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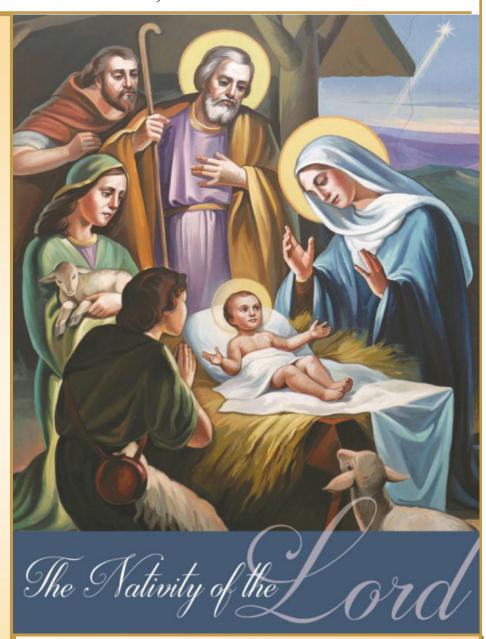
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From the Desk of Fr. Chris

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." (Isaiah 9:1)



Merry Christmas to you and to your loved ones! This is a

time of joy for us as Christians as we celebrate the Word made Flesh. Our God entered into our history 2000 years ago and became one of us. We retell this story every year to remind ourselves of God's closeness to humanity. Despite our foibles, our God loves us so much to want to become one of us to show us just how much He loves us. Just look up at that crucifix in the front of the Church or in your home – our God became one of us to do that for us. Why? So that we might have the chance at life with Him for eternity. You see, the Bible is not just a book among many other books. Its not just a collection of stories. It's the greatest love story ever told. God's deep love for you and for me. Despite us moving away from God many times throughout history as the human race or individually throughout the course of our lives, God still pursues us – loves us. We're here today to celebrate just that. Not just a story from 2000 years ago, but our story today.

This parish of St. Anselm has been such a blessing to so many of us over the years. I'm blessed to celebrate my 3rd Christmas with all of you. You've heard me say it many times, but this parish is all of us. I'm so grateful to the parish and school staff who continue to work hard each day answering phones, meeting with people, visiting people, teaching and ministering in so many ways to God's people. Thank you to the many volunteers who continue to help mold and shape our parish community. We're not perfect, but like that stable in Bethlehem on that Christmas day, we are filled with love, joy, and most importantly – filled with God. God doesn't call the perfect, but He calls the faithful. We are a growing community – growing in faith and doing the best we can as disciples of Jesus Christ.

In this bulletin you'll get a small recap of what was new in 2023 and a preview of what's ahead in 2024. We've included a number of notable dates for the coming year as well. When you read over this bulletin, know that it takes many people sometimes to put together an event, group, or program. St. Anselm Parish is all of us. I'm looking forward to encountering Christ together in 2024.

In the Joy of Christmas,

Fr. Chris

† THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Is 9:1-6; Ps 96: 1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 CHRISTMAS



READINGS AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2023

Monday, December 25, 2023 @ 9:00 & 11:00am—People of Saint Anselm Parish

Is 9:1-6; Ps 96: 1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Tuesday, December 26, 2023 @ 8:30am ~ Fr. John Anderson St. Stephen, Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27, 2023 @ 7pm ~ Ray Colasante St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1-8

Thursday, December 28, 2023 @ 8:30am ~ Tom Collins The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday, December 29, 2023 @ 8:30am ~ William O'Malley St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30, 2023 @ 4pm ~ Robert & Polly Sidley

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31STSir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40



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Youth Group Schedule

Jan 12th, 4:00pm, to 5:30pm Jan 26th, 4:00pm, to 5:30pm Feb 9th, 4:00pm, to 5:30pm Feb 23rd, 4:00pm, to 5:30pm

Questions? Contact Brandan bbizzi@stanselm.org or 440-729-9575

Upcoming Youth Events!

Grades 6 to 8



Location: Hospitality Room in the Parish Office

Notes from Sister Noel

Christmas is a holy day we all love for so many reasons. Hopefully, because we are celebrating the birth of our Savior whose presence would change the lives of those living in His time all the way to those living on earth today.



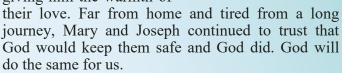
Jesus' coming would led to a life time of showing us how to live as human beings growing to our full capacity as the Father would have us do. Jesus simple life led him to his life of ministry of teaching and healing. His presence and words brought moments of peace as He shared His Father's love for each one of them and still does for us today.

How consoling to be on the receiving end of God's love yet how challenging to follow in His ways. Jesus calls us to listen to one another from our heart. Listen beyond the words to the suffering or sadness of the one speaking. To become compassionate as Jesus means allowing ourselves to be touched by the pain of others and respond with caring hearts.

Pope Francis reminds us during this season of giving and receiving gifts we should not forget the poor and needy. I am sure many of us are deluged by mail asking for money to assist veterans, cancer research, the homeless etc. Don't let the barrage keep us from supporting one or two groups. If we

all give a little, together, it will provides what others may lack.

Let us remember Jesus was born in a simple village. His bed was a feeding trough. delivery room had little or no heat, yet Mary and Joseph welcomed Jesus, giving him the warmth of



Let us not forget to also pray for those who suffer being away from home, cold and hungry both in our country and beyond. Let us pray what the angels sang, "peace on earth and goodwill to all." We will then be ready to truly celebrate Christmas.

Sister Hack Marra 054.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Notable Dates for 2024

Family Mass: 1/27/24

School Open House: 1/28/23 after Masses

Catholic Schools Week: 1/28/24 - 2/3/24

World Marriage Sunday: 2/11/24

Ash Wednesday: 2/14/24

Pre-Cana: 3/23/24

Tenebrae: 3/27/24

Trobar Concert: 3/28/24

Easter Vigil: 3/30/24 @ 8:30pm

Confirmation: 4/15/24 @ 7pm

St. Anselm Feast Day: 4/21/24

May Crowning: 5/1/24

First Communion: 5/4/24, 11am

Fr. Chris 10th Anniversary: 5/17/24

Last Day of School 5/24/24

Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 2024

Parish Summer BBQ: 7/30/24

RCIA Begins: September 2024

Fall Gala: 11/2/24

Christmas Boutique: 11/12/24

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE SAINT ANSELM FAMILY

If you would like to be a member of our parish, please complete this form, and place it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office and someone from the parish will contact you.

Name	
Phone	-
Address	
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I am interested in the marriage annulment process.

ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME!





Ages 18 to 39

Young Adult Group Schedule

Jan 10th, 5:30p, to 7:00pm Jan 24th, 5:30p, to 7:00pm Feb 7th, 5:30p, to 7:00pm Feb 21st, 5:30p, to 7:00pm

Questions? Contact Brandan bbizzi@stanselm.org or 440-729-9575



Location: Hospitality Room in the Parish Office

Articles for the **January 7th** bulletin must be received by **Thursday**, **December 28th**.

Email to Rebecca at bulletin@stanselm.org

<u>New in 2023</u>

Assistance Ministry

Meets to discuss outreach to local community and surrounding areas. New members always welcome!

Pre-Cana

An in-person Pre-Cana for engaged couples returned once again on March 25th.

Parish Center & Rectory Roofs
We replaced our 32 year-old roofs this
past spring.

Facebook, Instagram, & Website
Our social media accounts are full of
pictures and updates about the parish.
We have a new website that rolled out
over the summer.

TV in the Baptistry

We have a new, energy efficient TV to display pictures of all the events happening on campus.

Parish Spiritwear

We now have our own line of spiritwear for St. Anselm Catholic Church.

Children's Choir

We now have a choir for children that helps us worship at Sunday Masses.

Security Film on School Windows Film for the windows to increase safety.

Expanded EdChoice Expansion

New budget in the state of Ohio created
substantial scholarships for St. Anselm School.

Angel Scholarship
Another state scholarship opportunity for St.
Anselm School.

Adoration Opportunities
Tuesday morning Adoration and XLT-style
adoration.

New Faces on Staff
A number of new faces on both parish and school staffs.

<u>Looking ahead to 2024</u>

Welcome Committee

This group will welcome new parishioners to the parish through fellowship, relationship, and parish opportunities.

Anne & Joachim Group

A group for grandparents. An opportunity to discuss, pray, and share fellowship. Dates TBD in early 2024

Post-Cana Date Nights

A series of married couple Catholic Date Nights designed to help support Catholic marriages. This includes community, refreshments, table conversations, and a speaker. Babysitting will be provided via RSVP. Dates tbd.

Marketing Committee

A group that will brainstorm and implement creative ways to advertise our parish and school to get the word out about the great programs happening on our campus.

Sunday School

Updated Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Junior High & High School

Youth Groups

A place for young people to explore their faith and find community.

Young Adult Group

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A place of fellowship for young adults ages 21-39.

Portion of School Roof

Replacing oldest part of school roof.

Creativity & Collaboration Room

Funds from WeGiveCatholic will allow for construction of an extended learning space.

Knights of Columbus

A men's service-oriented fraternal organization.

Monthly Rosary

Once a month after Wednesday evening Mass.

YOUR GUIDE TO YEAR-END GIVING



Because of you, our parish is able to share the good news with the people of our community.

Gifts of cash

Giving cash is easy and the most popular way to make a charitable gift. We can also accept online gifts via our parish website.

Gifts of long-term appreciated securities*

Charitable gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds, mutual funds, & other securities can give you an extra bonus in terms of tax savings (as compared to a donation of cash) even if you are not able to itemize your charitable donations.

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you are 70 1/2 (or older) & have an IRA, you can reduce your taxable income & satisfy your required minimum distribution by making a charitable distribution directly from your IRA to our parish. Contact your IRA administrator.

Recurring Giving

Make your New Year's resolution an opportunity to sign up for our parish's recurring online giving or automatic drafts.

*For more information on gifting long-term appreciated securities or making an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution, please contact Mary Lou Ozimek at the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x4070 or visit CatholicCommunity.org/year-end-giving.

Attention Men!

Plan ahead! The Church's New Year is here and the calendar New Year is right around the corner. Mark your calendar for our 2024 Men's Retreat:

Be Holy!

The retreat is <u>Saturday February 10, 2024</u>! We will start with Mass at 8:00 am and conclude around 2:00 pm. Breakfast and lunch provided (a \$15 free-will offering is suggested).

The retreat is open to all men -- adults and teens -- and will be held at St. Mary, Chardon.

Questions or to register, contact Gary Burling: garyWburling@gmail.com. Who doesn't want to be more Holy? Looking forward to seeing you!

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year. The next Grief Support meeting is Sunday, January 21st at 3:00pm for inperson support (at 6 locations), and 5:00pm for virtual support and the topic is "Facing the New Year With Hope and Love."

For details, visit: https://www.clecem.org/ Information/Bereavement.aspx.

For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.



SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg you to have compassion on all those mentioned below. Amen

U.S. Active Military U.S. Veterans Patricia Adamik Peter Amato David & LuAnn Anderson Mark Andres Tina Arnold Kevin Austin Daniel Ayala, Sr. Don Bear Agnes Blackley Julian Blaha Thomas Bolt Barb Borelle Nancy Boutellier Sally Bovineing Karen Bowlus Daneen Brickmann Bridgette Bright Fran & Charlie Brooks Charlene Brown James Buehner Haley Burgman **Bob Carlson** Amy Caprez Children/St.Jude's Hosp.

Mark Chambers William Cierebiei Karen Cleland Tom Colitto Lenny Cosentino, Jr. Katie Cuthbert Giuseppe D'Alessandro Leslie (Hubbell) Davis Kathy Debevits Jackié DeCaro Frances DelBlaso Joan DiCillo Nick DiCillo Dorothy DiLillo Ken DiLillo Doreen Dipple Chris Drost Debbie Edelman Mark Farley Greg Ferencz Gaston Fernandez Connie Fox Dorothy Fromhercz Kim Frost Ellen Gambrill Mike Ganim Barrett Gates Frank Gigliotti

Danny Gliha Jim Golias Jason Graham Gumto Family Robert&GenevaHamilton Rose Hanois Deborah Hartshorn Susan Swan Heiss Jim Head Gail Herbert Adam Hess Steve Horvath Michael & Jeanette Hrisko Louis Hrusch Emily Hun Tiffany Hutchinson Incarcerated people Lynn Janovski Kay Johnson Mike Johnson Katie Kane Marval Kear Mike & Diane Keefe Lara Kitko Scott Kistler Dave Kluk William Knauer Cesira Koning

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Larry Vina
Leona Vokas
Becky Vura
Kathy Wanamaker
Frank & Jason Wardega
Kelsey Watts
Jackie Weller
Cathleen Wilson Cathleen Wilson Alex Wojowicz Bob Wright Sue Wrobel Ray Zeitz

If you have requested a name to be added above for the Prayers for the Sick and that person is no longer in need of these prayers, please inform Kim in the Parish Office so she can remove the name. email: bulletin@stanselm.org; phone: 440-729-9575



Please remember in your daily prayers these individuals, who have been and are called to the priesthood.

Sunday, Sunday, December 24 ~ Pray for Peace and Goodwill Seminarians at Borromeo/St. Mary Monday, December 25 ~ Deacon William Wainio Tuesday, December 26 ~ Ryan Arto

Wednesday, December 27 ~ Christopher Cotone Thursday, December 28 ~ Anthony Donatelli Friday, December 29 ~ Jon Hawkins Saturday, December 30 ~ Jeff Lindholm



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