

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

January 26, 2020

Mass Schedule for January 25th-February 2nd

- Sat. 25th 5:00 p.m. - Ed O'Malley (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Sat. 25th 7:00 p.m. - Genevieve & Stanley Meierstein (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 26th 8:00a.m. - Pinky Broermann (St. M) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 26th 9:30a.m. - Dennis Wilhoit (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 26th 11:00a.m. - Parishioners (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Mon. 27th 9:00a.m. - Melvin Wohlfrom (Visn)
- Tues. 28th 9:00a.m. - Private Intention (Visn)
- Wed. 29th 12:00p.m. - Sick & Homebound of our Community (Visn)
- Thurs. 30th 9:00a.m. - Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life (Visn)
- Fri. 31st 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Pete Helmlinger (Visn)
- Sat. 1st 5:00p.m. - Leona & Royaln Harris(Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Sat. 1st 7:00p.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 2nd 8:00a.m. - for the Deceased of the Roell & Schnetzer Families (St. M) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 2nd 9:30a.m. - Eileen Mueller (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 2nd 11:00a.m. - Jennings & Doris Ferriell (Visn) (Fr. GV)

Confessions heard 30 minutes before weekend Masses

Offertory 1/19/20

		Goal
Visitation-	\$2,454.00	\$4,063.00
St. John-	\$ 872.00	\$1,062.00
St. Mary-	\$ 751.00	\$1,275.00



Fudge Raiser

Place your order starting Jan 18th through Feb 8th for delicious fudge and truffles handmade by the Brigittine Monks in Oregon. 100% of the proceeds

will benefit parish facilities. Order forms will be available at Visitation Church. Just drop the order in the box marked **FudgeRaiser.**

Calendar Visitation:

- Sun. Jan 26 **RCIA** 9:30 a.m.
- Sun. Jan 26 **Kitchen Sunday**
- Tues. Jan 28 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
- Tues. Jan 28 **Rediscovering the Saints Reflection** 6:30– 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. Jan 29 **CCD HS** 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. Jan 29 **CCD** 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. Jan 30 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
- Thurs. Jan 30 **Community Dinner** 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Sun. Feb. 2 **RCIA** 9:30 a.m.
- Sun. Feb 2 **Children's Liturgy** 11 a.m.
- Sun Feb 2 **Coffee & Donuts** 12 noon
- Mon. Feb 3 **Parish Council** 7:00 p.m.

Calendar St. John:

- Sun. Jan 26 **Food Bank Sunday**
- Tues. Jan 28 **Recitation of the Rosary** at 5:30 p.m.
- Sun. Feb 2 **Presentation of the gifts** Tenalyn & Evan Zurwell
- Sun. Feb 2 **Fellowship Breakfast** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Calendar St. Mary:

- Sun. Feb. 2 **Breakfast in the Basement** following Mass.

***Experience a new Lent Devotion
No Greater Love***

Filmed in the Holy Land, "No Greater Love" is a Pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love as you draw closer to Jesus that you ever have before.

There will be six one and one half hour sessions. The sessions will be offered on Wednesday Mornings February 26th - April 1st at 9:30 a.m. and on Tuesday Evenings March 3rd - April 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the hall at Visitation.

The cost is \$20.00, which includes the book and online registration (this allows you to view the videos at home online).

Registration is due by January 27th. Please contact Dianna Metzger at 937-839-5735 or mmetzger16@woh.rr.com.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hello Friends in Christ,

Continuing from the viewpoint of family life and concerns, we carry on through reflecting on Dr. Gregory Popcak's "Five Marks of a Catholic Family."

3. *Catholic Families are Called to Intimacy* - Sometimes we have the chance to join in a song with the lyrics, "...and they'll know we are Christians by our love." Is that true of our family? If people were to take a snapshot of our best day as a family, would they see or know love? It is a profound question that cannot be answered just by sight. We must listen and learn from the everyday mess and joys of family living. At the end of the day, "nothing will separate us from the love of God." Are we doing our part to grow closer in love with God and one another today as a family? Also, as a church family of three churches in a parish region.

4. *Catholic Families Put Family First* - God always provides us with that one vehicle, the Church -- the Family of God, where we are all able to journey toward the shores of eternal life. Perhaps each of our families could model that of God's love for His Church. We are all called to live for heaven now in our homes and within our families. Think of all that God has done for the Church and given to the Church, especially giving us divine adoption through the waters of baptismal rebirth in Christ. Now, think of all the blessings and hard work put into making your personal family work. All the hours spent in prayer, sleepless nights with babies, enduring patience with teenagers into the emerging adults, and the pivotal moment when we see our grown up children "leaving Mother and Father and clinging to their spouse." Sometimes we can get caught up in the routines of life and forget that family comes first. Take time right now to think about your family and how they will become number one in your daily routine. What obstacles have I put above or in place of my family time?

5. *A Catholic Family is a Witness & Sign* - I always remember that my family would fill up an entire pew at Immaculate Conception Church in Botkins. We would always sit in that sixth pew from front and behave like angels...or deal with the consequences of any bad behaviors. What always gives me great joy is when I see families filling the pews of our Churches. Your family is a sign and witness to me, as a priest, of what God's love, dedication, and commitment looks like in a family here on earth. We are not perfect but called to be a "light for the world," and "salt for the earth." By your dedication to your spouse and children, your family shines and "seasons" all the other families you meet, even those outside of our church building but we see at sports practice or in the local restaurant. Today, may the Lord bless and strengthen us to choose to be "light" and "salt" by our thoughts, words, and deeds as a Catholic family striving to be set on fire and in love with God and our family. May God bless your family and be a blessing to other families in our area.

God love you,
Fr. David Doseck

Visitation Parishioners Notice: The location of the calendar for reserving the Church Hall at Visitation has now been moved to the parish offices. If you would like to reserve the hall for a special event or for recurring meetings/events, please contact the parish office. All events need the approval of Fr. David Doseck or Kay Hansen, our Business Manager. Appropriate Insurance forms must be completed for special events usage in the Church Hall. All events can be found online on our website for your planning purposes.

2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are standing *Together for the Faith of the Gospel* through local, Catholic ministries for people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! You can mail your pledge card or bring it to Mass next weekend. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

Explore Your Call: Dayton

Join other young adults (18-35) in the Dayton area to learn more about Religious and Consecrated life at this Dinner and Discussion. Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30pm (after Eucharistic Adoration) at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Dayton (lower level), 1924 Leo St. More info & register at www.tinyURL.com/EYCDayton

Remember the Book from Christmas? Fr. David Doseck would like to host six evenings of reflection on the book, *Rediscovering the Saints*. Each session is hosted on a Tuesday evening at 6:30pm-7:30pm at Visitation Church Hall (or Basement). Starts on Tues. - Jan. 21st thru Feb. 25th. No need to RSVP. It will be a great time spent together talking about our favorite saints and the thoughts provoked from reading the free Christmas book you received.