

DECEMBER 11, 2016 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"He loves, He hopes, He waits. If He came down on our altars on certain days only, some sinner, on being moved to repentance, might have to look for Him, and not finding Him, might have to wait. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep him waiting one instant."
(St. Peter Julian Eymard)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 45)
Kyle M. Garrison
by the Brian Corcoran Family
12:00 Noon AA (H)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:00 Noon AA (H)
7:00 p.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 48)
Eugene Longo by Jennifer Hess

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 52)
JoAnn Leach (Anniversary)
by Sara Lynn Gafford
7:00 p.m. RCIA (H)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

No Mass Fr. Ted's Day Off
12:00 Noon AA (H)
4:30 p.m. Junior Choir (CH)
6:00 p.m. Chime Choir (H)
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (CH)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 59)
Ricky Dale Van Dyke
by Sara Lynn Gafford
12:00 Noon AA (H)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 63)
James Houser
by the Jerry Houser Family
10:30 a.m. Rosary (CH)
2:30-4:00 p.m. Special Choir Practices (CH)
4:00 p.m. Confessions (CH)
5:00 p.m. **Sunday Vigil Mass**
Gerald Miller by Joan & Mike Theado

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 (pg. 26)

7:30 a.m. Rosary (CH)
8:00 a.m. **Sunday Mass**
Jerry Miller by Judy Goode
9:30 a.m. PSR (C)
9:30 a.m. Adult Study Class (C)
11:15 a.m. **Sunday Mass**
The People of St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. 1st and Parish Reconciliation
Service (CH)

OUR PRAYERS FOR OTHERS: Hold in your prayers **Norma Mogan, Danny Ogan**, and all those who are on our prayer chain. If you have permission and wish to put a friend or loved one on the email prayer chain, or are interested in praying as part of our prayer chain, please contact Jackie Rose at diggersdaughter@yahoo.com or (614) 595-7633. If you would also like to have a name listed in our church bulletin for prayers, please notify us at office@saintjosephcleveland.com or call 477-2549, ext. 300.



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD! Prepare your heart to receive Christ this Christmas by coming to the Sacrament of Confession at our Parish Reconciliation Service next Sunday **December, 18th** at 4:00 p.m. This will also be First Reconciliation.

Following in St. Joseph's Footsteps Restoration Progress

Goal: \$2,000,000

Pledged (to date): \$1,354,272.08

Paid (to date): \$489,724.28

*Please continue to join your parish family in offering
the Restoration Prayer each day.*

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you wish to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope in your packets; there are also extras available in the church. We request a \$15.00 donation per flower. Be sure to include the name on the envelope of the individual whose memory you are honoring, and do not put loose checks in the regular collection basket without the special envelope. Donations must be received by Sunday, **December 18th**, in order for their names to appear in the bulletin December 25th.

WELCOME to these newly-registered parishioners: **Wayne and Joan Fontaine, Mark England, and Todd and Jillian Gilsdorf!** We are delighted you have chosen to make St. Joseph Church your parish home, and look forward to getting to know you as part of our parish family.

GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE back, **unwrapped, no later than next Sunday, December 18th.** Please be sure to attach your tag to your gifts and bring them to church and place them near the tree (in the sanctuary, by the Tabernacle, making sure to honor Christ's Presence in the Tabernacle). Then hang a snowflake on the tree. Note that **NO GIFT CARDS ARE TO BE LEFT** at the tree, but should be either placed in the Sunday collection or dropped off at the Parish Office. Donation of gift bags (new or gently used) and wrapping paper are needed, too! Thank you for helping care for those in our community who wouldn't otherwise have gifts to open on Christmas morning, both children and adults with special needs.

FOOD DRIVE: The Mound Street Churches will hold our annual food drive this upcoming **Saturday, December 17th**, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Please bring nonperishable food to feed those in our community who are hungry this winter.



Youth Corner

December 11, 2016

Parish School of Religion & Youth Ministry—NEWS



CONFIRMATION PREPARATIONS

Next class session:

DATE: Sunday, December 11, 2016

TIME: 6-8 p.m. **LOCATION:** Parish Hall at the Church

NOTE: Saint Reflection papers are due.

Next class is Sunday, January 8, 2017.

Vanessa Butterbaugh,
PSR Coordinator/
Youth Minister
ymvanessa88@gmail.com

Dates To Remember:

- ◆ Reconciliation Service—
Dec. 18 at 4 p.m.
- ◆ NO PSR—**Dec. 25 &
Jan. 1**



First Reconciliation Preparations

First Reconciliation Service—**Dec. 18** at 4 p.m.

Parishioners are invited to attend the Reconciliation Service.

First Communion Preparations

There will be a parent meeting on **January 15, 2017** to begin the preparation process for First Communion.

Giving Tree

Please help families in our community that need a little assistance this year by picking up a giving tree tag and purchasing one or two items on the list. Without your support, these families may not have much of a Christmas.

Giving Tree items are due back to the church on **Sunday, December 18th.**

We ask that if you wish to donate gift cards, please put those in the collection basket. Gift cards are always welcome. They can be used for personal care items for families in need. Which sometimes is more of a need than a new shirt.



Prayer Corner

Third Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the Messiah.

Let us pray:

John the Baptist, pray for me, that I may speak truth and witness to Jesus as you did.

Amen.

Live the Gospel:

Perform a work of mercy this week or share the power of the Good News in your life with someone, as a sign that you follow in Jesus' messianic footsteps as a representative of our healing, liberating God.

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Mission Trip

If you are interested in participating in Catholic Heart Workcamp next Summer 2017, please contact Vanessa by **December 12th**.

Open to youth in grades 8th-12th grade.

We will be attending Catholic Heart Workcamp in Farmington, MI the week of June 18-24, 2017.

Cost is \$410 (deposit of \$90 due now)



Gospel Road is July 9-13, 2017 to be held in Newark, OH.

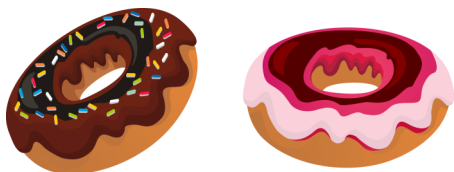
Cost \$150 (\$50 deposit due in March)

PSR MISSION COLLECTION

Money collected during PSR is used to sponsor a young boy from Honduras. We have been sponsoring Henry Jahir Enamorado Diaz since he was 5 years old. Henry will turn 13 on December 21st. He is in the 7th grade. The funds we send each month help improve his nutrition through food supplements, provides him with an education and school supplies to help him obtain a high school degree and prepare him to enter the labor market. Your continued support of sending in change with your child each week allows us to continue partnering with Child Fund to provide a chance for a better future for Henry.



To encourage youth to bring in money we have a little competition between the classes. The classes (top 3) that bring in the most money every 9 weeks receive a treat! This last collection period the following classes will get donuts during PSR class time. Congrats to 6th grade, 7th grade and the High School classes!



No PSR on the following Sunday's:

December 25 (Merry Christmas)

January 1 (Happy New Year)

PSR Classes will resume on January 8, 2017



MERCY GARDEN GRATITUDE

On behalf of the Mercy Garden, Sarah and Joe Stitt extend a huge thank-you to those who supported the garden's first season through donations, prayers, and community service! We were blessed with

donations from parish and community members including the Knights of Columbus, John Goode, Darwin Whitehead, Sister Monica, Vanessa Butterbaugh, the Rhoads Garden Center, and Sutherlands. Furthermore, we were blessed with support from over **30 volunteers** throughout the summer!

Based on average weights of produce, we were able to donate approximately **224 pounds of fresh vegetables** and herbs to families in need within the Circleville community including those serviced by the Emergency Clearinghouse of Pickaway County, the Presbyterian Church Community Kitchen, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you again to all those who helped make our first season a success!

SPECIAL CHOIR PRACTICES: Patty Immell will be available from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Church next Saturday, **December 17th**, for members of all St. Joseph Choirs who would like a little extra help to get ready for their Christmas performances!

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Christmas Eve, December 24th
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
 12:00 Midnight Mass
Christmas Day, December 25th
 10:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass



CHRISTMAS DINNER: St. Joseph Parish will once again be serving Christmas Dinner on **December 25th**, from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. and we need *your* help! This dinner serves Pickaway County residents

in need, including senior citizens, handicapped, unemployed, and those who would otherwise be alone during the holidays. Volunteers are needed for two shifts, both to serve the dinner in the Hall and to deliver dinners: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. We also need donations of desserts. To give your time, call Robbye Myers (740-412-5055). Leave a message and she'll call you back!

KROGER REWARDS: Thank you to those who have chosen St. Joseph Catholic Church as their charity of choice for Kroger Community Rewards. We have received \$321.86 for the period August-October 2016. If you are interested in signing up, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com. St. Joseph is Organization #84493.

ATTENTION, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND: Fr. Ted will not be calling up or giving out Communion on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to those who distribute. We will be back on our regular schedule the following weekend of New Year's Eve and Day.

HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: If you or a loved one are home or hospital-bound for any length of time, and desire to receive the sacraments, please call the Parish Office. Fr. Ted and Mary Kay no longer have the ability to check the local chaplains' list; the list is no longer being made available to pastors and associates. Therefore, they will not know of your needs unless they are notified by the individual or his family.

COLLECTIONS

December 4th:
\$5,359.12

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:

 **Pickaway Manor** Personalized.
 Care Center Uncompromised.
 A MacIntosh Community Healthcare.
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Liturgical Ministers:
December 17th & 18th

If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please be sure to find a replacement.

Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers – please check your name off the list at the back of the church when you arrive each week.

Saturday, December 17th, 5:00 p.m.

Servers: Jay, Gabe & Jed Sahr
 Eucharistic Ministers: Chuck* & Cathy Steinhauser, Teri Mogan, Patricia Griffith, John Raterman
 Lectors: Peg Burton (1), Grace Elliott (2)
 Ushers: David Crawford, Randy McCoy, Chuck Estel, Phil Vogel
 Greeters: Sr. Monica Justinger, Logan Skaggs, Jim Schneider

Sunday, December 18th, 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Allison Kleman, Joseph & Patrick Morris
 Eucharistic Ministers: John Dossman*, Michael Matthiass, Steve Ford, Ron McMullen, Linda Nutter
 Lectors: Mary Kay Wood (1), Judy Dossman (2)
 Ushers: Vanessa & Ron Butterbaugh, Merle & Krista Valentine, Kevin Collis
 Greeters: Darren & Susan Metzger, Steve & Beth Ford

Sunday, December 18th, 11:15 a.m.

Servers: Zach Martin, Joe Mogan, Christian Coulibaly
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mary So*, Vivian Tussing, Mary Kopec, Pam Smith, Ann Short
 Lectors: Diane Wroten (1), Lauren Martin (2)
 Ushers: David Corbett, John Stolarz, Kade Kandel, Michael D. Williams
 Greeters: John & Marcele Bowen, Shane Bobbitt