

DECEMBER 18, 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Wait upon the Lord; be faithful to His commandments; He will elevate your hope, and put you in possession of His Kingdom. Wait upon Him patiently; wait upon Him by avoiding all sin. He will come, doubt it not; and in the approaching day of His visitation, which will be that of your death and His judgment, He will Himself crown your holy hope. Place all your hope in the Heart of Jesus; it is a safe asylum; for he who trusts in God is sheltered and protected by His mercy. To this firm hope, join the practice of virtue, and even in this life you will begin to taste the ineffable joys of Paradise."
(St. Bernard)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 70)
Gregory Johnson (Anniversary)
by Mary Susa
12:00 noon AA (H)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:00 noon AA (H)
7:00 p.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 74)
Steven Lugo by Lydia Lugo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 77)
Hildagard Diekemper
by Mark & Lori Hamann
6:00 p.m. Chime Choir (H)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

No Mass Fr. Ted's Day Off
12:00 noon AA (H)
4:30 p.m. Junior Choir (CH)
6:00 p.m. Adult Choir (CH)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

No Mass
12:00 noon AA (H)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 p.m. **Christmas Vigil Mass** (pg. 28)
The Children of the World
12:00 a.m. **Midnight Vigil Mass** (pg. 30)
Peace in the World

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 (pg. 32)

10:00 a.m. **Christmas Day Mass**
Lay and Religious Vocations

OUR PRAYERS FOR OTHERS: Hold in your prayers **Gary L. Miner, Norma Mogan, Danny Ogan**, 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.

Following in St. Joseph's Footsteps Restoration Progress

Goal: \$2,000,000

Pledged (to date): \$1,373,872.08

Paid (to date): \$507,698.77

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



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S LITURGIES

Christmas Eve, December 24th

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, December 25th

10:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass

Mary, Mother of God Vigil, December 31st

5:00 p.m. Holy Day Vigil

Mary, Mother of God, January 1st

8:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass

11:15 a.m. Holy Day Mass

LAST CHANCE FOR 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 25th. There is an after-hours drop box at the Parish Center around to the left of the front doors.



CHRISTMAS DINNER: St. Joseph Parish will once again be serving Christmas Dinner on **December 25th**, from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m., and we need *your* help! This dinner serves Pickaway County residents in need, including senior citizens, handicapped, unemployed, and those who would otherwise be alone during the holidays. Volunteers are needed for two shifts, both to serve the dinner in the Hall and to deliver dinners: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. We also need donations of desserts. To give your time, call Robbye Myers at 740-412-5055. Leave a message and she'll call you back!

ALTAR/ROSARY BAKE AND CRAFT SALE: A big THANK-YOU to all who made the Altar/Rosary Bake and Craft Sale a success this year. Thank you to all who donated their time and talent and to those who purchased goods made by them. The sale garnered \$604.75!

ST. JOSEPH'S RESTORATION CORNER:

"Some Saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking."
 – St. Thomas Aquinas

Why I Give: This is where we gather to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is our duty to make sure it is a respected place to worship Him. It is very sad to see our church in its current condition. In my personal opinion, we are not living up as servants of the Lord by allowing the structure to be in its current state. Yes, it's just a building and yes we could gather anywhere to worship but our church is sacred and should be treated as such.

Personally, I have one child going to college next year and another in middle school. I wish I could give more. I pray that in the future I am in a position to do so. If anyone is not in a position to give anything financially for this particular project, there are many other ways to "give" to the church. I believe everyone's donation whether financially, spiritually or voluntarily is appreciated and valued. Money pays the contractors but without hearts in the seats and people stepping up to volunteer, it's just a building.

Finally, this is where we baptize our children, give them first communion, confirm them, marry them, and where we gather to pay our final respects to friends and family. It's where we see friends and offer them peace.

We gather for Mass on sacred grounds and to see it renovated to its original splendor is something I cannot wait to witness.
 – Matt Forquer

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAS BEEN BUSY visiting the community. We have visited 20 families and \$1,654.36 pledged towards assistance in the month of October, and in November we have 14 families and \$1,645.44 pledged. We help with utilities, rent, furniture and make referrals when needed. We pray with the families and let them know that the members of St. Joseph give us the opportunity to provide this great service. We have the guidance of Blessed Frederick Ozanam and St. Vincent de Paul for spiritual support. We want to let you know how much we appreciate being able to serve and thank you all for continued support to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

CEMETERY CARETAKER: St. Joseph Cemetery Board is seeking a part-time Cemetery Caretaker for the overall operation and maintenance of **St. Joseph Cemetery**. If you are interested, please submit a resume to the Church and Cemetery Office (office@saintjosephcircleville.com or P.O. Box 40, Circleville, OH 43113), by **Monday, December 19th**. Job Description available from the Parish Office by calling 740-477-2549, ext. 300.

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.

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.

LATE CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: If you or someone you know is seeking a late Sunday Mass on Christmas Day because of work or other obligations, Saint Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus, will be offering a late **Christmas Day Mass at 5:15 p.m.**, as part of their regular Sunday Mass schedule. For more information, call the Cathedral at (614) 224-1295, or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org.

COLLECTIONS

Immaculate Conception December 8th: \$1,268.58
December 11th: \$5,685.33

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:**Liturgical Ministers: December 24th and 25th**

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.

Saturday, December 24th, 5:00 p.m.

Servers: A.J. and Andrew Dossman, Jordan Rhymer
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Fouch*, Shirley* and John Lake, John and Judy Dossman, Michelle Estel, Susan Metzger, Mary Beth Poe
 Lectors: Amy Rhymer (1), Ron Kazmierczak (2)
 Ushers: David Crawford, Randy McCoy, Charles Estel, Phil Vogel, Darren Metzger, David Corbett
 Greeters: Susan and Darren Metzger

Sunday, December 25th, 12:00 Midnight

Servers: Emma and Lexi Butterbaugh, Maria McKibben
 Eucharistic Ministers: Samantha Butterbaugh*, Michael and Mary Logan, Anne Strawser, Mary So
 Lectors: Amy Vance (1), Tonya Whittredge (2)
 Ushers: Vanessa and Ron Butterbaugh, Kevin Collis, Phil McKibben
 Greeters: Amy and Andy Vance, Shannon and Emma McKibben

Sunday, December 25th, 10:00 a.m.

Servers: Joseph and Patrick Morris
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mike White*, Betsy Hupp, John Bowen, Stephanie Morris, Ron McMullen
 Lectors: Mary Ann Raterman (1), John Raterman (2)
 Ushers: Mary Kay Wood, Terry Hupp, Carol Tarbill
 Greeters: John & Marcele Bowen



Youth Corner

December 18, 2016

Parish School of Religion & Youth Ministry—NEWS



CONFIRMATION PREPARATIONS

Next class session:

DATE: Sunday, January 8, 2017

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

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

Dates To Remember:

- ◆ Reconciliation Service—**Dec. 18** at 4 p.m.
- ◆ NO PSR—**Dec. 25 & Jan. 1**
- ◆ FaithFactor—**Jan. 15**



First Reconciliation Preparations

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

Parishioners are invited to attend the Reconciliation Service.

First Communion Preparations

There will be a parent meeting on **January 15, 2017** to begin the preparation process for First Communion.



Prayer Corner

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Joseph is obedient to the angel of the Lord and takes his pregnant wife Mary into his home.

Let us pray:

St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may know God's will and have the courage to be obedient to it.

Amen.

Live the Gospel:

This week, look for opportunities to help someone who is embarrassed in front of others. Like Joseph, look for compassionate alternatives to public shame.

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Faith factor

FaithFactor is an opportunity for youth in grades 3-6 to get involved in youth ministry.

Come join other youth for an evening of fun.

DATE: January 15, 2017

TIME: 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Parish Center.



*Wishing you and your family
a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!*

No PSR on the following Sunday's:

December 25 (Merry Christmas)

January 1 (Happy New Year)

PSR Classes will resume on

January 8, 2017



The Youth Ministry Christmas party was fun! Group enjoyed pizza, playing giant Jenga and holiday Pictionary. Congrats to Cami Beyers, Joe Morris, Rider Stant and Simon Cameron for winning door prizes.

Jake scoping out the best move.



BOSCO BASH '17

2017 Bosco Bash

Saturday, February 11

Bosco Bash is a gathering for middle school teens (6th, 7th and 8th graders) from the Diocese of Columbus. Middle school teens are invited for an evening of fun, food, games, great music by Station 14, friends, Mass, and a great speaker.

Speaker Paul J. Kim

Cost \$25 per youth participant, which includes a t-shirt and dinner. We would really like to encourage parents to participate in the Bosco Bash, so there is a special rate of only \$15 for all adult chaperones.

Location St. Timothy Catholic Church,
1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus, OH 43220

Registration materials will be available in January.