



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday**     **December 29<sup>th</sup>** Thomas Becket, bishop/martyr  
5:00 p.m.     Clemence, Carolyn, Robert Alan and  
                         Richard C. Faeking

**Tuesday**     **December 30<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 a.m.     Special Intention for Shirley Roling

**Wednesday**     **December 31<sup>st</sup>** Sylvester I, pope  
5:00 p.m.     The Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish

**Thursday**     **January 1<sup>st</sup>** Holy Day of Obligation  
                         **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
9:00 a.m.     Christopher Meanor  
11:00 a.m.     The Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish

**Friday**     **January 2<sup>nd</sup>** Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,  
                         **bishops and drs of the church**  
8:30 a.m.     Living & Deceased of the Larizza Family

**Saturday**     **January 3<sup>rd</sup>** The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
9:00 a.m.     Ann Chadowski  
4:30 p.m.     Jean Baumann

**Sunday**     **January 4<sup>th</sup>** The Epiphany of the Lord  
8:00 a.m.     James Novak  
9:30 a.m.     Ron Peloquin  
11:00 a.m.     Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish



Readings for the Week of December 29<sup>th</sup>

Mon 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:22-35  
Tue 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40  
Wed 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
Thur Nm 6:22-27; Ps.67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
Fri 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
Sat 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34  
Sun Is 60:1-6; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6;  
Mt 2:1-12

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Due to the Holiday Bulletin deadlines, the Collection totals from Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and Christmas Day were unavailable for publication.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection December 28<sup>th</sup> - Capital Improvement]

[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection January 4<sup>th</sup> - Helping Hands Ministry]

Please note: Any last minute contributions to be credited for 2014 need to be received in the Church office by Tuesday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately there is no 'grace period' on this with the IRS, we may not credit contributions to 2014 received after Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.



My Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. It offers us the opportunity to reflect on the importance of the family not only for our own personal growth but also for the benefit of the whole of society. God comes to live among us as one of us spending the majority of his time on earth with his family. It is only after 30 years of living in the small town of Nazareth that he begins his public ministry. He grew in wisdom, age and grace under the guidance of Mary and Joseph. We cannot overstate the importance of these formative years.

Today, in our secular world, the family is under siege. Statistically, 1 in 4 families remains intact. It is incredibly difficult for families to find time to spend together, even at the dinner table. Young people are finding it more difficult to relate to one another unless it is by texting or email. In fact, 40% of the younger population prefers to remain single rather than enter into a marriage relationship.

The dysfunction in family relationships simply replicates itself. Children repeat the parents' pattern of addiction and abuse. We need to reverse this cycle. We need healthy families to welcome and mentor those who lack parental guidance. We've seen success stories where one or two adults in a young person's life can make all the difference in the world.

I would hope that as we continue to grow together as a parish family, that we can become a refuge and support of those who need a model for living. Just a little encouragement can go a long way to inspire young people to pursue a goal in their life. We need to be 'family' for those who are lost or alone. Thanks to projects like the Christmas Dinner and the Giving Tree, we are doing great things for the disadvantaged. May we continue to find ways to be of service to the poor.

*Fr. Charlie*



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Bishop A. Edward Pevec** and **Douglas Beattie** and for the consolation of their loved ones.

*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, Eli, Jim, LaVera, Maggie, Tim, Todd, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.

# HOLY FAMILY



## This Week in our Parish

**Monday**      **December 29<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 p.m.      Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room

**Tuesday**      **December 30<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 p.m.      Hot Meals - Cafeteria  
7:00 p.m.      Evangelization - Conference Room

**Thursday**      **January 1<sup>st</sup>**



200 CLUB WINNER:      12/28/14      Sue Hist      #88



### New Year's Day Mass Schedule:

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil ~ December 31<sup>st</sup>: **5:00 pm**  
Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015: **9:00 & 11:00 am**



The Giving Tree

**THANK YOU** to all who took part in our **Christmas Giving Tree**. At this time when things are difficult we really appreciate your generous support in caring for those who are in such need. Your generosity was much appreciated by the Genesis House, the Elyria Health Department, the Blessing House, Catholic Charities and Birth Right.



### St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society

**Thank you** to all who have contributed so generously to the St. Mary Altar & Rosary Christmas Memorial Fund.

A memorial list will be published during the Christmas Season.



**THANK YOU** to all who attended the Hall Committee's Pancake Breakfast on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Because of your generosity, \$708.15 was donated to the St. Mary Helping Hands Ministry.



**Thank you** to all who helped make our Christmas Dinner a great success ~  
God Bless You!



The St. Mary School Community would like to wish all of our parishioners a Blessed and Happy Christmas Season. May Christ's peace and joy fill your lives. Thank you for your support and prayers for our school. We wish you God's blessings in the New Year.

**"SNOWFALL OF CASH" Calendars** sell for \$10 each and offer 31 chances at cash prizes throughout January. Sell all 10 calendars and your name will be entered into a drawing for \$1,000 at the end of January. Additional calendars are available at the Parish Office and all returns must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for the daily drawings.



Gentle Woman Fellowship will meet Fri., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Clarence Parish Ctr. 30106 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted beginning at 9:30am. The January gathering will have an exceptional Music presentation on an Epiphany theme arranged by Christina Dupree - a very accomplished religious & secular musician. This First Friday's gathering will include a pot luck luncheon. Please bring a cold salad, veggies w/dip, little cold sandwiches, fresh fruit or something similar to share. Dessert will be provided. All women are welcome. No reservations needed. Bring a friend. Questions? Call Mary 458-5063 or Mary 235-6258.

### **Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Charles T. Diedrick, Pastor  
Rev. Thomas Hagedorn, Pastor Emeritus St. Patrick (Westpark)  
Deacon Edward R. Dillon, Permanent Deacon  
Deacon Frank A. Humphrey III, Permanent Deacon  
Sister Mary Dorothy Tecca, C.S.A., Parish Catechetical Leader  
Mrs. Sharon Brunkow, School Principal  
Mrs. Mary Jane Taylor, Business Mgr. & Hall Mgr.  
Mr. Michael J. Moore, Dir. of Music Ministries  
Mrs. Angie Pluta, Dir. of Development  
Mr. Randy Kula, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

### **Contact Information:**

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### **Sunday Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm; Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

### **Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Mondays & Wednesdays: 5:00pm  
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 8:30am  
Saturdays: 9:00am

New Parishioners are welcome and asked to register at the Parish Office.

**2015** Calendars are available at the Church Entrances – please be sure to stop and pick one up.