

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT | DECEMBER 15, 2024

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



Blessed is
the fruit of
your womb

LUKE 1:42

JOY

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 third week of Advent theme is Joy. The painting, titled "The Visitation," by Domenico Ghirlandaio, depicts the moment when Elizabeth greets Mary filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.



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

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Beloved in Christ,

I will not email you or text you and begin asking you to buy gift cards for me. Scammers set up email addresses every day which include the words "father" or "pastor" to make it look legitimate. Moreover, they will use my name as the one you see in the "From" box in an email. Do not believe them. When in doubt, feel free to call any of our parish offices to confirm.

We will have seven hours of confessions for Advent this Thursday (Dec. 19) from noon to 7 p.m. at St. Luke for all members of our Family of Parishes.

Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve tend to be very crowded. I invite you to bring the family on Christmas Day when there is plenty of space to have a peaceful encounter with the Living God as we celebrate His birth into humanity.

The Advent shift happens this Tuesday (Dec. 17). We move our focus from Jesus coming at the end of time to commemorating the anticipation of the Savior's birth two millennia ago. Visit bible.usccb.org and see if you notice it in the readings of the day.

The Christmas Season is 19 days long this year. How do we celebrate Christmas until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 12? How do we resist the cultural pressure to dump Christmas after just one day? Keep the decorations up. Invite people to Christmas parties that are actually during the Christmas Season rather than Advent. Use it as a teaching moment to evangelize.

How long should we keep the Christmas decorations in place? A tradition continues in many churches where the Christmas decorations stay in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. It celebrates when the infant Jesus was brought into His own house, the sacred Temple of God 40 days after His birth.

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

Blessed Advent,

Fr. Bedel



Fr. Bedel attended the last Youth Night of the year last Sunday at St. Luke. All St. Michael Family youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to participate when Youth Night resumes Jan. 5 with a Pizza Night Epiphany Party.

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

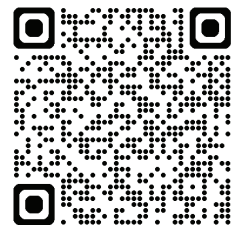
8:30 a.m....St. Brigid (9:30 a.m. Benediction)

FLOCKNOTE



Our Family of churches uses Flocknote to help keep parishioners and staff informed via email and texts. Sign up is simple (no username 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

WOMEN'S GROUP DRAWING FROM MANY PARISHES

More than 60 women from 11 different parishes are among those now joining Women of Faith meeting at St. Luke. The group's next study starting next month, titled "Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled," is aimed at transforming relationships with Jesus and strengthening prayer life. Luke's powerful prose and unique parables will help explore the Biblical roots of the 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 guides can be ordered by calling 937-426-1733, xt. 6301. The cost is \$30.

CYO VOLLEYBALL OPEN TO ALL FAMILY MEMBERS

Registration for CYO Volleyball at St. Brigid is now open to St. Michael Family boys and girls in grades 3-8. Visit the website below to register or email bsticka@smafp.org for information. stbrigidathletics.com/registration

PIZZA NIGHT & SNOW TUBING SCHEDULED FOR 2025

Youth Nights at St. Luke are scheduled to resume on January 5 with a Pizza Night Epiphany Party. All students in grades 6-12 are welcome. Be sure to mark your calendars and stay tuned for more regarding a Snow Tubing outing on January 19! For more information, email Geneva Barclay via: gbarclay@smafp.org

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

A new Youth Night for high schoolers at St. Paul Church is scheduled to continue the first Wednesday of each month following the 6 p.m. Mass. The purpose of the meetings is to explore St. John Paul the Great's Theology of the Body. For more information, email Michael Barclay via: mbarclay@smafp.org



Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

- 4 p.m. - Mary, Help of Christians
- 4:30 p.m. - St. Brigid
- 5:30 p.m. - St. Luke
- 6 p.m. - St. Paul
- 7 p.m. - Sacred Heart
- 11 p.m. - St. Luke

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

- Midnight - St. Brigid
- 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



High schoolers share some smiles and laughs during the kick-off of a new Youth Night focused on St. John Paul the Great's "Theology of the Body."

SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH

MASS

Sunday, December 15
+Sonny, Mary Agnes, and Bob Knecht
(Mary Ann Knecht)

Sunday, December 22
+Deceased Germann Family
(Willie and Cindy Germann)

December 22 Schedule

LECTOR: B. Miller

SERVERS: C. Reynolds, J. Reynolds

COLLECTIONS

12/1: \$2323

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

HOLINESS IS WHOLENESS

BODY: Check blood pressure regularly.

MIND: Think positive.

SPIRIT: Forgive yourself.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING NEXT WEEK

Everyone is invited to stay after Mass on Sunday, **December 22**, to decorate the church for Christmas.

PSR SCHEDULE

PSR classes meet today. Future classes will be on: **Jan. 5**, 12, 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.

CHILDREN'S MASS & BREAKFAST TODAY

The Children's Mass is today. It will be followed by breakfast hosted by the PSR students, their parents and teachers, and the St. Augustine Church Ladies. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SENIOR LUNCHEON TUESDAY

Seniors 50 and older are invited to the next luncheon at the Jamestown Senior Center on **Dec. 17**. 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 by reservation is on Tuesdays.

FLOWER ENVELOPES DUE NEXT WEEK

Envelopes are available in the back of the church for donations for the purchase of poinsettias for the Christmas season. Please put your name and the name(s) of those who wish to honor on the envelope. The envelopes need to be turned in by December 22.



TYKE SHOP

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the Tyke Shop on Saturday. It was a huge success.

ROSARY

Pat Mach will be leading the Rosary each Sunday beginning at **7:40 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to participate.

St. Augustine Church

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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: Jon Hobbs, Connie Reynolds, Mike Nieland, Joe Hess, 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, Vicki Sage, Marcy Wirbsbinnske, Robert Mergy, Autumn Neville, Cindy Hamilton, Marge Albrecht, Mary Buschur, Lauren Williams, John Harris, Lisa Everman, Becky Hiser, Diane Miller, Jane Morris, Heather Klingensmith, Geneva Hommsteuter, Al Elam, Erin Sanderson, Patrick Huri, 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) The Mexican Christmas tradition of going house to house looking for room at the inn is called Las _____.

a) Pinatas b) Casas c) Posadas d) Quesadillas

2) Which saint is closely associated with Christmas because of his generosity to a needy family?

a) Nicholas b) Pius X c) Clement d) Polycarp

ANSWERS: 1. c) Mexican children process with lit candles, dress up like Mary and Joseph, enjoy pinatas, and pray the Rosary from December 16 to 24 in preparation for Christmas. 2. a) Saint Nicholas provided a poor family with the dowries for its daughters' weddings. His charity became a model for Christians.

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Mary, Help of Christians Church

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Parish Website: mhcp parish.org

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Staff:

Michael Barclay, Associate Director of
Youth Adult and Family Evangelization

Julie Sewell, Administrative Assistant

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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

"Joy" It's a genuine look at what it means to be joyous. We actively and deliberately, moment by moment, day by day, need to choose joy in the face of any circumstance. While our circumstances may not change, our perspectives can!

PSR: There will be no sessions December 22 & December 29.

Sessions will resume January 5.

Have a blessed and joyful Christmas!

JOY CLUB

Will meet Monday, January 13 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Francis Hall. Come to **enJOY** an afternoon of fellowship, games and refreshments and with your fellow parishioners and friends.

LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, SACRISTANS,

USHERS & SERVERS :

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

December, January & February 2. 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 ministry.

K OF C PARISH BREAKFAST:

Breakfast Our next breakfast will be today Sunday, December 15. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 11:00 a.m. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company.

MHC OFFICE HOURS OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The MHC office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 at Noon, Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26. We will reopen Friday, December 27 at 9:30 a.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEXT COLLECTION DECEMBER 14-15



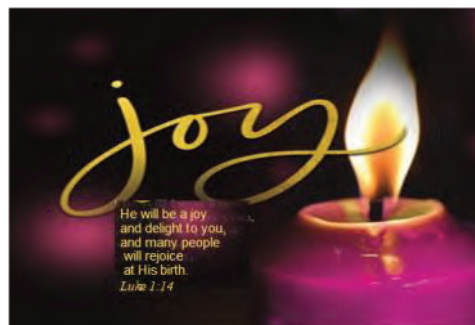
St. Vincent de Paul collects monetary donations at the doors after Mass on the 3rd weekend of every month. Look for baskets at each of the doors marked for St. Vincent dePaul. This week we will collect a box of Kleenex.



PLEASE HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!



We will be cleaning and sprucing up the church for Christmas on Monday, December 23 after the 7:45 a.m. Mass or around 8:45 a.m. We need many people to clean, dust and vacuum. If you can help, please come. Thanks!



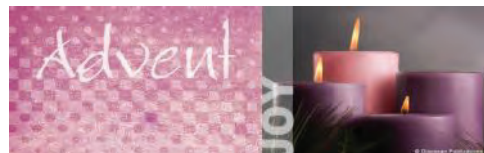
THE GIVING TREE



All presents and monetary donations need to be returned by today, Sunday December 15 after the 8:30 am Mass. We will be sorting the presents and getting them to families today also. Please call Amanda @ 937-620-0701 or Annie @ 937-409-5299 if you have any other questions. Thank you for being so generous with your time and donations.

May you all have a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

GAUDETE SUNDAY: THE LORD IS NEAR!



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

THE CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY



On Sunday, December 29 the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

As a further celebration this year the Knights of Columbus are asking our Mary, Help of Christians families to also celebrate a Consecration to the Holy Family. Our Knights of Columbus Council 3724 will be making Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards available for parishioners at the back of Church the week before the Feast of the Holy Family Sunday. Our hope is that this will strengthen parish families and revitalize our parishes. To aid in this effort, Fairborn Council 3724 is inviting each Mary, Help of Christians' family to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

NEWLY BAPTIZED:



In November our parish celebrated the following baptisms: Declan Steven Everhart, and Keely Shannon Everhart son and

daughter of Shawn Steven Everhart and Emily Susan (Fowler) Everhart. Their Godparents are Patrick Dehnart and Amanda Dehnart. Michael Barclay (Proxy) and

Hayden James Henry Bohl, son of Ryan Douglas Bohl and Rosemarie (Walton) Bohl His Godparents are Liam Fairbanks and Hallie Fairbanks.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to these families on this blessed and joyful occasion.

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 December 16.**

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.

"Wait For The Lord"



An evening of song, prayer, and Scripture in the Taizé tradition.

*Mary, Help of Christians Church
Friday, December 20, 2024
at 7:00 p.m. in the church.*

Please join us for this inspiring service...

THE 2025 CATHOLIC CALENDARS



are available on the bulletin table in the Gathering Space.

Saturday, December 14-4:00 p. m.

+Joan Jerome

(MHC & Sacred Heart Catechists)

Sunday, December 15-8:30 a.m.

For The Parish

Monday, December 16-7:45 a.m.

+Helen Lakota

(Barbara Ludwick)

Tuesday, December 17-7:45 a.m.

+Paul A. Stutz Jr.

(Family)

Wednesday, December 18 -12:00 p.m.

+Joan Jerome

(Doucette Family)

Thursday, December 19- 7:45 a.m.

+Gerald Dull

(Cindy Dull)

Friday, December 20-7:45 a.m.

+Rita Bland

(Linda Paul)

Saturday, December 21-4:00 p. m.

Happy102 Birthday Paul Pitstick

December 13

(Herman & Martha Karhoff)

Sunday, December 22-8:30 a.m.

+Marilyn Jean Smith

(MHC Choir)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

FOR 12/01/24

Regular Collection & Loose Cash & Envelopes	\$13,141.50
Capital Improvements Donation Collections	\$5.00

Total Collections For December 1, 2024
\$13,146.50

Church Renovation Project
Total Donations and Pledges as of 12/01/24
\$158,646.00

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 church gratefully accepts donations of stock.

A tax deduction for a gift of appreciated securities to a charity equals its full fair market value.

Sacred Heart Church
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St. Vincent de Paul Society
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Bulletin Submissions
bulletin@sacredheartnc.net

January 5 deadline is Dec. 15
January 12 deadline is Dec. 24

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, December 15, 10:30 am Mass
+ Rick Lambricht (Bethany Hall)

Sunday, Diciembre 15, noon Mass
For Pat & Javier Perez
(Perez-Garcia Family)

Wednesday, December 18, 9 a.m. Mass
For Mary Yates (Luz Maria Perez)

Thursday, December 19, 9 a.m. Mass
Living and deceased members of the
Patriotic Rosary (Carolyn Marth)

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, Senior Airman 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



Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, 7 pm – 8 pm
Confession Available



The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh. "As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.



Christmas Mass Schedule at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve

Mass, 7:00 p.m.

Music begins 30 minutes before Mass.
Chimes, children's choir & brass ensemble

Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day

Mass, 10:30 a.m.

Music begins 15 minutes before Mass
with choir

Mass, noon (Spanish)



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ADVENT

Upcoming Events

- Dec 17 Adoration & Confession, 7 pm
- Dec 18 Mass, 9 am
Coffee Klatsch, 9:45 am
- Dec 19 Mass, 9 am
Patriotic Rosary, 9:30 am
- Dec 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
NO PSR Classes
Decorate Church, 1:30 pm
- Dec 24–26 Parish Office Closed
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass, 7 pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass, 10:30 am
Mass, noon (Spanish)
- Dec 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph — NO PSR Classes
- Jan 1 Holy Day of Obligation —
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Mass, 10:30 am
Mass, noon (Spanish)
- Jan 3 First Friday Mass, 9 am
- Jan 7 Sacred Heart Ladies Club, 7 pm
Knights of Columbus, 8 pm
- Jan 8 Sacred Heart Men's Group, 6:30 pm
Women's Faith Group, 7 pm
- Jan 11 Donate Used Christmas Items, 10 am to noon



Proximos eventos



- Dic. 17 Hora santa 7:00 pm
- Dic. 24 Misa de Nochebuena
7:00 pm en inglés
- Dic. 25 Misa de Navidad
12:00 pm español
- Ene. 1 Misa de Año Nuevo
12:00 pm español



Oración para el tercer Domingo de Adviento.

Señor, gracias por reunirnos una vez más en torno a esta corona. Ayúdanos a vivir intensamente este Adviento y prepararnos para recibirte. Por Cristo Nuestro Señor. Todos: Amén.



Santísimo Sacramento

El Santísimo Sacramento nos espera este y cada martes durante la Hora Santa de 7-8pm. Los días que no habrá Hora Santa será el 24 y 31 de Diciembre. El 24 de Diciembre habrá Misa de Nochebuena en inglés.

RESPECT LIFE

Prayer & Action

Each year during Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior at Christmas. As we anticipate this joyful celebration, we recall the well-known journey of the Holy Family from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Far from home, poor, and in great need, Mary and Joseph find refuge in a simple stable.

Today, women in our own communities are pregnant, poor, perhaps without a home, and in great need. They may feel alone, scared, and overwhelmed, not knowing where they can turn for help. Like the Holy Family, they are often reliant on the kindness and service of others.

This Advent may the story of the first Christmas inspire us to reach out to mothers in need. By answering this call, may we help mothers experience the joy, hope and peace brought by the infant Jesus. And may we, too, share in and bear witness to the miracle of new life.

Contact your local pregnancy resource center or diocesan pregnancy support ministry. *Ask about ways you can help, such as volunteering or donating baby items.* You could also offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for pregnant mothers.

Church Office Closed

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 14

+Eugene Neville
(Neville Family)

Sunday, December 15

+Anne Shoup (Paula Zaino)

Tuesday, December 17

+Richard Bonham Sunley & Rose
Mary Sunley (Mary Mustaine)

Wednesday, December 18

Charles, Robert, William & Thomas
Sunley (Mary Mustaine)

Thursday, December 19

Bill & Mary Bonham Sunley
(Mary Mustaine)

Friday, December 20

+Nancy, Howard, Wagner, Lucille
& Casper Hess (Family)

Saturday, December 21

+Ron & Ronnie Roth
(Brian & Wendy Roth)

Sunday, December 22

+Ken Williams

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 21

Lector: Chris Ayotte

Servers: Garrett Hollon,

Cooper and Lily Chamberlin

EMHC: Deacon Dennis Kall,

Chris Ayotte, Tony Chitwood

Sunday, December 22

Lectors: Tom Pestak

Servers: John Paul Kerr,

Rolando Nshimiyimana, Jacob Park

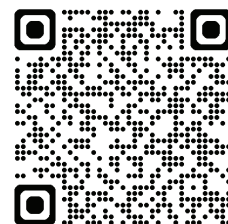
EMHC: Tom Birkbeck, Gerry Harp,

Keith Gruhot

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST FRIDAY

The next all-day Eucharistic Exposition is **Jan. 3**. Exposition begins about 8:30 a.m. (after Mass) and ends with benediction at 7 p.m. Sign-up slots are available at the link and QR code to the right, at the sign-up sheet on the table in the middle aisle of church, or by calling the parish office. Please consider spending some time in Adoration with Jesus.



**First
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THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 15

- Boy Scouts
in Lunchroom 4:30 p.m.

Monday, December 16

- Adult Faith in Lunchroom 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17

- Scripture Study
in Library 6:30 p.m.
- RCIA Family Meeting
in Lunchroom 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18

- Marian Prayers in Chapel 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 19

- Adult Choir Rehearsal
in Church 7 p.m.

Friday, December 20

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

Saturday, December 21

- TMIY in MOD 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions in Church
3:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 22

- Boy Scouts
in Lunchroom 4:30 p.m.

ST. BRIGID FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 9 (WEEK 24)

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Collections Goal	\$680,000.00
Collections To Date	\$343,570.38
Amount Left to Reach Goal	\$336,429.62

Week 24 Collection	\$67,786.05
ACH - Nov Monthly	\$3,730.00
WeShare - Nov Monthly	\$1,511.70
PayPal - Nov Monthly	\$964.43
Total	\$73,992.18

St. Vincent de Paul	\$620.00
Christmas Flowers	\$360.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$3,445.00
Christmas Collection	\$310.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,310.00

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.

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*Jan. 5 Bulletin: due Dec. 16

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*early deadlines due to holidays

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/3f6vt2k9



Welcome to St. Luke Church.

Childcare is available during the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and 11 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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BAPTISM

Elliot Ronald Black (Nov. 24)
Arie Noelle Perdomo (Nov. 17)

IN SYMPATHY

Anne Rieser
Donna Edly
Alfred Vislosky
Joseph Jacobs

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fair Trade Coffee

Dec. 14-15 after Mass, Kramer Hall

Mary, Help of Christians Novena

Dec 16-24 @ 9:30 a.m.
St. Michael Devotions Room

WOMEN OF FAITH TO BEGIN NEW BIBLE STUDY IN 2025

"Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled" is the title of the next study for the St. Michael Family's Women of Faith group that meets at St. Luke. Transform your relationship with Jesus and strengthen your prayer life. 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.

St. Vincent de Paul GIVING TREE

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neighbors.

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- Legacy Health Services
- Beavercreek Health & Rehab
- Trinity

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Gifts Due by Dec 15 (Kramer Hall)



DECORATION DONATIONS

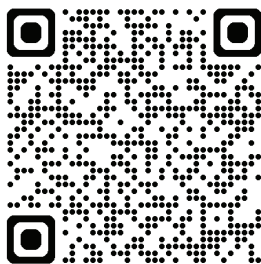
The Boosters are accepting “gently used” artificial Christmas trees and decorations to restock the “Attic Treasures” booth for next year’s Bazaar. Donations will be accepted until January 31. Trees and decorations can be dropped off at Jansen Center and a donation receipt can be provided. Please identify your item as a donation for the Boosters. Please call Patti at 937-545-8954 with any questions.



BEAUTIFICATION CAMPAIGN

A committee has formed to lead a significant beautification of St. Luke Church in 2025. First, six parishioners are needed to spend three hours a week in prayer for the success of this project. If interested, please contact Deacon Danis at 937-426-1733, Ext. 6206. In addition, some parishioners recently asked the parish to establish a beautification fund so that donations are eligible for tax benefits before the end of the year. That fund can now accept donations electronically (via the QR code or web address below) or during Mass collections.

Contributions can be made by check by simply indicating “Beautification Fund” on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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I Heart Santa

St. Nicholas was known for his love of God and fellow man, as shown in this portrait by a St. Luke School fifth grader. The feast of St. Nicholas was Dec. 6.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

All parish offices and facilities are scheduled to close on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) at noon and to remain closed Dec. 25-26. The nursery will be closed on Saturday, Dec 28, and Sunday, Dec. 29.

There is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament scheduled for Dec. 24, but it is scheduled to be held Thursday, Dec. 26, and Tuesday, Dec. 31 (New Year’s Eve). Benediction is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Dec. 31.

All parish offices and facilities are scheduled to close on Dec. 31 at noon and remain closed all day on Jan. 1.

GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY TO OFFER TWO SESSIONS

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 14

8:30 a.m. Mass:

Celebrant's Intention

5:30 p.m. Mass:

+Tony DiMuzio (Debbie Brannan)

Sunday, December 15

9 a.m. Mass:

Pat Ruetschle & Family (Ed & Joan Ruetschle)

11 a.m. Mass:

+Mark Ahles Family (Debbie & Rose Ahles)

Monday, December 16

+Marvin & Dorothea Meade (The Gooding Family)

Tuesday, December 17

+Mary Baker (Jim & Fran King)

Wednesday, December 18

+Jim Sroga

(Knights of Columbus–Bishop Ford Assembly)

Thursday, December 19

+Paul Miller (Anonymous)

Friday, December 20

+Dorothea Meade (Jane Dockery)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THRU 11/24 (WEEK 22)

Weekend Total	\$22,585.94
Yearly Total	\$563,044.03
<u>Holy Days</u>	
Total Holy Days	\$10,418.58
<u>Regular+Holy Day Total</u>	\$573,462.61
<u>Budgeted:</u>	
Each Weekend	\$29,614.00
Total thru Week 21	\$651,509.76
<u>Non-Parish Collection(s)</u>	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,015.00
Human Development	\$4,441.50
<u>Miscellaneous Collection(s)</u>	
School Ministry	\$860.00

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

School Ministry (Dec. 15)

St. Vincent de Paul (Dec. 29)

Solemnity of Mary (Jan. 1)



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Sunday, Dec. 15
+Jack Erwine
(Thursday Morning Prayer Group)

Wednesday, Dec. 18
+James Alexander (Patty Alexander)

Sunday, Dec. 22
+Anne Shoup (Greco Family)

Dec. 22 SCHEDULE

SACRISTAN: TBD
GREETER: Rebecca Andorfer
USHER: TBD
SERVER/S: Vickie Hoomes
LECTOR: Jerry Tritle

FRIDAY LUNCHEON UPDATE

Our next luncheon has been moved to the fourth Friday on Jan. 25. The week change is for January only. The guest speaker will be Spencer Hargadon, Adult Faith Coordinator.

Sign up for the luncheon in the undercroft or via texting/calling Kathy Sanders at 937-272-0413. Look forward to seeing everyone.

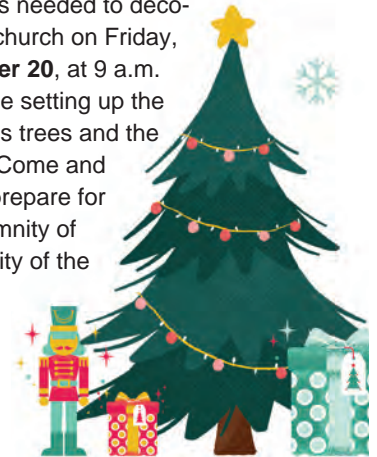
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MINISTRY

Help St. Paul spread the spirit of Christmas. St. Paul will deliver gift cards from Tom's Market to help some of our neighbors. An envelope for this ministry was placed in with monthly envelopes to help make this possible with a monetary donation. Envelopes are also located by the bulletins. The generosity of last year's ministry enabled the delivery of Christmas gift bags to 44 community members.

Volunteers will be needed to help deliver these certificates to residents on Saturday, **Dec. 21**. Please contact Kathy Sanders at 937-272-0413 or Vickie Hoomes at 937-360-4569 to assist.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FRIDAY

Help is needed to decorate the church on Friday, **December 20**, at 9 a.m. We will be setting up the Christmas trees and the Creche. Come and help us prepare for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord!



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Those wishing to place flowers in the church in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one should please contact Kathy Sanders at 937-272-0413.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to join St. Paul Prayer Warriors or have a special request, please contact Vickie Hoomes at **937-360-4569** or via email at: vbhoomes@aol.com

PRAY FOR US

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

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 THROUGH DEC. 1

General Collection for Dec. 1_____	\$1,118.00
Online Donations – November 2024____	\$1,055.00
YTD General Collections_____	\$60,375.00
Weekly Maintenance/Restoration_____	\$488.00
YTD Maintenance/Restoration _____	\$3,678.49
Maintenance/Restoration Balance_____	\$488.00
Total Income - Total Expense Surplus___	\$18,518.60

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