



Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions



From the Pastor's Desk

December 24	Saturday Advent Weekday <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)</i> 4:00pm Mass (John Lemmo) 6:00pm Mass (Joseph and Dorothy Rogus)
December 25	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 12:00am Midnight Mass (Margaret M. Bauza) 8:30am Mass (People of the Parish) 11:00am Mass (Elaine Hammond)
December 26	Monday St. Stephen, The First Martyr 8:30am Mass (Deacon Alfred J. Koch)
December 27	Tuesday St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 8:30am Mass (Bishop A. Edward Pevec)
December 28	Wednesday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 6:45pm Avilas Prayer Group for Vocations (Church) 8:00pm AA Meeting (Church Hall)
December 29	Thursday 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 8:30am Mass (All Souls)
December 30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 8:30am Mass (Reverend Sylvester W. Fridrich)
December 31	Saturday 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I, Pope 3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation New Year's Eve Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 4:00pm Mass (Quinto Marchetti) 6:00pm Mass (People of the Parish)
January 1	Sunday New Year's Day Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God 8:30am Mass (Pietro DiLgee) 11:00am Mass (Virginia Kunas)

2016 Donation Summaries

Requests for 2016 donation summaries may be placed in the collection basket with your name, address, phone number, email, and envelope number. Thank you!

Scriptures for Week of December 25, 2016

	Sunday, Christmas Day
	Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
	Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
	Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Monday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Friday	Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Col 3:12-21/ Mt 2:13-15,19-23
Saturday	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Sunday	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Read and pray the Scriptures daily!



Tidings of Great Joy! The message always welcome, full of hope and surrounds us with God's everlasting love. What is needed on our part is a heart open to receive and ready to share. Christmas Blessings to all...

*Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we are bathed in the new radiance of your
incarnate Word, the light of faith, which illumines
our minds, may also shine through our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

Amen.

*Collect, Mass at Dawn, The Nativity of the Lord,
Roman Missal, 3rd Edition*

General Intercessions

May the Christmas joy of Jesus' presence penetrate into all families - especially those with the most lonely and burdened hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.

Family Perspectives

Today is a day of joy! We celebrate with hearts open to the enduring promise of Emmanuel-God is with us! This is true especially when we feel alone, frightened, burdened, abandoned or sad in our circumstances. Jesus came into the world to Mary & Joseph precisely to bless the outcast or downtrodden with hope and joy. Invite Jesus into your heart and home today.

Please Pray For...



Ann, Arthur, Monica Baird, Garth Bender, Violet Benich, Richard Bennett, Celia Bican, Bishop Prasad, Dennis Babb, Logan Boone, James Brigotti, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Frank, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, Tayha Hostetler, Kathy James, Ellen Jansen, Jill, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Helen Kracker, Carol Leach, Paul Marcene, John McDermott, Megan, Annalisa Menke, Audrey Menke, Menke Family, Bill Misencik, Marjorie Morgan, Molly, Ashley Munoz, Natalie, Nate, Carroll O'Donnell, Richard Edward and Richard William Parker, Anika Patrick, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Jacqueline Polcen, Edna Raber, Rita, Bruno Ruppel, Rosanne Sanford, Bonita, Steve Sheets, Doris Shriver, Mallory Trecaso, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, Miriam Sommers, Stephen Sommer, Shirley Southard, Amy Stephen, Paul Stephen, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Clara Szydlowski, Patty Tesmer, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Paul Trecaso, Sylvia Trecaso, Minnie Wagner, Patricia Wiatrowski, all in need of prayer, all who wished to be remembered and those who are forgotten...



December 25, 2016
The Nativity of the Lord
And the Word became flesh and
made his dwelling among us.
John 1:14

Ozanam Center News

The Ozanam Center will again be giving out winter coats to our clients. We are in desperate need of good used or new men's and children's coats. If you can help in this effort, we would appreciate it. The Center is open on Saturdays from 9:30am-12pm and someone would be happy to help unload them.

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Information Night

If you or someone you know has expressed a sense of being called to lay ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland, the Pastoral Ministry formation and certification process may be of interest to you. The Pastoral Ministry process assists in the education, training, and formation of lay people leading to certification as a Lay Ecclesial Minister. Those certified in the Diocese of Cleveland serve in a variety of leadership roles such as pastoral associates, catechetical leaders and ministers of sacramental preparation, youth ministers, social outreach coordinators, bereavement ministers, music ministers, campus ministers, and ministers of adult faith formation. Certified Lay Ecclesial Ministers work in collaboration with the ordained to serve the needs of parishes and Catholic institutions. **An Information Night for those interested in Lay Ecclesial Ministry will take place at the Center for Pastoral Leadership from 7-9:30pm, Wednesday January 18, 2017.** For additional information, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office at 440-943-7670.

First Friday Club of Akron

The **First Friday Club of Akron** will meet **Friday, January 6, 2017** at **The Tangier, 532 W. Market St., Akron, 44303** and will feature a **Woman Religious Panel speaking on the topic The Joys and Challenges of Consecrated Life in Today's World.** The panel includes **Sr. Ana Isabel Gonzalez**, a novice with the Dominican Sisters of Peace; **Sr. Catherine Arnold, O.P.**, a Dominican Sister of Peace who ministers with the new members as Coordinator of Formation; **Sr. Amy McFrederick, O.P.**, Co-Director of Associates, Dominican lay women and men in mission with the Dominican Sisters; and **Sr. Catherine Walsh C.S.A.**, sister of Charity of St. Augustine who lives and works at the Catholic Worker House in Akron. **Luncheon program is \$20. Doors open at 11am; program is from noon to 1pm.** For additional information and for reservations, please **send a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307, call 330-535-7668, or visit www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org, no later than the Monday prior to the event.**

“Joy of the Gospel”

Need a New Years Resolution? Come join us at Bible Study on Mondays from 7:30-9pm for Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis. The books are only \$5 and class begins January 2nd. If you would like to join us, please contact Chris Czerski at 330-666-0408 or cjc@gmail.com by December 20th so we know how many books to order.

Help the Needy of Northeast Ohio

The Cleveland Furniture Bank provides basic home furnishings to people in need who are trying to rebuild their lives. Each year, over 3000 needy people receive couches, chairs, kitchen tables, dressers and beds to help them in this process. **If you are downsizing, remodeling, redecorating or just have good, usable furniture you no longer need, call 216-459-2265 x101 or visit www.clevelandfurniturebank.org/donate to schedule a pickup.** If you have other items, such as clothing, household goods, pots and pans, dishes, etc. they will pick those up at the same time. **A nominal \$20 fee will assist us defray a small portion of our costs to pick up items and provide them to those we serve. Thank you!**

Camp Christopher – Winter Family Camp

January can be a difficult month. The cold weather and the short days coupled with the post-holiday blues make for a long winter. But there is relief in sight: **Winter Family Camp, scheduled for January 13-16, is right around the corner and we are now taking reservations.** For those of you have never attended, Winter Family Camp is a fantastic family bonding time. We offer the same type of high quality programming throughout each day for every age group, with great all camp programs in the evenings. **Visit www.campchris.org to register or for more info!**

Enrich Your Faith

For the faithful and faith leaders alike, a new six-part series of 10 minute monthly videos is now available. Intended to deepen one's faith, the first in the series is entitled “Air” and evokes the invisible, but intimate presence of God who comes to us in the person of the Holy Spirit. **Hosted by pastor and seminary instructor, Father George Smiga, the series can found at www.dioceseofcleveland.org.**

Weekend of December 18, 2016

<i>Sunday Offering</i>	<i>2,884.00</i>
<i>Church Maintenance</i>	<i>10.00</i>
<i>Initial Offering</i>	<i>45.00</i>
<i>Special Donations</i>	<i>11,000.00</i>
<i>Oplatki (additional)</i>	<i>66.00</i>
<i>Poinsettia Fund (additional)</i>	<i>45.00</i>
<i>Christmas 2016 (additional)</i>	<i>2,560.00</i>
<i>Immaculate Conception (additional)</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>Retirement Fund for Religious (additional)</i>	<i>30.00</i>
<i>PSR (additional)</i>	<i>100.00</i>

Thank you for your generosity!