

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 15 - St. Mary

Rosary 4:00 p.m, Mass 4:30 pm

In memory of Kathleen Feicht by Tom & Joellen Kendrick

Sunday, Dec. 16 - St. Ann

Rosary 8:40 a.m., Mass 9:00 a.m.

World Peace

Monday, Dec. 17 - St. Mary

Mass 9:00 a.m.

The Paxton Family

Tuesday, Dec. 18 - Genesis Chapel

Mass 7:15 a.m.

Intention of Franciscan Sisters to pray with faith, listen with hope, respond in love & trust

Mass Readings for Next Sunday, December 23, 2018

Micah 5:1-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Divine Mercy Reflections from St. Faustina's Diary

Jesus said: **In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world.**

I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart. I use punishment when they themselves force Me to do so; My hand is reluctant to take hold of the sword of justice. Before the Day of Justice I am sending the Day of Mercy.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Vivian Grady, Ted Paulus, Pat Powers, Peggy Franks, Christine Wagner, Keith Chapman, Tracy Beale, Margarie ReevesSue McClanahan-Pepper, Jodi Morrison, Rose Fohrman, Edyn Dickson, Becky Fouts, Wesson James, Teresa Daughtery, Clarice Durtschi, Nick Durtschi, Tom Lockhard, Marty Watson, Karen Miller, BJ Angelo, Charlotte Jones, Ellen Alheim, Rylee Warner, Gretchen Boerner, Eli Murphy, Ron Miller, Amara Larrison, Teagan Welen, Sara Hopper, Melody Purkey, Clark Watson, Lynn Seward, Steve Woytko, Craig Harple, Kevin Kenily, Dakota Miller, Robert Thomas, Sarah Ludinich, Kristi Larimer, Michelle Merry, Bob & Peg McBride, Ann Smeltzer, Jerry McGee, Debbie Lovensheimer, Cheryl Trego, Lisa Adornetto, Don Nichols, Greg Steinmetz, Sue Lawler, Charles Jones *Refresh them Lord, with your healing grace.*

Please submit names of those who need our prayers. As health improves, let us

know to remove the name

Stewardship Report

Year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019
December 1 & 2, 2018

Total \$ 3,364.00

St Mary \$ 1,877.00 St Ann \$ 1,487.00

**Ret Religious \$ 130, Flowers \$ 30,
Poor \$ 5, Immaculate Conception \$ 484**

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 2,400.00
ACTUAL COLLECTION	\$ 3,364.00
Variance	+ \$ 964.00
Year to Date Goal	\$ 52,800.00
Actual Year to Date	\$ 62,112.37
Year to Date Variance	+ \$ 9,312.37

CHURCH OFFICE HRS

Tues. 8:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24th - 4:30 pm - St. Mary -
Vigil Mass. Please arrive early.
Carols begin at 4 pm.

Dec. 24th - 9:00 pm - St Ann - The
Christ Mass. Carols begin at 8:30 pm

Dec. 25th - 9:00 am - St Ann

Dec. 31st - 4:30 pm - St Mary

Jan. 1st - 4:30 pm - St. Ann

Jan. 6th - 5:30 pm - Epiphany Party

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate toward the purchase of flowers in remembrance of your loved ones please use the special envelope found in your contribution packet. If you did not receive envelopes, please use a plain envelope and include the name(s) of those to be remembered **AND** the donor's name **printed CLEARLY** along with the donation amount.



The Legend of the Poinsettia—Flowers Of The Holy Night The Story Of Maria And Pablo

A long time ago in Mexico, there lived a little girl called Maria and her brother Pablo. They were from a poor family. Maria and her brother looked forward to Christmas when the local church set up a nativity scene. Maria and Pablo loved Christmas, but they were disheartened because they could not afford to give the baby Jesus a gift on his birthday. As they walked to the Church that Christmas Eve, Maria was not happy, but sad. As she and her brother were walking, an angel came to them and said, "All you have to do is gather what is at your feet."

Hearing this, the children obeyed and diligently gathered the weeds that were on the side of the road. They proceeded to the Church, and by now Maria's heart was lighter because she knew that she was giving the Lord a gift which was filled with love. The other children jeered and mocked them. Maria and her brother placed the weeds near the crib of Jesus. Looking at them doing this, the other children started embarrassing them and almost brought Maria to tears. At that instant there was a miracle. The green weeds turned into beautiful red star shaped flowers. The other children stopped laughing at them and were stunned at what had happened. They realized that a gift did not have to be expensive; it must be given from the heart to be accepted by the Lord. Since that night, the poinsettia flowers have been called, 'Flores de Noche Buena', meaning 'Flowers of the Holy Night'.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16th

A man was sent. By whom? By the divine Word, whose forerunner he was. To go before the Lord was his mission.

Lifting up his voice this man called out:

The voice of one crying in the wilderness!

It was the herald preparing the way for the Lord's coming.

John was his name; John to whom was given grace to go ahead of the King of Kings, to point out to the world the word made flesh, to baptize him with that baptism in which the spirit would manifest his divine Sonship, to give witness through his teaching and martyrdom to the eternal Light.

TODAY IS GAUDETE SUNDAY

The rose candle on the Advent Wreath is lit today, the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday. The Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments.

The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting for Christmas.

Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

Why do we decorate with red and gold at Christmas?

Red is for Christ's sacrifice and blood.

Gold is a mark of His kingship.

Lights are put up to remind us that Christ is the Light of the World.

Advent Wreath

The progressive lighting of the candles each week symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

The light itself signifies Christ, the Light of the World.



Mitten Tree

This ministry helps those less fortunate.

Please place mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, children's underwear, etc. under the tree at either church throughout Advent. Thank you.



2019 Columbus Catholic Women's Conference, Feb 16

Registration is now open for the 2019 Catholic Women's Conference. Register by January 14, 2019 to save on tickets using early bird pricing of \$35. After January 14 prices are \$45 and \$30.

Need a Christmas gift for that special lady? Log onto the website and buy her a ticket to the Catholic Women's conference. The gift could change her life forever.
www.columbuscatholicwomen.com

Heartbeats—ornament on tree

Our parish family will be adopting Heartbeats to share our love this year.

Heartbeats is now getting referrals from Catholic Social Services, Eastside Community Ministries, and other outreach organizations. This is depleting Heartbeat resources. Those being referred take parenting classes and are counseled. This earn them points that enables them to shop at Heartbeat's boutique.

Mittens will be placed on the trees in the churches. Please choose a mitten or mittens to purchase items for Heartbeats.

Return the gifts by December 16 to be delivered to Heartbeats by Christmas.

Heartbeats is in desperate need of 0-9 month clothing. Please put your donations in the back of the churches.

2019 Columbus Catholic Men's Conference, Feb 23

Registration is now open for the 2019 Catholic Men's Conference. Register by January 14, 2019 to save on tickets using early bird pricing.

This is a don't miss opportunity for the men of the Columbus Diocese.

Presenters this year include: Jesse Romero, Bishop Donald J Hying and Dr. Timothy Gray.

In 2018, 3,200 men met at the Cardinal Building at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. They learned together, prayed together, worshipped together and grew together as Catholic Men. We invite each participant to bring a friend to the 2019 conference. Register today at www.catholicmensministry.com
The early bird price is \$35.00

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St Mary's will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 23, at 1:00 p.m.