

# The Roman Catholic Community of SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON



## Our Mission

Saint Paschal Baylon is a joyful, welcoming community centered in the Eucharist. We are administered by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS) in the Diocese of Cleveland. Through our liturgy and prayer, we are empowered to grow in faith, love and service.

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For information about the Parish School,  
visit: SaintPaschal.net

## Worship of the Eucharist

**Saturday:** 4:30pm in church  
**Sunday:** 8:30am, 10:30am, & 6:30pm in church  
**Weekdays:** 9:00am in church, 11:30am in Saint Ann Shrine  
**Saturday:** 9:00am in church

## Confession

**Saturday:** 3:30 – 4:15pm in church or by appointment,  
Communal Services during Advent and Lent

## Anointing of the Sick

First Sunday of the month after 8:30am Mass in church or by appointment.

## Liturgy of the Hours

**Morning Prayer:** 8:00am church  
**Evening Prayer:** 4:45pm OLBS Chapel in church (M–F only)

## The Rosary

**Monday – Saturday:** 8:30am in church  
**Wednesday:** 11am in Saint Ann Shrine

## Veneration of the Relic of Saint Ann

**Tuesday:** 11:20am in Saint Ann Shrine or ask a priest before or after Mass to prepare for surgery or for other spiritual needs.

## Prayer in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Community @ Prayer ministry continues the tradition of keeping vigil until the Lord Jesus Christ returns in glory. Our prayer extends the blessings of the Mass where we share in the Risen Christ's Body and Blood.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (a liturgical act) occurs Thursdays from 9:30 am until 8:00 pm with special exposition time throughout the year (i.e., Taizé Eucharistic Holy Hours, Saint Ann Triduum, Saint Peter Julian Eymard Triduum, etc.). See inside the bulletin for details.

The church is always open for prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle ("adoration"). Please make a visit to pray, as Saint Peter Julian Eymard would say, the "4-ends" of adoration, forgiveness, thanksgiving and petition. When the church is locked, see the pastor for the special parking area and code to enter the church to pray throughout the night in the tradition of nocturnal prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Media

**Bulletin Material:** email: Bulletin@SaintPaschal.com  
Join us on all major social media.

**YouTube Channel:** Please click on our website, [church.saintpaschal.net](http://church.saintpaschal.net), to subscribe for our regular videos and worship events, broadcasted and archived.

# MASS INTENTIONS AND HAPPENINGS AT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON

December 25-31, 2023

<b>Monday, December 25</b> The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (Day) Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 (Dawn) Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 (Night) Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14	8:30 AM MASS: Chuck & Linda Smerglia 10:30 AM MASS: † Terrence McCreary 11:30 AM MASS: † NO MASS (Saint Ann's Shrine)	
<b>Tuesday, December 26</b> Saint Stephen, The First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17; Mt 10:17-22	9:00 AM MASS: † Bernadette Ungar 11:30 AM NO MASS (Saint Ann's Shrine)	2:00-4:00 PM: Social Activities – DK 7:00-8:00 PM: Men's Bible Study – DK
<b>Wednesday, December 27</b> Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8	9:00 AM MASS: Special Intentions 11:30 AM MASS: † Felix Strzelecki (Saint Ann's Shrine)	6:30-7:30 PM: Adult Choir Practice – CH
<b>Thursday, December 28</b> The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18	9:00 AM MASS: † Gary Brichacek & † Gregory Brichacek 11:30 AM MASS: † Al Nevulis (Saint Ann's Shrine)	3:30-4:30 PM: Children's Choir Practice – CH
<b>Friday, December 29</b> Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35	9:00 AM MASS: † Edward Kazimir (Birthday) 11:30 AM MASS: Special Intentions (Saint Ann's Shrine)	
<b>Saturday, December 30</b> Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40	9:00 AM MASS: Rizalda R. Morales & † Inocentes R. Morales, Sr. 4:30 PM MASS: † Brian Rhodes (VIGIL – Holy Family)	
<b>Sunday, December 31</b> The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40	8:30 AM MASS: † Gerald Jankowski 10:30 AM MASS: † Jack & † Jason Turcotte 4:30 PM (VIGIL) MASS: † Inocentes R. Morales, Jr. & † Johnny R. Morales	

## CAMPUS KEY FOR ROOM LOCATIONS

AR = Arkin's Conference Rm  
CC = Church Chapel  
CN = Church Narthex  
CH = Church  
DK = Sr. Dorothy Kazel Rm  
EK = Eymard Kitchen  
ER = Eymard Rm  
FLC = Family Life Center

FLL = Family Life Library  
JB = Saint Julie Billiard Rm  
JG = Jette Gym  
MR = FLC Music Rm  
PP = Parish Parlor  
OBH = O'Brien Hall  
SC = School  
YG = Youth Group Rm

## YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS

Questions? Contact Mrs. Cross, Director of Youth Ministry,  
at [ecross@saintpaschal.com](mailto:ecross@saintpaschal.com)



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opportunities, trips & more



## A LETTER FROM FR. LANE



### 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:

This year, Advent is the shortest amount of time: three weeks and a day! Today, we hear the readings of the Annunciation of the Lord to Mary. Then, our timeline rushes through the day (about nine months later) to have the birth or Nativity of Christ. These readings during this sacred time remind us of the possibilities God has for us – especially when we, like Mary, say “yes!”

What is God inviting you to next? What is asked of you? Will we trust in the Holy Spirit working in our lives and accept God’s invitation? In the midst of a very busy time for some of us, and a more reflective time for others, let’s take a moment in the midst of it all and pray over these questions to make sure we are not missing the “God moment,” the incarnation! Angels, shepherds and Magi, (and in some circles, a drummer boy) shared the message that God is with us! Let us not miss that moment!

### HELP WITH OUR RENOVATIONS OF O’BRIEN HALL:

The two most used spaces on our campus need our help: a refresh and more. First, our beloved first church has been O’Brien Hall (named after our first pastor) since 1971. The last renovation of the space was in 1974 when it became a Bingo Hall and full-time cafeteria. It’s also used for PSR, Band, Scouts, Craft Shows and other big events for us on the weekends. While it has a new HVAC system, and a 10-year-old roof, the interior needs our loving care, updated bathrooms, a Family Bathroom space and much more.

Meanwhile, the Eymard Room of the Family Life Center is 22 years old and needs a new roof, new ceiling, expanded storage, updated kitchen equipment and finishing of the dishwashing system that was not completed in 2001. Plus, other items that others have identified – and so may you! This is where we need your help! In the past year (since the reception of the challenge grant in December 2022), we have had focus group and large group sessions to receive your input. Since August, we have had an architect team working with us, and now they wish to present some options for moving forward. They have heard our feedback, and they want to make sure they got it correctly noted. They will present concept plans to us *before finalizing anything!!* Come be part of our SPB history in setting the direction for these two spaces! Join us in the **TOWN HALL MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 6:30 PM in the EYMARD ROOM.**

**EUCARIST IS A VERB, NOUN, ADVERB, ADJECTIVE AND INTERJECTION!** Join in this workshop where we learn more about the most important thing we do as a Catholic – celebrate the Eucharist. Learn more about it through our workshop, **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 6:30 PM in church.** Come with your questions and thoughts about the Eucharist/Mass that you have always wanted to address.

**PLANNING FOR SPRING FLING 15:** Our first organizational meeting, is Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 PM in the parish parlor. Our core committee needs help. Consider joining our festive band of women and men. Need additional info? Contact Bob Mastrangelo at bgmastrangelo@gmail.com or at 440.442.2854. May 16-19! Around the days of our patron saint, Paschal Baylon – the patron of food, hospitality and the Eucharist!



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS COMING:** Spread the word about our award-winning Catholic school, a vital ministry of our parish. Invite them to attend our Catholic School Mass on **Sunday, January 28 at 10:30 AM** and the Open House following. We

thank our Athletic Association for the Pancake Breakfast that is also that Sunday, from 8:30 AM until Noon in O’Brien Hall. Then take a tour of our amazing center of learning.

The following Sunday is our PSR Celebration, **Sunday, February 4, 10:30 AM** Mass followed by our annual gathering in the Eymard Room with pizza and more! We celebrate all the great faith formation here. Also, having had excellent couples coming for marriage preparation, I can tell you our faith formation works!

**MINISTRY FAIR:** Group leaders, please sign up for a table for our annual time to promote our ministries and organizations, **February 10 & 11.** Call or email the parish office. Remember, this year is a Mardi Gras theme after each Mass. Dear parishioners, please plan on attending to enjoy the food and fellowship.

**PLANNING FOR LENT:** You may think it is crazy or too soon, but Lent is so much earlier this year and our good people of the parish are planning so many wonderful events for you, and you can sign up and participate. Remember how Green Knight sold out so quickly? We don’t want you to miss out on the spiritual events that will change your life! Here’s a quick summary to note for the **MANY EXCITING THINGS WE HAVE FOR LENT!**

- **ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES: February 14 – 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:15 PM or 7:00 PM.** We will have a service of the Word and ashes at 4:00 PM (twenty-minutes of prayer with our CEE Co-Director, Mona Grigsby Suarez presiding).
- Come view the **EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT** outside the Saint Ann Shrine of Saint Paschal Baylon’s Parish Office from **February 18 until March 2nd at 9:00-11:00 AM weekdays and weekends 9:00 AM-Noon.** This is a perfect *Lent* event for the entire family! (Please park in the Wilson Mills Horseshoe parking lot and enter through either of the entrances for the Parish Office or the accessible Saint Ann Shrine entrance outside – down the ramp.) **Carlo Acutis** (May 3, 1991-October 12, 2006) was an English-born Italian Catholic youth and website designer, who documented the Eucharistic miracles and catalogued them onto a website, <http://www.miracolieucaaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>, which he created before his death from leukemia. He was known for his cheerfulness, computer skills, and deep devotion to the Eucharist, which became a center theme of his life. He was beatified by the Catholic Church on October 10, 2020, two days before the 14th anniversary of his death. He was inspired to create an online

website dedicated to cataloging each reported Eucharistic miracle in the world, as a new way to share about faith with the younger generation.” ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carlo\\_Acutis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carlo_Acutis)) For more information on Blessed Carlo Acutis, visit <http://www.carloacutis.com/>. Thanks to Francesca Calanni for organizing this, and if you have any questions, contact her at: [fdifiore08@jcu.edu](mailto:fdifiore08@jcu.edu).

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Fridays of Lent, 6:30 PM in the church.
- **OPERATION RICE BOWL:** Be sure to pick up one for your dining room table.
- **PRAYER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: (ADORATION IS ONE TYPE OF PRAYER – WE DON’T LIMIT OUR PRAYER AT SPB!)** Come 24/7 to pray in the chapel. Help us add days to the week where we pray in a circle of devotion and witness. Currently, we have Thursdays as the day of the Eucharist. Let’s add another day. See the church chapel for more details. Ask me for the code to the night door.
- **PARISH MISSION: Weekend Masses and Monday – Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 PM February 24-28** (back by popular demand) with Fr. Ron Hoye, CM.
- **TETELESTAI PASSION PLAY LIVE IN OUR CHURCH: Friday – Sunday, March 1-3.** Back by popular demand, and for the entire family, enjoy the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. “Tetelestai” comes from a Greek word that is the last words of Christ on the cross: “It is finished.” The message of Christ’s life is never finished, so invite folks to come to the three performances – one or all! If you would like to be an usher, please let me know! **Please note that the stage will be built around the altar and sanctuary like in the past.** We appreciate you adjusting for this weekend and taking the cue of our liturgical ministers.
- **LIFE IN THE EUCHARIST SCRIPTURAL RETREAT:** Friday and Saturday, **March 8 & 9.** Join us for a retreat that is grounded in the Bible and the Eucharist. This retreat has not been given at SPB for almost 20 years. In the five special moments of Sacred Scripture, see how the Eucharist molds our life with God’s Word. Rather than going away for a retreat, enjoy it here on our campus.
- **FAITH SHARING-SMALL GROUPS:** Join one of the many groups, during the day or night, either at our parish or Saint Clare, to deepen your experience of the readings and community. Sign-up will be up soon after all the Masses or online.

**NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** All youth and adults are welcome to become an altar server to assist the priest and other liturgical ministers. *We really need servers for the weekend Masses & funerals.* Our next session of training begins on Tuesday, **February 6 at 2:30-3:30 PM.** Watch our training video online, too, and we will start the “on-the-job” training as soon as you wish!



**WELCOME TO POSTULANT:** The first stage to becoming a religious of the Blessed Sacrament is the time of formation called “postulancy.” It’s a time of some study, ministry, prayer and learning the rhythm of community life. We welcome to our campus Matthew Vlastelica, originally from Sydney, but he has been living in New York City and now joins us

here. You’ll see him at Mass, lectoring, assisting in our Young Adult Ministry and more.

So, this is not going to be a boring winter or Lent here at SPB! We have many wonderful times of prayer, service and worship, and we hope these times will lead to an amazing 2024 for you! On behalf of

the Blessed Sacrament Community, the Sisters of Notre Dame in our convent and the Pastoral Staff, have a joyous Christmas! Thank you so much for being part of the SPB faith community, and thank you for your stewardship: your time, talent and treasure that supports the 55 ministries of our parish! God bless you, and let us continue to pray for each other!

In Christ our Eucharist,

*John Thomas J. Lane*

Very Reverend John Thomas J. Lane, SSS  
8th Pastor & 14th Provincial Superior  
of the Province of Saint Ann

## PARISH CALENDAR

**FOR SNOWSTORMS OR OTHER WEATHER ISSUES REMEMBER:** When Mayfield Schools are closed – SPB is closed with no evening meetings. Please remain at home for your safety, for this allows our maintenance team to not worry about cars in the way of plowing. **We will also send out a notice via our *Paschal Life* email.** We may also have our own closure for weather or other issue (e.g., no water or electricity, etc.). If you are not receiving Saturday emails from the parish, you are not on our email list. **PLEASE CONTACT US TODAY!**

- **NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) – CAROLS AND MUSIC HALF-HOUR BEFORE THE SERVICES:**
  - **Sunday, December 24:**
    - ♦ 4:00 PM (Vigil Mass & Children’s Choir)
    - ♦ 8:00 PM (Mass at Night, readings & Adult Christmas Choir & Musicians – **THE BIG ONE!** – music half-hour before the Mass, so come enjoy with your family and friends)
  - **Monday, December 25:**
    - ♦ 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
    - ♦ 8:30 AM (Mass at Dawn)
    - ♦ 10:30 AM (Mass during the Day)
    - ♦ There is no 6:30 PM Mass this day
  - **Saturday, December 30:**
    - ♦ 8:00 AM Morning Prayer & 8:30 AM Rosary
    - ♦ 9:00 AM for the Christmas Octave
    - ♦ 4:30 PM for the Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family
  - **Sunday, December 31:**
    - ♦ 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
    - ♦ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Masses – Feast of the Holy Family
    - ♦ 4:30 PM Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (NOTE: SPECIAL TIME)
    - ♦ There is no 6:30 PM Mass this day
  - **Monday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
    - ♦ 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
    - ♦ 8:30 AM Mass
    - ♦ 10:30 AM Mass
    - ♦ There is no 6:30 PM Mass this day
- **OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL MASS RETURNS: Thursday, January 4, 2024**
- **JANUARY 7/8: EPIPHANY MASSES: Home Blessing Kits distributed – Usual Weekend Schedule**
  - Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday Morning Prayer 8:00 AM, Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM
- Christmas Time ends on Monday, **January 8** with the Feast of the Baptism of the LORD



- **EUCCHARIST IS A VERB, NOUN, ADVERB, ADJECTIVE AND INTERJECTION! WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 6:30 PM in church.** This will be recorded with your presence and feedback.
- **TOWN HALL FOR EVERYONE ON OBH:** Monday, **January 8** at 6:30 PM: Come see the conceptional Plans – the First Draft – so that we may have feedback to finalize.
- **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Tuesday, **January 23**, 6:30 PM in the Saint Julie Billiard Room
- **LITURGY COMMISSION:** Monday, **January 29**, 5:00 PM in the Parish Office Parlor
- **VOCATION KNIGHT:** Monday, **January 29**, 6:30 PM in church with our PSR Students
- **FINANCE COUNCIL:** Tuesday, **January 30**, 6:30 PM in the Saint Julie Billiard Room
- **BLESSING OF CANDLES:** Friday, **February 2**, 9:00 AM Mass (starting at the baptismal font for this ancient custom)
- **MINISTRY FAIR:** Weekend Masses before Lent with a Mardi Gras Theme, **February 10-11**. All groups welcome to recruit, share info and socialize to help our new parishioners know what we are about here at SPB. Ash Wednesday is Valentine's Day, February 14.

## PARISH LIFE

**OUR SUGGESTION BOX – MAY I SUGGEST?** As part of our Strategic Plan, our Saint Paschal Baylon Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council are always interested in your ideas, suggestions, improvements and more! Look for the “new suggestion box” in the Fickel Narthex where you may add your written suggestions. Through our ombudsman, Tom Kelley, you are able to share your input and send him an email to [tjk12@case.edu](mailto:tjk12@case.edu).

**MASS INTENTIONS/STIPENDS:** Thank you for your generosity to the Blessed Sacrament Community for the Mass Intentions and requests for prayers. We speak aloud the names we pray for as you hear at each Mass. We mention these names with our regular intentions.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE:** If you need support and a listening device to hear better in our church, please see the musicians for a special device that you may wear in church.

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS OR THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST:** If you wish to participate in Holy Communion with a low-gluten host, or to also receive the Blood of Christ during Mass, with your very own chalice, please come to the sacristy before Mass to let the priest or sacristan know and share with you the procedure.

**2024 INTERNATIONAL EYMARDIAN PILGRIMAGE:** Plan now and block off 13 days in your calendar beginning **November 5 (2024)** to take a Pilgrimage to France featuring the places of Saint Eymard.

**COME PLAY!** What: Tuesday Table games | When: Tuesdays 2:00-4:00 | Where: Sr. Dorothy Kazel Room Bring your favorite table game and a snack for yourself! For more information, please contact Mona – [monagrignbysuarez@yahoo.com](mailto:monagrignbysuarez@yahoo.com) or 505-239-1019.

**NOTE FROM DEACON JOE:** His address book was accidentally disposed of, and with his addresses lost, he is not able to write Christmas cards. He wishes everyone a very blessed, safe and merry Christmas!

## HELPING HAND NEWS

### ADVENT GIVING TREE

The annual “Giving Tree” will be set up in the Narthex on **November 25<sup>th</sup>** and will remain up through the Christmas season. Through your generosity, our Knight Riders (homeless outreach) will deliver gifts to the needy of Cleveland. Some of the items requested are (batteries, sleeping bags, tents, hoodies, sweatpants, & thermal underwear, boots, etcetera). If you would like to contribute, please take a paper strip from the envelopes located on the poster board which will be displayed next to the giving tree. Purchase the item/items and return the item UNWRAPPED or in a gift bag to the narthex labeled “giving tree.” Please place a bulb (provided in the box by the tree) on the tree as you leave your “gift” for the needy. Our tree will be decorated by your love and generosity at the end of Advent. Thank you for your contributions—for they will bring smiles to those in need. Please return items by **January 6<sup>th</sup>**.

In the meantime, we kindly request that donations of hoodies and sweatpants be dropped off at the parish office now as we have an immediate need for those items.

## AGAPE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Next topic is the Gospel of Saint Luke led by *Anita Reddi-Chatterjee* ([achatterjee981@gmail.com](mailto:achatterjee981@gmail.com)).

**When:** Every Tuesday starting from **January 23** to **November 26**, from 9:30-11:00 AM.

**Where:** Sister Dorothy Kazel Room (Saint Ann Shrine North Wing)

**Cost:** Free. Study materials/resources are sent to members via weekly emails.

In-person class. Bring your Roman Catholic Bible (per list of approved translations from USCCB).

## SPRING FLING NEWS

Twas the night before Spring Fling, when all through the midway, Not a ride was whirling, nor musical note stirring. The bands were ready, the food prepped with care, In hopes that great weather and crowds soon would be there;

On behalf of the Spring Fling Committee, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. We look forward to seeing you on May 16th at the opening of the 2024 Spring Fling Festival. Our official kickoff meeting will be on Tuesday, **January 9**, 6:30 PM, in the Arkins Room. As a New Year's resolution, please consider helping with this fun endeavor. Interested or would like additional information? Plan on attending the meeting or contact Bob Mastrangelo at [bgmastrangelo@gmail.com](mailto:bgmastrangelo@gmail.com) or at 440-442-2854.

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION



*Jesus “was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because He Himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attraction full of fondness and wonder.”*

*I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values. At the same time, I cannot deny that it is necessary to be honest and recognize that the most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions on the national and international level.*

*-Pope Francis  
Laudate Deum 10/4/2023*

## SPB CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

The faculty, staff, and students of Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic School wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord."*

(Luke 2: 10-11)

## SAVE THESE DATES!

### PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren in our Saint Paschal Baylon Preschool, mark Thursday, January 25 on your calendar! The preschool team will be presenting information on all of our preschool programs beginning at 6:30 PM in the Eymard Room of the Family Life Center. The opportunity to see the classrooms will be available to all. Our preschool fills up quickly, so you don't want to miss this event. Please visit our website to register for the event or email [office@saintpaschal.com](mailto:office@saintpaschal.com).

### ALL-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

All are welcome, current families and prospective families, to our Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, January 28 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We will welcome families from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Information for new families will be available during this open house. For answers to your questions, please call the school office, email us at [office@saintpaschal.com](mailto:office@saintpaschal.com), or visit our website at [www.saintpaschal.com](http://www.saintpaschal.com).

### KINDERGARTEN SNEAK PEEK & GRADES 1-8 (NEW ENROLLMENT) Q & A:

On Thursday, February 1 at 8:30 AM, new families interested in our kindergarten or in transferring child/ren to our school in other grades are invited to our Sneak Peek event with our Kindergarten staff and a Q&A session with our administrative team. Join us for a light breakfast, a tour of the school, and an opportunity to win a free registration worth \$225.00. For answers to your questions and/or to register for the event, please call the school office, email us at [office@saintpaschal.com](mailto:office@saintpaschal.com), or visit our website at [www.saintpaschal.com](http://www.saintpaschal.com).

## OUR STEWARDSHIP



**JOIN IN USING MYEOFFERING:** See our website at [www.church.saintpaschal.com](http://www.church.saintpaschal.com) or call Michelle Mazza in the Business Office at 440-442-3410, ext. 101.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION – MANY ACCOUNTS HAVE EXPIRED OR WILL EXPIRE SOON.**

*Thank you for placing SPB in your will or trust! We appreciate you leaving a legacy that will strengthen the ministries of our parish into the future!*

*We are so grateful* for you and your participation in the life of our parish! **Our collections:**

MyEoffering: November \$32,655.00

**Loan balance for the new parking lots and driveways:**

November \$249,282.41

**Help us catch up for the first half of the year! MAKE YOUR DONATION BEFORE THE END OF 2023** to support the parish and help us meet our budget agreement and expenses. Thank you! We are about \$50,000.00 behind where we need to be for the bills we have at this time of the year.



### **OUR MONTHLY EXPENSES:**

We are so grateful for the many ways you choose to give your treasure: whether through the weekly envelope in the basket, dropped off at the Business Office, mailed in or your electronic giving; we are so appreciative of our common stewardship for the

common good of our beloved parish SPB. We are so appreciative, too for those who give special attention to our second collections and fill out the special form in MyEoffering. Second collections are assigned by the USCCB, the Diocese of Cleveland and the requests from our parish groups. Here's a reminder for the weeks ahead.

- **CHRISTMAS GIFT – AND SUNDAY OFFERING:** We thank you for your extra donations to help us catch up on our tithing (behind our budget currently), but also to assist us in repaying our loan on the new parking lots and driveways. We appreciate how you assist us in various needs (e.g., Convent waterproofing). You give from your love and care for our parish – we really appreciate how you help our parish develop and grow! It is worth noting that when Christmas is so close to a Sunday, we tend to have a reduction in our collections. We need them all for operation funds (e.g., salaries and benefits for our staff, and regular maintenance and care of our campus such as snowplowing)
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 – Our Catholic School:** Thanks for your support for the campus improvements to our Catholic school, such as technology, new cameras, etc. You make our Catholic school an important ministry of the parish, and we are proud to keep it as an award-winning place for our beloved students and teachers.
- **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:** As mentioned above – we love to celebrate our Blessed Mother! Thanks for making your offering for her intercession to bless your family and our parish family!
- **JANUARY 7 – MAINTENANCE & LOAN REPAYMENT:** Month by month, we enjoy our new parking lots and driveways; month by month, you help us reduce our debt on these enjoyments. Thanks for your generosity on this mortgage.
- **JANUARY 14 – FUNDING OUR ENVELOPES:** For those who still use the weekly envelope to share your tithing back to God – we thank you! And invite your support for their use by sharing a donation to pay for this monthly charge to the parish. We appreciate your generosity for this expense.
- **JANUARY 21 – CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA:** This national collection supports our national Catholic university in Washington, DC.



- **JANUARY 28 – PARISH MISSION:** Each Lent, our Spiritual Formation Commission provides the opportunity for a national speaker to come and share their wisdom and gifts with us. We appreciate your assistance in covering the costs such as their stipend, airline fare, lodging and the supplies. Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to having you here with Fr. Ron Hoye, February 24-28.

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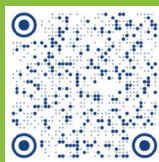
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*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

December 24, 2023

READINGS: Gather 1001 - Cycle B

*Missa Pacem* by L. Randolph Babin Gather 270Choir Song for Quiet Prayer and Call to Worship: **No Wind at the Window***John L. Bell, @ 1992 GIA**Missa Pacem: Mass written in honor  
of those who lost their lives on 9/11**Advent Theme: Journey to Bethlehem*Gathering: **People, Look East** Gather 409*Eleanor Farjeon @ 1965, Oxford Press.*Psalm 89: Forever I Will Sing Gather 64*Marty Haugen @ 1988, GIA.*Preparation: **Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup** Gather 926*James J. Chepponis @ 1987, GIA.*Communion: **I Receive the Living God** Gather 916*Bernard Geoffrey @ 1986, GIA.*Sending Forth: **Soon and Very Soon** Gather 865*Andrea Crouch @ 1976, EMI Pub.**Journey of Love becomes Christ***CHRISTMAS EVE**

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