

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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## SECOND Sunday OF *Advent*

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

### PARISH STAFF & SUPPORT

**Rev. Edward Stafford**  
*Pastor*

**Deacon Gerry Scopilliti**  
*Permanent Deacon*

**Margaret Haney**  
*Director of Religious Education*

**Bill Davies**  
*Music Minister*

**Lydia Kulesza**  
*Pianist*

**Kathi Trares**  
*Parish Secretary*

**Cindy Clark**  
*Business Office Manager*

**Cindy Olesh**  
*Ox Roast Fair Financial Secretary  
(Volunteer)*

**Mary Ann Feddor**  
*Sacristan (Volunteer)*

**Dan Nuti**  
*Janitor*

**Greg D'Aurelio, John Kruis  
& Don Engelhart**  
*Maintenance Ministry Crew Heads  
(Volunteers)*

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5 p.m.

SUNDAY 9 a.m.

WEEKDAY 8 a.m. Tues. & Thur

HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL LITURGIES  
*(please refer to bulletin)*

### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Contact Fr. Ed. to arrange  
(330-575-9105)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.

### HOLY ROSARY

Saturdays, 4:20 p.m.



Proud Home of the  
Ox Roast Fair

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Reflection question:**

What earthly undertakings do I need to  
set aside so that I can set out to meet  
God's Son?

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sun. 9 a.m. Mass..... *Bob & Eileen D'Aurelio  
& Victoria Toothman*
- Mon. No Liturgy
- Tues. 8 a.m. Mass..... *Rudy Wojtecki*
- Wed. 8 a.m. Holy Day Mass @ St. Ambrose  
7 p.m. Holy Day Mass . *People of St. Joseph*
- Thur. 8 a.m. Mass..... *Louise Kaluba*
- Fri. 8 a.m. Mass @ St. Ambrose
- Sat. 5 p.m. Mass..... *Thomas Arcoria*
- Sun. 9 a.m. Mass..... *Bert O'Donnell &  
Nancy Weber*



**SINCERE SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathy to the  
families and friends of *Joan Kodash*,  
of *Roseanne Brugmann*, wife of  
Scott and daughter of Rosemarie  
Chalker, of *Hildegard Cozzone*,  
mother of Michael (Tammy), and

*Ron Fedor*, husband of Sherry, who all recently  
passed away. May our Lord comfort these  
families in their time of mourning and may  
Joan, Roseanne, Hildegard, and Ron experience  
the everlasting life which Jesus promised.

**TO THE FRIENDS OF PAT SMITH**

Thank you very much for your kind thoughts,  
prayers, Masses, and flowers. Pat was a very  
special person—a blessing in all of our lives  
and so are you. Your kindness has made a  
difficult time easier to bear. — *Smith Family*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

- Mon: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
Tues: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3,10ac,11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
Wed: Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38  
Thur: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
Fri: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4,6; Mt 11:16-19  
Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b,15-16,18-19;  
Mt 17:9a,10-13  
**To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass . . .**  
Sun: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3,4,5-6; Phil 4:4-7;  
Lk 3:10-18

**A DEEP CHANGE OF HEART**

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

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**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Ken Boehlein	Kyle Painley	Nancy Richards
Joyce Cavanaugh	Madeline Kapote	Marianne Baroni
Michael Carlo	Cheryl Milroy	Cecelia Woicovich
Billy Smith	Austin Palya	Kevin Murphy
Loretta Brugmann	Irene Welling	Kathy Paroff
Vivian Chen	David Turk	Kathy Wood
Larry & Barb Colin	Ronald Jeglie	Sam Noah
Charlene Cermak	Bud Foster	Tim Lohr
Jan Riffle	Elizabeth Render	Toni (Kotkowski) Jones
Phil Conti	Ron Nader	Bruce Corey



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

SUNDAY COLLECTION (11/21):	\$3,411.00
ONLINE GIVING (11/21):	\$1,450.78
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:	\$6,125.00
OVER/UNDER:	-\$1,263.22
# OF ENVELOPES & ONLINE:	104 (of 377)
RETIRED RELIGIOUS (11/21):	\$1,337.00

THANKSGIVING (11/25):	\$ 255.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION (11/28):	\$3,191.00
ONLINE GIVING (11/28):	\$1,388.58
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:	\$6,125.00
OVER/UNDER:	-\$1,545.42
# OF ENVELOPES & ONLINE:	96 (of 377)

<b>NOVEMBER TOTALS</b>	
Collections:	\$20,430.92
Donators:	419
Budget Amt:	\$24,500.00
+/-:	-\$ 4,069.08



**ADVENT RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Several opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Christmas holidays will be offered: December 13, 7 p.m. & December 14, 8:30 a.m. @ St. Joseph, and December 15, 8:30 a.m. & December 16, 7 p.m. @ St. Ambrose. To allow for social distancing, participants at St. Joseph's will be meeting in the All-Purpose Room (room between Narthex & school hallway) & St. Ambrose will use the boy's sacristy. To arrange another time, please contact Fr. Ed (330-575-9105).

**FORGIVENESS**

God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness. — *Henry Ward Beecher*



Almost nine hundred years ago, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux suggested in one of his Advent homilies that we should think of three Advents of Christ: the First, when Christ came in humility as Mary's Child, clothed in our human nature; the Second, when Christ will come in glory as Judge and Redeemer of the world. Then Saint Bernard speaks of a Middle Coming, an "in the meantime" Advent, when Christ comes to us in his Word, in the Eucharist, and in those who need our love and care, family and friends, neighbors and strangers. That's this year's Advent, the one we're celebrating now; and this Advent's question is: how attentive am I to Christ's coming into my life-story, right here, right now?

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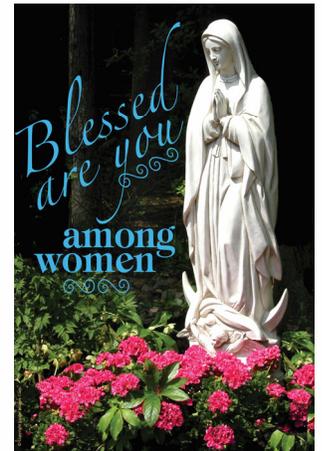
### MODEL OF FAITH: SAINT NICHOLAS Feast Day - December 6

Saint Nicholas (280-343), the patron of children, was orphaned at an early age and raised by an uncle. Like his uncle, he later became a bishop. After entering the priesthood, he became renowned for his charity and good deeds. Tradition says that he secretly filled the stockings or shoes of a few young women with enough money to ensure a decent dowry and marriage. This is the origin of our custom of hanging stockings at Christmas. On the eve of his feast day children put their shoes outside the door for him too fill with small treats (especially in other countries). He is sometimes referred to as "Nicholas the Wonderworker," because he is believed to be the cause of many miracles. Saint Nicholas, pray for us!



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Patronal Feastday of the United States of America

A Holy Day of Obligation in the United States, this is the day on which we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin, the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. This feast intensifies our preparation during Advent, remembering how God prepared for Christ's birth by creating Mary free from original sin at conception. What makes her conception immaculate is not that she was conceived by the Holy Ghost of a virgin, as was Christ Our Lord, but that from the very moment of her conception, she was filled with grace by God, Who knew, in His omniscience, that she would say "yes" to the Angel Gabriel and become the Mother of the Savior. Chosen by God, Mary reverses the sin of Eve. Because of her obedience, God's Salvation is made know to all the nations.



#### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ambrose, Garrettsville  
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph, Mantua



**Christmas Eve, December 24, Masses**  
5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph, Mantua  
10:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose, Garrettsville

**Christmas Day, December 25, Masses**  
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph, Mantua  
11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ambrose, Garrettsville



# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## A Highway for Our God

Father,  
from the beginning,  
you have revealed yourself.  
You have called us to walk in your ways.  
We wait for you to bring to fulfillment  
the work you are doing

from the creation of the earth  
to today.  
We wait in hope.  
Help us to do our small part  
to make a path for you,  
a highway for our God.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

**All Flesh Shall See the Salvation of God**



*Today's readings: Baruch 5:1–9; Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Philemon 1:4–6, 8–11; Luke 3:1–6.* John the Baptist and Mary, the mother of our Lord, are our examples for how to live during Advent. Both waited, watched, and prepared. They did then what we hope to do now.

Today, we hear John proclaim that “all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” As John preaches, teaches, and baptizes in the wilderness, he focuses on what God is doing: God is saving. John performs his task. He makes straight a path. He clears the way.

John is called by God within the prophetic tradition of the people of Israel. We hear it when he quotes Isaiah and in the echo of those words in the prophet Baruch. Rooted in the

people of Israel and in Scripture, John has practice listening to God’s voice. In the wilderness, he hears that God is doing something new. God is bringing all flesh into the plan of salvation, as foretold in the prophets of old.

God was inaugurating the promised kingdom of justice and peace, creating a new heaven and a new earth. John called the people to turn away from the ways that had fallen short of God’s vision for them, and people flocked to him because they saw the world’s brokenness and knew that God had promised something different. Something new.

We wait in hope for the fullness of this same kingdom. Like John, we are called to prepare its way. How has God invited you to make straight his paths?



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, December 6

#### St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas was a bishop in the fourth century who was known for his generosity, one sign of which was leaving coins in the shoes of people who left them out for him. He is also said to have secretly given money to a family to provide funds so the daughters could marry. Nicholas suffered under persecution and defended the Church teaching about the Trinity at a time when it was disputed. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children. To honor him today, you might choose to do an act of kindness secretly, just as he did. *Today's readings: Isaiah 35:1–10; Psalm 85:9ab, 10, 11–12, 13–14; Luke 5:17–26.*

### Tuesday, December 7

#### St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose was the bishop of Milan in the fourth century and a doctor of the Church. He wrote music that is used in the Liturgy of the Hours during Advent even today. Regarding care for the poor, St. Ambrose said it was not charity but a debt to those who were in need. Celebrate St. Ambrose's feast day by contributing to an agency that serves the poor in your community. *Today's readings: Isaiah 40:1–11; Psalm 96:1–2, 3, 10ac, 11–12, 13; Matthew 18:12–14.*

### Wednesday, December 8

#### Immaculate Conception

God prepared Mary for her unique role in salvation history from the moment she was conceived. The special grace she received even before she was born helped give her the courage to say, "May it be done to me according to your word." Mary's yes changed the world. Each one of us has the opportunity to participate in what God is doing in the world every single day. How can you respond with the same wholehearted yes as the Mother of God? *Today's readings: Genesis 3:9–15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12; Luke 1:26–38.*

### Thursday, December 9

#### St. Juan Diego

Today the Church celebrates St. Juan Diego, the patron saint of indigenous peoples. The Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego near Mexico City in the sixteenth century, a time when people of his culture were treated as less than those who had come from Europe. Mary's apparition and its miraculous image on Juan Diego's tilma embodied many elements of indigenous culture. This event was the beginning of something new for the peoples of the Americas. God is imaged in all people and all cultures. By listening to the stories of people who are different from us, we can participate in what God is doing in the world. *Today's readings: Isaiah 41:13–20; Psalm 145:1, 9, 10–11, 12–13ab; Matthew 11:11–15.*

### Friday, December 10

#### Peace

In Isaiah we hear about the possibility of peace flowing like a river. Life is full of conflict and misunderstanding. Relationships that seemed unbreakable can be torn apart by simple difficulties. When we consider the kingdom of God, of participating in God's peace forever, it fills us with hope. While at Mass, focus on what it must mean for Christ's peace to be with you. *Today's readings: Isaiah 48:17–19; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4, 6; Matthew 11:16–19.*

### Saturday, December 11

#### Our Only Hope

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus predicts his passion. It is an interesting thing to consider the cross during the season of Advent, when we await the Lord's coming. Yet the shadow of the cross is always present in the life of Jesus. In this season of hope, we look at the cross, our only hope, and see in it the resurrection and the possibility it contains: God filling the earth as water covers the sea. *Today's readings: Sirach 48:1–4, 9–11; Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15–16, 18–19; Matthew 17:9a, 10–13.*





The 57th Ox Roast Fair ended with a bang! The week's rain including downpours on Friday & Saturday didn't dampen the spirit of our wonderful volunteers. Sunday's sunshine brought out huge crowds and everyone had a good time despite the muddy conditions. Rest assured the grounds were repaired thanks to our Maintenance & Grounds Ministry, volunteers, and the help of our friends and parishioners at Lakeside Sand & Gravel. We can't begin to give enough thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who make our great parish family event happen each year. Not only is it a parish fundraiser but yet another opportunity to extend our hospitality and it's a blessing to all. We so appreciate every ones' efforts, support, and participation.

#### **VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR LIFEblood**

Self-giving is about sharing our time, talents and treasures - gifts every person has the means to give through generosity and service. Our Ox Roast Fair is a testament to this stewardship ideal. Of course, we couldn't host the Ox Roast Fair without our volunteers and more are always needed. Whether you offer a couple of hours, a day, or help out all three days of the Fair, we do need & appreciate everyone's efforts. Here are some areas in which we are looking for some assistance:



- ◆ **OX SANDWICHES & SUNDAES**  
Chairperson & volunteers needed. We'd like to have two booths if we can get enough people to handle both.
- ◆ **SOFT SERVE ICE CREAM**  
Chairperson & volunteers needed.
- ◆ **FOLLOW-UP CREW**  
Volunteers are need to address items and areas after clean-up making sure everything is accounted for, cleaned up, and put away.

Contact a Core Group member for more information.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**58TH OX ROAST FAIR  
JULY 15, 16 & 17, 2022!**

#### **PLANNING & COORDINATING DYNAMOS**

Did you know that a small committee, called the Ox Roast Fair Core Group, does the nitty-gritty planning & decision-making under the guidance and approval of our pastor? They meet year round helping to see that our big event runs smoothly. We truly appreciate Deacon Gerry Scopilliti, John & Debbie Kruis, Austin Anderson, Greg & Jay D'Aurelio, Brian Hirsch, Tony Marinelli, Cindy Olesh, Greg Pastor, Jan Seljan, Cathy & Donny Sherbondy, and Lyle Tayerle.



#### **MAIN RAFFLE BRAINSTORMING**

We're looking for some feedback on some ideas we are considering for the Main Raffle. Let any Core Group member know if you think there'd be an interest in the following prizes:

- 1ST PLACE:* Trip(s) worth \$8,000 that can be customized to fit the winner (single person, couple or family; choice of location).
- 2ND PLACE:* \$1,500 in lottery tickets
- 3RD PLACE:* Basket of gift cards from various businesses (value yet to be determined).

#### **BANDS STARTING TO BE BOOKED!**



We've begun to book entertainment for next year. "Disco Inferno" will be playing on Friday, "The Spazmatics" on Saturday evening, and "That 80s Band" on Sunday evening.

#### **DID YOU SEE OUR 2021 PHOTO SLIDESHOW?**

Simply scan the QR code with your mobile device to link to our Ox Roast Fair webpage or visit [https://youtu.be/pE-Ri\\_csBCI](https://youtu.be/pE-Ri_csBCI) to view the slideshow.



**OX ROAST FAIR 2021**  
**Final Expense Report**



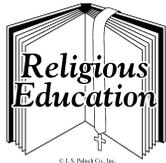
***Income:***

Raffle Ticket Sales Pre-fair	\$ 15,090.00
Tradebooth Income	\$ 10,850.00
Sponsorship Income	\$ 8,404.40
T-Shirt Income Presale	\$ 3,661.58
ATM Commission	\$ 333.00
3 Day Fair Deposits/Income	\$ 239,918.87
Vendor Rebates	\$ 11,326.78
Post Fair Beef Sales	\$ 1,160.00
Credit Card Sales	\$ 6,457.00
<b>2021 Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 297,201.63</b>

***Expenses:***

Printing	\$ 1,004.25
Food	\$ 59,234.83
Beer	\$ 28,349.92
Fireworks	\$ 4,125.00
Main Raffle Tickets	\$ 11,932.50
Instant Bingo Tickets	\$ 587.00
Beer Mugs	\$ 6,449.92
Equipment Rental	\$ 10,779.43
Electrical Upgrade	\$ 214.75
Electrical Service	\$ 136.66
Fuel Expense	\$ 2,387.24
Ice	\$ 1,380.20
Security	\$ 19,111.60
Raffle Expense	\$ 2,933.00
Permit Fees	\$ 150.00
T-Shirt Expense	\$ 2,114.50
Amusement Rides	\$ 23,559.25
Insurance	\$ 7,655.55
Tractor Pull Expense	\$ 6,594.00
Advertising	\$ 1,069.80
Entertainment	\$ 9,075.00
New Equipment	\$ 360.00
Profits/Splits to Others	\$ 4,291.70
Set Up Expense	\$ 1,007.25
Run of the Ox Expense	\$ 1,101.85
Misc. Expenses	\$ 4,626.17
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 210,231.37</b>

**Total Net Income 2021** **\$ 86,970.26**



## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On Wednesday, December 8, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 8 a.m. Mass at St. Ambrose and 7 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph.

In the Catholic Church, holy days of obligation are days on which the faithful are expected to attend Mass, and engage in rest from work and recreation, according to the 3rd Commandment. The Holy Days of Obligation are:

- ✠ Jan. 1, The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
- ✠ Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (celebrated on Sunday following in the US)
- ✠ Aug. 15, The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ✠ Nov. 1, The Solemnity of All Saints
- ✠ Dec. 8, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- ✠ Dec. 25, The Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Whenever January 1, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or November 1, The Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is set aside.

## DONUT SUNDAY & PARENT TALK SESSION

During PSR, on Sunday, December 12, we will be having Donut Sundays & Parent Talk Sessions for parents and all interested parishioners. Join us at 9:45 a.m. for donuts and coffee. Then stay for our next session focusing on topics relevant to parents and families. This month's session is "Making Mass Meaningful."

## THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS & ANNUAL COOKIE PARTY

This year's PSR pageant, *The Story of Christmas*, will be Sunday, December 19, at 10:15 a.m. in the church. The program features readings from the Gospel of Luke, Christmas carols, and our all our PSR kids! Please join us in celebrating the reason for the season, the birth of Jesus. Our annual Christmas Cookie Party will immediately follow *The Story of Christmas* in Hughes Hall. Bring a plate of your favorite cookies to share.

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact Peg Haney  
(330-274-2268 or [phaney@stjosephmantua.com](mailto:phaney@stjosephmantua.com))  
or the Parish Office (330-274-2253)

## DAILY ADVENT VIDEO REFLECTIONS

The Diocese of Youngstown is posting on Facebook and Twitter Daily Advent Reflection videos recorded by Catholic leaders around the diocese. (They will also be available on the DOY YouTube Channel.) These will be great for your own personal use during the season and to share with your fellow parishioners, family members, and friends.

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<https://twitter.com/DOYoungstown>

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<https://www.facebook.com/DOYoungstown>

YouTube: "Catholic Diocese of Youngstown" Channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKwCSOhoUOePs1qJjTGlGxA>



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. AMBROSE

You are cordially invited to attend the St. Ambrose Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 12, at 3 p.m. Enjoy sounds of the season from their choir. All are welcome.



## CARILLON MEMORIALS

December 8 Matt Zsioko

To schedule your Carillon Memorials, please contact the Parish Office (330-274-2253 or [parishoffice@stjosephmantua.com](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephmantua.com)).

## CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATKI)

The people of Central Europe have had oplatki as part of their Christmas Eve meal for many generations. The wafer bears an image from the Christmas story and the bread signifies the "Bread of Life", Jesus, who is among us in the Eucharist and in our lives. Generally the eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year - whether it be good health, success, or happiness. The purpose of this act is primarily to express ones unconditional love and forgiveness for each member of his or her family. Just as we share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ and receive Christ's love through the Eucharist, the Oplatki allows for one's immediate family to come together and share the love they have for one another. Oplatki is available in the Narthex beginning the second weekend of Advent for those who would like to celebrate this tradition of unity. Your donation to help defray the cost is appreciated.

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON TUESDAY NIGHTS?

Come play bingo at St. Ambrose Church Hall and support the parish's programs. The doors open at 5:45 p.m. and early bird bingo begins at 6:45 p.m. Regular bingo begins at 7 p.m. Your first packet (good for all evening with nine cards per game) is only \$13.00. Each additional packet is only \$3.00 more! Jackpots begin at \$400.00 and 48 numbers, and adds one number and \$15.00 each week. Each regular bingo game pays \$25.00. Next Bingo Night is on December 7.



## CHURCH MUSICIAN JOB OPENING

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kent has a job position open for a new organist/keyboard accompanist. Those interested should have experience in accompanying worship and competency in playing the keyboard. Responsibilities include playing at the three weekend liturgies (a Saturday Vigil Mass and two Sunday morning Masses), weekly choir rehearsals (September through May), as well as holy day and devotional liturgies. Interested parties are asked to please send a resume to the pastor, Rev. Richard Pentello, at [rpentello@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:rpentello@youngstowndiocese.org). For more detailed information, please call 330-673-5849.



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TILL 2PM  
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For further information, please call the Parish Office.

# Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of Dec. 5 - 12 ~



- Sun.** ~ **Giving Tree Gift Card Donation Deadline** ~  
 9 a.m. .... Mass (Church)  
 9:45 to 11 a.m... PSR Classes (Hall/Classrooms)
- Mon.** 6 to 7 p.m. .... Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)  
 7 p.m. .... Cub Den Mtgs. (Hall/Classrooms)  
 7 p.m. .... St. Joseph Cares Mtg. (PC)  
 7:30 p.m. .... K of C Mtg. (APR)
- Tues.** 8 a.m. .... Mass (Church)  
 6 to 7 p.m. .... G.S. Troop #91198 Mtg. (Rm. #2)  
 6 to 9:30 p.m.... Scouts BSA Mtgs. (Hall)
- Wed.** 8 a.m. .... Holy Day Mass (St. Ambrose)  
 6 to 7 p.m. .... Exodus Mtg. (Rm. #9)  
 7 p.m. .... Holy Day Mass (Church)  
 7 p.m. .... Men of St. Joseph Mtg. (Rm. #9)  
 7:30 p.m. .... K of C 4th Degree Mtg. (OLPH, Aurora)  
 8 p.m. .... AA Mtg. (Hall)
- Thur.** 8 a.m. .... Mass (Church)  
 6 to 7 p.m. .... Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)
- Fri.** ~ **St. Joseph Cares Collection Weekend** ~
- Sat.** 4:20 p.m. .... Rosary (Church)  
 5 p.m. .... Mass (Church)
- Sun.** 9 a.m. .... Mass (Church)  
 After Mass ..... Donut Sunday & Parent Talk Session (Hall)  
 9:45 to 11 a.m... PSR Classes (Hall/Classrooms)



## CONGRATULATIONS

Please join us in congratulating Karajoi (Herman) Ankeny who recently received the sacrament of Confirmation at a special liturgy on Sunday, November 21, at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown. Bishop David Bonnar presided.

## RITE OF WELCOMING

Today, we will be recognizing *Misty Henderson* of St. Ambrose Parish and *John Lesnak* of St. Joseph Parish who are participating in our RCIA program. RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation, is an adult faith formation program that prepares individuals to enter full membership in the Catholic Church. Misty and John have been meeting regularly since October to explore the Catholic faith. They will now begin their studies in earnest. Please join us in welcoming them into our community of faith.



## CHRISTMAS ENVIRONMENT



To remember a loved one at Christmas you may wish to make a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund. Please use the special Christmas Flower envelope included in your contribution envelope packet (or a plain envelope). Be sure to **PRINT** the names of those you wish memorialize and indicate whether your contribution is "in memory of" (deceased) or "in honor of" (living). Online givers should enter the names in the "Other Comments" section of their ParishSOFT Giving donation page. We ask that your intentions be turned in by December 13. These donations not only help provide our beautiful environment but also assist with church environment expenses throughout the year.

## GIFT CARDS REQUESTED

Our annual Advent tradition of the Giving Tree concludes this weekend. This community outreach program coordinated by Catholic Charities provides those in need with a little brighter Christmas. This year they are asking for \$25.00 gift cards (Wal-Mart or Giant Eagle are suggested). There will be no tags to take. The agency plans to provide a family-oriented game to each household with children this year, along with the gift cards. **To participate, simply drop your gift card donations in the gift wrapped box by our Giving Tree in the Narthex by Sunday, December 5.**



## LOTTERY RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Follows Ohio Lottery's 3-digit daily drawings (midday & evening)



Tickets are \$5.00 each & good for entire month

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold numbered #000 - #999 each month. Winning tickets worth \$50.00.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 11/15 am - No Winner (#833)    | 11/22 am - No Winner (#158)     |
| 11/15 pm - No Winner (#036)    | 11/22 pm - No Winner (#326)     |
| 11/16 am - No Winner (#464)    | 11/23 am - No Winner (#366)     |
| 11/16 pm - B. Kuz (#394)       | 11/23 pm - M. Berzinskas (#025) |
| 11/17 am - L. Kotkowski (#965) | 11/24 am - No Winner (#570)     |
| 11/17 pm - No Winner (#186)    | 11/24 pm - No Winner (#718)     |
| 11/18 am - No Winner (#428)    | 11/25 am - No Winner (#635)     |
| 11/18 pm - No Winner (#783)    | 11/25 pm - M. Berzinskas (#347) |
| 11/19 am - No Winner (#666)    | 11/26 am - No Winner (#513)     |
| 11/19 pm - No Winner (#794)    | 11/26 pm - No Winner (#520)     |
| 11/20 am - No Winner (#156)    | 11/27 am - No Winner (#826)     |
| 11/20 pm - No Winner (#543)    | 11/27 pm - No Winner (#539)     |
| 11/21 am - No Winner (#459)    | 11/28 am - K. Boehnlein (#725)  |
| 11/21 pm - No Winner (#183)    | 11/28 pm - No Winner (#969)     |



## NEW FOR 2022!

Beginning in 2022 drawings will follow the evening drawing only each day. For every five tickets you buy in any given month, you will get one random number given to you which is also good for that month. 2022 tickets are available now and make great gifts!

Please call or text Deb Krus (330-221-0272) or Mary Ann Feddor (330-842-0505) for tickets.

Proceeds go toward our Paving Project.

Complete info. & list of winners @ <https://stjosephmantua.com/lottery-raffle-fundraiser>