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Parish Office: Phone: 614-279-1690; Fax: 614-279-2386 Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday-Sunday: Closed Deadline for bulletin updates: Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS:

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions): Thursday: 9:30 a.m.; Saturday: 3:00-3:30 p.m.; or by appointment if you call the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS: Following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS: Third Monday of the month: January, March, May, July, September and November, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. If attending, you must call 614-279-1690 to register.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

New Parishioners and Parishioners Moving Out:

Please call the Parish Office to register or to change status.

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 a.m. John Badurina (birthday) by Lilly Badurina

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Ralph DeMatteo (Birthday) by Chris DeMatteo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 – ST. DAMASUS I, POPE

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

9:00 a.m. Patricia Wickham by the Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 - ST. LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

9:00 a.m. Michelle A. Doyle by Sue Cantwell

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 – ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST/DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

4:00 p.m. Teresa Lancia (Birthday/Anniversary) by Bill and Mary Shaffer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Terri Rowlands (Anniversary) by Deacon Tom

ST. ZITA MINISTRY: December 9: Steve & Mary Strawser

PARISH NEWS:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY: THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Since December 8th falls on a Sunday, the feast is transferred to Monday, December 9th. This year, therefore, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. We have two Masses on Monday, December 9th, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Please note that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Monday, December 9th. This feast usually falls on December 8, but that is the Second Sunday of Advent which has a higher priority, so the feast day is moved to December 9th. Whenever this happened in the past, the obligation to attend Mass was dispensed, which means that the feast was observed on December 9, but Catholics were not obliged to attend Mass, rather it was considered optional. We learned that this is no longer the case. The Vatican Dicastery for the Interpretation of Legal texts has declared that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is always a Holy Day of Obligation, even when it is transferred to December 9th. We were not planning for December 9th to be a Holy Day of Obligation, so we have revised our Mass schedule and added Mass at 7:00 p.m. in addition to the regularly scheduled 9:00 a.m. Mass. I wanted to let you know about the surprise declaration so you can plan ahead to fulfill your obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 9th at 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Our ADVENT Mailing is wrong.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa THIS Sunday, December 8th, from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. This is a great family event and breakfast sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. Santa Claus will be there for photos with your family! Prizes for the KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS ART POSTER CONTEST will be awarded at Noon, so please be there then.

The ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY has canceled its Monday, December 9, meeting in light of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation this year on December 9. The society will hold its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2025, in Kulp Hall.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will makes sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven after the 8:30 a.m. Mass **NEXT Sunday**, (**December 15**) in Kulp Hall. Many hands make light work, so please join us. This is also an ideal time to donate any extra plastic grocery bags you might have at home. The bags are used to package lunches for the homeless. Thank you for your continued support.

NEW SENIOR COMMUNITY: You are invited to learn more about a new Catholic Senior Community that is being planned to open in the summer 2027. Joel Wrobbel will give an informational meeting THIS Thursday, December 12th, 1:00 p.m. in Kulp Hall. The informational meeting will be one hour with light refreshments being offered. The new catholic senior community is called The Villas of St. Therese, Plain City. For more information and to RSVP, please call Joel Wrobbel at 614-653 2993.

A BIG THANK-YOU: "Thank You" from the Back to the Garden Ministry to all who ordered Poinsettias from us. You've made this our best sale yet. We are truly grateful for your support through which we hope to bring much color and beauty to St. Margaret's grounds in 2025. May the Lord bless you and your families this Advent Season!

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: In order to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas, we will have our Parish Advent Penance Service here on MONDAY, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. All are invited. We will have extra priests here.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to celebrate sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction on the Thursdays of Advent, **December 12 and 19, at 7:00 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you wish to contribute toward Christmas flowers in memory of a deceased relative or friend, you may do so by placing your donation with your name in an envelope and mark on it "Christmas Flowers." Or you may use the envelope enclosed in your monthly envelope packet. We will have a special remembrance of the deceased at the Christmas Mass.

THE CATHOLIC TIMES: In February 2025, we will continue the annual tradition of promoting *Catholic Times* subscriptions and renewals. Beginning January 1, 2025, all subscriptions will be managed online. That being said, we will provide recourse for parishioners who are unable to use the internet to do so. We do not want anyone to miss out on this excellent local Catholic content.

DECEMBER – A GOOD TIME FOR GIVING: The month of December is an excellent time to give generously to the parish offertory or Bishop's Annual Appeal. As this is the season of giving gifts, why not give a generous gift to your parish in the form of cash, securities, or business gifts with your employer's company? We are all called to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us; may we share generously with our parish family during this season. Thank you for your continued generosity. **May God bless you!**

December 14-15	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	GREETERS/USHERS	LECTORS
Saturday, December 14 4:00 p.m.	Anna & Elizabeth Gerken	James Duckro Peter Hersha		Pat Fehribach
Sunday, December 15 8:30 a.m.	Siena Boyd Josie Forster	Mike Loutsis Anita Mitchell	Mark Nolan	Joe Lombardi
Sunday, December 15 10:30 a.m.	Jacoby Gorham Sylvia Michael	Bryan Adkins	Joe Perez	Jo Marie Wilson

PARISH DIRECTORY

UPDATE: ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA PARISH DIRECTORY WILL BE COMING SOON: A huge thank-you to all who had photos taken for the 2025 St. Margaret of Cortona Parish Directory and to all who volunteered and helped with the entire process thus far. The first part of the project is now complete. The next part involves the design and assembly of the actual Parish Directory! The roster section of the Parish Directory, which follows the family photos, will include the names and addresses of all parishioners taken from the Diocesan Census. Whether or not you had a photo taken, all adult parishioners will be included in the roster section unless you let us know that you do not wish to be listed.

To OPT OUT, please complete the form below to eliminate information you do not wish to have publicized and place it in the collection basket no later than the weekend Masses of December 14 & 15, 2024.

NAME:	
TELEPHONE #	
ADDRESS:	

CHRISTMAS 2024 SCHEDULE:

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: In order to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas, we will have our Parish Advent Penance Service here on MONDAY, December 16th, 7:00 p.m. All are invited. We will have extra priests here.

CONFESSIONS, Every Saturday, 3:00–3:30 p.m. On Saturday, December 21ST, Confessions will be heard from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Our Communal Family Advent Penance Service will be MONDAY, December 16th, 7:00 p.m. with additional Priests. Confessions will also be heard on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. on December 12th, 19th. The FINAL opportunity for this sacrament before Christmas is on Saturday, December 21st, from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

INCENSE WITH MASSES: Incense will be used at the December 24th, 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass and also used at all of the Epiphany Masses on January 4th-5th.

CHRISTMAS EVE – A Holy Day of Obligation for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Masses on Tuesday, December 24th are: 4:00 p.m., which is our Children's Mass, and we welcome all children for a special homily. 10:00 p.m. Mass, which is preceded by Christmas Carols, beginning at 9:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY – A Holy Day of Obligation. Mass on Wednesday, December 25 is at 10:30 a.m. ONLY.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – Sunday, December 29th. Masses follow the regular weekend times.

NEW YEAR'S DAY – SOLEMNITIY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD. This IS a Holy Day of Obligation to go to Mass. Masses are on Tuesday, December 31st, 4:00 p.m. OR Wednesday, January 1st, 10:30 a.m.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – Sunday, January 5th. Masses follow the regular weekend times.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – Sunday, January 12th. Masses follow the regular weekend times. This feast marks the official end of the Christmas season this year.

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: December 1, 2024

Weekly Offertory \$ 11,820.25
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED \$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK +\$ 2,820.25
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

THE GIVING TREE: The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to participate in the Giving Tree this holiday season. We are requesting monetary donations for each of the charities we are supporting. All money collected will be divided equally among the Brian Muha Foundation/Run the Race Club, Central Ohio Behavioral Healthcare (formerly Twin Valley), and Catholic Social Services. Donations will be accepted the weekends of December 7 & 8 and December 14 & 15, 2024. Collection baskets will be located at the exits of the church. If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to St. Margaret of Cortona Church with "Giving Tree" on the memo line. You may also mail your donation directly to the church office at 1600 N. Hague Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43204. Deadline to receive all money is Monday, December 16th. We thank you for your continued support of our annual Christmas project to provide some Christmas cheer to those in need.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: December 9-15, 2024				
MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass		
MONDA	6:30 p.m.	NO St. Vincent de Paul Meeting		
	7:00 p.m.	Mass of Immaculate Conception,		
	-	Church		
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level		
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass		
	6:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Rosary, Church		
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting,		
		Borrelli Center Lower Level		
WEDNESDAY		NO MASS		
THURSDAY		Mass		
	9:30 a.m.			
9:30 a.m12:00 Noon		Exposition of Eucharist		
	1:00 p.m.	Informational Meeting on		
		New Senior Community, Kulp Hall		
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Club Meeting, Kulp Hall		
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers, Church		
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass		
SATURDAY	3:00 p.m.	Confessions		
	4:00 p.m.	Mass		
CLINIDAY	4:30 p.m.	Women's Club Bake Sale after Mass		
SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	Mass		
	9:00 a.m.	PSR/CSG, Borrelli Center		
	9:15 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Makes Sandwiches, Kulp Hall		
	9:15 a.m.	Women's Club Bake Sale after Mass		
	10:30 a.m.	Mass		
	11:15 a.m.	Women's Club Bake Sale after Mass		

AROUND US

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2025 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR. The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is now accepting

nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2025 Catholic Man of the Year. The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." Nomination instructions and the required online nomination form are at https://www.catholicmensministry.com/catholicmanoftheyear. Submit your nomination and let us know why your husband, father, grandfather, son, uncle, brother, or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year! Nominations will be accepted through January 15, 2025. Bishop Earl K. Fernandes will present the 2025 Catholic Man of the Year at a luncheon on Friday, March 7, 2025, at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Fernandes' presentation of the 2025 Catholic Man of the Year. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch. Bring a friend and help us honor the 2025 Catholic Man of the Year.

ST. MARGARET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, email it to cwelycz@breezelineohio.net, or call 614-562-8570. All prayer requests are confidential.

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