

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
FAMILY *of* PARISHES



Merry Christmas!

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

Dec. 31, the seventh day of Christmas, is also the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



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

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



DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Beloved in Christ,

Congratulations on being featured on pages 8 and 9 of the January issue of *The Catholic Telegraph*! We belong to the Lord Jesus, and he wants our whole selves to be His own possession. Thank you for your generosity in response to His love.

Thank you for your Christmas greetings, spiritual bouquets and prayers! They are part of the reason some say it's the most wonderful time of the year.

Tomorrow, Monday, Jan. 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Since it falls on a Monday this year, the obligation to participate in Mass is suspended. But I ask: What better way to begin the new year than encountering the Living God at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! We will have Mass at St. Luke at 8:30 a.m. and at Mary, Help of Christians at 9 a.m.

'Tis the season for house blessings. The Book of Blessings has the "Blessing of a Home in the Christmas Season," which is very appropriate. There is a whole tradition of blessing the home on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, which is next Sunday, Jan. 7. Pick up some white chalk and check out ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/epiphany-20565 for more information. That's why we may see 20+C+M+B+24 in white chalk written above doorways of some homes, maybe even our own in the new year.

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

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Bedel



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
PRAY FOR US

The Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, patron saint of Catholic Schools, is Jan. 4.

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, Jan. 1

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, Jan. 2

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, Jan. 3

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, Jan. 4

1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Friday, Jan. 5

1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, Jan. 6

1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

Sunday, Jan. 7

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Mary, Help of Christians Church

954 North Maple
Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Phone: 937-878-8353

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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
Office

Maintenance: Eric Rogalinski

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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 Laundry Soap***

SPEAK LIFE

Family, Life's greatest
blessing, a group that
dreams, laughs, plays and
loves together, those whom
you can always count on.
Always present not only in
the good times. The most
precious gift.

PSR PUPPET SHOW

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: There will be no session Sunday,
December 31. Sessions will resume
Sunday, January 7. **Have a blessed and
joyful Christmas Season!**

Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion

There will be a gathering of
parish Knights of Columbus and
their families at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on
Sunday, January 31, 2023. Knights,
their wives and families will sit together
to celebrate Mass. Beginning at 8:15
a.m. the Knights of Columbus will lead
the rosary before Mass. All are
invited.

Blessed New Year

*May the Peace of the Holy
Family be with you always.
Best wishes to you and your
family for peace and joy throughout this
Christmas season and the New Year.*



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

Parish Office Hours over the New Years Holiday

The parish office will be closed
Friday, December 29th at 12:00
p.m., and Monday, January 1
all day. We will reopen the parish office on
Tuesday, January 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Have
a blessed New Year!!

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 guides 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 Wetzal 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

Many Thanks for Beautiful Works

To Jennifer Jenschke, Denise Wetzal and all the wonderful volunteers who give of their time and talents to make the church and grounds clean and beautiful especially this year with the quick turn from Advent to Christmas Eve. Thanks to all who helped clean and decorate the church this Advent and Christmas season.

Thanks for Wonderful Music

Thanks to Kristen Kosey, the choir and musicians for all the beautiful music during the Advent and Christmas Season.

Thanks to Our Parish Volunteers

Many thanks to all our many volunteers who have so willingly helped us over this past year. MHC is very fortunate to have you ladies, gentlemen and youth. Thank you for your unending enthusiasm and dedication! You are a blessing to our church.

The Consecration to the Holy Family



On Sunday, December 31, 2023, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph. As a further celebration this year the Knights of Columbus are asking our Mary, Help of Christians families to also celebrate a Consecration to the Holy Family. Our Knights of Columbus Council 3724 will be making Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards available for parishioners at the back of Church the week before the Feast of the Holy Family Sunday. Our hope is that this will strengthen parish families and revitalize our parishes. To aid in this effort, Fairborn Council 3724 is inviting each Mary, Help of Christians' family to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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! No Adoration on Jan. 1 Join us Monday, January 8.*

ROSARY: Saturday afternoon before Mass @ 3:30 p.m. and Monday evening @ 6:00 p.m. No evening Rosary on Jan 1.

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, 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.

TAX CUTOFF INFORMATION: This year December 31st falls on a Sunday. All offerings placed in the collection basket during the 8:30a.m. Mass will be recorded in parishioner tax files as a 2023 contribution. All offerings placed in the collection basket during the 9:00a.m New Year's Day Mass on Monday, January 1st, will be recorded in parishioner tax files as a 2024 contribution. *(Please note that this will be the case regardless of when checks are dated, as we must go by when we actually receive them.) Thank you for your generous donations.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30-4:00 p.m.
Joe Lang, off: Tom & Andi Boland

Sunday, December 31-8:30 a.m.
For the Parish

Monday, January 1 -9:00 a.m.
Thad Houston, off: Marge Houston
Solemnity Of Mary, Mother of God
(New Years Day)

Tuesday, January 2-9:00 a.m.
Robert Goecke, off: Carolyn Marth

Saturday, January 6-4:00 p.m.
Jerry Wonderly, off: St. Luke
Craft Group

Sunday, January 7-8:30 a.m.
For the Parish

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

THRU 12/17/23

Regular Collection & Loose Cash & Envelopes \$16,257.97

Capital Improvements Donation Collections \$50.00
Total Collections For December 17, 2023
\$16,307.97

Church Renovation Project
Total Donations and Pledges as of 12/17/23
\$150,907.45

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

209 W. Lake Avenue
New Carlisle, Ohio 45344

Parish Office

476 Scott Street
New Carlisle, OH 45344

Phone: 937-845-3121

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

937-845-3121

Bulletin Submissions

bulletin@sacredheartnc.net

January 14 deadline January 2

January 21 deadline is January 9

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 31, 10:30 Mass

For all the families of the parish
(Parish)

Sunday, Diciembre 31, 12 pm Mass

Por todas las familia
(Parroquia)

Wednesday, January 3, 9 am Mass

Soul of Fran Blair
(Beth Hammond)

Thursday, January 4, 9 am Mass

Soul of Seth Douglas
(Trini Rodriguez)

Friday, January 5, 9 am Mass

Intention of the Fries Family
(Carol & Dick Rinker)

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

Holy Day Confusion?

Do you know why the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is not a holy day of obligation this year? In 1991, the USCCB decreed that when the Solemnity of Mary, the Assumption and All Saints Day fall on Saturdays or Mondays, the obligation to attend Mass on that day is canceled. Catholics can attend Mass regularly on Sunday and are not obligated to attend Mass on New Year's Day in 2024.



Feast of the Holy Family

This Feast is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a “family church,” and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit.

How does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ and his Church the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, and so forth, all done together as a family unit.

World Day of Peace

Every year on January 1, the Holy Father marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace.

The theme of the feast has always been about creating a culture of care. The Pope stresses the need to care and share tolerance for each other and to create a society that focuses on good moral values and does not yield to the temptation to disregard others.

Use this link for prayers and resources
[World Day of Peace | USCCB](#).



FIRST FRIDAY

Friday
January 5
9 am

IGLESIA DEL SAGRADO CORAZON



Upcoming Events

- Dec 25–Jan 2 Parish Office Closed
- Dec 26 Adoration & Confession, 7pm
- Dec 31 Feast of the Holy Family
NO Religious Education Classes
Mass, 10:30 am
Mass, 12 pm (Spanish)
- Jan 1 World Day of Peace
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God—Not a Holy Day of Obligation
- Jan 2 Sacred Heart Ladies Club, 7 pm
- Jan 2, 9, 16 Adoration & Confession, 7pm
- Jan 3 Mass, 9 am
Coffee Klatsch, 9:45 am
- Jan 4 Mass, 9 am
Patriotic Rosary, 9:30 am
- Jan 5 First Friday Mass, 9 am
- Jan 6 Feast of the Epiphany Celebration,
5pm–8 pm, parish center
- Jan 7 No Religious Education Classes
Rosary before Mass, 10 am
- Jan 22 Blood Drive, 1 pm— 6:30 pm
- Jan 27 Volunteer Dinner, 6 pm
- Jan 29 Meeting of Families, 7 pm–8 pm



Proximos eventos



- Ene 2 Adoración al Santísimo
Y Confesiones a las 7:00pm
- Ene 6 Celebración & Fiesta de
Dia de Reyes 5:00pm
Salón Parroquial
- Ene 7 La Epifanía del Señor
10:30am (inglés)
12:00pm (español)
- Ene 11 Clase de Catecismo
A las 7:00pm (español)
- Ene 27 Cena para Voluntarios

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

Sacred Heart Snowflake Craft Bazaar

Christmas donation items & trees
accepted at parish center on

Saturday, January 13
10 am - noon



La Sagrada Familia

Jesús, María y José, en ustedes contemplamos el esplendor del amor verdadero, a ustedes nos dirigimos con confianza. Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, haz que también nuestras familias sean lugares de comunión y cenáculos de oración, auténticas escuelas del Evangelio y pequeñas iglesias domésticas. Sagrada Familia de Nazaret que nunca más en las Familias se vivan experiencias de violencia y división; que todo el que haya sido herido o escandalizado conozca pronto el consuelo y la sanación.

Jesús, María y José, escuchen y atiendan nuestras súplicas. Amén

Epiphany Feast Celebration

You are invited to the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany on next Saturday, January 6, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the parish hall. There will be a short talk on the Feast of Epiphany and on the meaning of "King Cake." We will have food, cake, piñatas and crafts for the whole family. If you want to donate a piñata or candy for this event, please call the parish office at 937-845-3121.



Los reyes magos

Los reyes magos van a prisa para conocer y rendirle homenaje al nuevo Rey que ha nacido. Ellos le llevan oro, incienso y mirra. Pero, que significan estos regalos?

Oro: Rey – era un Reconocimiento de su Realeza.

Incienso: Dios – era

Homenaje supremo a su Naturaleza divina.

Mirra: Hombre – un anuncio A sus padecimientos como Redentor

Meeting of Sacred Heart Families on January 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 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with light refreshments.

Eucharistic Adoration & Confession



Tuesday, Jan. 2, 7 pm

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Contributions for December 17, 2023

Weekly Sunday & Holy Days	\$5,371	YTD	\$108,877
Weekly Maintenance	110	YTD	\$8,178
All Other Weekly	104	YTD	\$11,697
Total Revenue	\$5,585	YTD	\$128,752
Christmas Baskets —	\$760	Religious Retirement —	\$966
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 31

+St. Paul Parishioners

Wednesday, January 3

+Robert Darrow (Ruth Darrow & Family)

Thursday, January 4

+Joe Nutter (Bob & Mary Nutter)

Friday, January 5

+Mary Jenkins (St. Paul Parish)

Sunday, January 7

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

JANUARY 7 SCHEDULE

SACRISTAN: Cassie Ditmer

USHER: Richard & Tami Whalen

SERVER/S: Cassie Ditmer

LECTOR: Jerry Tritle

EMHC: Vickie Hoomes

CHRISTMAS

'C' is for the Christ child, born upon this day

'H' for herald angels in the night

'R' means our Redeemer

'I' means Israel

'S' is for the star that shone so bright

'T' is for three wise men, they who travelled far

'M' is for the manger where He lay

'A' is for all He stands for

'S' means Shepard's came

And that's why there's a Christmas day!

*Merry Seventh Day
of Christmas!*



ST. PAUL FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 17

Weekly General Collection for Dec. 17_____	\$ 1,703.00
YTD General Collections_____	\$65,321.25
Weekly Maintenance/Restoration_____	\$32.00
YTD Maintenance/Restoration _____	\$3,811.00
YTD Maintenance/Restoration Balance_____	\$32.00
Total Income - Total Expense Surplus (Deficit)___	\$(7,403.63)

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 31

Joanne and Glenn Sproat (Pat Mach)

Sunday, January 7

Bob Knecht (Kendra Knecht)

January 7 Schedule

LECTOR: *M. Cotugno*

SERVERS: *J. Kasner, J. Beatty*

COLLECTION

December 17: \$1,391

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, **Jan. 28**, after Mass in the church hall. There is no charge for the 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 next Sunday in the church hall. Additional classes are 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.

FLOWER CALENDER

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.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry has moved to The City of Zion Church, 260 S. Charleston Road. **Beginning Jan. 1**, 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.

ROSARY

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

HOLINESS IS WHOLENESS

BODY: Exercise of any kind is the best medicine for depression.

MIND: Try to make the best of a bad situation.

SPIRIT: Say a prayer for someone.

St. Augustine Church

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Jamestown, Ohio 45335

937-372-3193

Parish Office Email:

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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 Rafflik, 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 Wirsbinske, 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) Tradition teaches that _____ wise men visited Jesus and presented gifts to him after his birth.

a) 12 b) 7 c) 70 X 7 d) 3

2) _____ guided the magi to Jesus.

a) A Star b) Camels c) Maps d) Herod's soldiers

See page 14 for answers

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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.

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Nancy Tucker, 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 30
+Maurice & Mary Ellen Peters
(Peters Family)

Sunday, December 31
+Ann McGraw (Baxley Family)

Tuesday, January 2
+Bennett & Wanda Birkbiglar
(Baxley Family)

Wednesday, January 3
+Roy Harner (Greco Family)

Thursday, January 4
+Werner Ispold (Emmie Smith)

Friday, January 5
+John Zaino (Jim Dicarlo)
+The Benefactors of the Parish and
School

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 6
Lector: Mary Chitwood
Servers: Luke Haggerty,
Aiden Haggerty, Emma Haggerty
EMHC: Deacon Dennis Kall, Carol
Cassidy, Mike Rotterman

Sunday, January 7
Lector: Tom Pestak
Servers: Sasha Niyit, JohnPaul
Wilson, Nathalie Matumaini
EMHC: Deacon Mark Danis, Keith
Gruhot, Lou Schnoorr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEADLINE FOR PRAYER LIST UPDATES

To ensure the prayer list (above) 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.

LAST DAY FOR COATS

The Coats for Kids drive ends **Dec. 31**. To sign up, please call Taryn Peters at **937-372-3193** with the size and gender of any children needing coats.

JEWELRY FOUND

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



by NATHAN HARPEAU

Keeping CHRIST in Christmas

These are the top three results from Knights of Columbus Council 1801's "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest." Seventeen Knights judged the 33 submissions from St. Brigid School seventh and eighth graders. Shown in order from top to bottom are the illustrations of:

NATHAN HARPEAU, 7th Grade
1ST PLACE

JOSH BALDWIN, 8th Grade
2ND PLACE

KAYDEE PETERS, 8th Grade
3RD PLACE



by JOSH BALDWIN



by KAYDEE PETERS

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 2

- Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Office 10 a.m.
- Scripture Study in Library 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 3

- Marian Prayers in Chapel 1 p.m.
- AHG Board Mtg in MOD 5:15 p.m.
- Youth Ministry in Lunchroom 6 p.m.
- St. Vincent Mtg. in Chapel 6 p.m.

Thursday, January 4

- KofC Meeting in Lunchroom 7 p.m.

Friday, January 5

- All-day Eucharistic Exposition 8:30 a.m.
- Confession in Church 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
- Benediction 4 p.m.

Saturday, January 6

- AHG Epiphany Party in Lunchroom 4 p.m.
- Confessions in Church 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 7

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



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ST. BRIGID FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 17 (WEEK 25)

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 _____ \$278,368.51
Amount Left to Reach Goal _____ \$401,631.49

Week 25 Collection _____ \$12,412.02

Week 25 Special Collections:

Christmas Flowers _____ \$85.00
St. Vincent de Paul _____ \$320.00
American Heritage Girls _____ \$1,000.00
Retirement Fund for Religious _____ \$220.00

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

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Jan. 14 Bulletin: **due Jan. 2**
Jan. 21 Bulletin: **due Jan. 9**
Jan. 28 Bulletin: **due Jan. 16**
Feb. 4 Bulletin: **due Jan. 23**

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

John Gabriele

(father of parishioner Fred Gabriele)

Patricia Brickner

(mother of parishioner Brian Brickner)

Ann Thompson

& her son Mark Thompson

(relatives of parishioner Karen Kasparek)

HOLY MATRIMONY

James & Sally Valeri

(65th Wedding Anniversary Dec. 27)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD FOR THE FAMILY

We are collecting nonperishable food items for Mary, Help of Christians Food Pantry. Children's snacks and regular sized canned goods are especially appreciated. Donations can be placed in Kramer Hall near the nursery. We are unable to accept expired items. Thank you for helping our Parish Family neighbors in need.

MEAL PREP HELP NEEDED FOR FAMILY SHELTER

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.

NEW YEARS HOURS

All parish offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1. The nursery will remain closed until Saturday, Jan. 6.

REVELATION 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

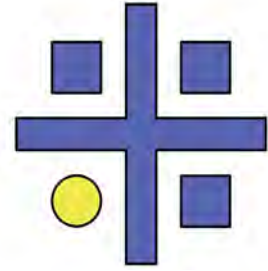
Tree and decoration donations are being collected for next year's Christmas Bazaar. Items can be dropped off at the Jansen Center and a donation receipt can be provided. Contact Patti Blakely at **937-545-8954** for more information. The drop off window closes Jan. 31 and resumes next Fall.



a Swimming

Dec. 31 is the seventh day of Christmas. The seven swans-a-swimming in the song "Twelve Days of Christmas" symbolise the seven gifts of the holy spirit:

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30

+John Guilliano (The Rzecznik Family)

Sunday, December 31

+For the Parish
+Jaclyn Sievers (David Sievers)

Monday, January 1

+John Guilliano (The Guilliano Family)

Tuesday, January 2

+Mary Moore
(Jane Dockery)

Wednesday, January 3

+Valerie Kriz
(The Gooding Family)

Thursday, January 4

+James Hechstein
(Pearlie Wong)

Friday, January 5

+Alma Ruiz Cervantez
(Walt & Eve Cosnowski)



Young Cookie Creators

Spreading Advent cheer was the focus of a recent youth ministry meeting at St. Luke. The youth put their art skills to the test decorating cookies for the priests and other staff members who serve the St. Michael Family. The group meets Sundays at 6 p.m. and is open to the youth of all six churches in the Family.



ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, January 1

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

Tuesday, January 2

- 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.
- SVDP Meeting in Bishop Ford 7 - 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 3

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 p.m.
- True Devotion to Mary Study in Jansen West 10:30 a.m. - Noon
- PSR in Parish Center and School 6 - 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 4

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 p.m.
- Eucharistic Adoration in Church 9:15 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

- Confessions in Reconciliation Chapel 2 - 3 p.m.

- Choir Rehearsals in Church Music Room 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, January 5

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 p.m.
- Latin Class with Fr. Lee in Kramer 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 6

- Precious Blood Prayer Group in Church 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- Confessions in Reconciliation Chapel 4 - 5 p.m.
- Welcome Committee in Kramer 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 7

- Welcome Committee in Kramer 8 a.m. - Noon
- Sunday Youth Nights in Bishop Ford 6 - 8 p.m.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THRU 12/10 (WEEK 24)

Weekend Total	\$41,574.49
Yearly Total	\$642,202.84

Holy Days

Immaculate Conception	\$5,136.00
Christmas	\$700.00
FY Holy Day Total	\$19,051.96

Regular and Holy Days

Total	\$661,254.80
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Budgeted

Each Weekend	\$29,614.08
Total Budget thru Week 24	\$710,737.92

Non-Parish Collection(s)

Human Development	\$44.70
Religious Retirement	\$10,836.00

Miscellaneous Collection(s)

School Ministry Collection	\$2,689.92
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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.

NEXT TOPIC FOR WOMEN OF FAITH: MARY'S BATTLE

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 at St. Luke's Gilligan Hall. Classes are scheduled for Mondays at 9:15 a.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to the Faith Formation tab at saintlukeparish.org or call Amanda Rieman at 513-410-0029.

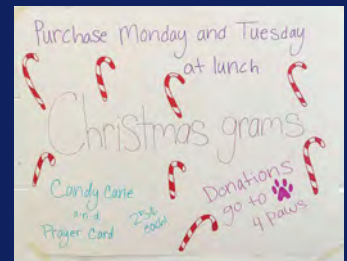


YOUNG ADULTS EPIPHANY BALL

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) See Matthew 2:1-12. Traditionally named Melchior (Persian-modern Iran, Caspar (Indian), and Balthasaar (Arabian), the "magi" (the three kings) symbolized how the entire world was called to worship the Christ as the Savior of all people.
2. a) See Matthew 2.2. According to many ancient religions and cultures, signs of major world events like the birth or death of a great leader were often signaled in the heavens.



Christmas Gram

St. Luke School students purchased candy cane-gram blessings from student council members to gift teachers and classmates during Advent. Proceeds benefited 4 Paws for Ability, a non-profit organization that breeds, raises, trains, and places service dogs with children and veterans who have disabilities. (photos by Brett Poling)

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