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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023



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**MASS INTENTIONS/LITURGIES**

DECEMBER 16-25, 2023

**Saturday, December 16 | 6:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)**  
**(Rorate Mass)***Deceased Members of KC Steggeman Family*  
*by the Conkle Family***Saturday, December 16 | 4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)**  
*Elizabeth & Heath Dyer Anniversary by the Baker Family***6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)***Joanne Maag by Dennis & Cindy Maag***Sunday, December 17 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Paul Richard by Don Richard***10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Mary, Queen of Angels Parishioners***Tuesday, December 19 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Mary Margaret Steggeman by Theresa & Brant Dunn***Wednesday, December 20 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Viola Dietz by Tom & Sharon Schnippel***Thursday, December 21 | 6:15 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)****6:45 p.m. Confession***Anna Schumacher by Judy & Jeff Lamb***Friday, December 22 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)****8:45 a.m. Confession***Paul Richard by Don Richard***Saturday, December 23 | 3:00 p.m. Confession (ST. PAT)****4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Mary, Queen of Angels Parishioners***6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)***Joanne Maag by Roger & Treva Schulze***Sunday, December 24 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Couples who are expecting/praying to conceive**by Alan & Renee Winner***10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***LaVerne & Tom Born by Morissa & Mitch Sweeney***CHRISTMAS EVE December 24 | 4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Staff of Mary, Queen of Angels Parishes***6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)***Marie Beuschlein by Debra Beuschlein***CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***John & Marlene Bihn by The Bihn Family***10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Priests of Mary, Queen of Angels Parishes***YOUR TITHE TO GOD**

WEEK OF DECEMBER 9/10	ST. MARY	ST. PATRICK
MASS COUNT:	304	380
SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$ 3,430.05	\$ 4,683.00
ONLINE COLLECTION:	\$ 1,065.00	\$ 816.88
OTHER COLLECTIONS:		
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:		\$ 10.00
ARCHDIOCESE ASSESSMENT:		\$ 10.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:	\$ 1,462.00	\$ 1,105.00
ADVENT:		751.00
RETIREMENT FUND:	\$ 2,492.25	\$ 1,506.00
OTHER:	\$ 40.00	\$ 140.00
TOTAL TITHING:	\$ 8,489.30	\$ 9,021.88

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

BEGINNING DECEMBER 17, 2023

**Sunday:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11  
Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54  
First Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28**Monday:** Jeremiah 23:5-8  
Psalms 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19  
Matthew 1:18-25**Tuesday:** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a  
Psalms 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17  
Luke 1:5-25**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14  
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
Lk 1:26-38**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21  
Lk 1:39-45**Friday:** First Samuel 1:24-28  
First Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd  
Luke 1:46-56**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24  
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14  
Lk 1:57-66**Sunday:** Second Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38**Monday (Christmas Day):**  
Is 52:7-10  
Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12.  
Heb 1:1-6  
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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**WEEKEND PRIEST ROTATION**

Father Lindle and I are making every attempt to rotate back and forth between Logan and Champaign Counties each weekend. We love our whole family of parishes and want to nourish all our people with the Sacraments. However, there are various factors that interfere with the rotation. For example, when one of us needs a sub, we might be able to get coverage in one county but not the other; or in some cases, inclement weather or the liturgical schedule (like during Holy Week) might make it difficult for us to switch back and forth. The rotation will be interrupted several times in December and February, but we will resume the normal rotation as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.

Father Shawn Landenwitch



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS** DECEMBER 23/24 2023**ST. MARY OF THE WOODS****6:00 P.M. SATURDAY**

**SERVERS:** Eli Baughman, Aiden Oldiges,  
Ezra Winner

**READER:** Benjamin Packer

**USHERS:** Nick Baughman, Jeff True,  
Willie Dearwester, Derek Zumberger

**CANTORS:** Deb Ulrey, Kathy Robinson

**SACRISTAN:** Donna Hesser

**8:00 A.M. SUNDAY**

**SERVERS:** Caleb Bihn, Orville Winner,  
Jase Thompson

**READER:** Nancy Nolan

**EEM:** Jim Thiel

**USHERS:** Alan Winner, Shawn Bihn, Dave Shoffner,  
Susan Brunner

**CANTOR:** Ashley Roberts

**SACRISTAN:** Renee Winner

**CHRISTMAS MINISTERS** DECEMBER 24/25, 2023**ST. MARY OF THE WOODS****6:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE**

**SERVERS:** Heath Wilson, Vincent Wilson,  
Corbin Wilson, Ash Wilson

**READER:** David Goff

**EEM:** Benjamin Packer

**USHERS:** Jeff True, Willie Dearwester,  
Scott Staley, Ken Meier

**CANTORS:** Katie McCabe

**SACRISTAN:** Suzi Corwin

**8:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS DAY**

**SERVERS:** Benjamin Packer, Caleb Altstaetter,  
Isaac Dillon, Henry Dillon

**READER:** Jan Knight

**EEM:** Kevin Knight

**USHERS:** Phil Altstaetter, Charles Seimet,  
Deb Seimet, Mike Reichert

**CANTORS:** Winners

**SACRISTAN:** Lee McCarty

**ST. PATRICK****4:00 P.M. SATURDAY**

**SERVERS:** Della Baker, Mason Marcinko,  
Kaije Snider

**READERS:** Sharon Hess, Tim Smith

**EEM:** Mary Smith

**10:00 A.M. SUNDAY**

**SERVERS:** Carter Buck, Cayde Buck, Cooper Buck

**READERS:** Bob Rhoades, Mindy Bailey

**EEM:** Sharon Traul

**ST. PATRICK****4:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE**

**SERVERS:** Patrick Stolly, Sennett Stolly,  
Sloan Stolly, Spencer Stolly

**READERS:** Wendy Miller, Rose Lyons

**EEM:** Mary Giannola

**10:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS DAY**

**SERVERS:** Antonio Avalos, Brenden Eckstein,  
Connor Eckstein, Ruth Eckstein

**READERS:** Brant Dunn, Theresa Dunn

**EEM:** Sharon Hess



Friday, February 9th, 2024, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a prime rib dinner in Makley Hall to benefit the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Seminarians. This dinner is also in honor of the founder of the "Pennies for Heaven" dinner, K.C. Steggeman. Tickets (\$30.00/per person) will go on sale at a date TBD. Check future bulletins for updates on this dinner.



*Beautiful Eucharist*, by Matthew Kelly, is a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives. Pick up your free copy in the back of St. Mary of the Woods, St. Patrick or St. Mary.



Whether you recently moved here or are just visiting, we are happy that you are here with us! If you would like to join one of our parishes, please contact the Parish Office for a registration form.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Parishioners, you are invited to help St. Vincent de Paul members pack the Christmas boxes for **PROJECT MERRY CHRISTMAS**. This is your opportunity to see our special ministry in action and get involved! We will be meeting on Wednesday, December 13th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the former Lutheran Community Services building, located just behind the First Lutheran Church and across the street from the Bellefontaine Fire Department. The church's address is 208 W. Sandusky Avenue.

Volunteers are needed also for **DISTRIBUTION DAY**, Wednesday, December 20th, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the former Lutheran Community Services building. Please, either email Mike Dinovo at [mcdinovo@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdinovo@yahoo.com) or call Cathy Dinovo at 937-935-2557 for further details or to sign up to work. Thank you for sharing your time with this valuable program.

Merry Christmas!





**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

December 21st after 6:15 p.m. Mass **(ST. PAT)**  
Three priests available.

*Unto Us  
a Child is Born*

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve (December 24th)**

4:00 p.m. Mass **(ST. PAT)**

4:00 p.m. Mass **(ST. MARY)**

6:00 p.m. Mass **(SMOW)**

**Christmas Day (December 25th)**

12:00 a.m. Mass **(ST. MARY)**

8:00 a.m. Mass **(SMOW)**

10:00 a.m. Mass **(ST. PAT)**

9:00 a.m. Mass **(ST. MARY)**



**Solemnity of Mary,  
Holy Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation**

**Sunday, 1/1/24, The Solemnity of  
Mary, Holy Mother of God:**

9:00 a.m. - St. Mary, Urbana

9:00 a.m. - St. Patrick, Bellefontaine

**Prayer of the Immaculate Conception:**

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, didst prepare a worthy dwelling place for thy Son, we beseech thee that, as by the foreseen death of this, thy Son, thou didst preserve her from all stain, so too thou wouldst permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto thee. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS  
AND GUESTS:**

War in Israel. War in Ukraine. Political battles at home. When will this fighting end? Our situation seems very dark, but this chaos and turbulence is nothing new. Amid similar turmoil and upheaval, Isaiah prophesied hope: "For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name Him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." Who is this child? Who is this Prince of Peace?

Every year at Midnight Mass as we listen to this reading from Isaiah 9, we discover anew that the bringer of true peace is the Baby born in Bethlehem. Jesus is the Prince of Peace because He reconciles us to the Father. Without Our Lord, it would be impossible for us to live in a state of union with God in this life or in the next. He also reconciles us with each other as He unites us together into one Church, and He teaches us the virtues necessary to flourish in proper relationships with others. I encourage us to reflect with gratitude on the peace Our Lord brings to us as we celebrate His birth. May the Lord bless you and your families with true peace, and may you and your families have a

Merry Christmas!  
Father Shawn Landenwitch  
and Father Jacob Lindle

**ST. PATRICK 2023  
POINTSETTIA DONATION**

Let's make St. Patrick come alive with color this Christmas Season by filling the church with beautiful poinsettias. Suggested donation is

\$30.00. Donations can be placed in the offertory basket or brought to the Parish Office through **Wednesday, December 20, 2023.** If you wish to purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please complete this form and include with your payment.

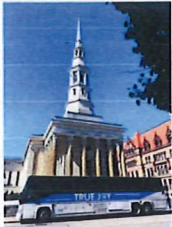
YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOVED ONE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



## Ashley's Consecration

Taking reservations for transportation to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains on January 13th on the True Joy Ltd. Charter Bus and lunch at the Hofbrauhaus - German Restaurant



### Lunch Entree Selections

- Hofbrauhaus Wurst Combo
- Haus Reuben Sandwich
- Newport Fish Sandwich
- Schnitzel Sandwich

Price for transportation and lunch \$40

Add \$4 if you want the Schwarzwälder Kirsch Torte (Black Forest Cake) -delicious!

For info : contact Jenny Korte 937-508-6369 to reserve seat and order lunch by Jan. 4th . [truejoyltd@yahoo.com](mailto:truejoyltd@yahoo.com)

### WE'RE HIRING

St. Patrick is in need of two part-time employees (10-12 hours/week):

- To clean the church and offices
- Lead Sacristan (Dottie Poepfelmeier is wanting to retire)

Please contact the parish office if you or someone you know is interested.



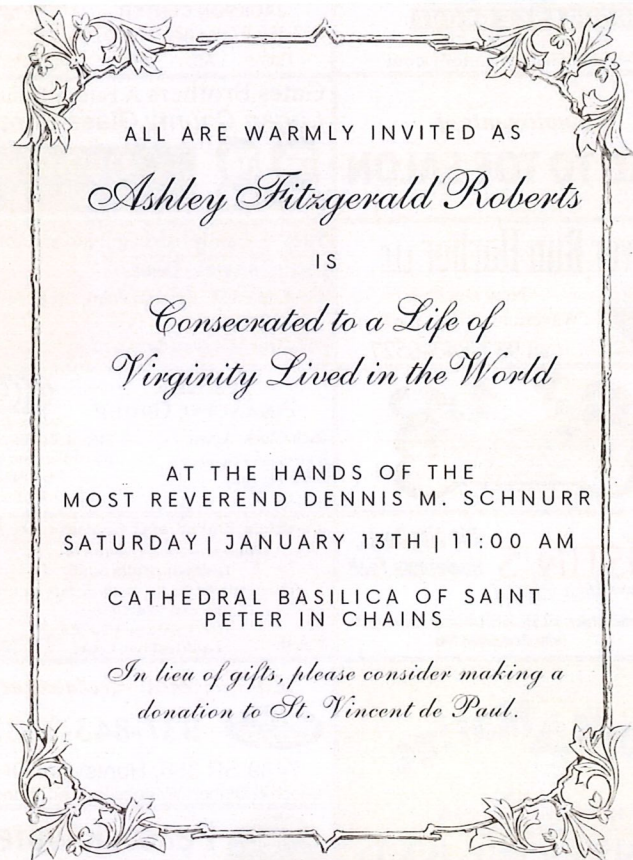
*We look forward to welcoming you and your family this*

## Christmas!

Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass on Christmas and, when Christmas falls on a day other than Sunday, attend a separate Mass to fulfill their ordinary Sunday obligation. The table below provides the specifics of how this will work this year.

### ATTEND ONE (1) FROM EACH COLUMN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
Obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23 through Sunday, Dec. 24 at 3:00 p.m.	Obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24 and throughout Monday, Dec. 25
Obligation may be fulfilled at either:	Obligation may be fulfilled at either:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Vigil (Saturday evening) Mass</li> <li>• Any Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent before 3:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Vigil Mass for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 24</li> <li>• Any Mass on Monday, Dec. 25</li> </ul>



The St. Patrick Choir will begin 20 minutes before the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.



### 2024 CALENDAR

Don't forget to pick up your 2024 Calendar from the table in the cry room of St. Patrick. Please take only one per family.



### Pray Now to End Abortion

In this great endeavor to create a new culture of life we are inspired and sustained by the confidence that comes from knowing that the Gospel of life, like the Kingdom of God itself, is growing and producing abundant fruit (cf. Mk 4:26-29). There is certainly an enormous disparity between the powerful resources available to the forces promoting the "culture of Death" and the means at the disposal of those working for a "culture of life and love". But we know that we can rely on the help of God, for whom nothing is impossible (cf. Mt 19:26). (St. John Paul: The Gospel of Life, 100)

*"Hail Mary, full of grace..."*



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