



Mass Intentions

Monday	December 1st
5:00 p.m.	Rolando and Suzana de la Cruz
Tuesday	December 2nd
8:30 a.m.	Ruth Farkas
Wednesday	December 3rd Francis Xavier, priest
5:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Thursday	December 4th John Damascene, priest
8:30 a.m.	The Foss and Demos Families
Friday	December 5th
8:30 a.m.	Margaret Korzan
Saturday	December 6th Nicholas, bishop
9:00 a.m.	Richard Patyak
2:00 p.m.	Wedding: Carl Prince & Jeanne Kelly
4:30 p.m.	Grant, Tim and Pat Keys
Sunday	December 7th 2 nd Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m.	Debbie and Tom Forthofer
9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased of the Fada & Hartman Families
11:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish



Readings for the Week of December 1st

Mon	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tues	Is 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wed	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thurs	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri	Is 29:17-24, Ps 27:1, 4, 1-14; Mt 9:27-31
Sat	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

In your prayers...



This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: **Ann Lou, Betty, Carmen, Chip, Eli, Jim, John, LaVera, Linda, Mary, Ruth Ann, Todd, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct (11/04/14) \$6,512.00

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection November 30th - Capital Improvement Fund]

[2nd Collection December 7th - Retirement for Religious]

* Collection for Helping Hands Ministry will be Dec. 14th

Due to the Holiday bulletin deadline, collection totals for 11/23/14 were unavailable at the time of printing.



My Friends,

On this First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new church year. We renew the journey of faith as we return to the Old Testament prophecies of Christ and his birth in the Christmas mystery of the incarnation. Jesus is Emanuel, God-with-us. As he walks among us, we make the journey with him to Jerusalem. Through Lent and the Easter mystery, we enter into Jesus' suffering and dying so that we can share with him in resurrection and new life. The purpose of these liturgical celebrations is to insert us into Christ's redemptive action. We are invited to participate with him by uniting ourselves with his dying and rising.

This is the reason our frequent participation in the Eucharist is critical. The deeper our communion with the Lord, the greater is our assurance that we will find light at the end of the dark tunnel. We need to hold on tight.

We hear much about the new evangelization and the need to be in relationship with Christ. The beginning of a new year is a great time to renew our resolution of being faithful disciples of Jesus. As the days get shorter and darker, we light more candles on the Advent wreath. The winter solstice is a fitting time to celebrate the birth of Christ. In Roman times, it was the birthday of Saturn, the God of light. He conquers the darkness and the days begin to grow longer. With the advent of Christianity, it was obvious that Christ was the true Light of the world who has overcome the darkness.

It seems to me that so many people are finding their lives unraveling. They never established that deep bond with the Lord. When times get tough, they cannot find their way out. A new year is a time to make new resolutions. Maybe it is time to come home for Christmas.

Fr. Charlie



Wedding Banns

II Perry Stuart & April Hodgeman

III Carl Prince & Jeanne Kelly

High School Youth of St. Mary & St. Jude:

To all High School Teens!!! We're looking for a few teen volunteers. Wesleyan Village is holding their Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 2nd from 5:30-8pm. They need help with crafts & face painting for the kids. If you can share some time and talent, please send an email to Randy Kula at randy@saintjudeparish.org. If you need service hours, this is a great opportunity.

* Call Randy Kula, Youth Minister at 216-409-2639 if you plan on coming to any of these events, or if you have any questions.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



This Week in our Parish

Monday	December 1st
5:30 p.m.	Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	P.S.R. - Marian & St. Joseph Buildings
7:00 p.m.	Stewardship - Staff Room
Tuesday	December 2nd
11:00 a.m.	Hot Meal Planning Meeting - Conference Room
12 Noon	Senior Luncheon - Weigand Room
1:00 p.m.	Social Action Ministry - Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Advent Family Night - Weigand Room
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts - Green Room
Wednesday	December 3rd
7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Choir - Choir Loft
Thursday	December 4th
9am - 5pm	Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
2:30 p.m.	Brownies - Art Room
6:15 p.m.	Daisies - Green Room
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Cahill Library
Saturday	December 6th
5:30 p.m.	200 Club Dinner Dance - Parish Hall
Sunday	December 7th
9am-1pm	Pancake Breakfast & <i>Christmas Shoppe</i> - Hall
9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m.	Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building

200 CLUB WINNER: 11/30/14 Staci Moscovits #254



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd at 12:00 noon in the Weigand Room. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Please call your reservation to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140. The Children from St. Mary School will perform part of their Christmas Choral Concert. Time will be available for those who wish to stay and play bingo. We look forward to a great meal, sharing new ideas and hope that you will bring a friend with you.



Thank you for your generous donations of non-perishable foods that were collected for the Elyria Hospitality Center &

Thank you to all who helped to make our Thanksgiving Dinner a great success!

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT ~ Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:00pm in the Weigand Room

Please contact Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-5539 if you plan to attend and have not sent in a reservation slip.
Light supper provided.

St. Mary School Programs:



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas Choral Concert: Thursday ~ December 11th at 7pm in the Parish Hall

Pre-School Christmas Program: Tuesday ~ December 16th at 10am in the Lower Church

Band Concert: Tuesday ~ December 16th at 7pm in the Parish Hall

All are welcome to attend.



We are looking for...students from age 4-9 [Pre-School - 3rd Grade] that would be interested in being SHEPHERDS and ANGELS during the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass here at St. Mary Church. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of the Church for those who are interested. Please return completed sheets to the Parish Office by Monday, December 15th.



The Giving Tree

Our "GIVING TREE" is set up outside the Weigand Room. As you have in the past, we encourage you to participate in the "GIVING TREE" again this year. We have requests for items from Catholic Charities Family Center, The Elyria Health Department, Blessing House, Genesis House and Birthright. These requests will be placed on Christmas tree ornaments and hung on a tree located outside the Weigand Room. Parishioners are encouraged to take one (or more) of the tree ornaments, purchase the gift, wrap it and place it under the tree. Please be sure to attach the tags securely to the packages so that they will get to the correct organization. This outreach program brings Christmas to those most in need in our community and is a great way of showing concern for one another. **All gifts need to be collected by SUN., DECEMBER 14th** in order for them to be distributed in time for Christmas.

~ Thank You!

The St. Mary Hall Committee is sponsoring a **Holiday Pancake Breakfast ~ Sunday, December 7th** beginning after 8am Mass until 1pm in the Parish Hall.

All are welcome!

[No charge ~ free will donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will benefit our Helping Hands Ministry.]

St. Mary PTU will have a **Christmas Shoppe** open during the breakfast for children to purchase gifts for their families.

Christmas Cards for Inmates on Death Row: Join the Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County in preparing Christmas cards for the 139 people on death row in Ohio - **Thurs., Dec. 11th from 7-8pm** in the Weigand Room. Please bring a donation of religious Christmas cards. Questions? - Contact Rachel Schmidt, CACLC Program Admin., rschmidt@clevelandcatholiccharities.org or 440-366-1106 x12.

A **Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir** will take place on Friday, December 5th at 7pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland. The concert is free and open to all. No tickets or reservations required. Free secure parking at the Cathedral Plaza Garage - Rockwell Ave. & E. 9th St. For more information call: 216-696-6525 x5510 or email: ghelsman@dioceseofcleveland.org.