

DAILY SCRIPTURE and MASS INTENTION

December 19—Monday	
Mass Readings Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25	7:00 a.m. Jack Winter The Gooding Family
December 20—Tuesday	
Mass Readings Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	8:30 a.m. Dolores Kramer Mary Lou Kramer
December 21—Wednesday	
Mass Readings Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45	Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church 7:00 a.m. Herbert Still Ann Persensky
December 22—Thursday	
Mass Readings 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56	8:30 a.m. Ivo Hemmelgarn Kathleen Gelm
December 23—Friday	
Mass Readings Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66	Saint John of Kanty, Priest 7:00 a.m. Scott Zimmerman Ed and Ampy Arnold
December 24—Saturday	
Mass Readings Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25	Vigil of Christmas 5:30 p.m. Michael S. Gallagher Mike and Kathy Gallagher
Mass Readings Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14	Midnight 11:00 p.m. Herbert and Elizabeth Still Ann Persensky
December 25—Sunday	
Mass Readings Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 10:00 a.m. Milton and Michael Toney Mary Ann Toney 12:00 p.m. For The Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 10 and December 11 - Week # 24

Regular

\$ 33,957.83
\$ 606,592.63

Weekend Total - Week # 24
Yearly Total - Week # 24

Holy Days

\$ 5,638.66
\$ 1,125.66
\$ 11,928.21

Immaculate Conception
Christmas
Total Holy Days - Week # 24

Regular & Holy Days

\$ 618,520.84

Total Week - # 24

Budgeted

\$ 26,614.08
\$ 638,737.92

Each Weekend - Weeks # 1-52
Total Budget through Week # 24

Non-Parish Collection (s)

\$ 150.00
\$ 13,595.00

St. Vincent
Religious Retirement

Miscellaneous Collection (s)

\$ 0.00

FYI: \$569,388 2016 '16 FY 15-16 total payroll taxes and Employee benefits costs (FICA, Worker Comp., Health Insur., Unemployment Comp. and Pension).

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.

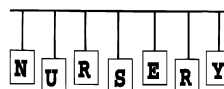
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE PARISH: Please register with us! Come to the church office or call 937-426-1733 x201. We are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. You can also find registration forms on our parish website at www.saintlukeparish.org. Place them in the offering basket or return them to the church office.



Just a **NOTE:** **HOLIDAY HOURS:** All parish offices and facilities will close Friday, December 23rd at 12:00 noon and all day Monday, December 26th.

THE NURSERY WILL CLOSE FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY on Thursday, December 22nd through Sunday, January 1st. We will reopen on Saturday, January 7th and Sunday, January 8th.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2016-2017

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016
CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY

Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 24

Lessons and carols begin at 4:45 PM

“Midnight” Mass - 11:00 PM

Saturday, December 24

Lessons and carols begin at 10:15 PM

Day Masses - 10:00 AM and Noon

Sunday, December 25

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Vigil Mass – 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 31

Mass – 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and Noon

Sunday, January 1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Vigil Mass – 5:30 PM

Saturday, January 7

Mass – 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and Noon

Sunday, January 8

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

“When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength.” ~ 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.

Communal Rosary: During the school year when Tuesday’s Mass is in the main church, Communal Rosary will be prayed immediately **after** the school Mass and **before** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Dominic Chapel.

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

*“Christ has no hands or feet on earth but ours...”
St Teresa of Avila*



DELIVERY OF GIVING TREE GIFTS: On Monday, December 19th we will deliver gifts to the nursing homes at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. We will meet in Gilligan Hall and we invite the St. Luke community to participate—all are welcome. Please call Dick

Schiffler at 426-8562 if you have any questions.

MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC -2017:



Join members of St. Luke’s Parish 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.



MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Want to make a donation to the Christmas poinsettia fund in memory of a loved one? Please call the Poinsettias church office at 426-1733 x201, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19th. 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.

TAXES AND CHARITABLE GIVING: Many people use Christmas and year’s end to donate to charity and positively impact federal and state income taxes. Gifts to the parish advance the work of the church and help attain program goals and maintain quality parish activities. An employer may also match gifts. If you prefer to do a stock transfer for St. Luke, please use the information listed below. Any questions, please contact Bruce at bguindon@saintlukeparish.org.

Name of Custodian: Fifth Third Bank
DTC Number: 2116
Account Name: St Luke Beaver creek
Account Number: 0104471751CB
St Luke Church, Tax ID 31-0589342
Your name needs to be included

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.

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. 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, 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*

July (TBA) – Poland – *Our Lady of Czestochowa*

August (TBA) – Ireland – *Our Lady of Knock*
France – *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal*

September (TBA) – France – *Our Lady of La Salette*
Spain – *Our Lady of Pillar*

October (TBA) – Italy – *Our Lady of the Rosary at Pompeii*

November (TBA) – Rwanda – *Our Lady of Kibeho*

December (TBA) – Mexico – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

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
December 25—No meeting



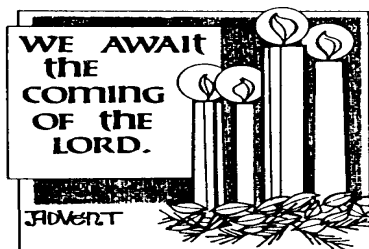
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

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 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

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.

CYO VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ONLINE: Parents can register their 4th-8th grade children online for St. Luke CYO volleyball at www.stlukeathletics.com. Players must either attend St. Luke School or be a member of St. Luke Parish. **Registration will close on Wednesday December 21st. No Late Registration will be taken.**

Practices will begin after the CYO basketball season is over in late January and games start on February 18th. If you have any questions about volleyball please email Jill Lencke at lencke@ameritech.net.

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.

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.)



**The St. Luke Annual Golf Outing
will be held on
Friday May 5, 2017**

For more information please contact
Ken Sullivan, 937-426-8298 or ksullivan13@sbcglobal.net
or Gussie Jones, 937-429-0805 or dsj4290805@aol.com

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 18, 2016

Early Childhood Class in School/Gym (9:45 - 11:00 AM)
CYO in Gym (1:00 - 6:45 PM)
1st Grade Daisy Christmas Party in Parish Center (2:00 - 5:30 PM)
BS Religious Emblem Class in Youth Ministry Room (3:00 - 4:45 PM)
Girl Scouts 6th Grade Meeting in Bishop Ford Hall (3:30 - 5:00 PM)
Youth Ministry in BFH/YMR/Gym (6:00 - 8:30 PM)
Youth Ministry in Gym (7:30 - 8:30 PM)

Monday, December 19, 2016

School Rosary Club in Parish Center (3:00 - 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 Meeting in Parish Center (6:00 - 8:30 PM)
Troop 85 Scout Meeting in Bishop Ford Hall (7:00 - 8:30 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 20, 2016

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Dominic Chapel (9:15 AM - 7:00 PM)
Women of Faith Bible Study 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 Youth 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 - 8:30 PM)
Boosters Meeting in Jansen Center East (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
YM Confirmation Retreat Planning in Jansen Rose (7:00 - 9:30 PM)
Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

Extension in Bishop Ford Hall/Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
PSR Classes in School/Nursery (4:15 - 8:15 PM)
CYO in Gym (5:30 - 9:00 PM)
K of C 1st Degree Ceremony in Gilligan Hall (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
Building and Grounds Committee Mtg in Jansen East (7:00 - 9:00 PM)

Thursday, December 22, 2016

Christmas Break -School Closed
Choir Rehearsal in Music Room (7:00 - 9:00 PM)
Our Lady of Good Counsel SCC in Jansen East (7:15 - 9:00 PM)
K of C Council Meeting in Bishop Ford Hall (8:00 - 9:30 PM)
Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Friday, December 23, 2016

Christmas Break -School Closed
Christmas Holiday - All Facilities Closed starting at 12:00 PM
Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting in Jansen West (7:00 - 8:00 PM)

Saturday, December 24, 2016

Christmas Vigil Mass in Church (5:30 PM)
Lessons/carols begin at 4:45 PM
Christmas "Midnight" Mass in Church (11:00 PM)
Lessons/carols begin at 10:15 PM

Sunday, December 25, 2016

Christmas Day Masses in Church at 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

Monday, December 26, 2016

Christmas Break -School Closed
Christmas Holiday - All Facilities Closed
Adult Men's Volleyball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Tuesday, December 27, 2016

Christmas Break -School Closed
Eucharistic Adoration in St. Dominic Chapel (9:15 AM - 7:00 PM)
Leisure Club Board Mtg in Jansen Center East (1:00 - 2:30 PM)
Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Wednesday, December 28, 2016

Christmas Break -School Closed

Thursday, December 29, 2016

Christmas Break -School Closed
Our Lady of Good Counsel SCC in Jansen East (7:15 - 9:00 PM)
Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2017

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

Do you have a "gently used" artificial Christmas tree or Christmas decorations that you no longer use? Why not donate them? The Boosters are looking for "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 THAT DONATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED THROUGH JANUARY 31ST AND WILL NOT RESUME AGAIN UNTIL THE FALL OF 2017.

AROUND THE AREA

Divorce Support Ministry: If you are a Catholic who is newly divorced or separated, you may be going through a very difficult time right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. There are two excellent Catholic-Sponsored support groups in the local area to help you heal.

Catholic-Sponsored DivorceCare: 13 weeks, held on Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. from January 5th to March 30th at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike in Centerville. Cost is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call Marcelle Toma at 937-312-1157 or mtoma@woh.rr.com

Catholic Divorce Survival Guide: 12 weeks, held on Monday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. from January 9th to March 27th in the Candle Room at St. Christopher's Church in Vandalia. Cost is \$25 per person. Register Online at: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=670e37> Questions: Call Noreen Wendeln at Family & Respect Life Office 937-222-0227.

St. Mary of the Assumption: Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. from January 17th to April 11th in the 3rd grade classroom at St. Mary of the Assumption School, 9579 Yankee Road in Springboro. Call Lynn Meisberger at 937-557-1711 or email lynnm@stmaryfranklin.org

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, continues the 50% lay tuition reduction for spring semester! We will offer three courses: Jesus, the Christ of Faith, Social Media & Evangelization, and Morality & Justice in Catholic Life on Saturdays at Dayton's Pilarczyk Center, January through May 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 learn more about your faith and prepare for new opportunities. For information about Dayton classes, call Deacon Hal Belcher at 419-305-5486. For Cincinnati options, call Dr. Susan McGurgan at 513-231-1200. We will move to McCartyville in August, 2017.

St. Mary Christmas Open House: For more than 80 years, the highlight of the Christmas decorations at St. Mary Church in Dayton has been our Christmas Crib. We have had thousands of visitors come and marvel at the beauty of the church and the wonder of this display. The church will be having an Open House to view the crèche. The Open House hours are: Monday, **December 26th** from Noon - 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, **December 27th** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, **December 28th** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please stop by St. Mary at the corner of Xenia Avenue and Allen Street in Dayton. For more information, please call the office at 937-256-5633 or visit our web site at <http://www.stmarydayton.org/>

Feliz Navidad: The Latin Flavor of the Nativity, the University of Dayton's annual display of international Nativities continues through Sunday January 8th. Visit Roesch Library to enjoy four themed exhibits of Nativity settings representing the world's diverse cultures. The first floor features a rich variety of Mexican nacimientos from Chihuahua to Chiapas. For complete information see go.udayton.edu/manger.

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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