

FROM THE PASTOR

HAPPY ADVENT!

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

The "SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON"

Thanks to all who helped with the Luncheon!

Thanks so much to all who helped organize, set-up, run and coordinate the Senior Luncheon yesterday! What a great event!

CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS: 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. And if you can help distribute the Baskets on the 23rd, call the Office.

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:

- There is a list for sign-ups for liturgical ministries for masses on Dec. 8 & Christmas in the vestibule.
- Also, if you are not one yet, but would be open to volunteering as a Server, Lector, Usher or Distributor in general, 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.

Congratulations to Martin John Burns, who was Baptized on Saturday, November 25, 2017. May you always walk as a child of the light. Welcome to the family!

First Sunday of Advent

The Readings are found in Journey Songs (Cycle B) # 859
Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved"

The Generous Offerings:

General Collection, November 19, 2017	\$ 1486.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 465.00

Scheduled Mass Intentions for December 3 - 10, 2017

Sunday, December 3rd, First Sunday of Advent

11:15am Wesley Sizemore Jr., birthday (Dolores Sizemore)

Wednesday, December 6th, St. Nicholas

6:00pm The Parishioners of St. Paul Parish

Friday, December 8th, Immaculate Conception

7:00pm The Parishioners of St. Paul Parish

Sunday, December 10th, Second Sunday of Advent

11:15am Jun Mendoza (Alicia Erfe)

Liturgical Ministers for:

December 10, 2017:

Lectors: Jim Alexander/Dolores Sizemore

Altar Servers: John Jenkins/Bill McCarthy/Maria Alvarez

Eucharistic Ministers: K Reynolds/K Sanders/L Suwalski/S Suwalski/T Whalen/J Alexander (back of church)

Ushers: Richard Whalen/Jeff Inslee

Volunteers are needed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; please sign-up on the clip board outside of the Vestry.

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 & Lauretta 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; The Family of Ashley Skaggs; Active Duty U.S. Military and their families; and all in need of special prayers and healing.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon happen! We'll have a much more extensive thank you list next week, but for now please give Kathy Schopmeyer and her elves a round of applause!

It's Christmas Fruit Basket Time! Please contact Karen McKee, if you can help on December 23rd. See the flyer for more details.

Christmas Poinsettias: Donations are being accepted to defray the cost of the poinsettias and decorations. We'll be printing a list of deceased loved ones you would like to have remembered at this special time of the year. Please put your donation in the envelope marked "Christmas Flower Offering" from your contribution boxes, or write "Christmas Flower Offering" on a plain envelope. Please include and **print clearly** the names of your loved one you want to have remembered and put it in the collection or drop it by the POB by the December 20th, 2017 evening Mass. **DO NOT LEAVE IN THE MAILBOX.**

Decorating: Your help is needed to decorate our church for Christmas on Friday, December 15 at 9:00am. Please help us prepare for the Solemnity of the Lord.

Little Books: the blue Advent Little Books, the devotional for the season, are available in baskets distributed around the church. Also available in the Undercroft are extra seasonal devotional and prayer book samples for any one to use this Advent season.

Extras: there are extra Catholic vendor catalogs placed in the Undercroft. Feel free to take one and look for a special holiday gift.

Did you see it? Did you see the beautiful banner choir member Judy made for Christ the King last week? Everyone say "Thank You Judy!"

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

This Week, December 3 - 9

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;
 No Parish Council this month. Contact Dan Marion if you wish to be on the agenda for January 3rd, 2018.

Friday, December 8, Immaculate Conception:

Mass – 7:00pm

Next Week, December 10 - 17

Sunday, December 10, Second 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

Monday, December 11:

Rosary - 7:00pm come join us.

Tuesday, December 12:

Regional Advent Penance Service – 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 13:

Reconciliation – 5:15-5:30pm;

Mass - 6:00pm;

Carmelite Prayer and Spirituality Group after Mass

Thursday, December 14:

St. Brigid School Christmas Concert – 7:00, Paul Robeson Auditorium, Central State University

Friday, December 15:

Decoration of church sanctuary and outside – 9:30am

Sunday, December 17, Third 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;
 Caroling for whole parish after Mass; cookies & cocoa in the Undercroft after

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

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 December 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.

THIS 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 Francis Xavier, Priest; Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Nicholas, Bishop; Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Mary, the Immaculate Conception; Saint Juan Diego, 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

Retirement Fund for Religious: Help care for elders. "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

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; 1:3- 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.

Saint Brigid School Christmas Concert: Thursday, December 12, 2017 at 7:00pm. Come hear the sweet sounds of the Saint Brigid School children, led by our own Ms. Shoup, at the Paul Robeson Auditorium at the Central State University Campus. Admission is free, but there will be a free will offering. See you there!

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.**

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.

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>St. Brigid First Friday Mass 7:30am Exposition after Mass Benediction 5:30pm</i>	2 Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon 12:00 – 2:00pm
3 First Sunday of Advent PSR 9:45am AFF 10:00am Mass 11:15am Coffee Hour Nativity & Creche Display Friends Care 2:00pm	4 Rosary 7:00pm	5 Office 10:00am-1:00pm	6 Office 10:00am-1:00pm Reconciliation 5:15pm Mass 6:00pm	7 Office 10:00am-1:00pm Choir 7:00pm	8 Immaculate Conception Mass 7:00pm	9
10 Second Sunday of Advent PSR 9:45am AFF 10:00am Mass 11:15am <i>Retirement Fund for Religious</i>	11 Rosary 7:00pm	12 Office 10:00am-1:00pm Regional Advent Penance Service 7:00pm	13 Office 10:00am-1:00pm Reconciliation 5:15pm Mass 6:00pm Carmelite Prayer & Spirituality 6:30pm	14 Office 10:00am-1:00pm <i>St. Brigid School Christmas Concert CSU 7:00pm</i>	15 Decorate 9:30am	16
17 Third Sunday of Advent PSR 9:45am AFF 10:00am Mass 11:15am Caroling after Mass	18 Rosary 7:00pm	19 Office 10:00am-1:00pm	20 Office 10:00am-1:00pm Reconciliation 5:15pm Mass 6:00pm	21 Choir 7:00pm	22	23 Christmas Fruit Baskets 9:00am
24 Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass 11:15am Christmas Vigil Mass 7:00pm <hr/> 31 Mass 11:15am	25 Christmas Mass 11:15am	26 Office Closed	27 Office 10:00am-1:00pm Reconciliation 5:15pm Mass 7:00pm Carmelite Prayer & Spirituality 6:30pm	28 Office 10:00am-1:00pm Choir 7:00pm	29	30

Please notify the Parish Admin Office if you have a meeting so it can be placed on the schedule.