

Saint Vincent de Paul

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday: 9:00 am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 pm
Holy Day: 8:30 am, and 7:00 pm
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm or
any time by appointment

Baptisms are Sundays at 1:00 pm. Prior scheduling and Parent Preparation Class are required.

Novena to the Sacred Heart is prayed every Friday after the 8:30 am Mass.

Rosary is prayed at 8:05 am Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

Eucharistic Adoration is held on Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction is on the

First Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

Marriages require a six month preparation period by Diocesan policy. Call one of the parish priests prior to setting a date.

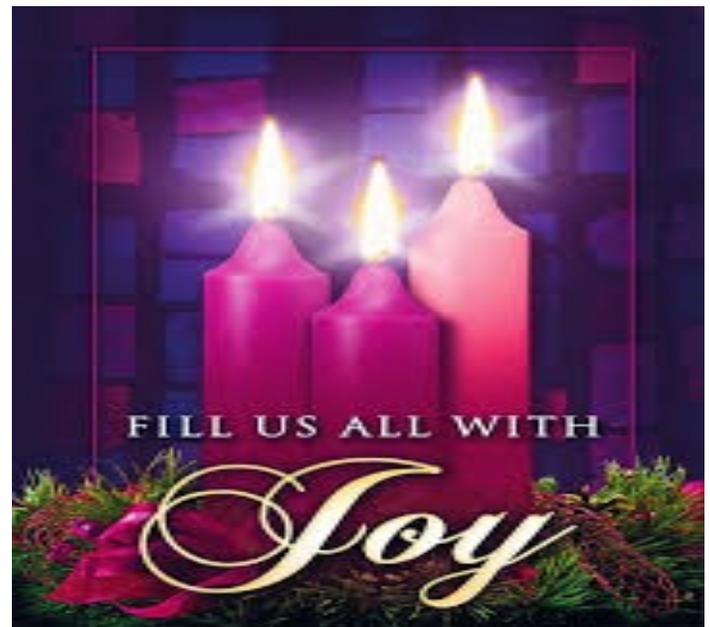
Funerals: Arrangements are to be made at the Parish Office before publication of the death notice.

Ministry to those who are Sick or Shut-In

Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can bring the Eucharist to those parishioners who are ill, recovering from a hospital stay, shut-in, or otherwise unable to attend the Liturgies each Sunday. Please call the Parish Office to be placed on the schedule.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are brought into the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The RCIA meets weekly from September through April. Further information can be obtained by calling the Parish Office.

New Parishioners are always welcome. Please stop by the Parish Office to register at your earliest convenience.



**MONDAY, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30 am (JP) Mary (Anniv.) & Francis Von Alt

TUESDAY, December 13, St. Lucy, Martyr

8:30 am No Mass

WEDNESDAY, December 14, St. John of the Cross

8:30 am (JP) Mary Gumeny

THURSDAY, December 15, Advent Weekday

8:30 am No Mass

FRIDAY, December 16, Advent Weekday

8:30 am (CF) Dr. Harry L. Geiger

SATURDAY, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

5:00 pm (CF) Stefancin/Kelly Families

SUNDAY, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am (CF) Audrey (Anniv.) & John Emery

**JOYFUL SUNDAY**

On this Sunday, the Church looks forward to the joy of Christmas, which is why it is called "Gaudete Sunday," from the Latin word for *rejoice*. In this season, a time of preparation for Christmas, we usually wear violet vestments, but today they are rose-colored for the blossoming of Christmas joy, which is a special joy not just for Christmas day but for the entire life of a Christian. Even in difficult moments and suffering, this joy becomes peace.

Therefore, to have this joy in preparation for Christmas, first, pray: "Lord, let me live this Christmas with true joy," not with the joy of consumerism that leads me to December 24th with anxiety, because I'm missing this, I'm missing that." Second, give thanks to God: "Thank you, Lord, for so many beautiful things!" Third, think of how you can go out to others in difficulty and with problems to bring a little peace and joy.

Let us pray, then, asking for the joy of Christmas. Let us give thanks to God for the good things that he has given us, above all the faith. Let us ask, what can I do to bring a little relief, a little peace to those who suffer? So pray, give thanks and help others to arrive at the birth of the anointed One, the Christ.

—Pope Francis

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Knights of Columbus invite you to attend a Holy Hour of prayer and adoration along with confession from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm. **Saturday, December 10, 2022.** All are welcome and urged to attend.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Please take an ornament or two and buy the gift specified. **Return it no later than Sunday, December 11th at the 9:00 am Mass, unwrapped with price tags removed, in a gift bag with the card from the tree affixed to the bag.** Help spread the joy of the Christ Child this Christmas with those in need. May God bless you for your kindness. Sponsored by our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

CHURCH DECORATING HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed on **Friday, December 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm** to help decorate the church for Christmas. All are welcome! Many hands make light work.

**OPLATKI - TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS WAFERS**

Are available at the east entrance of the church (candle area). As in the past, the requested donation will be \$2.00 per envelope.

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR JESUS

During the Holy Season of Advent as we prepare for the Birth of Jesus Christ, AM 1260 The Rock will be broadcasting special programming throughout the Advent and Christmas season to enrich your celebration of the Nativity. Please visit our website at www.am1260therock.com for updates, including Christmas Masses or call 216-227-1260.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

The sick and recovering in the parish as well as those preparing for surgery.



Dear Parish Family,

Last month, I took some time for my annual retreat. While many times I like to do group retreats with other priests, for this particular retreat, I packed up my car & headed down to southern Ohio & a cabin in the woods for a solo retreat. I love being in nature and I love the Hocking Hills area. There is something so relaxing for me about the woods and the sounds of nature.

While I would spend the majority of my time in the mornings with my coffee cup, my spiritual reading book, and with God in prayer, in the afternoons I would lace up my hiking boots and head out on some of the area trails. In the time that I was down there, I hiked roughly 12-13 miles. By the time I got back my legs were killing me, I had blisters on my feet, but I had also gained some great insights in prayer with God!

Though I've been down to Hocking Hills a number of times, this time I headed out on a trail that I had never traveled before. It's the proverbial Robert Frost poem about the road less traveled, there was a fork in the trail and I had always gone the one way, but this time I decided to check out the other way. It was a beautiful trail, but also a very challenging one and there were a number of times where I thought to myself, "Am I even still on the trail?" But, then either in the distance ahead of or behind me, I would see other people on the same path as I was on and know that yes, I was still on the right trail.

Our gospel this weekend finds John the Baptist sending disciples to Jesus to make sure they were still on the right trail in following Him and believing that He was (and is) the Savior of the World. Sometimes too in our own journeys of faith, we can find ourselves wondering in prayer if we're still on the right path? We can find ourselves looking for signs that God is still there, that He's still guiding us, that we're going the right way. What signs might God be trying to show or point out to us? How might He be trying to reaffirm to us that we are traveling the path that leads to Him as we wonder as we wander? God is there, this week let's pray for and open ourselves to greater insight from God we invite Him to show us where & how He's leading us on the trails of life.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. John



ADVENT COMMUNAL PENCE

One of the ways that we can prepare for the coming of the Lord is by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have our normal Saturday evening Confession times throughout Advent (note that there will NOT be any Confessions on Saturday, December 24th). You are also invited to join us on Thursday evening, December 22nd @ 7:00 pm @ Our Lady of Angels Parish on Rocky River Drive. The parishes of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Pat's, Our Lady of Angels, and St. Mark's are joining together to offer an Advent Communal Penance Service. We will have a brief prayer together & then there will be at least 3 priests available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on an individual basis. Please consider joining us on Thursday, December 22nd @ 7:00 pm @ Our Lady of Angels Parish as we prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of the Lord.



DECEMBER SABBATH DAYS - A PERSONAL RETREAT DAY: Wed., Dec. 14th, 8:30am-3:30pm

Come and spend a day of renewal and prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center. You will have access to the wonderful spaces both inside and outside the retreat center. We'll set aside one of our small group/spiritual direction rooms for your personal use. We'll provide a nutritious and simple lunch, along with endless coffee or tea. You are welcome here...Cost: \$50. Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd., Parma, OH 44134. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>.

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