

November 30, 2025  
First Sunday of Advent



*We are a Catholic Community  
empowered by the Body and Blood of Christ  
to know, love, and serve the Lord.*

**PASTOR**

Rev. Matthew Robben

**PAROCHIAL VICARS**

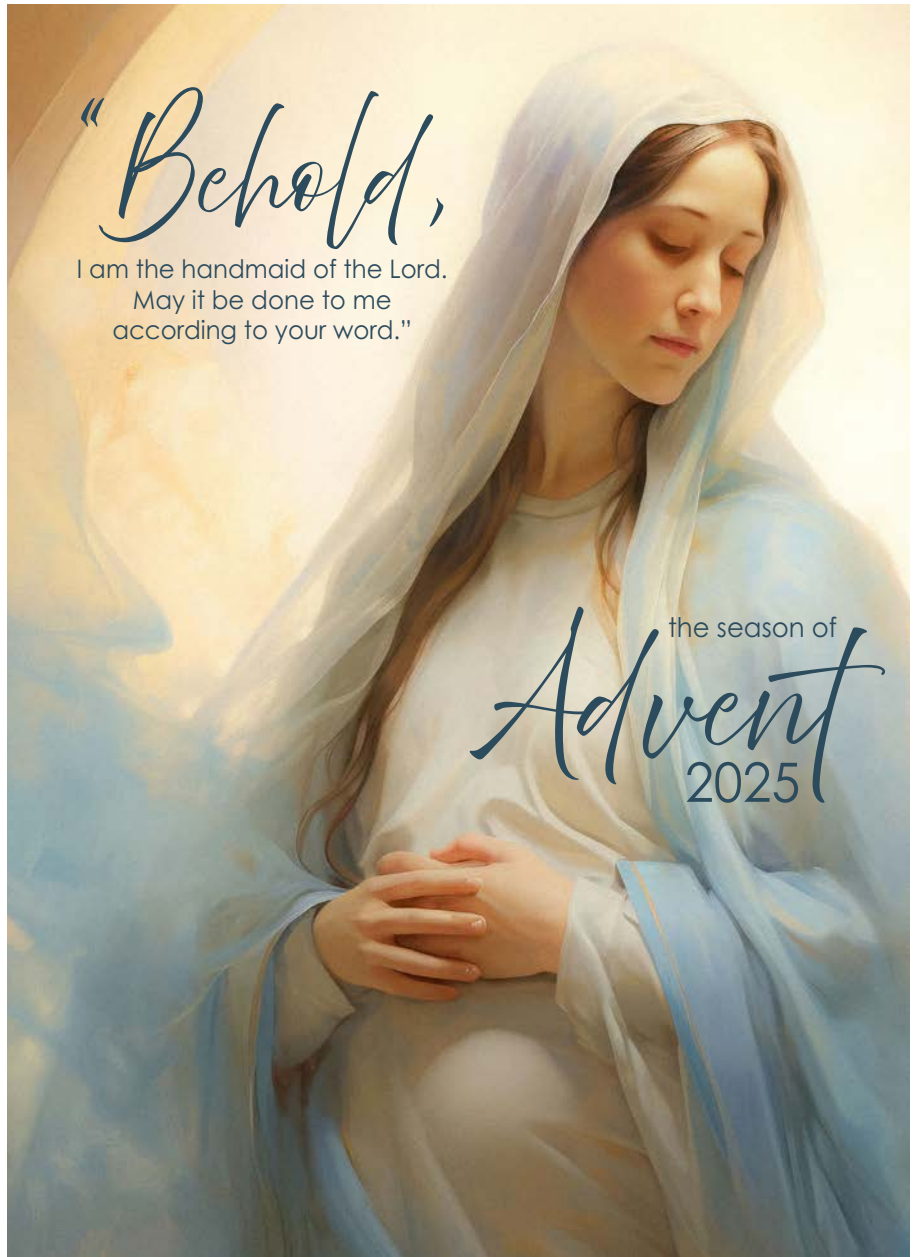
Rev. Benson Lokidiriyo  
Rev. Louis Jacquemin

**DEACONS**

Robert Schroeder,  
St. Antoninus  
Mark Madden, OLL

**Church Office:**

513-494-HOST (4678)  
3442 Lumardo Avenue,  
Cincinnati, OH 45238



**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil**

3:30 p.m. St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
4:00 p.m. St. Antoninus

**Sunday Mass**

8:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes  
9:00 a.m. St. Martin of Tours  
10:00 a.m. St. Antoninus  
11:00 a.m. St. Catharine of Siena  
11:00 a.m. St. Aloysius Gonzaga

**After Hours Sacramental Emergency**

If you have a Sacramental Emergency (Anointing, death in the family, etc.) and the FMHE central Office is closed, please call 513-910-3971.

**RECONCILIATION**

**Monday**

7:15-7:45 a.m. St. Martin of Tours  
9:00-9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes

**Wednesday**

8:30-9:00 a.m. St. Catharine of Siena

**Thursday**

8:30-9:00 a.m. St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
6:30-8:00 p.m. St. Antoninus

**Saturday**

8:30-9:30 a.m. St. Antoninus  
2:00-3:00 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes  
2:00-3:00 p.m. St. Aloysius Gonzaga

**Sunday**

8:00-8:30 a.m. St. Martin of Tours

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**St. Antoninus**

Sunday 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Monday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**St. Aloysius Gonzaga**

Thursday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Saturday 12:00-3:00 p.m.

ST. ALOYSIUS  
stalsbridgetown.org

ST. ANTONINUS  
saintantoninus.org

ST. CATHARINE  
stcathos.org

ST. MARTIN  
martinoftours.org

OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
lourdes.org

Visit Our Family Website: [fmhe.org](http://fmhe.org)



**MASS INTENTIONS:**

To schedule a Mass Intention, stop by the Parish Central Office or call 513-494-4678, ext. 1000. You can also complete a Mass Intention envelope (located in the back of the church) and place it in the collection basket.

**BULLETIN INFORMATION:**

Please turn in bulletin submissions Thursday by 4:00 p.m. (two Thursdays before the Sunday!) Submissions appear in the following weekend, not the coming weekend bulletin. Please submit items to: [bulletin@fmhe.org](mailto:bulletin@fmhe.org).

**TITHES & ONLINE GIVING**

Parishioners may place their giving envelopes in the offertory at any Mass and the contribution will be forwarded to their home parish. *Don't have your envelope?* Online Giving is a simple way to donate to your parish without having to write checks or remember your envelope each week! Please visit [fmhe.org](http://fmhe.org) and click on "Online Giving" to get started. For questions, please contact Beth at 513-494-4678, ext. 1026.

**MASS MINISTRIES**

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Lector at any of our five parishes, you will need to be Commissioned. To sign up, please contact Christy Welsh, Liturgy & Worship Coordinator, at [cwelsh@fmhe.org](mailto:cwelsh@fmhe.org) or call 513-494-4678, ext. 1016.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our parishes have St. Vincent de Paul conferences that help our brothers and sisters in need. This may be by way of support for either food supplies or rent and utilities. Please consider volunteering at one of our St. Vincent de Paul conferences or offer your support by way of donations; we can always use a helping hand! Contact us: OLL 513-347-2645; St. Martin/ St. Aloysius 513-661-0085; St. Catharine 513-661-0652; St. Antoninus 513-332-4600.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, November 29**

8:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	Jack Stetter†	Fr. Benson Lokidiryo
3:30 p.m.	St. Aloysius	Amanda Doll – <i>Special Intention</i>	Fr. Louis Jacquemin
4:00 p.m.	St. Antoninus	Endowment Fund Honorees Both Living & Deceased	Fr. Matthew Robben

**Sunday, November 30**

8:00 a.m.	OLL	Living & Deceased Members of FMHE	Fr. Benson Lokidiryo Fr. Louis Jacquemin Fr. Benson Lokidiryo
9:00 a.m.	St. Martin	Vivian Amlung†	
10:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	Doris Huffman†	
11:00 a.m.	St. Catharine	Margie & Carl Donisi† <i>Wedding Anniversary</i>	Fr. Louis Jacquemin Fr. Matthew Robben
11:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius	Joey Francis Harris†	

**Monday, December 1**

8:00 a.m.	St. Martin	Gordon Ray†	Fr. Benson Lokidiryo
8:30 a.m.	OLL	Jeffrey Roy Parsell†	Fr. Louis Jacquemin

**Tuesday, December 2**

8:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius	Michael Heffron†	Fr. Louis Jacquemin
8:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	Dennis Cavanaugh†	Fr. Matthew Robben

**Wednesday, December 3**

8:00 a.m.	St. Catharine	Matthew Kammerer†	Fr. Louis Jacquemin
8:30 a.m.	OLL	Gerald Cappel†	Fr. Matthew Robben

**Thursday, December 4**

8:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius	Margaret Morrissey† Mary Lou Green†	Fr. Matthew Robben Fr. Benson Lokidiryo
8:00 a.m.	St. Martin	Linda Phillips†	

**Friday, December 5 – First Friday**

8:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	Ellen Gruber†	Fr. Louis Jacquemin
8:00 a.m.	St. Catharine	For The Sick, Homebound, Dying	Fr. Benson Lokidiryo
6:30 p.m.	St. Catharine	Reparations for the Sins of the World	Fr. Benson Lokidiryo

**Saturday, December 6**

8:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	All Who Care For The Sick	Fr. Louis Jacquemin
3:30 p.m.	St. Aloysius	Fred & Marcella Peter†	Fr. Matthew Robben
4:00 p.m.	St. Antoninus	Daniel Sellitti†	Fr. Benson Lokidiryo

**Sunday, December 7**

8:00 a.m.	OLL	Armida Marziali†	Fr. Louis Jacquemin
9:00 a.m.	St. Martin	Bob & Mary Davis	Fr. Matthew Robben
10:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	Living & Deceased Members of FMHE	Fr. Louis Jacquemin Fr. Benson Lokidiryo
11:00 a.m.	St. Catharine	Terry Flanagan†	Fr. Denet Jung
11:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius	Kevin Sullivan†	

*May They Rest in Peace*



Please pray for parishioners within the Family of Parishes who have recently passed away:  
**James Baier- St. Martin of Tours**  
**Gerald Veneman – St. Aloysius Gonzaga**  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



**THE SACRAMENTS**

Christ instituted the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Eucharist, the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. The seven sacraments touch all the stages and important moments of Christian life. Please find below information on obtaining the sacraments.

**BAPTISM:** Expectant parents are asked to call the Evangelization office approximately three months before the anticipated birth date to enroll in the parental preparation program. If you have a child needing to be baptized, please contact Cindy Weidner in the Stewardship and Evangelization office at [cweidner@fmhe.org](mailto:cweidner@fmhe.org). For any questions about infant or child Baptisms, or Baptismal Preparation Classes, please contact Erin Evans at [eevans@fmhe.org](mailto:eevans@fmhe.org).

**MATRIMONY:** We ask that either the bride or groom be a registered, active parishioner for at least six months before arranging a date for your wedding. To get started in your preparation process, please call the Worship office at least six months before your wedding date. Contact Christy Welsh at [Cwelsh@fmhe.org](mailto:Cwelsh@fmhe.org) to discuss the marriage preparation process.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you are anticipating surgery or have become ill and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Christy Welsh in the Worship office.

**HOLY ORDERS:** If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood, please contact Fr. Michael Willig, Archdiocese of Cincinnati Vocations Director, at 513-263-3390 or [vocations@catholicaoc.org](mailto:vocations@catholicaoc.org).

**SACRAMENTAL RECORD REQUEST:** If you are in need of a sacramental record such as a record of Baptism, Confirmation or Marriage, we now have an easy way for you to make your request at all five parishes! Click on the Faith/Formation/Sacraments tab at [fmhe.org](http://fmhe.org) to take you to the page and fill out the form. It's that easy! Once the request has been received, please allow 10 business days for processing.



**FIRST FRIDAY MASS & DEVOTION**

Please join us for First Friday Mass on December 5, 2025, 6:30 p.m., St. Catharine of Siena Church. All are welcome to this beautiful Mass of devotion in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus!

**RITE OF WELCOMING THE CANDIDATES**

The Rite for Entrance Into the Catechumenate (those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil) was celebrated November 23rd at St. Catharine of Siena. Please welcome the following catechumens: **Ciara B., Kaitlyn F., Erin G., Alison H., Andrew M., Elijah O.**

We welcome you and continue to pray for you.



**AROUND THE ADVENT CIRCLE**

We'll start the Church's New Year right by reflecting on the weekly Gospel readings for Advent to see how we can connect our faith with our daily lives.

When: Tuesdays in Advent – November 25, December 2, 9, 16

Where: St. Al's Rectory (enter from Bridgetown Road front door, or from the back church door where someone will guide you to the Rectory).

Time: After 8:00 a.m. Mass (8:30 a.m. for about an hour)

You will receive a handout each week to help in discussions. And you can always count on coffee and pastries being available! Please come, invite your family and friends, and help us all make this a memorable Advent Season as we await the birth of our Savior! For further information, call Mary Sue at 513-662-9753.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Sign up for St. Antoninus at : [Adorationpro.org/saintantoninus](http://Adorationpro.org/saintantoninus)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Monday, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Rosary with Benediction and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

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

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**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Saturday, Noon-3:00 p.m.

St. Aloysius, Thursday, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**ROSARY**

**St. Antoninus**

After 8:00 a.m. weekday Masses

Monday, 7:00 p.m., Church,

Fatima Prayer Group

Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Church

First Friday, 2:00 p.m., Church

**St. Aloysius**

Thursday, 7:35 a.m., Church.

First Saturday, before 3:30 p.m. Mass

**St. Catharine**

Friday, 7:30 a.m., before 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Sunday, 7:30 a.m.,

Wednesday 7:30 a.m.

First Saturday, Noon in church

**St. Martin of Tours**

First Sunday, after 9:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, 7:30 a.m.

**FATIMA HOLY HOUR**

**WITH ROSARY**

Every Monday | 7:00 p.m. |

St. Antoninus Church

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

St. Martin, Monday, after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

St. Catharine,

Friday, after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**

The prayer chain ministry serves to join in prayer with others for our sick, for the elderly, and those who request prayer for a specific need:

Our Lady of Lourdes: Please contact Sharon McBreen at [sdphoto12@fuse.net](mailto:sdphoto12@fuse.net).

St. Aloysius Gonzaga: Please contact Pat Schlimm at 513-662-7151.

St. Martin of Tours: Please contact Carol at 513-451-8566.



FEAST OF THE

# *Immaculate Conception*

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*a Holy Day of Obligation*

## DECEMBER 8, 2025

IN 1854, POPE PIUS IX DECLARED THE  
DOGMA OF

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:  
THE MOST HOLY VIRGIN MARY WAS, IN  
THE VERY FIRST MOMENT OF HER  
CONCEPTION, BY A UNIQUE GIFT OF  
GRACE AND PRIVILEGE OF ALMIGHTY  
GOD AND IN VIEW OF THE MERITS OF  
JESUS CHRIST THE REDEEMER OF  
MANKIND, PRESERVED FREE FROM ALL  
STAINS OF ORIGINAL SIN. (INEFFABILIS  
DEUS, APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTION OF  
POPE PIUS IX ON THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION).

*Mass Times:*

8:00AM ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

8:00AM ST. ANTONINUS

8:00AM ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA

8:30AM OUR LADY OF LOURDES

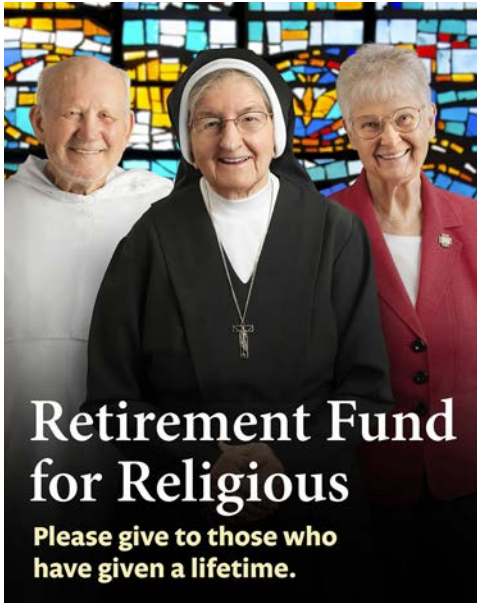
5:00PM OUR LADY OF LOURDES

7:00PM ST. MARTIN OF TOURS



### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

The FMHE family-wide Penance Service will be on Wednesday, December 17th, 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. Prepare your heart (and soul) for the coming of the Christ Child!



### RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

On the second Sunday of December, December 14th, there is a collection for our retired priests, nuns, and those in religious orders who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church. Their sacrifice and service cannot be appreciated enough. We enjoy being able to attend Mass when it otherwise wouldn't be celebrated, we see the kind face that visits us in hospitals, nursing homes, and retirement facilities; we find comfort in the joy they bring to the sick and suffering. These wonderful men and women deserve our support and our monetary sacrifice to assist in their growing healthcare costs and living expenses. Give to the Retirement Fund for the Religious through online giving, using the Sunday envelope, or going to the website at [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org). Appreciate their sacrifice. Give to those who for so many years of their lives, gave – and continue to give – to us.

### ADVENTFEST

Due to lack of volunteers, there will be no Adventfest this year at St. Antoninus. Anyone who would like to assist with this event next year, please contact Erin Evans in the Office of Evangelization at [eevans@fmhe.org](mailto:eevans@fmhe.org).



### BAMBINELLI BLESSINGS

The Blessing of the Bambinelli was first instituted by Pope St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Pope blesses the figurines. Now celebrated in other churches

around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church. On **December 13 and 14**, bring the baby Jesus from your home Nativity to any Vigil or Sunday Mass for a special blessing after the homily!

### MUSIC OF ADVENT – A FAMILY MONDAY EVENT!

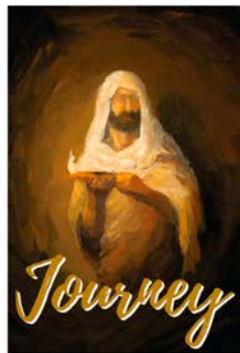
On Monday, December 15, enjoy Advent/Christmas readings accompanied by beautiful Advent choral music from the Ensemble Con Fuoco, directed by David Castillo. Family Monday dinners take place at Our Lady of Lourdes campus in the school cafeteria. Free Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Advent presentation will be in the Our Lady of Lourdes Church Gathering Space from 7:00-8:00 p.m. *All are welcome!*



## Family Mondays Advent Reflections

Join us for food, faith, and fellowship  
December 7, 8 & 15

As *Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture* follows the four weeks of Advent, it will help us prepare for and unpack the readings at Mass each week. Each day, in a few short pages, Fr. Toups from Ascension Press provides you with aids to help guide your prayer:

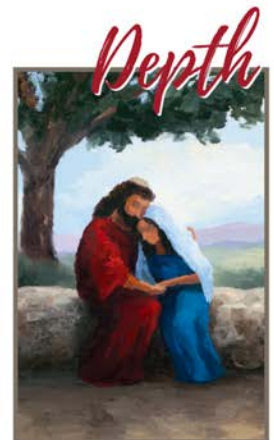


- **A word** - Focus on a single word each day to help you enter more deeply into that week's readings.
- **A reflection** - Explore each week's readings and enter more deeply into them.
- **A prompt** - Space is provided each day to journal. Record how the Lord is speaking to you this Advent.

This is a beautiful and simple way to journey through advent.

**Please join us on Mondays during Advent at 6pm in the Our Lady of Lourdes school cafeteria for a soup supper, followed by the Advent Reflections program!**

For questions or more information, contact Erin Evans in the Office of Evangelization, [eevans@fmhe.org](mailto:eevans@fmhe.org).



GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE THIS SEASON

# Giving Tree 2025

Pick an ornament from trees beginning  
NOVEMBER 15 - 16.

Return gifts to church with tags  
attached DECEMBER 6 - 7.

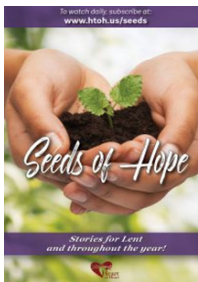
Support local families and parishioners!

Want to donate?  
Kroger gift cards are also welcome!

Thank you for your generosity and  
for helping us bring hope and joy  
to those most in need!



## RETURN GIFTS DECEMBER 6 - 7



### 2ND SIGN STUDY GROUP

The final meeting of the 2nd Sign Study Group will be held Saturday, December 13th, in St. Antoninus Undercroft's Holy Family Room from 9:00-10:30 a.m. The Jubilee Year 2025, "Pilgrims of Hope," comes to an end this Epiphany. What were your experiences during this past year? What signs of Hope did you see? Then we celebrate another "Jubilee." Twenty-five

years since the publication of "Inspiration" by Fr. Jim Willig (now called "Seeds of Hope") – a former St. Antoninus parishioner. Each participant will receive this booklet and we highlight some poignant reflections. We will celebrate 10 years and 4 months of monthly meetings with a special quiche breakfast. Our monthly meetings will end, but the group will still hold a yearly visit to Our Lady's Farm in Falmouth, KY and make Christmas cards for prisoners in November. We are grateful for the many insights into our rich Catholic faith we have experienced over these 10 years. Thank you everyone for taking this journey. For questions, contact Monica Kleimeyer at [mitzkleimeyer@gmail.com](mailto:mitzkleimeyer@gmail.com).

### SAUERKRAUT SUPPER – NEW HOST SPONSOR NEEDED

For the past 78 years on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the OLL Men's Club has held the annual Sauerkraut Supper Stag and carryout in OLL cafeteria. This event raises funds that are distributed for special purchases or maintenance projects. At this time, a new host sponsor is being sought to continue this traditional event. If any group in the FMHE parish family is interested in taking over this event, please contact Steve for more information at [sklas5577@zoomtown.com](mailto:sklas5577@zoomtown.com) or call 513-451-0202.



### MEALS FOR PRIESTS

We are once again offering to bring meals to our priests! The starting date was November 18th, but there are plenty of spots still open! Please visit the front page of our website at [fmhe.org](http://fmhe.org) or scan the QR code. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



### STOCKINGS FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND FMHE PARISHIONERS

Share the love of Christ and make Christmas memorable for our homebound parishioners by stuffing and delivering Christmas stockings. Stuffing the stockings will be **December 17th, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** at the FMHE Youth Center (OLL Campus) and delivery of stockings will be on **December 18th, starting at 9:00 a.m.**; pickup at the Youth Center. All are welcome to join in stuffing the stockings and delivering to our homebound parishioners! For any questions, please contact Erin Evans in the Stewardship & Evangelization Office at 513-494-4678, ext. 1005.



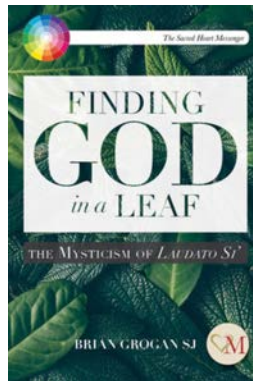
### GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is always the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. While families enjoyed time with each other on Thanksgiving Day, they celebrated what it is to be family and how important it is to have a familial connection – a connection to our past and the hope we can see for our future. That is what family is all about – the gift that our loved ones have shared and the hopes

and dreams of the future. Building on what we can be thankful for, we should also focus on the family that is our Church. Loving hands have built our church community and we should continue to build on that love by sharing our treasures for the love of God and family. On this Giving Tuesday, please prayerfully consider growing the family of faith by helping our churches, schools, and meeting spaces continue to run and welcome others. Leave a family legacy for our future. Leave a legacy for Jesus.

Online giving is available on the FMHE and individual websites. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions about online giving or the Legacy Lists.

### LAUDATO SI' CIRCLE.



The December meeting for Laudato Si' Circle will be held Wednesday, December 10th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. *Finding God in a Leaf* – we will review several meditations in this booklet by Brian Grogan SJ. The author brings the background of Ignatian spirituality and a lived appreciation of God's creation to his book of meditations on Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si. These reflections serve as a daily invitation to notice in ordinary creation the invitation of God to

love and care for all God's creation. For the Zoom link, contact Monica at [laudatosicircle@gmail.com](mailto:laudatosicircle@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**  
NOVEMBER 15/16, 2025

Our Lady of Lourdes	\$ 12,870.90
St. Aloysius Gonzaga	\$ 18,817.29
St. Antoninus	\$ 11,701.30
St. Catharine of Siena	\$ 8,581.65
St. Martin of Tours	\$ 10,809.85



**YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT**  
**DON'T MISS OUT!**  
**"LOVE ONE ANOTHER"**

Tuesday, December 2 | 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
OLL Church & Youth Center

Students in 6th-8th grade, you're invited to an evening filled with prayer, worship, games, and great company! Bring your friends and join us as we grow together in faith and friendship. Don't miss this chance to connect, have fun, and be inspired!



**ADULT SOCIAL GROUP LUNCHEON**

St. Antoninus will host the next FMHE Adult Social Group Luncheon on Monday, December 15th at 12:00 p.m. in the Undercroft. Payment of \$13.00 MUST be made to St. Antoninus Rectory no later than **Wednesday, December 10th**. We will have a presentation on Christmas Traditions in Cincinnati and Santa will be there. Bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift. For questions, call Carole, 513-922-2177.

The Adult Social Group is an excellent social activity that has been occurring for many years in the Saint Antoninus Undercroft. This group meets once per month from February-December and includes lunch and a guest speaker. All FMHE Family of Parishes members ages 55 and older are welcome to attend. The cost is \$13.00. The current chairpersons, David and Marilyn Wempe and Carole Jones have decided to step down after eight years. Anyone interested in taking over as chairpersons, please contact Carole Jones at 513-922-2177.

**MASS ATTENDANCE – NOVEMBER 15/16**

MASS			Attendance	Capacity	Empty Seats
Saturday, November 15	3:30 p.m.	St. Aloysius	248	550	302
	4:00 p.m.	St. Antoninus	160	840	680
Sunday, November 16	8:00 a.m.	OLL	189	760	571
	9:00 a.m.	St. Martin	325	655	330
	10:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	325	840	515
	11:00 a.m.	St. Catharine	223	475	252
	11:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius	172	550	378
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1,642</b>	<b>4,670</b>	<b>3,028</b>

**MEN: DISCOVER YOUR BETTER SELF WITH CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH**

Join us on a two-day inspirational, faith-filled weekend to help you discover what's missing in your life. Overnight accommodations and meals provided. No cost to attend. Christ Renews His Parish Men's weekend is January 31-February 1, 2026 at St. Antoninus. Visit [saintantoninus.org/mens-christ-renews-his-parish](http://saintantoninus.org/mens-christ-renews-his-parish) or email [menschrpsta@gmail.com](mailto:menschrpsta@gmail.com) for questions and to register.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING – DECEMBER 3, 2025**

All parents of this year's First Reconciliation candidates (both school and PREP students) are required to attend a Parent Catechesis Meeting on December 3, 2025 in the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church at 6:30 p.m. Students are not required to attend. Please mark your calendars.

All important dates and other pertinent information for the 2025-2026 school year can be found at [fmhe.org/firstreconciliation-communion](http://fmhe.org/firstreconciliation-communion). Questions? Contact Julie McDonald, Director of Religious Education, at [jmcdonald@fmhe.org](mailto:jmcdonald@fmhe.org).



**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS: PRESERVING OUR TREASURES, ILLUMINATING OUR FUTURE**

A thriving congregation built a legacy in 1923 when they erected St. Martin of Tours. Stained glass art windows from the artisans of the Oidtmann Studios of Linnich, Germany radiate Christ's teachings and beautify God's church. A pageant of stained-glass lines the naves illustrating the Beatitudes. The procession of Corpus Christi and the Communion of Saints light the transepts.

At the apse above the baldacchino, windows recount the seven sacraments. Sacristy windows from the F. X. Zettler studio of Munich tell the stories of St. Stephen and the Good Samaritan. In the former baptistry, Christ's Baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist marks the beginning of His public ministry, reminding us of our own Baptism.

It's now our turn to become the steward of these marvelous works of

art by restoring them. Please join us on **December 7th at our Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass** when we talk about what is being done to preserve our treasures.



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

St. Aloysius Gonzaga will host the annual “Breakfast With Santa” on December 6, 2025, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the school gym and cafeteria. Cost is \$5.00 per person; children under 2 are free. Order forms and money are due by December 1st! Join us for this special event of crafts, games, and meeting Santa! For questions or to make a reservation by phone, please contact Melissa at 513-574-4035.

**\*\*\* NO REFUNDS\*\*\***

Quantity	Item	Amount	
	<b>TICKETS</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	
<b>Total Amount</b>			

**Reservations by phone – please call Melissa at 513-574-4035**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Children:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Under 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment type:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CASH** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHECK (made out to St Al’s PTO)**



**LOURDES LOTTO**

Purchase your tickets! Lourdes Lotto runs until July of 2026 and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place drawings (\$250.00, 1st place, \$100.00, 2nd place, and \$75.00, 3rd) will be held monthly until July 1, 2026. If you would like to improve your chances of being a winner in our annual lottery, pick up your tickets

at the FMHE main office! Ticket prices are: one for \$20.00, three for \$50.00, and seven for \$100.00.



**2ND ANNUAL ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA SCHOOL PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE TICKETS**

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00, 10 for \$40.00, 15 for \$60.00, etc. Tickets must be purchased by midnight the Wednesday before each drawing to be entered into that Friday’s drawing.

Drawings are the 1st Friday of every month. The Grand Prize (and final drawing) will be drawn June 5th, 2026 for May. To purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit the St. Al’s Online Giving page.

Please enter your name, phone number, email address and the selling student’s name (if applicable) in the Notes field. If you have any questions about the raffle, contact ptogala@saintals.org.

**SUPPORT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL!**

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Foundation for Catholic Education (EIN 45-5404691; also known as The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or CEF) has been certified by Ohio as a scholarship-granting organization (SGO).

In keeping with the mission of CEF and the regulations of an SGO, CEF-SGO provides financial-need-based scholarships to students in grades K-12 within the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

**WHY DONATE TO CEF-SGO?** Supporting students and their formation through Catholic Education is a great way to share our blessings and faith with younger generations. The CEF-SGO may now allow for Catholic Education supporters to be able to receive a tax credit for their generosity. *Ohio taxpayers who donate to SGOs may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable\* tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750.00 per donor (up to \$1,500.00 if married and filing jointly).*

*Please note:* According to a representative from the Ohio Department of Taxation, if you file a married joint return, each taxpayer needs to make their own \$750.00 contribution to claim the maximum tax credit of \$1,500.00. To make a donation, please visit: <https://catholicbestchoice.org/sgo/>.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### November 29

*Advent Wreath Blessing before all Masses*

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus, Chapel

8:45 a.m. – Men's Morning of Spiritual Fellowship –  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Trinity Hall

12:00-3:30 p.m. – Adoration – OLL, Church

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Confessions – OLL, Church

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Confessions – St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Church

### November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

*Advent Wreath Blessing before all Masses*

8:00-8:30 a.m. – Confessions – St. Martin of Tours, Church

9:00 a.m. – Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – St. Antoninus,  
Holy Family Room

11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus, Chapel

### December 1

7:15-7:45 a.m. – Confessions – St. Martin of Tours

7:30 a.m. – Rosary – St. Martin of Tours, Church

9:00-9:30 a.m. – Confessions – Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus, Chapel

10:00-11:30 a.m. – Monday Morning Bible Study –  
St. Catharine of Siena, Rectory

6:00 p.m. – Family Mondays – Our Lady of Lourdes, Cafeteria

6:45 p.m. – PREP – Our Lady of Lourdes, Youth Center

7:00-8:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group/Rosary –  
St. Antoninus, Church

8:00 p.m. – Men's CRHP Meeting – St. Antoninus, Holy Family Room

### December 2

8:30 a.m. – Around the Advent Circle – St. Aloysius Gonzaga,  
Rectory

9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus, Chapel

6:00-9:00 p.m. – IGNITE Youth Ministry – Our Lady of Lourdes,  
Church & Youth Center

7:00 p.m. – Boy Scout Meeting – St. Martin of Tours,  
Red School Building

7:00-8:30 p.m. – Walking with Purpose – Our Lady of Lourdes,  
Archive Room

### December 3

8:30-9:00 a.m. – Confessions – St. Catharine of Siena

9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus, Chapel

6:00 p.m. – OCIA – Central Parish Office,  
Lg. Conference Room

6:30 p.m. – First Reconciliation Parent Meeting –  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Church

7:00 p.m. – Bingo – St. Martin of Tours, Fr. Mick Hall

### December 4

8:30-9:00 a.m. – Confessions & Adoration –  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga

9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus, Chapel

6:30 p.m. – Choir & Bell Choir practice –  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Church

6:30-8:00 p.m. – Confessions – St. Antoninus

### December 5

9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus, Chapel

6:30 p.m. – First Friday Mass –  
St. Catharine of Siena, Church

### December 6

*Giving Tree Gifts – Return Date*

6:30 a.m. – St. Joseph Bootcamp – St. Antoninus,  
Holy Family Room

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus, Chapel

8:45 a.m. – Men's Morning of Spiritual Fellowship –  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Trinity Hall

12:00-3:30 p.m. – Adoration – OLL, Church

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Confessions – OLL, Church

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Confessions –  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Church

### December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

*Giving Tree Gifts – Return Date*

8:00-8:30 a.m. – Confessions – St. Martin of Tours, Church

9:00 a.m. – Contemporary Choir Rehearsal –  
St. Antoninus, Holy Family Room

11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus, Chapel



## LOVE IN ACTION

**We accompany. We love. We serve. Join us. Pray/Donate/Volunteer.**

### **Specific St. Vincent de Paul Conference Needs:**

**The St. Martin/St. Aloysius St. Vincent de Paul pantry** thanks you for the donations of soup for our pantry. This week, The St. Martin/St. Al SVdP pantry is asking for crackers to go along with the soup. Any kind of crackers will be appreciated – Ritz, Club, Oyster, Saltines, etc., are all welcome additions to our shelves. Items may be placed in the bins located at each door of the church. Many thanks for all your donations.

**Our Lady of Lourdes:** The Our Lady of Lourdes food pantry is in need of Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, pasta sauce, spaghetti, Ramen noodles –chicken & beef, and reusable shopping bags. Thank you, and God bless you for all you do for the Our Lady of Lourdes Food Pantry!



## TENDER MERCIES DINNER

Thanks so much to Ken and Margee Garbsch and their family for captaining the November FMHE Tender Mercies Dinner again this year. It has been a tradition during this month of Thanksgiving for the Garbsch Family to bring delicious food to the residents, who so enjoy it. Thanks for all you do and thanks to all of our family members who brought donations to the dinner. The December Tender Mercies Christmas Dinner will be hosted by veterans of the program, Jan and Craig Montgomery. There will be a sign-up board in St. Al's Tekulve Room if you would like to bring items for the dinner. Also, if you would like to volunteer to host a future dinner or would like to find out more about the FMHE Tender Mercies Dinner Program, please contact Marilyn Schutte at 513-574-9859. God's loving work continues.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION



### SANTA'S VILLAGE & HOLIDAY MARKET

Join us on December 6, 2025, noon-5:00 p.m., 3709 Harrison Avenue, Cheviot, OH 45211. Enjoy free hot chocolate for the kids, a picture with Santa, live music, food trucks, craft vendors, and more! This is a free event in the Cheviot Municipal parking lot on Harrison Avenue, **open to all!** Put on your Christmas cheer and join in the fun!

For more information, go to <https://www.cheviotsantavillage.com/>. *50% of the profits from this event will go toward the purchase of a new firetruck for the City of Cheviot!*

### MUGS FOR MEALS

The 12th Annual Mugs for Meals will take place on Saturday, December 6th, in front of the Cheviot Firehouse on Harrison Avenue. **Donations will benefit the St. Martin/St. Al's St. Vincent de Paul Chapter and West Fed Food Pantry** (St. Catharine SVdP is a part of West Fed). Donations will be collected from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Check donations accepted



and can be mailed to: CHEVIOT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION/ Mugs for Meals, P.O. Box 11250, Cheviot, OH 45211.

### PREGNANCY LOSS ADVOCATE CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Heaven's Gain Ministries, a national pregnancy loss non-profit headquartered in Greater Cincinnati, OH, is hosting their next pregnancy loss advocate training on January 12 and 13 virtually. The Advocates for Parents of Perinatal Loss (APPL) Certification Program is a 12-hour course which is specifically designed to instruct advocates in non-medical methods of supporting parents experiencing the loss of a baby in any trimester: miscarriage, stillbirth, or early newborn death. This comprehensive training educates client advocates to serve parents experiencing pregnancy loss: before, during, and after the delivery of their precious baby. It's especially designed for those who want to know how to make birth plans with clients experiencing pregnancy loss and have not yet delivered their baby. The cost for this training is \$500.00 per student, with a partial scholarship price of \$400.00 for Pro-life organizations, and \$125.00 for those in Cincinnati intending to volunteer for Heaven's Gain. Learn more and register by December 1st at <https://theavensgain.org/appl/>.



### RETRouvaille – HOPE

**Retrouvaille – HOPE** for couples going through difficult times in their marriages. Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of two months. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on **January 9-11, 2026**, call **513-486-6222** or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

### MILLIONS OF MONICAS:

#### ONE HOUR. ONE PURPOSE. OUR CHILDREN.

Join other mothers to gather in prayer to grow in holiness and humility, and for their children's return to the Catholic Church. Second Monday of each month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Visitation Church. For information, contact Beth at 513-207-8998.

### MEN'S RETREAT IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM

St. Joseph, Our Model for Living in this World: Although St. Joseph never utters a word in the Scriptures, he is known as the terror of demons. His role as husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus makes him an important model to follow. The retreat begins 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 5 to December 7, 2025 at Presentation Ministries' Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center (5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles, OH 45660). Guest rooms available and meals provided. You can also take time to enjoy our trails, rock formations and wooded hillsides. Cost is a donation – Pray and “Do whatever He tells you.” For more information and to preregister, go to [presentationministries.com](http://presentationministries.com) or call 513-373-2397.