

Mass Intentions	
<b>Sunday, December 14th – Third Sunday of Advent</b> 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish 10:00 a.m. Chris DiBlasio (Brothers & Sisters) 12:00 p.m. Carl Swank, Jr. (Family & Friends) <b>Monday, December 15th – Advent Weekday</b> 7:00 a.m. Leonardo Perucho (Daughter) <b>Tuesday, December 16th – Advent Weekday</b> 9:00 a.m. Dorothy Eclebery (Otto Family) <b>Wednesday, December 17th – Advent Weekday</b> 5:30 p.m. Kathryn Burd (David & Michelle Burd)	<b>Thursday, December 18th – Advent Weekday</b> 9:00 a.m. Theobald Helbig, Sr. (Family) <b>Friday, December 19th – Advent Weekday</b> 9:00 a.m. Edward Gassman (Helen Sage) <b>Saturday, December 20th – Vigil of Sunday</b> 5:30 p.m. Paul Cook (Wife, Bernie Cook) <b>Sunday, December 21st – Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 8:00 a.m. Grace & Edward Deardurff (Family) 10:00 a.m. Francis Luzio (Family) 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Want to schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one? Call Pam Kelley at 345-9874, ext. 204.

**PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Due to the Christmas holiday, Children's Liturgy of the Word will not be offered on either December 21st or 28th. Children's bulletins for these Sundays will be available on the tables at the front entrances of the church. CLOW will resume on January 4th.

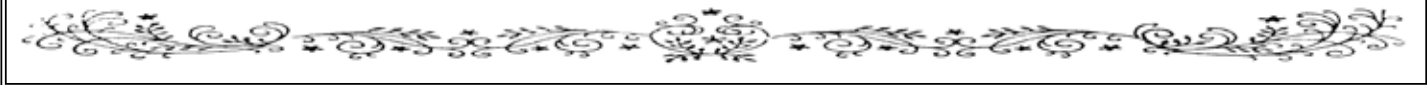
**Protecting God's Children Session Offered!**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Buckeye Lake is hosting a Protecting God's Children Session on Saturday, January 17, 2009, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. To register for this session, please go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Please remember that in order to work with or volunteer around children of our Diocese, you must attend a session of Protecting God's Children and have a background check on file with the school and/or Parish Office.

**On The Dignity of Human Life**

Our Savior is born for all. We must proclaim this not only in words, but by our entire life, giving the world a witness of united, open communities where fraternity and forgiveness reign, along with acceptance and mutual service, truth, justice and love.

– Pope Benedict XVI, *Urbi et Orbi* Message, Christmas 2006



**Bethesda Healing Ministry**

After having an abortion, or even being associated with someone who has had an abortion, many people suffer emotional trauma. Bethesda Healing Ministry is there to help. Bethesda Healing Ministry can be reached at the following numbers: 614-718-0277 or 614-309-2651. Their web site is [www.bethesdahealing.org](http://www.bethesdahealing.org). Locally in the Newark-Licking County area, **Heartbeats** is a wonderful organization offering a wide range of help for those dealing with the trauma of abortion and offer many resources for anyone dealing with an unwanted pregnancy. Please call 740-349-7558.

**Apples for SF Students**

You can help support St. Francis de Sales School! Giant Eagle Apples for the Students Program allows you to support the school simply by shopping at Giant Eagle and using your Giant Eagle Advantage Card. Our school will earn points that can be redeemed for many things, from computers and projectors to books and play equipment. The program runs until the end of March so please register as soon as possible. You can go to [www.gianteagle.com](http://www.gianteagle.com), <http://www.gianteagle.com> and select the **Saving** tab at the top left of the page. Click the Apples for the Students button and follow the instructions entering the required information, including the Giant Eagle Advantage Card number and our school's ID number, which is 4742. The 12-digit number is printed on the back of the Advantage Card underneath the bar code, or you can call toll-free at 1-800-474-4777 and follow the voice response prompts. You will need to key in your Advantage Card number and the school code of 4742. If you have registered your Giant Eagle card in previous years, you do not need to do so again – you are automatically enrolled to help St. Francis! This program is an added bonus and does not take away from your Fuelperks earnings. We appreciate our parish family helping us in our educational pursuits!! Thank you!!


Liturgical Ministers for Next Week – December 20-21, 2008				
	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
<b>5:30 p.m. Saturday, December 20</b>	Katherine Kraft, Stephanie Lee	R. McIntyre, R. Metcalf, R. Gossett, K. Feightner, D. Queen, C. Humphreys, (Need 6 EMs)	Jim Grady, Megan Ridzon, Pearl Trebilcock, Nick Blaine	No CLOW
<b>8:00 a.m. Sunday, December 21</b>	Joe Kennedy, Deb Haas, HFI	L. Deck, M. Skeen, I. Kennedy, M. Kennedy, G. Sullivan, M. Robbins, D. Stasel, C. Sullivan, (Need 8 EMs)	Harry Haag, Sara Scarsella, Nicole Scarsella, A. Schmelzer	No CLOW
<b>10:00 a.m. Sunday, December 21</b>	Bruce Whiteman, Jack Mueller	J. Otto, H. Haag, H. Carpenter, S. McCullough, C. Otto, R.M. Maddern, M. Riley, B. Riley, (Need 8 EMs)	Jordan Rodgers, Zack Oiler, M. Richardson, Heather Pintz	No CLOW
<b>12:00 p.m. Sunday, December 21</b>	Jack Russell, Doug Kilokowski	R. Sherer, L. Sherer, B. Snider, R. Gassman, P. Gassman, M.K. Fausey, (Need 6 Ems)	Tony Guinta, Jim Guinta, Michael Sindelar, Kyler Ferry	No CLOW

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Adults	\$ 15,569.50
Children	\$ 0.00
Loose	\$ 570.43
Total	\$ 16,140.93
YTD Total	\$ 313,299.01
Budget YTD	\$ 374,736.32
Second Collections/December:	
- December 14 - St. Vincent de Paul	
- December 14 - Retirement Fund/Religious	
- December 25 - Diocesan Charities	

Readings for the Weeks:	
Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Friday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



**Sacristan Schedule:**  
Saturday, December 20  
Kris Yocum and Family

**Next Comfort Team #6**  
Marcella Hammond



**Recent Baptisms**

Brady Michael, son of Jeffrey and Theresa Hempleman; Olivia Grace, daughter of Jeremy and Wenter Martin; Gus Michael, son of Jason and Kelly Montgomery; Kai Murphy, daughter of Gregg and Dawn Plunkett.



Helene McIntyre, Charles Pellerite, James Greenwald, James Ventura. Please pray for all of our sick and shut-ins.



Roberta Rico, Joan Kidd, and Margaret Baldwin passed away. Please pray for them and all of the faithful departed.



Cub Scout Pack 8 thanks the Parish, our family, and friends for helping us sell \$5,100.00 in popcorn this year during our annual popcorn drive. The Pack earned \$1,610.00 to help support the pack activities with this sale. Congratulations to Collin Charvat from the Bear Den who is the first place seller and Lance Van Ostran from the Wolf Den who placed second in the Pack sales.

Pack 8 will be performing our service projects this month at Chapel Grove entertaining residents with Christmas Carols and bringing them Holiday goodies. They participated in helping to assemble and display the luminaries outside St. Francis on December 4 for the Newark Sights and Sounds.

**Pack 8 Upcoming Events:**

- No Pack Meeting in December
- December 15 - Christmas Caroling at Chapel Grove in Heath, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- December 20-21 - Bushwhack Campout at John Bryan State Park. If you don't want to camp, just come for the winter hike.
- January 5 - Parent/Leader Planning Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Conference Room A.
- January 15 - Pack Meeting at St. Francis cafeteria, 6:30-8:00 p.m. -PICK UP YOUR PINEWOOD DERBY CARS-

**Join the Fun with St. Francis Cub Scout Pack 8 and experience and enjoy many of God's gifts in Nature and in fellow Scouts and families.** For more information about Cub Scout Pack 8, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/StFrancisCubPack8/> or contact Cub Master Dave Burd at [dave\\_burd@yahoo.com](mailto:dave_burd@yahoo.com) (364-8286) or Asst. Cub Master Aaron Van Ostran at [avanostran@ohiowetlands.org](mailto:avanostran@ohiowetlands.org) (344-3208).



**Sunday, December 14**

**Newcomer Welcome**

RCIA Dismissal/Scrip. Share - Conference A - 8:00-9:00 a.m.

CLOW Session - Day Chapel - 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses

Reconciliation - Church - 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Social Hour - Johnson Hall - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

WOSF Bake Sale - Johnson - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

RCIA Catechumenate - Conference Room A - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

PSR Classes - MPR/Café/Classrooms - 9:30-11:15 a.m.

Reconciliation - Church - 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Cub Scout Tiger - MPR - 1:30-2:30 p.m.

SVDP - Conference B - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Adult Catechism - Conference A - 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Cub Scouts - MPR - 2:45-4:30 p.m.

Christmas Carol Service - Church - 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Adoration - Day Chapel - 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball - Gym - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Monday, December 15**

Adoration - Day Chapel - 5:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

SF 7th Grade Girls - MPR - 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts - Scout Room - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Communal Penance Service - Church - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 16**

Adoration - Day Chapel - 5:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Girl Scouts Troop 663 - MPR - 2:45-4:45 p.m.

Athletic Association - Johnson B - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Good Measure Choir - Scout Room - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Fruit of the Vine - MPR - 7:30-9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 17**

Adoration - Day Chapel - 5:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

ACR - Johnson Hall - 1:00-3:00 p.m.

TRIP Sorting - Conference A - 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Girl Scout Daisy Troop - MPR - 2:30-3:45 p.m.

Liturgy Committee - Conference B - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

KOC - MPR - 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Thursday, December 18**

Adoration - Day Chapel - 5:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study - St. Francis - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Youth Choir - Church - 2:45-3:45 p.m.

SF 7th Grade Girls - MPR - 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Trip Pickup - Conference Room A - 5:45-7:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts - Cafeteria - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Book Club - Conference B - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Adult Choir - Church - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 19**

Adoration - Day Chapel - 5:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.

TRIP Pick-up - Johnson A - 7:30-8:45 a.m.

**Saturday, December 20**

Adoration - Day Chapel - 12:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Respect Life Rosary - Outside Church - 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation - Church - 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 21**

**NO CLOW/PSR/SOCIAL HOUR**

RCIA Dismissal/Scrip. Share - Conference A - 8:00-9:00 a.m.

RCIA Advent Reflection - Johnson B - 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation - Church - 9:00-10:00 a.m.

RCIA Inquiry - SF Room - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Reconciliation - Church - 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Baptism Instruction - SF Room - 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Christmas Decorating - Church - 1:30-6:00 p.m.

Adoration - Day Chapel - 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball - Gym - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Mother and Daughter Tea Party**

Please mark your calendar for the 2009 Mother-Daughter Tea Party which will be held on Saturday, February 21st at 2:30 p.m. What a great way to enjoy a winter afternoon! Preparations are well underway for this exciting event. You won't want to miss it!

For the first time this year, we are creating a **Mother-Daughter Tea Cookbook**, which we hope will be full of favorite "tried and true" recipes from the kitchens of our parish members! Please consider sending in your recipe for the cookbook. All categories welcome: your prize-winning pie recipe to your favorite appetizer or main course specialty! Please e-mail to Margie Schmelzer at [mschmelzer@alltel.net](mailto:mschmelzer@alltel.net). No e-mail? Please give a call to 745-5856, and we will make arrangements to pick up your recipe!

**Recent Masses Offered Elsewhere:**

Bernard (Skip) Beck by Pat and RoseMary Gordon

Kathleen Reed by John and Marilyn Edly

Kathleen Reed by Charlie and Maxine Gebhart

Kathleen Reed by Yvonne Long

Kathleen Reed by Ed and Marilyn Gladysiewski

Kathleen Reed by Jim and Charlotte Markham

Kathleen Reed by Ruth Meyer

Kathleen Reed by Dave and Julie Riley

Kathleen Reed by Carmelia Rizzo

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**New Year's Eve Fisheaters Ball**

If you and your friends are looking for a fun place to ring in the New Year, the Newark Catholic Athletic Association is holding its annual New Year's Eve Fisheaters Ball at Newark Catholic. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Music will be provided by Tony Adams. Appetizers are provided. BYOB. For tickets, please contact any member of the NCAA, Jeff Rath (344-3688); Doug Warthen (258-3759); or Thom McManus at the high school (344-3594, ext. 248).

**IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

**Licking County Coalition for Housing** - The LCCH is now holding their annual **Season of Giving Drive** for those less fortunate in our community. Please drop off donations of: socks, hats, gloves, blankets, scarves, coats and any monetary gifts to Jeffries Supply Co., 49 N. Fourth Street, in downtown Newark. Please call 740-928-4565 if you need your items to be picked up. Thank you, without your help, LCCH could not continue this fight against homelessness in Licking County.

**Natural Family Planning Workshop at St. Cecilia Parish**

A diocesan NFP workshop will begin Tuesday evening, January 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at St. Cecilia Parish, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. The five-session workshop, offered through the Marriage and Family Life Office, will continue on February 3 and 17, March 24, and April 21. Cost is \$60.00 per couple and includes all instructional materials; financial assistance is available. For more information or to register for the workshop, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560 or [FLOMailbox@colodioc.org](mailto:FLOMailbox@colodioc.org).

**Attention, Ladies!**

The 2nd annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference will be held on February 21, 2009, at the Lausche Building at the Ohio State Expo Center. Our main speaker is internationally known speaker and Rwandan holocaust survivor Immaculee Ilibagiza, and our second speaker is Catholic Apologist Sr. Rosalind Moss. You won't want to miss hearing these dynamic speakers. You can read more and register at our web site ([www.columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com)). Please register ASAP.

**Theology on Tap**

We usually take December off from our usual schedule of TAP talks, but this year we have something special planned! On December 16, which would be our normal TAP night, we will tour the Holy Family Jubilee Museum with Fr. Lutz! The museum is amazing - it has artifacts from the history of the Diocese of Columbus, and also from churches around the world. And of course, Fr. Lutz is a great guide! The tour will start promptly at 7:30 p.m., so please be on time - the museum is located at 57 South Grubb Street, just west of downtown Columbus; we will meet in the parking lot.



During Advent, we remember and celebrate the coming birth of Jesus. He came to us as a tiny child with no place to sleep but a manger in a stable. We can encourage our children to prepare a warm, soft place for Baby Jesus to sleep. Put out a small basket or box and have handy small pieces of yarn (yellow yarn will remind us of the straw in the manger, but any color will do). Encourage children (and adults) to show their love for Jesus by offering up a piece of candy, or the evening dessert, then they can add a piece of yarn to the basket. Encourage them to do extra, nice things for Baby Jesus, such as setting the table without being asked, or sharing a toy with brother or sister. Our Lord will be pleased with all of these sacrifices. At the end of Advent, everyone can be pleased at the amount of straw that has accumulated to put in the crib/manger for Jesus.

**Advent Penance Services**

- December 14 - St. Leonard, Heath - 12:00 Noon
- December 14 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Buckeye Lake - 4:00 p.m.
- December 15 - St. Francis de Sales - 7:00 p.m.
- December 16 - Blessed Sacrament - 7:00 p.m.
- December 16 - St. Vincent/Mt. Vernon - 7:00 p.m.

**Changes to Eucharistic Adoration**

Weekly adorers, please make note of the following changes in our Eucharistic Adoration schedule:

**Christmas weekend:**

- Ends: Tuesday, December 23 at 10:00 p.m.
- Resumes: Monday, December 29 at 5:00 a.m.

**New Year's weekend:**

- Ends: Tuesday, December 30 at 10:00 p.m.
- Resumes: Sunday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Caroling Service**

On Sunday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m., come and enjoy a wonderful concert of Christmas carols, anthems, poetry and readings. This will be held right here at St. Francis in the church, presented by Fr. Bob, the Adult Choir and PSR youth.

**Christmas Flower Donation** - Offerings may be placed in the envelope provided in your envelope packet. Please mark the name(s) of those you wish to remember and drop in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

**Gifts for the Homebound**

Attention, Eucharistic Ministers! Please note, the Christmas favors are now available for you to take to your homebound and nursing home residents. They can be found in the back room of the Sacristy, off the Day Chapel. For any questions, please contact Carol Svatora at 366-3060.

**Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

In order to ensure we have the necessary ministers at each of the Holy Day Masses, a schedule has been sent to those whom the computer chose to serve at the upcoming Holy Day Masses (Christmas and Mary, Mother of God). If you are unable to serve your ministry for the Mass you were selected for, please find a substitute to fill in for you.