



“Behold,

I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.”

the season of
Advent
2025

ST. PETER CHILLICOTHE

285 West Water Street,
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

ST. MARY CHILLICOTHE

61 South Paint Street,
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**ST. MARY, QUEEN OF THE
MISSIONS WAVERLY**

407 South Market Street,
Waverly, Ohio 45690

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES PARISH

Including the church sites of: St. Peter Chillicothe + St. Mary Chillicothe + St. Mary, Queen of the Missions Waverly

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	8:30 a.m.	St. Peter (First Saturday Only)
	5:00 p.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	St. Peter
	10:00 a.m.	St. Mary Waverly
	12:00 p.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
Monday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
	6:00 p.m.	St. Peter
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
	6:00 p.m.	St. Peter
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
	6:00 p.m.	St. Mary Waverly
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
	6:00 p.m.	St. Peter
Friday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
	11:00 a.m.	VA (First Friday Only)
	6:00 p.m.	St. Peter

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	9:15 a.m.	St. Peter (First Saturday Only)
	3:30 p.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
Monday	5:00 p.m.	St. Peter
Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	St. Mary Waverly
Thursday	5:00 p.m.	St. Peter
Friday	9:15 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe

ADORATION

Saturday	9:00-10:00 a.m., St. Peter (First Saturday Only)
Tuesday	6:00 a.m. to Thursday 5:00 p.m. St. Peter Adoration Chapel
Wednesday	5:00-6:00 p.m., St. Mary Waverly
Friday	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., St. Peter Adoration Chapel

PARISH COUNCIL:

Tom Day, Bob French, Tess Hatmacher, Geri Mauger,
 Angela Migyanko, Virgil Rix, Alicia Thompson,
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HOLY MATRIMONY: Marriage preparation and Pre-Cana classes are required. Thus, the engaged couple must make arrangements by contacting the office and the celebrant before reserving a date. Weddings are only for registered parishioners.

ANointing OF THE SICK & SHUT-INS: Communion is brought to the sick and homebound. The family should call the office if someone is seriously ill as soon as possible.

BAPTISM: Baptisms are held by appointment only. Pre-Baptism instruction is required for parents and godparents. Instructions are by appointment only. Contact the office to schedule class and Baptism.

MAINTENANCE: If you have a maintenance concern affecting any OLQA campus, please email the Maintenance Department at maintenance@olqaparish.com

FAITH FORMATION: September-May, Faith Formation will occur on the 2nd Sundays of the month in the St. Peter Parish Hall. The program for children preparing for Reconciliation/First Holy Communion will take place after the 8:00 a.m. Mass; the program for children preparing for Confirmation will take place at 6:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: September-May, The Well High School Youth Group will occur on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in the St. Peter Bosco Room from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

If you or a loved one have a Sacramental Emergency, please call the Sacramental Emergency Line at 740-701-2552.

WELCOME TO OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES!

In an effort to make things more transparent and accessible in the bulletin, we will now be color-coding articles based on the church site where an event will take place.

For events taking place on the St. Mary, Chillicothe campus, items will be noted in blue.

For events taking place on the St. Mary, Waverly campus, items will be noted in purple.

For events taking place on the St. Peter campus, items will be noted in green.

For events taking place either at multiple sites, or off-site, items will be noted in black.



If you have committed to an hour with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and are ever unable to attend, please be sure to request a substitute as soon as possible to give as much time as possible to find someone to fill in for you. We are also still looking for more volunteers to commit to a time frame and/or become a substitute! Our Adoration website can be found at: <https://Adorationpro.org/cwatholic>. Please contact Chris Hiles at olqa.Adoration@gmail.com or 740-804-2080 if you have any questions or need assistance using the site.

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list is growing... please review the names listed. If you see someone who can be removed or know of someone who needs added, please contact Jess Hamm in the Parish Office. Please pray for the following members of God's family (those listed in **bold** are members of the Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles; others are beloved friends or family of parishioners):

Jaxson Ackerman, **Tom Allie**, Brennan Atkins, **Henry Barlage, Jr.**, **Bobby Barnhart**, Dexter Bell, **James & Paula Bennett**, Cathy Bentley, **Richard Blissenbach**, **Shannon Brady**, Robert Bruce, Michael Boyle, **Jane Burkhardt**, Nicholas Case, Lawrence Carrico, Randy Carver, **Judy Chambers**, Leah Christian, **Bob Cook**, **Joanne Corcoran**, Francesa Craig, Wes Crowe, Fred Cryder, **Dennis Cunningham**, **Joyce DeLong**, Jeremy Denny, Maria Rosa Domingues, **Captain Kevin Downey**, Margo Downing, **Susie Chesser Downing**, **Josie Dudash**, **Mary Elsass**, Mary Rose Evans, Sydney Fisher, Francine Glassmeyer, Roger Gray, Michael Grever, Doug Griffith, **Kathleen Hanson**, **Jane Harness**, **Phyllis Hassey**, Maranda Hay, Tom Hayes, **Brookie & Larry Heightsman**, Darienne Helmeccamp, David Herrmann, Connie Hendrix, **Lorraine Hill**, **Kathy Hirsch**, Richard "Casey" Holdren, **David Hollis**, Harry Horstman, Sam Hurff, Phyllis Ivy, Craig Jaynes, Kathy Johnson Way, Christy Jones, Mike Kamp, **Dudley Keene**, **John Kennedy, Jr.**, **Melanie Kennedy**, Rita Kern, **Pete Kinney**, **David Kohl**, Sue Lazaro, **Doug Legg**, **Priscilla Legg**, **Jim Lewis**, **Mary Jayne Lilly**, **Mike Lilly**, **Diana Lisi**, Charlotte Lindsey, Evelyn Lovensheimer, **Shannon Lump**, **Hank & Jean Malone**, **Elmer Mari Medialdea**, **Charlene Martin**, **Bonnie McCord**, Frank McDonald, **Catherine McWhorter**, Diane Mead, Sandi Melching, Amanda Miller, **Bill Musser**, **Jean dela Pena**, Cindy Pennington, Sandy Pennington Seibert, **David Polk**, **Harold Price**, **Dave Purpero**, Angelina Prog, **Pat Reed**, Richard Renollet, Shirley Riley, Kathryn Cassar Rohn, **Thomas Rohn**, **Rick Rooney**, Kay Marie Rose, **Debbie Rourke**, **Elizabeth Santos-Mauntel**, **Mike Scheeler**, **Sue Ellen Slagle**, **Bob Smith**, **Jon Stauffer**, **Janice Streitenberger**, **John Sulzer**, **Kathy Sutter**, **Phoebe Tanedo**, **Kathy & Jerry Tapp**, **Jim Tuccinardi**, **Sharon Wagner**, **Robert Warth**, **Kathy Way**, **Tim Webb**, **Bob Weisenberger**, **Al Westrick**, **Rose Woolum**, **Cathy Zangri**

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

MASS INTENTIONS

When requesting a specific date for Mass Intentions, it is recommended to contact Jess Hamm at jhamm@olqaparish.com or stop into the Parish Office in Chillicothe at least six months before the desired date. Due to the large number of requests for Masses we receive, they will be scheduled accordingly and as soon as possible. We endeavor to get a couple of Masses in as soon as possible for recently deceased parishioners. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Saturday, December 20 – Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

5:00 p.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – † *Matt & Gwennie Diehl – Marilyn Evans*

Sunday, December 21 – Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

8:00 a.m. St. Peter – *For the People*

10:00 a.m. St. Mary, Waverly – † *Madelyn Migyanko – Angela Migyanko*

12:00 p.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – † *Judy Lanning – Tom & Nancy Day*

Monday, December 22 – 1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

8:30 a.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – *Ned & Marlene Boggs (living) – Scotty Preston*

6:00 p.m. St. Peter – *Jackie True (living) – Frank & Debbie Nunziato*

Tuesday, December 23 – Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

8:30 a.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – † *John Venneman – Ann Mautz*

6:00 p.m. St. Peter – *Dr. Rick & Carole Rooney (living) – Bill & Ellen Clark*

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

2 Sam 7:1-5; 8b-12 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

No Morning Mass

4:00 p.m. St. Peter – *Mmgr. Lane, Fr. John & Fr. Droll (living) – Anonymous*

8:00 p.m. St. Mary, Waverly – † *Jean & Clete Moorman – Angela Migyanko*

Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day – Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

12:00 a.m. St. Peter – † *Debbie Nunziato (living) – Frank Nunziato*

10:00 a.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – *For the People*

Friday, December 26 – Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

No Morning Mass

6:00 p.m. St. Peter – † *John Albright – Phyllis Hassey*

Saturday, December 27 – 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

5:00 p.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – *For the People*

Sunday, December 28 – Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

8:00 a.m. St. Peter – † *Ernest McWhorter – Ann Hamm*

10:00 a.m. St. Mary, Waverly – † *Michael Vincent Migyanko – Migyanko Family*

12:00 p.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – † *Judy Lanning – Joanne Corcoran*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: MONTHLY HONORS

Each month, K of C Council #15793 will be honoring a family, youth, and Knight for their exemplary work for God's kingdom.

For the month of December: Congratulations to the following parishioners for your outstanding example of living out the faith, and working hard in our parish community. Thank you for all you do!

Family of the Month: Andy & Wendy Brown

Youth of the Month: Carson Neal

Knight of the Month: John Seidensticker

HOMEBOUNDED MAILING LIST

If you know of a parishioner who has recently gone into a nursing home or become homebound, and would like to get their name added to the mailing list to receive the weekly bulletin, please call Kathy Seifert in the Parish Office at 740-774-1407, ext. 11.

CALENDAR

Saturday, December 20

- 8:30 a.m. Waverly Men's Group –
McDonald's in Waverly
- 10:00 a.m. Food For Families Distribution –
St. Peter Parking Lot
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions – St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe

Sunday, December 21

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peter
- 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts – St. Mary, Waverly
- 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 6:00 p.m. The Well Youth Group Advent Party –
St. Peter Parish Hall

Monday, December 22

- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 5:00 p.m. Confessions – St. Peter
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter

Tuesday, December 23

- 6:00 a.m.-11:59 p.m. Adoration – Adoration Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 9:15 a.m. Confessions – St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter
- 6:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle –
St. Peter St. Francis Room

Wednesday, December 24

- Adoration Closed until January 2
- Parish Office Closed until January 5
- No Morning Mass
- 3:15 p.m. Children's Choir – St. Peter
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Mass Christmas Vigil at St. Peter
- 8:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass at St. Mary, Waverly

Thursday, December 25

- 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass at St. Peter
True Vine Closed
- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe

Friday, December 26

- No Morning Mass/Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter

Saturday, December 27

- 3:30 p.m. Confessions – St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe

Sunday, December 28

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peter
- 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts – St. Mary, Waverly
- 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe

SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED IN ROSS COUNTY
THROUGH TRUE VINE OUTREACH

Please consider financially supporting our parish's charitable works. Your monthly offertory envelopes should have an envelope for assistance projects associated with OLQA, including this ministry. We will also be taking up a collection on the 5th Sundays of the month at the Chillicothe church sites. Please write your check to True Vine Outreach. True Vine assists the poor and disadvantaged in a variety of needs, such as food, clothing, rent, utilities, and so much more.

THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR ADVERTISERS, WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE OUR WEEKLY BULLETINS TO ALL PARISHIONERS FOR FREE. As we get into the holiday season, please consider purchasing from these advertisers and supporting their businesses!



OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES
OFFERTORY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF
JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Weekly Budget: \$ 15,865.00
Week of December 1st-7th Offertory Collected
at Mass, via Mail, and Online: \$ 15,520.85
Difference: (\$ 344.15)

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ONLINE GIVING? Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer to the church. Online giving benefits you, as it is convenient as you can access your account anytime and anywhere through the internet. It is flexible as you can start, stop, and change your contributions at any time. Please visit our website www.olqaparish.com to get set up. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment if you need assistance in this process. If you currently receive envelopes and would prefer to give entirely online, please contact Business Manager Kaitlyn Meeker at 740-774-1407, ext. 13 to remove your name from the envelope mailing list.

**Please be advised that a percentage of the collection taken on December 25th will go to the Diocesan Charities Fund per diocesan instruction.



PIKE COUNTY OUTREACH

The Food Pantry is again asking for donations. This week, please provide breakfast cereal, pancake mix, instant oatmeal.

You can leave your donations in the back of the church at St. Mary, Waverly.

SACK LUNCH MINISTRY: DONATIONS NEEDED

The True Vine Outreach Center is now providing 100 sack lunches per week to the public library for distribution to the homeless. If you would like to support this ministry, we can use individual serving sizes for meat items such as vienna sausages or tuna fish pouches, fruit cups or applesauce cups, crackers, granola bars and treats. Items can be dropped off in the back of St. Mary, Chillicothe church, the Parish Office, or the True Vine office building during our operating hours of 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Thursdays. You can turn in a copy of your receipt for donation credit on your parish donation acknowledgement letter. Thank you for your support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND FRIENDS: FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Donations for the Food For Families Ministry are greatly needed. We provide support for food-insecure families in Ross County on a monthly basis. We have been feeding an average of 100-120 families every 3rd Saturday. You can drop off donations in the back of St. Peter Church or at the Parish Office Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Suggested items include: cereal, soup, peanut butter, boxed potatoes, rice sides, and pasta sauce, but any donation is greatly appreciated! Monetary donations can be made out to Knights of Columbus Council #15793 with "Food Pantry" in the memo line of the check, and mailed to the Parish Office: 285 West Water Street, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES IN 2026

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:
January 8th, April 30th, and July 9th
St. Mary, Chillicothe Family Life Center
12:00-5:00 p.m.

	
<i>Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.</i>	<i>Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the Fruit of your womb.</i>
Have you ever wondered how it would make Jesus feel if you spoke the same words as St. Gabriel and St. Elizabeth, to His mother, in His presence?	Register for a Eucharistic Holy hour to join in with the Angels and Saints as they honor Our Lady of the Rosary

THE APPEAL 2025

If you have not pledged to **The Appeal 2025**, please pray and consider making a contribution that fits your budget. It can be a monthly or one-time donation. This is a worthwhile cause that helps many people in the Columbus Diocese. Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions Pledged as of December 10, 2025:
\$99,975.34 out of our goal of \$87,530.55

We have met our goal! Thank you all for your contributions. Any money now raised will come back to our parish from the diocese tax-free.

REMINDER: All checks written for The Appeal need to be made out to Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles Parish and not to any of our church sites.

**EARLY REGISTRATION FOR
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Inviting All Women! Please mark your calendar now for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on **Saturday, February 21st, 2026, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** at the Ohio Expo Center. Our theme is "Look to Him and be radiant, Psalm 34:6." Register now at columbuscatholicwomen.com. Come ready to rest, refresh, and renew with the Lord. You'll be joined by sisters in Christ from the diocese and beyond. Don't miss this uplifting annual event for women to grow in faith, hope, and love.

PER DIOCESAN POLICY, WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT CHECKS WRITTEN OUT TO ST. PETER OR EITHER OF THE ST. MARY CHURCHES. Only checks written out to Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles, or OLQA, can be accepted. Please be sure to write checks to the name of Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles Parish.



MAINTENANCE AT ALL CHURCH SITES

Please be advised that if you notice a maintenance-related issue at any building on our three campuses, the parish maintenance team needs to be made aware of the concern. Requests for assistance can be emailed to

maintenance@olqaparish.com. This email is regularly checked by Maintenance Supervisors Mike Flynn and Tim Kessler, who will address your concern as soon as possible.

CLEANING AFTER FACILITY USE

Reminder to all parish organizations, as well as persons who rent out any of our church facilities for a private party, to please clean the facility at the conclusion of your event. A cleaning checklist has been provided to all organization leaders. If you need an additional copy, please contact the Parish Office. Failure to complete the checklist following your event may result in your group no longer being able to use the facility or void your rental deposit refund.

CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR

Young people in families that are going to celebrate Christmas at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Peter's on Christmas Eve are invited to sing in the youth choir! The music will start at 3:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 4:00 p.m. (Children should arrive by 3:15 p.m. that day.) Children can sing the music before the

Mass begins and then sit with their families during the Mass if they prefer, or they are welcome to stay with the choir for the entire Mass! Questions – please contact Diane Corcoran at 740-703-2196.



THE CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR

The CMLC is accepting nominations for the 2026 CMOY. To submit a nomination, please use the form located online at <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/man-of-the-year>. (The online form is required – no exceptions!) Nominees must be laymen who, through their daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplify the "good and faithful servant." The recipient of the award will be given the opportunity to share his personal testimony during an award ceremony with the Bishop at the CMLC luncheon meeting on Friday, March 6th, 2026 at St. Patrick Parish in downtown Columbus. Please read the instructions located on the website carefully to make certain the nomination submission is in compliance with CMLC's requirements. The Selection Committee will not consider a noncompliant nomination submission. Nominations **MUST** be completed and submitted by midnight on January 15th, 2026.



ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

The January-March liturgical minister schedule is now available. You should have received an email listing your assignments for the quarter. Paper copies are available for pickup at the Masses starting this weekend. Please contact Jess Hamm at jhamm@olqaparish.com or 740-774-1407, ext. 11 if you have any questions.

LECTORS – MANDATORY TRAINING REQUIRED

If you are a current lector or interested in joining the ministry, we will be holding a mandatory training session, to ensure all lectors are equipped to serve in the Mass and using the same practices, regardless of which church site is being blessed by your voice. Sessions will occur on January 25th, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peter and following the 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe. If you are a lector and unable to attend one of these sessions, please contact Jess in the Parish Office to make alternate arrangements. Attending a training session is required for continued service.

SUPPORT OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES AND LOWER YOUR 2025 TAXES

Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles has endowment funds that The Catholic Foundation manages. These funds are longer-term, sustained investments designed to provide our parish with a perpetual source of income outside of the weekly offertory. As 2025 draws to a close, now is the time to consider contributing cash, appreciated stocks, IRA rollovers, and other assets to these funds, which can lower your tax exposure while significantly impacting Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles. Some assets take longer to process, so now is the time to start your year-end giving to benefit Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles. For more information, please contact Jim Hahn at 614-443-8893, ext. 1120 or jhahn@catholic-foundation.org.

Reduce your
Ohio income
taxes...



...and help make an authentic Catholic education
affordable and accessible for all!

It's true! As an Ohio taxpayer, when you make a donation to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund, you could receive a dollar-for-dollar credit* against your state income tax liability while creating scholarship dollars for students to attend Our Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Columbus.

Even with the state funds available for families from Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship program, financial need still exists for many. Your gift helps bridge the gap between those scholarships and the cost to educate a child while reducing your Ohio tax burden, making it a win-win for everyone!

- Designate your gift for scholarships to Bishop Flaget School
- Last year, friends of Flaget gifted over \$50,000 to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund, providing scholarships for Bishop Flaget students

*Ohio tax credit is up to \$750 per person, or \$1,500 if married filing jointly. Based on tax rates posted by the Ohio Department of Taxation, an individual with an annual income of \$40,000 has an average state tax liability of \$750. Consult a tax advisor for guidance on your specific situation. The Diocesan Education Corporation (dba Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund) is a certified scholarship granting organization (SGO) in the state of Ohio.

Contact: drix@cdeducation.org OR Call 740-774-2970



**ADVENT –
WEEK 4**

This final Sunday of Advent, let us reflect on the name Emmanuel, God is with us! Ever since He was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary, He has been physically present in our world. Before He ascended to the Father, He left His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. God is with us! **Advent Action:** Prayerfully finish your Reverse Advent Calendar Food Box and bring it to one of the Chillicothe churches for Christmas.

Advent Action: Add a daily Rosary for the homeless in our community

Ruth and Esther



The books of Ruth and Esther recount two of the most moving stories in all of Scripture, a displaced widow in search of a new home and a loving husband, and a courageous queen intent on saving her people from imminent destruction. **A Scripture study of these two women will be held on Thursdays, January 15th, 22nd, 29th and February 5th, 12th in the St. Mary, Chillicothe Family Life Center at 12:00 p.m. noon.** The study is free to all and a light lunch will be provided. Just bring a Bible. Led by Katie Boesch. This study will lead us on a journey to discover the God who hears the cries of His people and remains faithful to His promises.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LETTER FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #1071:

Knights of Columbus Council #1071 would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! Our council has been active in our parish through fellowship and service projects. It is through your participation and with the grace of the Lord that we can do so much. Our council has made a concerted effort through service projects on the St. Mary campus. Parking lot lines have been repainted, and brick pavers have been laid in front of the Giving Box on 4th Street. Please suggest to us any service projects on or off our campus or at the school, where a difference can be made in the lives of others.

Our summer beer and brats are a consistent hit with the parish. Table fellowship is evident throughout Scripture as important means of sharing in the lives of others. The annual golf tournament at the VA is also a hit with everyone.

Through your generosity, we donate to various organizations who work to make a difference in the lives of folks in the community. We were especially pleased to be able to donate \$5k to the True Vine Emergency Financial Ministry. Additionally, we have partnered with our brothers at Council #15793 for scholarships for graduating high school students.

Many members devote time to parish faith events such as Adoration and local processions. Members devote time in the community, volunteering at Bishop Flaget, True Vine, and other community activities.

We would like to thank our brothers at Council #15793 for their help and participation, and we are glad to participate in their activities as a sign of unity and fraternity that the Knights of Columbus stand for.

We, as Catholics, are not of the world but live in the world. In addition to local activities, the Knights of Columbus provides financial advice, including insurance that helps you live in the world that is at times hostile to the Catholic family. With over 2 million members around the world, the Knights of Columbus have been investing time, effort, and resources into our values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism since 1882.

If you have any questions about the Knights of Columbus, please ask any Knight that you see. Council #1071 meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Mary Family Life Center. Grand Knight: Pete Pennington, 740-542-0963.

CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH OFFICE, ADORATION, MASS AND CONFESSIONS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Parish Office Hours

Please be advised that the Parish Office will be open on Monday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will close for Christmas break starting Wednesday, December 24th, and reopen on Monday, January 5th.

Adoration Hours

We will have Adoration in the Adoration Chapel all day on Tuesday, December 23rd. Adoration will then be closed for Christmas and New Year's from Wednesday, December 24th until Friday, January 2nd.

Masses and Confessions

We will have the usual Mass and Confession schedule on Monday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 23rd.

On Wednesday, December 24th and Thursday, December 25th, we will have the following Mass opportunities for the Christmas Liturgies:

December 24th – 4:00 p.m. –

Children's Mass/Christmas Vigil at St. Peter

December 24th – 8:00 p.m. –

Christmas Vigil at St. Mary, Waverly

December 25th – 12:00 a.m. – Midnight Mass at St. Peter

December 25th – 10:00 a.m. –

Christmas Day Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe

On Friday, December 26th, the morning Mass and Confessions have been canceled, but we will have the regularly-scheduled evening Mass. We will then have the normal Mass/Confession schedule Saturday, December 27th through Tuesday, December 30th.

On December 31st and January 1st, we will have the following Mass opportunities for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Liturgies:

December 31st – 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Mary, Waverly

January 1st – 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peter

January 1st – 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe

We will be back to the regular Mass and Confession schedule starting on Friday, January 2nd!

The staff of Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles prays that you and your loved ones have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!



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WIDOWS' BOOK CLUB NEWS

On December 11th, we gathered for our annual Christmas Dinner/Party at Dock at the Water, and Santa himself did the honors of distributing gifts! Santa also had a surprise for our priests, Sisters, and deacon. Watch the bulletin for dates and events for 2026. If you have any questions, please call Millie Tanner at 513-284-7272.

CALENDARS AVAILABLE: The 2026 calendars sponsored by Haller Funeral Home and Ware Funeral Home are in! Please pick up your calendar in the back of the church. We thank our local funeral homes for sponsoring this gift to our parish.

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Reverse Advent Calendar

Help us fill the shelves for the winter months!

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Box of Cereal	2 Box of Pasta	3 Jar of Pasta Sauce	4 Can of Beef Soup	5 Can of Chicken Noodle Soup	6 Jar of Peanut Butter
7 Can of Fruit or Dried Fruit	8 Box of Rice or Potatoes	9 Can of Pork & Beans or Baked Beans	10 Can of Tuna or Chicken	11 Can of Vienna Sausages	12 A Package of Muffin Mix	13 Can of Ravioli or Beefaroni
14 Box of Crackers	15 Box of Mac & Cheese	16 Can of Peas or Carrots	17 Can of Mixed Veggies	18 A Package of Cookies	19 Bottle of Shampoo	20 Tube of Toothpaste
21 Bar of Soap	22 Stick of Deodorant	23 Bottle of Dish Soap	24 2 Items of Your Choice	25 <i>Bring your box to one of the Christmas Masses in Chillicothe or contact Joe or Jess for pickup</i>		



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #15793 WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD AND TOILETRY COLLECTION DECEMBER 1ST-25TH. Every parish family is encouraged to fill a box with food and hygiene items during the Advent season – adding one item per day – and bring with you to one of the Christmas Masses in Chillicothe to help support the need in our local community. Please see the calendar with suggested items. If you need help getting your box to church, contact Jess Hamm in the Parish Office at 740-774-1407, ext. 11 or Joe Zupi at jzupi2002@yahoo.com. Joe will gladly offer “contactless pickup” at your home in the week leading up to Christmas! All donations go to support the Food For Families monthly distributions – please help us fill the shelves for the winter months!

December 27-28: Feast of the Holy Family

	Eucharistic Minister	Sacristan	Lector	Server	Greeter	Offertory	Usher
Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe	Shawn Rourke	Sister Amelia	Brandon Vinson – 1 Josh Spencer – 2	Payne Huggins David Rourke	Brandon & Meghan Vinson	Tess Hatmacher	Steve Burkhardt Bob Fyffe Dick Wagner
Sunday 8:00 a.m. St. Peter	Roger Cenci	Vicki Palisbo	Doug McCord – 1 Joe Herlihy – 2	Elijah Flynn Simon Maimone Joel Meeker	Brett & Frances Reisinger	Jennifer Gumm	Bob Kight Jim Maimone John Crowe Brett Reisinger
Sunday 10:00 a.m. St. Mary, Waverly	Jerry & Karen Meier	Gloria Price	Cathy Seifert – 1 Donna Corcoran – 2	JohnPaul Davis Bodie Armstrong	Charles Tronccone John Bonifield	NEED A VOLUNTEER	Charles Tronccone
Sunday 12:00 p.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe	Rich Arnold	Michael Haller	Matt Haller – 1 Meghan Ray – 2	Joseph Rix Martin Rix	Laura Vollmar Ann Jones	Matt Haller	Mike Dennis Matt Haller Michael Haller Laura Vollmar

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