

 **Masses For The Week**

- Sat. December 14 - St. John of the Cross**
5:00 PM Ed Dalton
(Robert & Denise Kiamy)
- Sun. December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent**
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Dolores Krannitz
(Marjorie Saving)
- Mon. December 16**
8:00 AM Chapel Open Upon Request
- Tues. December 17**
8:00 AM Luerena Banik
(Banik Family)
- Weds. December 18**
9:00 AM St. John School Students
- Thur. December 19**
8:00 AM Drs. Jan & Janina Matthews
(Basia Jenkins)
- Fri. December 20**
8:00 AM Msgr. James Geiger
(Charles & Charlotte Geiger)
- Sat. December 21 - St. Peter Canisius**
5:00 PM Mark Potter
(Sevcik Family)
- Sun. December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Charles Donaldson
(Charles & Mary Slusher)

Your prayers are asked for the following people:

General List

Chad Allberry
Bob Cassady, Jr.
Hannah Colliton
Fran Kuhn Eddinger
Martha England
Lily Gay
Michelle Glancey
Nathaniel Hensley
David Inboden
Jo Jackson
Marley Jones
Lola Krannitz
Margaret Krannitz

Gail Larkin
Brad Lyman
Helen Manuel
Ann Meese
Deborah Mohney
Jo Ann Murtha
David Nelson
Matt Schmeltzer
Regina Schooley
Butch Sprinkle
Freddie Sprinkle
Elijah Todd
Quentin Waid

Nursing Home/
Shut-in List:

Rose Burk
Barb Crabbe
Charlotte Crothers
Linda Johnson
Ellyn Kuhn
Rosie Labrador
Vicky McNamee
Diana Stivison
Teresa Szymczak

To place/remove a name on the prayer list, please call the Church Office. The General List is updated every 4 weeks. Please call if you need to re-add a name that has been removed after this period.

Weekly Collection: \$ 6379.30	
THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH	
Sun.	9:00 am PSR
	9:05 am Rosary
Tues.	7:00 pm RCIA
Weds.	7:00 pm School Christmas Program
December 21, 2019	
Church Cleaning	C. Kerns, M. Tomlin



New Music Director: We have hired a new music director, Gabrielle Adams. She will be working full time beginning the weekend of December 21/22. We will pass along more information on her at a later time. We wish to thank Elizabeth Miller, our former music director, for her years of dedication.



Christmas Midnight Mass Choir: For those of you who would like to sing for Christmas Midnight Mass, please note that there will be no set practices. Those wishing to participate may meet in the choir loft by 11:00 p.m. that evening. Our new music director, Gabrielle Adams, will be director and organist.

12-15-19	Lector	Greeters	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00 PM	M. Auflick	G. & L. Thomas	J.Sams, B. Sams	J. Inboden, M. Murtha, D. Giffin
8:00 AM	B. Nakanishi	E. & S. Hughes	D. Duclos, N. Fernandes	K. Kerns, C. Kerns, E. Bachmann
10:00 AM	J. Henniger	J. Maroon, H. & B. Bails	A. Brandt, O. Brandt, A. Keels	J. Lanning, G. Tomson, M. Shaw, J. Martin, A. Klinger

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5:00 PM	M. Shaw	L. Mellinger P. Thrush	S. Cassady, M. Cassady	L. Mellinger, M. Cassady, M. Murtha
8:00 AM	T. Stalford	M. Saving S. Saving	C. Shaben, J. Shaben	T. Kessler, B. Messmer, M. Messmer
10:00 AM	L. Lanning	C. & K. Stiverson	R. Beiter, I. Beiter, D. Beiter	T. Lindsay, J. Martin, P. Robers, D. Robers, C. Shelton

Ministers, please pick up schedules in back of church.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.
- Philippians 4:4-5

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
- Isaiah 61:1

IN OUR PARISH



Christmas Cookies for Sale: 1 lb. boxes of homemade cookies and sweet treats will be sold in the Church Hall after all Masses this weekend. All proceeds benefit the St. John Tuition Assistance Program. Thank you for your support!

Inside Church Decorating: Sunday, December 22, 11:00 a.m. Please consider helping to decorate our church for Christmas, as many hands make light work.



Congratulations to Katherine Dunfee, Emma Dunfee and Colson Mender who received their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 4. Please say a little prayer for them as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:

The Knights are again sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for students of St. John Catholic School and St. John Parish, ages 5 through 14. Posters must be turned in no later than Sunday, Dec. 22, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall. St. John School students can turn theirs in at school, and the principal will deliver them to the hall. One winner from each age category will be awarded \$25.00. The council will also display the posters in the Church Hall. For those who don't attend our school, entry forms are located on the Knights bulletin board next to the trophy case in the Church Hall. Call Stephen Proctor, 740-603-0208, for more details.

Coats for Kids: The Knights of Columbus will be collecting new and used (clean) coats for kids between now and December 23rd. Please place them in the box in the Church Hall. If you have any questions, call Tim Peterson, 740-603-8053.



Christmas Flowers: Those wishing to make an offering for Christmas flowers may fill out a Christmas envelope and place it in the collection basket with your donation.

Christmas Bulletin Submission: Please submit any articles which will go into the December 29 bulletin to the Church Office by Thursday, December 19. For the January 5 bulletin, please submit articles by Thursday, December 26.

Church Calendars are available near the entrances to church. Please take one for your family.



Cookies & Candy, Please: Deacon Don Robers is in need of Christmas cookies and candy to take to the prison on Christmas Day. If you can help, call Deacon Don at 740-385-0447. Thank you!

IN OUR DIOCESE

Catholic Man of the Year: The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the 2020 Catholic Man of the Year. Bishop Brennan will present this award on Friday, February 7, 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 accepted through **December 31**. For details, nomination instructions, and the required online nomination form, go to catholicmensministry.com/cmoy.



Columbus Catholic Women's Conference: Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Ohio Expo Center. Register now for early bird pricing at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com. Don't miss this day of amazing grace!



Hocking County Children's Chorus will hold their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 15, at 3:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church. This is the 40th year for the chorus. Admission is free. A number of the children from St. John School/Parish are members of the chorus.

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.
- cf. Isaiah 35:4

SPONSOR OF WEEK: Flowers by Darlene

Offertory Report for December 7/8, 2019

Loose Collection:	
Checks	\$ 0.00
Cash	\$ 238.00
Envelopes:	\$ 6141.30
# of envelopes received:	105
Total Collection Received:	\$ 6379.30
Estimated Weekly Expenses:	\$ 7041.00
Net Excess (Deficit)	(\$ 661.70)
Special Collections:	
School Fund:	\$ 105.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 205.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 73.70
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 468.00
Human Development:	\$ 10.00
Retirement Fund-Religious:	\$ 220.00
Poinsettia Donations:	\$ 102.00