

DECEMBER 24, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"A virgin conceived, bore a son, and yet remained a virgin. This is no common occurrence, but a sign; no reason here, but God's power, for he is the cause, and not nature. It is a special event, not shared by others; it is divine, not human. Christ's birth was not necessity, but an expression of omnipotence, a sacrament of piety for the redemption of men."

– St. Peter Chrysologus

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

12:00 Midnight Christmas Midnight Mass
(Pg. 30)

Peace in the World

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (pg. 33)
Lay & Religious Vocations

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

NO MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass (pg. 103)
Agnes Jordan

by John & MaryAnn Raterman

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (pg. 35)

The People of St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 –

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass (pg. 35)
Rose Whitehead

by Judy Dossman

11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass (pg. 35)
Jeannie Carle

by Mary Kay Wood

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@saintjosephcleveland.com or call 477-2549, ext. 300.

OFFICE CLOSED on Tuesday, December 26th.

ATTENTION, ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION. We will be conducting a one-hour training class on January 14 at 5:00 p.m. in the church hall. All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are welcome to attend this training in preparation for a prayer service in the event that our priest is not available for a regularly scheduled Mass. Contact the parish office should you have questions.

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION: Advent has come to a close. The waiting is over. Did we expect the Lord to arrive amid sound and fury? They did at the first coming of the Lord; we do at the second coming. The Lord arrived quietly though, as a babe in a manger. So small and obscure was His arrival, that only three wise men were aware it was happening. They began a long and dangerous trek to find this new born King that the rest of the world ignored. They paid attention to the signs and the prophecies. We have the benefit of not journeying quite so far to find the Lord. He is present to us in the Sacraments. We may not have gold, frankincense or myrrh, but we do have time, talent and treasure. Christmas has come, let us take up our gifts and journey to find the Lord who silently crept into the world this night.



There will be no session this week.

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 or 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.

CHOIR PRACTICE: There will be no Choir Practice this week.

RESPECT LIFE MASS Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will celebrate Mass on Monday, January 22, 2018, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. Our diocese will join all dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are invited to join.

Following in St. Joseph's Footsteps Restoration Progress

Goal: \$1,720,240

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

Paid (to date): \$1,208,176.68

Due (to date): \$616,090.99

Stained Glass Window Shares Sold: 68 of 100

Please continue to join your parish family in offering.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CAR MAGNETS: St. Joseph Parish Knights of Columbus Council 5297 is selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets as a fund

raiser. It is a great way to spread the important message that Christ is the reason for Christmas. The durable and attractive magnets will last for years. The cost is \$5.00, with the proceeds going to support our charities. For more information or to purchase magnets, please contact any K of C member or Wayne Fontaine at 304-615-1053 or by email at waynerfontaine@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent: Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will bring light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas. Please give to St. Vincent de Paul the weekend of December 30/31.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:



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.

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 CatholicMensMinistry.com #CMMcon18

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: DECEMBER 30TH & 31ST

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 30TH, 5:00 P.M.

Servers: Xavier Mascari, Nicholas Mascari

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

James Schneider*, Joan Fontaine,
Wayne Fontaine, Sr. Monica Justinger,
Michelle Estel

Lectors: Nancy Plescia (1), Peg Burton (2)

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

Greeters: Sr. Monica Justinger, Teri Mogan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 8:00 A.M.

Servers: Emma Butterbaugh, Jordan Rhymer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Ann Strawser*, Mary Lundberg,
Bryan Shonkwiler, Michael Matthiass,
Mary Kay Wood

Lectors: Ed Bialy (1), Sue Bialy (2)

Ushers: Vanessa Butterbaugh,
Ron Butterbaugh, Merle Valentine,
Krista Valentine, Kevin Collis

Greeters: Darren & Susan Metzger,
Steve & Beth Ford

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 11:15 A.M.

Servers: Anna Gill, Zach Martin

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Rita Bolender*, Pam Smith, Matt Forquer,
Amanda Forquer, Anne Short

Lectors: Lauren Martin (1), Brian Neff (2)

Ushers: David Corbett, John Stolarz,
Michael D. Williams, Eric Theis

Greeters: John & Marcele Bowen,
Amanda & Matt Forquer