

December 3 | First Sunday of Advent

Advent

The Season of

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MASS INTENTIONS



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

4:45pm People of the Parish

8:30am Special Intention: Jim Reef (Reef Family)

11am † Frank, Sr. and Norma Annarino (Heather Stasel)

Monday, December 4 – Saint John Damascene, Priest, and Doctor of the Church

6pm † Ruth Arce (Lucy Lopez)

Tuesday, December 5 – Advent Weekday

12pm † Greg Schilling (St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Edward)

Wednesday, December 6 – Saint Nicholas, Bishop

6:30pm † Joan Marie Ronan (Richard ‘Tink’ and Linda Henry)

Thursday, December 7 – Saint Ambrose, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church

9am † John Mattiuz (Joanne Hanson)

Friday, December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

9am † Gaylene Bishop (Ed and Laura Lewis)

6:30pm Special Intention: Judy Noble (Parish Staff)

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

4:45pm Special Intention: Donna Andriot (Fr. Dave)

8:30am People of the Parish

11am † Leonardo and Thelma Pereicho (Ferlanda Powers)



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 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.



Shirley Cramer (mother of Shannon Walker and Lana Stalling) and Shirley Isabel Stare recently passed away. Please pray for them and for all the faithful departed. May God grant them peace and eternal rest.



THE HOLY LAND SHEPHERDS AT ST. FRANCIS THIS WEEKEND

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 and checks. May God bless you & keep you safe. The Holy Land Shepherds.

www.theholylanndshop.com
(810) 394-5291

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SPECIAL ENVELOPE FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Offertory envelope packets mailed to parishioners will include one dated 12/3 for Christmas Flowers *In Honor Of/In Memory Of* loved ones. Those names will be published in our Christmas bulletin. Due to early bulletin submission dates, we will not be able to publish names for envelopes returned after 12/10. We appreciate your understanding.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Outreach Ministries (COM)	December 10, 2023
Retirement Fund for Religious	December 10, 2023

BE WATCHFUL

Reflection on Mark 13:33-37

As we begin this Advent season, we are told in today's Gospel to be attentive to God. Be watchful for His coming. Be open and malleable to the touch of God's hands that will continuously shape us into His lovers. In a seamless transition from the last liturgical year to this new one, we are invited into this Advent time of waiting and watching.

We do not wait in an idle or passive manner, but like the servants in the Gospel, we anticipate our master's return by assuming responsibility for the work of the household. Today, you and I are responsible for God's household, for the natural world in which we live and for the new world of grace given us in Christ. And so our waiting and watching are not passive, but involve active service of God's Kingdom, knowing that if we let Him, God can fashion each of us into something spectacular. May we be that kind of clay in the hands of the Potter.

~ Fr. Jay

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 4, 2023

Weekday
Is 2:1-5
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Weekday
Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Weekday
Is 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 26:1-6
Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8, 2023

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Weekday
Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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



SAINT AMBROSE

Feast Day: December 7

Patron Saint of: Beekeepers

One of Ambrose's biographers observed that at the Last Judgment, people would still be divided between those who admired Ambrose and those who heartily disliked him. He emerges as the man of action who cut a furrow through the lives of his contemporaries. Even royal personages were numbered among those who were to suffer crushing divine punishments for standing in Ambrose's way.

In his disputes with the Emperor Auxentius, he coined the principle: "The emperor is in the Church, not above the Church." He publicly admonished Emperor Theodosius for the massacre of 7,000 innocent people. The emperor did public penance for his crime. This was Ambrose, the fighter sent to Milan as Roman governor, and chosen while yet a catechumen to be the people's bishop.

There is yet another side of Ambrose—one which influenced Augustine of Hippo, whom Ambrose converted. Augustine found the oratory of Ambrose less soothing and entertaining but far more learned than that of other contemporaries. Ambrose's sermons were often modeled on Cicero, and his ideas betrayed the influence of contemporary thinkers and philosophers.

His sermons, his writings, and his personal life reveal him as an otherworldly man involved in the great issues of his day. Humanity for Ambrose was, above all, spirit. In order to think rightly of God and the human soul, the closest thing to God, no material reality at all was to be dwelt upon.

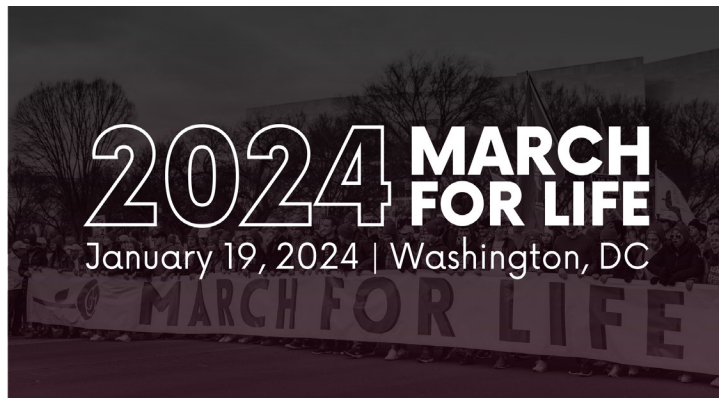
Ambrose exemplifies for us the truly catholic character of Christianity. He is a man steeped in the learning, law, and culture of the ancients and of his contemporaries. Yet, in the midst of active involvement in this world, this thought runs through Ambrose's life and preaching: The hidden meaning of the Scriptures calls our spirit to rise to another world.

Read the full article: "Saint Ambrose" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ambrose/>. (Accessed November 21, 2023).

CATHOLIC OUTREACH MINISTRIES (COM)

LAST CALL!
ALL GIFTS DUE
DECEMBER 3

‘Tis the Season! THANK YOU! All tags have been taken. Your gifts will help bring joy to local children this Christmas. Be sure to return unwrapped gifts to the back of the church by noon this Sunday, 12/3. If you ordered a gift online and it hasn’t arrived yet, PLEASE contact the parish office at 740.345.9874.



St. Edward The Confessor parish is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, D.C. 1/18-19, 2024 for the National March for Life gathering. If you want to go with them, please contact Paul Gassman at Scoutmaster4Life@gmail.com for a spot on the bus and a cost quote. The Respect Life Group will offer financial scholarships primarily to St. Francis de Sales parish students who need help meeting the cost.

PARISH NEWS



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS APPRECIATE YOU!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all our parishioners for their support during our annual Fall Sub Sale. It was a great success, and we look forward to serving you in the future!

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



COME LET US ADORE HIM

In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent Adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. – Benedict XVI

With Advent beginning today, many of us are seeking ways to best prepare for welcoming Jesus into our hearts. We find ourselves surrounded with the noise and hustle and bustle of the season. We need to stop, block out the noise, and savor the peace the season of Advent provides. Eucharistic Adoration provides the opportunity to prepare for the Christ Child and be at peace, which is the focus of the Season of Advent.

Make Eucharistic Adoration part of your Advent preparation. We have availability in all our worship slots with special needs in the following slots:

- Monday at 1pm; Tuesday at 8pm; Wednesday at 8pm;**
- Thursday at 2pm and 9pm; Friday at 8am and 9am;**
- Saturday at 5am.**

To spend your special hour with the Lord during one of these times, or another, you can easily sign up on the St. Francis webpage. Go to the Eucharistic Adoration section to access the SignUpGenius tab. You can also contact Paula McWilliams at 740.405.7423 (mcwilliams54@gmail.com) for additional information.

MAKE YOUR PLANS
CHRISTMAS IS ON A MONDAY THIS YEAR

For **Last Sunday of Advent** attend one of these Masses

- Saturday, 12/23 4:45pm**
- Sunday, 12/24 10am**

For **Christmas Celebration** attend one of these Masses

- Sunday, 12/24 4pm, 6:30pm, or 10:30pm**
- Monday, 12/25 10am**

Remember: Both Sunday & Christmas are Holy Days of Opportunity!

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

3 Sunday	<p><u>First Sunday of Advent</u> Damascus Men's Retreat - Offsite 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 – 9:30a-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 Baptism 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>
4 Monday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm ARC/Active Retired Citizens – Murphy Hall – 3:30-5:30pm 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 Respect Life Monthly Meeting – Johnson Hall – 6:45-9pm</p>
5 Tuesday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Walking With Purpose/Keeping In Balance – Murphy Hall – 9:15-11am School Adoration, Praise & Worship – Church – 9:30-11:30am Abide Young Adult Men's Group – St. Francis Room – 6:30-8:45pm Fruit of the Vine Prayer Meeting – Johnson Hall – 7-8:30pm Knights of Columbus Business Meeting – Murphy Hall – 7-9pm</p>
6 Wednesday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Reconciliation – Church – 5:30-6:15pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 7-8pm Lisa Brenninkmeyer Live Event – Offsite – 7-8:30pm The Sanctuary Course – St. Francis Room – 7-9pm Dead Theologians Society – Frassati Room - 7:15-8:30pm</p>
7 Thursday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-6pm Grandparent Ministry – Murphy Hall – 10-11:30am Sights & Sounds of Christmas – Community Churches – 6-8:30pm Sights & Sounds Reception – Johnson Hall – 8:30-9:30pm OCIA – via Zoom – 7-8:15pm</p>
8 Friday	<p><u>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u> Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-11pm Mass of the Immaculate Conception – Church – 9-10am Mass of the Immaculate Conception – Church – 6:30-7:30pm Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8pm</p>
9 Saturday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-12pm That Man Is You – Murphy Hall – 7:30-9am Outdoor Adventures Ministry – Offsite – 10am-12n WOSF Bake Sale – Johnson Hall – 10am-6pm Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm Rosary for Peace – Church – 4:20-4:35pm</p>
10 Sunday	<p><u>Second Sunday of Advent</u> WOSF Bake Sale – Johnson Hall – 8:30am-12:30pm 1st Communion/Reconciliation Prep Sessions – Classrooms – 9:30-10:45am OCIA Catechumenate Session – Jr. High Classrooms #230/#231– 9:30-10:45am Confirmation/Chosen – Murphy Hall – 9:45-10:45am Seeds of Faith – Jr. High Classroom #233 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym – 6-8pm Summit HS Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall – 6-8pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm</p>

PARISH NEWS



Magnificat ADVENT COMPANION

Available at church doors while supplies last beginning 12/1

MAGNIFICAT GROUP SUBSCRIPTION ORDER/RENEWAL
Magnificat is an easy-to-read pocket-sized worship aid that can be used to follow the Mass (daily and Sunday) and can also be read at home for personal or family prayer. This monthly liturgical prayer book provides a fitting way to enter fully into the Church’s liturgical rhythms and spiritual legacy. Orders are being taken for a group subscription for *Magnificat*. **The price per subscription is \$39 per year (beginning with March 2024).** The orders arrive monthly in the Parish Office. For those who are currently enrolled, your subscription ends with the current February issue.

To renew or to be added to the group order, please email or call Vicki at the Parish Office at vpressey@stfrancisparish.net or 740.345.9874, ext. 200, or mail/drop off \$39 payment (made payable to St. Francis de Sales) to the Parish Office. **Orders must be received by Monday, 12/18! Please include your name and the best way to contact you.** *Magnificat* also offers an annual digital subscription for \$19.99. For more information on *Magnificat*, visit us.magnificat.net/online.



ACCESS TO HALLOW ADVENT THROUGH EASTER

Our Parish is partnering with Hallow during Advent! Claim your \$1 premium 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/HolyDay or scan the QR code above. Follow the prompts on the screen to gain access.



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!

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 setup 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 and 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)

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!**

**MELCHIZEDEK –
FOR MEN AND WOMEN 18 AND OLDER**

In place of our December Melchizedek meeting, all men and women 18-39 are invited to join the Young Catholic Professionals for their meeting on 12/13, 7pm at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church, 807 Havens Corners Road in Columbus. Father Dave will be participating in a panel discussion on vocations that evening. Please come and bring a friend. This would be a great time to invite someone that does not regularly attend our meetings. All vocations will be represented including sacramental marriage. Sister Loretta De Domenicis will be there as well. She loves our St. Francis community!
Adult beverages will be available for those 21 and older. Admission is free, but registration is required. **Sign up ASAP at vcp.glueup.com – scroll down to Executive Panel Discussion: Vocations.**



SEEKING A LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE FOR LEAD PRESCHOOL TEACHER

We have a great opportunity for a long-term substitute in our 3 and 4-year-old classroom. This is a full-time position slated to begin after the new year to cover for our current teacher while on maternity leave. Candidates must hold an appropriate OH substitute teaching license (or be eligible to obtain one before beginning to teach), complete required background checks and safe environment courses. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to Sally Mummey, Principal at smummey@cdeducation.org.

**A VERY SPECIAL
Afternoon With
St. Nick**

For children with sensory or special needs

**Saturday, 12/16
11:30am - 2pm**
Crafts | Lunch | Visit with Santa

Get details & RSVP at stfrancisparish.net/Register

A VERY SPECIAL AFTERNOON WITH ST. NICK

Families with children having sensory or special needs are invited to a special event on Saturday, 12/16, 11:30am – 2pm! We'll host an afternoon with St. Nick including lunch for the whole family along with a craft activity and an opportunity to decorate a Christmas cookie for children with special needs and their siblings. Then kids will enjoy a special visit from the big man himself...St. Nicholas, so bring your camera! Brought to us by the St. Francis Family Ministry, there is no charge for this event, but RSVPs are requested at stfrancisparish.net/Register.

**Breakfast With
St. Nicholas**

**Sunday, 12/17
9:30am - 1pm**

Johnson Hall
\$6 Child / \$9 Adult
Family meal bundles available

Sponsored by: 

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Brought to us by the Knights of Columbus in partnership with our St. Francis Family Ministry, we welcome all families to our annual breakfast with St. Nicholas on Sunday, 12/17, 9:30am – 1pm in Johnson Hall. Visit and take a photo with St. Nicholas and enjoy a full menu of scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, pancakes, fruit, and more! Cost is \$6/Child and \$9/Adult with family meal bundles available for extra cost savings! Don't forget your cameras!

Calling Couples & Singles
**NEW YEAR'S EVE
Dinner Bash**

**Sunday, 12/31
8pm - 1am**

\$45 per person | All Are Welcome
Dinner | DJ & Dancing | Champagne Toast

Get Tickets at stfrancisparish.net/Register



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.jpilhealingcenter.org. Scholarships, student, and missionary discounts available. Contact Heather Stasel at hstasel@stfrancisparish.net for more information.



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.



PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES DISCOVERY WITH BARCELONA

Travel with Fr. Dave Sizemore and fellow Catholics on a trip of a lifetime!

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

Visit Fatima, Aljostrel, 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!

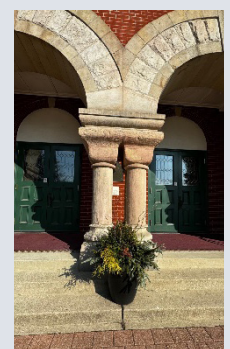
We are filling a second coach, so come join in the adventure. Brochures are available in the church and the parish office. For more information, contact Collette Tours, 800.581.8942 and refer to Booking #1161671 or visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1161671>.

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!

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

We can't forget our *Saint In Action*, Pat Warthen. Pat is a long-time parishioner at St. Francis. She tends to the planters in front of the church and school. Pat also assists in decorating for many parish parties and activities. Thank you, Pat!



COMMUNITY NEWS

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Did you know we collect nonperishable donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry year-round? We have a cart located in the church vestibule to collect donations each week.

Items needed:

Cereal, condiments, soup, 100% fruit juice, meal helpers/pasta/ rice sides, instant mashed potatoes/instant rice, canned fruits & vegetables (pop-top lids are greatly appreciated by our clients), peanut butter, jelly (squeeze bottles), manual can-openers, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, health & beauty items, and cold-weather items such as hats, gloves & blankets.

If you are interested in helping at the pantry, please Contact Kimberly Sherman at ksherman@stfrancisparish.net for more information.

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



AROUND THE DIOCESE



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.

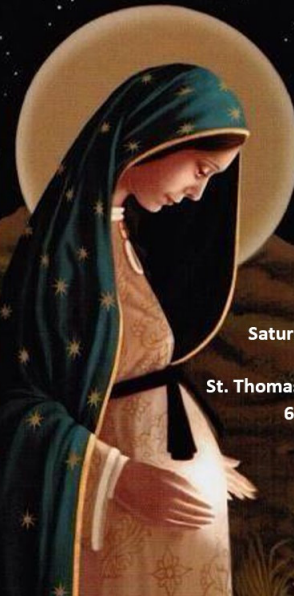


The Buckeye Catholic Choir presents:

"Gaudete" - Rejoice

Music for the Annunciation,
Advent and Christmas season

Save Your Seat:



Saturday, December 9th
7:00p.m.

St. Thomas More Newman Center
64 W. Lane Ave.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR.

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2024 Catholic Man of the Year. The annual award will be presented by Bishop Earl Fernandes on **Friday, 2/2** at the Men's Luncheon held at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. 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 will be accepted through **Sunday, 12/31**. For details, nomination instructions, and the required online nomination form, go to <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/catholicmanoftheyear>. Submit your nomination and let us know why your husband, father, son, uncle, brother, or friend is your choice for the Catholic Man of the Year!

CLERGY

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