
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH.”

—JEREMIAH 33:14



CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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SACRAMENTS

INQUIRERS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process through which persons inquire into and determine if they are called to live out their faith as a member of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Brad Romantic at bromantic@cotrna.org or 614-855-1400.

BAPTISM

INFANTS & CHILDREN: INFANTS & CHILDREN AGE 7 AND YOUNGER – the parents make a profession of faith for their child and accept the responsibility of nurturing God's gift of faith in their child as he/she grows. Parents are asked to attend a Parent Preparation Session (preferably during pregnancy) before a date for their child's baptism is scheduled. Sessions are held on the 4th Sunday of each month, in Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel at 12:30 p.m., lasting 90 minutes.. Register on the parish website or scan the QR code. .

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN: AGE 8 AND OLDER: In this Rite, the child speaks a profession of faith appropriate to his/her age. After attending the Parent Session, parents will meet with Peggy Kehres to prepare the child for Baptism in a manner appropriate for his/her age.

For more information, Contact Mary Koors, 614-855-8861 or marykoors1@gmail.com.



EUCHARIST

Weekdays – See next page for Mass times
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4:00–4:30 p.m.
Individual – anytime by appointment.
Advent and Lent communal services.

ANOINTING

Please call the Parish Office to notify us of an illness in the family and especially if someone is confined at home or in the hospital.

MATRIMONY

Please call the parish office for an appointment with Fr. Denis Kigozi.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: Church of the Resurrection Parish is a family of loving, caring and open persons seeking to respond to the call of Jesus in the Catholic Christian tradition. We are a praying community who in every way possible provide for the spiritual and corporal needs of God's people. As members of the Resurrection community, we seek to serve all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICES

6300 East Dublin–Granville Rd
New Albany, OH 43054
614-855-1400
FAX 614-855-0779
Rectory (phone for emergency)
614-855-0476

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday
8:00a.m.–12:00p.m.
1:00p.m.–4:00p.m.

GENERAL INQUIRES

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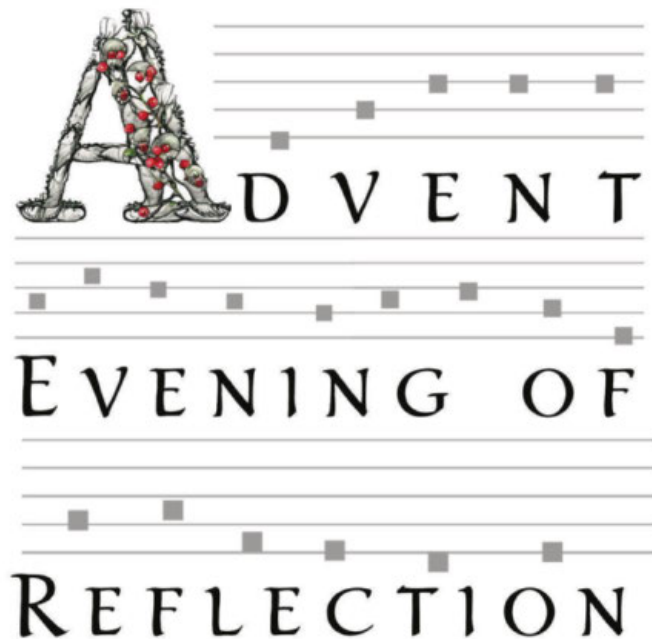
CONNECT ONLINE

Website: www.cotrna.org
Facebook:
www.facebook.com/allwelcom
Instagram: www.instagram.com/cotr_newalbany

Scan the QR codes to the right to get connected.



MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS...



Friday, December 15, 2023 | 7:30pm

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

Anyone interested in registering with our parish, please scan the QR code below or visit our website: cotrna.org and click on *Get to Know Us/New Member Welcome*. If you don't have access to a computer, but would like to register, please call the church office at 614-855-1400 and ask for Chris Roberts.



THIS WEEK AT CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

SUNDAY: 12/3	MONDAY: 12/4	TUESDAY: 12/5	WEDNESDAY: 12/6
8:15a Rosary in Church 9a Mass 9a RCIA 11a Mass 12:15p Children's Choir Rehearsal 12:30p Advent Workshops 1:30p Advent Evening of Reflection Rehearsal in Church 5p Confirmation Class in Church 6:30p CREED 6:30p Ignite in Church/RISE in Social Hall	9a Mass 9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 4:30/6:15p CREED 7p Women's Group Meeting	4:30p CREED 7p Mass 7:30p Parish Holy Hour in Church	9a Mass 9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 12p Rental in Social Hall 4:30/6:15p CREED 6p Altar Server Training 6:30p Walking With Purpose
THURSDAY: 12/7	FRIDAY: 12/8	SATURDAY: 12/9	NEXT SUNDAY: 12/10
6a That Man Is You! 8a Diocese Catholic Schools 9a Mass 9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 9:45a Walking With Purpose 7p Adult Choir Rehearsal 7p Contemporary Folk Group Rehearsal	9a Mass 9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 7p Mass OFFICES CLOSED Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)	7:30a That Man Is You! 10a Cherub Choir in Rooms 104-106 11a Advent Evening of Reflection Rehearsal in Church 3p Bethlehem Olivewood Company in Rooms 104-106 3:30p Worship Team Warmup in Church 5p Mass 6p Advent by Candlelight	7a Bethlehem Olivewood Company in Rooms 104-106 8:15a Rosary in Church 9a Mass 9a RCIA 11a Mass 12:30p Children's Choir Rehearsal in Social Hall 1:30p Adult Choir Instrument Christmas Rehearsal in Church 6:30p CREED 6:30p Ignite in Church 6:30p RISE in Social Hall

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3	
9:00 am	PARISH
11:00 am	Roseann Fusco
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4	
9:00 am	Lonnie Raimonde
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5	
7:00 pm	Toni DiDonato
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6	
9:00 am	Yolanda Raimonde
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7	
9:00 am	Madeline Peters
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8	
9:00 am	Bertha Silva
7:00 pm	John Wright
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9	
5:00 pm	Lucille & Fred Friglet
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10	
9:00 am	Charles K Gallagher
11:00 am	PARISH

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS TIMES FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH- 9:00AM, 7:00PM



ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Check out these upcoming events!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

December 12th- White Elephant Gift Exchange after the 7pm Mass in Ministry Center

Come and gathering for an evening of fellowship with other young adults from the parish. If you'd like to participate in the white elephant exchange, please bring a wrapped gift item (\$10 limit). Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided!



December 20th- Parish Reconciliation Service (7pm) followed by Gathering at BrewDog New Albany

All are invited to join in the sacrament of reconciliation as we continue into the Advent season, preparing ourselves for Christmas. After the sacrament, we will meet at BrewDog New Albany for drinks and fellowship.

WOMEN'S GROUP

December 4- Christmas Party at 7pm in the Social Hall

Christmas Party, Carfagna's Lasagna Dinner, and Crazy White Elephant Exchange
Come join us for a Christmas celebration! If you'd like to participate in a gift exchange, feel free to bring an enticingly wrapped \$5 gift (gift exchange is optional).
Advent by Candlelight December 9th at 7pm in the Social Hall



December 9th- Advent By Candlelight Hostesses Needed

Calling All Hostesses! Host a table at this year's Advent By Candlelight on December 9th at 7pm in the Social Hall and create a unique holiday experience for the ladies in your life! Hostesses invite guests and provide table settings, holiday decorations, beverages and candles for a table of 8. It is lots of fun and requires only a few minutes of your time for planning and decorating. If you want to host a table this year please sign up at the Women's Group meeting or email Virginia Braun at virginia.k.braun@gmail.com.

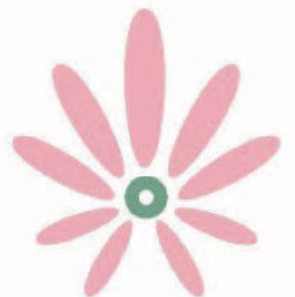
WALKING WITH PURPOSE LIVE- HOPE FOR RIGHT NOW

December 6th- 7pm, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

313 North State Street, Westerville, OH 43082

Join Lisa Brenninkmeyer, founder of WWP, as she delves into Isaiah 58, contrasting spiritual dehydration with the way Jesus—the Living Water—can refresh us. We'll identify symptoms of spiritual fatigue and discover practical ways to bring restoration to our souls. This event requires registration of \$25 in advance.

Head to <https://tinyurl.com/wwplive> to register today.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Ministry Spotlight | Around the Diocese

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Social Concerns Ministry

Social Concerns Ministry is an umbrella ministry that supports the ministries of our church community that seek to serve others and undertake our own activities. We are always looking for new members, both to engage with our various projects (feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, cleaning the environment, providing educational aid, etc.) and to develop ways to be of service to others. If you are interested, please reach out to Beth McNellie at emcnellie@bakerlaw.com.



St. James Food Pantry

This ministry continuously collects monetary and food donations from parishioners to help serve St. James the Less Food Pantry. Our members assist with various duties such as the delivery of collected items, working at the food pantry, assisting at the pantry weekly with various duties. Some light lifting is involved. For more information or to join, contact Heather Baker at 614-530-7877 or heather.baker@centene.com.



Care for Creation

You are invited to join the Care for Creation Ministry! We meet monthly on the 4th Thursday at 7 pm in the Ministry Center to plan and promote spiritual, economic, and social action, including lifestyle change, energy conservation, reduced consumption and sustainable living practices. For information email Patrick Garrity at patrickgarrity67@gmail.com. Be sure to check out the Creation Care Corner, here in the bulletin!



Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat ministry is a service ministry that helps to provide shelter to low income families. We strive to fund two new home builds per year and work on Habitat construction sites throughout the construction process. Come on, roll up your sleeves and join us! For more information about specific projects, reach out to Ellen Milnes, e.palmgren.milnes@gmail.com.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Change a life, inspire your own...Become a tutor!

Volunteer tutors are greatly needed for adult ESL, GED, and Basic Education Learners.

Please contact Annette Cohn at (614) 444-7330 x2 or Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org for more information on this rewarding opportunity. <https://domlearningcenter.org/volunteer>.

Requirements: 18 or older, High School Diploma or GED, attend our free training session.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!

Give the gift of time to each other this year. Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is February 9-11 2024 in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMecolumbus.org or contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.

Christmas Shop at the Marian Gift Shop

The Marian Gift Shop is located inside St. Paul the Apostle Church in Westerville. Our ministry is to help Catholics to have a place locally to find crucifixes, religious jewelry, rosaries, sacred art, bibles, Catholic Books, devotionals, and inspirational gifts to grow in faith.

Dec. 12 - A Day of Prayer at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center

Eucharistic Adoration 10 AM - 5 PM. Pray with us for millions of conversions to Jesus. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the Tilma of Saint Juan Diego led to the conversion of 9 million Indians over the period of 9 years. This brought an end to human sacrifice among the Indians to their Pagan gods. Pray in the beautiful Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel. If you can commit to an hour or more, please email bpojesu2000@gmail.com or call 513 373 2397. Where: 5701 Lawshe Rd., Peebles Ohio 45660.

YOUTH FAITH LIFE

Youth Programs and Opportunities | Kids' Page

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Religious Education Department offers a diverse set of programs for children in grades Pre-K through 12! Here are just a few of our youth programs, but be sure to check out our website to learn more about all of our youth programs.

COTR Playgroup

The COTR Playgroup organizes local playground meet ups on the first and third Friday of each month. See link through QR code for dates/locations. Not in the group? Contact Peggy in the parish office.



Journey with Jesus

JOURNEY WITH JESUS is our children's Liturgy of the Word program for children 3 years of age through 1st grade. This program is designed to teach the Sunday Mass readings at the child's age level. No registration is needed. Held during the 9am and 11am Sunday masses, the children begin in the church with their family and are sent forth as a group prior to the Liturgy of the Word. They return to the church during the Offertory.

CREED (PreK- 5th)

CREED (Church of the Resurrection Elementary Education Days) is our weekly religious education program for children in grades Pre-K through 5. The focus of the CREED program is to assist parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their children by providing religious education and formation classes for children of the parish who attend area public schools.

RISE (6-8th Grade)

RISE is our weekly faith formation program for middle school students. Fostering the faith of young adolescents involves helping them to make connections between the Catholic faith and everyday life. Registration for RISE is on-going via the parish website.

Confirmation (9th)

This is the final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives you an increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation. Confirmation classes for this year have already started so please check back in the Fall for next year's registration.

Ignite (Grades 9-12th)

At *Ignite* we explore the Truth of the Gospel and discuss how it applies to our lives. *Ignite* gives you the opportunity to: Ask tough questions; deepen your relationship with Christ; make friends who will encourage you, challenge you, and hold you accountable; become a better, stronger, happier person. It's so much more than a Sunday evening gathering! High school students are invited to come see what it's all about.

Signs of Things to Come

Jesus told His disciples that the Son of Man (a name that Jesus called Himself) would come in the clouds.

Find these letters in the picture. S - O - N O - F M - A - N



Jesus tells us that something will last forever. What is it?

Use the code to fill in the letters.

☀ = A	☆ = E	★ = M	● = R	◐ = V
☼ = B	★ = H	☆ = N	◑ = S	◒ = W
☁ = D	☆ = I	★ = O	◒ = T	🌐 = Y
	☆ = L	★ = P	○ = U	

Jesus said,

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Altar Server Training

Wednesday,
December 6th- 6PM



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Steve Bohman, Altar Server Ministry Leader, will be conducting an Altar Serving Training on Tuesday, December 6th, beginning in the chapel at 6:00 pm. The training will take a little over an hour. Parents are not required to stay. All students who are at least ten years old are invited to participate in this ministry, but training is required in order to serve. Servers who were trained in the past are invited to participate in the training as a refresher course. If you are a trained server and not being scheduled, please contact Mr. Bohman. For more information or to sign up for the Altar Server Ministry, contact: Steve Bohman at bohman.steve@gmail.com.

Breakfast With Santa Photos? We Want to Share Them!

We want to see your photos from Breakfast with Santa! Submit them and they may be used on social media or in the bulletin. Please make sure to share the link with everyone in the photo as it serves as a photo release as well.



VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

If you are planning to volunteer for any of our ministries involving children and/or youth, and are 18 years old or older, it is required that you have a background check performed and attend a Protecting God's Children seminar before your first volunteer activity.

Please go to www.virtusonline.org to find locations, dates, and times to register. If you have questions, please contact Regina Quinn at the Diocesan Offices at 614-241-2565.

Due to the sensitive nature of the Protecting God's Children program, some victims of child sexual abuse may not feel comfortable attending a Protecting God's Children training session. Anyone in this particular situation may request to receive the materials needed for child protection training in an alternate way. These requests are made through the Safe Environment Office. All requests for alternate child protection training for victims of child sexual abuse are kept confidential.

Please call Regina Quinn 614-241-2568 to request this training.

LITURGICAL LIVING

Connecting to the Faith Throughout Your Week

SPECIAL ADVENT ADORATION WITH EXPOSITION



Adoration *with Exposition* of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Reservation Chapel located behind the main altar each Thursday during Advent, beginning December 7 and continuing through December 21. The hours of Exposition will begin at 9:30 AM and continue non-stop until 9 PM. Out of respect for the exposed Blessed Sacrament, we need at least two Guardians of the Eucharist for each hour of adoration, who will guarantee to be there during the hour(s) for which they commit.

Simply go to the Home Page of our parish website, www.COTRNA.org, and choose the hour(s) to which you are committing for the three Thursdays of Advent. You will need to register separately for each hour if you are committing to all three Thursdays or multiple hours. If you cannot commit to all three Thursdays, simply choose those days and hours to which you can commit. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact: John Hodges at jphodges@aol.com or (614) 395-1739

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ACTIVITY FOR FAMILIES

Make a Mary Candle

This is a great day to make or set out your Mary Candle. You'll need a large white pillar candle. Decorate it with symbols of Christ, such as a chi rho (the first two letters of Christ's name in Greek; it looks like a large letter P with an X across the bottom part of the stem). Place it in your family oratory and cover it with white cloth or lace for the remainder of Advent. The candle represents Christ, and the white cloth represents Mary. At Christmas, remove the cloth to reveal Christ, and light the candle all through the Christmas season.

Learn more about this feast and gather additional ideas through the QR code.



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS



Scan the QR code to for the daily readings online or subscribe and get them in your email.

DECEMBER 10TH- SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

1st Reading	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm	Psalm 85:9-10-11-12, 13-
2nd Reading	2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8



FORMED | THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and ignatius press



Season of Advent– Pam Shields

As we begin the *Season of Advent*, we are reminded to prepare for the second coming of Jesus Christ, as we will celebrate and commemorate His first coming, Christmas. At Christmas, we celebrate a *gift*: the birth of a Savior and King, God choosing to dwell among us. During Advent, we prepare our hearts for the *glorious return of the Son of Man* (Great Advent of God) when the extravagant love of God will be poured out upon the cosmos and all humanity, transforming it into the new heaven and new earth.

Latin for the “coming” of Christ, *Advent* calls us to a deeper discernment of our lives and to “watch and prepare.” An attitude of mindfulness increases our expectations as we open ourselves up to recognize the presence of Christ (“the salvation of God”) and to “be vigilant at all times ... you do not know when the time (Lord) will come.” We his faithful disciples, consciously seek to identify Christ (Divine Guest) present within and among us. We prepare our lives for the one who dwells in our hearts and to be his Presence in the world so that we may draw ever closer to the kingdom (union with Christ), and advance toward Christ’s definitive coming in glory.

For the *Season of Advent*, the sanctuary will be decorated beginning on the altar with the Advent Wreath. The wreath itself is a symbolic circle of evergreen representing everlasting life. The seedpods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of resurrection and the fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian

life. Displayed within the wreath are four candles (three purple – penance, one pink – rejoice) representing the four Sundays in Advent and the increasing illumination of our tidings of joy. During each of the Advent Mass celebrations, a candle (s) will be lit symbolizing hope, peace, joy, love, and *Christ the Light* of the world. Draped purple fabric, symbolizing penitence, royalty, and expectation, will be added to the Risen Christ niche and the altar. For the **Third week of Advent** (Gaudete/**Rejoice** Sunday) rose color fabric will be added representing our *rejoicing* and joyful expectation. On the brick columns above the altar, four banners will depict each of the four weeks theme: “watch, prepare, rejoice, hope.” Father Denis, Father Anish, and the Deacons will don purple vestments for weeks 1,2 & 4 and rose colored in week 3. As we progress closer to the glorious arrival, candles will be added to the windows, a Christmas tree will be on display in the gathering space for the parish to decorate, wreaths will be added to the balcony columns in the sanctuary and displayed at the entrance of the church,, the Nativity scenes will be in place at the entrance to the church and on the East wall of the sanctuary, and in the baptismal niche Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem... as we prepare our hearts and wait in joyful *hope* for a wondrous *gift*: heaven’s *perfect lamb*, love’s pure light.

(For the December 8th feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mary will reside in the Baptistry niche...” Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.”)

LITURGICAL LIVING

Olive Wood Carvings | Knights' Advent Sale

The Holy Land Shepherds



The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations including our family. More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian Families to leave their homes in search of work and safety.

Our mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We have been blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity

to travel to different parishes all around the United States for the past 15 years to represent these less fortunate Christians. We are happy to announce that we will be visiting your parish on **December 9th & 10th 2023.**

We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand carved items. We value your support. We will be accepting cash credit cards & checks.

May God bless you & keep you safe.

The Holy Land Shepherds.

www.theholylanndshop.com

(810) 394-5291



**Knights of
Columbus®**

DECK THE HALLS THIS ADVENT SEASON



The Knights of Columbus Council will be offering Advent candles and wreaths for the upcoming Advent season. Wreaths are \$20/each and candles are \$10/each. We also will be offering Christmas Nativity cards, Advent calendars, Holy Family statues, and Christmas tree ornaments that are individually priced.

These items will be available for online through QR code or after Mass now through December 17th.



PURCHASE ONLINE TODAY THROUGH QR CODE



Be a Mindful Consumer to Reduce Waste

Pope Francis, in his Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, highlights both the ecological and spiritual harm that rampant consumerism can cause humanity and the earth. Becoming more "mindful," or intentional, aware and informed, can lead to more careful assessments in what to purchase.

Before purchasing, ask yourself how it will impact the environment. Avoid products with excess packaging. Don't buy what you don't need. Borrow or rent items you need only for occasional use. For items you do buy, look for durability. Consider buying secondhand clothes and household items from thrift stores, consignment shops, and private sellers when it makes sense. Before disposing, donate useful old household items and clothing so someone else can reuse them.

Refuse Reduce Repair Reuse Recycle

The justified concern about threats to the environment ... commits us to working responsibly for the protection of Creation. — Pope Benedict XVI

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LITURGICAL	Saturday, Dec. 9nd 5:00pm	Sunday, Dec. 10th 9:00am	Sunday, Dec. 10th 11:00am
1st Lector	Don DeWitt	Peter Kleysteuber	Bob Bateman
2nd Lector	Margaret DeWitt	Rita Lukaszewski	Ashley Gill
SERVERS	Olivia Sloan Leah Starinsky Levi Starinsky	Winston Marcussen Elizabeth Murrin	Colby DeShetler Jacob Fracassi Mia Fracassi
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Monica Owens Faith Phillips Kim Roberts Jules Rubadue Michael Sosinski Kim Spiezio Edward Teiga	Sarah Ryan George Sabol Amy Schaefer Joyce Smith Kristen Smith Joanne Turner Terri Turner	Pat Heinzman Nick Hoffman Bill Holehouse Lisa Horn Mike Kelley Karen Kelley-Salliotte Ann Lamantia
LEAD USHER	Tom Kneeland	Suzie Bates	Dan Nettler
USHERS	Sharon Drum Anne Jackson James Knapp	Peter Golato Dick Henley Cindy Herbst Terry Koebbe Andrew Leatherman Rick Louder	John Aelker Robert Buechner
DEAF MINISTRY	Kathy Hodges		

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK & HOMEBOUND: December 10th		
Avalon	N.A. Care	OTTERBEIN
Bill Pederson Yvette Pederson	Kathy Hayes	Carrie Dutton Valerie Gillespie
Out Home NA	Smith's Mill	Wesley Woods
Lisa Kraus Matt Kraus	Karen Kraynack Sue Kraynack Marg Barber	John Hodges Charlotte Conroy Rick Krawczeski

ALTAR LINENS- Linen box on bench outside church office
Pick up/return between December 4-6
Lorraine Rothrauff
Pick up/return between December 11-13
Tamara Frissora
Pick up/return between December 18-20
Patti Kenehan

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Financials | St. James the Less Food Pantry

PARISH FINANCIALS



Thank you for your support and continued generosity!

Please consider using PushPay, our online giving tool used to manage your parish offertory. PushPay is safe, easy, and convenient. You can visit our website, www.cotrna.org, or use the QR code to get started:

For questions, please contact Chris Roberts in the parish office: 614-855-1400.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
October Offertory	\$203,170	\$185,391	\$17,779
YTD Offertory	\$729,527	\$711,748	\$17,779

Total Offertory Budget for FY 23-24 \$2,322,455
Our fiscal year runs July 1st - June 30th

ST. JAMES THE LESS FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Collection Next Weekend- Get Involved!

Donate:

Cash boxes are located by the exits, in the gathering space.

Donate online at <http://www.pushpay.com/g/cotrna>

Enter the amount you would like to give and under "Fund" select "St. James Food Pantry."

Food Collection:

Collection boxes are in the gathering space of the church.

Non-perishable items please- see the "Greatest Needs" below.

Canned Soup

Crackers

Canned Fruit

Toilet Paper

Boxed Rice



Help Us



Help Others

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Let us pray... for all who are in the military and for all who are seriously ill, recovering from a serious illness or surgery. If you would like to add the names of family members to the prayer list below, call the Parish Office (614-855-1400) or email bulletinecotrna.org.

To be added to our Parish prayer chain, send requests online to: <https://cotrna.org/intercessory-prayer>. For more information on the prayer chain, contact: Valerie Coolidge, Prayer Chain Coordinator, by email at: Valerie@wyandottewinery.com.

U.S. ARMY

MAJ Ryan Griffin; SFC Bill Hayes, CPT Rick Lovering; SPC Corey Luffler; PVT Adam P. Kearney; CPT Cody Kehres; SGT Ryan Krysmalski; 1LT Bill Lovering; SFC Craig Markish; 2LT Ross Mitchell; Sgt. Paul D. Perez; MAJ Derek Stocker, 2LT Roy Wood, III

U.S. ARMY RESERVE

PFC Jason McDonald

U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

MSG Ryan Pederson; SFC Justin Shuman; SGT Jamie Wasierski

U.S. ARMY NURSE CORPS

CPT Sean Coolidge

U.S. AIR FORCE

Curtis Abbott; MSgt Andrew Clymer; Adam Lewis; TSgt James Mathews; 2d Lt Daniel H. Touzinsky; Maj Matt Tucker

U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD

TSgt Liz Humphrey

U.S. NAVY

CPO Shane M. Cooper; PO3 Daniel Dunlevy; SA Evan Hammond; LCDR Axel Steiner

U.S. MARINE CORPS

Maj. Tom Bertram; GySgt Nicholas Bickel; Capt David Cook; Alan Finn; Capt Joseph Andrew Garcia; SSgt

Scott Kramer;

LCpl Michael McCutcheon; LtCol Matthew Oberdorfer; 1stLt Gabriel Smith

SERIOUSLY ILL OR RECOVERING FROM A SERIOUS ILLNESS OR SURGERY

SEPTEMBER

Arlene Cucculelli, John Reed, Robin Plummer

OCTOBER

Christina Neal, Hank Sherowski, Arlene Cucculelli, Linda Martens, Claudia Johnson, Barbara Jones, David Hoy, Joseph Allgeier, Pat McCarron, Leon Milnes

NOVEMBER

Emily Scullion, Tom Dardis

We are now on a rotating basis of three months for prayers for the seriously ill. If you would like a loved one added back onto the rotation, please email bulletinecotrna.org or call the parish office at (614) 855-1400.

Gospel Meditation

December 3, 2023- 1st Sunday of Advent

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir

Confirmation Candidates

Please add our Confirmation students to your daily prayers. Come Holy Spirit...

Hudson Isaac Madeline Jones
Mason Kessel Cameron King
Reaghan Kiwala Maurina LaVoie
Jacob Lifer

Contemplative Moment

"Advent is thus a favorable time to pray with greater intensity, to reserve to the spiritual life the important place it deserves."

—Pope Francis

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Practicing Catholic | Eucharistic Revival

PRACTICING CATHOLIC– RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Memento Mori-By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Just this week, my husband and I signed our wills, and the lawyer was careful to couch our transaction in gentle, abstract language: “When we lose you” she kept saying, instead of “When you die.”

It’s very uncomfortable to dwell on our death. But the Christian life does not just encourage us to do so: it demands that we do. I once came upon a prayer consecrating the last two hours of life to the Blessed Mother. I have since found variations of the prayer online with different phrasing, but the sentiment of them all is the same: let me not be caught sleeping. Let me be ready.

“You can’t do all your homework at the end,” a deacon who ministers to the dying once told me. “Good Friday is waiting in the wings for all of us.”

I think of that a lot when I don’t particularly feel like praying, when I think I’m too busy to go to confession or when feelings of resentment fester inside me on Sunday mornings as I pack my family off to church. All our good deeds are like polluted rags, says the prophet. We have all withered like leaves.

You can’t do all your homework at the end. God is faithful. Are we?

“May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

— Mark 13:36



The Year of Eucharistic Revival– Draw Closer to the Eucharist

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF WEITEN-RAXENDORF, AUSTRIA-1411

“In the parish church of Weiten, a thief broke into the sacristy and got hold of a consecrated Host that he slipped into one of his gloves. According to reports from the village of Weiten, the theft occurred in 1411. The thief then mounted his horse intending to make for the nearby village of Spitz. Instead of taking the main road, he chose a side road that passes through the valley of Mühldorf and is known as “Am Schuß.” When he arrived at the spot (that today is marked by a chapel in honor of the miracle) his horse halted and would not move, no matter how much the man beat him. Some laborers working in the surrounding fields came to help. But there was no way to make the horse move; it stood still as a statue. Then without warning, the animal leaped to a gallop, and the Sacred Host hidden in the rider’s glove dropped to the ground without anyone noticing. A few days later, a Mrs. Scheck from Mannersdorf passed by the spot and saw the Host encircled in a strong light. In great wonder, she picked up the Holy Eucharist and noticed that the consecrated Host was broken in two Parts but remained joined together by threads of Bleeding Flesh. Greatly moved and at her own expense, in thanksgiving, she built a small chapel on the spot. As news of the miracle spread, many pilgrims came to the place. Later, it was necessary to build a bigger church to honor the precious reliquary in order to contain the great crowds that came every year on pilgrimage”

Read more on this miracle and more at <http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/a3.html> or through the QR code.



Thoughts on the Journey

December 3rd– First Sunday in Advent

Mark 13:33–37

Suanne Gettings

As a child in grade school, I was generally unaware of current events other than the news that floated around my class at St. Teresa of Avila Elementary: like who had their name written on the chalkboard for chewing gum in glass; what girl liked what boy; who was called to the principal's office for rolling their uniform skirt too high; or who might be having the next sleepover. It was all a benign environment in Price Hill, Cincinnati in 1965 for adults and children alike. We all knew our neighbors, we all looked out for one another and, for the most part, our west-side community was not marred by violent crime. Then, in December of that year, the curtain dropped like a rock.

The Cincinnati Strangler struck for the first time in early December 1965. The initial news report didn't alarm folks too much. Most people thought it was an isolated incident. But, when the second and third incident occurred, it forever changed a city. From his first victim to his last, this serial killer strangled and brutalized seven women – one right after another. For the months following his rampage, the news was saturated with the details of the strangler's crimes. It was the subject of conversations everywhere. People who were once trusting and open, were now vigilant, guarded, and suspicious. Even as a child, I couldn't help but notice the loss of innocence and diminished sense of security in our world. I really knew things had changed when my father took all of us kids with him to buy milk. Normally we would stay in the car and wait, but when one of the victims lived next door to the United Dairy Farmers where we were regular customers, my Dad never left us alone in the car again.

As stunned as the community was, there was also outrage and disgust. Neighborhoods formed watch teams. The community pulled together to help protect one another. The heightened awareness was as hard-hitting as the crimes themselves. These horrific crimes caused a sleeping community to wake up.

In Mark's gospel this week, Jesus is warning his disciples to be watchful and alert regarding his second coming. He likened it to a man traveling abroad who left the care of his home and possessions to his servants, each one having their own responsibilities. And then orders the gatekeeper to,

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming...May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

Since the days of the Cincinnati Strangler, violent crime has become so commonplace in our society that we almost dismiss it as quickly as we hear it. It's been a subtle desensitization over time, not only to violent crime, but to an overall acceptance of sinful behaviors. But then, sin has always been a slippery slope that takes us a piece at a time if we are not vigilant. It is easy to recognize evil in the brutal murders of seven women, but how noticeable is sin when it's dressed in the gray of self indulgence and justification: the morally objectionable shows we watch, abuse of social media, spreading and listening to gossip, the lack of respect for the human person, the many ways we perpetuate bigotry by painting everyone with the same brush and feeding our fears rather than feeding our capacity to love radically. Once we begin to turn a blind eye to things we would have never accepted before, we gradually find a society that dumbs itself down mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. We become dull and sluggish in our faith-life and vulnerable to impassivity and apathy. We then run the risk of being asleep when the Master comes.

Advent is a time and season to prepare the way of the Lord. We don't know the day or the hour of His second coming. Just stay awake so He doesn't find you sleeping.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Take Five for Faith

Sunday, Dec 03, 2023

A season of welcome

The color violet reminds us that a new season has begun: a time to prepare to welcome Christ in our midst for all days and in all persons. Coincidentally this year, Advent starts on the World Day for Persons with Disabilities. How welcoming is our church to the people with physical and mental challenges? Not just improving accessibility with an entrance ramp or elevator but providing accommodations for those with hearing, visual, and intellectual impairments, including for liturgies and sacramental preparation? Take a look around your own parish. Is it true that "all are welcome"?

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37 (2). *"We are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands."*

Monday, Dec 04, 2023

Iconic inspiration

Think of how much sacred images of Jesus, Mary, angels, and the saints—in painting, stained glass, and sculpture—have filled your life and stimulated your spirit. You might have many sacred images throughout your home. Perhaps you can find them in different public places in your city. Our Catholic churches are certainly full of them. Think of how much they inspire and prompt you to momentary prayer, a fleeting lifting of your heart and mind to God as you pass by them, or to long stretches on your knees, deep in conversation. You can partly thank John Damascene, who defended holy images against iconoclasm, a movement in the eighth century that was opposed to the veneration of icons. Treasure the rich imagery of our tradition.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11 (175). *"Many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the Kingdom of heaven."*

Tuesday, Dec 05, 2023

Be a light in the darkness

As Advent days grow ever darker, Isaiah offers hope: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isa. 9:1). We Christians seek the Son's light, but we also take the Savior at his word when he describes us as the "light of the world" (Matt. 5:14). 'Tis the season, to celebrate those who shared their light, such as Rosa Parks, who co-led the Montgomery bus boycott beginning this day in 1955. Or Mary McLeod Bethune, who formed the National Council of Negro Women 20 years earlier. To quote Saint Isidore of Seville (who opened the Fourth Council of Toledo on this day in 633): "Just as we must love God in contemplation, so we must love our neighbor with action."

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 (176). *"He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth."*

Wednesday, Dec 06, 2023

Peace on Earth requires living on the edge

This year we celebrate the centennial of the birth of Phil Berrigan, the famed peace activist and one-time Josephite priest. His dedication to serve the African-American community quickly blossomed into an all-out crusade for justice, resulting in his many

arrests, sentences, and continuing activities to emphasize the Catholic opposition to bloodshed. He was hardly rewarded for his efforts in this life, and in this time of war in our day, we owe him a great debt. We can pay it by walking as he walked, in the path toward peace.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37 (177). *"On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever."*

Thursday, Dec 07, 2023

Unite to fight for good

Today is Pearl Harbor Day, when the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor officially thrust the United States into World War II. Americans sacrificed in multiple ways to serve the war effort, from military service to rationing. What if we were to unite in the same way to fight poverty? An emphasis on charity and justice for the poor exists within all the Abrahamic traditions, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Who is fighting poverty in your community? Take a step today to unite with them.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178). *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven."*

Friday, Dec 08, 2023

A day of grace

Today is all about grace. It was God's grace that provided Mary with the privilege of being born without original sin; it was Mary's grace that said yes to God's plan; and it is our grace to honor Mary's witness and protection. As Pope John Paul II explains, "Grace means love and the gift of God himself, the completely free gift in which God entrusts to [us] his Mystery." In honor of this day, pray the mysteries of the Rosary.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE U.S.A.)

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38 (689). *"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."*

Saturday, Dec 09, 2023

Mary mirrors her people

Can you imagine what today's saint, Juan Diego, was going through when he encountered Our Lady of Guadalupe? First of all, she looked nothing like the pictures of the Blessed Virgin he was used to. She wasn't a blue-eyed, white European. She was brown-skinned with dark hair and dark eyes. She wasn't wearing a blue veil either. And she didn't even speak to him in Spanish, but in Nahuatl, the ancient language of his ancestral Aztec. Was she for real? When the image of the Virgin appeared on his cloak, he knew she was. Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, who acts as a reflection for all the faithful.

MEMORIAL OF JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN, VISIONARY
TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180). *"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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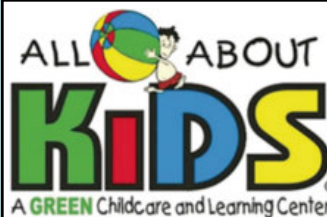
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