



Parish Schedule & Mass Intentions



From the Pastor's Desk

December 19	Saturday Advent Weekday 5:00pm Mass (<i>John Lahoski, d. 12/19/2005</i>)
December 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) 10:00am PSR Christmas Pageant (Church) 11:00am Mass (<i>Lucille Malliner</i>)
December 21	Monday Advent Wkdy; St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church 8:30am Mass (<i>All Souls</i>) 7:00pm MOS Communal Penance Service (Church)
December 22	Tuesday Advent Weekday 8:30am Mass (<i>Victoria Labak Lipovsky</i>)
December 23	Wednesday Advent Weekday; St. John of Kanty, Priest 7:00pm Mass (<i>Lucietta Terzano, b. 12/23/1916</i>) 8:00pm AA Meeting (Church Hall)
December 24	Thursday Advent Weekday; Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve) 4:00pm Mass (<i>John Lemmo</i>) 6:00pm Mass (<i>The Joyce Family</i>)
December 25	Friday The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) 12:00am Midnight Mass (<i>Margaret M. Bauza</i>) 8:30am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) 11:00am Mass (<i>Rev. James McManamon, OFM</i>)
December 26	Saturday St. Stephen, First Martyr 4:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass (<i>George Michael Yanock</i>)
December 27	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 8:30am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) 11:00am Mass (<i>August Francis Stuhldreher</i>)

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent as many, like Mary in this Sunday's Gospel, visit relatives and friends, may we encounter and bring Christ to each person we meet in the coming days of Christmas. Let us pray...

*Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ Your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by His Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Collect, Fourth Sunday of Advent Roman Missal, 3rd Edition



In Your Charity

Pray for **The Reverend James McManamon, OFM, religious priest; Victoria Labak Lipovsky**, sister of The Reverend Joseph Labak; **Helen Basa**, mother of The Reverend Francis J. Basa, parochial vicar St. Bernard Parish, grandmother of Anthony Sejba, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish. May Father McManamon, OFM, Victoria, Helen and all our beloved dead live forever in the joy of the Resurrection and may their families and friends be consoled. Amen.



Scriptures for Week of December 20, 2015

Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45
Monday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66
Thursday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79
	Christmas Vigil <i>Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25</i>
Friday - Christmas During the Night (Midnight)	<i>Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14</i>
	Christmas During at Dawn <i>Is 62:11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20</i>
	Christmas During the Day <i>Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18</i>
Saturday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Col 3:12-21 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52



Please Pray For...

Ann, Arthur Milliman, Emma Aguilar, Susan Allanson, Monica Baird, Garth Bender, Richard Bennett, Louis Bianco, Celia Bican, Logan Boone, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Joshua Conner, Kevin Fetty, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, Eric Haymaker, Tayha Hostetler, Bob and Kathy James, Ellen Jansen, Jill, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Carol Leach, Marcene, John McDermott, Megan, Audrey Menke, Bill Misencik, Ashley Munoz, Natalie, George Novak, Carroll O'Donnell, Richard Edward and Richard William Parker, Anika Patrick, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Rita, Bruno Ruppel, Rosanne Sanford, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, Paul Stephen, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Clara Szydlowski, Patty Tesmer, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Paul Trecaso, Sylvia Trecaso, Karen Vincent, Minnie Wagner, Patricia Wiatrowski, and all those in need...



Daily read and pray the Scriptures!



*December 20, 2015
Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Blessed are you who
believed that what was
spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled.*

Luke 1:45

Family Perspectives

Jesus was born into a family. Because of his birth, not only was the world changed--the role of family life was also profoundly changed. Every family is called to recognize, value, and nurture the presence of God in their midst.

General Intercessions

That each family may believe in and feel God's presence in their daily lives and know that this is what makes them a holy family.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Merry Christmas!

Great generosity and kindness has been shown by MOS parishioners through participation in this year's Giving Tree project...and even more the many, many bags of non-perishables, paper products, soap, can goods that are being distributed... Thank you and God bless you every one!!!

Oplatki

The Christmas wafers known as "Oplatki" are still available near the Giving Tree. It is part of a wonderful custom where the wafer is shared as a sign of peace among those gathered for the Christmas meal. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Bethlehem means *house of bread*.

First Friday Club of Akron

The **First Friday Club of Akron** will meet on **Friday, January 8, 2016** at its **new location, Tangier, 532 W. Market St., Akron, 44303** and will feature a Clergy Panel speaking on the topic **The Joys and Challenges of the Modern Priesthood**. The panel includes newly ordained **Rev. Jeremy Merzweiler**, parochial vicar at St. Gabriel Parish in New Concord; **Rev. Michael McCandless**, Director of Priesthood Vocations for the Diocese; **Rev. Steven Brunovsky**, Pastor at St. Hilary Parish; **Rev. Norm Douglas**, Director of Heart to Heart Communications and campus minister at the University of Akron. Luncheon program is \$20. **Doors open at 11am; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1pm.** Reservations can be made by sending a check to the **First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307**, by calling **330-535-7668**, or at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org, no later than the **Monday, January 4, 2016**. See the website for information on subscriptions for the 2016 luncheon series.



*December 25, 2015
The Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)*

*Let us go, then, to Bethlehem
to see this thing that has
taken place, which the Lord
has made known to us.*

Luke 2:15

Cleveland Retrouvaille

Someone once said "marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth." Have you become so distracted by outside pressure that you neglect your spouse? The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. This program is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held January 15-17, 2016. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more info concerning the program, or to register, call Diane or Al Miskinis in complete confidence at 330-665-3506 or (from a 216 or 440 area code) 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal Statistics

Mother of Sorrows Parish Catholic Charities Appeal Statistics as of November 30, 2015 are as follows: Number of Households: 581, Number of Donors: 68, Percent Participation: 12%, Amount Pledged: \$15,886, Amount Paid: \$14,505, Percent Fulfillment: 91%, Goal: \$21,065, and Percent to Goal: 74.51%. If you would still like to donate, please complete an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass, call 800-869-6525 x1049, or donate at www.catholiccommunity.org/2015Appeal. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



Weekend of December 13, 2015

<i>Sunday Offering</i>	<i>2,274.00</i>
<i>Retirement Fund for Religious (additional)</i>	<i>60.00</i>
<i>Immaculate Conception (additional)</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Christmas (additional)</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Solemnity of Mary (additional)</i>	<i>20.00</i>
<i>Poinsettias (additional)</i>	<i>285.00</i>

Thank you for your generosity!