

FROM THE PASTOR

HAPPY ADVENT!

The Blessings of the Advent Season to one and all as we begin this special season next weekend

The "SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON" and CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS: If you can help with our upcoming Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 2, call the Office. 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 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.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

- If you, or someone you know from the parish, find themselves in a hospital, are having surgery, etc. please call the Office & let us know, so I can visit them. As you may recall, hospitals, etc. are no longer allowed to give this information out. Also, if you or a parishioner you know are going to a nursing home or now are shut-in at home, let us know as well, so I and our home visitors may visit you/them as well.

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 Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
The Readings are found in Journey Songs (Cycle A) # 1027
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

The Generous Offerings:

General Collection, November 12, 2017 \$ 3721.23

Scheduled Mass Intentions for November 26 – December 3, 2017

Sunday, November 26th, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
11:15am The Parishioners of St. Paul Parish
Wednesday, November 29th
6:00pm The Parishioners of St. Paul Parish
Sunday, December 3rd
11:15am Wesley Sizemore, Jr., birthday (Dolores Sizemore)

Liturgical Ministers for:

December 3, 2017:

Lectors: Dolores Sizemore/Tami Whalen
Altar Servers: John Jenkins/Bill McCarthy/Cassie Ditmer
Eucharistic Ministers: K McKee/K Reynolds/K Sanders/L Suwalski/
S Suwalski/T Whalen (back of church)
Ushers: Suzann Blanton/Vickie Hoomes

December 8, 2017 7:00pm: Immaculate Conception

Volunteers needed; please sign up on the clipboard outside of the Vestry for this Mass, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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 available to pick up in the Vestry.

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.

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 Jedidiah 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; Barbara Johnston; The Family of Ana Carmen Gonzalez; Active Duty U.S. Military and their families; and all in need of special prayers and healing.

Our Condolences and prayers for the Gonzalez family on the loss of Ana Carmen. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The Parish Pastoral Council gives thanks to Tim McLinden for creating and installing the new handrail next to the ambo. We also give thanks for all of the volunteers who do so much around the parish. God bless you.

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, if you would like to help on December 23rd. See the flyer for more details.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Next Week, November 26 – December 2

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 Mass at St. Brigid's – 7:30
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

Next Week, December 3 - 10

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.

Monday, December 4:

Rosary - 7:00pm come join us.

Wednesday, December 6:

Reconciliation - 5:15 – 5:30pm;
Mass - 6:00pm;
Parish Council in the Undercroft after Mass. Contact Dan Marion if you wish to be on the agenda

Friday, December 8, Immaculate Conception:

Mass – 7:00pm

Sunday, December 10:

PSR – 9:45am in the POB; please enter by the side door;
Adult Faith Formation – 10:00am in the Undercroft;
Mass - 11:15am

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

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.

High School YM: ENCOUNTER

December 2, 2017, 6:30-10:00pm

The event is FREE. Permission slips are available on line at www.viacatholic.org/encounter or from Mrs. Malloy. The music is great - see the flyer on the bulletin board for more details. Mrs. Malloy will be there – will you?

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.

NEXT WEEK December 3rd:

The Nativity and Creche Display in the Undercroft during Coffee Hour; please bring something to share for the show -we may not be as fancy as UD, but we have a variety of Nativity sets to display!!

December 17th:

EVERYONE is invited for CAROLING through the village; dress warm & silly; cookies & hot chocolate to follow.

Saints we remember this week:

Saint Andrew, Apostle, 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

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Thank you for your generous support last week for the Campaign for Human Development! As a parish we raised \$465.00. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection and click "How to give" on the left. We also have extra envelopes on the window sills and in the Vestibule.

University of Dayton Libraries:

At the Manger

November 27, 2017 – January 5, 2018

World Nativity Traditions

The University of Dayton's Marion Library presents a selection of its expansive and unique collection of 3,500 Nativity scenes from more than 100 countries. Join us in celebrating how people around the world ponder and picture the birth of Christ through many different cultural lenses. As Roesch Library begins a multi-year renovation, **At the Manger** will take place on a smaller scale this year.

A Nativity to Ponder and Celebrate, Marian Library, seventh floor of Roesch Library, 8:30am – 4:30pm weekdays November 27, 2017 – January 5, 2018; 1:00 – 4:00pm Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3; 1:30 – 4:00pm Thursday, December 7; 1:00 – 4:00pm Saturday and Sunday, December 9-10; closed December 8 and December 25 – January 1. The Marian Library Gallery will feature Nativity sets of the long hidden but rich and colorful artistic tradition on Eastern Europe. The Creche Museum will hold variations of Nativities from East and West Africa. Reflect on Advent with Mary as you view monotypes by artist Michelle Arnold Paine.

NEW – Making the Manger: Behind the Scenes at the Nativity Workshop, Fitz Hall (Brown Street) fourth floor 1:00am – 4:00pm weekdays November 27, 2017 – January 5, 2018; 1:00-4:00pm Saturday and Sunday, December 9-10; 1:30 - 4:00pm Thursday December 7; closed December 8, December 25-January 1. See how the Marian Library and its volunteers plan and construct exhibits. Explore the many talents that are part of this labor of love. Also, view a Nativity display that illustrates our 25-year tradition. Parking, directions and other information is available at www.go.udayton.edu/manger. For special arrangements call (937) 229-4214.

Some Area Christmas Bazaars

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 got 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.**