



St. Mary's Catholic Church

160 North Spring Street • Bluffton, OH 45817

LORD'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at 9:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - *Closed*
Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE: 419-358-8631

PARISH FAX: 419-358-0647

VISION STATEMENT

St. Mary's Parish is a home for our living a sacramental life, for following Jesus in our service and daily life, and in supporting one another on the journey.

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor: Fr. Luyen Dau, C.Ss.R ldau2006@gmail.com

Deacon – Rev. Mr. Michael Marcum mmarcum1@yahoo.com

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INFANT BAPTISMS: Please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: One half hour before Mass on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Six months notice and marriage preparation classes required. Please call the Pastor for arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please inform us of your needs.

SICK OR HOMEBOUND: Please notify the Parish Office, Basil Meyer at 358-0631, or Deb Buck at 419-348-7266.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New parishioners, welcome to the Parish. Please register as soon as possible at the office. If moving, please notify us.

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS: Welcome to St. Mary's! Fr. Dau is your Campus Minister.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

Happy New Year!!!
May the Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patroness of our



parish, give you and your family peace and the best of health in this New Year of 2022.

When new year comes, each of us may have had a different new year resolution in order to correct the mistakes we have done in the past year, or to do something in a more organized manner to accomplish a personal goal or to improve our life at the start of a new year.

I'd like to borrow the words from Pope Francis who addressed to the regular workers of the Vatican some years ago to invite them to reflect upon nine different areas of their lives; I think the words of Pope Francis might also be of benefit to each of us in 2022.



1. Care for your spiritual life, your relationship with God as this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are. A Christian who is not nourished by prayer, the sacraments and the Word of God, inevitably fades and withers.
2. Care for your family life, giving to your children and your loved ones not only money, but above all time, attention and love.
3. Heal your relationships with others, transforming faith in life and words into good works, especially for those most in need.
4. Watch how you speak. Purify your vocabulary from the offensive words, vulgarity and phraseology of worldly decadence.

Weekend Masses

Sat Jan 1	4:00 p.m.	Cassie Kiene
Sun Jan 2	8:00 a.m.	For our parish
Sun Jan 2	10:00 a.m.	Tim Kahle
Sat Jan 8	4:00 p.m.	Robert Blake
Sun Jan 9	8:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte
Sun Jan 9	10:00 a.m.	For our parish

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$4,510.00	Loose \$2,074.00
Children	\$106.00	Total \$6,690.00

42 envelopes returned = 21%

Christmas Collection to Date: \$6,520.00



*Thank you for your generosity!
Thank you also to those who give
electronically!!*

Assignments for January 8 & 9, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Cantor: Dave Roby
Ushers: Dave and Shirley Siefker
Lector: Amy Tabler
E.M: Diana Braidic
Server: Volunteer

8:00 a.m.

Cantor: Steve McCullough
Ushers: Volunteer
Lector: June Miller
E.M: John Schulte
Server: Will Schulte

10:00 a.m.

Cantor: Steve McCullough
Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer
Lector: Anna Schroeder
E.M.: Tricia Herrmann
Servers: Lovett Boys

Readings for January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Reading: John 2:1 – 11

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5. Heal the wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, which means forgiving people who have hurt us and medicating wounds we have caused in others.
6. Do your work with enthusiasm, humility, skill, passion, and with a soul that knows how to thank the Lord.
7. Avoid envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our inner peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people.
8. Let go of the bitterness that brings us to revenge, the laziness that leads to euthanasia, the finger-pointing that leads to pride and the complaining. Ask the Lord for wisdom to bite one's tongue and not to say insulting words that afterward leave your mouth bitter.
9. Reach out to the weak, elderly, sick, hungry, homeless and foreigners. For this will determine how we will be judged.

And then the Holy Father went on to say: young parents should never be too busy to find time to play with their children, for such playing is such a beautiful moment, and helps sow the future. Gestures of tenderness, he noted, can warm the icy heart, encourage the disheartened souls and brighten dull eyes with the light of Jesus' face!

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and volunteers here at St. Mary's along with members of choir, decoration, altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters, faith formation children and their catechists, and many other people who made this year's celebration of Christmas such a joyful and meaningful experience! This was my first Christmas here at St. Mary's and I was so impressed to see many families come to help with the Christmas decorations both outside and inside the Church. I am sure our Lord was pleased with the gift of our presence at Christmas Masses as we came to adore and worship Him at Christmas. Thank you as well for the generosity that so many of you show throughout the year and particularly at Christmas with regard to your support to St. Mary's parish. I also sincerely thank your generosity and so many thoughtful (and tasty!) gifts.

Please know that you will all be kept in my prayers.

Your brother priest,
Fr. Luyen Dau, C.Ss.R

Don't forget to pick up your new box of offertory envelopes. Please be attentive to the numbers as they have changed once again this year. If you cannot find your box, please ask the office before taking one. If you want envelopes and were overlooked, please sign up and we will gladly issue you a box.



Online Giving If you would like to give online, please visit our [website](#) and click on "E-Giving" under the "Home" tab. Create your profile and set up the amount and rate at which you'd like to give. If you have questions, please contact the office.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. As always – it looks beautiful! Your hard work is much appreciated.

Mass Intentions The books for 2022 Mass intentions are now open. To request an intention, please contact the office. Reminder: intentions can be made for weekend Masses as well as daily Mass which is celebrated Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m.

Stay Connected! Be sure to like us on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel! We invite you to look at our website, as well.



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P.R.E.P

K-5: Class will resume January 5.

6th, 7th and 8th Grades: Class will meet January 23

God Squad--High School Youth Group

God Squad High School Youth will meet January 23