

JANUARY 12, 2025

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FAMILY OF PARISHES

Mary, Help of Christians
Fairborn

Sacred Heart
New Carlisle

St. Augustine
Jamestown

St. Brigid
Xenia

St. Luke
Beavercreek

St. Paul
Yellow Springs



Baptism of the Lord

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Luke 3:21-22

MASS TIMES

Monday

7:45 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke

Tuesday

7:45 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke

Wednesday

8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
9 a.m.....Sacred Heart
12 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
6 p.m.....St. Paul

Thursday

7:45 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
9 a.m.....Sacred Heart

Friday

7:45 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
9 a.m.....Sacred Heart (1st Friday)

Saturday

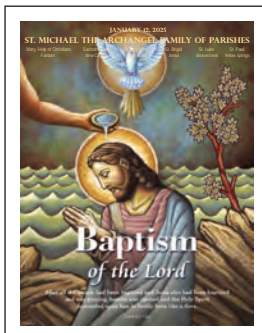
8:30 a.m. Latin N.O. Mass.....St. Luke
4 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
4:30 p.m.....St. Brigid
5:30 p.m.....St. Luke

Sunday

8 a.m.....St. Augustine
8:30 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
9 a.m.....St. Luke
9:30 a.m.....St. Brigid
10:30 a.m.....Sacred Heart
11 a.m.....St. Luke
11:30 a.m.....St. Paul
12 p.m.....Sacred Heart (Spanish)

ON THE COVER

The Feast of The Baptism of the Lord celebrates one of the clearest depictions of the Trinity in the Bible: Jesus is anointed, the Holy Spirit descends, and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



FORMING DISCIPLES, BECOMING SAINTS

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 the Evangelist 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 of 2022 to be "Beacons of Light," an Archdiocese-wide, multi-year initiative to better array resources for spreading the Gospel far and wide. SMAFP staff are listed below and on subsequent pages dedicated to each church.

SACRAMENT RELATED

Baptism and Confirmation, Communion to the Sick, & Anointing of the Sick

Please contact your parish office at the number below.

Matrimony

(& Declarations of Nullity)

Spencer Hargadon

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator
937-426-1733, xt.6304
shargadon@smafp.org

Holy Orders

Please call your parish office at the number below to explore the possibility of a vocation to the ordained priesthood, diaconate, vowed religious life for women and men, or for information on lay pastoral ministry opportunities.

Becoming Catholic

Please contact Spencer Hargadon via the information at left (under Matrimony).

PARISH OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS

Mary, Help of Christians
937-878-8353

St. Augustine, St. Brigid, & St. Paul
937-372-3193

Sacred Heart
937-845-3121

St. Luke the Evangelist
937-426-1733, xt. 6201

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL STAFF

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Beloved in Christ,

Several days ago, I saw a short video of an evangelical who was invited to Midnight Mass on Christmas. It reminded me of the riches we cradle Catholics are sometimes tempted to take for granted. She appreciated that the church was well decorated, Christmas music was in abundant supply, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ was preached. Her child asked why we call it "Mass." She did not know but looked into it and found out it has to do with being sent on mission at the end. She noticed our pattern of being fed and sent.

As the Christmas season comes to an end, may we renew our devotion to Jesus who feeds us with Himself in the Eucharist and sends us out on mission to make Him present in the world. With whom will you share Him this week?

High school and college men are invited to dinner with the Archbishop and a discussion on vocations with him at St. Peter church in Huber Heights on March 31. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can meet you there. Details and registration are at this link: catholicaoc.org/offices/vocations-office/andrew-dinners

Ohio is becoming an abortion destination for residents of other states that have more protection for babies in the womb than we do in Ohio. I invite you to join me in praying the Novena for Life that begins January 16. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides a website, respectlife.org, to aid in this important task. More information is below.

Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you. On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the last day of the Christmas Season, I wish you one last time:

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Bedel



9 DAYS FOR LIFE

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE



JANUARY 16-24

9daysforlife.com

CONFESSION

Monday

8:15 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 a.m.....St. Brigid

Saturday

3 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians

3:30 p.m.....St. Brigid

4 p.m.....St. Luke

Sunday

7:30 a.m.....St. Augustine

Call 937-372-3193 to schedule confession by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

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)

Thursday

9 a.m.....St. Luke (6:30 p.m. Benediction)

Friday

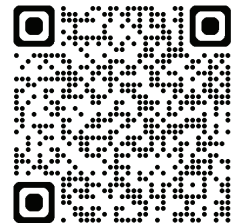
8:30 a.m...St. Brigid (9:30 a.m. Benediction)

FLOCKNOTE



Our Family of churches uses Flocknote to help keep parishioners and staff informed via email and texts. Sign up is simple (no user-name or password required) via **any of the three methods below.**

Scan this QR code with your phone camera



Text "smafnp" to 84576

Go to: smafnp.flocknote.com

*Flocknote questions: 937-646-9032

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FAMILY OF PARISHES

RENOWNED CATHOLIC SPEAKER TO BE SPECIAL GUEST AT RETREAT IN WILMINGTON

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, EWTN personality and internationally renowned speaker, is scheduled to give three presentations **Jan. 24-25** at St. Columbkille Church in Wilmington. All are invited to the third presentation on Jan. 25, titled "The Holy Rosary: God's Gift for the Life of the Family," at 10 a.m., followed by Mass at 11 a.m. All presentations are part of the annual men's retreat at the church and all men are invited to the first two presentations on Jan. 24, beginning at 5 p.m. with a Rosary. RSVP (by Jan. 21) and more information is available at the QR code or web address below, or by calling 937-725-5134.



**Deacon Harold
Burke-Sivers**
Jan. 24-25
St. Columbkille Church
Wilmington



stcolumbkille.org/2025-mens-retreat

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL'S YOUTH MINISTRY
INVITES YOU...**



DATE: JANUARY 19TH, 2025

DEPARTURE TIME: CARPOOL FROM ST. LUKE'S FOLLOWING 9 AM MASS

LOCATION: VALLEY'S EDGE, NEW PARIS, OH

***BRING A PACKED LUNCH OR MONEY FOR FOOD**

PICK UP TIME: 4:00 PM @ BISHOP FORD HALL

***BRING A WATER BOTTLE & WEAR LAYERS!**

COST: \$18, GRADES 6TH-12TH

For more information contact: gbarclay@smafp.org

TO REGISTER:



Grand New Plan at MHC

Those attending Mary, Help of Christians on Christmas Eve didn't have to wait until the next morning for a very welcome Christmas gift. A newly-donated baby grand piano, blessed by Fr. Ambrose on Christmas Eve, now sits up front with the choir and other music instruments that used to be behind the altar. The move, along with an upgrade to the church's sound system, brings an integral part of Mass close to parishioners and visitors in the main seating area, replacing a floorplan that dated back to the 1970's.



SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH

MASS

Sunday, January 12

+Deceased Schornak Family
(Estate of Donald and Janet Schornak)

Sunday, January 19

+Bob Knecht
(Kendra Knecht)

January 19 Schedule

LECTOR: H. Kasner

SERVERS: B. Miller, C. Meyer

COLLECTIONS

12/29: \$609.02

PSR SCHEDULE

PSR classes will meet today. Future classes will be on: Jan. 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9; April 6, 13, 20; and May 4, 11, and 18. Contact Della Weidel at 614-285-2293 for information.

SENIOR LUNCHEON TUESDAY

Seniors 50 and older are invited to the next luncheon at the Jamestown Senior Center on **Jan. 14**. Reservations are required. Call Tim Brickey at 937-376-5486, xt. 125, for reservations and/or information. Bingo is on Fridays from 1-2:30 p.m. Euchre is on Tuesdays and Mondays feature Game Day at 1 p.m., both by reservation.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2025 are at the church entrance. Please take the box with your name on it. If you do not find your box, take a blank box and write your name on the first few envelopes in 2025.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 19, the St. Brigid Knights of Columbus will host their annual pancake breakfast at St. Augustine, featuring pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk, and coffee. The breakfast is free, but donations to the Jamestown Food Pantry are requested, either unexpired canned goods (specific needs listed below) or cash. Everyone is invited to attend this worthwhile event.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is at The City of Zion Church, 260 S. Charleston Road. Hours are Thursdays, 2-5 p.m., and the fourth Saturday of the month, 9-10:30 a.m. Call 937-971-8067 to arrange donations or schedule an appointment. Monetary donations can be made to Greene Giving/Together Jamestown.

Specific needs for the pantry are tuna, potato flakes, spaghetti, canned ravioli, canned baked beans, Ramen noodles, personal care items, and paper products. If you know someone who could benefit from the pantry, or if you want to be a volunteer, please contact Carol Smith.

2025 FLOWER CALENDAR SIGNUP POSTED

A new calendar for the first half of 2025 is on the bulletin board at the church entrance. (There are no altar flowers during the Lenten season). Please sign your name and the names of those you wish to honor or remember. You will receive a reminder the week before.

St. Augustine Church

44 E. Washington St.
Jamestown, Ohio 45335

937-372-3193

Parish Office Email:

csmith2039@aol.com

Carol Smith, Secretary/Organist

Della Weidel, DRE

Denny Goodrich, Maintenance



PRAY FOR US

Please pray for: Please keep Mary Ann Knecht, Mary Kay Benanzer, Jon Hobbs, Mike Nieland, Gene Robinson, Keith Lively, Brian Steinmetz, Joe Hess, Catherine Sheridan, Janet Goff, James Burns, Patsy Stewart, Mike Cyphase, Nickie Sherwood, Curtis Love, Ann Marie Somers, Agnes Hausman, Linda Baker, Kathleen Kall, Marcy Wirsinnske, 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, and Madelyn Machen in your prayers.

Contact Carol Smith to add/remove someone from the prayer list.

What's Your Catholic IQ

1) St. Peter, the first pope, wrote the Our Father prayer.

True/False

2) For Catholics, the most important prayer that unites us as one body in Christ is the _____.

a) Angelus b) Anima Christi c) Mass d) Salve Regina

ANSWERS: 1. False) Jesus taught his disciples the Our Father, and they passed it down to all Christians since then (see Matthew 6:9-13). 2. c) At Mass, we join the angels in praising God and become part of Christ's great sacrifice of his body and blood in the Eucharist.

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Mary, Help of Christians Church

954 North Maple
Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Phone: 937-878-8353

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Parish Website: mhcp parish.org

Rev. Mr. Max Roadruck, Deacon

Staff:

Michael Barclay, Associate Director of
Youth Adult and Family Evangelization

Julie Sewell, Administrative Assistant

Patrick Morgan, Business Manager

Kristen Kosey, Director of Music

Eric Rogalinski, Maintenance

Telephones:

Office/Rectory: 937-878-8353

Religious Education: 937-830-8735

Music Director: 937-878-8092

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:

Please call the parish office as soon as possible when discerning marriage to begin required pre-nuptial preparation.

Anointing of the Sick:

Available on request. Call the rectory office.

For Hospital/Home Visit:

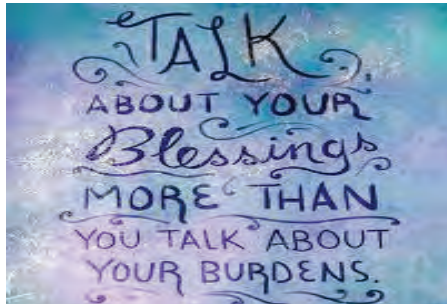
Call the Rectory Office.



PRAYER REQUEST

If you would like to join our MHC PRAYER CHAIN or have a special prayer request, contact Julie at jsewellmhc@gmail.com or call the parish office at 937-878-8353.

SPEAK LIFE



Reminder: The parish office will be closed Monday, January 20, for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday; there will be daily Mass Monday morning at 7:45 a.m.



POINSETTIAS IN THE GATHERING SPACE SATURDAY & SUNDAY,



JANUARY 18-19. We will be giving away the poinsettias, from the Christmas Season, Saturday & Sunday January 18-19. You may pick up a poinsettia located in the gathering space after all masses on that weekend. Mark your calendars.

PSR REGISTRATION - IT'S NOT TOO LATE

If you are interested in PSR, but not registered, you are still welcome. Come a little early and you can register on site. Now that the fall sports season is over, you might think it's too late to sign up your child for the Parish's religious education program. It's never too late!! We are happy to have your child. We offer religious education and faith formational activities for children in grades 3-4 year olds- High School. For more information, call the Parish Office @ 937- 878-8353 or Michael Barclay @ 937 -830-8735. It's never too late!!

K OF C PARISH BREAKFAST:

Our next breakfast will be this Sunday, January 12. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30AM and will continue until 11:00AM. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEXT COLLECTION IS ON JANUARY 18-19.



St. Vincent de Paul collects monetary donations at the doors after Mass on the 3rd weekend of every month. Look for baskets at each of the doors marked for St. Vincent dePaul. This week we will collect a box of Macaroni & Cheese.



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025 (CMA)

It is time to kick off the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal throughout the archdiocese! More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The CMA is our opportunity each year to support the work of six vital ministries all of which operate right here in our archdiocese. Your support will have a meaningful impact on thousands. Also, if we exceed our parish goal for the CMA, 50% of our overage comes back to MHC. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. Thank you for responding generously! Please visit <https://catholicaoc.org/cma> Thank you!



PARISH REGISTRATION UPDATE



If you are currently a parishioner and any of your (or your family's) information on file with us has changed, update your Parish Registration. The New Year is a wonderful time to make sure the MHC parish office has your correct contact information (phone, address, email). Have you moved, discarded your landline or have a new email address? If you have added a family member, be sure and let us know his/her full name, gender, and date of birth. To update, email Julie @ jsewellmhc@gmail.com or call the parish office at 937-878-8353. Thanks so much for your help.

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 the front entrance of the church and drop it in the collection.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



JOY CLUB

Will meet after the New Year, Monday, January 13, 2025 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.

RECORD OF YOUR 2024



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS/ TAX STATEMENTS:

A statement of your 2025 contributions will automatically be mailed around the third week of **January 2025** to any parishioner who has made any single contribution of \$250 or more during the year. (Please do not call to request a statement if you are in that category.) Anyone else wanting a statement should use the request form below or call Julie in the parish office @ 937- 878-8353 from 9:30AM-4:30PM, Monday through Friday. You may return your request form in the collection basket in your envelope.

2024 Contribution Statement Request

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ENVELOPE # _____

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! Monday January 13.**

ROSARY: Saturday afternoon before Mass at 3:30 p.m. and Monday evening at 6:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Third Saturday of the month after 4:00 p.m. Mass. Required Parents' Classes are on the second Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 9:45 a.m. in the Church. Parents must attend one of these classes. The next Baptismal Preparation Class is being held on Sunday, January 12 at 9:45 a.m. in the Church. Please call the parish office at 937- 878-8353 to advise us if you will be attending this class.

"NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH"

The Daughters of Isabella and the MHC Social Actions Committee is hosting a free end of life seminar to be presented by The Dayton Right to Life. This informative panel discussion on end of life questions and concerns. Experts in the field of law and health will address such topics as healthcare power of attorney forms, lifestyle plans, questions to ask your doctor, how to talk with your family members, and Church teaching on end of life. Please join us for this important discussion, Sunday, January 19 at 5:00 p.m. in St. Francis Hall. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Amanda @ 937-620-0701.

Saturday, January 11 -4:00 p. m.

+Matt Lewandowski
(Carol Cypher)

Sunday, January 12-8:30 a.m.

For The Parish

Monday, January 13-7:45 a.m.

+Robert & Claire MacDonald
(Family)

Tuesday, January 14-7:45 a.m.

+Rita Bland
(Ed & Joan Gulbransen)

Wednesday, January 15 -12:00 p.m.

+Ron Limbach
(Myra Limbach Glass)

Thursday, January 16- 7:45 a.m.

+Rita Bland
(Linda Paul)

Friday, January 17-7:45 a.m.

+Bernie Lanham
(Friends)

Saturday, January 18 -4:00 p. m.

+Kurt Mazey
(MHC Choir)

Sunday, January 19-8:30 a.m.

+Richard & Caroline Rosenbury
(Rick & Denise Wetzel)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Regular Collection & Loose Cash & Envelopes 12/22/24		\$11,482.10
Capital Improvements Donation Collections 12/22/24		\$50.00
Christmas Collection 12/25/24		\$11,760.38
Regular Collection & Loose Cash & Envelopes 12/29/24		\$6,761.00
Capital Improvements Donation Collections 12/29/24		\$0.00
Total Collections For December 22, 25, 29 2024		\$30,053.48
Church Renovation Project		
Total Donations and Pledges as of 12/29/24		\$159,061.00

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

Many thanks to all our amazing parishioners who support our parish, not only at the sacred and special times of year, but also throughout the entire year. We greatly appreciate the time, talent and treasure that our parishioners so generously give. May the upcoming year be one of health, peace and contentment, and may God bless you richly.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society
937-845-3121

Bulletin Submissions
bulletin@sacredheartnc.net

January 26 deadline is Jan. 13
February 2 deadline is Jan. 20

To add or remove someone from the
prayer or military list, call 845-3121 or
email: Bulletin@sacredheartnc.net.



We are happy you are here! Welcome 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, January 12, 10:30 a.m. Mass
+ Ed Francis (Hank & Annette Oakes)

Sunday, Enero 12, noon Mass
+ Rosa Maria Rivera (Pat & Javier Perez)

Wednesday, Januray 15, 9 a.m. Mass
+ Ed Francis (Dick& Carol Ricker)

Thursday, January 16, 9 a.m. Mass
+ Richard Frasure (Janet Troth)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Al Brunson, Frank Caponegro, Terri Close, Larry Engle, Debbie Fraizer, Rosalie Gillespie, Carol Graham, Terry Hamisch, Katie Horn, Bryan Karjala, Ann Long, Jim Mason, Javier Perez, Jr., Dick Phillips, Jamie Reittinger, Mary West and Paul Wroblewski

Pray for our Military

Airman Alex Bainbridge, Senior Airman Adam L. Coyle, Staff Sergeant James Grusenmeyer, Captain Michael Hughes, 2nd Lt. Fr. Stephen Hughes, Pvt. Timothy Hughes, Major David Kirker, Will McCuddy, Dillon Snapp, Cpt. Alex Stycula, Staff Sergeant Jordan Trick and Technical Sergeant Monik Trick

**YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED.**

Luke 3:22

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, 7 pm – 8 pm
Confession Available



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on **Saturday, February 15**, in Father Paul Hall. Social time will start at 6 p.m. with the buffet dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

All adult parishioners who have volunteered time to Sacred Heart Parish are invited, along with your spouse or a friend. You are important to us and we want to say thank you. Please RSVP by Feb. 10 to the parish office, Pat Kraus at 937-882-9428 or on sign-up sheet is also available in the gathering space.

Not Christmas without the poor

In a secular society that commences celebration preparations in October and attempts to sever Jesus from a certain December 25 holiday, keeping Christ in Christmas each year requires an intentional approach for Catholics.

But for anyone who feels discouraged, Pope Francis has an idea: "Let us remember that it is not truly Christmas without the poor," the pontiff said during Christmas Eve Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in 2022. "Without the poor, we can celebrate Christmas," he explained, "but not the birth of Jesus."

The heart of Christmas is Christ, and Christ was poor. "Jesus was born poor, lived poor and died poor," Pope Francis said.

With that in mind, capturing the authentic spirit of Christmas becomes a bit easier: Give to the poor.

Five places to direct your charity:

Catholic Charities USA
<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

Catholic Extension
<https://www.catholicextension.org/>

Cross Catholic Outreach
<https://crosscatholic.org/>

The Franciscan Kitchen
<https://franciscankitchen.org/>

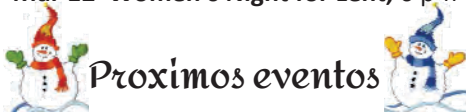
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Christmas Dinner)

<https://www.nationalshrine.org/donate/>
— by Kimberley Heatherington, OSV



Upcoming Events

- Jan 14 Adoration & Confession, 7 pm
- Jan 15 Mass, 10:30 am
Coffee Klatsch, 9:45 am
- Jan 16 Mass, 9 am
Patriotic Rosary, 9:30 am
- Jan 17 Married Couples Group, 7 pm
- Jan 19 PSR Class, 9 am
Mass, 10:30 am
Mass, noon (Spanish)
- Jan 20 Martin Luther King Day
Parish Office Closed
- Jan 22 Sacred Heart Men's Group,
6:30 pm
- Jan 27 Blood Drive, 12:30–6:30 pm
- Feb 4 Sacred Heart Ladies Club, 7 pm
Knights of Columbus, 8 pm
- Feb 7 First Friday Mass, 9 am
- Feb 15 Volunteer Dinner, 6 pm
- Mar 12 Women's Night for Lent, 6 pm



Proximos eventos

- Enc. 14 Hora Santa 7:00 pm
- Enc. 16 Grupo de Oración y Clase de
Catecismo En español 7:00 pm
- Enc. 19 Santa Misa 10:30 am En inglés
y 12:00 pm En español
- Feb. 2 Fiesta de la Presentación del
Señor



Hoy celebramos el Bautismo de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Nuestro bautismo no solo muestra nuestra identificación con Jesucristo sino también nuestro deseo de vivir una vida en obediencia a Él. Jesús dijo “Si me amáis, guardad mis mandamientos.” (Juan 14:15). Cuando nosotros obedecemos a Cristo, demostramos nuestra confianza en Él y nuestra sumisión a su mandato.



Les invitamos a que nos acompañen al Grupo de Oración y Estudio Bíblico todos los jueves de 7-8:15 pm en el Salón Parroquial.

The Baptism of the Lord

Treasures from our Tradition

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since “today there is a blessing on the water.” At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time. —James Field

Lord, thank you for the gift of baptism. Help us to follow Jesus' example of love and service. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so we can bring hope and kindness to others. Amen



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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

Christopher Cater, Dr. Charles Carroll, Dr. Lee & Delores Esprit, Waylan Quigley, Jim Langan, Patrick Gwin, Cathi Sargent, Jerry Moeggenberg, Richard Downing, Vi Thomas, Toni Charles, Ann Reed, Lisa Hernandez, Tyler Foster, Mary Ross, John Garrity, Louise Marshall, Pearl Roberts, Kerry Wiersma, Brian Neville, Paula Myers, Jeff Brockert, Jeff McBride, Michael Lewis Mustane, Annette Haller, Luann Starbuck, Nancy Tucker, Joanne Cloud, Brian Schrand, Franz Seiter, Bernadette Lanham, Matthew Fleisher, Perk Reichley, Crystal Algee, Robert Tucker, Jr.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11
+Fred Norkhauer (Family)
Janet Norkhauer (Family)

Sunday, January 12
+Nancy Tomasella
(Tom & Francie Gelhausen)

Tuesday, January 14
+Dr. & Mrs. N.J. Birkbeck
(Tom Birkbeck)

Wednesday, January 15
+Gerard Kall (Dorothy Rivellino Family)

Thursday, January 16
+Sheila Kilgore
(Brett & Mary Hauber)

Friday, January 17
Dr. Matthew Mak
(Pearlie Wong)

Saturday, January 18
+Ron & Ronnie Roth
(Brian & Wendy Roth)

Sunday, January 19
+Carpo Arellano (Sofie Haney)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 18
Lector: Anne Noble
Servers: Nathalie Matumaini,
Westin Riggs, Lance Grothaus
EMHC: Deacon Dennis Kall,
Chris Ayotte, Dianne Lewis

Sunday, January 19
Lectors: Abigail Neal
Servers: Dusty Paladino,
Riley Paladino, **Need Volunteer**
EMHC: Deacon Mark Danis,
Jean Pierre Birikunzira, Chris Ayotte

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

To ensure the prayer list (above) is up-to-date in the new year, all the names currently listed will be removed after **Jan. 31** unless a renewal request is received. Renewals may be submitted via email to tpeters@stbrigidxenia.org, calling **937-372-3193**, or dropping a note in the collection basket.

FREE ROSARY REPAIR

Have a chain rosary, chaplet, or string chaplet that is in need of repair? St. Brigid parishioner, Mary M., will repair your sacramental at no cost. Envelopes and a dropbox at the entrance off the church parking lot— be sure to write your name and phone number on the envelope so Mary can call you when it's finished!

FR. BLENMAN TO LEAD TWO FAITH CLASSES

Fr. Blenman is scheduled to fill in as leader of Adult Faith Formation on Jan. 13 and Jan. 20. The classes will include extended question-and-answers sessions to allow for a variety of topics. Formation begins at 7 p.m. in the school lunchroom.

IN MEMORY AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas flower donations were made in memory of **Mae McNamee** and for the friends and family of **Mrs. Beverly Tucker**.
**These were made after the publisher's early deadlines for the Christmas bulletins.*



THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 12

- Fellowship Sunday in Lunchroom 10:30 a.m.
- AHG/Traillife Meeting in School 3 p.m.
- Boy Scouts in Lunchroom 4:30 p.m.

Monday, January 13

- Adult Faith in Lunchroom 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14

- Scripture Study in Library 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15

- Youth Ministry in PAC & Lunchroom 6 p.m.

Thursday, January 16

- Adult Choir in Church 7 p.m.

Friday, January 17

- Eucharistic Exposition 8:30 a.m.
- Confession in Church 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Benediction 9:30 p.m.
- Jr. Choir Rehearsal in Church 2:45 p.m.

Saturday, January 18

- Confessions in Church 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 19

- AHG Mid Year Awards in Lunchroom 1 p.m.
- Boy Scouts in Lunchroom 4:30 p.m.

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FREE THROW CHALLENGE

JANUARY 26

10:30 A.M. (AFTER THE 9:30 A.M. MASS)

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ST. BRIGID FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 29 (WEEK 27)

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Collections Goal	_____	\$680,000.00
Collections To Date	_____	\$410,335.04
Amount Left to Reach Goal	_____	\$269,664.96
Christmas Collection 2024	_____	\$19,468.00
Week 27 Collection	_____	\$21,264.51
St. Vincent de Paul	_____	\$4,356.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	_____	\$20.00
American Heritage Girls	_____	\$1,000.00

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EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS at 9 A.M.
Vespers-6 p.m., Benediction-6:30 p.m.
Scan the QR code or visit the site below:

tinyurl.com/January2025Adoration



Welcome to St. Luke Church.

All are invited to Kramer Hall after Mass for coffee, donuts and fellowship. The Welcome Committee is also there after Mass the first weekend of every month to help with registration. Forms are also available online at www.saintlukeparish.org, or at the church office (call or visit). Childcare is available during the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday (**illness is currently causing staff shortages in the nursery, please call ahead for availability*).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BAPTISM

William Allen Phillips
(Dec. 22)

IN SYMPATHY

Pearlie Wong

IRS TAX STATEMENTS

2024 tax statements are scheduled to be distributed by January 31.

LOST AND FOUND CLEAN OUT

Please check the usher's closet for any lost items. Items not collected by January 31 will be donated.

SVDP THANK YOU

Thank you to all our parishioners who supported our Adopt-A-Family collection. With your generous contributions, we were able to serve 13 families, which included 46 children. The recipients were so grateful when the gifts were delivered. Your kindness made a huge difference to their Christmas celebrations.

SVDP COLLECTION FOR SHELTERS

St. Vincent de Paul's next collection of food and personal care donations is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Jan. 25 at Bishop Ford Hall. The collection supports the SVDP Dayton Shelters for our unhoused neighbors in need. Supplies are in Kramer Hall. Scan the QR codes (clickable if reading bulletin digitally) below to sign up. Questions may be emailed to:

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Bag Lunch

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

LEISURE CLUB TO KICK OFF 2025 TUESDAY

Happy New Year! We welcome all those 55 and over to join us on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 1:30 p.m. in St. Luke's Bishop Ford Hall. Come and share a delicious pot-luck lunch with fellow parishioners. Attendees are encouraged to bring a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. The scheduled speaker is Spencer Hargadon, St. Michael's Assoc. Director of Evangelization and Christian Adult Faith Formation, discussing the vision for Marriage Preparation, Christian Initiation and Adult Faith Formation in our family of parishes. We look forward to seeing you.

CALENDAR

Saint Movie Night

Jan. 14 @ 6:30 p.m. in Jansen West

Women of Faith Bible Study Group

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.
Kramer Hall

Come & See Bible Study Group
Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., Kramer Hall

That Man is You Men's Study Group

Wednesdays, 6-7:15 p.m.,
in Jansen West, & Saturdays,
7-8:25 a.m., Kramer Hall

Monthly Novena
to Mary, Help of Christians
Jan. 16-24 @ 9:30 a.m.
St. Michael Devotions Room

GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY

All are welcome to join a study of St. Paul's letter to the Galatians in the Jansen Center beginning **Jan. 15**. The studies will have two sessions, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., to choose from on Wednesdays. Call Tom at 937-426-1733, xt. 6301, to sign up and order study guides.

EDITH STEIN FOCUS OF SAINT MOVIE TUESDAY

This month's saint movie is scheduled for January 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Jansen West for our monthly Saint Movie Night, featuring Saint Theresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein). The documentary film is about the heroic Jewish woman, Edith Stein, who became a Catholic nun and was later martyred at Auschwitz.

Light snacks and drinks will be served. Please note the earlier start time to accommodate the longer movie length. Please mark your calendars to join us.

PIETRA IN THE NEW YEAR

Pietra Fitness has returned with a new series based on the Surrender Novena: surrendering all to God. Classes meet Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Gilligan Hall through Feb. 26. The drop-in cost is \$10 per class and attendees are encouraged to bring a mat and water.

WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY TO BEGIN TUESDAY

"Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled" is the title of the next study for the St. Michael Family's Women of Faith. With Luke's powerful prose and unique parables, you will learn about the love and mercy our Savior has for you as well as the Biblical roots of our Catholic Faith, the Mass, Mary, and the rosary.

The eight-session study is scheduled for 10-11 a.m. in Kramer Hall starting on **January 14**. Study guide's can be ordered by calling 937-426-1733, xt. 6301. The cost is \$30.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR WEEK 26

The below financial support information (thru December 22) was not available for print in the previous bulletin due to the publisher's holiday deadlines.

- Weekend Total \$42,420.71**
- Holy Days*
- Christmas \$7,090.00**
- Immaculate Conception \$99.70**
- Non-Parish Collection(s)*
- St. Vincent de Paul \$1,110.00**
- Human Development \$250.00**
- Religious Retirement \$449.70**
- Miscellaneous Collection(s)*
- School Ministry Collection \$904.07**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Mass:
Celebrant's Intention
5:30 p.m. Mass:
+Timothy Wong (Pearlie Wong)

Sunday, January 12

9 a.m. Mass:
+Richard Kasznia
(Mark & Jeannette Niezgodski)
11 a.m. Mass:
+Stanley Dawicke
(Sue & George Myers)

Monday, January 13

+Kathleen Kay Spaluss
(John Volpe)

Tuesday, January 14

+Martha Siegrist
(The Blakely Family)

Wednesday, January 15

+Martha Siegrist
(The Gooding Family)

Thursday, January 16

+Dorothea Meade
(Shannon & Michael Patak)

Friday, January 17

+Paul & Velma Miller
(Don & Maureen Kocarek)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THRU 12/29 (WEEK 27)

Weekend Total	\$28,867.14
Yearly Total	\$721,000.44
<u>Holy Days</u>	
Immaculate Conception	\$50.00
Christmas	\$23,250.25.00
Total Holy Days	\$46,644.53
<u>Regular+Holy Day Total</u>	\$767,644.97
<u>Budgeted:</u>	
Each Weekend	\$29,614.00
Total thru Week 25	\$799,580.16
<u>Non-Parish Collection(s)</u>	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$4,445.64
Religious Retirement	\$929.70
<u>Miscellaneous Collection(s)</u>	
School Ministry	\$229.79

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- School Ministry (Jan. 19)**
- St. Vincent de Paul (Jan. 26)**



Christmas Builders

Thank you to all the volunteers and staff members who helped adorn the church with the many Christmas decorations.





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(earlier deadlines due to holidays)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 12
+Jack Erwine (St. Paul Parishioners)

Wednesday, Jan. 15
+Juanita Richardson
(St. Paul Parishioners)

Sunday, Jan. 19
+Joseph E. O'Connor
(St. Paul Parishioners)

Jan. 19 SCHEDULE

SACRISTAN: Vickie Hoomes
GREETER: Rebecca Andorfer
SERVER/S: Matthew & Daniel Williams,
Vickie Hoomes
LECTOR: Maggie Heston

PRAY FOR US

Please pray for Bernadette Lanham, Martin Connolly, Candie Ayers, Sheila Suwalski, Emily Lyons-Hammond, Patrick Gwin, Father Edmund Hussey, and all in need of prayer and healing.

DONUT SUNDAY TODAY

All are invited to coffee and donuts in the undercroft after Mass today (Jan. 12).



**FRIDAY LUNCHEON
MOVED FOR JANUARY**

The next luncheon has been moved to Jan. 25 (the fourth Friday). The change is for January only. The guest speaker will be Spencer Hargadon, Adult Faith Coordinator. Sign up in the undercroft or by texting/calling Kathy Sanders at 937-272-0413.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Please bring donations (dry and canned goods) to Mass and place them in the bottom, labeled cabinet in the Undercroft on the right, near the Confessional. Parishioners from St. Paul deliver the items to the food pantry in Yellow Springs. Thank you for anything you can donate.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Editor's Note: Financial information was not available when this bulletin went to publication. Due to the Christmas break schedule, financial information through Dec. 29 will be updated in a future bulletin.



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