St. Mary Catholic Parish
St. Joseph Chapel

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December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Hospitalizations: Due to federal confidentiality laws, hospitals will no longer share patient information. Families must contact Fr. Borgelt to inform him if someone is hospitalized.

Baptisms: Call 419-298-2540 to make arrangements at least one month before.

Weddings: All weddings must be arranged through the pastor at least six months before the planned wedding in order to allow time for marriage preparation.

Bulletin Deadline: Information should be submitted to St. Mary parish office by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. Phone—419-298-2540; fax—419-298-3123; or e-mail—stmarycatholic@frontier.com.

Confessions: Sunday, 7:30 a.m. – St. Mary; Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.; Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – St. Mary

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT *December 18, 2022*		
Saturday, December 17		
4:00 p.m.	(E)	Sharon Shaffer
6:00 p.m.	(B)	The Parish**
Sunday, December 18		
8:30 a.m.	(E)	Tom Wickerham
10:30 a.m.	(H)	Betty and Phillip Meyer
Monday, December 19		
8:30 a.m.	(B)	No Mass
Tuesday, December 20		
6:00 p.m.	(E)	Kathleen Hug
Wednesday, December 21		
8:30 a.m.	((H)	
Thursday, December 22		
8:30 a.m.	(E)	Denver Davis
Friday, December 23		
8:30 a.m.	(H)	Victor and Margaret Siler Family**
Saturday, December 24		
4:00 p.m.	(B)	Derek Livensparger
4:00 p.m.	(H)	Gregory Langham
6:00 p.m.	(E)	Al and Sharon Shaffer
10:00 p.m.	(E)	Carlton Dietsch
Sunday, December 25		
9:00 a.m.	(H)	Bill Hablawetz

**Prayers for the Living and/or Deceased
*Prayers for the Living

YOUR TITHE TO GOD **Sunday, December 11, 2022**

(E) Offertory - $8,835.50 School - $620.00
Renovation - $330.00 Electrical - $135.00
Immaculate Conception - $5.00 Rel. Retirement - $75.00

(B) Offertory - $1,386.00 Christmas - $700.00
Immac. Conception - $25.00 Rel. Retirement - $20.00

Offertory envelopes from Both St. Mary and St. Joseph may be dropped off at the office or mailed to: St. Mary Church, PO Box 355, Edgerton, OH 43517

MINISTRIES

Saturday, December 24, 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve (St. Joseph):
SERVERS**:** Sidney and Carter Luce, Max Radabaugh
READER: Jo B.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Pat, Becky, Marcia
USHERS: Mark Trausch, Scott Powell

Saturday, December 24, 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve (St. Mary):
Greeters: Rich & Sue Smethurst; Roger & Deb Schroeder
USHERS: Volunteers Needed
SERVER: Volunteers Needed
READER: Jamy Shaffer
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Mary Ann Schroeder, Rachel Schroeder, Rebecca Schroeder, Deb Schroeder, Susan Hobeck, Maria Gerschutz, Chase Ault, Choir – Kim Diehl

Saturday, December 24, 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve (St. Mary):
Greeters: Carter and Marisa Knecht
USHERS: Dan Timbrook, Bill Muehlfeld
SERVER: Volunteers Needed
READER: Sandy Berkebile
ORDINARY MINISTER: Deacon Rod Conkle
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Nick Hug, Denise Knecht, Need 3 more volunteers

Mass can be viewed "live" on Facebook (Saint Mary Catholic Church/Saint Joseph Chapel) and/or on You Tube – St Mary Edgerton. We will continue to livestream and record weekend Masses from St. Mary's.
Saturday – 6:00 p.m. on St. Mary/St. Joseph Facebook
10:30 a.m. on St. Michael Facebook

WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 18 - 25, 2022

SUN	(B)	1:00 p.m.	Decorate Chapel for Christmas
MON	(E)	2:00 p.m.	Decorate for Christmas
WED	(H)	10:00 a.m.	Day of Grace – Even Hours
	(E)	7:00 p.m.	NO CCD Classes for Grades 1 – 12

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The child born to Joseph and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives.

Advent Day of Grace Schedule
Wednesday, December 21 – Day of Grace at St. Michael, Hicksville
Individual Confessions heard: 10:00, Noon, 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
(Father Dan will stay in the confessional for the first 15 minutes of each hour listed if no one comes in he will leave and return the next scheduled hour)

Christmas Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24
4:00 p.m. St. Joseph, Blakeslee
4:00 p.m. St. Michael, Hicksville
6:00 p.m. St. Mary, Edgerton
10:00 p.m. St. Mary, Edgerton
Christmas Morning Sunday, December 25
9:00 a.m. St. Michael, Hicksville
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1, 2023
Saturday, December 31 – **4:00 p.m.** - St. Mary, Edgerton
6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph, Blakeslee
Sunday, January 1, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.** St. Mary, Edgerton
10:30 a.m. St. Michael, Hicksville

Offering Envelopes: Due to the continued delay with the mail in receiving our monthly contribution envelope packets, there are "Offering Envelopes" in the rack on the wall in the back of church. Please pick some up and use when you don't have or can't find your addressed envelopes. Please fill in your information on the outside of the envelope to receive credit for your contribution.

Perpetuate The Gift: Your gift to the ***Perpetuate The Gift*** appeal supports our retired diocesan priests, enabling them to pay for their living expenses, such as medical, housing, car, clothing, and food. Our priests have given their lives in service to us and our parish, and we are most grateful! Please offer your gratitude for those who faithfully served the Diocese of Toledo today! All funds contributed **between September 17 through December 31, 2022**, assist our parish in fulfilling its assessed contribution to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697, or placed in the parish collection. Received so far $3,526.00, we and our retired priests are so very grateful for your continual support!

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign *Do Prayer, Do Service, Do Gratitude* is underway. Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year, including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy and providing faith formation for our youth. We ask you once again for your help and generosity. **Thank you for all who have already pledged to help meet our parish goal of $25,704 ($22,020.00 for 85.67% from 106 donors, only $3,684.00 to go) and assure the continuation of these programs and services**. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal, visit acatoledo.org.

St. Mary Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SaintMarychurch/SaintJoseph. – If you would like to have information posted on the parish Facebook page, please send all notices to Mark Gerschutz, who will add it to our page. Mark may be contacted at mark@gerschutz.com, or call 419-575-6936.

NEWS FOR EDGERTON

Coffee and Rolls Workers: December 18 – Carson Blalock, Carl Blalock

Christmas Liturgy Ministry Sign-up: Please see the sign-up sheet for volunteers needed for the Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve Night. Sheets are on the table in the back of church, Please HELP!

Decorate for Christmas: We will change out the church decorations from Advent to Christmas on Monday, December 19. We plan to start at 2:00 pm. Please come help in the afternoon when your schedule allows.

Angel Tree: Please bring in your angels and names for the angel tree. Place them in the box at the north side altar. Angels and names are **needed by Sunday, December 18.**

St Mary Spelling Bee Winner: St. Mary School recently held a Spelling Bee. Congratulations to our champion, Jocelin Lopez and our runner-up Melody Gineman. They will compete at the Williams County Spelling Bee on January 24 at Stryker Local Schools. Our alternate is Ayden King.
Congratulations to all three students.

St. Mary School has a brand new display at the annual Hicksville Christmas Cruise Thru. The fairgrounds are transformed into the largest light show in the tri-state area. It is open still through December 22. Admission to this event is a goodwill monetary donation at the gate. More information can be found at https://christmascruisethru.com/. A special thank you goes to the Margaret Thiel family for the memorial donation and the Wehri family for making this happen.

Anniversary Congratulations! We congratulate Marvin and Janie Dietsch celebrating their 60th Anniversary on Tuesday, December 27! Cards may be sent to: 05056 County Road E-75, Edgerton OH 43517.

Christ Child Gifts: Don't forget to buy a gift for Baby Jesus while shopping. All gifts received will be donated to the Community Pregnancy Center in Bryan. Items needed at Bryan location include: Children's clothes hangers, Crib sheets, Large gift bags, New shoes, Hooded bath towels, Plates and dishes, Scratch mittens. Others items include: sippy cups, baby wash, washcloths, burp cloths, new clothes, combs/brush, diapers, diaper rash ointment, fleece blankets, forks/spoons, pacifiers, lotion, shampoo, sleepers, thermometers, baby quilts and postage stamps.

Adult Choir: St. Mary Adult Choir will be singing at the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Choir practice will be held in the choir loft on **Tuesday, December 20** after Mass (6:45 to 8:00 pm). All are welcome to join in this music ministry praising the birth of Baby Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias: To decorate the church this Christmas season, poinsettias may be purchased in memory of an individual or family. **Cost is $15.00**. Please put your payment in an envelope and include on the front - Christmas Memorial, memorial name and your name as donor. White envelopes are almost gone. Please fill out the information and place in the offertory basket or return to parish office.

2022 Cash Fall Friday Fundraiser: St. Mary School is holding a ***Cash Fall Friday*** fundraiser. We are on week #6. For eight Friday mornings 3 Cash winner names will be drawn with a bonus winner on Friday, December 16 of $500.00, 1st winner - $100; 2nd winner - $50; 3rd winner - $25. Winners will be announced in the church bulletin and on the school Facebook page. Winning tickets will return to the barrel for multiple chances to win! **Winner on December 9, were: $100 – Mark Gerschutz; $50 – Cara Schroeder; $25 - $25 - Jackie Zumbaugh. Congratulations!**

NEWS FOR BLAKESLEE

Food Pantry items needed: The pantry is in need of the following - Dessert Mixes, Canned Fruit, Canned Peas, Canned Carrots.

Decorate for Christmas: We will decorate the church for Christmas this Sunday, December 18, at 1:00 p.m. Asking anyone who would like to help to be here by 1:00. Thanks for all volunteers.

2023 Contribution Envelopes Boxes are available for you to pick up from the church basement at the bottom of the stairs in the front of church. We encourage you to use your envelopes weekly to receive credit for your contributions. If unable to pick them up and would like them delivered, please call the parish office.

Save the Date:
Renewal of the Heart presents... 2-one day retreats.
All men are welcomed to attend. February 18th retreat theme: "Transcending Hopelessness" and March 4th retreat theme: "Hope Through the Holy Spirit".
You are invited to join us to explore how the Holy Spirit is with you for the purpose of growing in holiness for Christ, Friends and Family. Location: St. John Catholic Church Defiance.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)
Isaiah 7:10–14 / Romans 1:1–7 / Matthew 1:18–24

Holy Voices

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Instincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention.

In *Saint Joan*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, "I hear voices. They come from God." Robert disagrees, "They come from your imagination." "Of course," says Joan, "that is how messages of God come to us."

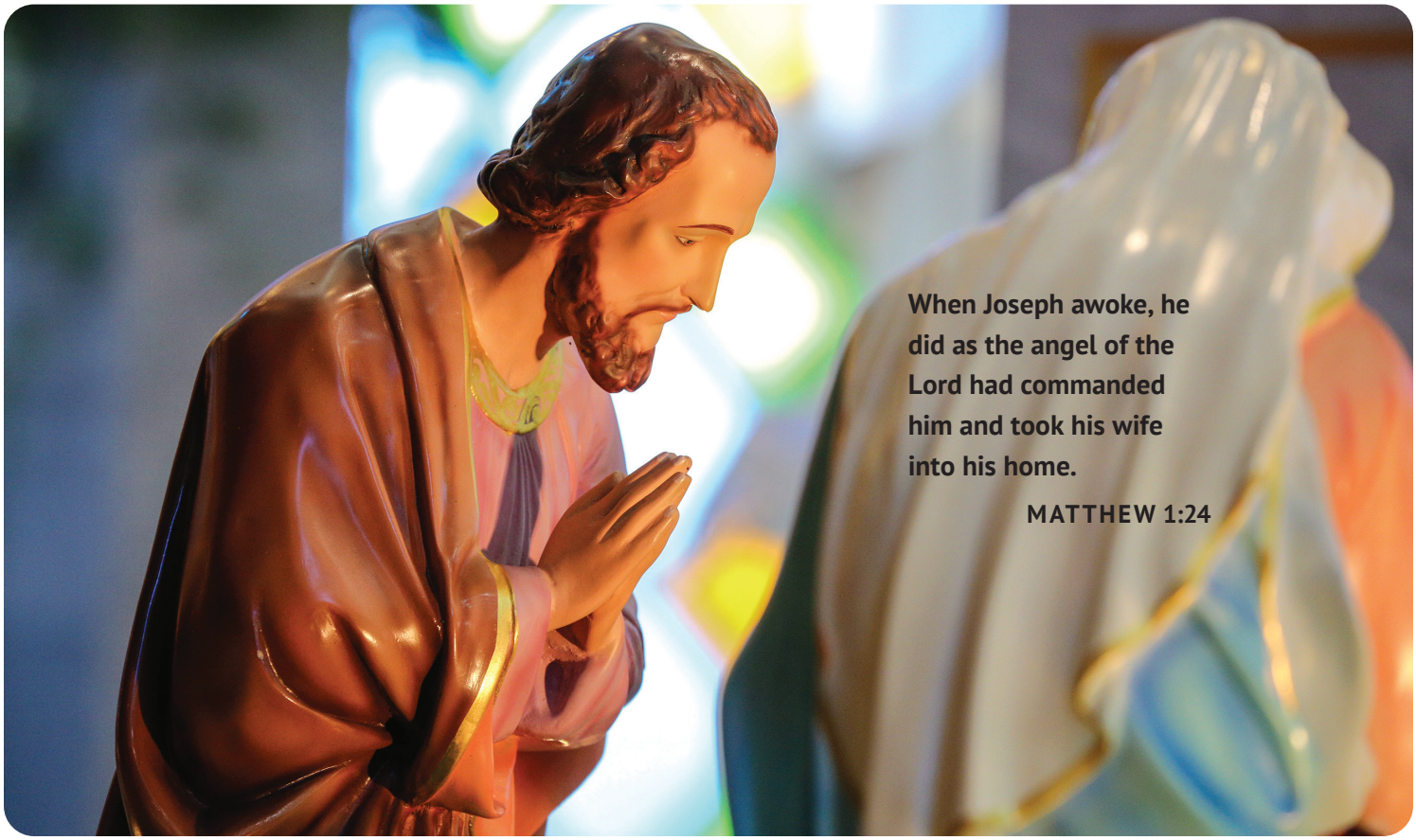
Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God. ●

Reflect

Have you ever followed an inner voice with which others disagreed? What came of it?

Is there someone you trust to tell you if your instinct about something is good?



When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

MATTHEW 1:24

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Dear Padre,

My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the "Eucharist." I grew up calling it the "Mass." Why the difference?

Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*. This word simply means "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. "Eucharist" was used to describe the early Church's gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do.

The word *mass* comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means "the sending." This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." In the Latin Mass, this phrase is "*ite missa est*." No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the "missa" or "mass." Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the "dismissal," or the "Mass." ●

— The Redemptorists
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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to ***DearPadre.org*** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 19	December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24	December 25
Advent Weekday	*Advent Weekday*	*Advent Weekday*	*Advent Weekday*	*Advent Weekday*	*Advent Weekday*	*Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*
Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a	Is 7:10–14	Sg 2:8–14	1 Sm 1:24–28	Mal 3:1–4, 23–24	2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16	Is 52:7–10
Lk 1:5–25	Lk 1:26–38	Lk 1:39–45	Lk 1:46–56	Lk 1:57–66	Lk 1:67–79	Heb 1:1–6
						Jn 1:1–18

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love.

HOMILY, MASS FOR BEGINNING OF PETRINE MINISTRY, MARCH 19, 2013

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Lk 1:46–56

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Mal 3:1–4, 23–24
Lk 1:57–66

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2 Sm 7:1–5,
8b–12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67–79

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Is 52:7–10
Heb 1:1–6
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