

SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH *newsletter*

WINTER 2016

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Sharon and Linda Lech drop off gifts for the Giving Tree



A Season of Giving

ST. MM's CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. Margaret Mary parishioners can always be counted on to show their generosity through support of the annual Christmas Giving Tree. The Giving Tree project is coordinated and sponsored by our St. Vincent De Paul members and the gifts will go to help families in our area. Thanks to all who participated.

ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, ONE LOVE

Our parish, along with all others within the archdiocese, has been called to take part in a capital campaign to help secure and grow the vitality of our parishes, schools, social services, and other ministries for decades to come. Throughout the months of November and December, parishioners heard an overview of the benefits of this campaign each week. The parish component of the campaign provides for our parish to receive 20% of any monies collected toward the parish's campaign goal, with these funds being designated for use toward the ongoing upkeep and improvement of our parish buildings and equipment. Our sincere thank you for all those who have volunteered to take part in organization efforts for our parish and for all of those who have been able to contribute to the campaign. If you would like more information on the campaign, please visit the campaign website at 1faith1hope1love.org.

COME JOIN US FOR CASINO NIGHT!

We're looking forward to our annual Casino Night Saturday, February 6th in Madonna Hall. If you haven't joined us before, we invite you to come join in the fun! There's plenty of food and drinks and activities for all including card games, games of chance, our \$599 reverse raffle and opportunities to share a fun evening with great friends. Raffle tickets are on sale now. Tickets can be returned prior to the event to the parish office or within the weekly collection basket. We're also looking for volunteers to assist during the evening. If you can lend your time and talents, please contact the parish office at 513-521-7387.

Save the Date!
Casino Night

Saturday,
February 6th
7:00 - 11:00 PM



THE "LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU" 2016

Mark your calendars! Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 7:00–9:00 p.m. We will once again open our doors to those seeking the mercy and love of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

The Lenten Soup Suppers are an opportunity for us to take a break from our daily routines and connect with each other as we reflect on and share our Lenten journeys. Through the sacrifice of a small meal we may experience the Lenten season in a more deliberate way.

Soup Suppers take place on Tuesdays during Lent and are served starting at 5:45 in Madonna Hall. A variety of homemade soups are served with bread and drinks also provided. Each dinner is followed by a prayer service or Way of the Cross at 7:00 PM in the Church. Consider attending a few during Lent.

Soup Suppers take place on Tuesdays, February 16 & 23 and on March 1, 8 and 15.



**Please
keep these young
parishioners in your
prayers as they prepare
for their Confirmation!**

**Brittaney Didomeni
Sophia Lavagna
Hailie Osterbrock
Isabella Pio**

Mass & Celebration: Tues., April 10th, at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral

Reception for the Newly Confirmed: Sun., April 19th after 10:30 AM Mass

GOBBLETY - GOOD TIMES!

The PYO sponsored Turkey Dinner on November 2 was very well attended and raised over \$1700 towards parish youth projects. Those who attended enjoyed participating in Split-the-Pot, a Turkey Raffle and also had the opportunity to take chances on a variety of baskets created for the Basket Raffle. It was a fun evening spent with fellow parishioners and friends. We thank all who attended and all who volunteered their time to make this fun evening possible!

ST. MM'S WEEKDAY INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

With the onset of winter weather and the potential for morning snow and ice, safe travel to weekday Mass for both the priests and the members of the congregation is a concern. In order to keep the community safe during severe winter weather, the WEEKDAY morning Mass/Communion Services will be canceled whenever the Northwest School District school is canceled. This is the district that Our Lady of Grace school uses to determine school closure.

MASS ATTENDANCE & FLU SEASON

HEALTHY REMINDERS

As the flu season takes hold, it is a good time for a refresher on some common sense healthy practices related to our everyday interactions with each other as well as for distributing and receiving the Eucharist at Mass. The Archdiocese Chancery Office and Worship Office make the following recommendations with regard to liturgical practice:

- Wash hands with soap and water before and after Mass, and/or use hand sanitizer
- If you are sick, remain home
- If you are not feeling well, consider refraining from drinking from the Cup
- If you are not feeling well, refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace

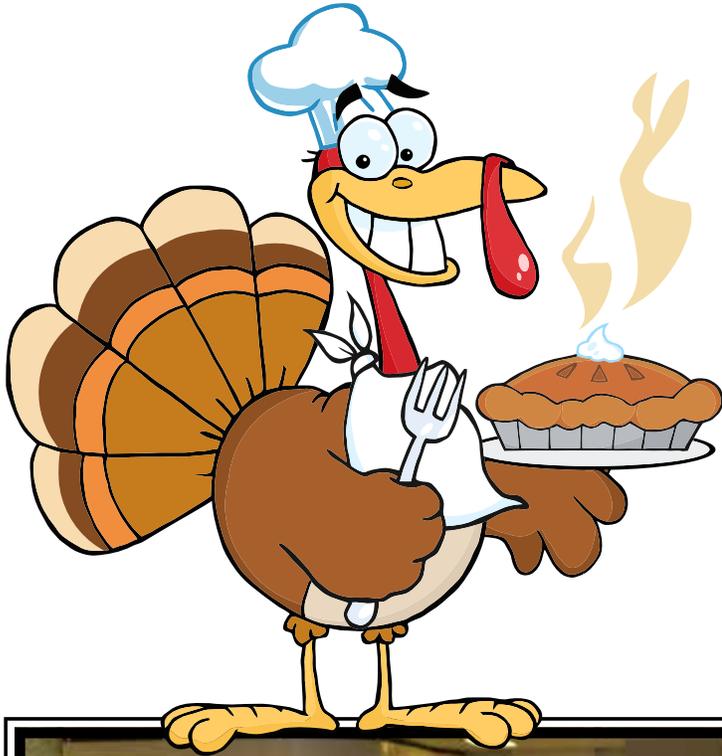


Save the Date!

**St. MM Italian Dinner
Saturday, April 2nd**

Dinner served from 5:45 - 7:00 PM. Games for adults, Crafts for kids, Basket raffle!

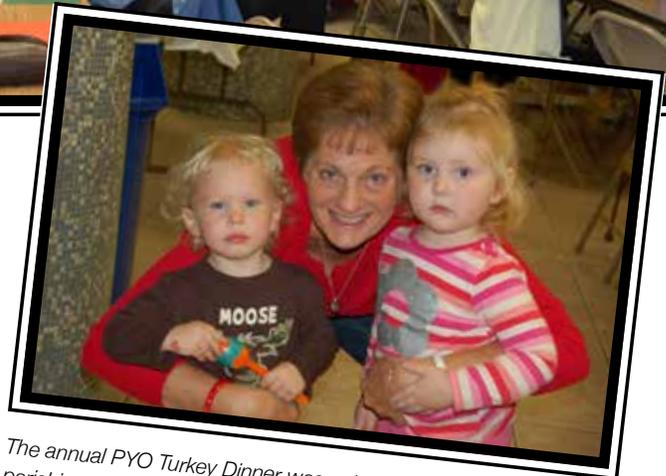
2015 PYO TURKEY DINNER



Turkey, dressing, cranberries, mashed potatoes, rolls, home made desserts and more! The kitchen was humming! Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this evening possible.



A festive crowd gathered for a great meal and to try their chance to win a turkey, split the pot and many festive baskets!

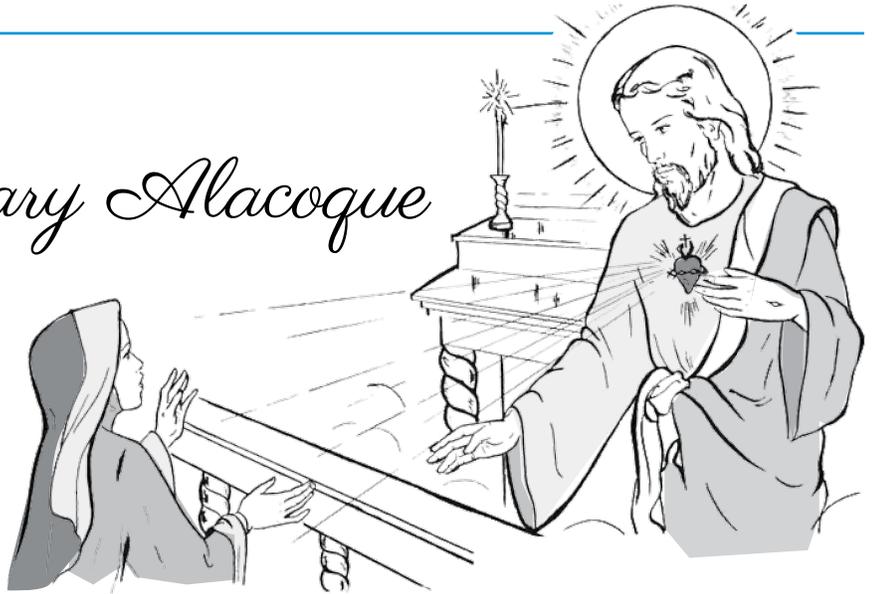


The annual PYO Turkey Dinner was enjoyed by parishioners of all ages!

OUR PATRON SAINT –

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

“What a weakness it is to love Jesus Christ only when He Caresses us, and to be cold immediately once He afflicts us. This is not true love. Those who love thus, love themselves too much to love God with all their heart.” – Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque



EXCERPT FROM A LETTER

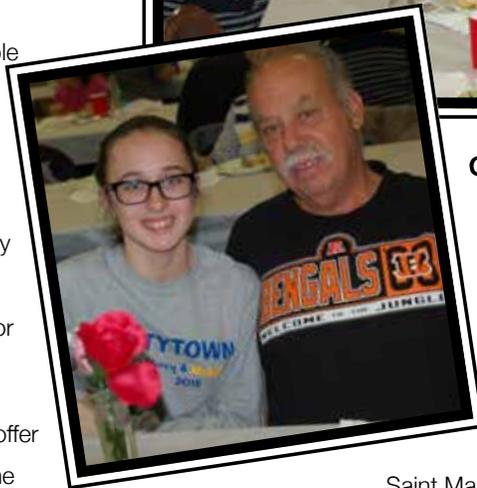
BY SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

The sacred heart of Christ is an inexhaustible fountain and its sole desire is to pour itself out into the hearts of the humble so as to free them and prepare them to lead lives according to his good pleasure.

This divine heart is an abyss filled with all blessings, and into the poor should submerge all their needs. It is an abyss of joy in which all of us can immerse our sorrows. It is an abyss of lowliness to counteract our foolishness, an abyss of mercy for the wretched, an abyss of love to meet our every need.

Are you making no progress in prayer? Then you need only offer God the prayers which the Savior has poured out for us in the sacrament of the altar. Offer God his fervent love in reparation for your sluggishness. In the course of every activity pray as follows: “My God, I do this or I endure that in the heart of your Son and according to his holy counsels. I offer it to you in reparation for anything blameworthy or imperfect in my actions.”

Continue to do this in every circumstance of life. But above all preserve peace of heart. This is more valuable than any treasure. In order to preserve it there is nothing more useful than renouncing your own will and substituting for it the will of the divine heart. In this way his will can carry out for us whatever contributes to his glory, and we will be happy to be his subjects and to trust entirely in him.



CELEBRATING ST. MM – 2015

This year's Celebrate St.MM Dinner & Ministry Fair took place over the weekend of October 16-17-18.

The weekend's festivities began with morning Mass on Friday, the feast day of our patroness

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, followed

by coffee and donuts in the Holy Family Room. Parishioners and friends of the parish gathered on Saturday evening for a dinner of fried chicken and a buffet of donated side dishes and desserts. Information was displayed by parish groups during the dinner and after Masses on Sunday, providing a opportunity to learn more about the groups as

well as to sign up to volunteer.

The winner of this year's St.MM Sampler was John Mascavage. The sampler is free tickets to many of our parish events. We look forward to seeing him enjoying his prize throughout the coming year!



COME TO
St. Margaret Mary
Casino Night

Saturday, February 6, 2016

7 pm – 11 pm in Madonna Hall

**21 & over Admission \$15 per person
includes beer, food, and soft drinks**

Games of Chance:

**Money Wheel
Crack the Safe
Texas Holdem'
7 Card Stud
Blackjack
Bingo Ball
Split the Pot
Baskets Raffle
Instants
Wine Toss**

PLUS!

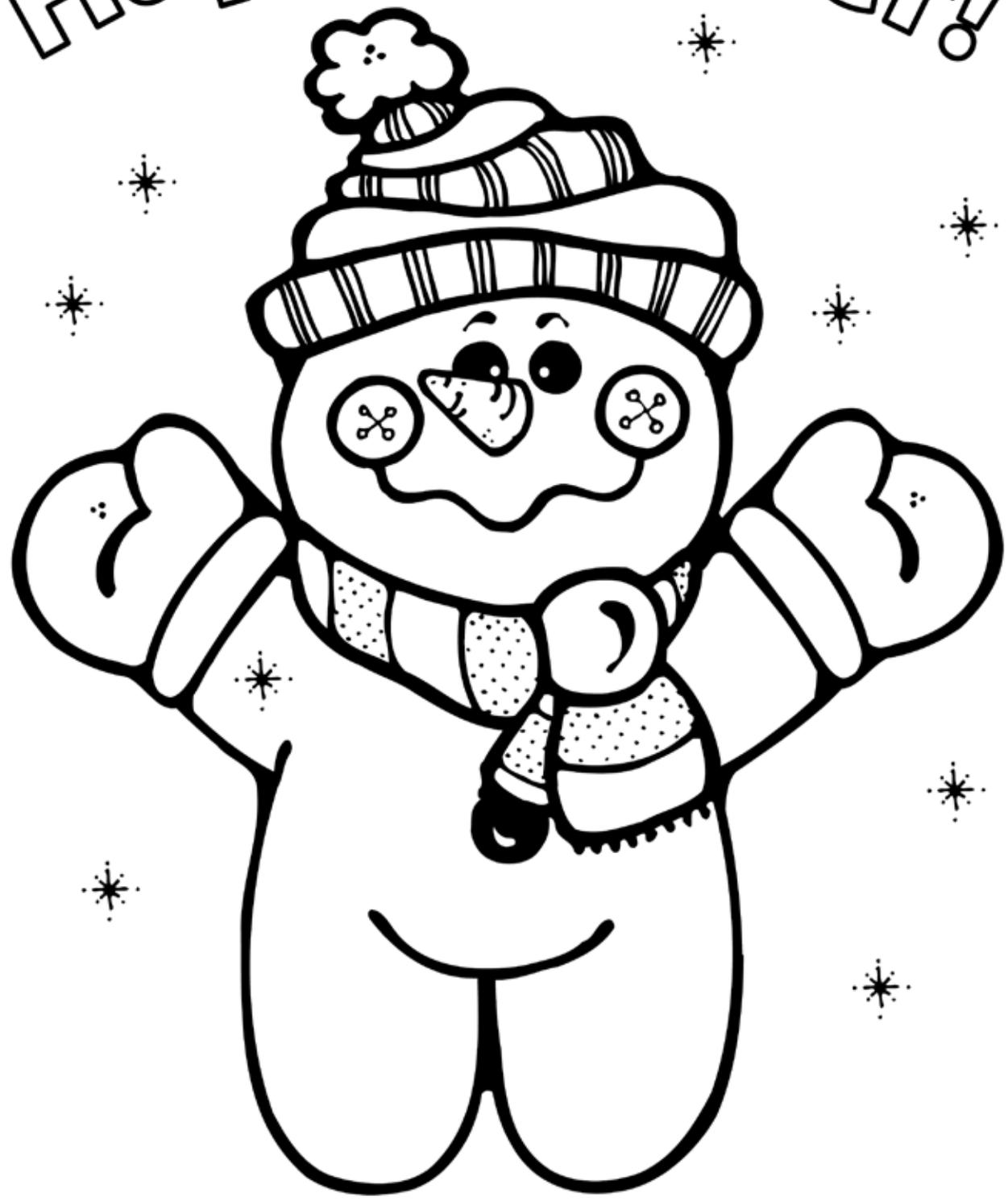
**“Show Me the Money”
Raffle**

**First prize: \$599
Second prize: \$250
and Three \$100 prizes awarded**

**Tickets \$1 each
(not included in admission)**

**Raffle tickets are available for purchase
in the Church office.
1830 W. Galbraith Rd., NCH 521-7387**

Happy Winter!





News from the Eagles Nest...

WALK-A-THON A SUCCESS!

Our students did an amazing job exceeding their annual walk-a-thon goal for this year! Thank you to all of the volunteers and all of those who have supported this annual event!

IN MUSIC NEWS –

The OLG choir, Soarin', was honored to sing the national anthem at the Cincinnati Cyclones game in November. The 2nd and 3rd grade students presented a musical rendition of 'Twas the Night before Christmas. Soarin' and the 4th grade choirs hosted their annual end of year concert at Assumption in December.

Do you have talent? Over the next couple months students are invited to try out for the OLG Talent Show. An annual event, students can show off their singing, dancing, magic, comedy and other talents during a fun evening in January.

PACK 660 CUB SCOUTS ANNUAL POPCORN SALE

Thank you to all who supported this year's annual popcorn sale! The troop exceeded their sales goal for 2015. The troop held their annual Christmas party in December to celebrate the holiday season. The next major event for the troop is the Pinewood Derby which takes place in February.

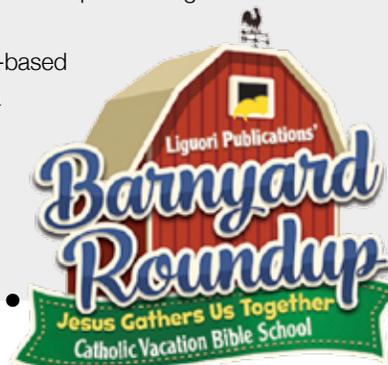
ATHLETICS NEWS

Our sports teams are off to a great start this winter! OLG is part of a new conference this year and enjoying meeting new schools from around the area for conference play.

Save the Date!

St. MM Vacation Bible School begins Monday, June 20th

After the craft glue dries and the snacks are just crumbs, the lasting treasure is that children leave VBS knowing Jesus as the REAL Savior. VBS gives kids confidence that our faith is real and true. A realistic but contemporary VBS theme, Barnyard Roundup, is but a backdrop or a bridge for kids to connect to the Bible stories. Bible-based lessons built with a message that engages and enriches kids for a lifetime.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Here are some of the other activities happening over the next several months:

Monday, January 4 – Return from Christmas Break

Monday, January 18 – No School, MLK Day

Sunday, January 31 – Open House,
12:30 – 3:00 pm

Friday, February – OLG Talent Show at
Little Flower, 7:30 pm

Monday, February 15 – No School, Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 24 –
Kindergarten Information Night, 6:30 pm

Friday, March 11 – No School,
Teacher in Service



Please keep our First Communion candidates in your prayers as they prepare for their First Communion in May!

Abigail LaTulippe and Jenna White



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Parish Calendar

JANUARY

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses

Holy Day of Obligation
Thurs., December 31st, 4:30 PM
Fri., January 1st, 10:00 AM

Ronald McDonald House Brunch – a St. MM Volunteer Event

Fri., January 1st, meet at “House” at 9:00 AM to serve at 10:30 AM

Epiphany of the Lord

Sat./Sun. January 2nd & 3rd

Baptism of the Lord – End of the Christmas Season

Sat./Sun., January 9th & 10th

Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association Night at the Races

Sat., January 16th, 7:00 PM at Assumption Parish Center/Gym
Tickets \$15.00, includes beer, food, and soft drinks; Grand raffle, Split the Pot, Bingo Ball, Horse Races
Call for tickets 513-374-3181

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Week of January 17th

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Fri., January 22nd

5th Saturday Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Sat., January 30th, 8:30 AM Mass, 1:00 PM Benediction

Our Lady of Grace Open House

Sun., January 31st, 12:30 - 3:00 PM

FEBRUARY

Presentation of the Lord

Tues., February 2nd

Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of the Throats

Weds., February 3rd

St. MM Casino Night

Sat., February 6th, 7:00 - 11:00 PM
\$15 per person, includes beer, food, and soft drinks

“Souper Bowl” Sunday

Special Collection
Sat./Sun., February 6th/7th to benefit Tender Mercies Charity

Mardi Gras & Palm Burning

Tues., February 9th, 5:45 PM

Ash Wednesday Masses

Weds., February 10th, 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

St. MM Lenten Soup Suppers

February 16th, 23rd & March 1st, 8th, 15th
5:45 PM Dinner in Madonna Hall, prayers in Church at 7:00 PM

The Light is On

Tues., Feb. 23rd, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Easter Dinner Food Drive

Begins Sun., Feb. 28th

MARCH

Pastoral Region Lenten Penance Service Tues., Mar. 8, 7:00 PM at Assumption

St. MM Lenten Mission

Wed-Thurs., March 9th-10th
“Mercy Reigns” presented by Mary Mallory of Abba Works.

Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord Masses

Sat., March 19th, 4:30 PM
Sun., March 20th, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

St. Paul Community Dinner – a St. MM Volunteer Event

Tues., March 29th at St. Paul Church; Dinner prep begins at 4:30; Dinner served 5:30 - 6:30; Clean up done by 7:30 PM



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Pastoral Region Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, March 24th, 7:00 PM
at St. Margaret Mary Church

Good Friday, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Friday, March 25th
12:30 & 7:00 PM

Pastoral Region Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 26th, 8:45 PM
at St. Margaret Mary Church

Easter Sunday Masses

Sunday, March 27th,
8:30 & 10:30 AM