# Triumph of the Cross

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## **2nd Sunday of Advent December 4th, 2022**

Triumph of the Cross @ Holy Rosary 204 Rosemont Ave., Steubenville

#### **Masses**

Monday: 5:15 p.m. followed by Novena Tuesday: 7:00 a.m., 5:15 p.m. Wednesday: 7:00 a.m., 5:15 p.m. Thursday: 7:00 a.m., 5:15 p.m. Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m., Vigil 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

#### **Confessions**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Saturday, or by appointment

#### **Parish Office**

P.O. Box 908 Steubenville, OH 43952 200 Rosemont Ave.

740-264-6177

After hours urgent—press 4 for transfer

Parish web-site: <a href="mailto:triumphofthecross.org">triumphofthecross.org</a> Parish E-mail: <a href="mailto:totcmailbox@comcast.net">totcmailbox@comcast.net</a>

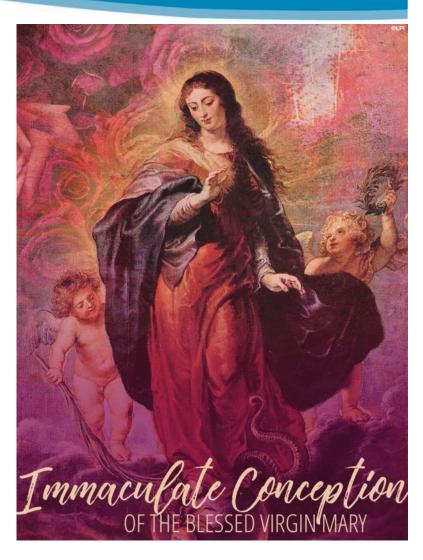
**Pastor** - Fr. Matthew Gossett MatthewGossett@diosteub.org

Parochial Vicar - Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti nginnetti@diosteub.org

**Director of Rel. Ed.** - Barbara VanBeveren <u>barbara@catholicfaithformation.org</u> / (304) 374-4267

> **Bulletin Coordinator** - Alexandra Hart TOTCBulletin@gmail.com





"The Immaculate alone has from God the promise of victory over satan. She seeks souls that will consecrate themselves entirely to her, that will become in her hands forceful instruments for the defeat of satan and the spread of God's Kingdom".

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

Contributions: Checks: Please make payable to:
TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS (not Holy Rosary or TOTC).

Online: visit www.triumphofthecross.org or use the QR code.

We are truly grateful for your continued and faithful generosity. Thank you.





# Lectio Divina

## Lectio Divina for the Second Week of Advent

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord,
to make ready the paths
of your Only Begotten Son,
that through his coming,
we may be found worthy to serve you
with minds made pure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Collect, Thursday of the Second Week of Advent

## Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times. *Matthew 3:1-12* 

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."





#### **Meditation** (*Meditatio*)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing <u>lectio divina</u> as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

## Prayer (Oratio)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

## **Contemplation** (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

A voice of one crying out in the desert,/ Prepare the way of the Lord,/make straight his paths. When have I felt like a voice crying out in the desert? When have I failed to use my voice when I should have?

The whole region around the Jordan ... were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. What sins am I struggling with today? What prevents me from acknowledging my sinfulness and relying on God's mercy?

*I am not worthy to carry his sandals.* How can I serve the Lord? How can I grow in humility and docility to the Lord's will?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

## **Closing Prayer:**

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD —for he proclaims peace to his people.

Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase.

Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

From Psalm 72

## Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Choose a spiritual or corporal work of mercy to practice this Advent to prepare your heart for Christ's coming.

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#### Psalm Response:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

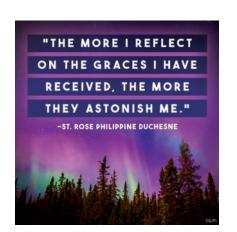
#### Liturgy of the Word:

Isiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72

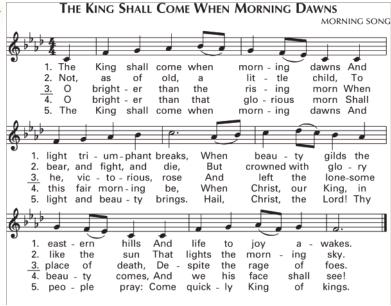
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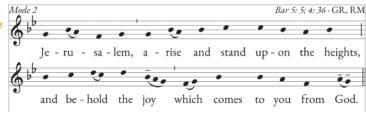




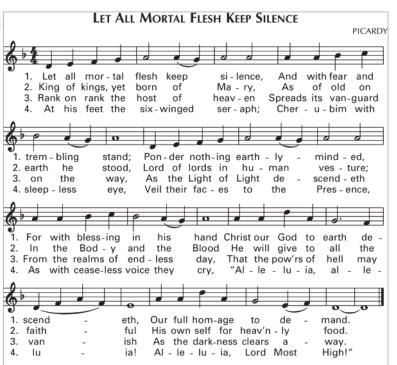
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Communion Hymn



## Meditation Hymn

#### Maria Walks Amid The Thorn



Wallfahrtslied aus dem Eichsfeld (Thuringen) Mitte 10: English Translation Enry S Drinker

## Recessional Hymn



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#### **Mass Schedule**

## Immaculate Conception December 8th (Holy Day)

7:00 am, 12:15 pm, 5:15 pm

#### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

#### Christmas Eve

4:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm Midnight

#### Christmas Day

10am

#### December 31st / January 1st

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

# Job Position

Steubenville Catholic Schools seeks to fill our Director of Advancement position. Interested candidates may find the link to apply at: <a href="https://steubenvillecatholicschools.org/employment/">https://steubenvillecatholicschools.org/employment/</a>

## Retreat

## ADVENT RETREAT ON DISCOVERING HOPE

Are you looking for a way to spiritually prepare for Christmas? Join us for an Advent Retreat, December 9-11, at Catholic Familyland®. Deepen your relationship with God through daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and quiet reflection. At this year's retreat, the Franciscan Sisters TOR will speak on the theme of "Renewed in Hope." Register at AFC.org.

#### **Catholic Faith Formation**

**Please pray for our catechetical** program in the City of Steubenville.

www.catholicfaithformationinsteub.org

## DECEMBER CALENDAR December 7

YOUTH DAY

December 2, 9, 16

CGS Level 1, 2, & 3 from 12:30- 2:30 p.m.

December 4, 11, 18

CGS Level 1, 2, & 3 from 4:00- 6:00 p.m. Faith & Life & The Edge from 6:00- 7:30 p.m.

#### **Christmas Pageant:**

This year's Annual Christmas Pageant will be held at the **4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.** The tradition of the Christmas Pageant was to have all Second-Grade children receiving a Sacrament participate in the Pageant. We have since included all children in the Pageant Kindergarten and up. Please sign up on the table at the back of the church. **There are only 2 practices so please be sure to be present at both.** The first practice is Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. in the Church. The second and final Dress Rehearsal practice is on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the church. Any questions, please call Barbara @ 304-374-4267.

**PSR DATES:** December 7 (CGS & Faith & Life), 8 (CGS),

14 (CGS & Faith) & Life, 15 (CGS) Classes

December 21 & 28 No Classes Classes Resume for all January 4

## Have a blessed and joyous week!

#### Catholic Schools

BJKM Elementary (740) 264-2550 BJKM Junior High School (740) 346-0028 Catholic Central High School (740) 264-5538

#### Crusader Scrip

Tuesday 8-10 am in SCRIP Room Friday 8-10 am & 12:30-2:30 pm in SCRIP Room Monday, Wed., Thurs. 8:30 -10:30 am in Office

Coordinators are Barb McEndree (740) 264-2550 & Ann Lathem (740)317-2681. Follow us on Facebook. Please check us out at: www.shopwithscrip.com



#### Pray for our parishioners discerning vocations!

Please continue to pray for our parishioners who are discerning priesthood and religious life. Please also consider sending them a little note or offering an hour of Eucharistic Adoration for them.

**Samuel Ivkovich** (pre-theology), **Christopher McGurn** (pre-theology), and **Peter Stetson** (second theology) are attending:

Sacred Heart Major Seminary 2701 Chicago Blvd Detroit, MI 48206

Sr. Mary, Promised Gift of God (Anne Nelson) (1st vows)

Juniorate House of Studies 1236 Quincy St NE Washington, DC 20017

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

#### **JohnPaul Emmanuel Swope**

child of

Zapherin & Mary Elizabeth (Wright) Swope



## Immaculate Conception December 8th (Holy Day of Obligation)

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

## CONDOLENCES

It is with great hope that we pray for our sister who has died. May she rest eternally in the Arms of Jesus.

Joseph L. Nolan, 77

November 24, 2022

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

DEC. 4 2nd Sunday of Advent SUN DEC. 5 Mon 8:30 AM SCRIP sold in Office DEC. 6 Tue 8:00 AM SCRIP sold in SCRIP Room DEC. 7 Wed 8:30 AM SCRIP sold in Office DEC. 8 THU 8:30 AM SCRIP sold in Office DEC. 9 SCRIP sold in SCRIP Room FRI 8:00 AM FRI 12:30 AM SCRIP sold in SCRIP Room **DEC. 10** SAT 9:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### Parish Support

#### **Collection Totals for Nov 19 - 20**

**Regular Collection:** \$ 5,108.00

**Votive:** \$ 179.00 **Loose:** \$ 768.00 **Building:** \$ 420.00

**DEC. 11** 

Sun

Online

**School:** \$ 40.00 Triumphofthecross.org

**Soup Kitchen:** \$ 1,145.00

#### **Collection Totals for Nov 26 - 27**

**Regular Collection:** \$ 5,047.00

Votive: \$ 167.00 **Loose:** \$ 2,001.00 **Building:** \$ 270.00 Soup Kitchen: \$ 25.00

**Please remember** our TOTC Parish when having memorials donated for your loved ones, when doing your estate planning, and when making a charitable contribution.



In Loving Memory

Anna Manini

Angela & Dwight McUmar, Yolanda Almonte & Bonnie & Jack Giusto

#### **SACRAMENTS**

Sacramental Information and registration forms are available on the parish website: triumphofthecross.org

Baptisms: Congratulations, you're having your first child and God in His Infinite Wisdom will be creating your child in the womb over the next 9 months. This gives you 3 opportunities during pregnancy and 1 after the birth of your beautiful child for you to attend one of the Catholic Faith Formation Baptismal Classes that are provided 4 times a year. Next class will be **December 4th** at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary's Marian Room (202 Rosemont Ave.). For more information, please call the church office at 740-264-6177. Other dates include: March 5, 2023 and July 9, 2023.

Weddings: Six month preparation required. Schedule the date with the priest.

Funerals: Please schedule with the priest before publishing dates and times.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office.

Communion to the Homebound: Please call the Parish Office.

#### **DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary** prayed Saturday before 8:30 a.m. Mass and Tuesday, Thursday after 7:00 a.m. Mass

**LOH Morning Prayer**: Tuesday - Friday at 6:40 a.m.

Novena Of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Miraculous Medal at Holy Rosary Church, Monday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

#### **Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Monday 8 a.m. - Wednesday 8 a.m. in the Adoration Chapel

**Hour of Prayer for Priests / Vocations with Confessions:** First Friday's at 8:00 a.m.

#### First Saturday Devotion:

8:30 a.m. Mass, 9:15 a.m. Rosary & DVD in Marian Room.

In Sinu Jesu Holy Hour: Thursdays after the 5:15 p.m. Mass from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### **SPECIAL BLESSINGS**

Blessing of the child in the womb: We recognize that each child is a gift from God. During the pregnancy the child and the family members are all in need of God's graces. This special blessing will be given at Holy Rosary Church at 1:00 pm on the following date: TBA

#### **PARISH EVENTS**

Donut Sunday: Every third Sunday of the month after the Sunday morning Masses in the parish hall. Volunteers are needed to help serve/clean on those Sundays. If you are able to serve in this capacity please contact Eileen Krisak (740-424-4973) of Ana McGurn (740-317-4825). Next Donut Sunday: December 18th.



#### Triumph of the Cross Mass Schedule for Dec 3 - 11

| Sat 3                                       | 4:00 PM Doris Coyle by Family                 |  |  |  |
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|   |   |  |  |  |
| Sun 4                                       | 8:30 AM                                       | Joan Kremser by Elida Petrella                           |  |  |
|   | 10:00 AM                                      | People of the Parish                                     |  |  |
|   | 11:30 AM                                      | Anna Manini by Harry & Rita Costantini                   |  |  |
|   | 5:30 PM                                       | Robert Franckhauser by wife & daughters                  |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |  |
| Mon 5                                       | 8:30 AM                                       | NO MASS  |  |  |
|   | 5:15 PM                                       | Herman Castner by Jim & Mary Sweeney                     |  |  |
| Tue 6                                       | 7:00 AM                                       | Mitch Mozur by Pat Marshall                              |  |  |
|   | 5:15 PM                                       | Herman Castner by Carol Feeney                           |  |  |
| Wed 7                                       | 7:00 AM                                       | Jerry DiLoreto by Kraig Kerr Family                      |  |  |
|   | 8:30 AM                                       | NO MASS  |  |  |
|   | 5:15 PM                                       | Figurski & Zelkowski Families by Stan & Marlane Figurski |  |  |
| Thurs 8 -                                   | 7:00 AM                                       | Julie Rice by Diane Kotur                                |  |  |
| Immaculate                                  | 12:15 PM                                      | Joan Kremser by Elida Petrella                           |  |  |
| Conception                                  | 5:15 PM                                       | Vickie Swan by Mom                                       |  |  |
| Fri 9                                       | 7:00 AM Herman Castner by Mike & Kathy Gilkey |  |  |  |
|   |   | NO MASS  |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |  |
| Sat 10                                      | 8:30 AM                                       | Steve Donofe by Mark & Carolyn Monti                     |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |  |
| Sat 10                                      | 4:00 PM                                       | Walter "Smokey" Deptula by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Cusick         |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |  |
| Sun 11                                      | 8:30 AM                                       | Ann Micklos by Rocky & Denise Augustine                  |  |  |
|   | 10:00 AM                                      | Paul Bahen by Anthony Pate                               |  |  |
|   | 11:30 AM                                      | People of the Parish                                     |  |  |
|   | 5:30 PM                                       | Julie Rice by Tom & Marge Wilson                         |  |  |
| Ministry Schodula for Docombor 10 / 11 2022 |   |  |  |  |

| Ministry Schedule for December 10 / 11, 2022 |  |                                       |  |  |  |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Mass   | Eucharistic Minister                                   | Lector                                | Altar Server   |  |  |
| 4:00 PM                                      | _  | Mary Redington<br>Colleen Bahen       | Matthew McFarland<br>Joseph McFarland<br>Michael McFarland |  |  |
| 8:30 AM                                      | Deacon Gessler **<br>Marianne Belback<br>Regis Belback | Edward Lloyd<br>Diann Schmitt         | Brendan Grimm<br>Katelynn Daugherty<br>Erin Joyce          |  |  |
| 10:00 AM                                     | Deacon Gessler ** Deacon Adams ** Joan Scott           | Michael Bartnick<br>Sr. Isabel Bettwy | Volunteer<br>Caleb Wright<br>Johnny Kostecki               |  |  |
| 11:30 AM                                     | Deacon Adams ** Judith Russelo Volunteer               | Karen Heusel *<br>Roy Heusel *        | Zachary Bryan<br>Luke Bryan<br>Anthony Kerker              |  |  |
| 5:30 PM                                      | Volunteer  | Joshua Leasure                        | Volunteer  |  |  |

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Servers**

Note: \* Changes are in italics. \*\* Indicates Ordinary Minister

The next Ministries Schedule cycle will begin on **December 31, 2022** and continues through **February 19, 2023**. (For Christmes requests for volunteers will be sent out by e-mail or regular mail.). Please inform Chuck Macpherson at the parish office of any special requests or concerns; for example, if there are any particular times you would not be available. (e-mail address is: <a href="mailto:totcministrysched@comcast.net">totcministrysched@comcast.net</a>.) Please contact the office <a href="mailto:by Monday">by Monday</a>, <a href="mailto:December 5">December 5<sup>th</sup></a> with any requests you may have prior to our printing the schedule.

## Please keep in prayer...

# Please call the parish office for prayer requests at (740) 264-6177

Names will remain for 6 weeks. \*New

James
Kathleen
Renee, Bill & Family
William Macpherson
Stephanie Waggoner

#### Pray for our Clergy

#### **Monday**

Rev. Jonas Shell Dcn. Stephen Miletic

#### **Tuesday**

Rev. John Mucha Dcn. Daniel Murray

#### **Wednesday**

Richard Tuttle Dcn. Ralph Poyo

#### **Thursday**

All Priests
Dcn. Randall Redington

#### **Friday**

Rev. Dennis Gang, TOR Dcn. Bob Rice

#### **Saturday**

Rev. David Cornett Dcn. Charles Schneider

#### Sunday

Bishop Gilbert Sheldon Dcn. Paul Ward

