

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, This past Monday, November 28, our new altar was dedicated and our church was rededicated. It was an amazing ceremony that reflected the great importance of the church building as a visible sign of Christ and a place of our encounter with Him.

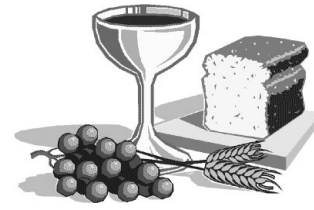
Our journey of faith continues. I expect a process of acclimation to our new space. Some aspects of our project are incomplete, including the stations of the cross and the organ. We will discover some small things that need adjusting, etc. This is all part of the journey. Thanks in advance for your openness to change and to continuing the pilgrim journey that we are on together.

I want to thank everyone who made this moment possible. This is a moment of grace for our entire parish family.

In Christ, Fr. Wilson

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 4th

- Tuesday: Saint Nicholas, Bishop 6:15 P.M. Richard Layton (Anniversary) by Family
Wednesday: Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor 8:15 A.M. Mary Estelle Ehret by Wayne & Pam Ehret
Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30 A.M. For the People of the Parish
Friday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin 8:30 P.M. Richard Dillard by Jean & Robby Perlick
Sunday Vigil: Advent Weekday 5:00 P.M. John A. Dorsey (Anniversary) by Estate
Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. Betty Pintz by Jim, Cathy, Natalie, Kevin, Katie & Ralph



Liturgical Ministers Schedule Week of December 4th

Daily Mass Schedule

- 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, December 6th - Yvonne King (L), Assigned (Servers)
8:15 a.m., Wednesday, December 7th - Kathy Wilson (L), Ilana O'Neil, Joseph Stanley, (Servers)
8:30 a.m., Thursday, December 8th, Assigned (L), Caden Canning, Courtney Hans (Servers)
12:00 p.m., Thursday, December 8th - Judy Healy, Yvonne King (L), Assigned (Servers)
7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 8th - Kathy Wilson, Scott VanHorn (L), Assigned (Servers)
8:30 a.m., Friday, December 9th - Don Montell (L), Maria Geiger, Nicholas Richards, Moni King, Colin Crumrine (Servers)

Sunday Vigil Mass, December 10th 5:00 P.M. J.J. Snider Michael Snider Sarah Snider Rudy Snider Mary Snider

Sunday, December 11th 8:00 A.M. Caden Wells Payton Riley Zachary Hampton

10:30 A.M. Maria Hayes Lacey Holman Violet Caton Drew Caton

Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

- Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, December 10th 5:00 P.M. Ken & Christine Billig (L), Bill Revercomb, Rita Revercomb, Theresa Nutter, Debbie Bickle, Joyce Williams (EM)
Sunday, December 11th 8:00 A.M. Diane Layton, Judy Healy (L), Deacon Patrick, Peggy Komada, Nancy Ogilbee, Patrick Wesley, Barb Harris (EM)
10:30 A.M. Erin Lane, Scott VanHorn (L), Deacon Patrick, Sharon VanHorn, Kelli Morrow, Michael Burger, Maureen Pugh (EM)

Next Week's Scripture

December 8th

**Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

1st Reading: Genesis 3:9-15, 20

*"Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous deeds".*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

December 11th

Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

"Lord, come and save us."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Mathew 11:2-11

*This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours
Seasonal Proper II.*



Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Florence Medley, Ryder Holland, Margaret Offenburger, Dave Byrd, Lilly Ghiloni, Nancy Cirolì, Paul Shannon, Richard Spellman, Pat Molnar, Michelle Darkes, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Mingo O'Rourke, Karen Addy*, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

Our Parish & School Events



Parish Prayerline

*The entire parish is requested to pray:
The Vatican Intentions for the month of December*

- **Universal: End to Child-Soldiers.** That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.
- **Evangelization: Europe.** That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.
- **Father Wilson's Intention:** That all non-practicing Catholics in the parish would return to the practice of the faith.



**Our Stewardship Collection
November 27th**

Budgeted per Week	\$	11,618.46
Offertory (159 envelopes)	\$	7,182.23
Average Auto Withdrawal (116 households)	\$	3,717.94
Loose Cash	\$	461.73
Total	\$	11,361.90
Deficit	(\$	256.56)
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	255,606.12
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	239,673.21
Year to Date Deficit	(\$	15,932.91)
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	19,858.21
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,811,104.82
TD Church Restoration Funds Collected	\$	755,000.97
Campaign for Human Development Collection	\$	212.00
St. Vincent de Paul Collection	\$	2,288.20

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Blessed Sacrament School Crusader News

All parishioners are encouraged to attend our annual Christmas Program. It will be held on MONDAY, December 12, 7:00 p.m. at the OSU/COTC Reese Center. Come enjoy this wonderful evening of Christmas Joy!

Walking With Purpose

Monday, December 5th is a *Connect Coffee Talk: God – First Place in All Things*, plus we will discuss Lesson 4: The new Walking with Purpose Series, "Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point" Bible Study is a great way to get out and fellowship with other women who want to grow in their faith. Walking with Purpose meets Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in our Shepherd Hall. It's not too late to join us! Call the parish office at 740-345-4290.

WPP will NOT be meeting on December 12 or December 19.



This Week

Band of Brothers

All Men are welcomed to attend Blessed Sacrament Catholic Men's Ministry Meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 6th, in Shepherd Hall. Join us as we watch Fr. Larry Richards, Men's Strengthening Summit video, "Instruments of Evangelizations." For more information, call Mike Stickle at (740) 258-3138.

Adorers Needed!



Prayerfully consider signing up for an hour to sit with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Time slots available: **Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.;** **Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m.;** **2:00-3:00 p.m., 3:00-4:00 p.m. and 10:00-11:00 p.m.** We are thankful for all who sit in Adoration. If you have not signed up for an hour consider stopping by this week and sit with our Lord. Your week will not be the same. For more information, or to volunteer for an hour, call Caroline Starr at 740-366-3591 or call the parish office at 740-345-4290.



Just a reminder: When Blessed Sacrament School is canceled due to the weather, Eucharistic Adoration is also canceled. Watch the local news, listen to the radio, check the local newspaper online to find out if school is canceled or call the parish office at 740-345-4290 if you are unsure.

Bulletin Announcements

Plan ahead... Submit your bulletin articles weeks early due to the Holiday Season. All requests are due by Monday at 12:00 noon.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th, *Christmas Vigil Mass:*
5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 12:00 midnight.
Sunday, December 25th, *Christmas Day Mass:*
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 4

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
- 10:30 a.m. Mass HNS
- 11:45 a.m. 1st Communion and Reconciliation
Parent/student Meeting – Library

Centennial Building Collection HNS Coffee & Donuts after Masses

Monday, December 5

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m. *in the church*
- 7:00 p.m. WWP – Café

Tuesday, December 6

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m. *in the church*
- 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation til 6:00 p.m. *in the church*
- 6:15 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Band of Brothers – Café
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 7

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration until 12:00 a.m. *in the church*
- 6:30 p.m. H&S Meeting. – Café

Thursday, December 8 – Holy day of Obligation Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary No Adoration today

- 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, December 9

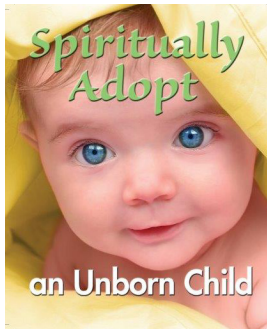
- 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Faith Sharing –**
Conference Room
- 8:00 a.m. Drama Tryouts – Library/Café
- 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High School Dance –**
Shepherd Hall/Café

Sunday, December 11

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary**
- 8:00 a.m. Mass w/RCIA Rite of Acceptance**
- 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
- 10:30 a.m. Mass w/CCD Students
- Hot Breakfast after all Masses**
by HS Youth March for Life



December Spiritual Adoption Bulletin Announcement

Spiritual Adoption: Our parish will be participating in a Spiritual Adoption Program until June. We will be praying monthly for the unborn and for the mothers and fathers of those children. We ask that you pray for all children who were wanted, prayed for, and for those who may have been conceived unexpectedly. We pray for parents who are considering abortion and for parents considering an adoption plan. We will have a Baby Shower in May in celebration of Life that will support the local pregnancy resource center, Heartbeats.

“I can suck my thumb now!”

The baby can now squint, swallow and move his tongue. He sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form and he now has his own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of his hand. He breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system, but he gets the oxygen he needs through the umbilical cord. At the beginning of this month, just nine weeks after conception, he can suck his thumb.

Please Pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, You took our human nature upon Yourself. You shared our life and death, our childhood and adulthood. You also shared our time in the womb. While still God, while worshiped and adored by the angels, while Almighty and filling every part of the universe, You dwelt for nine months in the womb of Mary. You were our Redeemer in the womb, our God who was a preborn child.

Lord Jesus, we ask You to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers' womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul, for their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by You, our Redeemer in the womb.



Helping a Parish Family

There are many in the parish and local community whose lives have been drastically changed by illness and challenges. We have a family in our parish and school community who is currently in this situation. Mingo O'Rourke has been battling cancer. Ruth Myers, a 4th graders Mom, is helping the O'Rourke's through this journey. She is asking that you continue to nourish yourself spiritually while considering if you can be of service to the O'Rourke's and make donations. Ruth has a donation box on her porch at 95 Fairfield Avenue and would love to see it filled with items big and small: gift cards (Costco and Krogers), bleach wipes, paper towels, and Tide detergent, also Premier Protein vanilla shakes online or at Costco. If you can help with housecleaning, handyman jobs and tree branch trimming, contact Ruth at 740-501-2632 or rm Myerscats@windstream.net. Thank you very much and please keep the prayers coming.

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The Catholic Foundation Grants

We have been blessed to receive a Faith Formation for Adults grant in the 2017 Responsive Grants Cycle distributed by The Catholic Foundation this year. Our project, Walking with Purpose and Alpha, was awarded \$5,649.00. We are proud that the value of our parish is being acknowledged and supported.

We are grateful to the donors who contribute to The Catholic Foundation that make these grants possible. Everyone can contribute at any time to the funds for our parish or those used for granting. The Catholic Foundation is a nonprofit autonomous organization that receives and manages assets to provide funding for the parishes, schools and ministries within our Catholic community.

If you would like more information on contributing to existing funds that support our ministries, or would like to work on a planned gift of your own, please contact James Anzelmo (janzelmo@catholic-foundation.org) at The Catholic Foundation, at 614-443-8893.

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March for Life 2017 Washington, D.C. Trip

Attention, All High School-Age Students! Join thousands of other high school youth and travel to Washington, D.C. to **Stand Up for Life**.

We will travel in two charter buses on Thursday, January 26th to Washington, D.C. and return to Newark on Sunday, January 29th, to Peacefully Protest *Roe v. Wade*.

Events include: Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, youth rallies, the March for Life, lodging at Catholic University of America, a grand life experience and better understanding of respecting life.

For more information and registration forms, contact the Parish office or Kate Maher at 740-973-9237. A \$50.00 nonrefundable deposit and signed registration form will hold your spot on the bus. *The first bus is full, so hold your spot on the second bus now!*

If you are interested in sponsoring a high school youth student to travel to Stand For Life at the March for Life in Washington, D.C., or wish to make a donation for students who may not be able to afford the pilgrimage to attend the March for Life, please contact the office to make your donation.

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Christmas Season Grave Pillows

Knights of Columbus Council 721 is making white pine/fir grave pillows for decorating graves of loved ones in

the Christmas season. The cost is \$20.00 if picked up or \$25.00/delivered. Place orders from now until mid-December. The grave pillows will be available the first half of December. To place an order, call 740-973-5744 or email Ben Hunsinger at Ben@PlaneoLtd.com and furnish your name, address, and phone number and the quantity desired. Make checks payable to K of C Council #721 and mail to Mike Burger, 569 Manor Drive, Newark 43055.

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Catholic Men's Ministry

All men are asked to mark your calendar and plan on attending an Evening of Prayer in this Advent Season. Join us on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in Shepherd Hall for fellowship and light snacks. We will then proceed to the church at 7:00 p.m. for a Holy Hour of Eucharist Adoration, Evening Prayer, and a reflection by Deacon Patrick. For more information, call Mike Stickle at 740-258-3138.

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Goodie Bags for the March for Life Trip

Calling all families to help support the High School trip to the March for Life! In an effort to support our teens heading to the March for Life, the Blessed Sacrament Respect Life Committee is putting together Goodie Bags for the trip. We are asking parishioners to contribute pre-packaged snacks, goodies, or anything small that will help make the trip to D.C. a little nicer. We want to support the students in a positive way, as they step out in faith and love supporting the unborn and life from conception to natural death! A collection box will be in the church vestibule. For more information, contact Melissa Stack at melissaraestack@yahoo.com.

Local Events of Interest



**Advent Communal Penance Services
St. Leonard – Heath**

Sunday, December 4th, 4:00 p.m.

St. Edward the Confessor – Granville

Thursday, December 15th, 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Buckeye Lake

Sunday, December 11th, 4:00 p.m.

St. Francis deSales – Newark

Monday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.

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St. Francis de Sales Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

Join us on Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m. as the Parish Choir of St. Francis de Sales (40 Granville Street) will once again present a special service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service is a very moving combination of the Scriptural prophecies of Christ's coming and the beautiful carols of Advent, sung by the choir and congregation. The service is sung by choirs of many denominations and finds its home in the English collegiate and cathedral tradition. If you did not attend last year, consider making this service part of your preparation for Christmas. It can be a welcomed moment of prayerful rest in the busy weeks of Advent. A reception will follow.



Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center

Take some time to reflect, pray and share during the season of Advent with Advent Morning of Reflections hosted by the Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center. Saturday, December 10, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Facilitated by Sr. Louis Mary Passeri "HERE I AM." The day will consist of prayer, presentation, silence and opportunity to share our reflections. Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes continental breakfast. For Reservations, email info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org or call (740) 928-4246.

Around the Diocese



ARC – Active Retired Citizens

Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon on Monday, December 5th, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Enjoy Bingo, Euchre and drawings for fabulous door prizes plus we will have soups, salads, appetizers and desserts. It is a fun way to enjoy the holiday season. Anyone 55 and older is welcome. Bring a friend and make new ones. For information, call Chris (364-0449) or Deb (366-6924).



Knox/Licking Vocations Club

Knox/Licking Vocations club will be meeting on Tuesday, December 13th at noon. We will be celebrating the holidays by going to lunch at Red Lobster in Heath. Come join us for a social gathering and a nice lunch. RSVP by Sunday, December 11th. Call Debby at (740) 366-6924.



Bethesda Post Abortion Healing Ministry



The pain and sorrow of the abortion experience need not endure a lifetime. Call Bethesda Healing Ministry for support and assistance from those who know and have been there. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Confidential lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit bethesdahealing.org.

The Martin de Porres Center (2330 Airport Drive, Columbus) presents an extraordinary Christmas concert – "The Signs of Christmas Presents: Christmas Carols in American Sign Language" – on Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m. Selections include a blend of traditional carols, religious songs, fun melodies, and solo performances sure to get you in the spirit. Call (614) 416-1910 for information.