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MASS SCHEDULE**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 – ADVENT WEEKDAY**

9:00 a.m. Doris Flick by Becky Saggio

7:00 p.m. Parish Advent Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 – ADVENT WEEKDAY9:00 a.m. Teresa Lancia (Birthday/Anniversary)
by Bill and Mary Shaffer**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**9:00 a.m. **NO MASS****THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

9:00 a.m. John Bennett, Jr. by M/M Charles Nagy

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. John Kuhn, Jr. by Michelle Holdern Pezzot

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

4:00 p.m. Ray Saggio by Becky Saggio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Erma & Geno Delewese by the Family

ST ZITA, MINISTRY: December 15: JB & JoMarie Wilson

PARISH NEWS:

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: In order to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas, we will have our Parish Advent Penance Service here on **MONDAY, December 15th, 7:00 p.m.** All are invited. We will have extra priests here.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES: If you ordered Christmas cookies from the Women's Club, they will be available for pick up this weekend, December 13-14, or by previous arrangement. Text Emily Keesecker, 330-571-4615; Maria Blauvelt, 614-327-2261, for further information or questions.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, THIS Sunday December 14th from 9:00 a.m. till 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. **Cash prizes** for the **Keep Christ in Christmas Art** contest, will be awarded **to the top three entries at Noon Sunday, December 14th**, during **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**. All entries will be awarded certificates.

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 weekend of **December 13 & 14**. Please place donations in the designated baskets in the church. **Make checks payable to St. Margaret of Cortona 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 15th. Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated!**

CHRISTMAS 2025 SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS – Every Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m. On Saturday, **December 20th**, Confessions will be heard from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Our Communal Family Advent Parish Service will be **THIS MONDAY, December 15th, 7:00 p.m.** with extra Priests available. Confessions will also be heard on **Thursday at 9:30 a.m.** on **December 18th**. The **FINAL** opportunity for this sacrament before Christmas is on **Saturday, December 20th, from 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

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

CHRISTMAS DAY – A Holy Day of Obligation for today **OR** yesterday. Mass on **Thursday, December 25** is at **10:30 a.m. ONLY.**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – **Sunday, December 28th.** Masses follow the regular weekend times.

NEW YEAR'S DAY – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD. This **IS** a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** for all Catholics to attend Mass. Masses are on **Wednesday, December 31st, 4:00 p.m.** **OR** on **Thursday, January 1st, 10:30 a.m.**

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – **Sunday, January 4th.** Masses follow the regular weekend times.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – **Sunday, January 11th.** Masses follow the regular weekend times. This feast today marks the official end of the Christmas season this year.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to celebrate sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction on the final Thursday of Advent, **December 18, 7:00 p.m.** There are **NO VESPERS** on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

THE SVDP SOCIETY will make sandwiches for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen after the **8:30 a.m. Mass, NEXT Sunday, December 21.**

NEW MISSALETES: If you would like to purchase your own new Missalette for Mass, they are **still \$10.00 each**. The New Year begins on **November 29, 2025**. You can purchase them by asking Fr. Jeff for your copy.

December 20-21	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, December 20 4:00 p.m.	Lila Johnson Nicholas Johnson	Corinne Brewster Michael Brewster		Ken Hagy
Sunday, December 21 8:30 a.m.		Anita Mitchell Jeffrey Wobser	Mark Nolan	Joe Lombardi
Sunday, December 21 10:30 a.m.	Sara Banyots Joseph Michael	Darwin McVey Jeffrey Metzger		Brian Brown

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR PARISH SURVEY

I have recently written and spoken about your opportunity to complete our parish survey, known as the **Disciple Maker Index**. The survey is now available and I invite you to PLEASE take the survey. You can do so by scanning the **QR code**, **typing this link into your browser:** bit.ly/margaretdmi or **going to the St. Margaret website,** www.stmargaretcolumbus.org, and clicking the link to the survey which is near the top of our homepage. You can find the link to the survey at the **St. Margaret of Cortona Facebook** page or in **your most recent Flocknote**.



Finally, you can scan the QR code which will be posted at each entrance to the Church and will also be posted in the office and at Kulp Hall and in the Borelli Center. This will open the link to the survey on your phone. Just click the link and complete the survey. We will also have a few paper versions available for those who do not have internet access. You can get a paper version if you come to the office or if you ask Fr. Jeff after Mass while you are at church. Simply return the paper version to the box in the front vestibule of the church that is designated for survey responses.

The survey will be open until January 6, 2026. I am hoping that EVERY parishioner, 12 years of age and older (yes, we very much want to hear from our younger parishioners), will fill out the survey for themselves **individually** (each member of your family should complete a survey. Do not give a family response). Completing the survey will take only 10-15 minutes and is totally anonymous. The results will be helpful to me as your pastor and to our staff and volunteers as we seek to support you on your journey of missionary discipleship.

Please go to the QR code above and fill out the survey today! I thank you in advance.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Jeff

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.

OUR GRATITUDE TO THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION: Fr. Jeff is pleased to report that our parish has been awarded a grant of \$5,717.00 from the Catholic Foundation. This money will offset the costs of repainting our main entrance and repairing leaks in the windows above our sanctuary. St. Margaret remains reliably grateful for the many ways we are supported by the foundation. Their diligent efforts enable a clearer focus on spiritual pursuits and celebration of the sacraments at the parish level.

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: DECEMBER 7, 2025

Direct Deposit November	\$ 6,973.00
Sunday Offertory Collection	<u>\$ 10,994.00</u>
Total Amount	\$ 17,967.00
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	+ \$ 8,967.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!	

TURN YOUR TAX DOLLARS INTO A SCHOLARSHIP! There is no easier way to support Catholic School families than with a gift to Emmaus Road. Even if you don't think of you or your family being in a place to be a "donor" to any initiative right now, Emmaus Road is unique. Those who contribute will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their Ohio income tax! You will be refunded/credited your entire gift amount at tax time and a Catholic School family will still receive the tuition assistance next fall. The limit for the matching credit is \$750.00 for individuals and \$1,500.00 for couples filing jointly.

Learn more, confirm eligibility, and make your gift online at www.emmausroadscholarship.org – You can even designate a specific school like Bishop Ready or St Brendan as the grantor of the scholarship. Together, we can increase affordability and access to Catholic educations.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: December 15-21

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A., Rectory Lower Level
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club Meeting, Kulp Hall,
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Club Christmas Party
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:30 a.m.	Confessions
	9:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon	Exposition of Eucharist
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m.	Sung Vespers, Benediction, Church
	9:00 a.m.	Mass
SATURDAY	2:30-3:30 p.m.	Confessions
	4:00 p.m.	Mass
SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul makes sandwiches, Kulp Hall
	9:00 a.m.	PSR/CSG, Borrelli Center
	10:30 a.m.	Mass

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!

SEEK 2026: The annual SEEK Conference will be held here in Columbus January 1-5, 2026. This conference is for seniors in high school, all college students and involved and interested adults. It is a privilege to host this national conference here in our city. We should have over 10,000 attendees and participants. This is a great way to deepen our faith in the Lord.

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.

