

# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

## Catholic Church

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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.

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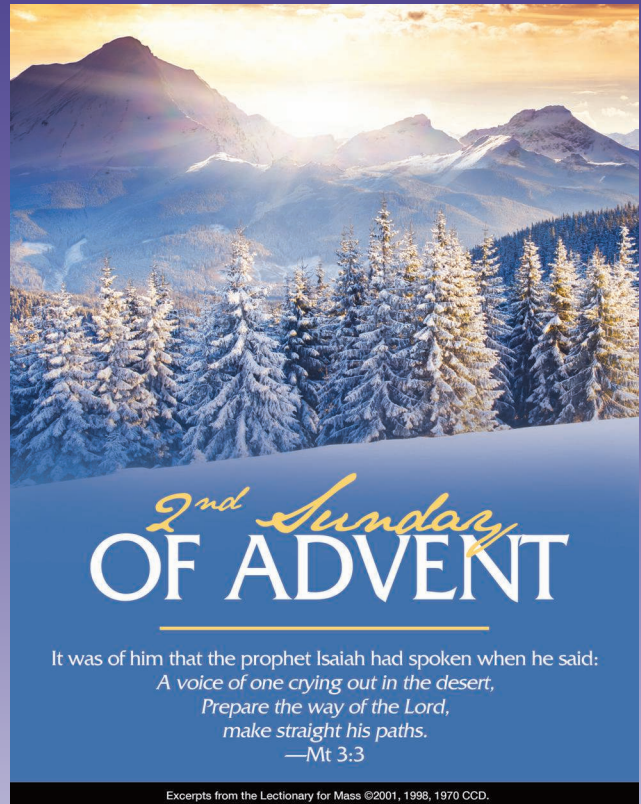
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December 4, 2016



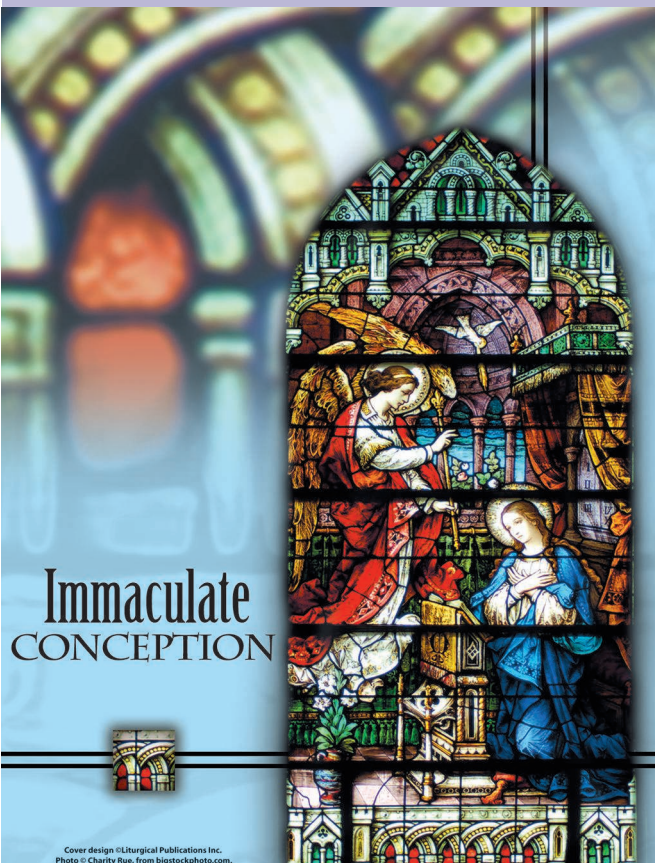
## 2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:  
*A voice of one crying out in the desert,  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*  
—Mt 3:3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Dec 4:</u>	Coffee and Donuts Bingo (K of C Hall)	6:15 pm
<u>Tue Dec 6:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	8:30 am
<u>Wed Dec 7:</u>	SOR Vigil Mass	6:45-8:00 pm 7:00 pm
<u>Thu Dec 8:</u>	Immaculate Conception Masses Bingo (K of C Hall) National Night of Prayer for Life (Adoration in the Chapel)	8:45 am & 7:00 pm 6:15 pm 9:00 pm-1:00 am



## Immaculate CONCEPTION



### SOR COOKIE SALE THIS WEEKEND!

A plate of cookies for  
\$5.00

## Liturgical Schedule

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 + SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30 AM St. Mary's Parish  
10:30 AM Dick and Marge Burger

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5**

No Services

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 + ST. NICHOLAS**

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration  
5:30 PM Benediction and Evening Prayer  
6:00 PM Jet Stoller

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 + ST. AMBROSE**

8:45 AM Alice Hoersten  
7:00 PM St. Mary's SOR

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 + IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

8:45 AM St. Mary's School  
7:00 PM St. Mary's Parish

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 + ST JUAN DIEGO**

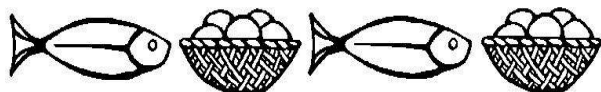
8:45 AM Helen Schemmell

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

1:00 PM Michaud-Thomas Miller  
4:00 PM Josh Bragg

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 + THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30 AM Joan Steinlage  
10:30 AM Luke Obinwa



## **Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for December 10 & 11**

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:00 PM**

**Servers:** Brecken Hazeltine, Caroline & Kitty Kopack  
**E. M.:** T Heckler, T Marshall, D Mathew, T Reinhart,  
L Vonderwell, S Waltmire, M Yackey  
**Ushers:** Tom Turnwald, Doug Michael  
**Lector:** Pat Johnson

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 8:30 AM**

**Servers:** Zach Dealey, Alexa Gearhart, Austin Sorgen  
**E. M.:** A Carter, J Cross, M Cross, M Dickman,  
L Fox, J Keipper, G Kulwicki  
**Ushers:** Frank Minnig, S Pollock, R Say, D Kleinhenz,  
D Carter, P Shoppell  
**Lector:** Chris Golliver

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:30 AM**

**Servers:** Colin, Mason & Lauren McHugh  
**E. M.:** M Anthony, J Bloomfield, L Freewalt, J Gemmer,  
C Reindel, T Shultz, B Williamson  
**Ushers:** J Robideau, D Klosterman  
**Lector:** Cherie Freewalt

**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.

## **THE LIGHT GROWS STRONGER**

Prayerful congratulations to those who celebrated the Rite of Acceptance in their journey of the RCIA last Sunday: Logan Anderson (catechumen), CW (Clair Harting III, candidate) and Linda Sidle (candidate).

These individuals have been meeting since last September, seeking answers to questions they have regarding the Catholic faith. In their queries, they have learned something of the faith and wish to explore it in greater detail. We promise to support them, by our prayer and example, in the coming days.

Our week is further illuminated by our celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holyday of obligation. Under this title, our Blessed Mother is the patroness of the United States of America. We call upon her prayer and intercession for us as a country, especially in this transition election year. While we are grateful for God's many, many blessings to us, we also recognize that we face many challenges, both here and abroad.

Our holyday will begin with the celebration of the Vigil of the Feast at 7:00 PM Wednesday, December 7, with our SOR Students. It will continue on the Feast with Mass at 8:45 AM Thursday, December 8 with our grade school students, and conclude with Mass at 7:00 PM. What a great time for US to pray for OUR country!

A special opportunity exists the evening for December 8 from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM as we join the National Night of Prayer for Life. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Assumption Chapel for quiet prayer and reflection. These four hours will recall the four times zones of the contiguous United States - - from midnight to one we will all be praying to establish a Culture of Life in which all human life is respected and cherished. For more information, visit [Nationalnightof-prayerforlife.org](http://Nationalnightof-prayerforlife.org).

If you may feel generous and wish to share with the poor, several convenient opportunities exist: the SOR Cookie Sale (Proceeds go to Catholic Charities); the Giving Tree (benefiting people in our community); and the Food Drive (supporting our local food pantry).

As St. Paul says this weekend, "Welcome one another, then, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

*Fr. Stan*

## Religious Education Connection



Service is part of the course of studies for SOR. It is difficult for the children to engage in big projects due to class time limitations. So, in addition to a project an individual class may have, there are several in which the whole SOR takes part, so the children have that opportunity to participate. One project is for the world, the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Project. Another is for our country, the Catholic Charities USA Cookie Sale, with the proceeds dedicated to disaster relief. The project for our community is the collection of boxed and canned goods for the Van Wert Co-op Ministry Food Pantry and winter outer clothing to be distributed through the Salvation Army Center. Missionary Spirit involves both service and walking in faith with people throughout the world. Our missionary efforts include our weekly collection for the Missionary Childhood Association.

The SOR Cake Sale is the project for our parish. Each year the SOR receives requests for an item or for a contribution toward something that will benefit both the School and SOR or the parish as a whole. This year, out of four worthy requests, the children overwhelmingly chose to donate a new Book of Gospels to be used at Mass for the glory of God, to replace our well-used, but very worn-out book. Shown in the photo are just a few of the children, who made and decorated cakes for the sale. The new Book of Gospels will be blessed and used for the first time at the Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

A big thank you to all who took part in this project and to all who purchased the creative and special cakes.



## SCHOOL NEWS



### Life-skills Awards

Recently our students focused on ways that they could use Common Sense in their everyday activities. At the end of two weeks each teacher selected a student from their class that they felt best demonstrated common sense skills both inside and outside the classroom. Congratulations to the Common Sense Award Winners and keep up the great work: Shown are (Front Row from Left) Katie Gross, Bradon Burk, and Lincoln Anderson, (Back Row) Selah Rhoades, Brynleigh Moody, and Jaden Kohnen.

**Thanksgiving at St. Mary's:** Before we left for Thanksgiving break we were able to have our annual Thanksgiving meal and go a Turkey Hunt. A special thanks goes to Terry Johnson and Cooper Farms for donating the Turkey for our meal.



# BINGO

- Dec 4 Ed Fox, JIM BRICKNER, Christi Kerns,  
Jamee Ayers, Mariam Lamb  
Dec 8 Ed Fox, Staff Night  
Dec 11 Sam Laurent, CHARLES BRICKNER, Kylee  
Moody, Alice Laurent  
Dec 15 Shirley Straley, JIM BRICKNER, Todd Miller,  
Joe Alvarado, Terry Johnson

## KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

- Dec 4 Michelle Rupert, Dawn Berryman, Tricia Berryman  
Dec 8 Barbara Hammond and Theresa Anderson  
Dec 11 Deb McHugh and Brian Mercer  
Dec 15 Ann Carter and Sharon Smith

**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 20, 2016

ADULT OFFERING FROM 134 ENVELOPES	\$5,447.46
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	371.77
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 16 ENVELOPES	27.75
TOTAL	\$5,846.98

### RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2016

ADULT OFFERING FROM 136 ENVELOPES	\$6,714.94
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	394.46
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 10 ENVELOPES	16.01
TOTAL	\$7,125.41
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	\$8,386.00

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## 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!

**ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!** If you are leaving Ohio for a few months and headed for warmer winter weather, please call the Parish Office with your address if you would like us to send you a weekly bulletin. Have a great – and warm – winter!

## BEST ADVENT EVER *Rediscover Christmas*

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Kelly Andersen, Rev. Tony Bus, Rita Clapp, Dolores Darwood, Joy Demidovich, Steve, Dietrich, Robert Ford, 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 III: Haley Thomas  
and  
Cory Michaud

### NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

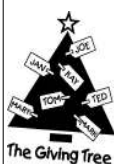
December 8/9—9:00 pm—1:00 am

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](http://Nationalnightofprayerforlife.org).

### Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12  
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

### 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**

### SOR Fall/Winter Collection Now thru December 14

Collection of the following:

- boxed and canned food items  
(no perishables, expired, partially used, please)
- personal care items (such as toothpaste, body wash, deodorant, etc.)
- new stocking hats, gloves/mittens, socks
- new or used, clean coats in no need of repair

As items are brought to the classrooms, the students will give thanks and pray for those who donate and distribute the items and pray for those who are in need of the items.

Items will be distributed to those in need through the Salvation Army.



### Christmas Poinsettias

Take this opportunity to remember someone special through purchasing a poinsettia that will be used to decorate the church. You may purchase a 6 1/2" poinsettia for \$12.00 or a 7 1/2" poinsettia for \$20.00. The 7 1/2" flower is approximately twice as big as the 6 1/2" flower. After January 8, you may have the size poinsettia you purchased. Your remembrance will also be listed in a special insert the weekend after Christmas. The deadline for memorials is **Monday, December 19, 2016**. You may put your requests in the collection basket marked Christmas Poinsettias or send it to the Parish Office.

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

From: \_\_\_\_\_



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