

**Mass Schedule for December 14th –22nd**

- Sat. 14th 5:00 p.m. - Deceased of the Adams Family (SM) (Fr. DD)
- Sat. 14th 7:00 p.m. - Fr. Charles Caserta (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 15th 8:00a.m. - WyattClevenger (St. M) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 15th 9:30a.m. - Parishioners(St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 15th 11:00a.m. - Matthew Schleich (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Mon. 16th 9:00a.m. -Living and deceased of the Pohlbel family (Visn)
- Tues. 17th 9:00a.m. - Fr. Anthony Borgia (Visn)
- Wed. 18th 12:00p.m. - Private Intention (Visn)
- Thurs. 19th 9:00a.m. - Intention of Scott Johnson (Visn)
- Fri. 20th 9:00 a.m. - Vocations to the priesthood & the religious life (Visn)
- Sat. 21st 5:00p.m. -Steve & Rhoda Hubek (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Sat. 22nd 7:00p.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 22nd 8:00a.m. - Rita, Elmer, & Dan Hileman (St. M) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 22nd 9:30a.m. - Carl Maksym (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 22nd 11:00a.m. - Jean DeRegnacourt (Visn) (Fr. DD)

**Confessions heard 30 minutes before weekend Masses**

***Offertory December 7/8  
Second Collection***

<b><i>Visitation</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 3,655.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,558.00</i></b>
<b><i>St. John</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,029.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 694.00</i></b>
<b><i>St. Mary</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 954.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$2,737.00</i></b>

***St. John's Manger Scene*** Help will be needed following the 9:30 a.m. Mass on December 22 to set up the manger. Please plan on staying to help if possible. Many hands make light work.

**A message from the Knights of Columbus:**

The yuletide is here. There will be food, parties and gifts. But, let us all remember and proclaim what this season is really about. We don't say, Merry Foodmas or Merry Partymas or even Merry Giftmas. We say Merry CHRISTmas. A simple expression of our faith and a wish that reminds us of God's love for His people. Help keep Christ in Christmas. Proclaim ***MERRY CHRISTMAS! Spread THE WORD.***

**Calendar Visitation:**

- Sun. Dec 15 RCIA 9:30 a.m.
- Sun. Dec 15 **Final Cantata practice & children's Christmas choir pizza party** 12 noon - 1 p.m.
- Tues. Dec 17 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
- Wed. Dec 18 **Children's Christmas Choir practice** 6pm
- Wed. Dec 18 **CCD Christmas Play & Cantata** 7 p.m.
- Thurs. Dec 19 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
- Thurs. Dec. 19 **Community Dinner** 4:00-5:30 pm

**Calendar St. John:**

- Mon. Dec 16 **Parish Council** 7:00 p.m.
- Tues. Dec 17 **Recitation of the Rosary** at 5:30 p.m.
- Sun. Dec 22 **Gifts presented by Dan & Cindy Kramer** .

**Calendar St. Mary:**

- Sun. Dec 15 **Breakfast in the Basement** following Mass.
- Thurs. Dec 19 **Holy Hour** 6:30 p.m.

***Christmas Play & Cantata***

Christmas Play and Cantata from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in Visitation Church. All are invited to see our children put on a play about the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. This will be an evening lead in song by our Children's and Adult Choir. Let us show our support for all the beautiful voices joining together in Christmas cheer. Cookies, Hot Cocoa, and a visit from Santa Claus follow immediately after the singing.

***ST. ANNE'S SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY***

St. Anne's Sodality of Visitation will hold its annual Christmas party on December 16th at noon. Meat and drinks will be provided and each member is asked to bring a dish to share. We'll play bingo and have some more surprises.

***GIVING TREE***

Please return as many gifts to the Giving Tree as soon as possible– this weekend or next weekend at the latest. Thank you very much for all of your generous gifts to the Giving Tree. All of your gifts remain here in Preble County to help those in need. Thank you!

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Hello Friends in Christ,

This third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called, "Gaudete Sunday" from the Latin entrance antiphon,

"Gaudete in Domino semper." This antiphon at the beginning of Mass is best translated as, "Rejoice in the Lord always." Thus, the theme for this week in our lives should be finding those moments of great rejoicing.

We would all like to say with the prophet Isaiah, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord; in my God is the joy of my soul." As we all get ready for the great feast of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas), let us have ears, eyes, and hearts open to receive true joy from the Lord. Are we able to say the words of Isaiah and truly mean them, that "in God" is the source of my joy? Or do we seek joy from some material thing, some-"thing", rather than the Creator of All Things? It is easy to rejoice in the birth of this young baby, Jesus Christ, in Bethlehem. This sense of joy at the coming of the Lord on Christmas evening should inspire us to also rejoice for the coming day of the Lord, when all is at last made manifest. To rejoice with all our heart in the living God is a fruit of the Spirit in us. This gift of the Spirit will help us to endure any trial and suffering with a deep sense of peace because by the incarnation of the Son of God, we are never alone but always lifted from our sorrow into the joy of this God made man for our salvation. I say it again, "REJOICE!"

God Love You,  
Fr. David Doseck

**Stewardship Moments**  
from 'What Can I Do? 8 Ways to Help Build Community in Your Parish' by Leisa Anslinger

Imagine the depth and richness of a parish filled with people who are accompanying one another as mentors, companions, or faith-filled friends.

### ***Honor Your Loved Ones***

This year, rather than a poinsettia, Visitation St. Anne's Sodality will offer an angel ornament for our tree in memory of your loved one(s). The cost again is \$5.00. You may pick up your angel after January 6th. See Marcia at Mass or send a check with the name(s) to be honored to: Marcia Hoskins, 1409 Williams Parkway, Eaton, Ohio, 45320. All requests for memorial angels need to be turned in by December 16th.

**2020 PARISH CALENDARS** are now available for our parish families please pick one up.

Congratulations to **Lisa Broerman** on her election to a three year term to St. Mary Parish Council.

### ***MEN, ARMOR UP! REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!***

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-e6-catholic-mens-conference-tickets-74532549863>

This year's conference features nationally renowned speakers Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Donald Calloway and Doug Barry. Be a part of one of the largest and most dynamic gatherings of Catholic men the tri-state area.

**2020 Collection envelopes** are available in the hall (Visitation) and in the crying room (St. John). Use of envelopes implies your commitment to the parish; it also helps with the bookkeeping. Please *clearly* print your name, address, phone number and envelope number on the index card provided.

### **READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>This Sunday:</b>	Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11	Third Sunday in Advent
<b>Monday:</b>	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25	
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25	
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	
<b>Saturday:</b>	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45	St. Peter Canisius
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24	Fourth Sunday in Advent