



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
FAMILY *of* PARISHES

Epiphany
OF THE LORD

January 7, 2024

MASS TIMES

Monday

8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
9 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians

Tuesday

8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
9 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians

Wednesday

8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
9 a.m.....Sacred Heart
6 p.m.....St. Paul

Thursday

8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
8:30 a.m.....St. Paul
9 a.m.....Sacred Heart

Friday

8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
8:30 a.m.....St. Paul
9 a.m.....Sacred Heart (1st Friday)

Saturday

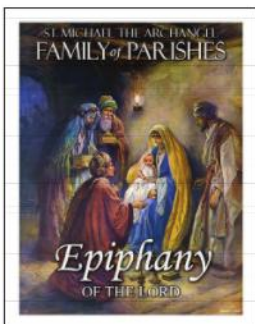
8 a.m. Latin N.O. Mass.....St. Brigid
4 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
4:30 p.m.....St. Brigid
5:30 p.m.....St. Luke

Sunday

8 a.m.....St. Luke
8:30 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
9 a.m.....St. Augustine
9:30 a.m.....St. Brigid
10 a.m.....St. Luke
10:30 a.m.....Sacred Heart
11:15 a.m.....St. Paul
12 p.m.....Sacred Heart (Spanish)

ON THE COVER

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is Jan. 7. Many believe Jesus was a toddler when visited by the Magi because Herod ordered all male babies two-years old and younger to be killed after the Magi departed (Mt 2:16-18).



Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes, Our Family is comprised of six churches: **Mary, Help of Christians** in Fairborn, **Sacred Heart** in New Carlisle, **St. Augustine** in Jamestown, **St. Brigid** in Xenia, **St. Luke** in Beavercreek, and **St. Paul** in Yellow Springs. Two of our churches, St. Brigid and St. Luke, also have schools with preschool through eighth grades.

We are part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and were combined as a Family in July 2022 to be “Beacons of Light,” an Archdiocese-wide, multi-year initiative to better array resources for spreading the Gospel far and wide. Family staff are listed below and on subsequent pages dedicated to each church. Contact information for each church is also listed for help with baptisms, anointing of the sick, marriage, communion, reconciliation, registering, religious education, joining the Church, and other needs.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL STAFF

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(see opposite page for photo)



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FLOCKNOTE

Our Family of churches uses Flocknote to help keep parishioners and staff informed via email and texts. Sign up is simple (no username or password required) via the methods below or QR code at right.

stma.flocknote.com | Text “stma” to 84576



JANUARY 7, 2024
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Beloved in Christ,

Happy Epiphany! Today, we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus, God in human flesh, to the world. Now it's up to us to continue this important work of showing Jesus to the world. How will you do that today?

Even though Ordinary Time begins this week, wouldn't it be great to maintain the Christmas spirit longer? We can! First, it's good to remember that "ordinary" in this context does not mean plain or mundane. It has to do with the ordinal numbers: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. We are counting the weeks after Epiphany until the Presentation of the Lord and the beginning of Lent.

This is a time of conversion, growth, and hope. Even the green vestments we wear are symbolic of these realities. This growth comes in part from entering more fully into the life of Jesus as we ponder the mysteries of our redemption while contemplating his ministry.

All of us have an opportunity for continual discovery with one question: "What is He telling me today?" A great way to access this opportunity is the daily readings of Mass at bible.usccb.org.

Here is a recent liturgical question: Why does the deacon now read the announcements at St. Luke's Mass? This is due to the nature of the ambo, sometimes referred to as the pulpit or lectern. The ambo was blessed and designated for the proclamation of the Word of God. This includes the readings from Sacred Scripture, homilies, and the Universal Prayer (General Intercessions). Therefore, other things, such as announcements, should be read from another microphone.

Finally, the pastoral council of St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes met this past Tuesday. The council is a group of engaged parishioners gathered to advise me on big-picture and long-term issues relevant to our Family of Parishes. Please visit pathway.catholicaoc.org/topic/2-2-pastoral-council-formation to learn more about pastoral councils.

Happy Epiphany,
Fr. Bedel



Fr. Bedel and Deacon Richard Simpson pray before Mass with student servers from St. Luke School just prior to Christmas vacation. (photo by Brett Poling)

CONFESSION

Monday
8 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians

Tuesday
7 p.m.....Sacred Heart

Wednesday
5 p.m.....St. Paul

Thursday
2 p.m.....St. Luke

Friday
8:30 am.....St. Brigid

Saturday
3 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
3:30 p.m.....St. Brigid
4 p.m.....St. Luke

Sunday
8 a.m.....St. Augustine

Call 937-372-3193 to schedule
confession by appointment.

ADORATION

Monday
7 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
(8 p.m. Benediction)

Tuesday
9 a.m.....St. Luke (6:30 p.m. Benediction)
7 p.m.....Sacred Heart (8 p.m. Benediction)

Friday
8:30 a.m.....St. Brigid (9:30 a.m. Bene-
diction every Friday except first Friday when
Benediction is 4 p.m.)

DAILY READINGS

Monday, Jan. 8
Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, Jan. 9
1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, Jan. 10
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, Jan. 11
1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, Jan. 12
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, Jan. 13
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, Jan. 14
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Mary, Help of Christians Church

954 North Maple
Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Phone: 937-878-8353

Fax: 937-879-8800

Parish Website: mhcp parish.org

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Max Roadruck

Staff

Assistant Director of Religious

Education: Michael Barclay

Administrative Assistant: Julie Sewell

Business Manager: Patrick Morgan

Director of Music: Kristen Kosey

Annulments: Please call the Parish

Office

Maintenance: Eric Rogalinski

Telephones:

Office/Rectory: 937-878-8353

RCIA: 937-878-8353

Religious Education: 937-830-8735

Music Director: 937-878-8092

Annulments: 937-878-8353

St. Vincent dePaul Helpline:

937-424-0951

Handy Helpers: 937-878-8353

Parish Office Hours:

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Mon. - Fri.)

Parish School of Religion:

Sunday, 9:45 - 11 a.m. (in Parish Center)

Parish Library:

For access, call 937-878-8353

Marriages:

Call the rectory at least eight months in advance so we can properly prepare for this joyous occasion.

Anointing of the Sick:

Available on request. Call the rectory office.

For Hospital/Home Visit:

Call the Rectory Office.



PRAYER REQUEST

If you would like to join our MHC PRAYER CHAIN or have a special prayer request, contact Julie at jsewellmhc@gmail.com or call the parish office 937-878-8353.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTS MONETARY

donations at the doors after Mass on the 3rd weekend of every month. Look for baskets at each of the doors marked for St. Vincent dePaul. St. Vincent volunteers will be holding the baskets. *This week we will collect your favorite Box of Cereal*

SPEAK LIFE



PSR PUPPET SHOW TODAY:



The 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade youth will present a prayerful and educational puppet show about The Epiphany of the Lord on Sunday, January 7 during PSR in the Parish

Center around 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

PSR:

Sessions will resume today Sunday, January 7 at 9:45 a.m.

PSR Registration - It's Not Too Late

If you are interested PSR, but not registered, you are still welcome. Come a little early and you can register on site. Now that the fall sports season is over, you might think it's too late to sign up your child for the Parish's religious education program. It's never too late!! We are happy to have your child. We offer religious education and faith formational activities for children in grades 3-4 year olds-6th, High School, For more information, call the Parish Office @ 937- 878-8353 or Michael Barclay @ 937-830-8735. It's never too late!! We will resume January 7th.

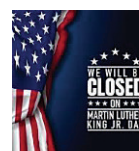
The 2024 Catholic Calendars are available on a table in the Gathering Space.

JOY CLUB:

Our next meeting is Monday, January 8 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Francis Hall. Come to enJOY an afternoon of cards, games or bingo along with fellowship and refreshments with your fellow parishioners and friends.



Reminder:

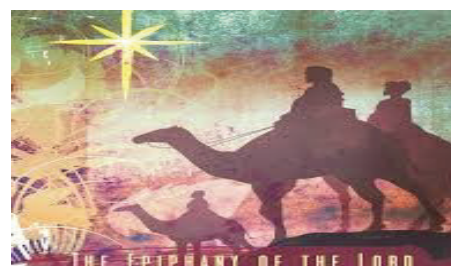


The parish office will be closed Monday, January 15, for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday there will be daily Mass Monday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Study/ Faith Sharing- Rediscover Catholicism



On January 9 we will be starting a six-week study on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. in St. Francis Hall using Mathew Kelly's "Rediscover Catholicism", a spiritual guide to living with passion and purpose. Rediscover Catholicism, takes us on an adventure of life-changing proportions. Beginning with our common yearning for happiness, Kelly reveals the essence of authentic Catholic spirituality while addressing some of the most important questions we face today both as individuals and as a church. Books and study guides are available at no cost but you must register by January 2 to be sure we have enough materials for everyone. There will be reading homework! Call Denise Wetzel at 937.878.3450 to register. (No Text Please) *All St. Michael the Archangel family are welcome, please join us.*





Welcome to all who celebrate the Mass with us today. May God's grace and peace fill us all so that we can serve one another in unity and love.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

To register, visit the parish office, the website or pick up registration form at front entrance of the church and drop it in the collection.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Poinsettias in the Gathering Space

Saturday & Sunday, January 13 & 14. We will be giving away the poinsettias, from the Christmas Season, Saturday & Sunday next weekend only. You may pick up a poinsettia located in the gathering space after all masses next weekend.

K of C Parish Breakfast :

Breakfast will be next Sunday, January 14. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30AM and will continue until 10:45AM. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, omelets made to order, biscuits and gravy. You'll get all this for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company.



Pro-Life Italian Dinner: January 20th marks the return of your K of C Council's famous Italian dinner. All the proceeds from this event will support Brigid's Path. Brigid's Path was founded in 2014 to care for babies and mothers in crisis with grace, love and hope. As in years past, we'll be serving up spaghetti and meatballs, prepared by our own PGK Frank Carchedi, accompanied by a salad, garlic bread, and sherbet with pizzelles. You get all this for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Come and enjoy the fun and good food! Get a great meal and support a worthy cause. Doors open after the 4:00 p.m. mass on Saturday January 20th. Don't miss this popular event.

The glory of the Lord shines upon you

Isaiah 60:1

HOLY HOUR AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

You are invited to spend a holy hour of prayer with adoration every Monday each week from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church. *All are Welcome! Join us Monday, January 8.*

ROSARY: Saturday afternoon before Mass @ 3:30 p.m. and Monday evening @ 6:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Third Saturday of the month after 4:00 p.m. Mass. Required Parents' Classes are on the second Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 9:45 a.m. in the Church. Parents must attend one of these classes. The next Baptismal Preparation Class is being held on Sunday, January 14 at 9:45 a.m. in the Church. Please call the parish office @ 937- 878-8353 to advise us if you will be attending this class.

RECORD OF YOUR 2023 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS/ TAX STATEMENTS:

A statement of your 2023 contributions will automatically be mailed around the second week of **January 2024** to any parishioner who has made any single contribution of \$250 or more during the year. (Please do not call to request a statement if you are in that category.) Anyone else wanting a statement should use the request form below or call the parish office @ 937- 878-8353 from 9:30AM-4:30PM, Monday through Friday. You may return your request form in the collection basket in your envelope.

2023 Contribution Statement Request

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ENVELOPE # _____

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6-4:00 p.m.

Jerry Wonderly, off: St. Luke Craft Group

Sunday, January 7-8:30 a.m.

For the Parish

Monday, January 8 -9:00 a.m.

Velma Hobbs, off: Teri Hobbs & Family

Tuesday, January 9-9:00 a.m.

John Maiorano, off: Jim & Judy McCoy

Saturday, January 13-4:00 p.m.

Sheryl Mummert, off: Carolyn Marth

Sunday, January 14-8:30 a.m.

For the Parish

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

THRU 12/25/23

Regular Collection & Loose Cash & Christmas Envelopes

\$18,514.49

Capital Improvements Donation Collections

\$206.00

Total Collections For December 24-25, 23

\$18,780.49

Church Renovation Project

Total Donations and Pledges as of

12/25/23 **\$151,077.45**

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

Many thanks to all our parishioners who support our parish, not only at the sacred and special times of year, but also throughout the entire year. We greatly appreciate the time, talent and treasure that our parishioners so generously give. May the upcoming year be one of health, peace and contentment, and may God bless you richly.

PLEASE REMEMBER MHC IN YOUR WILL

When considering which charities to include in your will or trust, we hope you will remember Mary, Help of Christians. The parish gratefully accepts donations of stock. A tax deduction for a gift of appreciated securities to a charity equals its full fair market value.



WINTER 2024

Information Sessions

Want to learn more about Beacons of Light and how it will enable your parish to continue to fulfill the mission of the Church in the 21st century?

Parish leaders are particularly invited to participate in a Beacons of Light Information Session to hear from archdiocesan leadership and ask questions.

JANUARY 18

ST. XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL - CINCINNATI

Cathedral Deanery - South
7 – 8:30pm

JANUARY 30

ONLINE

General Session
7 – 8:30pm

JANUARY 24

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON - MILFORD

St. Mary Deanery - SE
7 – 8:30pm

FEBRUARY 1

SACRED HEART - MCCARTYVILLE

St. Augustine Deanery - NW
7 – 8:30pm

JANUARY 25

ONLINE

General Session
1:30 – 3pm

FEBRUARY 7

ELDER HIGH SCHOOL - CINCINNATI

St. James Deanery - SW
7 – 8:30pm

JANUARY 27

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - CENTERVILLE

General Session
10 – 11:30am

FEBRUARY 8

ST. TERESA - SPRINGFIELD

Emmanuel Deanery - NE
7 – 8:30pm

JANUARY 29

OUR LADY OF SORROWS - MONROE

St. Joseph Deanery - Central
7 – 8:30pm



To learn more and to register, visit our website at
www.catholicaoc.org/beaconsinfosessions

Sacred Heart Church

209 W. Lake Avenue
New Carlisle, Ohio 45344

Parish Office

476 Scott Street
New Carlisle, OH 45344

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- new carlisle, ohio

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Lorenzo & Veronica Fondon

Hispanic Pastoral Team

hispanicministry@sacredheartnc.net

St. Vincent de Paul Society

937-845-3121

Bulletin Submissions

bulletin@sacredheartnc.net

January 21 deadline is January 9

January 28 deadline is January 16

To add or remove someone from the
prayer or military list, call 845-3121 or
email: Bulletin@sacredheartnc.net.



We are happy you are here! We welcome you to our caring community of faith—united in our love of God and service to others. If you are interested in learning more or want to register, please call the Parish Office at 937-845-3121 or visit our website at: <https://sacredheartnc.net>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 7, 10:30 Mass

Soul of Loretta Lokai
(Frank & Nancy Baldwin)

Sunday, Enero 7, 12 pm Mass

Alma de Alicia Cazares Razo
(Marisela)

Wednesday, January 10, 9 am Mass

Intention of Joseph Kibble
(Len & Marge Nasta)

Thursday, January 11, 9 am Mass

Soul of Fran Blair
(Friends of Sacred Heart)

PRAYER REQUESTS

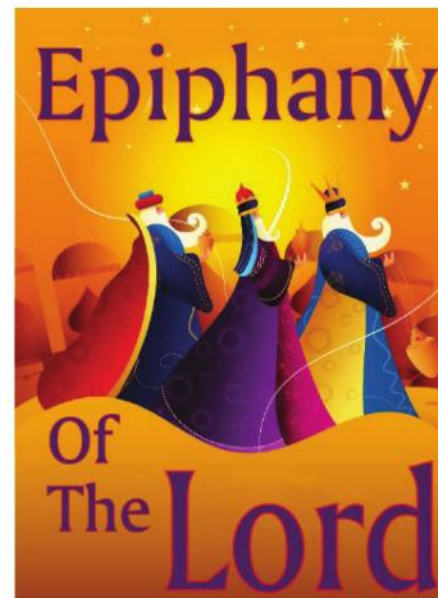
Al Brunson, Frank Caponegro, Larry Engle, Rosalie Gillespie, Carol Graham, Terry Hamisch, Katie Horn, Kathy Jackson, Bryan Karjala, Peggy Kleimeier, Dan Kraus, Ann Long, Jim Mason, Javier Perez, Jr. and Mary West

Pray for our Military

Airman Alex Bainbridge, Senior Airman Adam L. Coyle, Senior Airman James Grusenmeyer, Captain Michael Hughes, 2nd Lt. Fr. Stephen Hughes, Pvt. Timothy Hughes, Major David Kirker, Will McCuddy, Dillon Snapp, Cpt. Alex Stycula, Staff Sargent Jordan Trick and Technical Sargent Monik Trick

Feast of the Epiphany Celebration

Everyone is invited
Saturday, January 6, 5 – 8 pm
Food, cake, piñatas and crafts
Fun for the entire family!



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

January 3 is the Feast of the
**Most Holy Name
of JESUS**

IGLESIA DEL SAGRADO CORAZON



Upcoming Events

- Jan 9 Adoration & Confession, 7pm
- Jan 10 Mass, 9 am
Coffee Klatsch, 9:45 am
- Jan 11 Mass, 9 am
Patriotic Rosary, 9:30 am
- Jan 14 Religious Education Classes
Mass, 10:30 am
Mass, 12 pm (Spanish)
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Day
Parish Office Closed
- Jan 22 Blood Drive, 1 pm— 6:30 pm
- Jan 27 Volunteer Dinner, 6 pm
- Jan 29 Meeting of Families, 7 pm–8 pm
- Feb 6 Sacred Heart Ladies Club, 7 pm

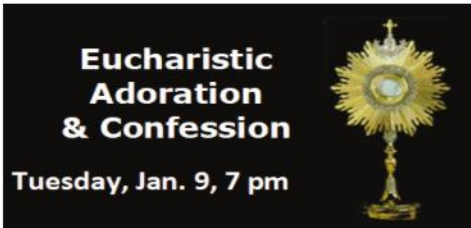


Proximos eventos



- Ene 9 Adoración al Santísimo
Y Confesiones a las 7:00pm
- Ene 11 Clase de Catecismo
A las 7:00pm (español)
- Ene. 14 – Clase de catecismo a las
9:00am (inglés)
10:30am Misa (inglés)
12:00pm Misa (español)
- Ene 27 Cena para Voluntarios

**The Parish Office will be closed
January 15, 2024**



Señor Jesús: que a imitación de los magos de Oriente vayamos también nosotros frecuentemente a adorar en tu casa que es el Templo, y no vayamos jamás con las manos vacías, que te llevemos el oro de nuestras ofrendas, el incienso de nuestra oración fervorosa, y la mirra de los sacrificios que hacemos para permanecer fieles a Ti, y que te encontremos siempre junto a tu Madre santísima María, a quien queremos honrar y venerar siempre como Madre Tuya y Madre nuestra. **Amén.**



Significado de la Rosca de Reyes

La forma ovalada de la rosca significa el círculo infinito del amor por Dios.

Las frutas secas que adornan el pan simbolizan las joyas incrustadas en las coronas de los Reyes Magos, también significan amor, paz y felicidad.

Los muñequitos escondidos simbolizan al niño Jesús cuando José y María lo escondieron para salvarlo de Herodes.



Thank You for Amazing Response

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with the Giving Tree. Our parishioners responded generously. The gifts will be delivered to local children and elder parishioners who otherwise would not have a gift for Christmas. Each gift carries God's love to its recipient and our ability to give is a reason to be thankful.



Pray to Protect Human Life! January 19–24, 2024

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message.

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, **January 27**, in Father Paul Hall. Social time starts at 6 p.m. with the buffet dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

All adult parishioners who have volunteered time to Sacred Heart Parish are invited, along with your spouse or a friend. You are important to us and this is a way to say thank you. Please RSVP by January 23 to the parish office at 937-845-3121 or Pat Kraus at 937-882-9428. A signup sheet is available in the gathering space.

Safe Parish

Reminder from archdiocese of Cincinnati safe environment office

Please make sure you are up-to-date on the child protection quarterly bulletins through SafeParish™. You will not be able to work/ volunteer with youth until your SafeParish™ account is approved. Please direct questions regarding bulletin completion to your parish/school safe environment coordinator. Thank you for all you are doing and please stay safe and healthy!



St. Paul Church

308 Phillips St.
Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387

www.stpaulyellowsprings.org

937-372-3193

Parish Email:

office@stpaulyellowsprings.org

Mark Danis, Deacon
Brad Wilson, Business Manager
Anne Shoup, Music Director

Mark Breza, Maintenance

St. Paul Cemetery

Ken Struewing
937-767-1388



PRAY FOR US

Please pray for Fr. Del Staigers,
Juanita Richardson,
Emily Lyons-Hammond,
Candie Ayers, Martin Connolly,
Patrick Gwin, Father Edmund
Hussey, Dolores Sizemore, Sheila
Suwalski, Simon Tritschler,
and all in need of special prayers
and healing.

MASS

Sunday, January 7

+Living & Deceased Members of the
Charles & Beatrice Alexander Families
(Patty Alexander)

Wednesday, January 10

+Ellen Svendsen (St. Paul Parishioners)

Thursday, January 11

+Robert Darrow (Ruth Darrow & Family)

Friday, January 12

+Mary Jenkins (Patty Alexander)

Sunday, January 14

+Carmelo & Maria Ricciardi
(Josephine Dunphy)

JANUARY 14 SCHEDULE

SACRISTAN: Patty Alexander

USHER: Richard & Tami Whalen

SERVERS: Marco & Sophia Meyer and
Cassie Ditmer

LECTOR: Jerry Tritle

EMHC: Vickie Hoomes

CHRISTMAS GIFT CERTIFICATE

We were able to provide 40 community members with gift certificates this year from Tom's Market in Yellow Springs. They were delivered to each resident on December 23, 2023.

Many thanks to Betsy Jones, Kathy Schopmeyer and Jessica Gleinser and her daughters Laura and Gabby for helping in delivering the gift certificates. Thanks to Kathy Sanders for getting everything ready to deliver.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Your help is needed to help take down the Christmas decorations on January 9, 2024 at 9:00 am. Please come and help us out.

2024 CATHOLIC CALENDARS

2024 Catholic Calendars are available on a table in the undercroft.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ST. PAUL FINANCIAL INFORMATION WILL BE REPORTED NEXT WEEK

SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH

MASS

Sunday, January 7

Bob Knecht (Kendra Knecht)

Sunday, January 14

Nieland Family (Ted Nieland)

January 7 Schedule

LECTOR: *E. Miller*

SERVERS: *Jo. Hoke, C. Meyer*

COLLECTION

December 24: Unavailable at press time

WELCOME

Welcome to new parishioners Brian and Shelly Miller.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2024 are available by the church entrance. Please take the box with your name on it. If you do not find a box with your name, please take a blank box and write your name on the envelope the first few Sundays in 2024.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The **St. Brigid** Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast at St. Augustine on Sunday, **January 28**, in the church hall after mass. There is no charge for breakfast, but donations will be accepted for the Jamestown Food Pantry (either cash or canned goods). Everyone is welcome to attend!

PSR CLASSES

PSR classes will meet after mass today in the church hall. Additional classes are January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10; April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12. Contact Della Weidel at **614-285-2293** for questions or to enroll your students or to volunteer to be a teacher.

FLOWER CALENDAR

A new flower calendar for the first half of 2024 is on the bulletin board at the church entrance (there are no flowers on the altar during the Lenten season). Please sign your name and who you want to honor or remember.

You will receive a reminder the week before you are scheduled. Robin's Nest Florist in Jeffersonville (740-426-88970) will deliver flowers to the church if you wish to order from them.

JAMESTOWN FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry has moved to The City of Zion Church, 260 S. Charleston Road. Beginning January 11, hours are Thursdays – 2-6 p.m. and the fourth Saturday of the month – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Call 937-971-8067 to arrange donations or to schedule an appointment. Monetary donations can be made to Greene Giving/Together Jamestown.

Specific needs for the pantry are rice, potato flakes, spaghetti sauce, canned baked beans, Ramen noodles, personal care items, and paper products. If you know of someone who could make use of the food pantry or you want to volunteer at the Food Pantry, please let Carol Smith know.

HOLINESS IS WHOLENESS TIPS

BODY: Be in touch with your blood pressure.

MIND: Plan something to look forward to.

SPIRIT: Don't hold grudges.

CHURCH LADIES

The St. Augustine Church Ladies will meet at the church at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, to take down Christmas decorations. This will be followed by lunch at Ralph's (U.S. 68 and I-71). Everyone is welcome.

St. Augustine Church

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Carol Smith, Secretary/Organist

Della Weidel, DRE

Denny Goodrich, Maintenance



PRAY FOR US

Please keep the following in your prayers: Noel Ebert, Joan Ward, Mr. and Mrs. JC Ford, Bailey Brickner, Bill Bernard, Justin Coakley, Tom Baudendistel, Janet Wray, Father Charles Lang, Judy Hobbs, Ray Raflik, Ed Nienaber, Jennifer Reynolds, Mary Ellen Mergy, Tim Schornak, Heather Bonz, Sandy Coakley, Pat Staley, David Miller, Gene Robinson, Keith Lively, Mary Kaye Benanzer, Brian Steinmetz, Joe Hess, Catherine Sheridan, Janet Goff, James Burns, Patsy Stewart, Mike Cyphase, Nickie Sherwood, Curtis Love, Mike Wombles, Ann Marie Somers, Agnes Hausman, Linda Baker, Kathleen Kall, Marcy Wirsbinnke, Robert Mergy, Vicki Sage, Autumn Neville, Cindy Hamilton, Marge Albrecht, Mary Buschur, Lauren Williams, John Harris, Lisa Everman, Becky Hiser, Diane Miller, Jane Morris, Heather Klingensmith, Geneva Hommsteuter, Erin Sanderson, Patrick Huri, Al Elam, Jerry Pack, Kathleen Evans, Kolston Edwards, Dennis Donovan, Ron Harvey, Tyler Jaworski, Joseph Firestone, Madelyn Machen, Bud Hayward

Contact Carol Smith to add or remove someone from the prayer list.

What's Your Catholic IQ

1) The wise men presented Jesus with gifts of gold, _____ and myrrh.

a) silver b) candy canes c) Jellybeans d) frankincense

2) Herod heard about Jesus' birth and tried to kill him.

True/False

See page 14 for answers

SAINT BRIGID CHURCH

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Bulletin Submissions

Articles and inserts must be submitted no later than ten days before bulletin date (Thursday of the week prior). Deadlines are subject to change due to holidays, vacations, or publisher requirements. Email submissions to:

tpeters@stbrigidxenia.org



Welcome,

Whether you are passing through, or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Brigid Catholic Church of the St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes. We hope you find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful. People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering.

To be registered here at St. Brigid is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. It also simplifies sacramental matters like religious education, sponsoring a sacrament candidate, and planning/preparation of baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Registration is easy and can be completed online via [our website](#) listed at the top of the next page. If you are a long-time member of St. Brigid, call or email us to make sure we have all your latest contact information. Our goal is to build stronger communication with our community.

PRAY FOR US

Nancy Tucker, Joan Stallings, Vi Thomas, Toni & Larry Charles, Lisa Hernandez, Jerry McCormick, Tyler Foster, John Garrity, Ann Reed, Pearl Roberts, Kerry Wiersma, Jeff McBride

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6
+Ron & Ronnie Roth
(Brian & Wendy Roth)

Wednesday, January 10
+Werner Ispold
(Emmie Smith)

Sunday, January 7
+Lawrence & Mary Lou
(Baxley Family)

Thursday, January 11
+Aleitta Hodges
(Family)

Tuesday, January 9
+John Zaino
(Jim DiCarlo)

Friday, January 12
+The McGrath Family
(Baxley Family)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 13
Lector: Mary Williams
Servers: Garrett Hollon, Cooper Chamberlin, Lily Chamberlin
EMHC: Deacon Dennis Kall, Ernie Robinson, Margene Robinson

Sunday, January 14
Lector: Jason Hughes
Servers: Rolando Nshimiyimana, Kate Battista, Rylie Battista
EMHC: Marty Shaver, Abigail Neal, Keri Neal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MOST FAMILIES

St. Brigid School is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Most families who apply are expected to qualify for full scholarships following recent Ohio legislation. Contact the school at **937-372-3222** for more information.

CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel at St. Brigid, with a view of the tabernacle containing the Most Holy Eucharist, is open for private prayer and adoration weekdays (Monday through Friday) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call the parish office at **937-372-3193** upon your arrival for entry.





Advent of Fun

St. Brigid School students attended a special assembly just before their Christmas vacation to celebrate Advent and have some fun. A Catholic juggler entertained the students with Advent-themed lessons and hands-on activities, to include praying the Hail Mary with sign language (pictured left) and juggling coffee filters (pictured above).



THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 7

- PSR in School 8:15 a.m.
- Boy Scouts in Library 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9

- Scripture Study in Library 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10

- Marian Prayers in Chapel 1 p.m.

Friday, January 12

- Eucharistic Exposition 8:30 a.m.
- Confession in Church 8:30 a.m.
- Benediction 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 13

- TMIY in Lunchroom 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions in Church 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 14

- PSR in School 8:15 a.m.
- Fellowship Sunday in Lunchroom 10:30 a.m.
- AHG Meeting in Lunchroom 4 p.m.
- Boy Scouts in Library 4:30 p.m.



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Pray For Us

ST. BRIGID FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 25 (WEEK 26)

Donations to the Church through automatic bank account transfers and/or regular use of envelopes responds to our call to support our faith community. For information regarding automatic transfers, wills, and bequests for the Parish, please call the parish office. Setting up regular and recurring payments directly to St. Brigid Church removes the hassle of finding cash, writing checks, and using Church envelopes. For automatic "BILL PAY" through your financial institution, bank-issued checks can be sent to:

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ACH payments for Sunday giving and school tuition assistance is available through Park National Bank. Contact Brian Sticka at 937-372-3193 for more information. Thank you for your continued financial support to St. Brigid Church.

Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Collections Goal	\$680,000.00
Collections To Date	\$357,640.78
Amount Left to Reach Goal	\$322,359.22

Week 26 Collection	\$15,373.67
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$225.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$175.00

Christmas Collection	\$63,998.60
St. Vincent de Paul	\$350.00

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please email St. Luke bulletin submissions with "Bulletin" in the subject line to:

saintluke@saintlukeparish.org

Jan. 21 Bulletin: **due Jan. 9**
Jan. 28 Bulletin: **due Jan. 16**
Feb. 4 Bulletin: **due Jan. 23**
Feb. 11 Bulletin: **due Jan. 30**

Welcome to St. Luke Church.

Childcare is available during the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Please join us in Kramer Hall after Mass for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Our Welcome Committee will be in Kramer Hall after Mass the first weekend of every month to help with registration. You can also call or visit the church office for registration forms, or visit our parish website: www.saintlukeparish.org

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

IRS TAX STATEMENTS

The 2023 tax statements will be distributed by January 31st.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ADOPT-A-FAMILY

A big "Thank You" to all parishioners who supported the Adopt-A-Family project this year. With your generous contributions of gifts and cash, we were able to serve 14 families, which included 41 children. Our recipients showed much gratitude and joy when your gifts were delivered. Your kindness made a huge difference to their holiday celebrations.

MEAL PREP HELP NEEDED

Help is needed **Jan. 8** and **Jan. 10** with preparing the evening meals for the guests at Family Promise of Greene County (formerly IHN) shelter in Xenia. Contact Anmarie at 937-272-4615 with questions. Future dates are March 4, March 6, May 6, and May 8. To view additional items that are needed and/or to sign up please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/wh2tjkap>

MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us **Jan. 9** in Kramer Hall at 7 p.m. for the January Saint Movie Night featuring St. Bernadette. Light snacks and drinks will be served. Contact Lisa at 937-901-2727 with questions.

WOMEN OF FAITH – QUEEN OF HEAVEN STUDY

Beginning January 16th

You are invited to join our new study on Tuesdays in Kramer Hall at 10:00am called **Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for Souls**. Discover our Blessed Mother throughout centuries of Church history, as

she intervenes at pivotal periods, especially at her most famous apparitions in Mexico, Lourdes and Fatima. To register call 937-426-1733 x6301 and order your Study Guide (\$30).

REVELATION STUDY

Please join us as we begin a 10-week study on the *Book of Revelation* featuring Jeff Cavins. The study will take place on Wednesdays at 1:00pm and 7:00 p.m., beginning January 17. Contact the Jansen Center at (937) 426-1733, Ext. 6301 to register.

PRECIOUS BLOOD PRAYER GROUP

We have extended our group meeting time. Please join us Saturdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in St. Luke Church. All are welcome. Contact Divina at 937-431-0323 with questions.

TREES & DECORATIONS DONATIONS

Tree and decoration donations are being collected for next year's Christmas Bazaar. Items can be dropped off at the Jansen Center and a donation receipt can be provided. Contact Patti Blakely at **937-545-8954** for more information. The drop off window closes Jan. 31 and resumes next Fall.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DROP-OFF DAY

Join us at 10:00am at Bishop Ford Hall for our next drive thru drop-off day. Please sign up to donate casseroles, bagged lunches, nonperishables, and personal care items that benefit the Dayton St. Vincent Shelters. Supplies can be found in Kramer Hall. Questions to Cindy at svdp casserole@gmail.com or Brenda at sagasserbrenda@gmail.com.

Lunch Sign Up: <https://tinyurl.com/ba-glunches15>

Casserole Sign Up: <https://tinyurl.com/kj7j8t9u>



COMMIT TO MORE TIME WITH JESUS THIS NEW YEAR

Beginning this week, The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 8:30am daily Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Exposition will end with Vespers at 6:00pm, followed by Benediction, with the Blessed Sacrament reposed by 6:30pm. Contact Teresa at (937)470-5633 for more information. Please prayerfully consider committing to be a scheduled adorer in the New Year. Sign up Link for Tuesday & Thursday Weekly Eucharistic Adoration: <http://www.tinyurl.com/January2024Adoration>

LOST AND FOUND CLEAN OUT

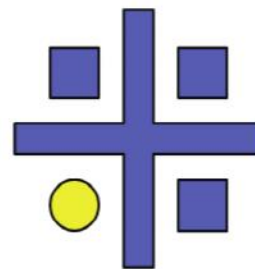
Please check the Usher's closet for any lost items. Items not collected by January 31st will be donated.

LEARN LATIN WITH FR. LEE

Fr. Matthew Lee will resume free Latin classes on Fridays beginning January 12 in Kramer Hall from 7:00-8:00pm. The schedule will be adjusted to accommodate holidays, Holy Days, etc. Please register for classes at: <https://www.saintlukeparish.org/latin-class>



A Mass procession, as seen through the sanctuary glass. (photo by Brett Poling)



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6
+For the Parish

Sunday, January 7
+Jess Garcia
(Angie Garcia)

Monday, January 8
+For the Parish

Tuesday, January 9
+William J. Schulz
(Alice Weitz)

Wednesday, January 10
+Priscilla Bolhayon
(Juvy Khouzam)

Thursday, January 11
+Rae Ann Brooks
(Mary Jo & Steve Brooks)

Friday, January 12
+Mary Salate
(Mary Jo Brooks)

ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, January 8

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 a.m.
- Pietra in Gilligan 9:15-10 a.m.
- Sewing Guild in Kramer 9:30-12 p.m.
- PTO in Kramer 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Youth Ministry Leadership in Jansen Rose 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Al-Anon Family Group in Jansen East (7:30 - 8:30 PM)

Tuesday, January 9

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 a.m.
- Eucharistic Adoration in Sanctuary 9:15 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- WOF Bible Study in Kramer Hall 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Small Christian Communities in Jansen West (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)
- Come & See Bible Study AFF in Kramer (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)
- Leisure Club Monthly Meeting in Bishop Ford (1:30 PM - 3:30 PM)
- Pietra in Gilligan Hall (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- Saint Movie Night in Kramer (7:00 - 8:30 PM)

Wednesday, January 10

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 a.m.
- True Devotion to Mary Study in Jansen West 10:30 a.m. - Noon
- That Man is You in Jansen West (6:00 - 7:15 PM)
- Revelation Study in Kramer (7:00 - 8:30 PM)

Thursday, January 11

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 a.m.
- Eucharistic Adoration in Church 9:15 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Confessions in Reconciliation Chapel 2 - 3 p.m.
- YM Discipleship Team in Bishop Ford (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
- Pietra in Gilligan (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- Choir Rehearsals in Church Music Room 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, January 12

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 a.m.
- Moms and Tots in Nursery/Kramer (9:30 - 11:30 AM)
- Bridge Club Meeting in Bishop Ford (7:00 - 10:45 PM)
- Latin Class with Fr. Lee in Kramer 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 13

- That Man is You in Jansen Rose/West/PC (7:30 - 9:00 AM)
- Precious Blood Prayer Group in Church 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- Confessions in Reconciliation Chapel 4 - 5 p.m.
- Fair Trade Coffee Sales in Kramer (6:00 - 7:30 PM)
- Welcome Committee in Kramer 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 14

- Fair Trade Coffee Sales in Kramer (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THRU 12/17 (WEEK 25)

Weekend Total	\$55,633.25
Yearly Total	\$697,836.09
Holy Days	
Immaculate Conception	\$260.00
FY Holy Day Total	\$19,051.96

Regular and Holy Days	
Total	\$716,888.05
Budgeted	
Each Weekend	\$29,614.08
Total Budget thru Week 25	\$740,352.00

Non-Parish Collection(s)	
St. Vincent	\$25.00
Human Development	\$50.00
Religious Retirement	\$513.00

Miscellaneous Collection(s)	
School Ministry Collection	\$7,220.55

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FAMILY OF PARISHES

'COME AS YOU ARE' MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

The St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes High School Leadership Team presents "Come as You Are," a retreat for 6th thru 8th graders **Jan. 12-14** at Montezuma Spiritual Retreat Center. Cost is \$80. For further information, email belrich@saintlukeparish.org, or call 937-426-1733, xt. 6301.

YOUTH GROUP SKI TRIP

All the Family's youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a day in the snow at Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, on **Jan. 21**. Departure is scheduled to follow 8 a.m. Mass at St. Luke. Cost, which includes dinner, is \$55 for skiers and snowboarders and \$25 for snow tubing. Pick-up is scheduled for 8 p.m. at St. Luke. For further information, email belrich@saintlukeparish.org, or call 937-426-1733, xt. 6301.

YOUNG ADULT WHITE ELEPHANT FOR EPIPHANY

An Epiphany Party and White Elephant Exchange for young adults is scheduled for **Jan. 9** from 6-8 p.m. For further information, email belrich@saintlukeparish.org, or call 937-426-1733, xt. 6301.

MARY'S BATTLE TOPIC FOR WOMEN OF FAITH

All St. Michael Family members are welcome to participate in the next Women of Faith study at St. Luke, titled "Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for Souls." Embark on a journey that begins before time itself, when Mary was only an eternal thought in the Mind of God, and extends into her life in Scripture. The study is scheduled to begin Jan. 16 at St. Luke's Kramer Hall from 10-11 a.m. Call **937-426-1733 x6301** to register and order your study guide (\$30).

CATHOLIC FITNESS CLASSES RETURN IN NEW YEAR

Pietra Fitness, a Catholic Way of enriching body, mind and soul, is scheduled to resume **Jan. 8** for exercise and prayer on Mondays at 9:15 a.m. (in Gilligan Hall) and on Tuesday and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. (in Gilligan Hall). For more information, go to the Faith Formation tab at saintlukeparish.org or call Amanda Rieman at 513-410-0029.



DAYTON DEANERY EPIPHANY BALL

It will be the "formal event of the year," touts Dayton Catholic Young Adults, host of an Epiphany Ball **Jan. 6** at St. Peter Parish in Huber Heights. In addition to dancing, music, light food, and festive drinks, admission includes waltz dance lessons at the beginning of the evening. Tickets are \$30 online and \$40 at the door. Event hours are 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at daytoncatholicya.com/epiphany-ball

CATHOLIC IQ ANSWERS FOR PAGE 9 QUESTIONS

1) d) *The gifts symbolized Christ's royalty (gold), divinity (frankincense / incense for worship), and death for the sins of the world (myrrh, an embalming oil).*

2) True. *Herod, a paranoid and insecure king, feared that Jesus would threaten his power so he tried to kill him (see Matthew 2:13-18). He killed his own sons for the same reason.*

MERRY
Christmas
& JOYFUL
Epiphany

YOUNG ADULTS

All Young Adults are invited to an Epiphany Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 6pm - 8 pm



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