

CHURCH
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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
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*December 21
2008
4th Sunday of
Advent*

Liturgy

Weekdays, 8:00 a.m.
Weekends: Saturday, 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., 12: noon
Adoration Fri. 9 a.m. - 9 a.m. Sat.
Sun. 2 pm – 8 am Mon.
New Winter Schedule: Sat: 4:30, Sun: 9am & 11 am.
Begins Jan 3, 2009.

Sacraments

Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Baptisms: Arrange at Rectory
Matrimony: Arrange at least 1 year
in advance.
Anointing of the Sick: Call the rectory

***Welcome:** We extend our hands and hearts to you here, celebrating with us, whether longtime resident or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us.*

MISSION STATEMENT

Our parish is a diverse and dynamic Catholic family community, committed to Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit and relying on the Patronage of His Mother, Mary.

We will serve not only the needs of our Parish Church, school, and individual members, but also the broader needs of our society, in union with the other Parishes of the Ashtabula County Deanery and the Diocese of Youngstown, through worship, stewardship, education, Christian service, evangelization and other programs.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24: 4 pm and 9 pm
Dec. 25: 8 am and 10 am



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar



Today's Gospel sounds like a fairy tale, story which is too good to be true. But it is true. While it is about the birth of Jesus, it is also about the faith of a young teenager, Mary, and Joseph's courage, respect and affection for Mary. While faith, courage, respect and affection live in a family, "God is with You."

CHURCH DECORATING

You are invited to join us as we decorate the church for Christmas. We begin this afternoon after the noon Mass. All are welcome to help.

THANK YOU

Thanks to the 5th and 6th grade classes of Assumption School for putting the new missals in the new covers, removing the old missals from the pews and placing the new books in the pews. That's a big job with more than 250 books to handle. Thank you for your service to the parish.

HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

The first of 10 drawings of Holiday Countdown will be held Dec. 22. Each day a name will be pulled and returned to the hopper. It is possible to win every day! Thanks to those who have supported this raffle and returned their tickets. Good Luck!

CENTURY CLUB

The second drawing was held Dec 15. Our winner of \$100. is **Judy Anservitz**. Congratulations!

IMMUNIZATION SHOTS

There will be no clinic Dec 24 nor 31. The Immunization Clinic will resume in January on Wednesdays, 1-3 pm, in St. Vincent office next to the rectory garage. This service is presented by the Ashtabula Health Dept. for your convenience.

Fri & Sat, Dec 26-27, the hall will be closed. The floor will be washed and waxed.

Please remember to pray for the sick and recovering in the parish. John Buskirk, Ken Lippart, Amy Eaton.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **GERTRUDE GERMACK**, wife of Walter, and **ELIZABETH BAKER**, twin sister of Tony Nicoletti, who died recently.

MISSALETTE COVERS

It is not too late to request a book cover in memory of a loved one, or just as a donation. These blue hard covers are \$5. Mark an plain envelop with donors name and the one being remembered. Thanks to all those who have already helped.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

To the Anonymous Donor who assisted the St. Vincent de Paul Society with a gift of \$1,500 and the parish with \$3,000. May God Bless you for your generosity.

Also, St. Vincent de Pau Society would like to thank all those who donated to this month's collection for their amazing generosity. Thanks to your gifts, SVDP will be able to continue their ministry to the poor. SVDP wishes all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CALENDARS

We have been gifted in the past with calendars from Behm Funeral Home. Because of expense, they have stopped this practice. We will not have 2009 calendars to give you.

BINGO SCHEDULE

There will be Bingo here Tuesdays during the holidays. Stop in and join us for the evening! Bring a friend. We begin at 6:30 pm.



The **Holiday Countdown** begins Monday, Dec. 22. The final drawing is Dec. 31. A list of winners will be announced Jan 11 in the bulletin.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 21:

SUN.	Hall Rental	1-3
MON.	St. Vincent Meeting	7:00
	K of C	7:30
TUE.	BINGO, 12/23/08. Team # 2	6:30
	Admissions	D. Pasqualone
	Early Birds	R. Laurello
	Early Instants	T. Ivankovic
	Cashier	B. Peters
	Kitchen	T. Baxter,
	I Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Decker
	Instants	E. Mallick
	II Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Decker
	Instants	K. Kleps
WED.	Choir presentation before Mass	8:30 pm
Fri & Sat : The hall will be closed for floor wash and wax.		
SUN.	Friendship Room Rental	12-5

TABERNACLE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

1. In Memory of Bert Hudson By Tess Congdon
2. In Memory of Paul Holler By Tess Congdon

JUSTICE MARCH

The 36th annual Lake County Justice March for Preborn Children (Formerly March for Life) will take place 2 pm on Sunday, Jan. 11. Marchers will depart from Great Lakes Mall and proceed east on Rte 20 to Farrell Hall at St. Mary Church for warm refreshments, followed by a program in the church at 3pm. Special guest speaker is The Honorable Randi Ostry LeHoty who will share her insights on the US Supreme Court. For more information call 440-255-5257.



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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

December 14, 2008 Offertory	\$4,844
Additional Holy Day	\$209
Renovation Fund Balance	\$2,974
Bills to be paid: Health Ins.....	\$ 6,522
Electric bill	\$ 2,547
Assessment, Prior years & Current year:	\$38,685

Thanks to all our generous parishioners.

PRO –LIFE

Today, this very day, Christ comes once more “unto His own,” and to those who receive him he gives “the power to become children of God;” in a word, He offers them the opportunity to see God’s glory and to share the joy of that Love which became incarnate for us in Bethlehem. Today “our Savior is born to the world,” for He knows that even today we need him. Despite humanity’s many advances, man has always been the same: a freedom poised between good and evil, between life and death. ...And, in this post-modern age, perhaps he needs a Savior all the more, since the society in which he lives has become more insidious. Who can defend him, if not the One who loves him to the point of sacrificing on the Cross his only-begotten Son as the Savior of the world?

Pope Benedict XVI, *Urbi et Orbi Message*, Christmas, 2006

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

It is through Mary’s “Yes” - “I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.” - that the promise of God’s Kingdom enduring forever is fulfilled. Do you say “Yes” to God?

MEN WHO COOK

Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County announces its Third Annual Men Who Cook, scheduled for Saturday, Jan 24 at Mt. Carmel Community Center from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This event is based on the premise that local men prepare their favorite dish for our guests and judges to sample. The proceeds benefit the Emergency Assistance Program at Catholic Charities. If you are interested in being a chef for the evening, please contact Lynn Zalewski, 992-2121. In addition, there are sponsorship opportunities available if you would like to help sponsor the event.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 21:

Sun.	2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Mon.	1 Sam 1:24-28; 1 Sam 2:1,4-7; Lk 1:46-56
Tue.	Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66
Wed.	2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Ps 89; Lk 1:67-79
Thu.	(Dawn) Is 62:11-12Ps 97; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Fri.	(St. Stephen) Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
Sat.	(St. John) 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1-8
Sun.	Gen 15:1-6,21:1-3; Ps 105; Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19; Lk 2:22-40

Mass Intentions  **for the week**

SAT.	5:30 PM	RACHELE STEIMER Paul & Marie Steimer
SUN.	8:00 AM	JACK HASSETT Rose Hassett
	10:00 AM	JOHN SHANNON Family
	12: NOON	MARILYN HEAD Mary Carraher
MON.	8:00 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUE.	8:00 AM	JUNE ELLER Fina Gruber
WED.	8:00 AM	PAT & MOLLY MASSUCCI Jerry & Eileen Seames

Christmas Eve		
	4:00 PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
	9:00 PM	DR. ANGELO CORDOVA Family
Christmas Day		
THU	8:00 AM	WALTER LAING Family
	10:00 AM	JOSEPHINE CARKHUFF Family & Friends

FRI.	8:00 AM	VERN YOUNGBERG Adeline Andres & Family
SAT.	9:00 AM	DARRYL EARTLY JR. Mary Jo Brown
	5:30 PM	TOM & CLARA JOHNSTON Ruth Sebulsky
SUN.	8:00 AM	PRISCILLA GRUBER BELL Ray & Fran Gruber
	10:00 AM	JEANNETTE MEZGARICH, 1st Anniversary Dave & Betty Cook
	12: NOON	EDWARD A. HEINZ Ray & Fran Gruber

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Dec 27-28:

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EX MIN of EUCH</u>
SAT. 5:30 PM	P. Cordova	C. Fenner, L. Lippart
SUN. 8:00 AM	K. Carkhuff	L. Daly, R. Linehan
10:00 AM	V. Ferrante	J/L Zalewski
12: NOON	F. Krasneski	Team of 3

	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
SAT. 5:30 PM	A. Nicoletti
SUN. 8:00 AM	K. Baxter, A. Cordova
10:00 AM	J. Hodgson, N. Watson, B. Privitera
12: NOON	M. Sharpe, A. Fistek, C. Costello

(Ministers & Acolytes, please let Mr. Daly & Mrs. Koch know which Masses you will be available to do in new schedule.)

NEW MASS SCHEDULE
To begin Jan 3-4, 2009

After discussion with the parish council and listening to many written, e-mail, and verbal opinions, I believe there is a large consensus to change the

**Saturday Mass to 4:30 pm and offer
Sunday Masses at 9 am and 11 am.**

This schedule will begin Jan. 3 and 4, 2009.

The reasons for this new Mass schedule are a response to the decline in church attendance, conservation of human and energy resources, and adjustments to winter weather conditions. Please allow a few weeks for this change in our worship times to be accepted. Some will discover that another parishioner is sitting in their pew or taking their favorite parking area. This will provide an opportunity to meet another parishioner and introduce yourself and your family. Coming early is always good advice when anticipating a new situation or a crowd. Be assured our ushers will greet you and help you find a seat for you and your family.

I invite all who have listened to the catechesis for “rediscovering an adult Faith” that has been offered here the past three years, to continue your faith formation at a special Eucharist, Saturday, Jan 10, at 7 pm, in the Friendship Room.

May God Bless you and your family in this season of Hope and Joy!

Fr. Mel Rusnak

(Adjustments will be made to previously scheduled Mass intentions for Sundays. Watch for them.)