

## DECEMBER 4, 2016 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize Him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward the One whom already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."*  
(St. John Paul II)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 25)  
Art Colucci by Frank & Nancy Plescia  
12:00 p.m. AA (H)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (C)  
12:00 p.m. AA (H)  
7:00 p.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 29)  
Jerry Mogan by Helen & Doug Morrison  
7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (H)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 32)  
Intentions of Jim & Linda McConnell  
by Frannie Groom  
7:00 p.m. RCIA (H)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8:

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00 a.m. **Holy Day Mass**  
Intentions of Denise Hess  
by James & Jennifer Hess  
12:00 p.m. AA (H)  
4:30 p.m. Junior Choir (CH)  
6:00 p.m. Chime Choir (H)  
7:00 p.m. **Holy Day Mass**  
Betty Hamann by Mark & Lori Hamann  
8:00 p.m. Adult Choir (CH)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

**No Mass, Fr. Ted's Day Off**  
12:00 p.m. AA (H)  
6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Holiday Event (C)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 42)  
Paul Bilchak by John & Julie Bilchak  
10:30 a.m. Rosary (CH)  
2:30-4:00 p.m. Special Choir Practices (CH)  
4:00 p.m. Confessions (CH)  
5:00 p.m. **Sunday Vigil Mass**  
Dan Reams by Darwin & Rose Whitehead  
6:00 p.m. Knights Dinner and Dance (K/C)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 (pg. 22)

7:30 a.m. Rosary (CH)  
8:00 a.m. **Sunday Mass**  
The People of St. Joseph Parish  
9:30 a.m. PSR (C)  
9:30 a.m. Adult Study Class (C)  
11:15 a.m. **Sunday Mass**  
Robert Phillips by Hersilia Phillips  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting (H)

**OUR PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:** Hold in your prayers **Norma Mogan, Sue Bialy, Danny Ogan, Bill Geddis**, 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@saintjosephcircleville.com) or call 477-2549, ext. 300.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** This Thursday, December 8th, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception; it is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have two Masses, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE:** There will be no Mass on **Friday, December 9th**; that will be Fr. Ted's day off since the Holy Day falls on his usual day off.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you wish to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope in your packets; there are also extras available in the church. 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 18th**, in order for their names to appear in the bulletin December 20th.

### Following in St. Joseph's Footsteps Restoration Progress

Goal: \$2,000,000

Pledged (to date): \$1,328,452.59

Paid (to date): \$462,885.74

*Please continue to join your parish family in offering  
the Restoration Prayer daily.*

**NEW GIVING TREE PROCEDURES:** Gifts for the Giving Tree are due back **unwrapped, no later than Sunday, December 18th**. Please be sure to attach your tag to your gifts and bring them to church and place them near the tree (in the sanctuary, by the Tabernacle, making sure to honor Christ's Presence in the Tabernacle). Then hang a snowflake on the tree. 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 are 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.

**FOOD DRIVE:** The Mound Street Churches will hold our annual food drive on **Saturday, December 17th**, 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.

**SPECIAL CHOIR PRACTICES:** Patty Immell will be available from 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Church on each of the next two Saturdays, **December 10th and 17th**, for members of all St. Joseph Choirs who would like a little extra help to get ready for their Christmas performances!



# Youth Corner

December 4, 2016

## Parish School of Religion & Youth Ministry—NEWS



### CONFIRMATION PREPARATIONS

#### Next class session:

**DATE:** Sunday, December 11, 2016

**TIME:** 6-8 p.m.      **LOCATION:** Parish Hall at the Church

**NOTE:** Saint Reflection papers are due.

Vanessa Butterbaugh,  
PSR Coordinator/  
Youth Minister  
ymvanessa88@gmail.com

#### **Dates To Remember:**

- ◆ YM Holiday Event—  
Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.
- ◆ Reconciliation Service—  
Dec. 18 at 4 p.m.
- ◆ NO PSR—Dec. 25 &  
Jan. 1



### **First Reconciliation Preparations**

There will be a First Reconciliation Parent session on **December 11 at 9:45 a.m.** at the Church with your child.

*First Reconciliation Service—Dec. 18 at 4 p.m.*



### **Youth Ministry Holiday Party!**

**Who:** Youth in grades 7-12

**Date:** Friday, December 9

**Time:** 6-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Parish Center

Bring some Christmas cookies to share!

Come enjoy an evening of games, pizza, cookies and much more. There will some Christmas prizes too!

### **ADVENT is upon us!**

The Advent season was kicked off with a celebration during PSR. Youth made their own Advent wreaths to help them prepare for the season. Pictured below is one of our second graders with mom making their wreath.



### **Prayer Corner**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

*John the Baptist uses a farming image to describe Jesus as a judge who separates the good from the bad.*

#### **Let us pray:**

Lord, Jesus, I know you will be my final judge. May you find me worthy to be gathered into your barn.

Amen.

#### **Live the Gospel:**

Is there a bad habit you can "thresh" out of your life so you can be "less husk" and more "good grain"? Choose one bad habit to work on this week.

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**Mission Trip**

If you are interested in participating in Catholic Heart Workcamp next Summer 2017, please contact Vanessa by **December 7th**.

**Open to youth in grades 8th-12th grade.**

Tentative Dates/Camps:

June 18-24, 2017—Farmington, MI

July 15-22, 2017—Chicago, IL

Cost is \$410 (deposit of \$90 due now)

Need 5 youth to attend in order to plan trip.

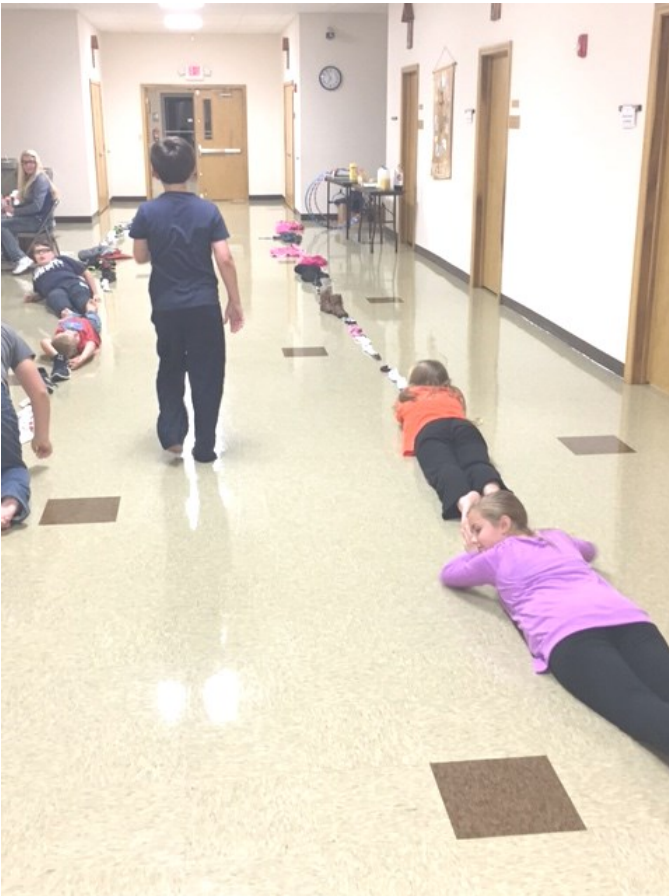


**Gospel Road** is July 9-15, 2017 to be held in Newark, OH.

Cost \$150 (\$50 deposit due in March)

**FaithFactor**

Youth participating in a game during FaithFactor.



**More Pictures from Advent Celebration**



**Thank you** to Parish & Family Life Committee for providing donuts and milk for the celebration.



**WELCOME, MACK!**

Please extend a warm welcome to our new parish secretary, Mack Blankenship, who joins our staff this month!

Mack is a novice of the Lay Fraternities of Saint Dominic. An as-yet-undiscerned Dominican charism drove him to study, through which he earned a Bachelor's in Anthropology from OSU in 2002, and a Master's in Theology from Ohio Dominican in 2008. He was received into the Catholic Church in 2005. Among his favorite saints are St. Thomas Aquinas, Blessed Bartolo Longo and St. Catherine of Siena. Mack's home parish is St. John XXIII in Canal Winchester.

He lives in a home with his wife, Anna, and a menagerie of animals – some having fur, some scales, and one with a shell. When not looking after these least creatures, he spends his time reading, writing, and watching the occasional classic movie.

Stop by the office and say hello!

**BLOOD DRIVE:** St. Joseph will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive this Friday, **December 9th**, from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Hall. Please consider giving the gift of life during this holiday season. See signs in the church for further information.

**YOU'RE INVITED** to a Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner and Dance this coming Saturday, **December 10th**, at the K of C Hall, beginning with a Cocktail Hour at 6:00 p.m. (cash donation bar), and a performance by the Circleville Show Choir at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., and you can dance the night away, from 8:00 until 11:00 p.m. All are welcome, so invite your friends and family! Dress is semi-formal. Games and prizes throughout the evening. Tickets are \$25.00 each.

**ATTENTION, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Fr. Ted will not be calling up or giving out Communion on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to those who distribute. We will be back on our regular schedule the following weekend of New Year's Eve and Day.

**HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** If you or a loved one are home or hospital-bound for any length of time, and desire to receive the sacraments, please call the Parish Office. Fr. Ted and Mary Kay no longer have the ability to check the local chaplains list; the list is no longer being made available to pastors and associates. Therefore, they will not know of your needs unless they are notified by the individual or his family.

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:**

**COLLECTIONS**

November 20th – \$6,050.17

November 27th – \$4,981.93

Toys for Tots – \$722.00

Elizabeth's Hope – \$698.00

Military Archdiocese – \$1,022.00

Mission Sunday – \$618.00

**Liturgical Ministers: Immaculate Conception**

**(December 8th); December 10th & 11th**

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

***Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers – please check your name off the list at the back of the church when you arrive each week.***

**Thursday, December 8, 9:00 a.m.**

Servers: Michael Matthiass

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Strawser\*, John Raterman, Grace Elliott, Robert Pokrandt, Mark Fouch

Lectors: Mary Ann Raterman (1), Ron Kazmierczak (2)

Ushers: Mary Kay Wood, Russ Kamler

Greeters: Alice & Don Dennis

**Thursday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.**

Servers: Joseph & Patrick Morris, Carson Forquer

Eucharistic Ministers: John\* & Shirley Lake, Matt Forquer, Beth Ford, Ron McMullen

Lectors: Merle Valentine (1), Mary Lundberg (2)

Ushers: Merle & Krista Valentine, Mary Lundberg, Steve Ford

Greeters: Steve & Beth Ford, Jim Schneider

**Saturday, December 10th, 5:00 p.m.**

Servers: Simon & Dylan Cameron, Xavier Mascari

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael\* & Patricia Griffith, James Schneider, Mark Fouch, Sr. Monica Justinger

Lectors: Mary Ann Raterman (1), John Raterman (2)

Ushers: David Crawford, Randy McCoy, Chuck Estel, Phil Vogel

Greeters: Sr. Monica Justinger, Logan Skaggs, Jim Schneider

**Sunday, December 11th, 8:00 a.m.**

Servers: Jordan Rhymer, Brendan Kleman, Audrey Meyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Baker\*, Judy Dossman, Steve & Beth Ford, Amy Goode

Lectors: Michael Matthiass (1), Mary Lundberg (2)

Ushers: Vanessa & Ron Butterbaugh,

Merle & Krista Valentine, Kevin Collis

Greeters: Darren & Susan Metzger, Steve & Beth Ford

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

Servers: Anna Gill, Mara Geddis, Maria McKibben

Eucharistic Ministers: Daniel Huggett\*, Matt Forquer, Rachel Martin, Stephanie Morris, Mary Logan

Lectors: Mary So (1), Michael Logan (2)

Ushers: David Corbett, John Stolarz, Kade Kandel,

Michael D. Williams

Greeters: John & Marcele Bowen, Shane Bobbitt