

FROM THE PASTOR

A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!
MUCH BLESSING TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND YOUR FAMILIES
and
TO ALL OUR VISITORS THIS NEW YEAR!
May the Lord fill your lives with
much peace, joy, life and hope throughout 2018!

January 1 – since this is on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, so no Mass this Monday.

THANKS TO ALL WHO JOINED US AT OUR
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS!
What great celebrations of the Lord's life and love and presence.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SENT
WONDERFUL CARDS AND GIFTS!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING INVOLVED IN ONE OF OUR MANY
PARISH MINISTRIES?
I encourage you to begin to prayerfully consider becoming involved if you are not involved already. Ask the Lord to help you identify your gifts and how you might help the life of our Parish and Region.

*- Has any of your information (phone number, email address, street address, etc.) changed?
If you have had any changes in your contact information, please let Sherry or me know.*

NEW REGIONAL BULLETIN COMING

Our new Regional bulletin will hopefully be coming Jan. 14, the second weekend of the New Year. It has taken us a bit longer than anticipated to get it going, but it should begin then and be a great source of information, etc. of the entire Region each week. Hopefully, a good resource for us all.

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.

From the Business Manager

Collection envelopes for 2018 were mailed out to all registered parishioners from OSV. These mailings will take place periodically throughout the year. You should expect to receive your new collection envelopes by the first of the year. If you do not receive them in the mail, please call the Business Office (extension 33) to get registered or to update your address.

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph
The Readings are found in Journey Songs (Cycle B) # 874
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

*"Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways."*

The Generous Offerings:

General Collection, December 17, 2017 \$ 2306.00

Scheduled Mass Intentions for December 31 – January 7, 2017

Sunday, December 31st, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
11:15am Ana Gonzalez (Patty Alexander)
Roger Pitstick (Kathy & Rick Sanders)
Wednesday, January 3rd
6:00pm Lynn Bayes
Sunday, January 7th, the Epiphany of the Lord
11:15am The Living and Deceased Member of the Charles & Beatrice Alexander Family (Patty Alexander)
Elizabeth & Patti Schopmeyer (Tom & Kathy)

Liturgical Ministers for:

January 7, 2018, The Epiphany of the Lord:

Lectors: Vickie Hoomes/Jeff Inslee
Altar Servers: John Jenkins/Bill McCarthy/Cassie Ditmer
Eucharistic Ministers: T Whalen/J Alexander/S Blanton/V Hoomes/
J Inslee/K McKee (back of church)
Ushers: Jeff Inslee/Vickie Hoomes

Thank you for volunteering this gift of service, especially all of you who volunteered for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! The current Quarterly Liturgical Ministries Schedule is available on the Parish website, www.stpaulchurchyso.org under the "Ministries" tab, or as a hardcopy in the Vestibule. Please email the Admin Office with your availability or vacation dates for the next quarter. The 2018 Lector Workbooks are available to pick up in the Vestry.

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; Annette Campbell; Don; David & Laurreta 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; The Family of Ben Ross; The Family of Lynn Bayes; Active Duty U.S. Military and their families; and all in need of special prayers and healing.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped with the distribution of the Christmas Fruit Baskets! Thank you for the generosity of so many parishioners who made purchasing the baskets possible. And THANK YOU to Karen McKee for doing such a wonderful job as the committee chair this year, keeping this parish ministry tradition alive and well.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

This Week, December 31 – January 6, 2018

Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family:

Carols – 10:45am

Mass – 11:15am

Tuesday, January 2, 2018:

Offices and church closed

Wednesday, January 3, 2018:

Reconciliation - 5:15 – 5:30pm;

Mass - 6:00pm;

Parish Pastoral Council in the Undercroft after Mass-

Please contact Dan Marion if you wish to be on the agenda

Friday, January 5, 2018: First Friday at St. Brigid

Mass – 7:30am;

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 8:00am – 5:30pm

Benediction – 5:30pm

Next Week, January 7-14, 2018

Sunday, January 7, 2018, Epiphany:

PSR – 9:45am in the POB; please enter by the side door;

Adult Faith Formation – 10:00am in the Undercroft;

Mass - 11:15am – children’s procession with “gifts” and
Wise men statues

Coffee Hour in the Undercroft after Mass

Friends Care Ecumenical Worship Service – 2:00pm

Monday, January 8:

Rosary – 7:00pm come join us.

Tuesday, January 9:

Undecorate the church – 9:30am please come help.

Wednesday, December 27:

Reconciliation – 5:15-5:30pm;

Mass - 6:00pm;

Carmelite Prayer and Spirituality Group after Mass

Sunday, January 14, 2018:

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.

Are you missing gloves, hats or an umbrella? Or toys or books after Mass on Christmas? Check the lost and found bin in the Undercroft, in the cupboard next to the Confessional.

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 Winter 2018

January, Unit 4: THE CHURCH

7th: all grades and families at Parish; Miss Vickie’s class at Parish in regular classroom; Confirmation at Parish with families; Epiphany Procession at 11:15am Mass

14th: Miss Vickie’s class and Confirmation at Parish

21st: Miss Vickie’s class and Confirmation at Parish

27th (Saturday): Second Grade Reconciliation Retreat with parent 9:30am – 1:00pm at Parish

28th: Miss Vickie’s class, Second Grade and Confirmation at Parish

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.

The Christmas liturgical season lasts twelve days, until the feast of Epiphany. Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Rather than be associated with a specific date, it is celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. We celebrate these three people who lived for God and loved and supported one another. The Holy Family is a model for all Christian Families. The cycle B readings show Joseph and Mary bringing the infant Jesus to the Temple to present him to the Lord. There Simeon prophesies that Jesus came for both Israel and the Gentiles. Just as Joseph and Mary showed Jesus to the world, so all Christian families, by their living example, should give witness to Christ.

Excerpted from Saints and Feast Days: A Resource and Activity Book 2004 Loyola Press and Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio, pg. 151.

Saints we remember this week:

The Holy Family; Holy Mary, Mother of God; Saint Basil the Great, (Bishop and Doctor of the Church); Saint Gregory Nazianzen, (Bishop and Doctor of the Church); Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, (Religious); Saint John Neuman, (Bishop); and Saint Andre Bessette, (Religious), 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

Mass in Celebration of the 51st World Peace Day on the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God, January 1, 2018:

- **Cincinnati:** Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains
Corner of 8th and Plum Streets, downtown Cincinnati;
11:00am; celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr
- **Dayton:** Ascension Parish
2025 Woodman Drive Kettering; **10:00am; celebrated by Bishop Joseph Binzer**

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.

Catholic-sponsored Divorcecare: 11th Year at St. Francis of Assisi Church. A 13-week support group, held on Thursday evenings, 7:00-9:00pm from **January 11 to April 12**; 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH. Cost: is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information, or to register, call Marcelle Toma at (937) 312-1157 (not a texting number) or mtoma@woh.rr.com. You are welcome if you are divorced or separated and may be going through a very difficult time right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. This support group deals with such recovery topics as anger, loneliness, new relationships, annulments, etc.

St. Albert the Great Athletic Association's Annual Fish Fry:
Friday, January 19th, 2018 7:00pm – midnight; carry-out available from 5:00pm -6:30pm; pre-pay \$15.00 per ticket; day of \$20.00; Big Cash Raffle, Silent Auction; Casino games, cards & 50/50 split the pot raffle. Question – contact Janelle Brand jbrand@stag-school.org.

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).

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> - consider giving the registration as a Christmas gift. Email contact@e6catholicmensconference.com.

Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating High School Women:

the Dayton Catholic Women's Club Scholarship was established in 2010 with the goal of assisting young Catholic women in continuing their studies at an accredited technical school, junior college, community college or four-year college/university. Applicants must be high school graduates, who are active members of a Dayton-area Roman Catholic Church, and who demonstrate financial need. The application can be found at www.daytonfoundation.org/scholars. **Deadline for applications is march9, 2018, at 4:30pm.** If you have questions or need assistance, go to scholarship@daytonfoundation.org or call (937) 225-9955.

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 closures 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.**