

**Preble County Catholics  
St. John, St. Mary and Visitation Churches**

**December 22, 2019**

**Mass Schedule for December 21st –29th**

- Sat. 21st 5:00 p.m. -Steve & Rhoda Hubek (StM) (Fr. DD)
- Sat. 21st 7:00 p.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 DeRegnaucourt (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Mon. 23rd 9:00a.m. -Vincent & Donald Birbal (Visn)
- Tues. 24th 5:00p.m. -Fr. Mark Schmeider (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Tues. 24th 11:00p.m. -Parishioners (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Wed. 25th 8:00a.m. -Pinky Broermann(St. M) (Fr. DD)
- Wed. 25th 10:00a.m. -Melvin Wohlfom (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Wed. 25th 12:00p.m. - Living & Deceased of the Gray, Barth & Crandall Families (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Thurs. 26th 9:00a.m. - Carol James (Visn)
- Fri. 27th 9:00 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Vonderhaar family (Visn)
- Sat. 28th 5:00p.m. - Mary Anne Reinhart(Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Sat. 28th 7:00p.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 29th 8:00a.m. - Pinky Broermann (St. M) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 29th 9:30a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Harry Fliehman family (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 29th 11:00a.m. - Leona Harris (Visn) (Fr. DD)

**Confessions heard 30 minutes before weekend Masses**

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

When our parish grows as a community, it becomes our family of faith. As members of one family we encourage one another and challenge each other to live and grow as disciples.

**Calendar Visitation:**

- Sun. Dec 22 RCIA 9:30 a.m.
- Tues. Dec 24 **NO Faith & Fitness class**
- Wed. Dec 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- Wed. Dec 25 **NO CCD Classes Resume Jan 8**
- Thurs. Dec 26 **NO Faith & Fitness class**
- Sun. Dec. 29 RCIA 9:30 a.m.

**Calendar St. John:**

- Sun. Dec 22 Help is needed following the 9:30 am Mass setting up the Manger scene. Many hands make light work.
- Sun. Dec 29 **Presentation of the Gifts** Dan & Cindy Kramer

**Calendar St. Mary:**

- Sun. Dec 22 **Breakfast in the Basement** following Mass.

<b><i>Offertory December 14/15</i></b>	
Visitation	\$ 2797.30
St. John	\$ 1097.00
St. Mary	\$ 1193.00

**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.***

***GIVING TREE***

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Giving Tree. Many people in Preble County will be helped by your generosity. If you still have gifts that you have not brought in, please bring them in as soon as possible. Again thank you for your generosity!

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Hello Friends,

During these final days of Advent, the anticipation increases as our Savior draws nearer and nearer. In the eight days before Christmas we mark this joyful expectation in a special way with the “O” Antiphons. For these days, we welcome the birth of the Savior by singing at Evening Prayer the antiphons that use resplendent Biblical titles for the long expected child. Each antiphon begins with the letter “O” and thus the tradition makes it easy to remember as the “O” Antiphons before Christmas. We often hear them, without even knowing it, whenever we sing the song “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” The Antiphons are the following: O Wisdom, O Lord of Israel, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of All Nations, O Emmanuel. As I pray the evening prayers this week, I dedicate them to all of you, your families, and all the dreams and hopes of this season.

“Don’t Read the Following until – Christmas!”

Since our Christmas falls on a Wednesday this year, we are in mid-week bulletin publications. So, I would like to wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS! Thank you to all of our ministers, servers, ushers, and the choir at Visitation Church for such beautiful celebrations. I hope you had the chance to get a free Christmas gift at the doors of church on Christmas. I have given you all a book titled, “Rediscovering the Saints” from Dynamic Catholic. It is not an encyclopedia entry about each saint. Rather, the book is an invitation for all of us to have these saints as friends to help us along our journey to, hopefully, be with them around the throne of God in heaven for all eternity. I hope you get a book and enjoy your Christmas gift. I look forward to enjoying this first Christmas with all of you here in Preble County, OH and you will all remain a blessing in my life. May the Lord continue to shower his blessings upon you and all those closest to you this Christmas. We thank all the military who are away from their families this Christmas defending our freedom. I pray for all who have lost someone this past year and experience this Christmas in a different way. May the Christ child give us joy amidst our sorrow. The greatest joy is that Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day to save us all from Satan’s power when we had gone astray. Rejoice with all the angels with such tidings of great joy. Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & THANK YOU!

God Love You,

Fr. David Doseck



*Please pray* for the repose of the souls of  
Kim Nusbaum and Ed O’Malley who died recently  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

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

**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 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24	Fourth Sunday in Advent
<b>Monday:</b>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> See USCCB.org for Christmas Readings	
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22	St. Stephen
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8	St. John
<b>Saturday:</b>	1Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18	Holy Innocents
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph