

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 | SOLEMNITY OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

When the Son of
Man comes in his

glory,

and all the angels
with him, he
will sit upon his
glorious throne

Matthew 25:31



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MAKING DISCIPLES AND DISCIPLE MAKERS

MASS INTENTIONS



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, November 26 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 4:45pm Vigil † Rick Sarkloff (Carmen Solano)
- 8:30am † Gaylene Bishop (Ed and Laura Lewis)
- 11am † Phyllis Sizemore (Felinda Powers) and People of the Parish

Monday, November 27 – Weekday

- 6pm † Susan Lineback (Maurer Family)

Tuesday, November 28 – Weekday

- 12pm † Joshlyn Carr (Carr Family)

Wednesday, November 29 – Weekday

- 6:30pm † Naomi and Jack Miller (Maurer Family)

Thursday, November 30 – Saint Andrew, Apostle

- 9am † Anita Svoboda (Carol Svatora)

Friday, December 1 – Weekday

- 9am † John and Rozella Callahan (John and Jane McCleery)

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

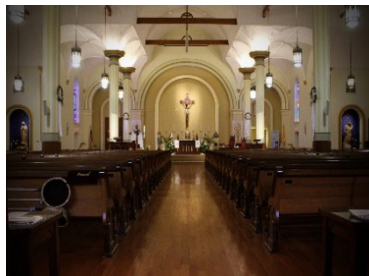
- 4:45pm Vigil People of the Parish
- 8:30am Special Intention: Jim Reef (Reef Family)
- 11am † Frank, Sr. and Norma Annarino (Heather Stasel)



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS DECEMBER

For Persons with Disabilities:

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH TO HONOR THE LORD

Perhaps you're a behind-the-scenes kind of person? Then this is perfect for you! We're building up teams for cleaning and organizing our sacred spaces on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Join us

for just one or both days each month for 1-2 hours. School parents, this is great for fulfilling your parish volunteer hours. For details or to volunteer, contact Jennifer at 740.877.2352 (call or text) or jnguyen@stfrancisparish.net

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR THIS ESSENTIAL SERVICE.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2023:

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 34,529.87
Virtual Offertory	\$ 1,025.00
EFT Offertory	\$ 79,546.61



Magnificat
ADVENT
COMPANION

Available at
church doors
while supplies
last beginning
12/1

**Holiday
CLOSURES**

IN CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

Parish, School, and Adoration Chapel are
Closed Wednesday, 11/22 - Sunday, 11/26

Regular Masses & Reconciliation Opportunities Continue as Scheduled



THE LEAST OF THESE

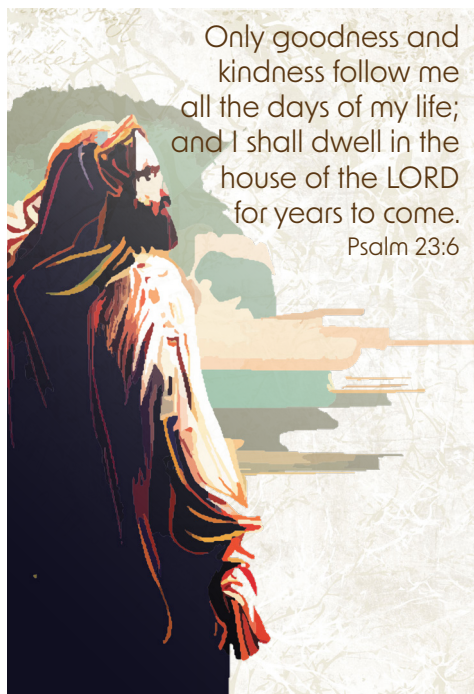
Reflection on Matthew 25:31-46

As Catholics we have learned from infancy and know in our bones that God is present with us in a most powerful way in His Word, and most especially in the Eucharist. We hear, experience, and are nourished by this sacred presence at every Mass.

The surprise the Son of Man springs on all people assembled for this final separation and judgment ("whatever you did for one of the least brothers/sisters of mine, you did for me"), connects in an inseparable manner God's Word and Eucharist with the needs of the poor. Every act of intentional reverence we give to the Word at Mass (standing, incensation, acclamation) and to the Eucharist (kneeling, praise, care of the elements), must be mirrored in our treatment of others, especially the poor, vulnerable, and those most in need. These are, in fact, one and the same deed.

At the very end of Matthew's Gospel, we hear the promise of Jesus to be with us always, to the end of time. Today, we learn that Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, fulfills that promise by being with us in the face of the poor, and that the King takes personally, as if done to Him, how we treat His subjects. Our action, or inaction, in response to those in need has eternal implications.

~ Fr. Jay



Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

Psalm 23:6

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, November 26, 2023

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46

Monday, November 27, 2023

Weekday
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Weekday
Dn 2:31-45
Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Weekday
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Saint Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Mt 4:18-22

Friday, December 1, 2023

Weekday
Dn 7:2-14
Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Weekday
Dn 7:15-27
Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87
Lk 21:34-36

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

SAINT ANDREW

Feast Day: November 30

Patron Saint of: Fisherman

Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

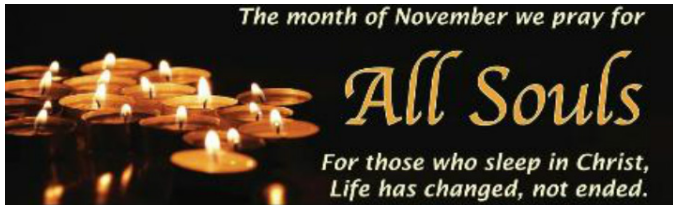
Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew.

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power and to share his life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people.

Read the full article: "Saint Andrew" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-andrew/>. (Accessed November 14, 2023).

PARISH NEWS



On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and the Mass, to their release from Purgatory. We Pray: *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace! Amen.*

THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY WHO HAVE DIED THIS PAST YEAR:

Emma Rae Bartlett	Steven "Steve" Long
R. Maxine Behr	David McPhaden
Gaylene M. Bishop	Steven Walter Meier
Thomas Joseph Cahill	Kelly J. Meyer
Brock Alan Cecutti	David H. Ohler
Sandy E. Crowley	James C. Otto
Sharon Mary Dozer	Mary A. Piemonte
Cathy Edly	John Benedict Pressey
John C. Edly	John George Radu
Terry Keith Frame	Linda R. Rauch
Margaret "Peggy" Franks	Mary Lou Riley
Susan D. Gaultieri	Joan Marie Ronan
Brenda Goodrich	Rudolph "Rudy" Sasko
Daniel E. Gorius	Pamela Lynn Sawyer
Kathleen Margaret Grannan	Clemence "Greg" Schilling
Joshua Alexander Griggs	William "Bill" Short
Linda Kay Hammond	Barbara "Barb" Sinsabaugh
Leland "Lee" Hickman	William "Bill" Snider
Robert Michael Hire	Paul "Mike" Wilson
LaDonna R. Hunt	Joyce Ann Zimmerman
James Joseph Jacquet	



ADVENT & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Join us for a special edition of our monthly Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation Service on Thursday, 11/30 at 6:30pm. School children who have been preparing to receive their 1st Reconciliation will receive this beautiful sacrament for the first time. **To help the little ones with their first-time jitters, we ask that you respectfully allow those children, and their parents, to line up with our priests first** (you'll know the kids because they'll be wearing their teal *Be Bold* themed T-shirts). Don't fret, we will have quite a few priests stationed in the church and Johnson Hall, so lines should move quickly. As always, we'll also have prayer teams available for extended prayer and prayerful praise and worship music. Remember, these points of etiquette for these special services:

- Remember to kneel during the processional and the recessional. Also, as the Eucharist passes, please further bow your head in reverence to our Lord.
- While in line for Confession, please maintain a solemn silence!
- Please move to any open line for Confession rather than waiting for a specific priest.
- Prayer teams are available to pray with you for any intention; simply walk up to one of the teams.
- Please join in singing.
- Feel free to approach the Sanctuary/kneelers to be closer in adoring the Lord.
- During Benediction, remember to make the Sign of the Cross as the priest blesses the people with the Monstrance.



FREE ACCESS TO HALLOW ADVENT THROUGH EASTER

Our Parish is partnering with Hallow during Advent! Claim your free trial to Hallow for new users, with over 5,000 prayers and meditations for you to build a personal relationship with Christ at hallow.com/Holy Day.



Interest Survey Now Open NEW YEAR'S EVE Dinner Dance

Take our interest survey if you would **ATTEND | PLAN | SERVE** a New Year's Eve Dance



Scan me or visit stfrancisparish.net/survey

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

26 Sunday	<p>Feast of Christ the King Parish Office and Adoration Closed OCIA Catechumenate Session – Jr. High Classrooms #230/#231 – 9:30-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am</p>
27 Monday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm Cub Scouts Meeting – Scouts’ Room – 5:30-6:30pm Blaze for Middle School Girls – Frassati Room – 6:30-8pm Ignite for Middle School Boys – Fr. Dave’s Office – 6:30-8pm Walking With Purpose/Keeping In Balance – Murphy Hall – 6:30-8pm</p>
28 Tuesday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Walking With Purpose/Keeping In Balance – Murphy Hall – 9:15-11am Abide Young Adult Men’s Group – St. Francis Room – 6:30-8:45pm Fruit of the Vine Prayer Meeting – Johnson Hall – 7-8:30pm</p>
29 Wednesday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm School “Wednesday Chapel” – Church – 2-2:45pm Reconciliation – Church – 5:30-6:15pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 7-8pm The Sanctuary Course – St. Francis Room – 7-9pm Dead Theologians Society – Frassati Room – 7:15-8:30pm Forgiven – Murphy Hall – 7:15-8:30pm</p>
30 Thursday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Advent Reconciliation and Adoration – Church – 6:30-7:30pm</p>
1 Friday	<p>Damascus Men’s Retreat – Off-site Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-11pm Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8pm</p>
2 Saturday	<p>Damascus Men’s Retreat – Off-site Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-12pm That Man Is You – Murphy Hall – 7:30-9am Holy Land Shepherds Wood Carvings Sale – Johnson Hall – 4-7pm Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm Rosary for Peace – Church – 4:20-4:35pm</p>
3 Sunday	<p>First Sunday of Advent Damascus Men’s Retreat – Off-site 1st Communion/Reconciliation Prep Sessions – Classrooms – 9:30-10:45am OCIA Catechumenate Session – Jr. High Classrooms #230/#231 – 9:30-10:45am Social/Welcome/Newcomer Sunday – Johnson Hall – 9:30am-1pm Holy Land Shepherds Wood Carvings Sale – Johnson Hall – 9:30am-2pm Confirmation/Chosen – Murphy Hall – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Private Reception – Murphy Hall – 11am-3pm Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym – 6-8pm Summit HS Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall – 6-8pm Youth Ministry Adoration – Church – 7-8pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm</p>

PARISH NEWS



THE HOLY LAND SHEPHERDS

The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations including our family.

More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism, the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian Families to leave their homes in search of work and safety. Our mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We have been blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to travel to different parishes all around the United States for the past 15 years to represent these less fortunate Christians. **We are happy to announce that we will be visiting your parish on 12/2 and 12/3 with our displays in Johnson Hall after each Mass!** We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand-carved items. We value your support. We will be accepting cash, credit cards & checks. May God bless you & keep you safe.

The Holy Land Shepherds.

www.theholylanndshop.com | (810) 394-5291



ARC-ACTIVE RETIRED CITIZENS

Join us on Monday, 12/4, 3:30-5:30pm in Murphy Hall for a fun-filled afternoon. We play Bingo and Euchre, have fabulous door prizes, and provide refreshments! It's all part of

having fun together! Bring some friends or just come prepared to make some new ones. Questions? Call Chris at 740.364.0449 or Deb at 740.366.6924. We hope to see you on the 4th!

KNOX-LICKING VOCATIONAL CLUB

As we do at this time of year, the Vocational Club will collect snacks and toiletries for the seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Cookies, health bars, and chips are just a few favorite snack items. No fruit please; the college provides fruit daily. In addition to the snacks, we will be collecting toiletries such as razors, shaving cream, deodorant, soap, and toothpaste. **Please place your donations in the container in the Church vestibule before Tuesday, 12/5. Thank You!**

WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

CALLING ALL BAKERS



The annual Women of St. Francis "Before Christmas Bake Sale" will be held on Saturday, 12/9, 9am-12pm (open to the public) and following that weekend's Masses. We will again feature a COOKIE WALK. To be successful, we need LOTS of baked goods and we are calling upon all the bakers in the parish. You need not be a member of WOSF. Set up and pricing for the sale will begin Friday, 12/08 at 6pm. Please bring your best cookies, candies, pies, holiday breads, and more cookies to Johnson Hall at that time. If you are interested in baking or helping with set-up or selling, please contact Carol at 740.366.3060. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the needs of the parish.



WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual WOSF Christmas party will be Thursday, 12/14 in Murphy Hall. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to bring a friend! Dinner will be prepared by Epicerie et les fleurs out of Somerset, and we'll have games, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. Please drop your reservation form and payment to the church office by Sunday, 12/3, or contact Dorothy Varrasso at 740.644.1223 or dorothyvarrasso@gmail.com. Wine & Appetizers at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7:15pm. We are looking forward to a fun & festive evening! We will collect items for Heartbeats at the party (please no blankets), and our monthly St. Vincent collection will be for egg noodles. In November, our members collected 94 boxes of Hamburger Helper for the Food Pantry.

Thank you, ladies, for your generosity!

WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS CHRISTMAS PARTY – THURSDAY, 12/14

RESERVATION DEADLINE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

Name(s) _____

Amount Enclosed _____

(Cost - \$18.00 for members/\$23.00 for guests and non-members)

(Checks payable to Women of St. Francis)



Strong. Revived. Satisfied. This is how we want to live. But many of us are giving from an empty cup, wondering if it's even possible to live any differently. Do you feel depleted before you even begin the day? Has discouragement sapped your energy? Are you afraid to hope for more?

And the Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your desire with good things, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

– Isaiah 58:11

Join Lisa Brenninkmeyer as she delves into Isaiah 58, contrasting spiritual dehydration with the way Jesus, the Living Water, can refresh us. We'll identify symptoms of spiritual fatigue and discover practical ways to bring restoration to our souls.

Wednesday, 12/6, 7pm – St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church – 313 N. State Street, Westerville, OH 43082

Register for this event and for optional transportation to the event at stfrancisparish.net/Register.



EMMAUS ROAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 2021, the State of Ohio created a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) Program. This program allows Ohio taxpayers to donate to a K-12 SGO for that school to use for scholarships for tuition based on financial need. The donor

then receives a dollar-for-dollar non-refundable tax credit on their Ohio state tax return up to \$750 (\$1,500 if married and filing jointly). This is in addition to a federal tax deduction you are always able to take.

All donations will be managed through the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund. Parishioners, family, and friends of St. Francis de Sales can donate and **directly designate St. Francis School as the recipient of their donation**. If you choose not to designate a school, the money will be used in a general fund for financial aid for diocesan students based on need. 100% of those funds will be available to our school the following tax year to be used for scholarships for our students.

There are envelopes and flyers explaining more in the church vestibule, or to contribute online, simply go to: www.emmausroadscholarship.org/gift, or mail a check, made payable to Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund and mail to: Office of Catholic Schools, 197 East Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Please note on check that you would like your donation to go to St. Francis de Sales School in Newark.

You will receive a receipt directly from the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund for use in the preparation of your Ohio taxes that will allow you to receive the credit.



UNDONE: FREEDOM FOR THE FEMININE HEART

Ladies, do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you longing for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Join us for the Undone Women's Conference where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty, and transformation, as the knots of Eve's disobedience are "undone" through Mary's model of radical receptivity.

Bring yourself, your mother, your sister, your adult daughters, and friends. This is a weekend you won't want to miss!

Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart will be held right here at St. Francis, Thursday, 1/25 – Saturday, 1/27/2024. This event is being offered in person OR virtually via livestream! Register online for either experience at www.jprihealingcenter.org. Scholarships, student, and missionary discounts available. Contact Heather Stasel at hstasel@stfrancisparish.net for more information.



PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES DISCOVERY WITH BARCELONA

June 15-June 28, 2024 | 14 Days – 21 Meals

Visit Fatima, Aljustrel, Valinhos, Cathedral of Burgos, Lourdes, Grotto of Massabielle, Barcelona, La Sagrada Familia, views of Antoni Gaudi's Mila House (UNESCO), the Columbus Monument and Parc de Montjuic, the quaint mountain village of Montserrat, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, the Basilica of Sacré Coeur de Montmartre, and more!

We are filling a second coach, so come join in the adventure. Brochures are available in the church and the parish office.

For more information contact Collette Tours, 800.581.8942 and refer to Booking #1161671 or visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1161671>.

CATHOLIC OUTREACH MINISTRIES (COM)

The Giving Tree
HELPING CHILDREN IN NEED
com4us.life

1 GRAB A TAG FROM THE TREE IN THE VESTIBULE

2 PURCHASE GIFT REQUESTED ON TAG

3 ALL GIFTS DUE BY DEC 3RD BY NOON!

GIFTS MUST BE UNWRAPPED WITH TAGS!

'Tis the Season! The Giving Tree is set up in the vestibule of the church. Be sure to grab a tag on your way out and purchase a gift that will help bring joy to local children this Christmas. Please return your unwrapped gifts back to the tree by Sunday, 12/3.



Are you aware of our COM ministry at St. Francis: **Walking with Moms in Need (WWMIN)**? The U.S. Catholic bishops have encouraged parishes to become a pro-life hub where pregnant and parenting women can turn for help. At this time in Ohio especially, it is important that we provide for women who may be struggling to raise their children.

Our core team have created a list of local resources available to expectant and parenting mothers and have planned next steps for this ministry which involves YOU! It is so important to spread the word that help is available and **let us know who needs assistance**. Here's how you can help:

- Know where to refer a woman who needs support, both while pregnant and while raising children. Please feel free to refer women (or any parent) to reach out to the parish office COM line (740.345.9874, option 1), and they will direct the mom in need to our group.
- Visit our webpage at www.stfrancisparish.net/wwmin to see our resources. Please let us know if there are other resources that we missed. This is a team effort!
- Let us know if our core team should reach out to someone who may be hesitant to call us.
- Please contact: Kathy Ruff (kat_ruff@yahoo.com), Lynn Richardson (lynnanne@roadrunner.com), or Vicki Pressey (in the parish office) vpressey@stfrancisparish.net.

Continue to read our bulletin where we will announce requests for volunteers and donors. Some of the ways we plan to serve Moms in Need is by collecting gently used maternity or baby clothes, providing rides to medical appointments, or helping to move to new housing. We don't expect every care team member to help every time; we want to promote a big network of caring friends! We can't wait to hear from you!

SAINTS IN ACTION



At this time of Thanksgiving, we want to acknowledge the men and women who have helped serve, bake, donate and greet at one of our many recent social events. Abundant Blessings and our deepest gratitude to all of you for your help in so many ways!

Donna Stasel	Kathy Ruff	Brett Shepherd
Tina Lock	Kathy Grubaugh	Laura Lewis
Barb Rehl	Joe Bontemps	Lois Bending
Janet Marquis	Deb Shelly	Ruth Campolo
Chris Deardurff	Carol Thomas	Rose Marie Maddern
Patty Lemert	Lucy Lopez	Melissa Yonker
Lori Brown	Carol Svatora	Helen Sage
Cyndi Lesch	Hanna Dixon	Julie McNulty
Roger Menchofer	Nancy Moran	Nancy Hoar
Sara Menchofer	Yvonne Belmont	Waneta Newland
Jackie Dee	Rhonda Campbell	

SCHOOL NEWS

You're invited to

St. Francis de Sales School Music Program's

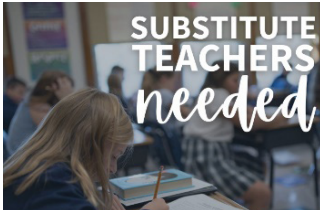
Christmas Performances

DECEMBER 12, 7:00 PM
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
HEMPLEMAN GYM
INTERMEDIATE BAND

DECEMBER 14, 7:00 PM
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
CHURCH
K-2ND GRADE

DECEMBER 20, 7:00 PM
NEWARK CATHOLIC
AUDITORIUM
3RD-5TH GRADE





SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED!

Are you a substitute teacher? Have you ever considered being a substitute teacher? We need you! As our preschool and K-8 grades continue to grow, so does our need for substitute teachers. We can provide the information about qualifications for this position. Or, if you are a PGC compliant parent who would love to help occasionally as a classroom Aide, please contact School Administrative Manager Alana Meek at 740.345.4049 or at ameek@cdeducation.org. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sights & Sounds OF CHRISTMAS

Thursday, 12/7
6 - 8:30pm

A guided, musical walking tour
of Newark's downtown churches,
ending at St. Francis!

Tickets available
at the parish office.

*Proceeds benefit
Licking County Food Pantry Network*



AROUND THE DIOCESE

URGENT SUPPORT NEEDED IN THE HOLY LAND

As the war rages on, Pope Francis is reaching out to world leaders calling for a cease-fire, entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza and the release of all hostages being held by Hamas. Due to their long-standing presence, Catholic Relief Services has been responding to meet urgent, comprehensive needs, while also monitoring possible extended needs across the region. To support their efforts, pray and consider learning more and donating to CRS at: [Catholic Relief Services \(crs.org\)](http://CatholicReliefServices.org). For more information, contact the diocesan Social Concerns Office at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or call 614.224.2540.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES AT THE MARIA STEIN SHRINE

From 11/24/23 through 1/10/2024, the Shrine will again be hosting a Nativity Exhibit. You will be able to view more than 60 nativity sets and see how the simple scene of Christ in the manger with Mary and Joseph has been interpreted in many cultures over the years. The Relic Shrine's first-floor Gathering Space will be filled with sets from differing time periods, cultures, and artistic mediums. Since the first nativity scene was developed by Saint Francis of Assisi, different people have been putting their own spin on the birth of Christ. This display of nativities showcases the various ways Jesus' birth has been interpreted. Bring the whole family for this wonderful reminder

of the reason for the season with this free exhibit. It is open to the public during the normal Shrine Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:30am to 6pm, Friday and Saturday 9:30am to 4pm, and noon to 4pm on Sundays.

The exhibit is closed on 12/24 and 12/25 and 12/31 and 1/1/2024.

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