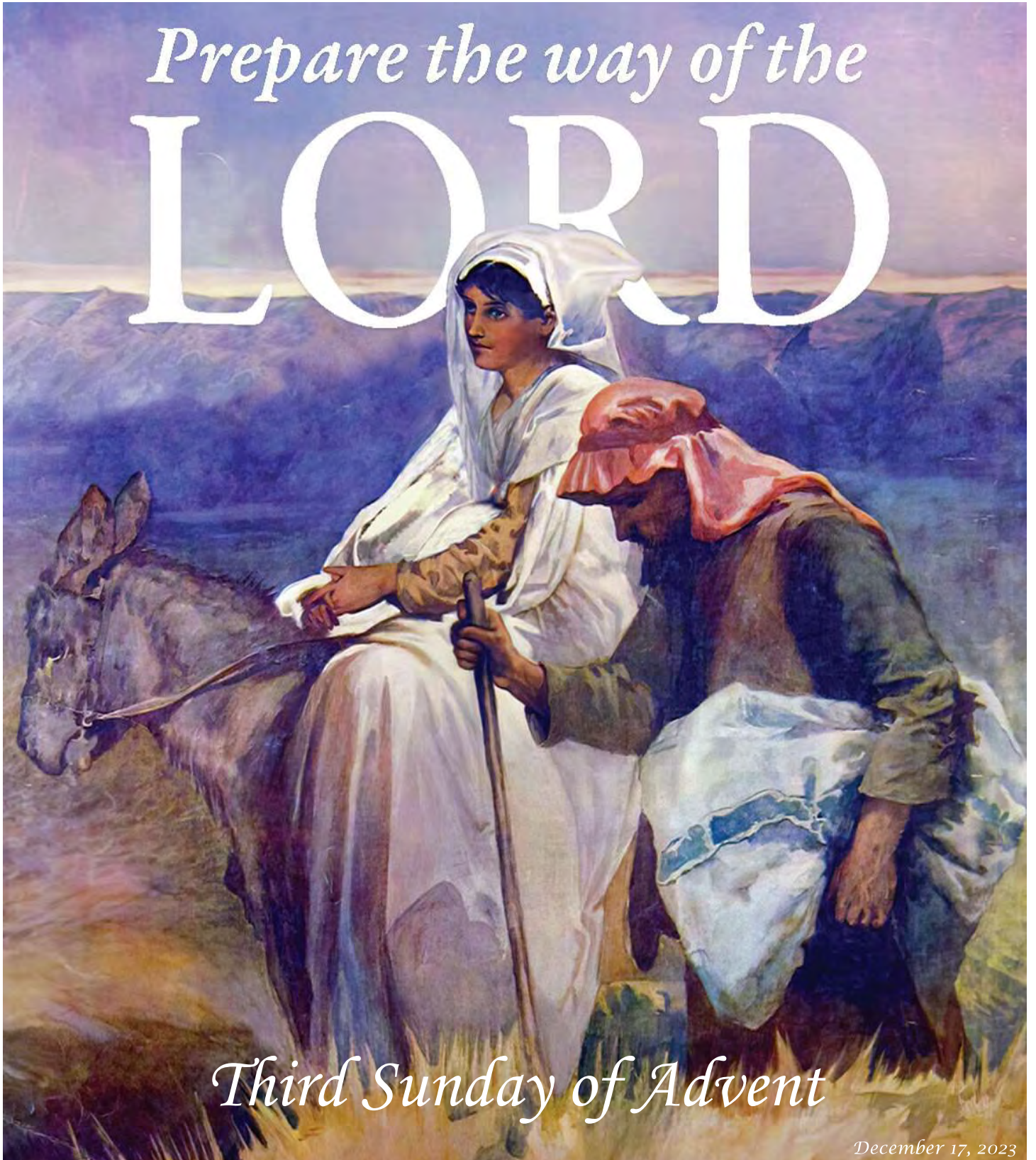


ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
FAMILY *of* PARISHES

Prepare the way of the
LORD



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

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

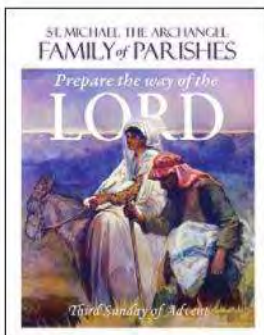
8 a.m. Latin N.O. Mass.....St. Brigid
4 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
4:30 p.m.....St. Brigid
5:30 p.m.....St. Luke

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

Scholars estimate it took about four days for Joseph and (a very-pregnant) Mary to journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem just before Jesus' birth.



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 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

DECEMBER 17, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Beloved in Christ,

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” has become a very familiar Advent song. It is based on the “O antiphons” sung at evening prayer from now until Christmas Eve. Check out this article on how these antiphons lead to the hidden message: “Tomorrow, I will come” (the article is hyperlinked for those reading this digitally).

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/252972/>

bishop-pfeifer-reveals-hidden-message-in-ancient-o-antiphons-of-advent

Today begins the second part of Advent. Until now, we have been focusing on preparing ourselves for the future second coming of Jesus at the end of time. Today begins the focus on the events that led up to the first coming of Jesus about 2,000 years ago. To facilitate this shift in emphasis, we will stop using Advent Preface I at Mass and begin using Advent Preface II, which clearly expresses our anticipation of celebrating Jesus’ Nativity at Christmas.

Finally, as CRO (Chief Reminding Officer), I have the duty to remind the faithful that Christmas is a holy day of opportunity (obligation) and so is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 24. Moreover, there are no two-for-ones. One does not fulfill both obligations by attending Mass on Sunday evening (Christmas Eve). Because vigil Masses tend to be crowded on Christmas Eve, I invite you to bring the family to Mass on Christmas Day. Please see information on Mass times below.

Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.



Blessed late Advent,

Fr. Bedel

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 23, Advent Weekday

8 a.m. St. Brigid (Latin), Advent Weekday
4 p.m. Mary, Help of Christians, Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:30 p.m. St. Brigid, Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:30 p.m. St. Luke, Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

4 p.m. Mary, Help of Christians, Vigil
4:30 p.m. St. Brigid, Vigil
5:30 p.m. St. Luke, Vigil
6 p.m. St. Paul, Vigil
7 p.m. Sacred Heart, Mass at Night
10 p.m. St. Brigid, Mass at Night
11 p.m. St. Luke, Mass at Night

Dec. 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8 a.m. St. Luke
8:30 a.m. Mary Help of Christians
9:00 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)

Christmas Day

8 a.m. St. Luke
8:30 a.m. Mary Help of Christians
9:00 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)

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. Benediction every Friday except first Friday when Benediction is 4 p.m.)

DAILY READINGS

Monday, Dec. 18

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, Dec. 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Friday, Dec. 22

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, Dec. 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Sunday, Dec. 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Mary, Help of Christians Church

954 North Maple
Fairborn, Ohio 45324

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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

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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 Jar of Applesauce.**

SPEAK LIFE

"Joy" It's a genuine look at what it means to be joyous. We actively and deliberately, moment by moment, day by day, need to choose joy in the face of any circumstance. While our circumstances may not change, our perspectives can!

THE GIVING TREE



All presents and monetary donations need to be returned by today, Sunday December 17th after the 8:30AM Mass. We will

be sorting the presents and getting them to families today also. We will begin **after 8:30AM Mass** and will continue until about 3:00PM or until we are done. Please call Amanda @ 937-620-0701 or Annie @ 937-409-5299 if you have any other questions. Thank you for being so generous with your time and donations.

May you all have a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

PSR: There will be no sessions December 17, December 24 or December 31. Sessions will resume January 7.

Have a blessed and joyful Christmas!

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

JOY CLUB



Will meet after the New Year Monday, January 8, 2024 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.



MHC Office Hours over the Christmas Holidays

The MHC office will be closed Friday, December 22nd at Noon and all day **December 25 and 26. We will reopen Wednesday, December 27 at 9:30AM.**

Tuesday Bible Study/ Faith Sharing-Rediscover Catholicism



On January 9, 2024 we will be starting a six-week study on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. at 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 guide are available at no cost but you must register by January 2, 2024 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.*

Gaudete Sunday: The Lord is near!





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



Welcome Home For The Holidays
To All Our Military Personnel And
All Our College Students!



**AS WE PREPARE
FOR ADVENT**
Fr. Ambrose
Presents Advent

Talks The Three Comings of Christ
Each week Fr. has presented one of the Three Comings of Christ. He is presenting them in reverse order to end with the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us in the church for the last of these special Advent Talks.

Sunday, December 17 @ 4:30p.m. @ Sacred Heart, New Carlisle.

TAIZE' PRAYER SERVICE TODAY

"Wait For The Lord"



An afternoon of song, prayer, and Scripture in the Taizé tradition.

Mary, Help of Christians Church
Sunday, December 17, 2023
@3:00 p.m.

Please join us for this inspiring service



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, December 18.*

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 4:00p.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, 2024 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.



PLEASE HELP CLEAN & DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 24 at 9:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. after the 4th Sunday of Advent 8:30a.m Mass. This is a little different this year because the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve are on the same day. We need many people to clean, set-up, and decorate. If you can help, please come. Thanks!

DISABLED AND WHEELCHAIR SEATING



DISABLED AND WHEELCHAIR SEATING...Available in the left front section of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16

Paul Stutz, off: Family

Sunday, December 17

For the Parish

Monday, December 18

Max & Jenny Roadruck, off The Family

Tuesday, December 19

Debbie Suter, off: Ed & Joan Gulbransen

Saturday, December 23-4:00 p.m.

Gary Weaver, off: The Weaver Family
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24-8:30 a.m.

For the Parish
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24-4:00 p.m.

Jerome Kelble off: MHC Extraordinary Ministers
Christmas Eve Vigil

Monday, December 25-8:30 a.m.

Sally Borchers, off: Al Borchers
Christmas Day

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

THRU 12/05/23

Regular Collection & Loose Cash &

Envelopes \$17,164.00

Capital Improvements Donation

Collections \$125.00

Total Collections For December 05, 2023

\$17,289.00

Church Renovation Project

Total Donations and Pledges as of

12/05/23 **\$150,727.45**

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

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.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Sacred Heart Church

209 W. Lake Avenue
New Carlisle, Ohio 45344

Parish Office

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

937-845-3121

Bulletin Submissions

Email to: bulletin@sacredheartnc.net

December 31 deadline is Dec 18
January 7 deadline is December 20

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, December 17, 10:30 Mass
Souls of Eric & Larry Johansen
(John & Judy Hoeflerlin)

Sunday, Diciembre 17, 12 pm Mass
Alma de Margarito Sanchez
(Familia Sanchez)

Wednesday, December 20, 9 am Mass
Soul of Dick Harshbarger
(Barbara Harshbarger)

Thursday, December 21, 9 am Mass
Intentions of Patriotic Rosary Group
(Luz Maria Perez)

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve
7:00 p.m.

*Music begins 25 minutes before Mass.
Choir, brass ensemble & hand chimes*

Monday, December 25
Christmas Day
10:30 a.m.

*Music begins 15 minutes before Mass
Organ/piano duet, trumpets & choir*

12 p.m. (Spanish)

Chalk your Door at Epiphany

There is a long-standing tradition of marking churches, homes, schools and other buildings with a special 'holy formula' over the entryway using chalk that has been blessed for this purpose on Epiphany. The popularity of this Epiphany tradition speaks to its enduring appeal. The traditional inscription is 20 + C + M + B + 24. The crosses stand for Christ, the numbers at the beginning and end signify the current new year and C, M, B are the traditional initials of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar) as well as the abbreviation for the Latin blessing, "Christus mansionem benedicat" (May Christ bless this house).

It's a beautiful way to consecrate your home and family to Christ for the upcoming year, and to help you remember what really matters — not just at Christmas, but all year long.

We have blessed chalk in the gathering space and information and instruction pamphlets for you.. Take some and bless your home on January 7, the Epiphany of the Lord. As the chalk has been blessed, do not throw it away. There will be a box in the gathering space to dispose of your used chalk.

The Three Comings of Christ

The final presentation by Fr. Ambrose on the Three Comings of Christ is today, Sunday, December 17, at 4:30 p.m. in the parish center. Light refreshments will be served after the talk. The final presentation Please join us for this final Advent talk.

Third Week of Advent Gaudete Week



Our week begins with "Gaudete Sunday." *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, "The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored and the rose-colored vestments.

IGLESIA DEL SAGRADO CORAZON



Upcoming Events

- Dec 17 The Three Comings of Christ**
by Fr. Ambrose, 4: 30 pm, at SH
- Dec 19, 26 Adoration & Confession**, 7pm
- Dec 20 Mass**, 9 am
Coffee Klatsch, 9:30 am
- Dec 21 Mass**, 9 am
Patriotic Rosary, 9:30 am
- Dec 22 Decorate the Church**, 9:30 am
- Dec 24 Third Sunday of Advent**
NO Religious Education Classes
Mass, 10:30 am
Mass, 12 pm (Spanish)
Christmas Eve Mass, 7 pm English
Music begins at 6:35 pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Day Masses**
10:30 am & noon (Spanish)
- Dec 25–Jan 2 Parish Office Closed**
- Dec 27 NO Coffee Klatsch**
- Dec 31 NO Religious Education Classes**
- Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God—Not a Holy Day of Obligation** this year



Proximos eventos



- Dic 19 Adoración al Santísimo y Confesiones** a las 7:00pm
- Dic. 24** 10:30am Misa (inglés)
12:00pm Misa (español)
7:00pm **Misa de Nochebuena** (inglés)
- Dic. 25 Misa de Navidad**
10:30am (inglés)
12:00pm (español)
- Dic. 31** 10:30am Misa (inglés)
12:00pm Misa (español)

**The Parish Office will be closed
December 25 — January 2**



ADVENT

Joy



Oración:

Dios nuestro, que contemplas a tu pueblo esperando fervorosamente la fiesta del nacimiento de tu Hijo, concédenos poder alcanzar la dicha que nos trae la salvación y celebrarla siempre, con la solemnidad de nuestras ofrendas y con vivísima alegría. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.



Les invitamos a preparar nuestros corazones para el nacimiento de nuestro Señor. Que mejor que visitar al Santísimo y recibir la confesión para que nuestra alma y corazón estén limpios y libres de pecado para ser dignos de recibir a nuestro Señor, Jesucristo, en nuestros hogares en esta Navidad y siempre. Tendremos adoración al Santísimo y confesiones este martes 19 de Diciembre a las 7:00pm. ¡No falten!

Meeting of Families Jan. 29

Join us for a no commitment brainstorming session on the future of Sacred Heart. Members of the community will discuss the following topics. What would it be like to have a network of 100 families in 5 years? What are the biggest road blocks for growing our parish? How do we ensure the future of Sacred Heart's families? We will meet in the parish hall from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with light refreshments.

Advent Pilgrimage

A Journey from Eden to Bethlehem
Eighteen video meditations from world-class experts released daily Monday to Saturday throughout Advent. To view, subscribe to the Parousia YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNjbn2_VaKRvpsmDlr4Xgxw.

DCYA's Epiphany Ball

Join Dayton Catholic Young Adults for the formal event of the year, our Epiphany Ball at St. Peter Parish! Come join us for dancing, music, light food and festive drinks. There will be dance lessons for waltz at the beginning of the evening. Tickets are on sale starting \$30 online at Eventbrite and \$40 at the door. We look forward to seeing you on January 6 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epiphany-ball-tickets-749449392307?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

**Please help decorate the church for Christmas.
Friday, December 22
9:30 a.m.**

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Contributions for December 3, 2023

Weekly Sunday & Holy Days	\$10,601	YTD	\$100,383
Weekly Maintenance	480	YTD	\$7,890
All Other Weekly	637	YTD	\$10,873
Total Revenue	\$12,018	YTD	\$119,146
Christmas Baskets — \$350		Religious Retirement — \$125	
St Vincent de Paul — \$1001		CHD — \$666	

St. Paul Church

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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, and all in need of
special prayers and healing.

MASS

Sunday, December 17

+Maria Phlips
(St. Paul Parishioners)

Wednesday, December 20

+Joe Nutter
(Bob & Mrs Nutter)

Thursday, December 21

+Maria Phlips
(Patty Alexander)

Friday, December 22

+Patrick J. Ohnmeis
(Kathy Napolitano)

Sunday, December 24

+Maria Phlips
(Patty Alexander)
+St. Paul Parishioners

DECEMBER 24 SCHEDULE

SACRISTAN: Richard & Tami Whalen

USHER: Richard & Tami Whalen

SERVER: Matthew & Daniel Williams,
Vickie Hoomes

LECTOR: Kathy Sanders

EMHC: Kathy Sanders

FRIDAY LUNCHEONS

The next Friday Luncheon is scheduled for **Jan. 19**. The guest speaker will be Mary Pyper, PSR Coordinator.

**DECKIN' THE HALLS
TOMORROW**

Your help is needed to help decorate Monday (Dec. 18), at 9 a.m. We will be setting up the Christmas trees and the Creche. Please help us prepare for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord!

**CHRISTMAS SINGING
SCHEDULE**

Christmas carols are scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 24, 30 minutes before Christmas Eve Mass at 6 p.m., and at 10:45 a.m. on Dec. 25, 30 minutes before Christmas Day Mass at 11:15 a.m.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

Gift cards from Tom's Market will be provided by the parish to members of our community who are confined to homes, live alone, or maybe just need a little extra holiday cheer. Like last year, St. Paul parishioners will deliver the cards so neighbors can select food items that best fit their needs. Gifts are made possible by monetary donations put in specially marked envelopes located in the undercroft.

**CHRISTMAS MINISTERS
NEEDED**

We need you for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! Please sign up in the undercroft to serve as a liturgical minister on one of these Holy Days.

*He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit*

MATTHEW 3:II

ST. PAUL FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 3

Weekly General Collection for Dec. 3	\$ 10,226.00
YTD General Collections	\$61,791.75
Weekly Maintenance/Restoration	\$748.00
YTD Maintenance/Restoration	\$3,779.00
YTD Maintenance/Restoration Balance	\$748.00
Total Income - Total Expense Surplus (Deficit)	\$(597.01)

Setting up regular and recurring payments directly to St. Paul 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: **ST. PAUL CHURCH, 308 PHILLIPS ST. YELLOW SPRINGS, OH 45387**

Online donations can be made after clicking on "DONATE" at the top of church homepage: www.stpaulyellowsprings.org

Please note online donations are managed through Paypal and incur a 2.5 percent fee per transaction.

SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH

MASS

Sunday, December 17

Janet Schornak

(Schornak and Bennett Families)

Sunday, December 24

Janet Schornak

(Schornak and Bennett Families)

December 24 Schedule

LECTOR: *W. Germann*

SERVERS: *J. Hoke, Ca. Beatty*

COLLECTION

December 26: \$1,496

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for this week were furnished by Carol Smith in memory of Mike Smith.

POINSETTIA ENVELOPES DUE TODAY

Envelopes are in the back of the church for donations to purchase poinsettias for the Christmas season. Please write your name and the name(s) of those you want to honor or remember. The envelopes need to be returned by **Dec. 17**. Thanks!

VESPERS TUESDAY

Advent vesper services are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. Please plan to attend these inspirational services.

PSR CLASS SCHEDULE

PSR classes will meet after mass today in the church hall. Additional classes are Jan. 7, Jan. 14, Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 3, March 10, April 7, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, and May 12. Contact Della Weidel at **614-285-2293** with questions and/or to enroll your students, or to volunteer for teaching.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry has moved to The City of Zion Church, 260 S. Charleston Road. Hours are Thursdays from **noon to 4 p.m.** and the fourth Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call **937-971-8067** to arrange drop off of 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.

Contact Carol Smith if you know of someone the pantry can help, or if you want to be a pantry volunteer.

HOLINESS IS WHOLENESS

BODY: Total fat should make up only 30% of your caloric intake.

MIND: Share your fears with someone close.

SPIRIT: Take time out every day to do something YOU like.

CHILDREN'S MASS & BREAKFAST

PSR students will be taking part in the Mass today. Following Mass, the students, their parents and teachers, along with the St. Augustine Church Ladies, will host a breakfast in the church hall. Everyone is welcome!

RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious on December 10. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit:

retiredreligious.org

ROSARY

Pat Mach will be leading the Rosary each Sunday beginning at 8:40 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

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Carol Smith, Secretary/Organist

Della Weidel, DRE

Denny Goodrich, Maintenance



PRAY FOR US

Please keep the following in your prayers: Joan Ward, Mr. and Mrs. JC Ford, Bailey Brickner, Bill Bernard, Justin Coakley, Tom Baudendistel, Janet Wray, Father Charles Lang, Judy Hobbs, Ray Raffik, 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 Wirsinnske, 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) Jesus was born in the town of _____.
a) Nazareth b) Jerusalem c) Samaria d) Bethlehem
- 2) John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

True/False

See page 14 for answers

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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

Francie Gelhausen, Joan Stallings, Vi Thomas, Charles Carroll, Jim Langan, Toni & Larry Charles, Jenni Bunn, Lisa Hernandez, Jerry McCormick, Brian Neville, Suzy Bosl, Mary Manzo-Radke, Susan Engel, Paula Ann Myers, Tammie Winn, Tyler Foster, John Garrity, Patrick Gwin, Louise Marshall, Daniel Mayer, Jerry Moeggenberg, Cathi Sargent, Todd & Phyllis Shafer, Ann Reed, Marysusan Vinskey, The Kris Wood Family, Dr. Lee & Delores Esprit, Janet Norckauer, Victoria Taylor, Pearl Roberts, Dick and Mary Downing, Kerry Wiersma, Don Kyne, Deacon Dennis Kall, Jeff Brockert

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16
+Ron & Ronnie Roth
(Brian & Wendy Roth)

Sunday, December 17
+Amelia Baxley (Baxley Family)

Tuesday, December 19
+John Zaino (Jim Dicarlo)

Wednesday, December 20
+Andy & Rose Shine, (Carol Shine)

Thursday, December 21
+Virginia Yakkel
(Ron & Susan Yakkel)

Friday, December 22
+David Bray, III (Baxley Family)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23
Lector: Mike Rotterman
Servers: Kylie Threlkeld, Mary Peters, Cassidy Peters
EMHC: Deacon Dennis Kall, Ernie Robinson, Margene Robinson

Sunday, December 24
Lector: Sign up in Sacristy
Servers: Rolando Nshimiyimana, Nora Dixon, **(Need 1)**
EMHC: Christmas Eve Mass- Sign up in Sacristy

Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. Mass
Lector: Jason Hughes
Servers: Kylie Threlkeld, JohnPaul Wilson, Jacob Porta
EMHC: Deacon Mark Danis
(Need 4 More)

Christmas Eve 10 p.m. Mass
Lector: Scott Jokerst
Servers: Jacob Park, Cooper Chamberlin, JohnPaul Wilson
EMHC: Tom Birkbeck,
(Need 2 More)

Christmas Day, 9:30 a.m. Mass
Lector: Mary Chitwood
Servers: Nathalie Matumaini,
(Need 2)
EMHC: Deacon Mark Danis, Tony Chitwood, Jean Pierre Birikunzirau



PRAYER LIST UPDATES NEEDED

To ensure the prayer list on the opposite page is up-to-date in the new year, all the names currently listed will be removed after Dec. 31 unless a renewal request is received. Renewals may be submitted via email to tpeters@stbrigidxenia.org, calling 937-372-3193, or dropping a note in the collection basket.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

St. Brigid School will be closed from Dec. 20 through Jan. 2, with classes resuming on Jan. 3.

OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will close Friday, Dec. 22, at noon and will be closed all day Monday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday, Dec. 26, in observance of Christmas. All parish offices and facilities will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 29, and will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Years Day.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS

Council 1801 is running the winter Coats for Kids drive through the end of December. To sign up, please call Taryn Peters at the parish office (937-372-3193) with the size and gender of any children needing coats. Requested coats can be picked up from the parish office the following week.

JEWELRY FOUND

If you lost a piece of jewelry in the Church recently, please contact the parish office 937-372-3193.

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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 17

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

Monday, December 18

- Adult Faith in Lunchroom 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19

- School Choral Concert at Central State 6:30 p.m.
- Scripture Study in Library 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20

- Marian Prayers in Chapel 1 p.m.

Friday, December 22

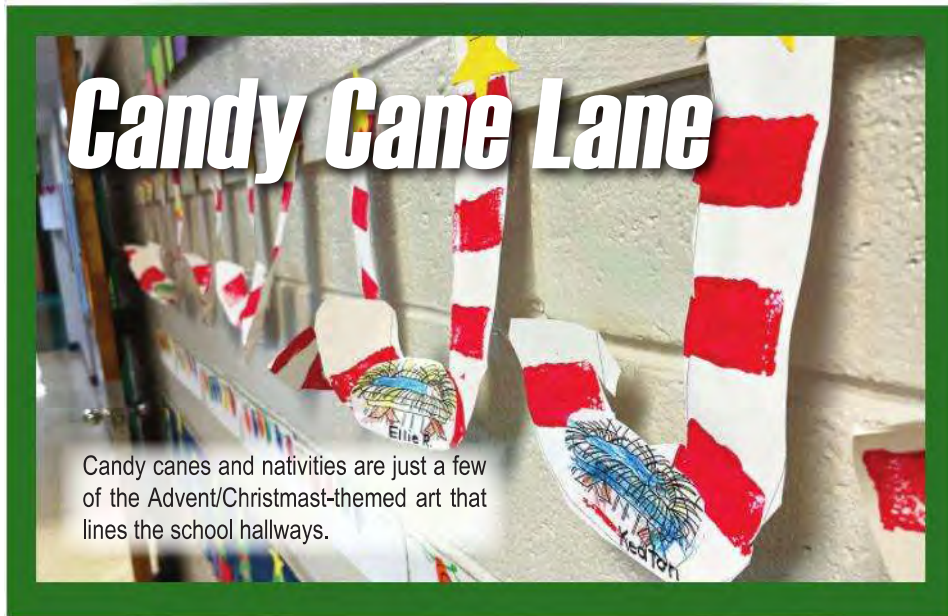
- Eucharistic Exposition 8:30 a.m.
- Confession in Church 8:30 a.m.
- Benediction 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 23

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



ST. BRIGID
Pray For Us



Candy canes and nativities are just a few of the Advent/Christmas-themed art that lines the school hallways.

ST. BRIGID FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 10 (WEEK 24)

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:

ST. BRIGID CHURCH, 258 PURCELL DR, XENIA, OH 45385

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 _____ \$265,956.49
 Amount Left to Reach Goal _____ **\$414,043.51**

Week 24 Collection _____ \$12,342.12

Week 24 Special Collections:

Christmas Flowers _____ \$350.00
 St. Vincent de Paul _____ \$120.00
 Tuition Assistance _____ \$30.00
 Retirement Fund for Religious _____ \$2,301.00

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

saintluke@saintlukeparish.org

Dec. 30/31 Bulletin: **due Dec. 18***

Jan. 6/7 Bulletin: **due Dec. 26***

Jan. 13/14 Bulletin: **due Jan. 2**

Jan. 20/21 Bulletin: **due Jan. 9**

*earlier due to holiday

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

IN SYMPATHY

Marysusan O'Hara (Johnson) Vinskey

Mary Baker

HOLIDAY HOURS

All parish offices and facilities will close Friday, Dec. 22, at noon and will be closed all day Monday, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas. All parish offices and facilities will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 29, and will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Years Day.

NURSERY HOLIDAY HOURS

The nursery will be closed Saturday, Dec. 23, through Sunday, Dec. 31. The nursery will reopen on Saturday, Jan. 6.

TREE/DECORATION DONATIONS

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.

SUNDAY ADVENT VESPERS

Join us our final evening of Vespers in the main church or via online streaming at 6:30 p.m. as we continue the Advent tradition of evening prayer and keep our focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

A 10-week study on the Book of Revelation, featuring Jeff Cavins, is scheduled to begin **Jan. 17**. The study will take place on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Contact the Jansen Center at 937-426-1733, xt. 6301, to register.

SCHOOL SUBS NEEDED

Substitute teachers are needed for the current St. Luke school year. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree. Retirees and those interested in changing careers are invited to contact Mrs. Vondrell (Principal) at **937-426-8551, xt. 6403**. School hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the position pays \$100 per day.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION

Join us for adoration on Tuesdays beginning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Vespers begin 6 p.m., followed by Benediction, with the Blessed Sacrament reposed by 6:30 p.m. **December Signup:**
www.tinyurl.com/December2023Adoration

NURSING HOME MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

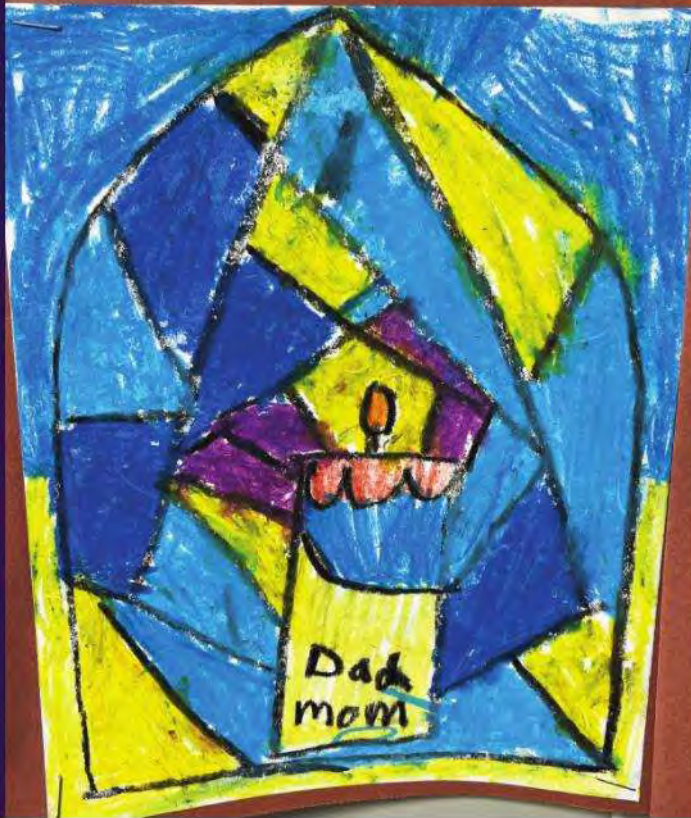
Volunteers are needed to take communion to Catholics residing at the Legacy Beavercreek Nursing Home (formerly Heartland/Promedica). Training is available. Contact Deacon Bill at blecain@saintlukeparish.org or 937-426-1733, xt. 6201.

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

LUKE 1: 31-33

A Child's JOY

The third Advent candle reflects the **Joy** of Jesus' arrival. This Advent candle also reflects the joy a father and mother bring to a young St. Luke School artist. The candle is one of the many Christmas season creations that line the main hallway of the school.



ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, December 18

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 p.m.
- Sewing Guild Meeting in Kramer 9:30 - Noon
- Scouts in Art Room 3 - 4:30 p.m.
- Scouts in Parish Center 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Al-Anon in Jansen East 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Scouts in Bishop Ford 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- Adult Men's Volleyball in Gym 9 - 11 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 p.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 a.m. - noon
- Adult Men's Basketball in Gym 9 - 11 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 p.m.
- True Devotion to Mary Study/AFF in Jansen Center West 10:30 - Noon

- Walk Through the Bible Study AFF in Jansen Center West 1 - 2:30 p.m.
- That Man is You in Jansen West 6 - 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, December 21

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 p.m.
- Confessions in Reconciliation Chapel 2 - 3 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsals in Church Music Room 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 22

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 23

- Adult Men's Basketball in Gym 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- Precious Blood Prayer Group in Church 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- Confessions in Reconciliation Chapel 4 - 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 24

- Baptism in Church/Gathering Space 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Mass 5:30 p.m. & 11 p.m.
- Advent Vespers in Church 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep **Lt. Col. Sean Sletten** in your prayers while he is deployed to an undisclosed location for six months.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16

+Jesse Alaniz
(Angie Garcia)

Sunday, December 17

+For the Parish
+Michael Schmidgall
(Sam & Debbie Fazio)

Monday, December 18

+Ruth Fischer
(Alice Weitz)

Tuesday, December 19

+Dr. Michael Mercurio
(Mercurio Family)

Wednesday, December 20

+Tomi Suazo
(Anita Mackey)

Thursday, December 21

+Wil Schaefer (Alice Weitz)

Friday, December 22

+Marie Scott
(Bob & Donna Scott)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THRU 11/26 (WEEK 22)

Weekend Total \$22,414.74
Yearly Total \$564,990.32

Holy Days

Total \$12,495.96

Regular and Holy Days

Total \$577,486.28

Budgeted

Each Weekend \$29,614.08
Total Budget thru Week 22 \$651,509.76

Non-Parish Collection(s)

Human Development \$3,756.50
St. Vincent \$1,978.05

Miscellaneous Collection(s)

School Ministry Collection \$5,367.37

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FAMILY OF PARISHES



Parishioners at St. Luke arrange flowers during a consecration to Mary after Mass on Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

FINAL THREE COMINGS TALK AT SACRED HEART TODAY

The second of three talks with Fr. Ambrose on the three comings of Christ is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. today (**Dec. 17**) at Sacred Heart Church.

TAIZE AT MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS TODAY

An afternoon of song, prayer, and scripture in the **Taizé tradition** is scheduled for 3 p.m. today at MHC.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE PREBORN

A collection of disposable diapers (sizes 4,5,6) and monetary donations for women's care centers is scheduled to continue through Dec. 31. Gifts may be delivered to the St. Brigid office or Kramer Hall at St. Luke.

CATHOLIC FITNESS CLASSES RETURN IN NEW YEAR

A five-week Pietra Fitness series, titled "Crush your Vices with Virtue," is scheduled to start the second week of January. For more information, go to the Faith Formation tab at saintlukeparish.org or call Amanda Rieman at 513-410-0029.

DAYTON CHURCH BECOMES INCENSE FREE

All items related to incense have been removed from Holy Cross Church in Dayton, to include residues left in carpets. The removal was done to help those overly-sensitive to incense. Holy Cross is located at 1924 Leo Street, with Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. and Mass Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., preceded by Holy Hour at 5:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC IQ ANSWERS FOR PAGE 9 QUESTIONS

1. **d)** *Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the city of King David (see Luke 2:4, 11; 1 Samuel 17:12) fulfilling the prophecies about the Messiah (see Matthew 2:5-6).*
2. **True)** *The Synoptic Gospels all record Jesus' baptism by John and the celestial announcement that Jesus was God's "beloved son" (see Mathew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22).*

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