

DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Lord our God, help us to prepare for the coming of Christ, your Son. May he find us waiting, eager in joyful prayer."

~ Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 25)

Donald Corcoran

by The Brian Corcoran Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 p.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 29)

Cathy Waggoner Bates

by Bob & Mary Pokrandt

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 32)

Don Kessler by Bryan & Joan Shonkwiler

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

NO MASS Father Ted's Day Off

4:30 p.m. Junior Choir (CH)

6:00 p.m. Chime Choir (H)

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (CH)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 39)

Dan Fabian by Pat Perry

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass** (pg. 25)

Matt Hogue by Mark & Patty Fouch

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 a.m. **Sunday Mass** (pg. 25)

Joe Leahy by The Butler Family

11:15 a.m. **Sunday Mass** (pg. 25)

The People of St. Joseph Parish

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WHAT'S HAPPENING: Thanks to all for the cards and prayers for my birthday! It was a wonderful day...at my age I don't remember what I did!! But it was wonderful, I'm sure.

BACK IN CHURCH: It is sooo good to be where we belong. We are still in progress and you will notice some changes in surroundings. It is a learning experience too, since now the platform is removed. Servers, Lectors, Cantors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers and all are assisting in the "new" way to do the things they do. We appreciate the input we're receiving on making our celebrations the best that they can be.

ONE ITEM that I need to bring up for your own safety is that you don't use the pew bookrack to help getting up to a standing position. In the two weekends that we were back in the church, three bookracks were damaged. Two had "minor" damage – the top board was pulled off and one rack was pulled off the pew in front. They are sturdy enough to hold the books, but not as an assist bar. We don't want anyone injured falling down or back on the pew. The pew spacing increased only slightly more than one inch with the removal of one pew from each side. I thought that would help, but I thought wrong. Mea culpa. We also had an instance of someone drawing in ink on the kneeler. Please don't do that.

The Altar, Ambo, and Cantor stand should be installed by December 18. Door hardware, including the "astragals" to seal the gap in the front doors could be later. Yes, we do know there is a gap between the doors but the wrong measurements were sent to the manufacturer. Oops. Not my fault.

We are not finished yet. Please be patient. I need to keep telling that to myself too.

DEEZER UPDATE: He is totally blind now. Charlie the cat is his best pet buddy...sleeps with the Deez and "grooms him." Still plays some but his hearing is not good. I did get a "Happy Birthday" greeting from him!

OUR PRAYERS FOR OTHERS: Hold in your prayers **Elisabeth Davis, Mary Ann Hall, Jim Leach**, and all those who are on our prayer chain. If you have permission and wish to put a friend or loved one on the email prayer chain, or are interested in praying as part of our prayer chain, please contact Jackie Rose at diggersdaughter@yahoo.com or (614) 595-7633. If you would also like to have a name listed in our church bulletin for prayers, please notify us at office@saintjosephcircleville.com or call 477-2549, ext. 300.

CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of **Theresa Tiberi**, who died on **November 30, 2017**. Please remember Theresa in your prayers, along with her family and all who love her.

FOOD DRIVE: The Mound Street Churches will hold our annual Food Drive this upcoming **Saturday, December 16th**, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., in the church parking lot. Please bring nonperishable food to feed those in our community who are hungry this winter.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you wish to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope in your packets. We request a \$15.00 donation per flower. Be sure to include the name on the envelope of the individual whose memory you are honoring, and do not put loose checks in the regular collection basket without the special envelope. Donations must be received by Sunday, **December 17th**, in order for their names to appear in the bulletin December 24th.

RESTORATION PAYMENTS: Please continue to place your Restoration payments in the box downstairs in the hall or mail them to P.O. Box 40, Circleville, OH 43113. We apologize for any inconvenience, but some additional work needs to be done on the box upstairs before we can begin using it again.



THIS WEDNESDAY, we will meet in the Church Hall and explore the Sacrament of Confirmation.

RESTORATION CORNER:

Following in St. Joseph's Footsteps
Restoration Progress

Goal: \$1,720,240

Pledged (to date): \$1,824,267.67

Paid (to date): \$1,203,940.29

Due (to date): \$620,327.38

Stained Glass Window Shares Sold: 68 of 100

Please continue to join your parish family in offering.

GIVING TREE GIFTS ARE DUE back, **unwrapped**, no later than next Sunday, **December 17th**. Please be sure to **attach your tag to your gifts** and bring them to church and place them near the tree (by the baptismal font). Note that **NO GIFT CARDS ARE TO BE LEFT** at the tree, but should be either placed in the Sunday collection or dropped off at the Parish Office. Donation of gift bags (new or gently used) and wrapping paper is needed, too! Thank you for helping care for those in our community who wouldn't otherwise have gifts to open on Christmas morning, both children and adults with special needs.

ADVENT IS A TIME OF WAITING. In this age of instant gratification, we can easily forget what it is like to wait for something. We can stream media instantly and have items shipped to us overnight which leaves little room for anticipation. With stores playing Christmas music and already decorated for the big day, it can be all too easy to forget about Advent. Advent forces us to wait. We wait for the coming of the Messiah. The Lord will come again and in the liturgical year Advent serves as a reminder that we are a pilgrim people awaiting the return of Jesus. May He find us alert and eagerly awaiting His return! *Maranatha! Come Lord, Jesus!*

SAVE THE DATE! All Men are invited, 2018 Catholic Men's Conference, February 24th, Cardinal Hall Building, Ohio Expo Center. "Cast Your Nets, Become Fishers of Men" will feature speakers Dr. Scott Hahn, Jeff Cavins, Chris Stefanick and Bishop Frederick Campbell. REGISTER TODAY TO SAVE at CatholicMensMinistry.com #CMMcon18.

WILDERNESS OUTREACH is holding its annual all men, fathers and sons, Advent hike at Clear Creek Metro Park on Saturday, December 16th. The morning hike will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. and the afternoon hike will start at 1:00 p.m. Both hikes will be staged from the Creekside Meadows parking lot at the east side of the park. Lunch, Mass, Campfire and Fraternity will be held 200 yards south of the parking lot in Camp Wyandot. The celebration of the Mass with Fr. William Hahn will start at 5:00 p.m. The evening will conclude with fellowship until about 8:00 p.m. All men, fathers and sons are welcome to attend. For further information, contact John Bradford at 614-679-6761 or wildernessoutreach2560@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: St. Joseph will be hosting residents and visitors to Pickaway County who have special needs, senior citizens, unemployed, and those who are alone to join us for Christmas Dinner. There is no cost for this traditional meal that will be served from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. We need your help. There will be two shifts. If you have few hours in your holiday to lend a hand, it would be appreciated. The shifts will be from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Please call Lisa McKeivier at 614-395-6146 to sign up.

OFFERING:

November 26: \$4,854.72

December 3: \$5,476.61

Elizabeth's Hope Pregnancy Center: \$591.00

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:
DECEMBER 16TH & 17TH**

If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please be sure to find a replacement.

Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Please check your name off the list at the back of the church when you arrive each week.

Saturday, December 16th, 5:00 p.m.

Servers: Nicholas Mascari, Xavier Mascari

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Chuck Steinhauser*, Cathy Steinhauser,

Michelle Estel, Grace Elliott, Teri Mogan

Lectors: Marsha Few (1), Wayne Fontaine (2)

Ushers: David M. Crawford, Charles Estel, Phil Vogel

Greeters: Sr. Monica Justinger, Teri Mogan

Sunday, December 17th, 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Regan Strawser, Paige Strawser

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Michael Matthiass*, Ron McMullen, Beth Ford,

Molly Schiff, Bryan Shonkwiler

Lectors: Linda Nutter (1), Mary Lundberg (2)

Ushers: Vanessa Butterbaugh, Ron Butterbaugh,

Merle Valentine, Krista Valentine, Kevin Collis

Greeters: Darren & Susan Metzger, Steve & Beth Ford

Sunday, December 17th, 11:15 a.m.

Servers: Zach Martin, Mara Geddis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Dan Huggett*, John Bowen, Ann Short,

Pam Smith, Amanda Forquer

Lectors: Marshall Fields (1), Brian Neff (2)

Ushers: David Corbett, John Stolarz,

Michael D. Williams, Eric Theis

Greeters: John & Marcele Bowen, Amanda & Matt Forquer

Youth NEWS AND EVENTS

Parish School of Religion & Youth Ministry

December 10, 2017



First Reconciliation Preparations

First Reconciliation will be **Sunday, December 10 at 4 p.m.**

Please come receive the sacrament and show support for our youth receiving their First Reconciliation! Also, please keep these youth in your prayers as they continue on the journey to receiving the Lord in the Eucharist. First Communion will be April 22.

Drake Adams

Avery Ater

Abigail Haines

Mallory McConnell

Liam Stir

Vanessa Butterbaugh,
PSR Coordinator/
Youth Minister
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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ First Reconciliation—
Dec. 10 @ 4 p.m.
- ◆ YM Christmas Social—
Dec. 17 @ 6:00 p.m.

History of the Christmas tree

The memorial of Adam the Patriarch is December 24. He is the patron of gardeners, being the one who first tended the Garden of Eden. On this date a tradition began to decorate a Paradise Tree with apples or quince representing the forbidden fruit from the Tree of Knowledge. During the 16th century symbolic wafers were added to represent the Eucharist, the Fruit of Life. In Germany this tree was renamed *Christbaum* or Christ Tree, which we now call a Christmas tree. The Church had issues with symbolic Communion wafers being hung on a tree, and with their removal the Germans created angels, hearts, and stars from white pastry dough in observance of those things from heaven. With brown dough representing the earth, they formed humans and animals. Eventually marzipan was used to create decorations, and for this reason it was renamed the Sugar Tree in the 17th century. Children always looked with eager anticipation to the Epiphany when the tree was taken down—the final gift of the season was the distribution of the sweet decorative treats.



PRAYER CORNER

2nd Sunday of Advent

Let us pray:

Dear Lord,

Through the darkness, I look for your wisdom. I want my heart to be open to you. But sometimes in these days, it seems that so many things come between us.

Help me to be awake and aware of the radiance you bring to my life. Help me to be grateful each day for the blessings of family and friends. Let me be a peacemaker in my own life, and in the world.

Let me pray especially for this difficult world and those who are so in need of an end to violence. My heart begs for this as my Advent prayer today.
AMEN

Youth Ministry Christmas Social

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to come celebrate the Christmas Season with friends. It will be an evening of music, games and food. Join other youth from the parish for a fun evening.

DATE: Sunday, December 17

TIME: 6-8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Parish Center

Bring a snack or cookies to share!

We will have pizza!



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Happy Birthday

December: 7th – Wayne Fontaine, 10th – Steve Hawkins and Robert Hull, 15th – John Raterman, 16th Vincent Vacheresse and Brian Corcoran, 17th – Howard Snook and 26th – John Gantner

Council Updates:

Pickaway Catholic Men's Club (PCMC):

Elections for four new Directors (for 2 year terms) for the PCMC will be held at a special PCMC meeting on December 18, 2017 immediately after the Knights of Columbus meeting. Nominations will be taken December 18th Knights of Columbus meeting.

Any Knights of Columbus member in good standing with Father John S. Hannan Council 5297 is eligible to be a Director. Contact Brian Corcoran, Gayle Fosnaugh, Steve Hawkins, Kevin Collis or Steve Ford if you have any questions.

Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance

Our Christmas party will be held December 9 with cocktails at 6 and dinner beginning at 7 p.m. The Knights will be offering "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets for sale at the Christmas Dinner and Dance. Car magnets will be sold for \$5.00 each. We hope to see a big turnout and celebrate the season!



Knights of Columbus, Who Are We?

From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action.

In 2016, the Knights of Columbus set a record in charitable giving for the 18th consecutive year. Our charitable donations increased from \$175 million in 2015 to a new total of \$177,500,673 in 2016. In addition, we achieved our highest level of charitable service in 2016, volunteering more than 75 million hours of service. The number of service hours contributed by Knights rose in 2016 by more than a million over the previous year's total.

Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. Our own unique charities include the **Christian Refugee Relief Fund, Disaster Relief, Ultrasound Initiative, and Coats for Kids**. We also partner with international charities including **Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity**.

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