

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 7 - St. Mary
 Mass 4:30 p.m, Rosary at 4:00 p.m.
 Fred & Carolyn Awalt by their Family

Sunday, December 8 - St. Ann
 Mass 9:00 a.m. Rosary at 8:40 a.m.
 Josephine Greco
 by Jeff & Mary Ann Kieffer

Monday, December 8 - St. Mary
 Mass 7:30 a.m.
 Pat O'Leary by Mary Ann Miller

Tuesday, December 9 - Genesis Chapel
 Mass 7:15 a.m.
 The Homeless



Mass Readings Sunday, Dec. 15

Isaiah 35:1-6
 James 5:7-10
 Mathew 11:2-11

Divine Mercy Reflections from St. Faustina's Diary

I said to Him, "Jesus, I thought about You so many times last night," and Jesus answered me, **I thought of you before I called you into being.** " Jesus, in what way were You thinking about me?" **In terms of admitting you to My eternal happiness.** After these words, my soul was flooded with the love of God. I could not stop marveling at how much God loves us (*Diary*, 1292).

MESSIAH CONCERT

Sunday, December 15, 6 pm at
Central Trinity United Methodist Church, 62 S 7th St. Zanes.

Treat yourself to an Advent experience. This concert with live orchestra sings the entire story of our redemption from the Old Testament prophecies through the birth and passion and resurrection of Jesus. A free will offering will be taken up.

Prayer for lighting the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread His light of love to all. As we light the candles of this wreath may its growing brightness remind us of the approaching nearness of your Son so that the day of His coming may find us prepared and filled with joy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Vivian Grady, Pat Powers, Peggy Franks, Christine Wagner, Tracy Beale, Margarie Reeves, Sue McClanahan-Pepper, Jodi Morrison, Rose Fohrman, Edyn Dickson, Wesson James, Teresa Daughtery, Clarice Durtschi, Nick Durtschi, Tom Lockhard, Marty Watson, Karen Miller, Ellen Alheim, Rylee Warner, Gretchen Boerner, Ron Miller, Amara Larrison, Teagan Welen, Sara Hopper, Clark Watson, Lynn Seward, Craig Harple, Kevin Kenily, Dakota Miller, Sarah Ludinich, Michelle Merry, Cheryl Trego, Don Nichols, Greg Steinmetz, Sue Lawler, Charles Jones, Ava Winner, Tom Clawson, Jeffrey M. Schiele, Connie Kihm, Tim Scholl, Christine Mitchell, Miriam Santacruz, Bill McBride, Mary Ann Miller, Jenny Ripple Kimble, Jack Stokes, Elijah and Lora Tilton, Lucas Totton, Tom Dew and Chelusa Cruz, and Jim Cope
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

November 23 & 24, 2019

TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 2,850.00

Human Dev \$ 115, Military \$ 70, Christmas Flowers \$ 20

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 2,400.00
ACTUAL COLLECTION	\$ 2,929.00
Variance	+ \$ 529.00
Year to Date Goal	\$ 50,400.00
Actual Year to Date	\$ 57,213.00
Year to Date Variance	+ \$ 6,813.00

Dresden Knights are collecting for the veterans.

Needed: soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, shampoo, shaving cream, disposable razors, socks, puzzles, puzzle books, Western books, pencils, pens, envelopes, t-shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants.

Questions: Russ Woodrow (St. Mary) & Trenton McCarty (St. Ann)

When life is rough.....PRAY.

When life is good.....PRAY.

CHURCH OFFICE HRS

Tues. 8:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m.
 Phone: 740-754-2221
 saintann@columbus.rr.com

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit by Sunday, 6 p.m.
 Phone your submission, 828-2594,
 place it in the basket at Mass
 or email to sheimer@localnet.com.

SHUT-INS / HOSPITALIZED / ILL

For correspondence to shut-ins, etc.
 please contact
 Cathy McDaniel at 454-2137.



PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters as they go forth with courage and determination to face the forces of violence, weapons of destruction and hearts filled with hate. We pray, Lord, that you preserve the members of our Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Air Force from all harm. *Amen.*



Wednesdays during Advent we will be having evening prayer, Eucharistic adoration and benediction from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at St Ann.

Christmas Caroling

Join us Saturday, December 14, for our annual Christmas caroling to area shut-ins. Meet at the parish hall at 6 p.m. All parishioners, their friends and family are invited.



Jesus-Light of the World An afternoon of hope and inspiration for women

Sunday December 8
at St. Mary
2:00 - 5:00 pm

Come refresh and relax during this season of preparation...

--Seasonal Scripture readings, devotions, songs/hymns
For all women and their guests!

Men Of The East Traveling Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Reflection on Thursday, December 12th, 7:00 pm at St. Thomas Church, Zanesville.

All men of the twelve parish consortium are invited and encouraged to participate in these once a month Holy Hours.

Men Of The East is a Catholic Men's Laity Ministry comprised of all practicing Catholic men who attend one of the 12 parishes in Knox, Licking or Muskingum Counties. Men Of The East exists to support, strengthen and help maximize the spiritual growth of men of the Catholic Church. Men Of The East is a part of the Catholic Men's Laity Ministry for the Columbus Ohio Diocese.

For more information visit: MenOfTheEast.com

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Few doctrines of the Catholic Church are as misunderstood as the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Many people, including many Catholics, think that it refers to the conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That event, though, is celebrated at the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25, nine months before Christmas.



What is the Immaculate Conception? The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. We celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8; nine months before is December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

John Hardon, S.J., in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, notes that "Neither the Greek nor Latin Fathers explicitly taught the Immaculate Conception, but they professed it implicitly." It would take many centuries, though, for the Catholic Church to recognize the Immaculate Conception as a doctrine, and many more before Pope Pius IX, on December 8, 1854, would declare it a dogma.

Another misconception people have is that Mary's Immaculate Conception was necessary to ensure that Original Sin would not be passed on to Christ. This has never been a part of the teaching on the Immaculate Conception; rather, the Immaculate Conception represents Christ's saving grace operating in Mary in anticipation of His redemption of man and in God's foreknowledge of Mary's acceptance of His Will for her.

In other words, the Immaculate Conception was not a precondition for Christ's act of redemption but the result of it. It is the concrete expression of God's love for Mary, who gave herself fully, and without hesitation to His service.

Heartbeats

Our parish family will be adopting Heartbeats 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 earns them points that enables them to shop at their boutique.

Please place your donations in the back of the churches by January 5, Epiphany.

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.

Nominations now open for the 2020 Catholic Man of the Year.

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2020 Catholic Man of the Year. Bishop Robert Brennan will present this annual award on **Friday, February 7, 2020** at the Men's Luncheon.

The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony.

Nominations will be accepted through **December 31, 2019**.

For details, nomination instructions and the required online nomination form, go to catholicmensministry.com/cmoy.

Submit your nomination and let us know why your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!