

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas Decorating: Christmas decorating will take place after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 18th. Our decorations will be significantly decreased this year as our restored church will be our primary decoration! In order to highlight our new Holy Family Shrine, the Nativity set will be set up THIS YEAR in the Marian Room. We will still need helpers so please stay after the 10:30 a.m. Mass to help.

Youth Group: The Junior High Youth Group will meet on Sunday, December 18th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The High School Youth Group is cancelled until February.

Adoration Cancelled on Monday and Tuesday: Adoration will be cancelled on Monday, December 19th and Tuesday, December 20th, as we try to complete the finishing touches on the church before Christmas. We will have our usual Adoration Schedule on Wednesday, December 21st. All adorers scheduled for Monday and Tuesday are encouraged to spend an hour with the Lord on Wednesday.

Advent Confessions: Our last scheduled bonus "Advent Confession" will be Wednesday, December 21st, starting at 7:00 p.m. and until all are heard. There will be two priests available that night, myself and Fr. Bob Kitsmiller. We will also have Confessions on Tuesday, December 20th, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. There will be no Confessions on Saturday, December 24th.

Christmas Mass Schedule: I am hoping by the time Christmas arrives everyone will have our Christmas Mass schedule memorized. While Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we are following a revised Christmas Mass Schedule (and not our usual Sunday schedule). Christmas Eve Masses are at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Midnight Mass is at 12:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass is at 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Mass Schedule: New Years also falls on a Sunday. On January 1st, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Our Mass Schedule for Sunday, January 1st will be our usual Sunday schedule. December 31st Sunday Vigil (Saturday Night) Mass at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 1st at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

In Christ,
Fr. Wilson

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 18th

- Tuesday: Advent Weekday** 6:15 P.M.
Frank & Patricia Rubeck by Mark Rubeck
 - Wednesday: Advent Weekday** 8:15 A.M.
Esther Ghiloni by Art & Family
 - Thursday: Advent Weekday** 8:15 A.M.
Gerri Hall by Mike, Kathy & Adam Hall
 - Friday: Advent Weekday** 8:30 A.M.
Gerald Sommer by Larry & Mary Ann Davis
 - Sunday Vigil: Vigil Of The Nativity Of The Lord** 5:00 P.M.
See Intentions List
 - 7:30 P.M.
See Intentions List
 - The Nativity Of The Lord (Christmas)** 12:00 Midnight
See Intentions List
 - 10:00 A.M.
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Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Week of December 18th

Daily Mass Schedule

- 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, December 20th** –Yvonne King (L),
Assigned (Servers)
- 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, December 21st** –Don Montell (L),
Ilana O’Neil, Joseph Stanley (Servers)
- 8:15 a.m. Thursday, December 22nd** Judy Healy (L),
Caden Canning, Courtney Hans (Servers)
- 8:30 a.m. Friday, December 23rd** Yvonne King (L),
Maria Geiger, Nicholas Richards,
Moni King, Colin Crumrine (Servers)
- Sunday, December 24th Christmas Vigil Mass** 5:00 P.M.
Nicolas Richards Jacob Koch Kate Erhard
To Be Assigned (x2)
- 7:30 P.M.
Colin Crumrine Zach Hampton Nick Jewett
Paul Jewett Ed Jewett Mark Jewett
- Sunday, December 25th**
Christmas Day Mass 12:00 Midnight
Joseph Stanley Mya Stokes Peyton Riley
Adyson Baesmann
- 10:00 A.M.
Teresa Geiger Maria Geiger *Assigned (x2)*

Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Minister’s Schedule

- Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, December 24th** 5:00 P.M.
Diane Layton, Amy Erhard (L), Deacon Patrick,
Teresa Nutter, Tom Koch, Mike Burger,
Debbie Bickle, Maria Bigler, Bill Revercomb (EM)
- 7:30 P.M.
Erin Lane, Don Lang (L), Deacon Patrick,
Michelle Cleland, Tricia Robinson,
Bev Donaldson, Pam Rauch (EM)
- Sunday, December 25th** 12:00 Midnight
Scott Van Horn, Monica Stanley (L), Deacon Patrick,
Deacon Bob, Kelli Morrow,
Patrick Wesley, Sharon Van Horn (EM)
- 10:00 A.M.
Mike Shonebarger, Judy Healy (L), Deacon Patrick,
Marge Burger, Rita Shonebarger,
Caroline Starr, Nancy Ogilbee (EM)

Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Stan Coffman, 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 love, prayers, and sympathy for the family and friends of Carol Ewing. May she rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

Next week's Scripture
December 24th

The Nativity of the Lord: Mass During the Night

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6

"Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1, 2-3, 11-12, 13

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

December 25th

The Nativity of The Lord: Christmas Day

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

*"All the ends of the earth have
 seen the saving power of God."*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours

Seasonal Proper IV.

Our Stewardship Collection

December 11th

Budgeted per Week	\$	11,618.46
Offertory (205 envelopes)	\$	6,911.00
Average Auto Withdrawal (116 households)	\$	3,719.81
Loose Cash	\$	466.01
Total	\$	11,096.82
Deficit	(\$	521.64)
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	278,843.04
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	266,728.22
Year to Date Deficit	(\$	12,114.82)
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	21,758.46
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,811,104.82
TD Church Restoration Funds Collected	\$	759,220.84

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

Cold & Flu Season

As the weather changes it is a reminder that we are approaching the cold and flu season. If you have cold or flu symptoms or are contagious with any "bug" *please stay at home*. Legitimate doubt about whether or not you are well enough to attend Mass is a sufficient reason to be dispensed from your Sunday obligation.

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.

*O, Sacrament Most Holy! O, Sacrament Divine! All Praise
 And All Thanksgiving Be Every Moment Thine!*

Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love

"In the sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring this Presence do we learn how to receive Him properly."

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.** 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.

This Week
SVdP Collection



Sunday, December 18

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. **JR High** Youth Group – Cafe

Monday, December 19 – No Eucharistic Adoration Today
Tuesday, December 20 – No Eucharistic Adoration Today

- 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation til 6:00 p.m. *in the church*
- 6:15 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. HNS Meeting – Library
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 21

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration until 12:00 a.m. *in the church*
- 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation**

Thursday, December 22

- 8:15 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 23

- 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 24

- 5:00 p.m. **Christmas Vigil Mass**
- 7:30 p.m. **Christmas Vigil Mass**

Sunday, December 25

- 12:00 a.m. **Christmas Day Mass**
- 10:00 a.m. **Christmas Day Mass**

St. Vincent de Paul Conference News

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you" – St. Teresa of Calcutta. Through your love and generosity, our St. Vincent de Paul helped forty-two people in the month of November. Aid was given to help six homeless families. Twenty-seven families were helped with utility bills and nine families with travel and miscellaneous needs. Also, special work for the Haven was undertaken during the month. Thank you for your support and giving spirit.

Catholic Youth Summer Camp

Christmas Gift Wrap at Indian Mound Mall

Come out to the mall on Wednesday, December 21st, from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. to finish up your Christmas shopping and let future campers for Catholic Youth Summer Camp do all of your gift wrapping.

We could also use donations of gift wrap, ribbons, bows, and gift wrap tape which can be dropped off in the parish office by Tuesday, December 20th. Thank you for supporting our campers!

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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.**
New Years Day

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Saturday, December 31st, **5:00 p.m.**

Sunday, January 1st, **8:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.**

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Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will be closed at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 23rd, and all day on the 26th.

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The Legacy of Blessed Sacrament

Support the legacy of Blessed Sacrament by making a year-end gift to any, or all, of our parish endowment funds.

Church of the Blessed Sacrament Endowment Fund:

General support to the church and/or for particular projects.

Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Educational

Endowment Fund: Provides assistance towards Catholic education to students in the parish.

Blessed Sacrament Alumni Association Endowment

Fund: Provides tuition assistance and/or support for special projects at BSS.

Norbert Rubeck Blessed Sacrament Endowment

Fund: Provides for the operating needs of BSS.

Frank, Patricia & Mark Rubeck Fund/Church & School

Endowment: General needs of the parish and school.

Nathan Fitzsimmons Vogelmeier Endowment:

Provides tuition assistance to child(ren) of BSS.

To make a contribution, use the **new** monthly envelope provided in the OSV packet, or simply write a check made out to Blessed Sacrament Endowments and drop it in the collection basket. **Please make certain to write your endowment choice on the memo line.**

Your tax deductible gift will benefit our parish for years to come.

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Year End Giving

If you would like to give to Blessed Sacrament Church or School before the end of the year, per IRS regulations, in order for a contribution to be eligible as a 2016 charitable contribution, it must be received by, or postmarked by, December 31, 2016. This includes both cash and non-cash contributions.

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Spiritual Adoption

Month 3 "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.

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.

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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 non-profit 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 (614-443-8893 or janzelmo@catholic-foundation.org) at The Catholic Foundation.

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March for Life 2017 Washington, D.C. Trip

The March for Life students and committee wish to thank you for your donations and support for the March for Life 2017 Washington, D.C. Trip.

It is exciting to join thousands of other high school youth in Washington D.C. to **stand up for life**. 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. We have arranged 2 charter buses for our group and our goal is for both buses to be 100% full capacity. There is room for more students. A \$50 non-refundable deposit and signed registration form will hold your spot on the bus.

If you are a parent of a High School Age Student, and have not yet registered your teen for the March for Life 2017 Washington, D.C. Trip, contact the Parish office or Kate Maher at 740-973-9237.

Thank you to those who have already gifted a student to attend the March for Life. Anyone interested in gifting a student or would like to contribute, please contact the parish office.



Gentlemen...Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendars for the Band of Brothers Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, and the Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, February 25, 2017. All men are encouraged to attend. Watch for more details in the upcoming bulletins.

Local Events of Interest



Newark Catholic High School Foundation provides financial support to Newark Catholic High School students and programs. The Foundation also preserves and documents the history and traditions of Newark Catholic. To learn more or to make a contribution, please contact us at One Green Wave Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055, or by phone at 740-345-5671.

Employment Opportunity

St. Vincent de Paul Housing Facilities is seeking an Executive Director for the Haven Men's shelter and the new Transitional Living Program at The Gardens on 6th Street, Newark. Strong interpersonal skills, grant writing and fund raising skills required. Additional information may be requested by emailing SVH@svdpHaven.org.

Around the Diocese



Bethesda Post Abortion Healing Ministry

"How long does it take to be healed? I have been to confession. I have prayed. I have tried to forget." One can only grieve what one deeply loves. The residual effect of abortion lingers. There is hope; there is life after abortion. Bethesda Healing Ministry offers an open invitation to you to join us that you might experience the peace and hope that can be yours. There is a light in the window and welcome in the hearts of those who look forward to meeting you. We have been there and understand. Confidential lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit bethesdahealing.org.

Nominations for the 2017 Catholic Man of the Year

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2017 Catholic Man of the Year. This annual award, presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Friday, February 3, 2017 at the Men's Luncheon, recognizes one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant". The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony. **Nominations are accepted through December 29th.** For nomination instructions, go to <http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc>. Completed nominations and supporting letters should be emailed to catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com. Submit a nomination and let everyone know that your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

Take a trip to the South

Join The Edwardians, senior group age 50 and up, for a southern trip to Savannah, Jekyll Island, Beaufort and more from February 26 to March 4, 2017.

Reservations are taken now for a seven day, six night motor coach trip to beautiful Savannah, Jekyll Island, St. Simon Island, Parris Island (see where 22,000 military people are trained each year), Beaufort SC and more. Attend Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Williams Church on St. Simons Island and visit St. John's Church in Savannah. Tour a historic Savannah home and much more. Depart from St. Edwards Church, Granville. \$529.00/ per person double occupancy and single room available for additional \$220.00. Pricing includes gratuities for Step on Guides and Coach Driver. Includes 10 meals, 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners. Diamond Travel Insurance available.

Book your reservation now! Reservations close as soon as 44 deposits are received. \$75.00 per person due upon signing. Final payment due by December 21, 2016. **For more information/reservations, contact Linda Woolard, tour guide at lindawoolard@windstream.net or 740-323-3105.**