

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 5 - St. Mary
Mass 4:30 p.m, Rosary at 4:00 p.m.

Fred and Carolyn Awalt
by their Family

Sunday, December 6 - St. Ann
Mass 9:00 a.m.

In Memory of Bernard & Wilma Fisher
by their Daughter

Tuesday, December 8 - St. Ann
Mass 8:00 a.m.

Steve Woytko by Betty Priest

Tuesday, December 8 - St. Mary
Mass 7:00 p.m.

Ben & Nate Kaufman by their Parents

Thursday, December 10 - St. Mary
Mass 6:00 p.m.

Thomas Dew by Divine Mercy Society

Mass Intentions for next week

Saturday, Dec. 12 - Leo Colopy

Sunday, Dec. 13 - Bill McBride

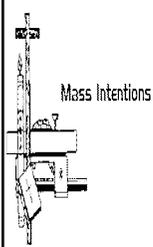
Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Jim Miller

Thursday, Dec. 17 - Mary Anne Dalton



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.*



Mass Intentions

Just mark an envelope "Mass Intentions" and drop it in the collection basket with the name of whom the Mass is to be offered and include your name.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Food Pantry Ministry

Please remember our Food Pantry goal of one item per family per week.



Mass Readings Sunday, December 6

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Divine Mercy Reflections from St. Faustina's Dairy

Jesus said: Write this: before I come as the Just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort:

All light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the Savior were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day. (*Diary*, 83).

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your Home.

If you are interested please call the office, 740-754-2221, or talk to Deacon Dave Lozowski. Acknowledge Christ as your King by Enthroning your home.

Penance Service

Thursday, December 10,
7 pm at St. Ann

Hopefully at least three priests will be available. Everyone who is not in a state of grace and free from sin is invited to attend.

Parish Mission with Fr. Hayes December 14-16, Monday – Wednesday.

The Holy Rosary will be at 6:40 pm followed by the presentation at 7 pm. It is at St. Mary so it can be broadcast.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Vivian Grady, Pat Powers, Peggy Franks, Christine Wagner, Tracy Beale, Sue McClanahan-Pepper, Marty Watson, Clark Watson, Lynn Seward, Craig Harple, Kevin Kenily, Dakota Miller, Michelle Merry, Cheryl Trego, Don Nichols, Greg Steinmetz, Sue Lawler, Charles Jones, Jeff Hall, Ava Winner, Tom Clawson, Miriam Santacruz, Jenny Ripple Kimble, Jack Stokes, Lucas Totton, Debbie Brailer, Jim Cope, Della Jordan, Annette Lapp, Susie Hall Williams, Joseph Pishner, Steve Beebe, John & Ron Shirer, Lucy Younkins, Charlotte Jenkins, Thomas & Laurie Thacker.

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, 2020- June 30, 2021

November 21 and 22, 2020

TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 3,067.00

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 2,400.00
ACTUAL COLLECTION	\$ 3,067.00
Variance	+\$ 667.00
Year to Date Goal	\$ 50,400.00
Actual Year to Date	\$ 54,846.01
Year to Date Variance	+\$ 4,446.01

God bless you for supporting YOUR Parish.

Use of Parish Hall

Use of the halls at either St. Ann or St. Mary must be approved/registered through the parish office.

Our Saturday Masses are broadcast live on the Parish Website, Facebook and on YouTube.

They can be accessed at any time at stannstmary.org, St. Ann & St. Mary Parish Family on Facebook.com or on YouTube.com/[stmarysmattinglysettlement](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstmarysmattinglysettlement)

CHURCH OFFICE HRS

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. –12 noon
Phone: 740-754-2221
saintann@columbus.rr.com

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8 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



“Balance Life–Spread Light”

An afternoon of hope and inspiration for all women and guests!

Available on the parish You Tube channel by Sunday, December 6, at 2 pm or view it anytime after that.

Remember to contact Karen (740 607-0798) or Terri (740 624-4853) to pick up your kit for the Women's Afternoon of Inspiration if you plan to participate.

Secret Sisters

Reminder for all Secret Sisters: Please reveal yourself to your Secret Sister sometime during the month of December.

Since the CWA Christmas party was canceled we will need to do this on our own time. You can get her a Christmas gift or just send her a simple card to reveal who has been blessing her all year.

Thank you for participating! You have spread much joy in this most difficult year!

Collection Counters Needed

We need a few more people to volunteer to count the collection. A two person team (no one counts alone) may count the collection: 1) immediately after Sunday Mass, 2) Monday mornings 9 am -12 or 3) Tuesday mornings 9 am - 12 Training is provided.

Please call Trudie Haren at 720-248-2663 if you can help with this vital service to the church.

Are Catholics “Born Again”?

Absolutely Catholics are "born again" — they are baptized!

The "born again" question is based on John 3:3-5, where Jesus says to Nicodemus: "I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above (some Bibles read, "born again", here)... no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit."

-www.catholiceducation.org
-www.catholic.com

In Stephen Ray's CD, *Finding the Fullness of Faith*, he says that at Mass, when we recite the Nicene or Apostles Creeds we are announcing our faith so we are "born again" at every Mass. Stephen Ray was raised in a devout, loving, Baptist family. In *Finding the Fullness of Faith*, he shares his amazing conversion to Catholicism and explains why he is convinced it is the Church founded by Christ over 2000 years ago. His CDs can be found at www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org

Advent Wreath

Christians turn to Advent as a time of light and preparation.

The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, love, joy and peace. ... Some denominations consider the fourth candle to mean purity, and most use a fifth candle, called the Christ candle, that is lit on Christmas to remind Christians of the light Jesus brings to the world.

Christians believe Jesus is the light of the world, and He brings light into this world, so as you go through the four Sundays, you increase the light in the world as the anticipation grows."

Our annual Christmas Caroling has been cancelled.

Men of the East December Holy Hour, Dec. 10, 7 pm

The Sisters from Children of Mary, 8353 Pleasant Chapel Rd., Newark, will host the Men of the East for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on 12/10/2020 in their Chapel. Please follow all current mandates and recommendations including; wearing a mask and observing social distancing. No reception will follow.