastor for appropriate action.

## **Building & Grounds**

Contact: Bob Dettinger ..... (513) 376-6586  
Email: karenthorpe@stjosephnorthbend.com

The Building and Grounds Committee is responsible for the physical plant, grounds and building. The group reviews the long-term maintenance needs of the parish plant, studies how to make best use of available space for current needs, and how to make our facilities safer and more comfortable for those who use them.

The group provides reports and recommendations to the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee for appropriate action.

## **Stewardship & Development**

Contact: Karen Thorpe ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 14  
Email: karenthorpe@stjosephnorthbend.com

The Business Manager in consultation with the finance council.

## **Facilities & Room Scheduling**

Contact: Parish Office ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 10

## **Parish Communications**

Contact: Parish Office ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 10  
Bulletin  
Website  
Parish Mailings

## **Child Protection/VIRTUS**

Contact: Beth Scholl ..... (513) 941-3661 Ext. 15  
Email: bethscholl@stjosephnorthbend.com

## **St. Joseph Garden Club**

Contact: Barb Rahschulte ..... (513) 367-5451  
Email: grahschutte@roadrunner.com

The St. Joseph Garden Club is in the process of organizing with the goal to help in the upkeep of the outside gardens on all of the parish ground.