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PREPARE
THE WAY
FOR THE LORD; MAKE STRAIGHT
IN THE DESERT A HIGHWAY
FOR OUR GOD.

THE SEASON OF

Advent
2025



HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE



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A PRAYER FOR MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN FAMILY OF PARISHES

For our Family of Parishes, that our four parishes may, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, work in a spirit of collaboration with one another as we together strive for holiness, and embrace the Mission of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all, let us pray to the Lord...

BECOMING CATHOLIC

We welcome you and your questions about the Catholic Faith. The Journey in Faith to become Catholic is a process known as the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Please contact Deacon Tim Crooker for inquiries.

NEW PARISHIONER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Parish Office if you have had a change of address or phone number, or if a member of your family has gone into a nursing facility or moved out of the household.

PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 1 – Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Special Intention	St. James
12:00 Noon	Ed Stegaman	St. Bernard
6:45 p.m.	Jan Makspaller	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, December 2 – Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Eric Smith	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. James
12:00 Noon	Mary Ann Hearth	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Rob Jack	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Wednesday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier

8:30 a.m.	Ryan Schmutte	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Marian Stubenrauch	St. James
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Thursday, December 4 – Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Helen Thomas	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	David Harvilak	St. Margaret Mary
	No Mass	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. James

Friday, December 5 – Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. James
12:00 Noon	Intentions of Religious of the Sacred Heart	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Saturday, December 6 – Advent Weekday

3:00 p.m.	Bo Miller	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Matt Westover	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	Al Pillar	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

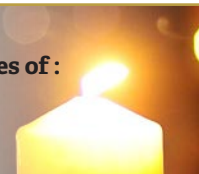
Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.	People of St. James	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Helen Honerkamp	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	Betty Fehring	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Jean Windt	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	People of St. James	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Judy Walters	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	People of Mary, Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. Ann

IN SYMPATHY

**Mary, Queen of Heaven extends prayers and sympathy to the families of :
Walter LaFary**

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least six months before any other planning. Pre-Cana Conference, FOCCUS, Engaged Encounter or Equivalent, programs are required.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

The Sacrament of Baptism for children age seven and younger is celebrated each month at St. James (4th Sunday, 11:30 a.m.); St. Bernard (2nd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.); and as scheduled at St. Ann & St. Margaret Mary. Parents are required to attend a Parent Information Session prior to scheduling a Baptism. These sessions on Baptism are held the second Thursday of each month at St. James or by appointment at St. Bernard & St. Margaret Mary. St. Ann has Baptism preparation classes during Mass+ on the third Sunday of the month.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A NEW YEAR

Today is the beginning of a new Church year. We are a bit ahead of the civil new year, beginning January 1. What will the new year bring? There will be joys and sadness, difficult challenges and wonderful surprises. We will celebrate Baptisms and weddings and funerals. Much like any other year, we will celebrate the life we share with each other and with Christ. During Advent, we prepare ourselves to celebrate both the birth of Christ and His coming again. This is not new. The presence of God is not newly arrived. God has been with us since the beginning of time. Advent is about both the birth of Christ and about our rebirth in Him. We look for God in places where we may have missed Him. We look to the future, not as something new, but as something old but not yet clearly seen. If we begin the year seeking Christ, we will certainly find Him as the year unfolds. This will be a good year for one simple reason. It will be a year we spend with each other and with and in Jesus. Happy New Year. Happy Advent. May God bless us all in our journey forward with Christ.

PRAYER

Father, You promise mercy to the poor and strength for the weak. Have mercy on us. We are in need of Your grace. Help us to bear Your Son, Jesus. Renew us, Father, in all ways. May Christ be reborn in us. We pray as always in Jesus' Name. Amen.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

As part of the Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish Family, we have established the following protocol for Sacramental Emergencies.

WHAT IS A SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY?

Sacramental Emergencies are if someone is in imminent danger of dying and wishes to receive the sacraments before passing. This also may include those who are under someone's care and are unable to request the sacraments themselves—including but not limited to, emergency infant baptism or last rites of someone with dementia. If someone either has a chronic illness or is not in imminent danger, please schedule an anointing. It is suggested that the sick person receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the beginning of any serious condition—not at the end. **If you are in need of a priest or have a Sacramental Emergency after hours, please call 513-369-9820.**

VOCATION CHALICE

St. Ann

November 30th—Ted & Ruth Wietmarschen at 9:00 a.m.

December 7th—Maire Michel at 11:30 a.m.

December 13th—Deb Weaver at 3:00 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary

November 30th—Donna Bodkin

Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry to pray for Catholics to answer the call to a vocation as priests, or religious such as brothers and sisters.



WEATHER ALERT

When School is delayed or cancelled because of the weather (inclement weather or temperature), **MASS IS CANCELLED!** We follow school closings or delays for Northwest Schools.

LITURGY/CONFESSIONS

St. James

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00/10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Friday 9:00-10:00 a.m.

St. Ann

Monday 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Friday No Mass

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00/ 11:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Monday &

Thursday 5:00-6:30 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary

Monday-Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 12:00 Noon

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. Bernard

Monday 12:00 Noon

Tuesday 12:00 Noon

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

Thursday No Mass

Friday 12:00 Noon

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30/10:30 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

BEQUESTS

A bequest to your parish is a way to honor your church and faith of your lifetime. A bequest, included in your will, is exempt from estate and inheritance taxes, and reduces the amount of the estate to be taxed. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements for Mary, Queen of Heaven must be approved by the appropriate director before submitting to Gina Perkins, Director of Communications, at gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com. Announcements must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. Monday, two weeks prior to requested publish date. Please plan accordingly.



ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

Week One

Reader 1: The first week of Advent, we remember the gift of hope we have in Christ. The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

Reader 2: As followers of Christ, we wait with hope for His return. As we light this candle, we remember that it was from the manger at Bethlehem that He came and gave light to the world. As we light this candle, we are reminded to be alert and to watch for the light of Christ even in the most unlikely places and people. (Reader lights the first purple candle on the Advent Wreath.)

Family members share one way they have experienced hope today.

Reader 3: Let us pray – Loving God, we thank You for the hope You give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by being open seeing to the light of Christ in others. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. All: Amen.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS A GREAT SOLEMNITY OF THE CHURCH AND A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

There is no Vigil Mass on Sunday evening. Listed below are the Mass times offered within our Family of Parishes.

Monday, December 8:

St. Ann at 10:30 a.m. (school attends)

St. Bernard at 8:30 a.m. (school attends)

St. James at 8:30 a.m. (school attends) and 7:00 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary at 12:00 Noon

Confessions at St. Ann on December 8 are cancelled.



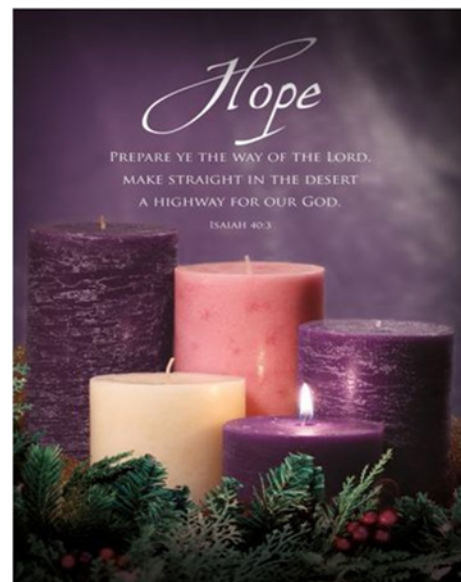
STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

STEWARDSHIP AND THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – HOPE

As we begin our new Church year this first Sunday in Advent, Matthew tells us that Jesus reminds us about our main purpose in life to be awake, aware and prepare the way. Hearing about floods and thieves in the night is certainly ominous, but we realize how fragile life is and what a gift we have in this one life. Those people who flee their homes due to floods, fires, storms and wars know that all can be lost in a moment. Jesus challenges us to focus on those things that are truly important, not to stay awake every night, but to be in the present so that we might recognize Him when least expected. Paul challenges us to put on the armor of light as we prepare for the day of salvation. Isaiah reminds us to put away our swords and our spears. As good stewards, we ask God to show us how to recognize the face of God in all we encounter. In our prayer, we ask God to help us to notice in our busyness what is truly important.

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and gratitude for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus, born to us as Savior and Brother. A season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too — the moment when we will be called to give an account for all the love God has shown us and the gifts He has given us during our lifetime. An important document on stewardship, published by the Diocese of Wichita, titled, *The Pillars of Parish Stewardship*, says, "God reveals His perfect and infinite love for us most visibly in His son, Jesus Christ. A steward makes God's love visible by imitating Jesus ... Stewardship is the response of the disciple to God's unconditional love for us. Stewards bask in the wonder and awe of God's love." Or, in other words, Advent is a steward's season! Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice to make the most of this Season. The Gospel warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. Both extremes are easy to fall prey to. To avoid these traps, we are told to "be vigilant" and "pray for strength to sustain us." During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord? Thessalonians offers us a beautiful Advent prayer as we move through this season of reflection and preparation. Let us make it our prayer for each other: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all... so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen."

Get ready, Christian stewards! He's coming! Let's prepare with awe and wonder.





It is the mission of the **EVANGELIZATION TEAM** to work with and for the community of Mary, Queen of Heaven to offer studies, speakers, classes and more, to assist the people of God in growing closer to our Lord. We welcome your ideas and participation. Contact Barbara Yoder, Director of Evangelization, at yoder@stbernardtc.org or 513-353-4207, ext. 5.



FIRST RECONCILIATION – THANK YOU!

On Saturday, November 15th, all of the family children from the four parishes, PSR, and the three schools came together to celebrate God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We especially would like to thank our priests, Fr. Jim & Fr. Bryan, and our visiting priests: Fr. Ric Dressman, Fr. Norm Langenbrunner, Fr. Tom Nolker and Fr. Dave Lemkuhl. Thanks also to Deacon Tim who arranged all the logistics at St. James Church for the sacrament, and to Elena McSwane, the catechists and the Evangelization Team for their preparation efforts and planning help for this important sacrament.

ADVENT BOOKLETS

As a gift from the Mary, Queen of Heaven Family, you may pick up either of the Advent booklets, which have been purchased to help you prepare your heart and mind for Christmas during the season of Advent. They are available at the doors of the church. We have two options: Quotes from Pope Leo & Pope Francis with Advent reflections, and *The Little Advent Book* from the Saginaw Diocese. Please choose one and use it as a tool for a fruitful Advent!

BIBLE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Join others in studying the Gospel of Luke making use of Ascension Press/Jeff Cavin's video and book study series. Barb Yoder will facilitate, and the meetings will take place on Thursday mornings, beginning January 15th, 10:00 a.m. for eight consecutive Thursdays at St. Bernard. The workbook can be purchased from AscensionPress.com or by contacting Barb at the email or phone below. Please register for the study by email: yoder@stbernardtc.org or call 513-353-4207, ext. 5.



SAVE THE DATE – MQH SUMMER PSR PROGRAM – JUNE 1 THRU 12, 2026

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY, HOLY HOUR

December 1st at 7:00 p.m., St. James Church. This is the time to prepare ourselves during Advent with prayer, scripture readings and singing as we reflect on how to get ready spiritually for the birth of Christ.



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY:

A WINTER BALL FEST

Wednesday, December 3rd, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Serve others who are in need. Bring a pair of socks to donate. Also, bring your mismatched and unwanted socks with you for an indoor snowball event!

Hot cocoa provided. Bring a dessert to share and invite a friend or two!

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS

QUEEN CITY CATHOLIC: St. Peter in Chains Basilica, upcoming Sacramental Hub dates: December 2 & 16, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, March 24, April 7 & 21, May 19.



Help those in need this Christmas season, share the joy of Christmas by providing a gift for a child in need.

Tags are available for pickup at St. Ann in the gathering space and St. Margaret Mary in the Holy Family Room.

Please return gifts on Dec. 14th unwrapped.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, December 1

8:05 a.m.	Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. James
11:00 a.m.	Rosary Shepherds of Christ	St. James
11:00 a.m.	SoulCore Rosary	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	Mass	St. Bernard
5:00 p.m.	Confessions	St. Ann
6:00 p.m.	PSR Parent Meeting	St. Ann
6:00 p.m.	OCIA	St. James
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting	St. James
6:45 p.m.	Mass	St. Ann
7:00 p.m.	Patriotic Rosary	St. Ann
7:00 p.m.	Music Ensemble Rehearsal (Church Hall)	St. James
7:30 p.m.	MQH Confirmation Prep	St. James

Tuesday, December 2

8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. James
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	Adoration	St. Bernard
12:00 Noon	Mass	St. Bernard
1:30 p.m.	Bereavement Meeting	St. James
3:15 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	St. James
5:00 p.m.	Benediction	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass	St. Ann
7:00 p.m.	Hispanic Ministry	St. Ann
7:00 p.m.	St. Ann Parish Council	St. Ann
7:00 p.m.	AHG Leaders Meeting	St. James
7:00 p.m.	Growing Faith	St. James

Wednesday, December 3

8:05 a.m.	Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. James
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	St. James
11:00 a.m.	Seniors Luncheon	St. James
5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Meeting	St. James
6:00 p.m.	2nd Grade Cub Scout Den Meeting	St. James
6:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry Big Event	St. James
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	St. James

Thursday, December 4

8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Ann
9:00 a.m.	Exposition	St. Ann
11:00 a.m.	Mom's/Women's Ministry	St. James
12:00 Noon	Mass	St. Margaret Mary
5:00 p.m.	Confessions	St. Ann
6:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Ladies Society Christmas Party	St. James
6:30 p.m.	School Advisory Commission Meeting	St. James
6:45 p.m.	Benediction	St. Ann

Friday, December 5

6:00 a.m.	Father's Ministry	St. James
8:05 a.m.	Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. James
9:00 a.m.	Confessions	St. James
12:00 Noon	Mass	St. Bernard

Saturday, December 6

6:45 a.m.	That Man Is You! (Marian Hall)	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	Breakfast with Santa	St. James
3:00 p.m.	Mass	St. Ann
	Rosary Sale After Mass	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Mass	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	Mass, Giving Tree Return	St. James

Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday in Advent

	Rosary Sale after Masses	St. Ann
8:00 a.m.	Mass, Giving Tree Return	St. James
8:00 a.m.	Rosary	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	Mass	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Mass	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	Mass, Giving Tree Return	St. James
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Preschool, Church Hall	St. James
10:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word	St. James
10:10 a.m.	Mass + Gospel of Matthew – Part 2	St. Ann
10:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Bernard
10:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Ann



FROM THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

With fall activities in full swing, we would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed **The Archdiocese of Cincinnati: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse – Archdiocese Of Cincinnati Edition.**

In addition, employees are required to complete an online background check, manual fingerprinting, and B4 form once prior to beginning employment. Ohio Department of Education licensees may have additional requirements, and school offices or athletic departments should be consulted if there are any questions. Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish™ quarterly bulletins.

Please make sure you are up to date on completing the quarterly bulletins or you will not be able to work/volunteer with youth until your SafeParish™ account is approved. Please direct questions regarding bulletin completion to your parish/school safe environment coordinator at csajnog@saintannparish.org at St. Ann; sandling@stbernardtc.org at St. Bernard; gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com at St. James; jpetrey@stmargaretmaryparish.org at St. Margaret Mary.

ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

2025 Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner: November 23, 2025 – Mary Jo & Mike Amorini (Ticket # 0090)

Thanksgiving Day \$1,000 Raffle Winner: November 27, 2025 – Tom Bleh (Ticket # 0466)



ST. BERNARD SCHOOL INFORMATION

ADVENT ACTIVITIES AT ST. BERNARD SCHOOL

As we enter this season of hope and preparation, St. Bernard students are growing in faith through prayer, service, and celebration.

WHOLE-SCHOOL ADVENT RETREAT

Students will begin the Advent season with an all-school retreat following Mass on Wednesday, December 3. Together, they will assemble "blessing bags" filled with food and personal care items for those in need and create Christmas cards with their "buddies" to send to homebound parishioners.

ADVENT FIELD TRIPS

First-grade students, along with their sixth-grade "buddies," will visit the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. The Center recreates Bethlehem during Roman times, giving students a glimpse of life at the time of Christ's birth. Guided tours, sacred art, and a visit to the reliquary chapel provide a meaningful and educational way to begin the Advent season.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER IN CHAINS

The 8th graders will visit the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains for a tour in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation on January 25. They will also explore the historic Holy Cross/Immaculata Church in Mt. Adams, deepening their understanding of our faith and local Catholic heritage.

ST. JAMES SCHOOL INFORMATION

SPIRITWEAR DAY!

This Friday is a Christian Service Spiritwear Day! Students who bring in a \$1.00 donation will be allowed to wear St. James spiritwear to school.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

We are excited to kick off the holiday season with a visit from the Mercy McAuley & La Salle Vocal Ensembles! They will be performing Christmas songs for our K-4th grade students!

REGISTER NOW!

Enrollment for St. James School is now open. If you are a new family to our school, please do not delay in applying; Kindergarten fills up quickly. Go to <https://forms.rediker.com/stjameschool> to apply now!

ST. MARY'S LADIES SOCIETY

Will be holding their Christmas Party/Dinner on **Thursday, December 4th in St. James Church Hall at 6:00 p.m.**

Please RSVP to Pam Karaus @ pamelajkaraus@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

ST. JAMES SENIOR ORGANIZATION

Luncheon Meeting is **Wednesday, December 3rd at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.**



GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is our parish's annual project to help those less-fortunate to be able to celebrate Christmas. The tags on the Tree contain requests from our partner agencies. Some requests are specific, some are generic, but all are reasonable and will bring a little joy and dignity to families, single moms and children, and those

who have no one with whom to celebrate the great season of Christmas. Please take as many tags as possible from the Tree that you can fulfill and return the items to church on the weekend of December 6 and 7. **All items must be returned by the beginning of the 10:00 a.m. Mass on December 7 in order for our volunteers to sort and distribute the gifts to the proper place.** For additional information, please contact Deacon Tim in the Parish Office 513-741-5300.

ST. ANN CHURCH WEEKLY RAFFLE

Thank you for your support of St. Ann Church in our 2026 Raffle!

Our first drawing will be held on Sunday, January 4, 2026. Don't miss your chance to win!

St. Ann Church Weekly Raffle

When you purchase a weekly raffle ticket for **\$20**, you are eligible to win \$100 each week for 52 weeks. You heard that right - after you win, your ticket goes back in the hopper! Winners are posted in the bulletin and their check is mailed to them.



Prizes awarded:
52 Sundays \$100
Easter \$500
Parish Anniversary (6/28) \$500
Parish Picnic \$500
Thanksgiving Day \$1,000
Christmas Day \$500

**First drawing will be
January 4, 2026**

Winners will be posted each week in the bulletin and on the parish website.

How to purchase your raffle ticket:

- Complete the form below and send to the parish office or drop in the collection basket. (Your ticket stub will be mailed to you)
- In the gathering space after selected masses
- Through our parish website, www.saintannparish.org

Mailing Address:

St. Ann Church
2900 W. Galbraith Road
Cincinnati, OH 45239
513-521-8440

Return your entry with donation and a self-addressed stamped envelope.
Your 2026 ticket stub will be mailed to you!!

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Sold By _____



WWMIN MQH BABY SHOWERS UPDATE:

Congratulations to Brittany on the birth of her son, Greyson! He was born on November 12th, weighing 8 lbs. Mom and baby are doing well. Welcome to the world sweet, little Greyson!



LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 14 at 6:00 p.m.
St. James the Greater Church

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our Annual Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 6 in the Church Hall, 9:00-11:00 a.m..

The PTO will be serving up plenty of holiday cheer! In addition to breakfast, there will be festive activities and a chance to snap a picture with Santa! Tickets are \$12.00 each and children under two are free.

RSVP by scanning the QR code or go to <https://st-james-ptd-breakfast-with-santa-25.cheddarup.com>.



Donate to our schools... ...without a cost to you!

For residents of the state of Ohio, there is an **AMAZING** opportunity to help the students of our schools without it costing you anything! You can **use dollars you already owe in state income taxes**.

How does this work?

- Individuals can donate up to \$750 to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). (Married couples can give two \$750 donations totaling the max allowed of \$1,500 per couple.)
- This is a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for your state of Ohio taxes. You receive a tax credit for the amount of your gift up to the \$750 per individual or \$1,500 joint filing.
- Donating is easy!
- Give at this link:
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

Monday, December 1, 2025

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 4:2-6

Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9

Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 26:1-6

Psalms 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 5, 2025

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 29:17-24

Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14

Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

Psalms 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

Saint of the Day: December 3, Patron Saint of Japan and Jewelers

Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years, he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malaysians, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

Read the full article: "Saint Francis Xavier" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-xavier/> (Accessed November 14, 2025).

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