

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FAMILY of PARISHES



THE  
*IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION*

VIGIL  
MASS SCHEDULE  
**DEC. 7**

5:30 p.m. *St. Luke*  
6:30 p.m. *St. Brigid*  
7 p.m. *Mary Help of Christians*

SOLEMNITY  
MASS SCHEDULE  
**DEC. 8**

8 a.m. *St. Brigid*  
8:30 a.m. *St. Luke*  
8:30 a.m. *St. Paul*  
9 a.m. *Sacred Heart*  
6 p.m. *St. Augustine*  
7 p.m. *St. Luke*  
7 p.m. *Sacred Heart (Spanish)*

## 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

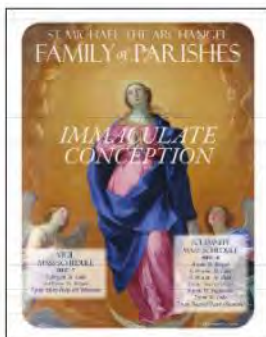
8 a.m. Latin N.O. Mass.....St. Brigid  
4 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians  
4:30 p.m.....St. Brigid  
5:30 p.m.....St. Luke

### 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. 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius IX formally proclaimed on Dec. 8, 1854, that Mary was kept free of original sin from the moment she was conceived.



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.

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## FLOCKNOTE

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DECEMBER 3, 2023  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Beloved in Christ,**

This Friday, Dec. 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation and the patronal feast of the United States. I look forward to the opportunity to encounter the living God with all our parishioners on this important feast.

See the cover of this bulletin for the full complement of Masses to accommodate on Thursday evening, Friday morning, and Friday evening at our six parishes.

How are we supposed to observe Advent in the middle of a world that is already celebrating Christmas? Even though observing Advent has become countercultural, Holy Mother Church gives us an entire liturgical season to be intentional about developing an attitude of preparation.

I look forward to hearing how the families of our parishes observe Advent. Perhaps there is a family Advent wreath. Some may even use the Jesse Tree. Some are intentional about decorating in the penitential color purple and Marian blue, as we celebrate our national patronage of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Our Lady of Guadalupe within this season.

Finally, I invite you to recognize the two halves of the Advent Season. From the beginning of Advent through Dec. 16, you will notice the readings at Mass and liturgical focus on the future coming of Jesus at the end of the world. How are we preparing to meet him? Then from Dec. 17 to Dec. 24, we focus on the past events that led up to the coming of Jesus a little over 2,000 years ago.

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

**Blessed Advent,**

Fr. Bedel



RORATE CAELI MASS



DEC. 16, 6:45 A.M. AT ST. PAUL CHURCH

*A Rorate Caeli Mass is a special Mass dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary held before sunrise during Advent, with the Mass being lit entirely by candlelight only. This is a tradition dating back to the Middle Ages, in which we commemorate Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World into a world full of darkness.*

*This Mass will be celebrated ad Orientem (priest and people facing the same direction) and in Latin, with seminarians from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati forming a schola directed by our own seminarian Luke Danis.*

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. 4**

Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, Dec. 5**

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday, Dec. 6**

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday, Dec. 7**

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, Dec. 8**

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday, Dec. 9**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday, Dec. 10**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

# MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

## Mary, Help of Christians Church

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Fairborn, Ohio 45324

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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Max Roadruck

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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:

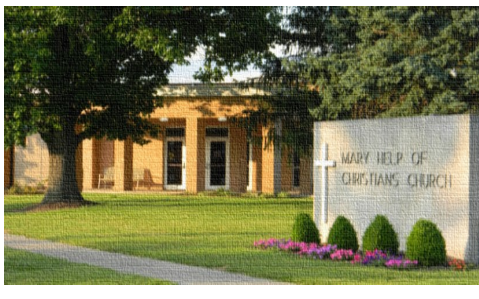
Call the rectory at least eight months in advance so we can properly prepare for this joyous occasion.

### 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### St. Nick Is Today---

Bring your children to the Parish Center on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:45a.m. for this annual event. We will start promptly at 9:45a.m. to give the children time for all the activities available. If you have young children not enrolled in PSR, you are welcome to bring them to the Parish Center for breakfast, games, crafts and photos with St. Nick. **The Knights of Columbus will provide a free pancake breakfast.**

### THE GIVING TREE IS HERE DECEMBER 2

**AND DECEMBER 3--** Again, this year, D of I will be sponsoring the Giving Tree to collect presents and food for the most needy in the area. There is a quick turn around with how Christmas falls this year. The tree will go up in the gathering space on December 2 with tags attached with wishes and needs for our 'families.' Please take a tag or two and follow the instructions for getting the gift and bringing it back for delivery on or before Sunday morning, December 17. Please help us help area families have a special Christmas for their children. Please call Amanda @ 937-620-0701 or Annie @ 937-409-5299 if you have any other questions.

### K of C Parish Breakfast:

Our next breakfast will be Sunday, December 10. 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.



## JOY CLUB



Will meet Monday, December 11 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. Bring a donation of a package of diapers which will be donated to FYI.

### Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,

### Sacristans, Ushers



**Please check the sacristy this weekend for the new ministers schedule for**

### December & January if you haven't

**received it.** *If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date and time please call and find a sub.* If you have any questions please call the parish office. Thanks for your continued involvement in this ministry

### MHC Office Hours over the Christmas Holidays



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

### Immaculate Conception:



Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at MHC will be on Thursday, December 7, at 7:00PM Vigil Mass. **The parish office will be closed Friday, December 8.**

## REST IN PEACE

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

**PRAYERS** all our parishioners, relatives, and friends who have died, especially, Robert Goecke, husband of Fran Goecke.





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

**PSR:** Next Sunday December 10th is the last session of PSR for the year. There will be no sessions December 17, December 24 or December 31. Sessions will resume January 7.

### AS WE PREPARE FOR ADVENT



**Fr. Ambrose Presents Advent Talks**  
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**Parish Advent Books**  
**The Magnificat Advent Companion**  
**Prepare your heart to welcome the Prince of Peace.** This

pocket-sized *Companion* follows a practical, page-a-day format and features original meditations on each day's Gospel by one of twenty-four gifted authors. Each year's *Advent Companion* is different from the last, and contains these one-of-a-kind extras that you won't find anywhere else. Copies are provided by the parish and will be located in the Gathering Space. We will have a few copies of the large print edition available.



### 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 4.*

**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 attend one of these classes. The next Baptismal Preparation Class for parents seeking baptism for young children is being held on Sunday, January 8, 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!

### ATTENTION LECTORS!!!



Please pick up your new Lector workbook for the coming year in the sacristy after Mass. Also, be sure to check off your name on the list. Thanks ☺

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 2

*John Sanders, off: The Sanders Family*

### Sunday, December 3

*For the Parish*

### Monday, December 4

*William Christensen, off: The Family*

### Tuesday, December 5

*Mary & Richard Caldanaro, off: Ed & Joan Gulbransen*

### Thursday, December 7

*Immaculate Conception Vigil, 7:00 p.m. Bill Lott, off: Grace Lott*

### Saturday, December 9

*Melissa Christensen White, off: Rosalie Malesko*

### Sunday, December 10

*For the Parish*

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### THRU 11/19

**Regular Collection & Loose Cash & Envelopes** \$8,380.00

**Capital Improvements Donation Collections** \$30.00

Total Collections For November 19, 2023 **\$8,410.00**

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection:** \$2,502.00

**Church Renovation Project**  
Total Donations and Pledges as of 11/19/23 **\$150,462.45**

## 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.



**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Next Week:** December 9 and 10 we will collect for the Retirement Fund for Religious. The number of religious has increased: the majority are now well past age 65. Today more than 12,000 Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need skilled care or help with tasks of daily living. The religious institutes serving them are independent, autonomous organizations whose income and expenses are separate from diocesan structures. Envelopes for this fund were included in your regular church package of envelopes for December/January.

**There will be a second collection for the Retirement Fund For Religious.** Please note that if you are using a check to make your donation, your check should be made payable to Mary, Help of Christians (with "Retirement Fund For Religious" noted on the memo line). We consolidate the donations and write one check. Or use the envelope provided in your Dec/Jan envelope pack. Again, thanks so much for your generosity.

**GIVING TUESDAY:** Thanks to all who participated in Giving Tuesday, November 28! Giving



#GIVINGTUESDAY

Tuesday was a great success thanks to the generosity of all of our kind and caring donors. So far, **here at MHC, we have collected \$6,200.00.** We thank you for your support.



**The Fairborn Knights of Columbus has BINGO** every Wednesday night in the Parish Center. Doors open at 5:00PM and Instants start selling at 5:00PM.

24 games. Packages start at \$13.00 (12 faces). A portion of the profit is donated back to our parish. For more information or if you would like to volunteer to work one night a month call Eric Rogalinski @ 937-657-6958. *Updates and more information call @*

*937-878-2909. Parish Center 934 North Maple Ave. Fairborn.*



### **Earth Tips By MHC**

**UNIQUE GIFT WRAPPING IDEAS**

**FROM THE ARCHIVES OF EARTH TIPS BY MHC GREEN**



With the Christmas holiday coming soon, here are a few hints to create unusual packages to put under the tree as you recycle useable items. Use brown paper grocery bags and colorful yarn in place of ribbon. Recycle an empty cereal box and use twine to close the top. The Sunday comics can wrap a package; cover a box with scrap fabric; use a tea towel to wrap a parcel. Make gifts tags with old photos and bows made of magazine strips.

# *“Wait For The Lord”*

TAIZÉ



An afternoon of song, prayer, and Scripture in  
the Taizé tradition  
*Mary, Help of Christians Church*  
*954 N Maple Ave.*  
*Fairborn, OH 45324*  
**Sunday, December 17, 2023**  
**3:00PM**



**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS, 2023-2024**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION:**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 7:00-8:00PM  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 7:00-8:00PM  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 7:00-8:00PM

**BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK**

SUNDAY, DEC. 3 AT 9:45-11:00AM (IN THE PARISH CENTER)

**FR. AMBROSE PRESENTS ADVENT TALKS THE THREE COMINGS OF CHRIST  
@ MHC & SACRED HEART**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER, 3, 10, 17 @4:30PM

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:**

THURSDAY, DEC. 7 - 7:00PM VIGIL MASS  
*HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION*

**ADVENT TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE:**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 3:00PM IN CHURCH

**CONFESSIONS:**

SATURDAY, DEC. 9 FROM 3:00PM-3:30PM (USUAL SATURDAY TIME)  
MONDAY, DEC. 11 FROM 8:00AM-9:00AM  
SATURDAY, DEC. 16 FROM 3:00PM-3:30PM (USUAL SATURDAY TIME)  
MONDAY, DEC. 18 FROM 8:00AM-9:00AM

**DAILY MASS:**

MONDAY, DEC. 18- 9:00AM REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS  
TUESDAY, DEC. 19- 9:00AM REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:**

DEC. 23- 4:00PM  
DEC 24-8:30 AM

**CHRISTMAS EVE:**

SUNDAY, DEC. 24 - 4:00PM  
(MUSIC PRELUDE BEGINS @ 3:50 PM)

**CHRISTMAS DAY:**

MONDAY, DEC. 25 - 8:30AM

**MASSES:**

TUESDAY, DEC. 26- 9:00AM REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS

**NEW YEARS:**

SATURDAY, DEC. 30- 4:00PM HOLY FAMILY  
SUNDAY, DEC. 31 - 8:30AM HOLY FAMILY  
MONDAY, JAN. 1 - 9:00AM SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

***HAVE A BLESSED ADVENT & CHRISTMAS***





*“We know that the coming of the Lord is threefold...The first coming was in flesh and weakness, the middle coming is in spirit and power, and the final coming will be in glory and majesty.” St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

## **AS WE PREPARE FOR ADVENT**

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# SACRED HEART CHURCH

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### Bulletin Submissions

Email to: [bulletin@sacredheartnc.net](mailto:bulletin@sacredheartnc.net)

December 17 deadline is Dec 4

December 24 deadline is Dec 11

To add or remove someone from the prayer or  
military list, call 845-3121 or email:

[Bulletin@sacredheartnc.net](mailto: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 3, 10:30 Mass

Soul of Loretta Lokai  
(Joanne Stofer)

### Sunday, Diciembre 3, 12pm Mass

Alma de Maria Socorro Romero  
(Familia Fondon)

### Wednesday, December 6, 9 am Mass

Soul of Carol Vlastic  
(Marc Vlastic)

### Thursday, December 7, 9 am Mass

Intention of Carolyn Marth  
(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

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

There will be Mass in Spanish for our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, December 12 at Sacred Heart. It will begin with Mañanitas at 6:45 followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. and after Mass: there will be fellowship in the Parish Center. Everyone is invited.



## Magnificat Advent Companion

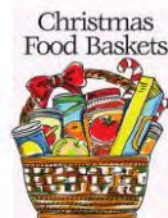
Copies of this booklet which are provided free to you by the parish and are in the Gathering Space. Please pick one up for your family. We have a few large print editions.

## Christmas Poinsettias



If you would like to help beautify the church for the Christmas season, please make a donation for the Christmas flowers in remembrance of your loved ones. The donations will be used to purchase Poinsettias.

Please place your donation, with the memorial names (please print clearly) in an envelope marked "Christmas flowers" and place the envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. If you receive monthly envelopes, there is a Christmas Flower Offering included. We will be accepting the names through December 18.



Please donate to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets by **December 10**. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Baskets."

## Come Decorate the Church



We will be decorating the church for the Christmas Season on Friday, December 22 beginning at 9:30 a.m. If you are available, please come and help. Many hands will make for light work for all.

## An Advent Prayer of Peace

My powerful Lord, You sent Saint John the Baptist before You to prepare many hearts to receive You and Your transforming truth. Please humble me, dear Lord, so that I will listen to the words spoken by John and will indeed continually repent of all my sin with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in you.



## Upcoming Events

- Dec 3, 10, 17** The Three Comings of Christ  
by Fr. Ambrose, 4: 30 pm
- Dec 5, 12, 19** Adoration & Confession, 7pm
- Dec 6** Mass, 9 am  
Coffee Klatsch, 9:30 am  
Women's Christmas Luncheon  
& Auction, noon-3 pm
- Dec 7** Mass, 9 am  
Patriotic Rosary, 9:30 am
- Dec 8** Holy Day of Obligation  
Immaculate Conception Mass, 9 am  
Mass, 7 pm (Spanish)
- Dec 10** Second Sunday of Advent  
Religious Education Classes, 9 am  
Mass, 10:30 am  
Mass, 12 pm (Spanish)  
Christmas Gift Baskets, Last donation day
- Dec 12** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 7 pm  
(Spanish)
- Dec 14** Giving Tree, Last day to bring gifts
- Dec 24** Christmas Eve Mass, 7:00 pm (English)
- Dec 25** Christmas Day Masses  
10:30 am, noon (Spanish)



## Proximos eventos



- Dic 3-11** Novena de Rosarios a la  
A la Virgen a las 6:30pm en la Iglesia
- Dic 8** Inmaculada Concepción  
De la Siempre Virgen María  
9:00am Misa inglés  
7:00pm Misa español
- Dic 12** Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora de  
Guadalupe  
6:45pm Mañanitas  
7:00pm Misa  
8:30pm Convívio
- 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



### Oración:

Dios Todopoderoso, concédenos que echemos de nosotros las obras de las tinieblas, y nos revistamos con las armas de la luz en esta vida mortal, a la cual Jesucristo tu Hijo, con grande humildad vino a visitarnos; para que en el día postrero, cuando vuelva con su majestad gloriosa a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos, resucitemos a la vida inmortal, por el mismo Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo y el espíritu santo, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

### Advent—Wait & Prepare

We often miss Advent's power because these December weeks are full of secular Christmas parties and preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to recognize the signs of the last days. This is a reminder that Advent is not just looking back at the first coming of Christ at Christmas, but our personal preparation for His Second Coming: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."



La fiesta en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe será el Martes 12 de Diciembre. Comenzaremos con las mañanitas a las 6:45pm, después la Santa Misa a las 7:00pm y tendremos convivio a las 8:30pm en el salón parroquial (bingo). Esta es la última semana para juntar donaciones para las flores, si desea aún puede donar.



**December 6** — Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Last Day to Register

Bring a salad or side dish to share and a wrapped gift for the Auction. Sign up in Gathering Space, call 937-845-3121 or call Pat Kraus at 937-882-9428 by December 3.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### Contributions for November 19, 2023

|                                |         |     |           |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----|-----------|
| Weekly Sunday & Holy Days      | \$5,127 | YTD | \$85,826  |
| Weekly Maintenance             | 483     | YTD | \$7,182   |
| All Other Weekly               | 14      | YTD | \$10,179  |
| Total Revenue                  | \$5,624 | YTD | \$103,187 |
| St Vincent de Paul             | — \$826 |     |           |
| Campaign for Human Development | — \$646 |     |           |
| Mission Sunday                 | — \$579 |     |           |
| Military                       | — \$510 |     |           |

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**Anne Shoup**, Music Director

**Mark Breza**, Maintenance

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**PRAY FOR US**

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



**Family Christmas Night**



(Left) Daniel, his mom, Jessica, and Loretta make Advent wreaths during St. Paul's family night. (Below) Families also made Christmas cards for residents at Friends Care.



**MASS**

**Sunday, December 3**

+Ellen Svendsen (Patty Alexander)

**Wednesday, December 6**

+Charles & Gladys Christopher  
(Paul & Kathryn Staigers)

**Thursday, December 7**

+Rebecca Wilson (Kathy Schopmeyer)

**Friday, December 8**

+Rosemary Powell  
(Ellen Svendsen & Chuck Garrety)

**Sunday, December 10**

+Joe Nutter (Bob & Mary Nutter)

**DECEMBER 10 SCHEDULE**

**SACRISTAN:** Patty Alexander

**SERVER:** Cassie Ditmer

**EMHC:** Jerry Tritle

**DECKIN' THE HALLS**

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

**LUNCHEON SATURDAY**

The Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for **Dec. 9**, from noon to 2 p.m., to include a delicious meal, music, and Santa.

A good time is expected for all! Please RSVP to Vickie Hoomes at 937- 360-4560 or [vbhoomes@aol.com](mailto:vbhoomes@aol.com), or to Kathy Sanders at 937-272-0413 or [kathysanders4@gmail.com](mailto:kathysanders4@gmail.com).

**FAMILY NIGHT**

Thanks to all the families who were able to come to family pizza night. Advent wreaths were made by families to take home. Many beautiful Christmas cards (see photo above) were also made and will be sent to residents at Friend's Care Nursing Home.

**FRIDAY LUNCHEONS**

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

**DONATE FOOD IN REVERSE**

A reverse Advent calendar is a good way to support people who are struggling to afford the basics for Christmas. Starting **Dec. 3**, just like a regular Advent calendar, add one item to your Christmas bag or box each day. At the end of Advent, the calendar will result in a collection of 24 goods for our church collection.

**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.

**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.

# SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH

## MASS

**Sunday, December 3**

+Thurman Warnock (*Warnock Family*)

**Friday, December 8**

+Janet Schornak

(*Schornak and Bennett Family*)

**Sunday, December 10**

Betty Knott (*Pat Mach*)

## December 8 Schedule

LECTOR: *Volunteer*

SERVERS: *Volunteers*

## December 10 Schedule

LECTOR: *H. Kasner*

SERVERS: *C. Reynolds, J. Reynolds*

## COLLECTION

November 19: \$502

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for this week were furnished by Marianne Cotugno and Mark Hoffman in memory of Joan Hoffman.

## THANKS TYKE HELPERS

Thanks to all who helped in any way to make the Tyke Shop a success. Children and parents alike had a great time!

## VOCATIONS CROSS

A traveling cross and prayer for vocations is stored in the back of the church. Please consider taking the cross home for the week and praying for vocations.

## HOLINESS IS WHOLENESS

**BODY:** Eat breakfast every morning.

**MIND:** Buy a new book.

**SPIRIT:** Say thank you to God for each day.

## ROSARY

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

## SENIOR CENTER

The Jamestown Senior Center is open. Bingo is on Friday from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Euchre is on Tuesdays with limited seating. Reservations are necessary. Call Tim Brickey at **937-376-5486, xt. 125**, for reservations and/or information. Seniors 50 and older are invited to the Christmas luncheon at the Center scheduled for **Dec. 19**. Reservations are required.

## 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.

## PSR CLASS SCHEDULE

PSR classes will meet after mass today in the church hall. Additional classes are Dec. 10, Dec. 17, 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.

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Della Weidel, DRE

Denny Goodrich, Maintenance



## PRAY FOR US

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** 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 Wirsbinnske, 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) Hanukkah is the Jewish version of Christmas.

True/False

2) The Blessed Virgin Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel to prepare her for the birth of the Son of God. Who else received an angelic visit?

a) Elizabeth b) Joseph c) John the Baptist d) Herod

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](mailto: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, Frank Keferl, 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, Dennis Kall, Jeff Brockert*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 2**  
+John Zaino (Jerry & Kathy Prinz)

**Sunday, December 3**  
+Sally Thieman  
(Forsthoefel Family)

**Tuesday, December 5**  
+Dr. & Mrs. N.J. Birbeck  
(Tom Birkbeck)

**Wednesday, December 6**  
+Antonetta Settembrini (Family)

**Thursday, December 7**  
+Mass of Thanksgiving  
(Garcia Family)  
+St. Brigid Parishioners

**Friday, December 8**  
+John Zaino (Jim DiCarlo)

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 9**  
Lector: Ernie Robinson  
Servers: Emma Hawker, Garrett Hollon, and Jacob Park  
EMHC: Dennis Kall, Tony Chitwood, Brenda Seilhamer

**Sunday, December 10**  
Lector: Matthew Sparks  
Servers: Jacob Porta, Charlie Brush, JohnPaul Wilson  
EMHC: Marty Shaver, Tom Birkbeck, Jean Pierre Birikunzira

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS

Council 1801 is running the winter Coats for Kids drive through November. 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.

### WREATH DEADLINE THURSDAY

St. Brigid BSA Troop 140 is conducting an online wreath sale with proceeds going toward its annual program. Go to the below website to order and enter code **TR140OH001**. Order deadline is **Dec. 7**. Contact Dave Koehler at 937-470-9022 for more information.

[www.giftitforward.com](http://www.giftitforward.com)



**IN SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathy to the family of parishioner Charlene Wolff, who passed away recently. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



**JEWELRY FOUND**

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

**PRAYERS ANSWERED**

The Downing family would like to thank everyone who prayed for Fr. Sean Downing. He is on the road to recovery.

**Week 21 Collection**

*The below Nov. 19 collection information was not in the last bulletin because of an early holiday deadline from the bulletin publisher.*

Fiscal Year 2023/2024  
 Collections Goal \_\_\_\_\_ \$680,000.00  
 Collections To Date \_\_\_\_\_ \$225,512.17  
 Amount Left to Reach Goal \_\_\_\_\_ **\$454,487.83**

Week 21 Collection \_\_\_\_\_ \$8,375.15

**Week 21 Special Collections:**  
 St. Vincent de Paul \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00  
 Human Development \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,433.51.00

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, December 3**

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

**Tuesday, December 4**

- Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Office 10 a.m.
- Evening of Grace (Advent Confessions) at St. Luke 6:30 p.m.
- Scripture Study in Library 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 5**

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

**Friday, December 8**

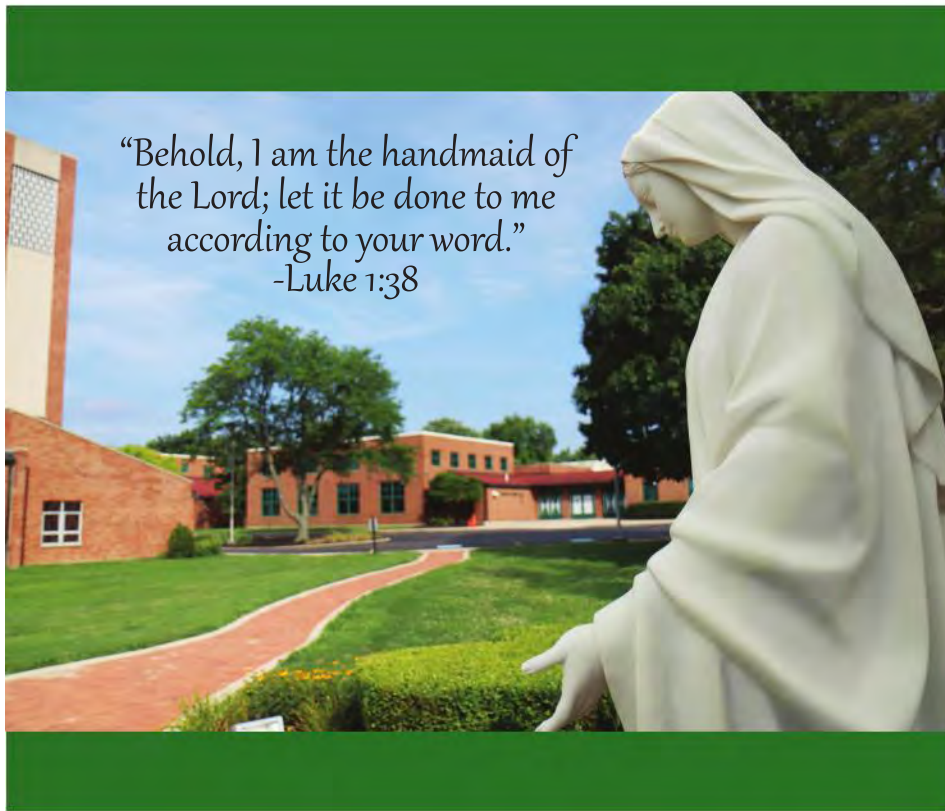
- Eucharistic Exposition 8:30 a.m.
- Confession in Church 8:30 a.m.
- Benediction 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 9**

- TMIY in Lunchroom 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions in Church 3:30 p.m.
- Jingle Mingle after Mass in PAC & Lunchroom

**Sunday, December 10**

- PSR in School 8:15 a.m.
- Fellowship in Lunchroom 10:30 a.m.
- MHG Mtg in Lunchroom 4 p.m.
- Boy Scouts in Library 4:30 p.m.



“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.”  
 -Luke 1:38

**ST. BRIGID FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH NOVEMBER 26 (WEEK 22)**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ \$235,436.91  
 Amount Left to Reach Goal \_\_\_\_\_ **\$444,563.09**

Week 22 Collection \_\_\_\_\_ \$9,924.74

**Week 22 Special Collections:**

St. Vincent de Paul \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00  
 Campaign for Human Development \_\_\_\_\_ \$99.00  
 Capital Improvements \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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## BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

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Dec. 16/17 Bulletin: **due Dec. 5**  
Dec. 23/24 Bulletin: **due Dec. 12**  
Dec. 30/31 Bulletin: **due Dec. 18\***  
Jan. 6/37 Bulletin: **due Dec. 26\***  
*\*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](http://www.saintlukeparish.org)

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLY MATRIMONY

November 18:

**Kelsey Randall & Ryan Sagasser**

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Immaculate Conception Masses are scheduled at St. Luke for Thursday, Dec. 7, at 5:30 p.m., and Friday, Dec. 8, at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### CONSECRATION TO MARY

All are invited to a Consecration to Mary Thursday, Dec. 7, after the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass, or Friday, Dec. 8, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Meet at the baptismal font after Mass for a short consecration prayer.

### EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION EXPANSION SURVEY

An expansion to the hours for Eucharistic Exposition is under consideration. Please contribute to the discernment by submitting a survey online at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/i5UqjLtBRC>

Paper surveys will also be available at Tuesday Adoration, Thursday Confession, and Coffee & Donuts after Sunday Mass. Calling the parish office at 937-426-1733, xt. 6201, is another option. All submissions are due by **Dec. 11**.

### SVDP GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is now in Kramer Hall. All are invited to select an ornament and purchase a gift for a resident of an area nursing home. Please securely fasten ornaments to the wrapped gifts with room number showing. **Gifts must be returned by Dec. 10** to Kramer.

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SAINT MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us **Wednesday, Dec. 13**, at 7 p.m. in Kramer Hall for our monthly Saint Movie Night featuring Our Lady of Guadalupe.

### MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

The church office is collecting donations for the Christmas poinsettia fund through **Dec. 11**. Those interested in donating in memory of a loved one are invited to contact the Church office at **937-426-1733, Ext. 6201**. Names will be published in the Dec. 16 bulletin. The suggested donation is \$15. Flowers will be used for decoration until The Baptism of the Lord, Jan. 8.

### 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.

### LEISURE CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Dec. 12** at 1:30 p.m. in Bishop Ford Hall. We will be finalizing gifts for our adopted family and sharing a holiday meal. The main meat dish will be provided, but we request a side dish or dessert be donated to share.

### BAZAAR RAFFLE THANKS

St. Luke Boosters would like to thank all those who made donations and supported our Raffle Booth. Please see our flyer posted on the bulletin board in Kramer Hall. Some donations were received without identification, so we apologize if your name or organization are not listed. Congratulations to all the winners!

### STUDENTS DONATE CASH, FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED

St. Luke School students participated in a Penny War to raise money for St. Vincent DePaul's Thanksgiving distribution and a drive to collect canned good items for the local Fish Food Pantry. They raised \$2,270 and donated more than 3,000 canned food items.





**SUNDAY ADVENT VESPERS**

Join us in St. Dominic Chapel 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.

**2024 CYO VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION**

Online Registration is now open for 3rd-8th grade children at:

<https://www.stlukeathletics.com/>

The deadline is **Dec. 13** and NO late registration will be taken, but refunds can be issued up to the second game. Practices begin mid-January and games run Feb. 3 through March 23. Contact Brian Sticka ([bsticka@stbrigidxenia.org](mailto:bsticka@stbrigidxenia.org)) if you plan to coach and require Safe Parish Training. Send CYO Volleyball questions to Jen Brown at [st.lukeathletics@yahoo.com](mailto:st.lukeathletics@yahoo.com)

**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.

**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](http://www.tinyurl.com/December2023Adoration)

**PURIFICATOR MINISTRY**

Volunteers are needed to help wash and iron the purificators used at Mass. Contact Sharon Picchioni at **937-369-4323** or via email: [sharon.picchioni@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.picchioni@gmail.com)

**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 2**

+John Guiliano  
(The Rzecznik Family)

**Sunday, December 3**

+For the Parish  
+Jess Garcia  
(Angie Garcia)

**Monday, December 4**

+Mary Moore  
(Jane Dockery)

**Tuesday, December 5**

+Tomi Suazo  
(Dan & Shirley Russ)

**Wednesday, December 6**

+Joseph Sens (Dan & Shirley Russ)

**Thursday, December 7**

+Javier Antonio S. Ayala  
(Margie Alexander)

**Friday, December 8**

+Mary Coddington  
(Mary Zurawka)

**ON THE CALENDAR**

**Monday, December 4**

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 p.m.
- Pietra Fitness in Gilligan 9:15 - 10 a.m.
- Pietra Fitness in Gilligan 6 - 7 p.m.
- Al-Anon in Jansen East 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Scouts in Bishop Ford 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 5**

- 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
- Come & See Bible Study AFF in Kramer Hall 1 - 3 p.m.
- Scouts in Parish Center 3 - 4 p.m.
- Scouts in Parish Center 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- SVDP Meeting in Bishop Ford 7 - 8:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 6**

- 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.
- Walk Through the Bible in Kramer 7:15 - 8:45 p.m.

**Thursday, December 7**

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 p.m.
- Confessions in Reconciliation Chapel 4 - 5 p.m.
- Pietra Fitness in Gilligan 6 - 7 p.m.

**Friday, December 8**

- Rosary in Church 8 - 8:30 p.m.
- Latin w/ Fr. Lee in Kramer 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- Moms and Tots Playdate in Kramer & Nursery 9 - 11 a.m.

**Saturday, December 9**

- That Man is You in Jansen Rose/West, Kramer 7:30 a.m - 9 a.m.
- 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 - 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 10**

- Fair Trade Coffee Sales in Kramer 9 a.m. - Noon
- Baptism in Church and Gathering Space 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Moms and Tots in Parish Center Noon - 12:30 p.m.
- Carmelite Meetings in Church, Kramer & Jansen 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- Scouts in Bishop Ford 1 - 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday Youth Nights in Bishop Ford/Gym 6 - 8 p.m.
- Advent Vespers in Church 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Weekend Total | \$21,100.68  |
| Yearly Total  | \$509,113.84 |

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| Total | \$12,271.26 |
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**Regular and Holy Days**

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| Total | \$521,385.10 |
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| Each Weekend              | \$29,614.08  |
| Total Budget thru Week 19 | \$592,281.60 |

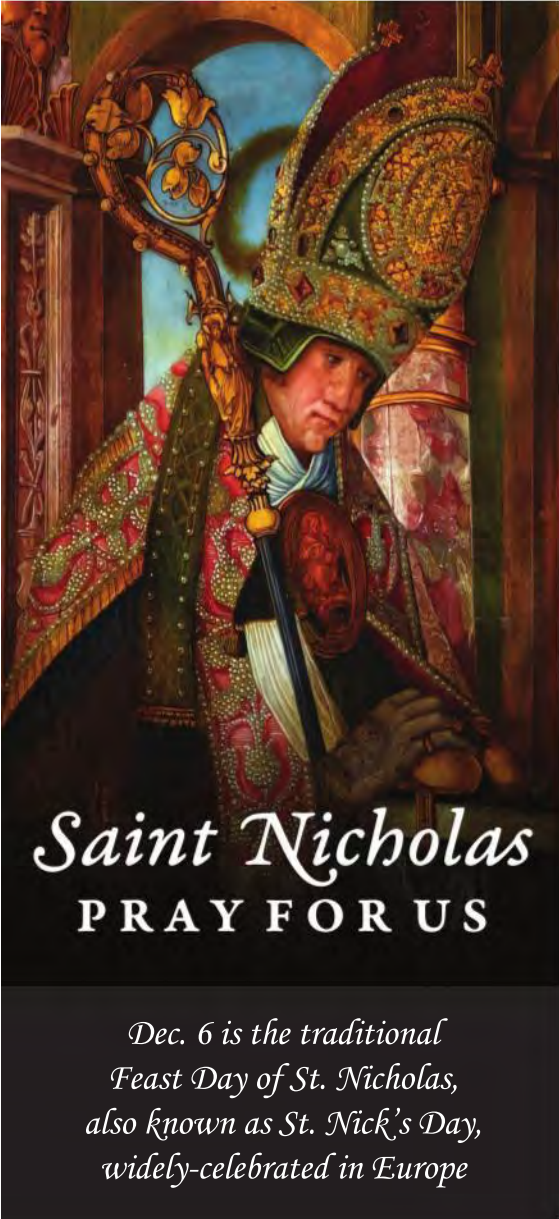
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## FR. BEDEL SCAMMERS INCREASE TARGETS

A scam involving FAKE email and text messages from someone pretending to be Fr. Bedel has been ramping up since it was first reported last summer. The messages typically ask people if they are free to help Fr. Bedel before asking them to purchase and forward gift cards with fake reasons why he can't purchase them himself. PLEASE IGNORE any messages like this claiming to be from Fr. Bedel or any other church staff member. Contact your parish office if you have questions about the legitimacy of any correspondence claiming to be from the parish or staff. Fake email messages will arrive with Fr. Bedel as the sender, but the sender's address is usually a Gmail address that is not legitimate. There are also reports that the scam is likely using artificial intelligence to word messages similar to Fr. Bedel's communication patterns.

## CHRISTMAS FOR THE PREBORN RALLY

A rally is scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, **Dec. 13**, at 1401 E. Stroop Road in front of the abortion clinic. Christmas carols and cider are planned and participants are asked to bring gifts of disposable diapers (sizes 4,5,6) for distribution to women's care centers. Cash donations will also be accepted. Anyone who can't attend but wants to donate can bring gifts to the St. Brigid office or leave them in Kramer Hall at St. Luke.

## WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & AUCTION **WEDNESDAY**

All the women of the SMA Family are invited to an afternoon of food and fun at Sacred Heart's parish center Wednesday, Dec. 6. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or side dish to share, as well as a wrapped gift to be auctioned. Proceeds from the auction will be used to buy food for Christmas Baskets. Please **RSVP no later than Dec. 3** to Pat Kraus at **937-882-9428** or the parish office at **937-845-3121**.

## CATHOLIC FITNESS AT ST. LUKE OPEN TO ALL

**Pietra Fitness**, a Catholic Way of enriching body, mind and soul, has resumed at St. Luke's Gilligan Hall on Mondays and Thursdays. For more information, go to the Faith Formation tab at [saintlukeparish.org](http://saintlukeparish.org) or call Amanda Rieman at **513-410-0029**.

## CATHOLIC IQ ANSWERS FOR PAGE 9 QUESTIONS

1. *False. Christmas, along with Easter, are the two central feasts for Christians. For Jews, Hanukkah is a minor feast compared to the feasts of Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, and Passover.*

2. *b) See Matthew 1:19-20*

## Notes from a 'Journey Home'

Andrew De Garmo is scheduled to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church on Dec. 8 at St. Luke's 7 p.m. Mass. Here is a little of his story:

*"I was raised in a Christian home, though never belonging to a particular church that I could truly call home. Somehow, or perhaps by God's grace and guidance, the first time I ever walked into a Catholic Church I felt the stillness and otherworldly peace I never knew I needed. It wasn't until many years later, and after much study, discussion, prayer, and guidance from many wonderful Catholics, especially my loving wife, that I jokingly like to say I 'Newmaned' myself to Christ's Church. I look forward to the very moment I can complete my journey home, the home that is the Catholic Church."*

Please keep Andrew in your prayers as he prepares to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion following his reception into the Catholic Church.



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