

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
2025



2020



1960



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We are a parish, rich in generations, dedicated to creating a sacred space for worship among family and friends. St. Joseph Catholic Church, is a sanctuary of warmth and fellowship!



1981

“As a young sister teaching the first grade at St. Joseph School, I loved everything about the school, the students, the parents and the parishioners. It was hard to be missioned elsewhere. Who would have thought that I would return years later to minister in RCIA and Adult Faith Formation. I still love the parish and the people with whom I journey in RCIA and Adult Faith Formation!”

Sister Shauna Bankemper, SND



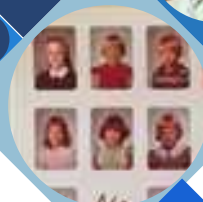
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2023

“ I love this Parish because of its community. The people of the Parish continue to amaze me with their gifts of time, talent and treasure. There is something for everyone at St. Joseph Church. ”

Krista Schoulties, Assistant Principal

In this book:

LETTERS TO PARISH / OUR TEAM

A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PARISH

A LOOK BACK

THEN AND NOW

CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

ORGANIZATIONS, MINISTRIES AND
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PARISH LIFE

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Some of the most important building blocks of life are faith, hope, and love. These three virtues give us a solid foundation for our lives and our collective Christian life as a parish. They give us the strength to look back with our past, to celebrate our present, and to look forward to the things the Lord has in store for our future. We at St. Joseph's have deep faith, living hope, and immense love for one another. This directory gives us a chance to step back and reflect on the many faces of the life of our parish.

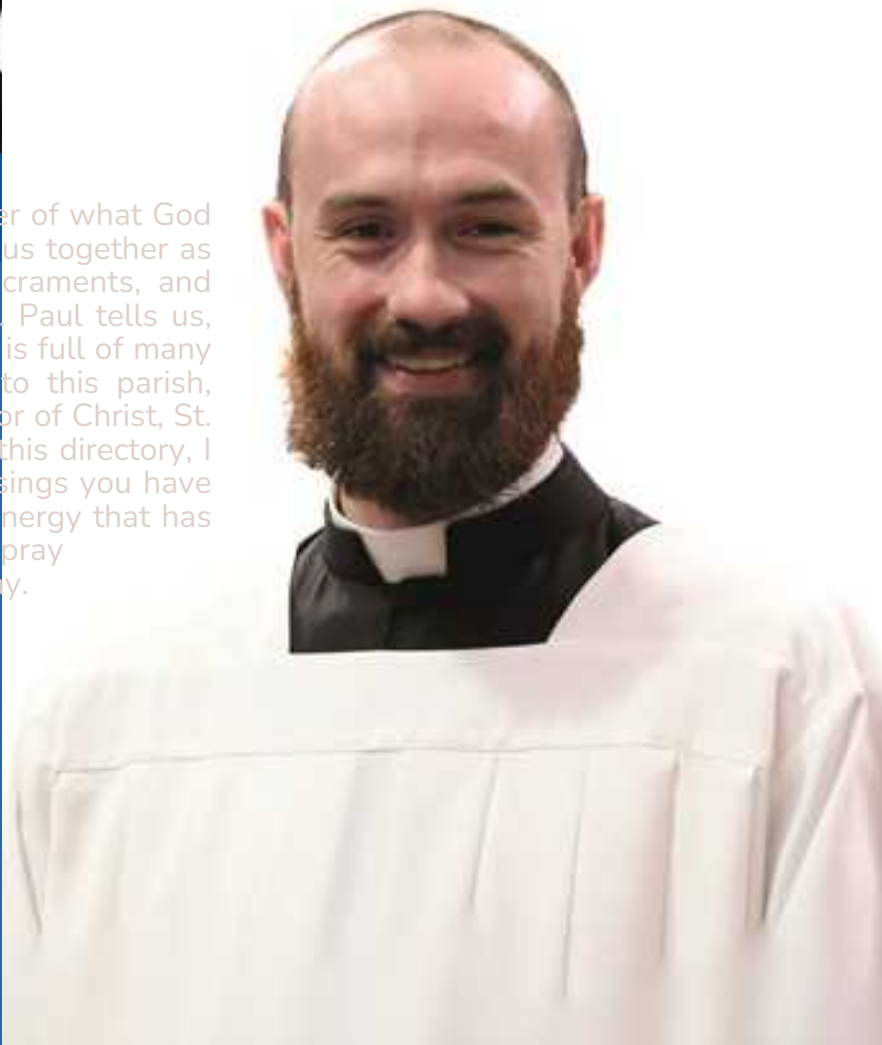
I highlight beautiful memories of those who have come before us and the work being done by our current organizations and ministries. I hope to see the faces of the many families that call St. Joseph home. This directory is a great gift to continue to build up our parish community. Hopefully this directory will not simply sit on a shelf but will be a handy guide to allow you to connect with the many faces that you see at Mass; as well as to be inspired to be an active part of the Sacraments and liturgical life that sustains our parish and the organizations and ministries that help us to engage our faith and grow in holiness.

I am profoundly grateful to all those who have worked to make this directory a reality. Your time and talents in design, organization, proofreading, updating contact information, and having your photo taken are a great gift to our community that is much appreciated.

Together let us give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of our parish. We have inherited a true gift from those who have come before us and we are responsible for it as we are building on the foundation of the building blocks.

Know of my prayer

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Andrew Young



A parish directory serves as a great reminder of what God accomplishes through a parish. He gathers us together as a community, draws us to receive the Sacraments, and sends us forth to minister to others. As St. Paul tells us, we are many parts but one body. This book is full of many faces, but we are all blessed to belong to this parish, which is under the protection of the Protector of Christ, St. Joseph. Each time you pick up and browse this directory, I hope that you will give thanks for the blessings you have received here, appreciate all the time and energy that has been invested in the church and school, and pray for those parishioners who have passed away.

May God continue to bless this parish.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. AJ Gedney

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St. Joseph Church

The people of St. Joseph's Parish strive to be a dynamic, Catholic faith community, following the example of Jesus Christ through liturgical, communal and personal prayer. We value education, especially education in the faith. Through parish ministries and organizations, we serve others by offering our gifts of time, talents and treasures.

We seek to fulfill this mission with the help of Christ, Who leads us to oneness with God.



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On **May 12, 1870**, St. Joseph Orphanage welcomed its first residents. Nearby, a small church was founded, which later became known as St. Joseph Parish. This church was dedicated by Bishop A.M. Toebe, and a one-story school building was constructed as well. The initial Parish Committee consisted of Wolfgang Bessler, Samuel Hoffman, Rudolph Kroger, and John Holtz.

In **1881-1882**, Rev. Herman Kramer suggested the construction of a new church, while parishioner Henry Baudensistel crafted bricks from clay found near the orphanage cemetery. The bricks were fired, and the cornerstone of the church was subsequently laid.

Following the destruction of the orphanages by two fires in **1884** and **1888**, a new three-story building was inaugurated with a lively celebration that included wagons, carriages, and marching bands.

In **1892**, a two-story parish school was established on church property, serving as the parish school for a period of 37 years.

Between **1949** and **1953**, Pastor Rev. Lawrence Leinheuser saw the need to expand the parish school, due to the development of "Vet Village" (Crestview). An additional structure was built, encompassing classrooms and an auditorium/gymnasium. By 1953, more classrooms were added, which also included living quarters for the Sisters of Notre Dame, along with a chapel to alleviate overcrowding in the parish church.

Between **1957** and **1961**, the Diocese sanctioned the construction of a new church to address the limitations of the old one, which had become too small and outdated. In 1959, Rev. Leinheuser guided the development of the new church, which featured four classrooms, Kelley Hall, and a rectory. The first Mass took place on December 21, 1960, and the official dedication of the church occurred on April 9, 1961.

In **1963**, the Geiman Brothers built the Bell Tower, which houses three bells named "Joseph," "Mary," and "Gabriel." The statue of St. Joseph located at the base of the tower was relocated from the Old St. Joseph Orphanage, and the tower was officially dedicated on December 19th.

In **1969**, Rev. Charles Hoffer assumed the position of pastor, and under his leadership, St. Joseph Church celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Between **1987** and **1991**, a new school expansion was finalized, featuring classrooms, a computer room, a library, and an office. Rev. Clarence J. Heitzman supervised the creation of "Memorial Hall" along with additional classrooms. On July 1, Rev. Leroy Smith assumed the role of pastor.

From **1993** to **2007**, Rev. Robert Henderson led as pastor and played a key role in organizing the 125th Anniversary of St. Joseph Parish. By 1995, it had grown to be the largest Catholic Church in Campbell County and the most substantial school within the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky.

From **2007** to **2011**, Rev. Gerald L. Reinersman assumed the role of pastor on July 1, with a mission to carry out the Parish Revitalization Plan initiated during Fr. Henderson's time. A capital campaign was organized to meet four specific objectives: installing air conditioning in school classrooms, renovating restrooms, refurbishing the church, and establishing an endowment for Catholic education. By the fall, enough funds had been gathered to accomplish the first two goals, resulting in church renovations, while Sunday Mass was temporarily held in Memorial Hall for a duration of five months.

From **2018** to **2019**, fundraising initiatives resulted in the installation of an elevator connecting the lower parking lot to the church. Finished by the summer of 2019, this construction enhanced accessibility for individuals with disabilities, enabling them to engage more fully in parish activities and worship.

The parish celebrates its 150th Anniversary Jubilee in **2020**, embracing the theme: "Grateful for the past – Faithful in the present – Hopeful for the future."

In **October 2022**, the church organ underwent restoration, thanks to the generous funding from parishioners and community partners.

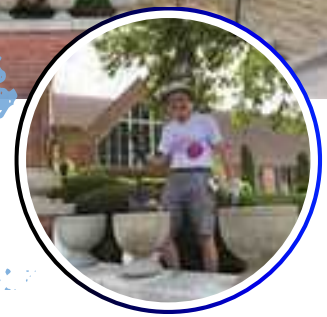
Father Andrew Young has been appointed as the new Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in **2023**.





“Being a member of St. Joseph Parish is a blessing, especially since many of my family members are present. St. Joseph Church is a source of nourishment where I can interact with others and also nurture the spiritual aspect of my life.”

Donna Kramer



“St. Joseph has been a real sense of community for my family and me. It's great to see so many people that have been with the parish for so long and you can always find a familiar face.”

Danielle (Kramer) Piper - Class of 1998



“I love this parish because it is my spiritual home -- a place where I find a special love ... and then want to love God and others in my daily life.”

Ruth Saccone

“Saint Joseph is a wonderful parish and school! It is a strong, thriving faith community. I feel this strength every time I am with the people of Saint Joe's ... whether we are at Mass, at school, or at other parish events. We pray and worship as one, we celebrate together, we learn together, we support one another, we lift each other up, we help our neighbors. We truly are a family in every sense of the word.”

Jill Gast, School Teacher



“The Saint Joseph Parish is home for our family.”

Mark Schabell



Catholic Education and Faith Formation

Students and staff at St. Joseph School are very proud to continue a strong tradition of Catholic education. The mission of the school is accomplished through the hard work and nurturing care of many people.

The parish's support of the school is necessary and worthwhile. The school is dedicated to proper stewardship of the resources provided by the parish and families, and it is committed to continuous improvement over time. Together, we accomplish great things!

The Saint Joseph Parish School of Religion (PSR) is a program designed for the children of our parish who attend schools without formal religious Catholic education as part of their curriculum. PSR aims to educate and form these students in our faith including preparing them for the reception of Sacraments as well as deepening and reinforcing knowledge of their religion and values for living.

Parents are reminded that they are the primary educators of their children and that their home is the first church.

Adult Faith Formation is the lifelong process of building and strengthening one's relationship with God in the midst of our human lives. Every Catholic, by virtue of our Baptism, is on a life-long journey of faith. Consequently, Adult Faith Formation has as its purpose to support, nourish, and challenge adults as they explore their faith, experience its power, and grow in relationship with God. At St. Joseph Parish, we strive to plan and offer a wide variety of faith formation programs and opportunities for all adults.

Organizations, Ministries and Community Connections

At St. Joseph, we provide many opportunities for the members of our parish to take part in service to the Church, help when needs arise and to continue their spiritual journey of faith through prayer groups. Our organizations and groups help to provide connections to parish and school that can match the needs of each individual looking to be more engaged with parish life.



The Boosters



Girl Scouts



The Festival Committee



Families for Life Pro Life Ministry



Dave Wegert, Acolyte

St. Joseph Choir



The Resurrection Choir



Women's Choir



St. Mary's Ladies Society



1871

The Handbell Choir



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The Foresters



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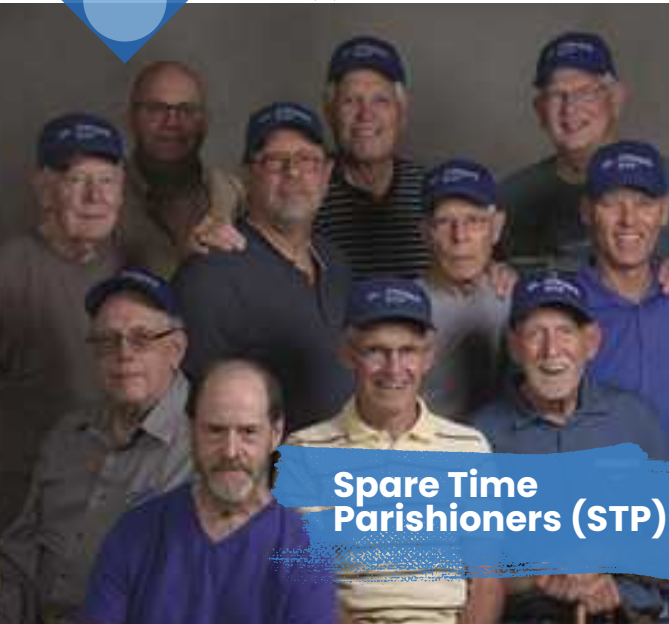
Ensemble



Servers 6, 7, 8 Graders



Spare Time Parishioners (STP)



RCIA



Counter Teams





Parish Board of Education



Embracing All God's Children



Drama Club



The Worship Committee



Parish School of Religion (PSR)



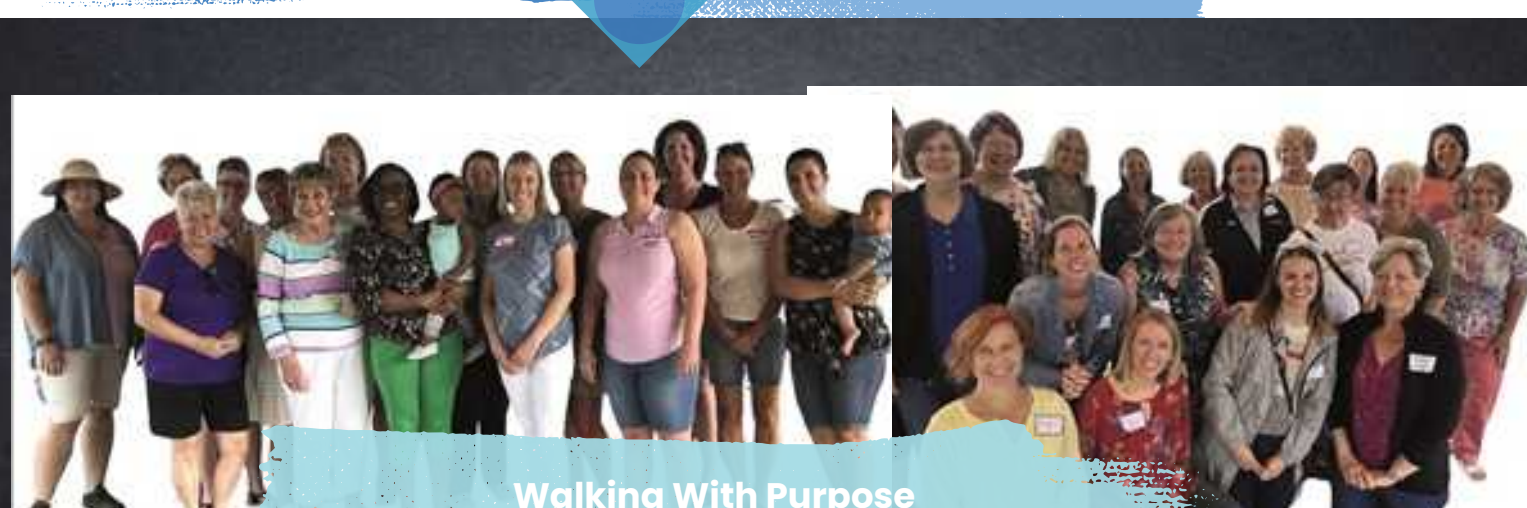
Pathfinders



With One Heart



The Sacristy Team



Walking With Purpose



Men's Fellowship

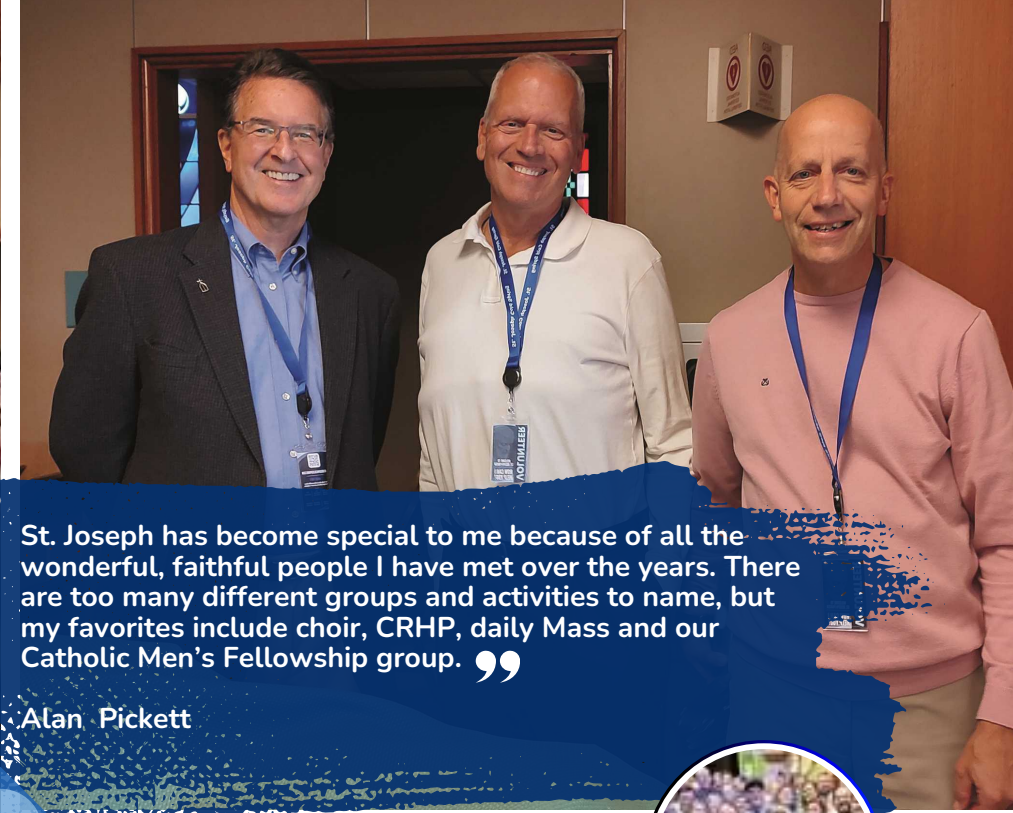
“St. Joseph is so much more than a church, or even a parish. It's a family of fellow believers who support each other through good times and bad.”

Dennis Klocke



“ St. Joseph has been a great place to raise my family and be a part of a wonderful community! ”

Katy Mason



“ St. Joseph has become special to me because of all the wonderful, faithful people I have met over the years. There are too many different groups and activities to name, but my favorites include choir, CRHP, daily Mass and our Catholic Men’s Fellowship group. ”

Alan Pickett



St. Joseph Church

The journey to our current parish has been shaped by dedicated leaders, parishioners, and the surrounding community.

Reflecting upon this history that is rich in kindness and community spirit, is truly uplifting.

1870 – Today

