Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mea Culpa! It has been since October 28th since I have written a Pastor's Corner. A lot has gone on. I will try to summarize. Sorry for failing to communicate!

Welcome back Kathy! Kathy Wilson, our wonderful and dedicated parish secretary, had knee replacement surgery at the end of October. She returned to work this week. She is doing great and very happy to be back. She was missed! I am grateful for all of the help we received during her absence to allow the parish office to continue to serve our parishioners and the mission of the parish.

Pancake Breakfast: Mark your calendars for our Pancake (and so much more!) Breakfast on Sunday, December 16th. This is a great fundraiser for our annual March for Life!

Advent Confessions: Take advantage of the many opportunities we have to go to Confession during this Holy Season of Advent. We have Confession available every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. In addition to these weekly times, we have Confession available every First Saturday at 8:15 a.m. And, we have two more special times scheduled for the Advent Season: Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m. On Thursday, December 13th, we will be welcoming Fr. Bob Kitsmiller to join us to hear Confessions and on Friday, December 21st, we will be welcoming Fr. Homer Blubaugh.

Christmas Mass Schedule: Our Christmas Mass schedule will follow the same pattern as in recent years. Christmas Eve Masses on Monday, December 24th will be at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Midnight Mass will be at 12:00 a.m. And, our Christmas Day Mass on Tuesday, December 25th will be at 10:00 a.m. O Come, Let Us Adore Him!

New Year's Day Mass Schedule: New Year's Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Our Mass schedule will be New Year's Eve on at 5:00 p.m. and New Year's Day at 10:00 a.m. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us in bringing the New Year in with prayer!

Offertory Pledges: Thanks to all who have made a pledge to our annual offertory campaign. Your pledge helps us to do a better job with budgeting. If you have not yet filled out our offertory pledge card, please do so soon. Thanks!

St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree: Thanks to the members of our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference for organizing a Giving Tree to support the ongoing needs of the Haven Men's Shelter, Salvation Army, and Heartbeats. And, thanks to all of our wonderful parishioners who took an ornament last weekend from our giving tree. We will have additional sheets of paper listing the items we are collecting which can be dropped off any time until December 30th. These acts of charity are a visible sign of our love during this special time of the year.

Month Recap: A lot has happened in the last month.

- Thanks to all who wished me a happy birthday on November 9th.
- The Sacred Heart Congress on November 10th was a great success and it was great to see some of our parishioners there in a packed church at St. Michael Church in Worthington.
- We had a great evening with the Catholic Foundation and have rekindled our efforts to promote this great way to support our parish.
- I was honored to celebrate and confirm our Confirmation students on November 18th as Bishop Campbell was feeling under the weather. It was a great day and I was so proud of our Confirmation students.
- I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving. I enjoyed time with my family on Thursday, after our Thanksgiving Mass, through Saturday morning.
- Our plans for our annual high school student trip to the March for Life are on track.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Advent as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Lord in a few short weeks.

In Christ,
Fr. Wilson

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 9th

Tuesday: Advent *Weekday, St. Damasus I, Pope* 6:15 P.M.
Mary Stevens by Geraldine (Jerry) Hobbs
Wednesday: *Our Lady of Guadalupe* 9:00 A.M.
Betty Pintz by Jim, Cathy, Natalie, Kevin & Kate Pintz
Thursday: *St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr* 9:00 A.M.
Francis Louis Litton by William and Nancy Vogel
Friday: *St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor* 9:00 A.M.
Father Jim Csaszar by Rowland LeMaster
Sunday Vigil: 5:00 P.M.
Barb Rue by Nancy and Rick Battat
Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Lou Mouawad by Ernest Family 8:00 A.M.
For the People of the Parish 10:45 A.M.
Gus and Helen Glandorf 5:00 P.M.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Week of December 9th

6:15 p.m., Tuesday, December 11th – Judy Healy (L), Volunteers (Servers)
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 12th – Yvonne King (L), Fini Kaiser Leah Moberg, Nicholas Richards (Servers)
9:00 a.m., Thursday, December 13th – Don Montell (L), Lainey Caton, Emma Lohri, Brenden Sheehan (Servers),
9:00 a.m., Friday, December 14th – Assigned (L), Devin Gross, Rylie Gross, Jose Lopez, Mary Snider (Servers)

Sunday Vigil Mass, December 15th 5:00 P.M.
Emma Lohri Aidan Parkinson Brooke Parkinson
Jose Lopez

Sunday, December 16th, Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 A.M.
Amelia O'Neill Olivia O'Neill Ilana O'Neill
Nicholas Richards

10:45 A.M.
Adyson Baesmann Anthony Ghiloni Joseph Stanley
Gabe Montgomery Clayton Montgomery

5:00 P.M.
Sara Moore Mary Snider Johanna Snider

Next Week

December 16th
Third Sunday of Advent
1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
"Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18
This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours
Seasonal Proper **II.**

Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sunday Vigil Mass, December 15th 5:00 P.M.
Melissa Lohri, Christina Priest (L), Deacon Patrick, Tina Frischen, Debbie Bickle, Bill & Rita Revercomb (EM)

Sunday, December 16th 8:00 A.M.
Josh Caton, Judy Healy (L), Deacon Patrick, Glenna Bowman, Tricia Robinson, John & Susanne Urban (EM)

10:45 A.M.
Scott Van Horn, Erin Lane (L), Deacon Patrick, Sharon Van Horn, Karen Gross, Phil & Sue West (EM)

5:00 P.M.
Jodie Snider (L), Deacon Patrick, Mike Stickle, Michelle Cleland (EM)

Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Stan Coffman, Bill Van Allen, Kathy Eppley, Cathy Gauchel, Bernard Kreim, Bernadette Darkes, Cindy Morgan, Carrie Ghiloni, Cindy Saling*, *Mary Crowe*, *Caroline Starr*, *Tom McCray*, *Tom Layton*, *Nan Thiel, Debbie Ridenour, Rick Kesterson*, *Jacob McCarty*, *Christine Fink*, *Linda Elizondo, Rita Norton, Barbara LeVeque, Ashley Markam, John Pintz, Barb Evans, Renee McCann*, *John Deering, Michelle Darkes, Mingo O'Rourke, Karen Addy,* and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

Our love, prayers and sympathy for the family and friends of Nick Ross. May he rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

Our Stewardship Collection
December 2, 2018

Budget per Week	$	12,833.62
Offertory (210 envelopes)	$	9,202.00
Average Auto Withdrawal (118 households)	$	3,601.49
Loose Cash	$	370.00
Total	$	13,173.49
Year to Date Offertory Budget	$	295,173.15
Year to Date Actual Offerings	$	281,483.42
YTD Deficit	***($***	***13,689.73)***
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	$	15,065.60
Centennial Building Loan Balance	$	1,594,362.34
YTD Church Restoration Collection	$	57,717.52
Church Restoration Loan Balance	$	29,295.65

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

Let us pray for those in the military on active duty and overseas:

Zachary Turpening, Marines
Douglas Chacey, Air Force
Lucas Chacey, Air Force
Edward Wilson, Navy
Joshua P. Brown, Air Force
Foxx Schneider, Marines
Catherine Wagner, Air Force
David L'Esperance, Army
Dillon Nethers, Coast Guard
Edward Starr, Air National Guard
Victoria McPherson, Air National Guard
Caroline Thiel, Naval Academy
Rudy Snider, Air Force Academy
Christopher Severino, Air Force
Connor Severino, Air Force Academy
Zakry Machett, Army
Nathan Hall, Navy
Chase Meldau, Marines
Brandon Medley, Army
Bob Yanka, Army
Drake Nance, Army
Evan Sturm, Navy
Logan Gray, Army
Sam Anderson, Navy

If you wish to submit names for this list, please call the parish office at 740-345-4290.

Our Parish & School Events

Parish Prayerline
The entire parish is requested to pray:

Intentions for the month of December:

- **Father Wilson's Intention:** For the healing of all victims of abuse of any kind.
- **Pope's Intention: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith:** That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

This Week

Collection of Spiritual Adoption Gifts for Heartbeats all this week.

Sunday, December 9
8:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
10:45 a.m. Mass
11:45 a.m. 1st Communion/Reconciliation Parent/Student Meeting – Shepherd Hall
5:00 p.m. Mass with winter sports teams

Monday, December 10
12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m. – Church

Tuesday, December 11
5:15 p.m. Rosary
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation until 6:00 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Mass
6:15 p.m. Home & School Meeting – Shepherd Hall
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. School Advisory Meeting – Library
7:00 p.m. Christ Life Meeting – Shepherd Hall
7:00 p.m. Youth Group – Annex

Wednesday, December 12
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass for Nick Ross
11:45 a.m. Adoration until Midnight
7:00 p.m. SVdP Meeting – Marian Room
7:00 p.m. BSS Christmas Program
Reese Center, O.S.U. Newark Campus

Thursday, December 13
9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Advent Confessions

Friday, December 14
9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. 1st Friday Family Night – Annex

Saturday, December 15
9:00 a.m. BSS Drama Auditions till 12:00 p.m. – Library
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass
St. Vincent de Paul Collection
March for Life High School Youth-Sponsored Pancake Breakfast after all Sunday Morning Masses

Sunday, December 16
8:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
10:45 a.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass

Adoration of The Holy Eucharist

Time spent in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is one way for us to nourish our spiritual life. Adorers are needed for Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Call the parish office at 740-345-4290 to schedule an hour or for information. *Please be sure your "hour" is covered if you are unable to sit in Adoration at your designated time.*

Offertory Pledges Update

"Thank You" to the 131 households who have returned their pledge cards which were mailed in October. This represents 31% of our active families. Our desire is to have 100% participation. Having this information helps with our budget planning. If you use auto withdrawal or do not plan to increase your pledge, please complete a pledge card which are available in the pews and drop in the weekend collection basket. We hope you will prayerfully consider the sacrificial increase your family can make this year. For more information or if you would like to pledge via the phone, call our parish office at 740-345-4290.

Christmas Mass Intentions

For those who may not have received a Mass Intention Envelope for the Christmas Masses or may have forgotten to drop your envelope in the collection basket, please drop off an envelope in the parish office by Wednesday, December 12th, so they will be listed in the December 23rd bulletin. Each intention listed on the envelope is $10.00. For more information, call Kathy at the parish office at 740 345-4290.

Great Christmas Gift for the Women in Your Life!

Registration has begun for the 2019 Catholic Women's Conference "Inspired by Faith" at the Ohio Expo Center, Columbus. Mark your calendars and register today for the February 16th conference. Early bird tickets are $35.00 for regular and $20.00 for discounted student tickets. Early bird prices are good until January 14, 2019. After January 14th, prices are $45.00 and $30.00. Go online for more information or to register at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com. We will have bus transportation again this year!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24th, *Christmas Vigil Mass:*
5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and **12:00 midnight.**
Tuesday, December 25th, *Christmas Day Mass:*
10:00 a.m.

Christmas Flower Envelope

If you would like to donate to the *Christmas Flowers in memory/honor of…* and have the names listed in the December 23rd bulletin, drop off an envelope, either a plain white or from your monthly envelope packet, with your donation and names listed on the front of the envelope. Drop off in the parish office by December 12th.

Blessed Sacrament Youth Group

Our Youth Group meets on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m!. Come hangout with us this Tuesday, December 11th, in the Annex. For information, call Kaitlyn Woerner at 740-345-4290.

First Friday Family Night

Due to the holy day falling on the first Friday of December, we are holding our First Friday Family Night potluck and fellowship this **Friday, December 14th,** in the annex. Join us as we begin with fellowship and a potluck at 6:00 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the church. We hope to see you there! For information, call Lizz Caton at 740-366-8283.

St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

The giving tree is located in the church vestibule. Please take an ornament from the tree and bring back the listed donated items by **December 30th.** Our St. Vincent de Paul conference aspires to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and hope and we are proud to be serving Heartbeats of Licking County, Salvation Army and The Haven. Contact Julie Waggoner with any questions at 740-334-1955 or Waggoner.julie@gmail.com.

Save The Date

Men of Blessed Sacrament: Plan on attending the **Catholics Men's Conference** on **February 23, 2019,** at the Ohio Expo Center, Columbus. As in the past, transportation will be provided. Invite family and friends to join you. Register now at catholicmensministry.com.

Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower

Blessed Sacrament Right to Life Committee invites you to join us in welcoming the births of our spiritual adoption babies **December 8-December 16.** Donations of new baby clothes, diapers, wipes and baby accessories will be collected in the church. Cash, checks to Blessed Sacrament, or suitable gift cards can be placed in the collection in an envelope labeled "Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower." Any size donations are appreciated by the young mothers at our local pregnancy center, Heartbeats. Please consider honoring Our Heavenly Mother, the patroness of unborn children, with gifts for infants in need this holiday season. Let's prepare our hearts this Advent with generosity and compassion. For information, call Melissa Stack 614-893-5499.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Attention, Parents of High School Students: Once again, Blessed Sacrament and St. Francis de Sales Churches are joining our youth groups together for this annual trip. The **March for Life** will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019. Participants will gather early at St. Francis de Sales Church (40 Granville Street) to depart for the March on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Information and Registration packets are located in the narthex (main entrance). For more information, contact the parish office or Blessed Sacrament's Youth Minister, Kaitlyn Woerner, at krw9@live.com.

SAVE THE DATES
Support March for Life

Sunday, December 16, 2018,
at Blessed Sacrament:
Pancake Breakfast after each Mass.

Saturday, January 12, 2019,
at St. Francis: Dinner for Life
after 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Sunday, January 13, 2019,
at Blessed Sacrament:
Pancake Breakfast after each Mass.

Local Events of Interest

Advent Penance Services

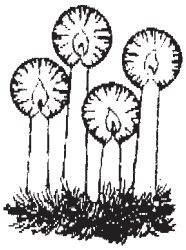
St. Edward the Confessor, Granville, Ohio
Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake, Ohio
Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Church of the Ascension, Johnstown, Ohio
Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Around the Diocese

An Evening of Advent Music and Prayer



On Sunday, December 16th at 5:00 p.m., the Parish Choir of St. Thomas Aquinas, 144 N. Fifth St., Zanesville, will once again present a special service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service is a very moving combination of the Scriptural prophecies of Christ's coming and the beautiful carols of Advent, sung by choir and congregation. Consider making this service part of your preparation for Christmas – it can be a welcome moment of prayerful rest in the busy weeks of Advent. A reception will follow.

Catholic Man of the Year
Nominations now open for the 2019

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2019 Catholic Man of the Year through Friday, December 28th. Submit a nomination and let us know why your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year! For nomination instructions and the required form, go to https://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmoy. Email the completed nomination form and up to five supporting testimonials to catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com. This annual award will be presented on Friday, February 1st.

Your Spouse Will Thank You!

Give thanks and plan now to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! The next weekend is **February 15-17, 2019** in Central Ohio. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus on each other. For more information, or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit www.wwmecolumbus.org.

Bethesda Healing Ministry

Are you grieving because of the loss of your child? Have you, perhaps, lost someone close to you because of your abortion? You are not alone. Those who participate in Bethesda Healing Ministry have been on this healing journey, perhaps a few months or many years, we will receive you with open and empathetic hearts. Our prayers for you make us friends. Group meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Call Bethesda Healing Ministry for support. You will not be alone in your journey. Call us on our confidential lines at 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit www.bethesdahealing.org.