

FROM THE PASTOR

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Much blessing and life this Thanksgiving week!

Many travel to be with family & friends this Thanksgiving time, or many family members/friends who live elsewhere come to visit with you. Have a great and blessed Thanksgiving! What a great opportunity for celebrating our life together and with the Lord. Let us give thanks for all our blessings!

Mass on Thanksgiving Day is at 9 am at St. Brigid

HELP WITH OUR "SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON" and CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS

If you can help with our upcoming Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 2, call the Office and let us know or sign up in the vestibule. And, if you can make a Donation to help us purchase Christmas Fruit Baskets for our shut-ins and folks in need, etc. there are envelopes in the vestibule for this – just place that envelope in the regular collection basket over the next several weeks. And if you can help distribute the Baskets, call the Office also.

UPCOMING HOLY DAY & CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASSES FOR OUR REGION

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8)

Thursday, Dec. 7 – 7 PM @ St. Brigid
 Friday, Dec. 8 - 10 AM @ St. Brigid
 7 PM @ St. Augustine
 7 PM @ St. Paul

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23 – 4:30 PM @ St. Brigid
 Sunday, Dec. 24 – 8:30 AM @ St. Augustine
 9:30 AM @ St. Brigid
 11:15 AM @ St. Paul

Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4 PM @ St. Brigid
 7 PM @ St. Paul
 7 PM @ St. Augustine
 10 PM @ St. Brigid

Monday, Dec. 25 – 9:30 AM @ St. Brigid
 11:15 AM @ St. Paul

January 1 – since this is on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

REGIONAL ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE:

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - 7 PM @ St. Paul

NEED FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS IN OUR LITURGICAL

MINISTRIES: if you would be open to volunteering as a Server, Lector, Usher or Distributor, call the Office or let me know at Church, and we will set that up, offer some training, etc.

To contact Fr. John: jetk76@ameritech.net or call (937) 409-9355
 To contact the Secretary, Maintenance or Music Director: office@stpaulchurchyso.org or call (937) 767-7450 ext. 10
 To contact the Business Manager: finance@stpaulchurchyso.org or call (937) 767-7450 voicemail box #33.

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Journey Songs # 1024

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14 - 30

"Blessed are those who fear the Lord."

The Generous Offerings:

General Collection, November 5, 2017	\$ 2664.00
Maintenance & Restoration	\$ 296.00
All Saints	\$ 367.00
All Souls	\$ 170.00

Scheduled Mass Intentions for November 19 - 26, 2017

Sunday, November 19th, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 11:15am Nolan Gillespie (The Benko Family)
Wednesday, November 22nd, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
 6:00pm The Parishioners of St. Paul Parish
Sunday, November 26th, Christ the King
 11:15am The Parishioners of St. Paul Parish

Liturgical Ministers for:

November 26, 2017:

Lectors: Kathy Sanders/Dolores Sizemore
Altar Servers: John Jenkins/Bill McCarthy/
Eucharistic Ministers: J Inslee/K McKee/K Reynolds/K Sanders/
 L Suwalski/S Suwalski (back of church)
Ushers: Richard Whalen/Jeff Inslee

Thank you for volunteering this gift of service! The Quarterly Liturgical Ministries Schedule is available on the Parish website, www.stpaulchurchyso.org under the "Ministries" tab, or as a hardcopy in the Vestibule. The 2018 Lector Workbooks are now available to pick up in the Vestry. **The next Mass we need volunteers for is on Friday, December 8th, Immaculate Conception at 7:00pm.** Sign-up in the clipboard in the Vestibule if you are interested in serving that Mass, or one for Christmas.

There is an expanded "Holy Day Masses and other Liturgies, with Select Parish and Regional Activities for Fall, Advent and Christmas 2017" trifold brochure available in the Vestibule of the church.

New Bulletin Deadline: The time approaches for our exciting new regional bulletin to be launched! In order for this to project to run smoothly, we have new publication deadlines. Our bulletin will no longer be printed in house, so we will not be able to make last minute additions. Please make your bulletin submissions by the **Monday one week prior to when you would like it included.**

Please Remember in your Prayers:

All our shut-ins and nursing home residents; all vocations, especially those of Fr. Joseph Goetz, Fr. Anthony Geraci, Fr. John Krumm, Dn. Paul Richardson, Seminarian Jeddiah Tritle, and Seminarian Michael Grady; Lynn Bayes; Annette Campbell; Don; David & Laretta Donley; DuWayne; Greg Groeber; Michaela Jones; Sally Popejoy; Ron; Julia; D.H.; the Benko Family; William Brandt; Theresa Greene; Shelia Ryan; Helen Sonneborn; the Roberts Family; Desiree Powers; Alex Oliver; Patricia High; Janene Edinger; Carole Groeber; Jeff Thomas; The Family of Nolan Gillespie; Barbara Johnston; Active Duty U.S. Military and their families; and all in need of special prayers and healing.

The Annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon is Saturday, December 2nd noon to 2:00pm. Please call the Parish Admin Office to RSVP by November 28th. Contact Kathy Schopmeyer at 325-7565 if you would like to help. Decoration and cookie making is on Friday, December 1st at 10:00am. The committee is asking for donations of men's and women's lotions, hand creams and personal soaps for the gift bags.

It's Christmas Fruit Basket Time! Please contact Karen McKee, member of Parish Council, if you would like to help on December 23rd. See the Insert for more details.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

This Week, November 19-25

Sunday, November 19:

PSR - 9:45am in the POB; please enter by the side door;
Advent Workshop with PSR Families;
Adult Faith Formation - 10:00am in the Undercroft;
Mass - 11:15am;
Campaign for Human Development collection envelope
- Place envelope in regular collection basket
Advent Workshop for whole parish in Undercroft after Mass

Monday, November 20:

Rosary - 7:00pm come join us.

Wednesday, November 22:

Reconciliation - 5:15 – 5:30pm;
Mass - 6:00pm;
Carmelite Prayer & Spirituality Group after Mass

Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving

Parish Offices Closed
Mass – 9:00am at St. Brigid's

Next Week, November 26 – December 3

Sunday, November 26, Christ the King:

Mass - 11:15am;
Food Pantry

Monday, November 27:

Rosary - 7:00pm come join us.

Wednesday, November 29:

Reconciliation – 5:15-5:30pm;
Mass - 6:00pm

Friday, December 1: First Friday at St. Brigid

Mass – 7:30am;
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 8:00am – 5:30pm
Benediction – 5:30pm
Undercroft decoration and cookie making – 10:00am at
St. Paul's for the Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 2:

Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon – 12:00 – 2:00pm

Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent:

PSR – 9:45am in the POB; please enter by the side door;
Adult Faith Formation – 10:00am in the Undercroft;
Mass - 11:15am;
Coffee Hour in the Undercroft after Mass;
Nativity and Creche Display in Undercroft during Coffee Hour;
Friends Care Ecumenical Worship Service – 2:00pm.

In the Undercroft we collect: Eye glasses for the Lions; magazines for the Hospital; hygiene and paper products for the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) for the homeless in Greene County; and the Food Pantry. We accept non-perishable items such as canned goods, boxed food, laundry and hygiene products. Thank you for the love and generosity you regularly show in this way to your neighbors.

PSR, Youth Ministry, and Safe Environment

All PSR classes START at 9:45am and go to 11:00am. Please arrive five minutes prior. Families are welcome to use the empty classroom space. We are still taking registrations for this year. First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation starts in January. Come join us!

PSR Schedule for Fall/Winter 2017

November, Unit 2: TRINITY

26th: NO PSR – Thanksgiving Break

December, Unit 3: JESUS CHRIST

3rd: all families and all grades at Parish for group lesson

10th: Miss Vickie's class and Confirmation at Parish

17th: Miss Vickie's class and Confirmation at Parish

24th: NO PSR – Christmas Eve

31st: NO PSR – New Year's Eve

St. Paul's is ALWAYS looking for adult volunteers to work with the young people of the parish at PSR and Youth Ministry. PRAY ABOUT IT! Contact Sherry Malloy at cre@stpaulchurchyso.org or 767-7450, extension 12.

The VIRTUS training bulletin for NOVEMBER is available. If you don't see an email for it, go to www.virtusonline.org and sign in there. Please contact the PSR Office if you WANT to volunteer with PSR, Youth Ministry or vulnerable people and I will help you sign up for the next VIRTUS workshop. The parish also provides alphanumeric tokens for the SELECTION.COM background checks.

Adult Faith Formation is at 10:00am in the Undercroft most Sundays. The class is using a new series from Bishop Robert Barron – CATHOLICISM the Pivotal Players. Call Tami Whalen (937) 470-5333 (evenings) or the PSR Office for more information. Everyone is welcome, sign-ups aren't necessary.

TODAY- is the Annual Advent Workshop:

TODAY, during PSR and after Mass in the Undercroft. EVERYONE IS INVITED! Take some time before Thanksgiving to get ready for Advent! There will be cookies, candles and glittery projects! We are also making cards and tags for the Christmas Fruit Baskets!

Coming Soon:

- The Nativity and Creche Display December 3rd; please bring something to share for the show
- Caroling through the village on December 17th; cookies and hot chocolate to follow after

Saints we remember this week:

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr; Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companion, Martyrs; Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr, pray for us...

For PSR, Youth Ministry and the Safe Environment Coordinator, contact cre@stpaulchurchyso.org 767-7450 extension 12

In the Region, Around the Deanery and Throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

TODAY - Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Please be generous in this week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. We have extra envelopes on the window sills and in the Vestibule.

**Yellow Springs Community
Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 23, 2017
2:00 – 4:00pm**

**First Presbyterian Church
314 Xenia Avenue**

Everyone Welcome!

Traditional – Vegetarian – Vegan

A dish to share or donation is appreciated but not required

For more information or to volunteer call 767-9966.
Sponsored by the Yellow Springs Inter-spiritual Council

Some Area Christmas Bazaars

Last Day - St. Luke Annual Christmas Bazaar
Sunday, November 19th, 9:00am – 2:00pm
1444 N. Fairfield Road, Beavercreek, Ohio 45432
www.stlukeparish.org

Dayton Catholic Women's Club Christmas Boutique and Luncheon on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Miami Valley Golf club, 3311 Salem Ave. Vendor shopping will be available at 10:00am with the \$30.00 lunch served at 12:30pm. Please support St. Vincent DePaul Shelter by donating socks, hats, underwear, or toys for children ages 2 to 15. Call Carol Graham at (937) 299-7063. Deadline for reservations is Monday, November 27, 2017. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

International Artisan Sale sponsored by the Catholic Social Action Office in partnership with Weavers of Justice. Saturday, December 2, 2017 9:00am-4:00pm at UD's River Campus, 1700 S. Paterson Blvd across from the Carillon Tower. For more information contact Pam Long at (937) 224-3026 ext. 5018 or plong@catholiccincinnati.org

Men's Retreat: December 1-2 (Friday-Saturday) St. Joseph Our Model for Living in this World; registration between 6:00-6:45pm Friday, ends Saturday evening – staying until Sunday is Optional.

Where: Presentation Ministries' Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles OH 45662
Cost: A free will offering includes all meals and guest room. St. Joseph, "the silent giant", is the example of the steady and faithful Fatherhood of God. To pre-register go to www.presentationministries.co and click on Retreats of call (513) 373-2397.

SAVE THE DATE – February 24, 2018 E-6 Catholic Men's Conference ARMOR UP, 8:00am – 3:00pm East Central High School Performing Arts Center (Northwest of Cincinnati). UPDATE: All Saints Parish, in association with Batesville Deanery, is proud to announce that registration for the E6 Catholic Men's Conference 2018 has begun! Why wait? Registration is easier than ever.

- Easy online registration takes just a few moments
- \$15 rate for anyone 25 and under
- No need to wait to assemble your group. All registrations are conveniently that same rate for 2018.
- An option to print and mail a registration form and pay via check
- FREE for all clergy and religious
- 100% refund up to 24 hours until event start

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-e6-catholic-mens-conference-tickets:37626161863>

WHERE WE STAND: There's a new standing feature on the home page of the Archdiocesan website: www.catholiccincinnati.org. In the upper right corner, visitors to the site will see the words "WHERE WE STAND". Clicking on it will take them to a landing page with links to statements by the Archbishop and the Archdiocese on important social concerns. Links are also provided to statements made jointly by the Ohio Catholic bishops and U.S. Catholic bishops. The introduction notes: "Jesus Christ's command for us to love one another mandates that the Church provide moral guidance to both our personal and our social lives. The Church is called to read the 'signs of the times' and to apply our universal teachings on human life, dignity and care for creation to the concrete situations impacting individuals, our families, our communities, our world." Topics addressed in the documents linked include Care for Creation, Civility and Faithful Citizenship, Ecumenism and Interfaith, Healthcare, Housing, Hunger, Immigrations and Refugees, Marriage, Poverty and Human Services, Religious Liberty, Respect Life, and Violence.

As the weather starts to turn colder, a reminder to tune into **WHIO Channel 7** for any closers or delays. **REMEMBER** since there several other churches with the same name in the area to look for **Saint Paul's Catholic Church YELLOW SPRINGS.**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

The **WHOLE** parish is invited to participate in the
ADVENT WORKSHOP
on Sunday, November 19, 2017 after the 11:15am
Mass in the Undercroft.

We will have:

Wreathes to decorate, with candles & prayer cards

Ornaments to create

Calendars and cards

Nativity sets to color & cut out

Make Jesse Tree ornaments for your home

And this year, we will be making cards and tags for the
Christmas Fruit Baskets we give out as a parish.

Come learn a little about the **ADVENT** season, get some glitter on your
hands and eat a few cookies.

Hosted by PSR; Contact cre@stpaulchurchyso.org

Or call 767-7450 ext. 12

Away in a Manger

Sunday, December 3, 2017

is the

2nd Annual Parish Nativity and Creche Display

during the

December Coffee Hour

After the 11:15am Mass

Please bring your favorite “manger scene” to share with the rest of the parish.

Contact the PSR Office cre@stpaulchurchyso.org or call 767-7450 ext. 12 if you have any questions. Set up will be on December 2, 2017 after the Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon, or bring your display before Mass.



It's time to roam the streets of
Yellow Springs singing
Advent & Christmas Carols!

Everyone, from newborn to the 29yrs +++++++
crowd!

It's fun for the whole family and for you single
people!

PSR and Youth Ministry is sponsoring this for
EVERYONE!

Dress warm, wear comfortable shoes, bring your
walker, and don your finest silly Christmas
headgear! We depart to make merry after the
11:15am Mass on
Sunday, December 17th.

We return to hot drinks and treats after about an
hour. Let's see if we can drown out the drum guy!



Contact the PSR Office at 767-7450 ext. 12 or erc@stpaulchurchyso.org for more information.

It's Christmas Fruit Basket Time!

Each year Christmas fruit baskets are given by the parish to members of the Yellow Springs community who are confined to their homes, alone or maybe just need a little extra something.

You can help make this possible by volunteering to help decorate and distribute the baskets on **Saturday, December 23rd at 9:00am** or, by giving a monetary donation.

Call Karen McKee at 767-4641 for more details. Please make your checks out to "St. Paul Parish" and put "fruit baskets" in the memo line.

Specially marked envelopes are available in the Vestibule or the church window sills.

Please note: any money left over from the purchase of the fruit baskets will be used to buy gifts for the Christmas Angel Tree at the Yellow Springs Library, or support the needy of the community.

We will make Christmas cards and tags for the baskets at the Advent Workshop after Mass on **Sunday, November 19th**.