

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Frank Fusca, Mike George, Rosie Crego, Jim Shroyer, John Holocher, Deacon Rick Martin, Mary Margaret Gerlach, Pat Foley, Marianne Martin, Debbie Green Bryant, John Davis, Pat Mehling, Doris Fahrenbach, John Fahrenbach, Roger Wright, Nancy Finneran, Marilyn Greene, Christine Money, Barbara (Rhodes) Dillon, Ann Shroyer, Albert Scarpitti, Joni Dray, Janice Holtschulte, Lew Lindner, Maggie Cosgrove, Patsy Davis, Kenny Quinn, Mildred & Marlene Parsley, Tom & Helen Moore, Nichola Storey, Don & Rita Schooley, Mary Jo & Shannon Patke, Amy Manning, William Foley, Kathy Maxwell, Thomas Knight, Sue Keeler, Elizabeth Guy, Alan Wiseman, Ken Miller, Joann Colopy, Pam Moine, Dotty Kelly, Marge Foley, Nick Hayes, Marge Casey, Gene Catlett & Michelle Martin. Please call to remove names as health improves.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, especially: Harry Koors, father of our parishioner, Alice Carrier, and Mel Scheel, father of our parishioner, Joyce Brown. May God grant peace and comfort to her family!

Welcome into our parish community by way of Baptism:

MACKENZIE JANE MONTGOMERY, daughter of Brian and Lydia. We congratulate Mackenzie and her family!

From the pastor...

Happy New Year! The First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the new church liturgical year. We will be in Year B of the Sunday Lectionary for Mass and Year II of the Weekday Lectionary for Mass.

Advent is a season of joyful expectation, which begins by looking forward to the second coming of Christ and concludes by remembering his first coming at Christmas.

It is a season filled with holidays: Immaculate Conception, The Virgin of Guadalupe, St. Nicholas Day, St. Lucy Day, ending with Christmas. Immaculate Conception is this coming Friday. Our Masses will be Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, December 8 at 8:15 am.

The Advent wreath marks our progress through this season, as well as provides a focus for family prayer. The lights on that wreath, as well as the lights of our Christmas trees and the lights in our neighborhood, which have already sprung up like thousands of twinkling stars, will lead us through the darkest days of winter with promises of good things to come. Come Lord Jesus!

St. Paul's Catholic Church (313 North State Street Westerville, 43082) invites... We are so very much looking forward to a special evening of music and worship!! Please plan now so you can join us on Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy beautiful music performed by Sarah Hart and P.J. Anderson!! *The Light of Peace*, An Advent evening of music and worship for the community.

GIVING TREE Gifts:

All gifts must be returned by December 17th.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, December 2 –

First Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Anne Josephine Coccia – Faulkner –
Dr. Maria Regina Coccia MD

Sunday, December 3 –

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Larry Rogers – SMM Choir
11:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Monday, December 4 –

Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. Ed VanTilburg – The Wesley's
7:00 p.m. Pamela Higgins

Tuesday, December 5 –

Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. Phyllis Kelley – Pat Martindale

Thursday, December 7 –

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. No Mass

Vigil of Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Living and Deceased of Members
St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Friday, December 8 –

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:15 a.m. Carmelo Tavella – Rosa Tavella

Saturday, December 9

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Russell Bonneville –
John & Mary Ann Graham

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Mary Magdalene Parish
11:00 a.m. Frances McNulty – Debbie Yonadi

Liturgical Ministers Schedules

Servers for Weekday, December – 4-8

Chris Aponte, Hannah Bailey

Saturday, December 9 – 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Gabby & Cheyenne Blackburn, Evan Gruber

Readers: Pat Martindale, Roberta Lindner

Greeters: Tony Swaneck, Elaine Bennett, Ken Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: * Paula & Evan Gruber,

Gabby Blackburn, Ken Miller, Tamara Francone,
need volunteer

Sunday, December 10 – 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Josh Taylor, Dominic & Mary Tokar, Lauren Wright

Readers: Paula Tokar, Richard Thomas

Greeters: Patrick Stumpp, Rick Schirtzinger,

David Creighton, David Doane

Eucharistic Ministers: * Karen Harrison Pat Cahill,

Julius Palazzo, Dominic & Bruce Tokar,

Janet & Rick Schirtzinger, Julie & Racey Morris

Sunday, December 10 – 11:00 a.m.

Servers: Hannah Bailey, Mila Gerardi

Readers: Rose Hamilton, need volunteer

Greeters: Joe Regan, Joanne Davis

Eucharistic Ministers: * Dee & Ron Sexton, Alice Carrier,

Leonard Shroyer, Jeanette Bach, Diana Wright,

Diane Puccetti, David Rose, need volunteer

Servers for Weekday, December 11-15

Elizabeth Cabrera-Duarte, Mila Gerardi

Counters: Foley, Moine, Miller

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Sunday, December 3**

Baptism Instructions
Coffee & Donuts
No Bible Study
7:00 p.m. RCIA

Wednesday, December 6

No Adult Choir
7:00 p.m. SMM School Christmas Play

Thursday, December 7

6:00-8:00 p.m. ESL
6:30 p.m. PREP
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Feast of the
Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Feast of the
Immaculate Conception

Parish and School Expense (net of tuition and cost reimbursement)	November 18 & 19	\$6,516.00
Regular Sunday Collection – Number of Envelopes <u>84</u>		\$3,138.00
Online Giving		\$4,106.00
Children Sunday Collection – Number of Envelopes <u>5</u>		\$ 2.00
Bazaar		\$7,225.00
Afghan		\$ 647.00
Other Parish Income		\$ 143.00
Net		+\$8,735.00
Net Month-to-date		+\$6,624.00
Net Fiscal Year 2017-2018-to-date		+\$5,947.00
Campaign for Human Development was \$ 689.00.		

Parish and School Expense (net of tuition and cost reimbursement)	November 25 & 26	\$6,516.00
Regular Sunday Collection – Number of Envelopes <u>96</u>		\$3,362.00
Online Giving		\$2,826.00
Children Sunday Collection – Number of Envelopes <u>3</u>		\$ 6.00
Other Parish Income		\$ 449.00
Net		+\$ 127.00
Net Month-to-date		+\$6,751.00
Net Fiscal Year 2017-2018-to-date		+\$6,074.00
Tuition Assistance was \$299.00.		

Thanksgiving Day Dinner THANKS: THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the 2017 Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner a success. Thank you for your donations of baked turkeys. Thank you to the many sponsors for generous donations of products, food, and services. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. Special gratitude to The Catholic Foundation Gold Grant, The Knights of Columbus Council #2898, Catholic Social Services, SMM St. Vincent de Paul Conference, St. Aloysius, St. Agnes, St. Mary Magdalene School/parish and Bishop Ready High School. Your kindness, generosity and compassionate hearts made a wonderful difference in many lives on the holiday.

See bulletin insert about 8th Grade **Holiday Fruit Basket Sale**. Samples of each size basket filled with fruit are in the Gathering Space in back of church. This will give you a better idea of what it looks like. Any questions? Contact Julius Palazzo at 614-276-9373 or email jmpalazzo@juno.com.

Mmm...Christmas cookies are baking and it is almost time for the Garden Club's annual sale! Don't forget to drop off cookies to the church or school office this coming Friday, December 8th. If you would like to help sort cookies, please join us Saturday, December 9th, 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. We are anticipating generous cookie donations from our fellow parishioners and friends this year, so our prices will remain the same as last year: 1 dozen – \$4.00, 2 dozen – \$8.00 and 3 dozen – \$12.00. **Help** is also needed selling the plates of cookies at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday December 9th, and at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 10th. If you can lend a hand, please call Karen Harrison at 614-878-0845. If no answer, leave a message with name and phone number. Thank you!

This month, as we enter Advent and prepare for the arrival of Jesus as a child and in Glory, we also prepare for family gatherings, dinners and Christmas-time with our family and friends. Most of us are fortunate to enjoy the many luxuries associated with the holiday season. Unfortunately, some of our neighbors cannot share in the luxury of such things. Many are experiencing hard times. These are the people the Society of St. Vincent de Paul assist. Thank you for your ongoing support and generous gift of prayer, monetary donations, canned goods and the Giving Tree presents. Thank you for helping us help our brothers and sisters in need. God bless you all. Merry Christmas from your SMM St. Vincent de Paul conference members!

For Your Holiday Planning...Advent Penance Service

December 17th – 3:00 p.m.
at St. Agnes Church (2364 W. Mound Street)

Masses for Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 7 – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 8 – 8:15 a.m.

Weekend Masses for December 23 & 23

Saturday, December 23 – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 24 – 11:00 a.m.
(**NO** 9:00 a.m. Mass)

Masses for Christmas

Sunday, December 24 – 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25 – 11:00 a.m.
(Christmas Carols at 10:30 a.m.)

Weekend Masses for December 30 & 31

Saturday, December 30 – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 31 – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Mass for the Solemnity of Mary

Monday, January 1 – 8:15 a.m.

THIS WEEKEND

Food Pantry
Baptism Instructions
Coffee & Donuts
No Bible Study
7:00 p.m. RCIA