

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 22
 4:00 p.m. † **Rudy Denes** by Paula & Larry Koncar
 6:00 p.m. **Parish Family** (to be said at prison)

Sunday, December 23
 8:00 a.m. † **Christyne Eakins** by Jim & Karen Kish
 10:30 a.m. **Living & Deceased members of the Gallagher Family** by Teena Gallagher

Monday, December 24
 5:00 p.m. † **Rudy Denes** by David & Joann Dhume
 10:00 p.m. † **Virginia Tanzie** by Janet Dunham

Tuesday, December 25
 10:00 a.m. † **Don Hazel** by Mark & Alice Scharf
 1:00 p.m. **Parish Family** (to be said at prison)

Wednesday, December 26
 8:00 a.m. † **Vinnia Clem** by Fred Clem

Thursday, December 27
 8:00 a.m. † **David Riegelmayer** by Michael & Maria Korson

Friday, December 28
 8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

Saturday, December 29
 4:00 p.m. † **Robert Kohnen & Amanda Chivington** by Mary Kohnen
 6:00 p.m. **Parish Family** (to be said at prison)

Sunday, December 30
 8:00 a.m. † **John Bordner** by Parker & Madison Cole
 10:30 a.m. **Julie Vargo Blanks** by Julius Vargo
 + = Deceased
In the Diocese of Columbus the minimum donation stipend for a Mass is \$10.00.

2018 LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND MASS READINGS

Sunday, December 23 *Fr. Edward Keck
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday, December 24 *Fr. Kevin Lutz
Late Advent Weekday
 Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a; 16 Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday, December 25 *Fr. Stephen Metzger
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS
 Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Wednesday, December 26 *Msgr. David Funk
Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday, December 27 *Fr. Patrick Hannon, Dec.
Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday, December 28 *Fr. John D. Kempf, Dec.
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday, December 29 *Fr. Dwayne McNew
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Saint Tomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
 *Pray for our Priests and Seminarians.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 30	4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
EMOHC*	B. Daulton	C. Barr	C. Brenneman
	M. Eberhart	C. Penquite	L. Brenneman
			B. Ball
			E. Talone
Lectors	M. Wendel	E. Pfau	S. Walls
	B. Schneider	D. Palatas	H. Dobbins
Servers	M. Wendel	A. Penquite	E. Talone
	J. Dunham	B. Penquite	S. Talone
	T. Gallagher	T. Gallagher	T. Gallagher
	S. Rice	VOLUNTEER	
Ushers	J. Giehl	M. Phipps	B. Robey
	B. Schneider	C. Jensen	S. Hofinger
	M. Dean	E. Casey	H. Hofinger
	R. Dean	J. Berchtold	L. Reichard

*Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 16, 2018

Regular Collection	
In Envelopes	\$4,560
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$2,060
Loose Money	\$ 472
Total	\$7,092
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	-\$ 426
Net Parish Collection	\$6,666

Contributions can be made online at stsimonjude.org.

\$? HOW IS STS. SIMON & JUDE DOING ? \$

	Budgeted	Actual	Surplus(Deficit)	%
This Week:	\$ 6,705	\$ 7,092	(\$ 387)	(5.8)
FYTD:	\$348,615	\$157,578	(\$191,037)	(54.8)
RECAP OF FISCAL YEAR (7/1/17-6/30/18)				
	\$355,420	\$341,779	(\$13,641)	(3.8%)

ATTENDANCE

	4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	TOTAL
December 16	125	103	184	412

(Church Seating Capacity: 541)



“Sharing His Love, Encouraging Hope”

The 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal has ended and we received a refund of \$53,861.10 that was added to The Parish Life Center Building account. The 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal has begun and continues through April 2019. The goal set for our parish as part of the Diocesan goal is \$39,550.81. We are at 323% towards that goal with 40% participation from parishioners. The goal that we have set for our parish is \$200,000.00 which will enable us to break ground sooner than later for our Parish Life Center. That goal is achievable if the remaining 60% of the parish makes a “sacrificial gift” rather than a “token gift.” We are not looking for “equal gifts.” We are looking for “equal sacrifice.” Please give prayerful consideration to doing this!

Pledged	Number of Pledges	Average Pledge
\$134,661	156 of (386) households (40.4% Participation)	\$863

Thank you for your cooperation!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday, December 24	CHRISTMAS EVE “Vigil Mass” 5:00 p.m. “Mass at Night”, 10:00 p.m. Christmas & Diocesan Charities Collection Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, December 25	CHRISTMAS “Mass at Dawn”, 10:00 a.m. Christmas & Diocesan Charities Collection Parish Office Closed
Wednesday, December 26	Parish Office Closed
Thursday, December 27	Pray the Rosary, 6:00 p.m.
Friday, December 28	NO MASS, Parish Office Closed
Sunday, December 30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Hospitality Sunday after both Masses NO PSR, NO CLW
Monday, December 31	Vigil Mass, 5:00 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This week to the following parishioners:

Cynthia Koch	Susan Lockard	John Nye
Betty Boyle	Thomas Lopresti	Kathleen Finnegan
Patricia Haney	Christine Shipleet	Noah Mata
Maria Figueroa	Susan Harden	Daniel Koch
Karen Eckenrode	Brian Hackett	Deborah Palatas
Karen Segovia	Jacob Fenik	Cadence Gargac
Seth Huffman	Debra Ricker	Anthony Wilmonth
Jared Ysseldyke		



IN OUR PARISH

THIS WEEKEND,
OUR FEATURED
ADVERTISER IS

 **Liberty Freight, LLC**
 "Freedom From High Pricing"
 MATTRESSES & FURNITURE SS. Simon & Jude Parishioners
 5580 W. Broad Street
 Columbus, Ohio 43228 **614-851-6979**

FREE SUBSCRIPTION FORMED.org:

As a Christmas gift to the parish from Father Metzger and the parish staff the FORMED.org parish subscription has been renewed through 2019.

- Go to Formed.org.
- Enter our parish code **NZ2PDB** on the home page.
- Create a personal account with your email and password.

Start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place! Check out the feature for December.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jesus Figueroa, Jr. on his receiving the ministry of LECTOR as he continues his journey to ordination as a permanent deacon. Jesus received this ministry at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Campbell at St. Joseph Cathedral on December 16. Jesus will begin an internship in parish ministry at the St. Mary Magdalene, St. Aloysius, St. Agnes consortium in January. We at SSJ assure Jesus and his family of our continued prayerful support. *May God who has begun this good work in him bring it to completion!*

CHRISTMAS CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION: This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through Diocesan agencies and organizations, including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year on Christmas Eve and Day.

**THANK YOU TO THE YOUTH GROUP AND CONFIRMATION CLASS:**

- We would like to thank you for the participation in the live Nativity. What a wonderful evening to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to all who came to join us in this special celebration.
- Youth Group and Confirmation Class will **NOT** meet December 23 or December 30.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: PSR Grades 1-3 will not meet on Sunday, December 30. PSR Grades 4-7 will not meet on Wednesday, December 26 or January 2.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Wednesday, December 26.

LATE CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: If you or someone you know is seeking a late Mass on Christmas Day, St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus, will be offering a late Christmas Day Mass at 5:15 p.m. For more information, call the Cathedral at 614-224-1295 or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org.

HOLY FAMILY/HOSPITALITY WEEKEND: Father Metzger and the Knights of Columbus invite everyone to join us in the parish hall after Sunday Masses, December 30, as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This will be our opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season with our parish family and friends. After the busyness of Christmas Day, we can relax, catch our breath, and enjoy one another's company. Refreshments (food and drink) will be served. *Hope to see you there!*

SOLEMNITY OF MARY:

- Vigil, Monday, December 31, 5:00 p.m.
- New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 10:00 a.m.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: We encourage you to use your Kroger Plus Card and connect to our church for Community Rewards. **This will not affect your rewards points in any way.** This program provides a yearly reward to the parish in excess of \$1,000.00! Even if you already enrolled, you must re-enroll every year for the Kroger Community Rewards for our parish. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and enroll/re-enroll. You will need your Kroger Plus Card, e-mail address, Kroger password and Sts. Simon & Jude's organizational number 82227. We received \$427.45 for the last three months from the Community Rewards program! **Thank you to all who enrolled and participate!**



2018 CONTRIBUTIONS: According to IRS rules, any funds contributed, postmarked, or received on or before December 31, may be considered a contribution for the tax year 2018. Statements will be mailed in January.

- You might give serious thought to a Christmas Gift to your parish in the form of an extraordinary gift by using the "Christmas" envelope from your monthly mailing of envelopes, EFT, or by writing a check and placing it in the collection.
- You could also make a gift through the BAA, or by adding to your earlier gift. **Since we have already exceeded our 2018 BAA goal, this money will come back to Sts. Simon and Jude at 100%, forgoing the Diocesan assessment fee.**

MID-OHIO FOOD BANK TOUR is hosting special tours for families with children or grandchildren. You are invited to bring kids of all ages to see what your generosity makes possible. You'll have a chance to take a tour, do a service activity together, and learn more about how your kindness equates to full bellies for so many hungry families. Tour will be held at Mid-Ohio Food Bank, 3960 Brookham Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123, Thursday, December 27, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

2019 SPECIAL EDITION CATHOLIC APPOINTMENT CALENDARS, with the theme *Joyfully Proclaiming the Gospel Today* are also available at the church entrances – These are a gift to you from the parish.

2019 ENVELOPES: By now you should have received your offertory envelopes for 2019 through the mail. **If you have not received them, please contact Jan Weeks or Janet Dunham** in the Parish Office, so that we can certify your mailing address. Anyone interested in signing up for online giving can do so by going to www.stsimonjude.org.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY: Collection item for January is Diapers and Wipes. Each parish family is asked to donate one item for the month. Call Linda Collins at 614-879-9186 for more information.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY**

Entrusted to The Apostleship of Prayer
Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**THE WOMEN'S GUILD:**

- Will meet Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., in the Parish Library. *All women of the Parish are invited to attend!*
- Would like to thank everyone who purchased and donated gifts from The Advent Giving Tree. As always, you were very generous in your donations and, as a result, Christmas was brighter for many.

RECYCLED CHRISTMAS CARDS will once again be accepted in the Gathering Space after the holidays. Look for the specially marked drawer or leave them in the wooden donation bins. These will be used for future craft projects. Unfortunately, calendars will not be accepted.

AROUND US

ALPHA REUNION: Alpha alumni, on Sunday, January 13, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., we are excited to announce an Alpha reunion at St. Cecilia Church. Join us for appetizers, music, a short video presentation, alumni testimony and fellowship! We hope to see you there and invited your family, friends, neighbors – anyone who you feel would be interested and benefit from Alpha. For more information, contact Becky Hollen at alpha@ceciliachurch.org.

Is there more to life than this

