



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| 4:00 p.m. | SATURDAY, January 18 Anthony and Matthew Felice † |
| 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | SUNDAY, January 19 Ned Merkle † For the People |
| | MONDAY, January 20 No Mass |
| 6:30 p.m. | TUESDAY, January 21 <i>Saint Agnes</i> Mass at Saint Ladislav |
| 8:30 a.m. | WEDNESDAY, January 22 Mass at Corpus Christi |
| 8:30 a.m. | THURSDAY, January 23 Celebrant Intention |
| 8:30 a.m. | FRIDAY, January 24 <i>Saint Francis de Sales</i> Imogene Myers † |
| 4:00 p.m. | SATURDAY, January 25 Timothy Bolger † |
| 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | SUNDAY, January 26 For the People Dale Chuha † |

Note: Confession is heard 45 minutes prior to each weekend Mass. Coffee and doughnuts are served following the Sunday 9:00.m. Mass

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
RCIA: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. – weekend retreat

After the final Blessing please join us in reciting the following prayers:
The Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be and the Prayer to Saint Michael, the Archangel.

MUSIC-9:00 MASS
Prelude: LANGLAIS: Prelude au Kyrie
Communion: BORTNIANSKY: Lo, a Voice to Heaven Sounding

SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

| Week of: | Actual offertory/ other income | Amount needed to cover expenses | Amount over/under |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Jan. 11-12 | \$17,503.84 | \$11,315 | \$6,188.84 |
| Year to date | \$359,367.53 | \$367,449.68 | (\$8,082.15) |

*Other income includes gifts, bequests and donations from societies

Hospital, Nursing/Assisted Living facility:
Toni Neal, Keith Russel, Wesley Walker

At home: Sharon Kirby, Mary Sailor, Carla Palkuti, Dan Hogan, Karen Schlueb, Foday Kenneh, Denise Gammell, Tammy Littler, Shirley Thibaut, Danny Campbell, Albert Petrikas Yvonne Brennan, Dottie Kelly, Alieu Kenneh, Frank Wickham, Kou and Fu-mei Liu, Jim Hanson, Jenny Jimenez, Bill Antoniak

If you are admitted to a hospital St. Mary may not be notified. Please ask a family member to call the parish office.

RCIA

For the next two weeks the RCIA class we meet off campus to discuss their journey to date. Please pray for our Candidates and Catechumens and those who are instructing and preparing them for full Communion with the Holy Catholic Church at Easter.

SSCM PANTRY-ITEM FOR JANUARY: The item needed for the month of **January is oatmeal and cereal.** Please drop your donation off throughout the month. We will have a basket marked “food pantry” in the Burkley Center for your donation. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Mary Kelly Minner or cell: 614.404.0817.

YEAR END REQUEST: if you have moved during the past year please alert the parish office to assure receipt of your year-end statements.

JORDAN CONFERENCE.....the next quarterly Jordon Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held on the 2nd floor Burkley Center for parents who wish to have a child baptized. Please contact the parish office at 614-445-9668 or email Ann at ann@stmarygv.org to confirm your attendance.

VOLUNTEER

Thank you to all the folks who volunteered to help in taking down all the Christmas decorations this past weekend. Your efforts are appreciated.

WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNBORN BABY'S LIFE
Week 4 (about 1 month) – I have 40 pairs of muscles that have developed along the trunk of my body. My arms and legs are forming. I am about one-quarter inch long.

LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for JANUARY 25-26, 2020 (4th Sunday of the Month)

| TIME | SACRISTAN | LECTOR | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER |
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| 4:00 P.M | Ginny Holleran | David and Lori Mitchell | Miles Drake and Rose Albert |
| 9:00 A.M. | Karen Trifonoff | Isabelle Billett and Andy Richardson | Mike Chambers, Cecelia Reis Dave and Marge Smigelski |
| 11:00 A.M. | | Olivia DePassio and Tina Nierman | Ann Anderson and Rebecca Chuha |

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: January 26 – Mark and Sandra Grosko **Pray for our men and women in uniform**

Collection counters for the 4th Sunday of the month: Beverly Walker and Lin Duren

Notes from the Pastor

I wonder if my life always points to Jesus Christ...John the Baptist shows up in this weekend's gospel, and his life not only points to Jesus Christ, but he calls Jesus the Lamb of God. The "lamb" has many scriptural references (Passover Lamb in Exodus 12), but Jesus truly is the One who suffers and dies on the cross for our sins, like a lamb being offered during Passover!

John points his life to Jesus because he recognizes Jesus as the perfect "lamb" offered by God the Father as the one and only sacrifice that can free us from death and sin!

What also helps John know who Jesus is is our faith and the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit revealed to John who Jesus is- human and divine- the Son of God! God gives us His Spirit, the same Spirit given to John to help us open our hearts to try to understand God's plan.

May we pray to Our Lord to pour His Holy Spirit upon us to deepen our love for God, and enflame our hearts to do His will in everything we do!

- Pray for Pope Francis and those who lead the Church, especially Bishop Brennan
- Pray for those affected by natural disasters and acts of violence (Iran, Iraq, Volcano in the Philippines, earthquakes in Puerto Rico, Kenya militant attack on a school)
- Next week, (January 27-February 2) is Catholic Schools Week which is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States! May we appreciate everything our school continues to do- providing a Catholic, Christ-centered education on the South End of Columbus for children throughout Central Ohio!!!
- On Monday (January 20), we celebrate an American who followed Christ by living an example of peace and equality, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. May we live up to Dr. King's message such as the dignity of every human life; interfaith cooperation; and recognizing we must hold up Jesus Christ as the Light of the world. The offices are closed January 20th.
- The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (no. 373) designates January 22 as a day of prayer and penance for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 is observed as a day of prayer for the legal guarantee of the right to life so we may unite our prayers for life together. May we understand the dignity and sanctity of every human life.

Fr. Vince

News Worthy Notes

UPCOMING KEY EVENTS

- ❖ February 1, 2020: We will welcome Bishop Robert Brennan who will celebrate our 4:00 p.m. Mass on the Feast of Saint Brigid
- ❖ February 15, 2020: Catholic Women's Conference
- ❖ February 22, 2020: Catholic Men's Conference
- ❖ Our annual Gala! It will be held on April 18th, 2020. Tickets can be purchased using the following website:
<https://www.stmarygv.ejoinme.org/2020auction>

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION

The Community of Holy Rosary & St. John the Evangelist is hosting its annual Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday, January 20, 2020 from noon to 1:30 pm at Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 660 South Ohio Avenue (between Main and Livingston), Columbus, Ohio. The guest preacher is Rev. Charles Smith, S.V.D. Fr. Charles Smith is co-director of the Bowman Francis Ministry, a ministry that provides religious education and evangelization to the African American Catholic community. Holy Rosary-St. John has been celebrating Martin Luther King Day every year since the holiday was established in 1986. Vernon Hairston will be directing the gospel choir during the celebration, and community artists will be displaying their art. For additional information, email hrrsevents@gmail.com or call (614) 252-5926, ext. 7.



SAINT MARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Catholic School's week will kick off this year with an open house at Saint Mary School on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

REASON FOR OPTIMISM FOR LIFE

Following South Dakota's enactment of the most pro-life law in America, Roe v. Wade may well be revisited in the not too distant future

As a result, USA Today recently published an article (based largely on data from the pro-abortion group, the Alan Guttmacher Institute) which predicts what would be likely to happen if Roe v. Wade were overturned and abortion became a state-by-state issue again.

The results are quite surprising and positive for LIFE. Only 16 states are likely to continue abortion on demand---any time, any place, for any reason---if Roe v Wade were overturned. This would include seven states on the West Coast and almost every state in the Northeast, but only a third of the U.S population.

By contrast, at least 22 states containing half of all Americans would almost definitely enact either complete or near-complete abortion bans, recognizing that the unborn child is a person, deserving of basic human rights like the rest of us.

This is very encouraging and underlines the importance of using our influence to enact laws like the Unborn Child Amendment in South Dakota.

ANNOUNCING WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

St. Mary's will be celebrating World Marriage Day the weekend of February 8 & 9th. One aspect of our celebration will be a photo display in the back of church featuring **YOUR** wedding photos. We invite all married couples to send us a wedding photo for this display. You can drop off or mail a photo to the parish office... or you can email a photo to st.maryweddings@gmail.com. Please include your name and wedding date (including the year.) Photos will need to be turned in by Thursday February 6th. We will return any photos after World Marriage Day. The gift of your commitment is a witness to our parish community.