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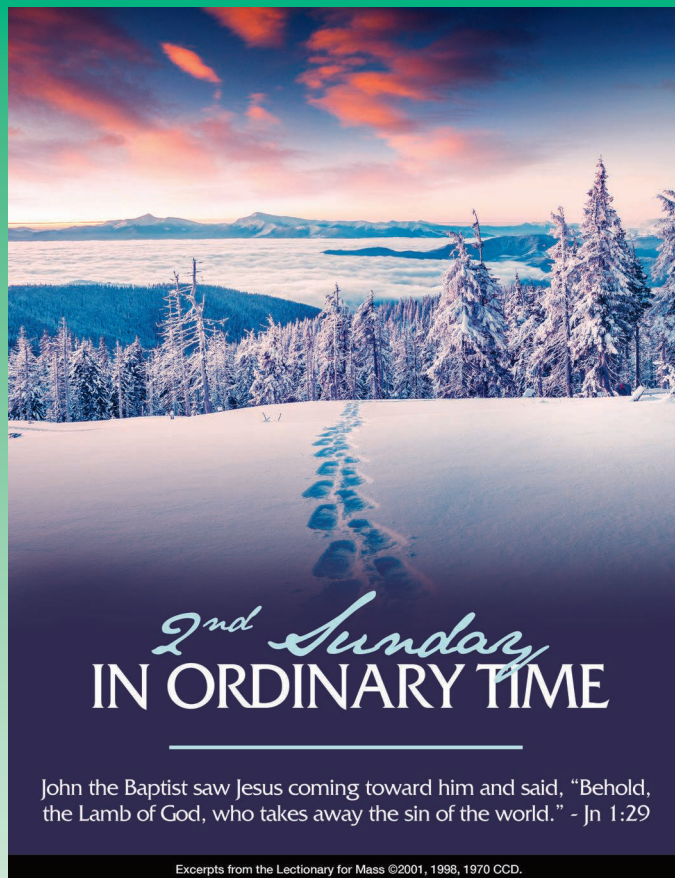
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Monday through Friday:
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing

January 15, 2017



This Week in Our Parish

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

Mon Jan 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No School

Tue Jan 17: Prayer Group (HFR) 8:30 am
Finance Meeting (HFR) 7:00 pm

Wed Jan 18: SOR 6:45—8:00 pm
Youth Group (HFR) 6:45—8:00 pm

Thur Jan 19: Bible Study (Chapel) 9:30 am
Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:15 pm

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 AM Thomas Osenga

10:30 AM St. Mary's Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 + MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

No Services

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 + ST. ANTHONY

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration

5:30 PM Benediction and Evening Prayer

6:00 PM Fr. Frederick Snyder

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

8:45 AM Joseph Walters

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

8:45 AM John and Heather Metzger

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 + STS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

8:45 AM Bro. Peter Marie

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

4:00 PM Rosemary Schroeder

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 AM St. Mary's Parish

10:30 AM St. Mary's Parish Youth Group



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for January 21 & 22

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 4:00 PM

Servers: Greg Hirzel, Brandon & Annie Renner

E. M.: T Heckler, D Mathew, C Mowry, T Reinhart,
A Renner, L Vonderwell, M YackeyUshers: Terry Johnson, D Heckler, D Renner, D Hohman

Lector: Pat Johnson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 8:30 AM

Servers: Austin & Addie Sorgen, Kateri Steinecker

E. M.: M Dickman, L Fox, J Keipper, A Laurent,
S Laurent, F Minnig, M MinnigUshers: Jim Brickner, R Knueve, S Thomas, D Krizay,
B Wolke, E Fox

Lector: Bruce Oliver

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 10:30 AM

Servers: Ryan Pratt, Steele Stabler, Caton Williamson

E. M.: L Kill, M Klosterman, L Lawson, L Pratt,
C Reindel, J Terhark, R TerharkUshers: Charles Brickner, M Keber, D Allmandinger,
D Keber, J Meyers, B Keber

Lector: Julia Reichert

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

HAVE YOU HEARD . . . ?

. . . that on December 28, 2016, Pope Francis named Bishop Thomas as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Cleveland IN ADDITION TO his responsibilities as the Bishop of Toledo? The Holy Father accepted the resignation of Bishop Richard Lennon for health reasons; he has served as Bishop of Cleveland for almost ten years.

According to canon (Church) law, the role of the Administrator is to maintain the operations of the diocese and provide for the needs of the faithful until the next diocesan bishop is named by the Holy Father. "It will be a privilege to be of service to . . . the people of Cleveland . . . during this time of transition," Bishop Thomas remarked when this announcement was made by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, the Most Reverend Christophe Pierre.

Bishop Thomas intends to honor commitments that he has made in our Diocese, but he asks for patience and flexibility as changes will inevitably need to be made. I ask that you would please keep Bishops Thomas and Lennon, as well as the people of Toledo and Cleveland, in your prayers.

. . . that this Sunday and next at 1:00 PM, our second grade students will be celebrating their First Reconciliation? They have been preparing since the beginning of the school year; after this, they will begin preparing for First Holy Communion in the spring. Let us also keep them and their families in our prayers.

. . . On Monday, we will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day? A reminder to us of the challenges that face us in living in peace and unity with each other. Prayers for this are most appropriate.

While it may seem that it is time for a long, winter's nap, there is much that is going on. Let us ask the Lord's blessings upon us, as we seek to build the Kingdom!

Fr. Stan

Religious Education Connection



Gwyneth Kahle was our Queen for SOR's Epiphany celebration with the Chalking of the Doors. May all who enter here know Christ's love and peace.

The Gifts of the Magi and the Gifts We Give

The three gifts of the visiting Magi are significant. Gold is a gift given to a king. Jesus is the King of Kings. Frankincense is used in the worship of God. Jesus is divine. Myrrh is an oil or ointment used in healing and, also, in anointing a body for burial. Jesus is human. But does the gold, frankincense, and myrrh only have meaning as gifts of the Magi or are they not meant to be our gifts as well?

Gold is precious. However, King David said that the Word of God was more precious. Studying the Bible and meditating on it can be a gift to God more precious than gold.

Frankincense was also expensive. Psalms speak of our prayers rising like incense before God. If we were to give God our gift of thanksgiving, our prayers of wants and needs, and just our time in conversation with God throughout the day, we would please God more than frankincense.

Because of the manner of its usage, myrrh was often associated with bitterness, pain, sorrow, death, but also healing. We can bring our own myrrh through our sorrow for sin, asking for forgiveness, but also by offering forgiveness and mercy to others. The healing of relationship with God and others is of greater worth than myrrh.

St. Basil the Great once said, "Let there be no one without a gift to offer, no one without gratitude as we celebrate the salvation of the world, the birthday of the human race."



SCHOOL NEWS

We believe the purpose of education is not only for personal gain and the development of society, but for the Transformation of the world.



St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast Sunday January 29th, 9:30am—12:30pm

Catholic Schools Week is January 29th - February 3rd. We will be kicking off Catholic Schools Week with our Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 29th starting at 9:30 am in the Gymnasium. Breakfast includes: Sausage, Egg Breakfast Skillet, Milk, OJ, or Coffee, and All You Can Eat Pancakes. The cost of the Breakfast is \$7.00 for an Adult and \$5.00 for a Child, children 3 and under eat for free. You may purchase Breakfast tickets from any St. Mary's Student or at the SCRIP table after Masses. Part of the proceeds from the tickets sold at the SCRIP table will go towards helping our 5th and 6th Grade Students pay for their trip to Chicago at the end of March.

This year we will also be hosting a Faith Fair in gym during the breakfast. There will be booths from every class set up in gymnasium focusing on various different aspects of our faith. We hope that you will be able to stop by and see the amazing things our students are doing.



St. Mary's School recently celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany with the annual Chalking of the School Doors. The students were led through readings and prayers by 6th Grade Students. The service was closed with the singing of, "We Three Kings". Our Students also celebrated the Epiphany in their classrooms. Pictured are the students who found the babies in the King Cakes.





Jan 15 Shirley Straley, ED FOX, Lisa Burk, Chelsea Reindel
 Jan 19 Neil Smith, CHARLES BRICKNER, Dave Hohman, Ashley Lantz, Ryan Lindemann
 Jan 22 Neil Smith, ED FOX, Pat Horstman, Jerry Mazur, Tim Korte
 Jan 26 Shirley Straley, ED FOX, Staff Night

KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

Jan 15 Brian and Amy Kopack
 Jan 19 JJ McClain and Lisa Schomaeker
 Jan 22 Kelly Gross and Jennifer Florence
 Jan 26 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 JANUARY 1, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 100 ENVELOPES	\$6,475.90
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	348.00
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 4 ENVELOPES	2.50
TOTAL	\$6,826.40

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR JANUARY 8, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 130 ENVELOPES	\$5,564.60
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	275.00
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 9 ENVELOPES	22.00
TOTAL	\$5,861.60

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	<u>\$8,386.00</u>
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WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

What a great New Year's Resolution it would be to donate to Your Parish. You can easily achieve this by sending your contribution to St. Mary's utilizing "Bill Pay". If you pay other bills thru on-line banking you can also send in your offertory. Any questions regarding bill pay, talk to your financial institution.

2nd ANNUAL TASTE OF ST. MARY'S February 25, 2017 St. Mary's Gym

Tickets go on sale in January for \$25 each.
(Only 100 tickets available)

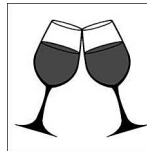
Table of 8 - 9 may be reserved.

Proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul and the St. Mary's Youth Group.

If you have any questions, please call Maribeth Dickman.

RAFFLE ITEM for 2017

A handcrafted wooden box with 2 wine bottles and etched wine glasses and \$100 worth of gift cards will be raffled.



Raffle will benefit St. Vincent de Paul and Youth Group.

Tickets are \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.

The winner will be picked on February 25 during the Taste of St. Mary's.

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AREA HAPPENINGS

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October 7-15, 2017

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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.

GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Please pray for all those serving in our military: Lance Corp. Josh Bolenbaugh, Capt. Virginia Brickner, Sgt. William (Ed) Carter, Commander Christopher Cavanaugh, Lance Corp. Tyler Goodlin, Airman Andrew Hammond, Airman Leisal Hanf-Fleming, Corp. Austin Kleman, MSG Andrew McMahon, Corp. Joseph Moreland, SRA Andrew Motycka, Lt. Colonel Matt Sinning, SSgt. Nate Sinning, MSgt. Robert Stant, SRA Ashley Stant, Spec. Jeremy Stevenson, Pvt. R. J. Szymanski and Sgt. Brian Wilson. Please submit to the Parish Office names of parishioners who are currently serving in the armed forces.

Welcome to St. Mary's thru Baptism

Graham Allen Glander

&

Lincoln Dalynn Adkins

Sons of Christopher and Amber Adkins

K of C

FREE THROW CONTEST

When: Sunday, January 22

Where: St. Mary's School gym

611 Jennings Road

Time: 2:00 pm



YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Wednesday, January 18, from 6:45-8:00 in the Holy Family Room. We will be finalizing the Jan 22 Mass and March for Life plans.



THE POWER OF ONE

Van Wert Community **Mini-March for Life**

Friday, January 27, 2017**

11:00 am—12:30 pm

SCHEDULE

>11:00-Meet in Fountain Park, Van Wert, OH

>11:15-Walk to K of C Hall (Woodland Ave)

Those unable to walk, meet at K of C Hall

>11:30-Lunch (Donations to Pregnancy Life)

>12:00-Prayer Service

Questions or comments?

Phone 419-238-9177

****The Mini-March For Life** coincides with the National March for Life in Washington D.C. Commemorating the 44th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion.

Donations of cookies are appreciated. Drop off at the K of C Friday, 10 am or later.

**PRAY TO END
ABORTION.**

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for the Week of January 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25--8:6/Ps 40/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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