

Message from the Pastor

With the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* this Sunday, the Christmas season is officially ended. As things settle back to liturgical normal, I've been thinking about this past Advent and Christmas seasons. I'm filled with gratitude for a number of different reasons.

Firstly, this was my first Advent and Christmas as a pastor. The difference between a regular priest and a pastor is mostly canonical (Church Law) and administrative, so outwardly, there was not a lot different between this year and last year's celebrations. But inwardly, it was an entirely different thing looking out at everyone who came to those Masses during my homily. I kept thinking, "I'm responsible for these people...I have to get them to Heaven...God has placed these people in my hands to get them to Heaven!" It was a humbling realization. I'm grateful to the Lord for guiding my hands and words (and my feet back home!) and I pray that something I said or did brought people, especially those who don't regularly practice their faith, a little closer to Him.

As I may have mentioned in Mass last Sunday, with Christmas—and therefore also the holy day of *Mary, Mother of God* on New Year's Day—being on a Friday and *Holy Family* and *Epiphany* on Sunday, we went through quite the liturgical gauntlet. With vigils starting on Thursday, solemnities on Friday, vigils on Saturday, and Masses on Sunday, I think I offered 9 Masses over the course of those few days! It was pretty exhausting. But then looking out at everyone during my homily and greeting people on the way out, I was floored with gratitude at the faces that I just kept seeing over and over again during the course of those few days. I remember seeing one family in particular at the vigil Mass for *Mary, Mother of God*, at the Holy Hour, and then again on Sunday and I just wanted to offer them a room in the rectory, they'd been to church so often! But it was those faces that kept me going. I'm so grateful to be back here at Holy Rosary and St. Patrick's, but I'm especially grateful for those faithful faces. It shows the good fruit Fr. Tony, Fr. Oscar, and Fr. Barry as well as mothers and fathers of those families who worked so hard to cultivate. And I'm grateful to them and all my predecessors for the hard work that they put in to make our parishes such a special place. I'm looking forward to working with and for you all to get our families to Heaven in this new year!

Your Pastor,
Fr. Witt

Baptism Class

Are you expecting a baby or have a child who needs baptized? Baptism Preparation Classes are offered for Holy Rosary and St. Patrick parents, on the second Thursday of every month. Our next class is scheduled for January 14, at 6:30pm, in the Upper Room.

Pre-registration is required - please call the parish office to register prior to January 12th, at 419-394-5050.

Maria Stein Animal Clinic

This Week's Bulletin Sponsor

**TUITION ASSISTANCE
FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

Please apply for tuition assistance at the website below. The deadline to apply is February 8, 2021 **and must include all your tax forms. If your account is NOT verified by February 8**, then you will not be awarded tuition assistance through the Archdiocese or Holy Rosary. Please make sure you check your email because notices are sent out when more information is needed for your account.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION
TUITION AID GRANTS**

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is currently accepting applications for 2021-2022 elementary school (K-8) tuition assistance grants. All grants are needs-based and can be used at any Catholic elementary school within the Archdiocese.

**How to apply: www.catholicbestchoice.org
Deadline: February 8, 2021**

Save the Date!

Women's Spa For the Soul

April 9, 2021

Guest Speaker: Julia Monnin

"The World is Noisy - God Whispers"

**Wine, Women & Scripture
Monday, January 11 @ 6:30pm
in the Holy Rosary Cafeteria**

**Enjoy an evening of fellowship
with the women from our parishes.**

Our group study will continue to meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

During the meetings, we will use an *Endow* study, *JP II's Letter to Women*. Within each chapter, we will read & have discussion questions that tie the concepts of the study with our everyday lives.

Books are recommended & available in the parish office for \$26.

Questions? Contact:
Nan Mielke 419-300-1045
Terri Maze 419-305-0672

Prayer Hotlines	Weekend Mass Attendance
Holy Rosary:	4:30pm 153
Julie 305-7937	8:00am 128
St. Patrick	9:30am 111
Mary 657-2346	11:00am <u>181</u>
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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 01/11	Weekday <i>Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20</i> 8:15am Mary Lou Dingledine
Tues. 01/12	Weekday <i>Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28</i> 8:15am HR Glen & Catherine Kaylor
Wed. 01/13	St. Hilary <i>Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39</i> 12:05pm HR Karen Williams
Thurs. 01/14	Weekday <i>Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45</i> 8:00am SP Mary Jane Mallory
Fri. 01/15	Weekday <i>Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12</i> 8:00am HR William & Mary Fiebelkorn
Sat. 01/16	Weekday <i>Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17</i> 4:30pm HR Bob & Linda Fleck
Sun. 01/17	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>1 Sm 3:3b--10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20</i> <i>Jn 1:35-42</i> 8:00am HR Richard & Martha Scherer 9:30am SP Alice Scott Clayton 11:00am HR Don & Shirley Stienecker

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sat. January 16	HR	4:30pm	Mass
Lectors: Lora Krugh, Lydia Krugh			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers			
Sun. January 17	HR	8:00am	Mass
Lectors: Andy Rammel, John Rammel			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers			
Sun. January 17	SP	9:30am	Mass
Lector: David Oen			
Sacristan: Ellen Brown			
Ushers: Tom Naseman, Mark Ruppert			
Sun. January 17	HR	11:00am	Mass
Lectors: Nick Kiel, Steve Dues			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers			

Stand Up for Life

Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Pro-Life signature ad in our local newspaper. There are envelopes for this at all of the Church entrances and at the Church office. Please take an envelope today, fill it out, and return it next Sunday with your donation so that your name(s) can be included in the ad. Any excess money will be donated to the Family Life Center of Auglaize County. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support for the Pro-Life movement.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	January 10 8:00am Mass at Holy Rosary 9:30am Mass at St. Patrick 11:00am Mass at Holy Rosary - Live Streamed
Monday	January 11 8:15am Mass at Holy Rosary 6:30pm ENDOW - Cafeteria 7:00pm St. Patrick Pastoral Council - SP Rectory
Tuesday	January 12 8:15am Mass at Holy Rosary
Wednesday	January 13 11:30am Confessions at Holy Rosary 12:05pm Mass at Holy Rosary Following Mass Legion of Mary - Upper Room 6:30 pm CCD at St. Patrick 7:00pm CCD at Holy Rosary - Grades K-12 8:00pm CONNECT at Holy Rosary - Cafeteria
Thursday	January 14 8:00am Mass at St. Patrick 6:30 pm Baptism Prep Class - Pre-registration required 7:00pm RCIA - Cafeteria 8:00pm Knights of Columbus - K of C Hall
Friday	January 15 8:00am Mass at Holy Rosary 6:00pm 7 Sensational Dates - K of C Hall
Saturday	January 16 8:00am Latin Mass at Holy Rosary 3:30 - 4:15pm Confessions at Holy Rosary 4:30pm Mass at Holy Rosary
Sunday	January 17 8:00am Mass at Holy Rosary 9:30am Mass at St. Patrick 11:00am Mass at Holy Rosary - Live Streamed

Holy Rosary Collection

Weekly Collection	\$ 5,773.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,012.24
Mailed in Donations	\$ 0.00
Total Collected for the Week	\$ 7,785.24

St. Patrick Collection

Weekly Collection	\$ 1,509.00
Mailed in Donations	\$ 0.00
Total Collected for the Week	\$ 1,509.00

Holy Rosary CCD News

CCD resumes on January 13, 2021. Parents, please continue to bring your children to Mass or view it online through holynosarychurch.us if you aren't comfortable coming to church.