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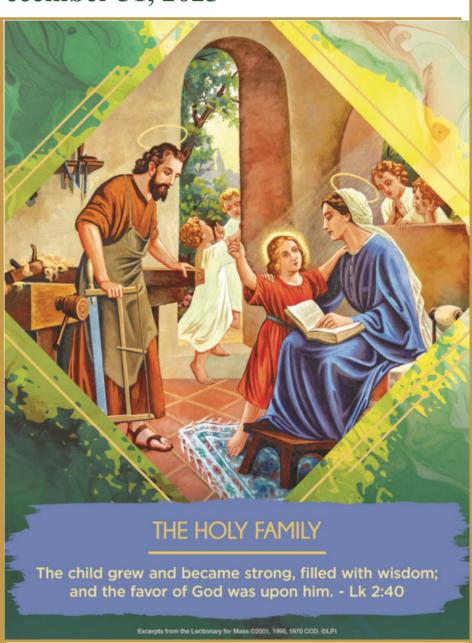
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From the Desk of Fr. Chris

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a



grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."

(Col. 3:12-13)

Happy Feast of the Holy Family and Happy New Year! I pray that you had a blessed Christmas last week. As Catholics, we're still not only in the *octave of Christmas* but we're also in the Christmas Season. This means that you'll be able to keep up those Christmas decorations for a bit longer and continue to listen to your favorite Christmas songs. You'll see our decorations in the Church up for the duration of the Season of Christmas.

Looking into 2024, be sure to check out this bulletin for new programs, events, and opportunities at the parish. Knowing that some of you were visiting family away from St. Anselm for Christmas, we've included our annual full-page 'recap of 2023/looking ahead at 2024' column.

Thank you to so many of you for your kind gifts for Christmas. I feel very blessed to be part of the St. Anselm parish family. I pray that God will continue to bless us abundantly into 2024. Know that I hold you all in prayer each day.

May God Bless You, Fr. Chris



† FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40 DECEMBER 31, 2023



READINGS AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Monday, January 1, 2023 @ 8:30am ~ People of St. Anselm Parish Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2, 2023 @ 8:30am ~ Margaret Ann Bican Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3, 2023 @ 7pm ~ Kathleen Thomas The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4, 2023 @ 8:30am ~ Mike Kenneley St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday, January 5, 2023 @ 8:30am ~ Anthony Zangara St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6, 2023 @ 4pm ~ Fr. William Johnson

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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Encounter Church

The Holy Family

Typically around Christmastime we see figurines of the Holy Family being put up in our houses and churches. More than a pretty decoration, there is much we can learn from the private life of Christ with His parents, Mary and Joseph. We learn healthy discipline, obedience, virtue, and patience, radical self-giving.

Before the birth of Christ even took place, Mary and Joseph were called to give of themselves in profound ways. Mary and Joseph both lost the respect of others in their community because of what people thought was a scandalous unwed pregnancy. They left the comfort of their homes and were treated as outcasts when they finally made it to Bethlehem.

After Jesus' birth, God told Joseph in a dream to go to Egypt to keep them safe from Herod's wrath. Though Joseph speaks no verbal words in Scripture, he is profoundly obedient to God's call to him in so many ways. Scripture tells us that he was a righteous man. It is evident that Joseph's actions spoke volumes to those around him.

While little is said about Jesus' private life in Nazareth, we know that He grew in stature and in wisdom, and was obedient to His parents. How humble! Jesus, who was God Himself, was obedient to His parents. He learned a trade from Joseph, studied Scripture, and grew under the care of Mary.

In all of her humility, Mary only pointed people to her Son. Her last spoken words in Scripture are, "Do whatever He tells you." This is a message for each of us.

As we read about the events of Jesus' early life, may we never forget the love and obedience Jesus had for Mary and Joseph, and strive to love our families as the Holy Family loved each other.

Eternal Kest grant unto them, & Lord...

Thomas Edward McLaughlin, Jr., DDS

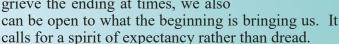


Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters.

Notes from Sister Noel

Here is my last column for 2023. Which means it will soon be time for the First column for 2024! Like you needed me to tell you? Nooo!

The point I want to make is that with every ending there is a beginning. Though we may have to grieve the ending at times, we also



We are in the midst of the Christmas season celebrating who was to come and who came changing our world for all who believe. Jesus was a gift of hope. He remains with us in less than obvious ways, but in ways that are real. When we look with our eyes of faith, seeing as God sees so much more makes sense. We began to recognize God working in God's mysterious ways. God is forever trying to communicate with us.

It is important that we are in communication with God as well. That means, taking time for prayer and meditation, learning to experience quiet whenever and wherever we can find it. Where and when do you find it? Driving alone in the car? Walking outside for a bit? Waiting in line? Take time to figure that out. Otherwise, you may be

missing opportunities of God talking to you.

When we talk about beginnings and endings, we are basically talking about change. Somehow these beginnings and endings get our attention. We meet change each day. Some days we are better at adapting to

change than other days. One way we can help ourselves to meet the more stressful changes is to slow down, find quiet, seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit and then act or not act on it accordingly.

As part of the New Year, look at the changes in 2023 that either challenged or energized you. What was the gift in those changes? If you don't know, just believe you may come to know that in time...in God's time. I hope you as the reader is will continue to seek God's signs in your lives. Happy New Year!



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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



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

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Upcoming Youth Events!

Grades 6 to 8



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Calendar of EVENTS

Sunday, December 31

No RCIA

10:00 a.m. Coffee Social Kelly Hall 12:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice Church

NÔ PSR GRADES 6-8

Monday, January 1 New Years' Day

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 2

9:00 a.m. Adoration Church 11:30 a.m. Benediction Church

Wednesday, January 3

Hospitality Rm. 7:30 p.m. Communal Rosary Church 8:00 p.m. Anointing of the Sick

after evening Mass

Thursday, January 4

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Pentecost Rm 1:15 p.m. **Epiphany Concert Practice** Church

Friday, January 5

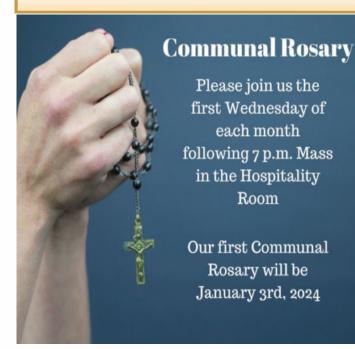
1:15 p.m. **Epiphany Concert Practice** Church

Saturday, January 6

PSR Grades 1-5 9:00 a.m. School 2:30 p.m. Confession Church



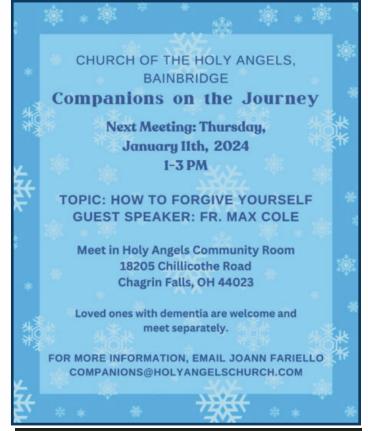
For scholarships to apply to the 2024-2025 school year, deadline for year-end giving is December 31st, 2023!





Articles for the January 14th bulletin must be received by Thursday, January 4th.

Email to Rebecca at bulletin@stanselm.org





Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Benediction at 11:30 a.m. All Are Welcome!

Young of Heart

Young of Heart will meet on January 5 at 11:30 in the Hospitality Room. Bring your brown bag lunch. Snacks and beverages are provided. We will be entertained by Dan Karl with his keyboard, guitar and vocals.

Remember that January is the time to pay your dues of \$25 for the year.

It's that time of year again! If the West Geauga Schools are closed for snow days, our meeting is cancelled. You will not receive a call. Be sure to listen to the morning news for school closings.

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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	Zip
I am interested in the marriage annulment process.	E-Mail

<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

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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.

Looking ahead to 2024

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

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

<u>Portion of School Roof</u> Replacing oldest part of school roof.

<u>Creativity & Collaboration Room</u>
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.

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.

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Danny Gliha Jim Golias Jason Graham Gumto Family Robert & Geneva Hamilton 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

Jack Kotheimer Lucas Kovacs Brett Kratochvil Joseph Lanckiewicz Paula Lanese Patrick Lazar Anthony Leonard Chris Livers Lucchese Family Isabela Maiewski Lauren Makuh Jutta Manherz Michael Marinko Rosemary Mariola Joe Marotta Jim & Marilyn Martines Marcia Mayer Bill McNally Donald Mihelcic Eli Mihelcic John Monaco Lisa Morek Vincent Nastasi Laurie Novak Marilyn Novak Kevin O'Brien Bobbie O'Connell Saul Obelenis Betty Omerza

Lulu Pawlowski John Peck Deborah Penksa Frank Peroni Carol Piper
Kelly Pipiti
George & Dee Pitko
Tony Pizzino
Carol Pongonis Abby Prikockis Carolvn Prikockis Jim Podojil Melissa Razayeski Marchia Razayeski Bill Reagan Kathleen Roddy Clare Ronnebaum Jack Roznik
Mark Ruppe
Joyce Russo
Marc Sabransky
Frank Sak Trina Sak Trina Sapanaro Jack Seem Willow Elizabeth Simpkins Becky Slusarz Nicole Smith Frances Snitzky Shawn Spenze Margherita Spina Ellie Spitz

Clara Stenson Rosa Studniarz Beckham Thompson Amelia Tishaus Mike Topazio Don & MaryAnn Trask Anthony Trivisonno Cindy Trivisonno Sally & Bruce Turner Gordon Turske Christopher Tyers Barb Ulizzi Bob Velotta Kelly Boyd Viezer Sr. Denise Marie Vlna Sr. Definse Marie Vina Larry Vina Leona Vokas Becky Vura Kathy Wanamaker Frank & Jason Wardega Kelsey Watts Jackie Weller 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 all individuals, who have been and are called to the priesthood.



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