

DAILY SCRIPTURE and MASS INTENTION

December 5—Monday

Mass Readings 7:00 a.m.
Is 35:1-10 **Scott Zimmerman**
Lk 5:17-26 Robert and Mary Norton

December 6—Tuesday

Mass Readings 8:30 a.m.
Is 40:1-11 **Saint Nicholas, Bishop**
Mt 18:12-14 **Robert Munn**
The Gooding Family

December 7—Wednesday

Mass Readings 7:00 a.m.
Is 40:25-31 **Saint Ambrose, Bishop**
Mt 11:28-30 **and Doctor of the Church**
Jack Winter
Robert and Mary Norton

December 8—Thursday

Mass Readings 8:30 a.m.
Gn 3:9-15, 20 **The Immaculate Conception of**
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
Lk 1:26-38 **Dolores Kramer**
Mary Lou Kramer
7:00 p.m.
Charles Barhorst

December 9—Friday

Mass Readings 7:00 a.m.
Is 48:17-19 **Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**
Mt 11:16-19 **The Hilbert Family**
Dan and Chris

December 10—Saturday

Mass Readings 5:30 p.m.
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 **John and Paul Kelly**
Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Mary Rose Kelly

December 11—Sunday

Mass 8:00 a.m. **Third Sunday of Advent**
Readings 8:00 a.m. **Linda Lichtenberg**
Is 35:1-6a, 10 Wil and Pat Schaefer
Jas 5:7-10 **10:00 a.m.**
Mt 11:2-11 **Ed Biersack**
Alice Dirkson
12:00 p.m.
For The Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

November 26 and November 27 - Week # 22

Regular

\$ 23,738.06 Weekend Total - Week # 22
\$ 538,496.09 Yearly Total - Week # 22

Holy Days

\$ 0.00
\$ 5,164.55 Total Holy Days - Week # 22

Regular & Holy Days

\$ 543,660.64 Total Week - # 22

Budgeted

\$ 26,614.08 Each Weekend - Weeks # 1-52
\$ 585,509.76 Total Budget through Week # 22

Non-Parish Collection (s)

\$ 4,300.71 St. Vincent
\$ 980.00 Human Development

Miscellaneous Collection (s)

FYI: \$54,480 2016 FY 15-16 parish subsidy for tuition assistance to school families who qualify. Annually, all school families, if Saint Luke parishioners, qualify for a \$1,000 tuition discount. Both the school tuition discount and tuition assistance offer parish support of our school ministry.

PRAY FOR THEM

**FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS
DEPLOYED IN COMBAT AREAS**

“Lord, protect our military as they sacrifice for us; bless them and their families for their continuing selflessness.”

Please remember our military members, especially those deployed in combat areas, with prayers.

USAF CAPT MICHELLE KANIPE—AFGHANISTAN—3/2017
USAF TSGT DOUGLAS SUAZO—UNDISCLOSED—5/2017

If you would like to have a family member, who is currently deployed (military or civilian), listed in the bulletin for prayer, please call the parish office.



NEWLY
BAPTIZED

NOVEMBER 27, 2016
MAXWELL THOMAS COFFMAN



Saint Luke Parish extends its deepest sympathy to the families of *Maria Huang* and parishioner *Scott Zimmerman*, son of Bob and Sandy Zimmerman. Please pray for all our departed friends and relatives.



**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Thursday, December 8th, is a Holy day of obligation. Masses will be held on Wednesday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—Your donation works for aging religious: “I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious,” a donor writes. “That’s wonderful when we truly want our donations to work.” Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care and more. Please support next week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious and give to those who have given a lifetime.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." ~ Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Mass in St. Dominic Chapel and continues until Benediction at 6:45 p.m. We recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:15 p.m. Divine Office evening prayer (Vespers) and evening Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed at 6:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. Babysitting is available in the nursery from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. during the school year. If you feel Jesus tugging at your heart to spend some quiet time with Him, please come to Adoration on Tuesday.

To join the Adoration Team (help needed to ensure that all time slots are covered) and receive a weekly invitation and direct link to the Sign Up program, send an email to taxmom1@aol.com with "Adoration Team" in the subject heading.

Time Change for Communal Rosary at 8:00 a.m. before Tuesday's 8:30 a.m. Mass: On Tuesday, **December 6th** and during the school Christmas break, **December 27th** and **January 3rd**, the 8:30 a.m. Mass will be upstairs in St. Dominic Chapel. The Rosary will be communally prayed before Mass, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur immediately before the end of Mass.



MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:

Want to make a donation to the Christmas poinsettia fund in memory of a loved one? Please call the church office at 426-1733 x201, no later than Wednesday, December 14th. The suggested donation is \$15.00. Names will be published in the Christmas bulletin. Flowers will be used for decoration until The Baptism of the Lord, January 8th.

MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC -2017:



March for Life

Join members of St. Luke's Parish, the surrounding parishes and hundreds of thousands of fellow Americans in Washington D.C. - it is a peaceful and enriching way to add our voice for life. Take a stand and make a difference in the greatest human rights issue of our time! This extended trip will leave Wednesday January 25th at 2:30 p.m. and return Saturday January 28th around 10:15 p.m. Students will only miss one day of school. This makes a great family trip!

Cost of trip is \$340 (based on 4 to a room), includes bus transportation, snacks and drinks, and 3 nights at the Hotel Harrington - 4 blocks from White House, Lakefront coach bus transportation, tours of Holocaust Museum and the Smithsonian Museum, prayer rally at the new mega Planned Parenthood in DC, youth pro-life rally and Mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, a pizza party and more.

For more information contact Jeannette Niezgodski at 937-320-1819 or jniezgodski@yahoo.com. A \$75 deposit will hold each spot, full balance is due by December 18th. This exciting trip will fill quickly, do not hesitate to get your forms and deposit in ASAP. Come and be a part of history.

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

"Christ has no hands or feet on earth but ours..."
St Teresa of Avila



FAIR TRADE COFFEE will be available for purchase on December 10th and 11th after all Masses in Kramer Hall. There will be no sale in January. The first sale in 2017 will be February 11th and 12th.

CREATED FOR GIVING SALE DECEMBER 10th AND 11th:



Our last sale before Christmas is December 10th and 11th in Kramer Hall after all Masses. We will be featuring wall banners, table linens, hand-sewn gift items, metal jewelry, and a new shipment of Fair Trade crafts. Your purchases fund many deserving local and international charities.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S "ADOPT A FAMILY" AT



CHRISTMAS: Our St. Vincent de Paul conference is sponsoring the "Adopt-A-Family" program again this year. This program gives a helping hand to those families who are struggling and cannot afford to buy gifts for their children. Parishioners can sponsor a whole family or part of a family with other parishioners sponsoring the rest of the family. The distribution of these gifts can be made either by the sponsoring family or by St. Vincent de Paul Society. If anyone is interested, please call Joan Glaser at 426-7632.

ST. LUKE SVDP GIVING TREE PROJECT FOR 2016:



It is that time of year again for St. Luke SVdP's annual Giving Tree Project. Our Giving Tree is in Kramer Hall. We sponsor four nursing homes: Village at The Greene, Greenwood Manor, Heartland of Beaver Creek, and Hospitality Homes East in Xenia. We also sponsor Pristine in Beaver Creek and Pristine in Xenia. You select an ornament from the Giving Tree, purchase the gift, wrap it or place in a gift bag, secure the Giving Tree ornament on the outside of the package with room number and place gift under the Giving Tree in Kramer Hall on or before **December 12th**. Please do not take an ornament if you are not able to return the gift on time. Our SVdP conference sorts through all the gifts and what is not returned, we will purchase. We thank you for all of your past support. You truly bring much happiness to many people. Look for the insert in this week's Beam with an explanation. Please call Dick Schiffler if you have any questions at 426-8562.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BAG LUNCH PROGRAM - SIGN

UP: The St. Luke Mercy Workers need your help to Feed The Hungry. We will be hosting our monthly **bag lunch session** on **Saturday, December 10th** at 1:30 p.m. in **Bishop Ford Hall**. The lunches support St. Vincent Shelter guests who are unable to eat meals on-site due to work or school. This is a hands-on opportunity to show mercy to our neighbors as they work to improve their lives. Please consider signing up to donate supplies and/or volunteer to help pack the bags. All ages are welcome. Be sure to bring along any extra Halloween candy for use in the lunches. Thank you. Please see the link for details. **Sign Up Link:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d45a5ac2caafd0-stvincent5>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

opportunities to sustain and grow as faithful witnesses to the Good News of Jesus

Grow deeper in your understanding of our Catholic faith with one or more of our offerings:

BOOK STUDIES:

◆ TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY

Join us along with St. Louis De Montfort as we delve into a deeper appreciation of Our Blessed Mother.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in Jansen Center

Please register with Tom Smith at the Jansen Center.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES:

◆ THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY STUDY

All are welcome to join us for a 10-week study by the St. Paul Institute called *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*. Classes will be offered at **1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays starting January 11th** or **7:00 p.m. on Thursdays starting January 12th**. Based on Scott Hahn's book, *Hail Holy Queen*, the doctrines and devotions to Our Blessed Mother come alive in this powerful study. Sign up with Tom in the Jansen Center or by calling 937-426-1733 ext. 301. For more information, please contact Lisa at 937-901-2727 or aramnlisa@aol.com.

◆ BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS

This study looks at each sacrament individually, seeking to understand where they come from, what they mean, and why they are so important and foundational to our faith. Finding their institution in Christ and their origin in salvation history, they are God's gift of life to His children. ~ St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

Date: February 2 - March 16 (Thursday sessions)

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Place: Jansen Center

◆ THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY

TBS is a dynamic, informative and inspiring way to enter into a deeper relationship with God through Scripture. The spring session study is still to be determined.

Date: April 18 - May 23 (6 Tuesday sessions)

Time: 1:00-2:30 PM

Place: Jansen Center

Cost: \$13

EVANGELIZATION:

**Got questions
about life**



Coming in 2017! "In an age where there is so much confusion about moral questions, and when there are so many mixed messages, Alpha provides an important and useful means for learning about Christianity and the basic teachings of Jesus Christ." ~ Cardinal George Pell,

Archbishop of Sydney, Australia.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

The process of exploring and entering into the Catholic Church is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA for short. Who is the RCIA for?

- * Adults who have never been baptized in any Christian faith.
- * Adults who were baptized in another Christian tradition and who are now thinking about becoming Catholic.
- * Adults and children (older than 7) who were baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

RCIA at St. Luke welcomes you and any questions you may have about becoming Catholic. Contact Margie Alexander at 426-1733 ext. 305 or malexa@saintlukeparish.org for more information.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARIAN CONSECRATION TIMES:

All are welcome to join us immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass or at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, to consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary. Weather permitting we will meet in front of the outside Mary statue near the lower entry to the gathering space. If it is actively snowing or raining, we will meet in the gathering space near Kramer Hall. Preparation books, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, are available in the Jansen Center. It is not too late to join the preparation. For more information, please contact Tom at the Jansen Center at 937-426-1733 ext. 301.

ST. MONICA MINISTRY: The members of St. Monica Ministry gather to support one another in their prayers, hopes and longings for family members and friends who no longer practice their Catholic faith or have a weakened faith. All are welcome to participate. This year, in addition to prayer, fellowship and support, we will view video and use the book *Return - How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church* by Brandon Vogt. The book may be picked up at Jansen Center. Our next meeting is Sunday **December 4th** from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in Kramer Hall. Future meetings are January 22, February 26, March 26 and April 23. Please contact Teresa at taxmom1@aol.com for information.

GETTING TO KNOW THE SAINTS – MOVIE SERIES

All are welcome! Bring your family and friends as we gather to learn more about some of our Saints. The movies are "family friendly" and last between 60-120 minutes. Light snacks and drinks will be served. For more information, please contact Lisa at 937-901-2727 or aramnlisa@aol.com.

Tuesday, December 13th, 7:00 pm – *St. Nicholas*

Tuesday, January 10th, 7:00 pm – *Belgium - Our Lady of Banneux and Our Lady of Beauraing*

Tuesday, February 7th – *France - Our Lady of Lourdes*

Tuesday, March 7th – *America - Our Lady of Good Success*

Tuesday, April 4th – *France - Our Lady of Pontmain American - Our Lady of Good Help*

Tuesday, May 9th – *Portugal - Our Lady of Fatima (Centennial of the Apparitions)*

Tuesday, June 27th – *Italy - Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY

When: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Where: Bishop Ford Hall
Who: 6th-12th Grade Youth



December 4
December 11
December 18

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

REGISTER FOR PSR AND EARLY CHILDHOOD: To register, please stop by the Jansen Center Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. to noon or go to www.saintlukeparish.org to download the forms under Faith Formation. Just a reminder our PSR/EC programs are for children three years old through high school. Parents do you desire for your children to learn more about our faith but the traditional class times do not work for your schedule? Homeschool for faith formation is possible! We look forward to walking with you on your families' faith journey!

The Parish School of Religion is seeking adult aides to support special needs students during the 4:15 p.m. Wednesday sessions, aides for Sunday and Wednesday classes and office helpers. Contact Caroline Barhorst at cbarhorst@saintlukeparish.org for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: All children in the parish age 3-9 are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) sessions at the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. CLOW is intended to help children pray better and reflect on God's Word. The children are invited to come forward for a special blessing toward the beginning of Mass and then they walk to St. Dominic Chapel with 2 CLOW leaders.

CLOW continues to need 2 VIRTUS[®] trained adults at each session of the 5:30 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Mass. In our efforts to ensure the safety of the children who attend, we are asking that 2 VIRTUS[®] trained adults sign up for this ministry. If we are unable to have 2 VIRTUS[®] trained adults sign up, CLOW will not be offered at that Mass. If you are interested in helping with this beautiful children's ministry please contact Caroline Barhorst at the Jansen Center, 426-1733, x306.



HERE AT ST. LUKE

GETTING TO KNOW — ST. NICHOLAS: All are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Kramer Hall for the final installment of the 2016 Getting to Know the Saints Movie Series. We will learn about St. Nicholas of Myra. Light snacks and drinks will be served.

DEVOTION TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST is held Saturday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome to pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Litany, the Chaplet of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Contact Divina at 937-431-0323 or email dgrace777@hotmail.com.

VIRTUS[®] "Protecting God's Children Sessions" on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Decree on Child Protection: All employees and regular volunteers in the Archdiocese who have contact with children are required to be trained using VIRTUS[®] materials. St. Luke will host its next session on **Tuesday, January 17th**. Check-in begins at 6:00 p.m. No child care provided. To register or to get a list of available training dates, go to www.virtusonline.org. You must register online. Any questions, contact Bruce Guindon at 937-426-1733 x202 or bguindon@saintlukeparish.org.

ST. LUKE LEISURE CLUB—Five "Ws" (+1) to remember:

WHO: Club members in Holiday Wear
WHAT: Christmas Party: food and song
WHEN: Tuesday December 13th at 1:30
WHERE: Bishop Ford Hall
WHY: Present adopt-a-family gifts and enjoy a December afternoon with friends

WITHOUT YOU, it just isn't the same!

NURSING HOME MINISTRY: There is an immediate need for anyone who could take communion each week to the Catholic residents at the Village at the Greene, formerly known as the Crestview Nursing Home. It is located next to Indian Ripple Road across from The Greene shopping center. If you are not currently a Eucharistic Minister, we can provide you with a short training session. Please call Deacon Bill at 426-1733 extension 203 or Deacon Gerry at extension 304. We need your help.

USHERS NEEDED: We are desperately seeking ushers to serve the needs of the parish during Sunday Masses. Ushers can be men and women, college students and high school students. Ushers greet people arriving for Mass, take up the collection, assist in directing those going to Communion and distribute bulletins following Mass. In fact, ushers are responsible for monitoring what is happening throughout the church. Sometimes an usher is called upon to assist a parishioner who may become ill or helping a lost child find his/her parents. The role of the usher is important. We are looking for help particularly at the 12:00 p.m. Mass but can use new ushers at each of the other Masses. Please consider volunteering. If interested call Jansen Center at 426-1733, ext. 304 or give your name and contact information to one of the ushers as you leave Mass. Become one of the proud, the few, the committed. (where have I heard that before.)

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Early Childhood Class in School/Gym (9:45 - 11:00 AM)
CYO in Gym (1:00 - 5:00 PM)
BS Religious Emblem Class in Youth Ministry Room (3:00 - 4:45 PM)
St. Monica Ministry Meeting in Kramer Hall (3:30 - 5:00 PM)
Youth Ministry in BFH/YMR/Gym (6:00 - 8:30 PM)
Advent by Candlelight Women's Tea in Parish Center (6:30 - 9:00 PM)

Monday, December 5, 2016

School Rosary Club in Parish Center (3:00 PM - 5:00 PM)
Girl Scout 1st Grade Daisy Mtg in School Room #106 (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
Extension in Bishop Ford Hall/Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
CYO in Gym (5:30 - 9:00 PM)
Cub Scouts Pack 85 Den Meeting in Parish Center (6:00 - 8:30 PM)
Baptism Parents Prep Class in Jansen Center West (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
Troop 85 Scout Meeting in Bishop Ford Hall (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
Cub Scout Pack 85 Committee Meeting in Jansen Rose (7:00 - 8:00 PM)
Legion of Mary Meeting in Jansen Conference Room (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
Education Commission Meeting in Faculty Room (7:00 - 9:00 PM)
Al-Anon Family Group in Jansen Center East (7:30 - 8:30 PM)
Adult Men's Volleyball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Dominic Chapel (9:15 AM - 7:00 PM)
Women of Faith Bible Study in Kramer Hall/Nursery (9:30 - 11:00 AM)
Chess Club in Parish Center (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
Extension in Bishop Ford Hall/Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
Lego League in BFH Front Room (5:00 - 6:00 PM)
CYO in Gym (5:30 - 9:00 PM)
Cub Scouts Pack 85 Den Meeting in BFH, PC (6:00 PM - 8:30 PM)
SVDP Conference Meeting in Jansen West (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
YM Confirmation Retreat Planning in Jansen East (7:00 - 9:30 PM)
Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

True Devotion to Mary Study in Jansen West (10:30 AM - 12:30 PM)
Extension in Bishop Ford Hall/Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
PSR Classes in School/Nursery (4:15 - 8:15 PM)
Holy Day Mass in Church (5:30 PM)
CYO in Gym (7:00 - 9:00 PM)
K of C Assembly Meeting in Bishop Ford Hall (8:00 - 9:30 PM)

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Holy Day Mass in Church (8:30 AM)
Moms and Tots Workout Group in Bishop Ford Hall (9:30 - 10:30 AM)
Extension in Bishop Ford Hall/Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
Lego League in BFH Front Room (5:00 - 6:00 PM)
CYO in Gym (5:30 - 7:00 PM)
Holy Day Mass in Church (7:00 PM)
Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Friday, December 9, 2016

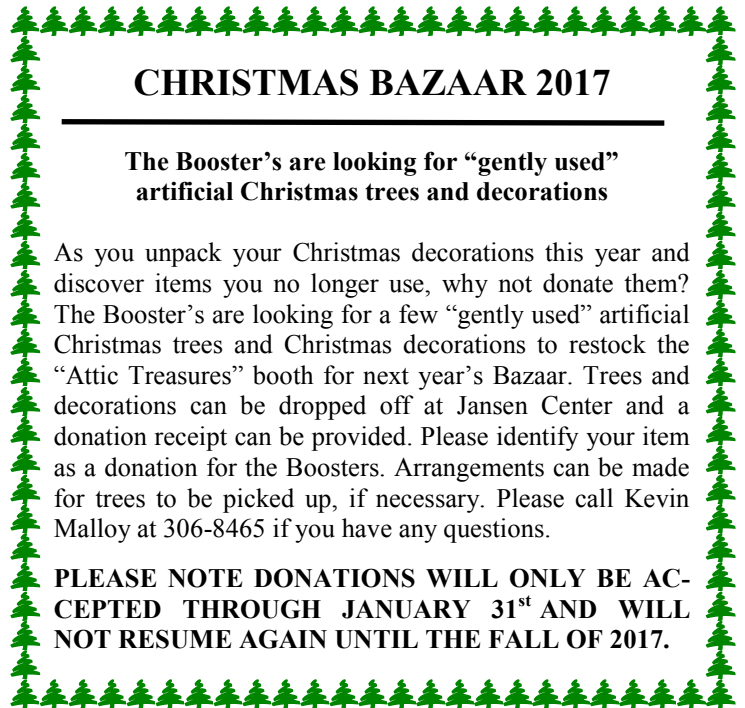
Moms and Tots Playgroup in Nursery/Kramer Hall (9:30 - 11:30 AM)
Extension in Bishop Ford Hall/Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
CYO in Gym (5:30 - 9:00 PM)
St. Luke Bridge Club in Bishop Ford Hall (7:00 - 10:30 PM)
Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting in Jansen West (7:00 - 8:00 PM)

Saturday, December 10, 2016

Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (6:30 - 8:30 AM)
CYO in Gym (9:00 - 4:00 PM)
Advent Morning of Reflection in Kramer Hall (9:00 - 1:00 PM)
BS Eagle Court of Honor Set-Up in Parish Center (12:00 - 4:00 PM)
SVDP Bag Lunches in Bishop Ford Hall (1:30 - 3:00 PM)

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Early Childhood Class in School/Gym (9:45 - 11:00 AM)
CYO in Gym (1:00 - 5:00 PM)
Little Flowers Meeting in Bishop Ford Hall (1:30 - 3:30 PM)
Boy Scouts Eagle Court of Honor in Parish Center (2:00 - 5:00 PM)
BS Religious Emblem Class in Youth Ministry Room (3:00 - 4:45 PM)
Youth Ministry in BFH/YMR/Gym (6:00 - 8:30 PM)



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2017

The Booster's are looking for "gently used" artificial Christmas trees and decorations

As you unpack your Christmas decorations this year and discover items you no longer use, why not donate them? The Booster's are looking for a few "gently used" artificial Christmas trees and Christmas decorations to restock the "Attic Treasures" booth for next year's Bazaar. Trees and decorations can be dropped off at Jansen Center and a donation receipt can be provided. Please identify your item as a donation for the Boosters. Arrangements can be made for trees to be picked up, if necessary. Please call Kevin Malloy at 306-8465 if you have any questions.

PLEASE NOTE DONATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED THROUGH JANUARY 31st AND WILL NOT RESUME AGAIN UNTIL THE FALL OF 2017.

AROUND THE AREA

Advent Lunch with the Lord: Reverend Mark Burger will share insights on the upcoming Sunday Scripture readings. The sessions are from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Synod Hall in the Undercroft of the St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati, following the 11:30 Mass. The sessions are free and will meet on Mondays, **December 5th and 12th**. Drinks available for a donation. Bring your lunch. For information call 513-421-5354.

New documentary film about Medjugorje—*Apparition Hill*: Tim O'Laughlin and Mary Pyper, together with 4Mary Inc., will be hosting film screenings at the Neon Theater in Dayton on **December 8th and December 12th**. Start time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 with 100% of the proceeds going toward the Annual Youth Pilgrimage sponsored by 4Mary Inc. Tickets can be purchased at www.4Mary.org/movies/html.

A Christmas Posada on December 11th at Mount St. John, 4400 Shakertown Road in Beavercreek from 2-4 p.m. Meet outside the Center's main entrance at 2:00 p.m. This is a single-day version of *Las Posadas*, a centuries-old Advent meditation and procession that re-creates the pilgrimage of Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem for the birth of Christ. Pilgrimage will be from building to building at Mount St. John with exhibits of Nativity sets at each location. Park in lot D adjacent to the Bergamo Retreat Center. The procession concludes by 4:00 back at the Bergamo Center for light traditional refreshments and a piñata.

Immaculate Conception will be hosting a *Cookie Walk* on **December 18th** from noon to 6:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church. What is a cookie walk? Members of ICYM and IC Parish donate Christmas Cookies and on December 18th, the doors will open at noon and people can pick a box with 2 dozen different cookies. Each box is \$8 and 2 boxes are \$16. Questions? Contact Spencer Hargadon at 937-252-9919 ext. 203. Immaculate Conception is located at 2300 S. Smithville Road in Dayton.

AROUND THE AREA

The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Tuition Reduction continues for Spring Semester 2017: The Athenaeum, the Archdiocesan seminary and school of theology, will continue the 50% lay tuition reduction for spring semester as part of the *One Faith, One Hope Capital Campaign* commitment. The non-Degreed Certificate Option will meet on Saturdays in Dayton at the Pilarczyk Center January through May 2017, and then move to Sacred Heart of Jesus, McCartyville, for two years in August, 2017. Graduate programs are available at the main campus in Cincinnati. All options are designed for busy adults with an outstanding faculty, supportive staff and flexible components. There will never be a better time to see how lay Catholic studies through the Athenaeum can transform your life. For information about Dayton classes, call Deacon Hal Belcher, 419-305-5486. For Cincinnati options, call Dr. Susan McGurgan, 513-231-1200.

Praying with the Church—The Liturgy of the Hours Retreat will be held December 9th (Friday evening) through December 11th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Road in Peebles Ohio. A member of a lay community said, “This is the delight and joy of my day!” Come, learn how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours and enjoy the beauty of daily prayer with the universal Church. Retreat participants listen to teachings, attend Mass and receive lodging and meals all for a free-will donation! Register online at www.presentationministries.com or call 513-373-2397.

The University of Dayton presents *Feliz Navidad: The Latin Flavor of the Nativity*, a new display of Nativities in the Roesch Library building. Mexican traditions will be featured as well as the German Festival of Light. The exhibit continues through Sunday, January 8th. Join us this year before the event goes on hiatus until after the library renovations have been completed. Log on to go.udayton.edu/manger for more information.

Know Mary Better: Learn more about the Blessed Virgin Mary and deepen your devotion to her by studying at the University of Dayton’s International Marian Research Institute. Audit individual courses or enroll in the certificate program. Register by January 23rd. For more information, visit www.udayton.edu/imri/academic-program/overview-and-courses.php or call Mike Duricy at 229-1474.

Silent Ignatian Retreat: The Jesuit Spiritual Center offers silent retreats rooted in *The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*. An experienced retreat director presents the materials on a particular theme, provides reflections on the Scriptures and offers methods of how to grow closer to our loving God. Retreats include daily Mass, periods for private reflection and devotions, spiritual direction, and reconciliation and healing services. Come join us for a Silent Ignatian Retreat and come to know the abundance of God’s love. To register call 513-248-3500 ext. 10, or email reservations @jesuitspiritualcenter.com. For more information about programs at the Center, visit www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com

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