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Rev. Stanley Szybka

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Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm. or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated during or after any weekend Mass. Instructions for parents having their first child baptized are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Cherie Freewalt to schedule a date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact Fr. Stan AT LEAST SIX MONTHS prior to your proposed wedding date to begin preparation for your marriage and to schedule a date.

New to the Parish?

We are glad to welcome you as a member of our Parish Family. Please stop by or call the Parish Office to register. Welcome!

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Ed Fox (419) 238-4998

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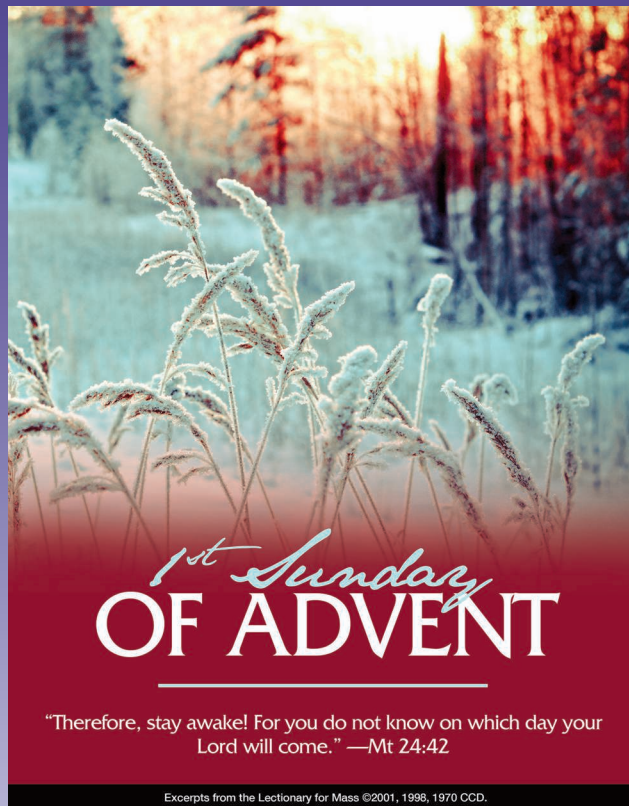
Office Hours:

Monday through Friday:
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing

November 27, 2016



This Week in Our Parish

Sun Nov 27: Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:15 pm

Tue Nov 29: Bible Study (HFR) 8:30 am
Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:15 pm

Wed Nov 30: SOR
Youth Group (HFR) 6:45-8:00 pm

Thu Dec 1: Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:15 pm

Fri Dec 2: First Friday
Mass at Van Crest 10:00 am
Adoration 8:00 pm-8:00 am

Sat Dec 3: First Saturday Mass 8:00 am

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 + FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM Don and Alice Hoblet

10:30 AM St. Mary's Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

No Services

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration

5:30 PM Benediction and Evening Prayer

6:00 PM John Krol

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 + ST. ANDREW

8:45 AM Fr. Gary M. Ferguson

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:45 AM John and Heather Metzger

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 + FIRST FRIDAY

8:45 AM Marge Wyandt

10:00 AM Mass at Van Crest

8:00 PM-8:00 AM Adoration

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

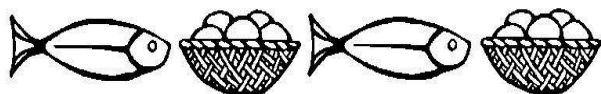
8:00 AM First Saturday Mass

4:00 PM Deacon Norbert Reinhart

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 + SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM St. Mary's Parish

10:30 AM Dick and Marge Burger



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for December 3 & 4

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 4:00 PM

Servers: Brecken Hazeltine, Teresita Heckler, Shay Wehner

E. M.: G Hirzel, D Mathew, C Mowry, A Renner

R Turnwald, S Waltmire, M Yackey

Ushers: Tom Turnwald, Doug Michael

Lector: Pat Johnson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 8:30 AM

Servers: Kassidy Klinger, Ashley & Kaitlyn Motycka

E. M.: B Fuerst, D Fuerst, J Plas, T Plas, L Say,

J Sheeran, B Wasserman

Ushers: Frank Minnig, S Pollock, R Say, D Kleinhenz,

D Carter, P Shoppell

Lector: Lois Steyer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 10:30 AM

Servers: Allison Berryman, Kortnie Galloway,

Haley Owsley

E. M.: L Lawson, L Pratt, K Rutkowski, T Shultz,

A Schaufelberger, J Terhark, R Terhark

Ushers: J Robideau, D Klosterman

Lector: Jean Gemmer

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please come forward immediately when the prayers for extending Peace are offered. This will help substitutes know they are needed and allow sufficient time to be ready at the altar. Also, please watch for a total of 8 with Father, Deacons and yourselves.

ONE CANDLE FLAME

As the last of the leaves fall, and the leftovers of Thanksgiving disappear from the refrigerator, we turn our attention to Christmas! What a happy time to celebrate with family and friends!

Yet, we realize there is much to do: decorating, gift buying and making, greetings to exchange, baking, caroling and partying to say nothing of the usual jobs of homework, shopping, cleaning, cooking and work. Even though enjoyable, it can become overwhelming.

As we enter Church this weekend, we notice a definite change, for the abundance of the harvest has yielded to the simplicity of the evergreen wreath joyfully awaiting the birth of the Christ Child while we eagerly anticipate the Second Coming of the Lord.

We find numerous opportunities to retreat to this quiet world, from Mass, to Adoration, to Reconciliation; sometimes, a minute or two of daily reflection can help us focus on what is important. A more detailed outline of these activities was mailed to every household.

These two worlds are not mutually exclusive, for the activities of the season grows out of trying to live more fully the Christian challenge of love. If we keep this in mind, not only will our preparations be more peace-filled, but we will find our hearts opening and welcoming to the Christ Child.

May God bless the next four weeks with a spirit of excitement and happiness!

Fr. Stan



SCHOOL NEWS

1st Grade Insect Zoo



Day of the Dead Meal:

Students had lunch in their classroom while enjoying favorite foods of deceased relatives.



Fun in the 1st Grade: Pictured are some of the great activities 1st have been doing the couple of weeks

Visiting Loved Ones and Cleaning Tombstones at Woodlawn Cemetery.



Religious Education Connection

The RCIA--The Rite of Acceptance

Today, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (Rite of Acceptance). This is the first of the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and the first public ritual. It is a time of a change of identity. The inquirers are no longer simply, inquirers, but now they are officially welcomed by the Church as disciples of the household of faith, catechumens, seeking to become full members of the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This is also the first time we publicly welcome those candidates, who are already one with us in baptism through another faith tradition, but who are seeking to become full members of the Catholic Church through a Profession of Faith, Confirmation and Eucharist. They are all invited to express their requests and are given welcome and encouragement, especially by their Sponsors and by the whole assembly.

Then the Sponsors offer their catechumen or candidate a Bible. Many catechumens and candidates already have Bibles. This is not the passing on of a book, which may or may not have already been read, but it is the embrace of a way of life patterned on the Good News. It is, also, another sign from their Sponsors that they are not taking this journey alone. Their Sponsors walk with them, just as we can walk together with our Sponsors.

Then the catechumens and candidates are literally marked with the cross of Christ on their foreheads and senses.

Lastly, the entire assembly is asked to pray for the catechumens and candidates, and to continue to pray for them throughout the year as they journey together, along with the rest of us, to the Easter Vigil, when they will become full members and we can all join, as one voice, in the Alleluias of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and all meet at the one table of Christ's Sacrificial Meal.

BINGO

Nov 27 Ed Fox, Theresa Say, Renae Eversole, Jodi Knittle
 Nov 29 Convoy Staff, GREG KULWICKI, Ed Fox
 Dec 1 Ed Fox, JIM BRICKNER, Dave Hohman,
 Ashley Lantz, Ryan Lindeman
 Dec 4 Ed Fox, JIM BRICKNER, Christi Kerns,
 Jamee Ayers, Mariam Lamb
 Dec 8 Ed Fox, Staff Night

KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

Nov 27 Amie Burnett and Josh Geib
 Nov 29 Rose Rodney and Mary Leathers
 Dec 1 J J McClain and Lisa Schomaeker
 Dec 4 Michelle Rupert, Dawn Berryman, Tricia Berryman
 Dec 8 Barbara Hammond and Theresa Anderson

**St. Mary's Bingo—K of C Hall
425 Woodland Ave.**

**Doors open at 4:00 PM for games—
Warm-Up Bingo at 6:15 PM**

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2016

ADULT OFFERING FROM 148 ENVELOPES	\$6,581.19
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	380.40
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 14 ENVELOPES	18.41
TOTAL	\$6,980.00

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	<u>\$8,386.00</u>
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RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2016

**DUE TO THANKSGIVING,
INFO NOT AVAILABLE**

PERPETUATE THE GIFT (PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND)

SUPPORT OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

October is the annual collection to support the retired priests of the Diocese of Toledo. Priests are considered self-employed and not allowed to contribute to the Diocese's pension plan.

NOTE: Every Parish in the Diocese have a designated amount to contribute. All donations made between Oct. 1 to Dec. 1 will be applied toward St. Mary's obligation to this fund—dollar-for-dollar! At the entrances to the Church are envelopes to make your donations.

Please consider a donation to Perpetuate the Gift!

SNOW SHOVELING COORDINATOR NEEDED

In the past, parishioners have provided snow shoveling for those who can not either due to age, illness or injury. This person would coordinate volunteers with those in need of snow shoveling. If interested, call Angie in the Parish Office.

Thanks to Joe Plas for your thoughtfulness in seeing this need in the community!



The Parish Life Committee would like to thank the following parishioners for helping with set up, tearing down and decorating for our Fall Parish Dance: Ruth Brickner, Jerry Kleinhenz, Jeff and Jan Keipper, Marcia and Leroy Kill, Steve and Diana Pollock, Sam and Alice Laurent, Bruce Oliver and Dave Mathews. A special thanks to Ruth Brickner for creating our handsome tickets and flyers. Our SOR students, Louis and Tyler Ulrey, Jacob, Jared and Josh Weiss. To anyone I've missed, Thank you!

~Marcia Kill

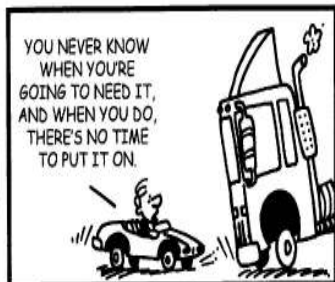


Has your phone number changed?

Did you switch to a cell phone?

If you no longer have a "land" line, please contact the Parish Office at 238-3979 to update our records. Thank you!

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT





Kelly Andersen, Rev. Tony Bus, Rita Clapp, Dolores Darwood, Joy Demidovich, Steve, Dietrich, Stacie Golliver, Cyndi Hesseling, Carmen Jacobs, Michael Kahle, Patricia Kinkle, Megan Klosterman, Kourtney Kohnen, Robert Lammers. Rita Lewis, Beth Lianez, Mary Alice Louagie, John Marshall, Tom Metzger, Kirk Michaud, Joan Miller, Lane Mosier, Dean Osburn, Janice Osburn, George Palombi, Theresa Parkanzky, Tyler Priest, Doris Reinhart, Julie Sadler, Bob Say, Mary Say, Jim Schneider, Tom Stachler, Melba Voltz, Russ Waltmire, Jan Waters, Brad Wannemacher, Anne Wells, Bob Wolters, Larry Youtsey

Please call the Parish Office at the beginning of each month to continue the above name(s) on the prayer list. The sick person or a close relative are the only ones who should call to add or remove name(s) to this list.

Wedding Banns

Bann II: Haley Thomas
and
Cory Michaud

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE



Wednesday, December 7th

Vigil 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 8th

8:45 am & 7:00 pm

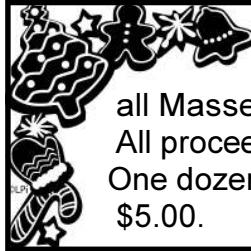
NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

December 8/9—9:00 pm—1:00 am

This is the 27th Annual Night of Prayer and will follow our Immaculate Conception Mass. December 8th is an appropriate time for us to unite as a nation to pray to establish a Culture of Life. Through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Mercy, we call upon her to heal our land! For more info, go to Nationalnightofprayerforlife.org.

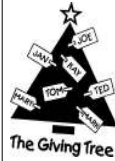
Youth Group News

The next meeting for the Youth Group will be this Wednesday, November 30 at 6:45 pm in the Holy Family Room.



The SOR will hold a Christmas Cookie Sale after all Masses NEXT weekend (Dec 3/4). All proceeds to go to Catholic Charities. One dozen assorted cookies will sell for \$5.00.

GIVING TREE



You are invited to take an ornament from the **Giving Tree** to help people in our community. The teddy bear tags are for the ****Salvation Army**. Apples are for local nursing homes, parish/school families and Crisis Care Center. Please return all gifts by **DECEMBER 18** with the ornament firmly attached. If you have more than one gift, please securely attach gifts together or put in a large bag to insure that the gifts stay together. Thank You!

****DO NOT WRAP SALVATION ARMY GIFTS**

December Food Drive

For the December Food Drive during the Coffee and Donuts on December 4th, please consider giving some kind of mix that could be made into a sweet treat for the Christmas holidays. Suggestions might include: Brownie Mix, Cake Mix and frosting, Cookie Mixes, Assorted Pie fillings . . . These are not regularly stocked in the food pantry and very much appreciated.

Thanks and have a Blessed Christmas!

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2016

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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