



# Our Lady of Peace *Family of Parishes*

Holy Family - Holy Name of Jesus - Our Lady of Sorrows

DECEMBER 14, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor: Rev. Paul Gebhardt, Sr. Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Civile, Parochial Vicar: Rev. Benjamin Mersch,  
Deacons: John Lyons, Bill Schaefer, Larry Gronas, & Jack Schaefer

## Our Lady of Peace

w: [olopeace.org](http://olopeace.org)

## Holy Family

201 Clark Street, Middletown, OH 45042  
p: 513-422-0602, f: 513-424-7416  
w: [holyfamilymiddletown.com](http://holyfamilymiddletown.com)

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### **Holy Trinity Church**

201 Clark Street  
Sunday 9:00 am (*Live streamed*)

### **St. John Church**

1405 First Avenue  
Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 10:30 am  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 pm

## St. John XXIII Catholic School

3806 Manchester Road  
Middletown, OH 45042  
p: 513-424-1196, f: 513-464-9955  
w: [stjohn23school.org](http://stjohn23school.org)

## Holy Name of Jesus

222 Hamilton Ave., Trenton, Ohio 45067  
p: 513-988-6335 (office), 513-988-9348  
(parish hall), f: 513-330-9849  
w: [holynamenameofjesuscatholicchurch.org](http://holynamenameofjesuscatholicchurch.org)  
e: [holynamercc@gmail.com](mailto:holynamercc@gmail.com)

## Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday - 8:30 am

## Reconciliation (Confessions)

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 pm  
Sundays 7:30-8:00 am

## Our Lady of Sorrows

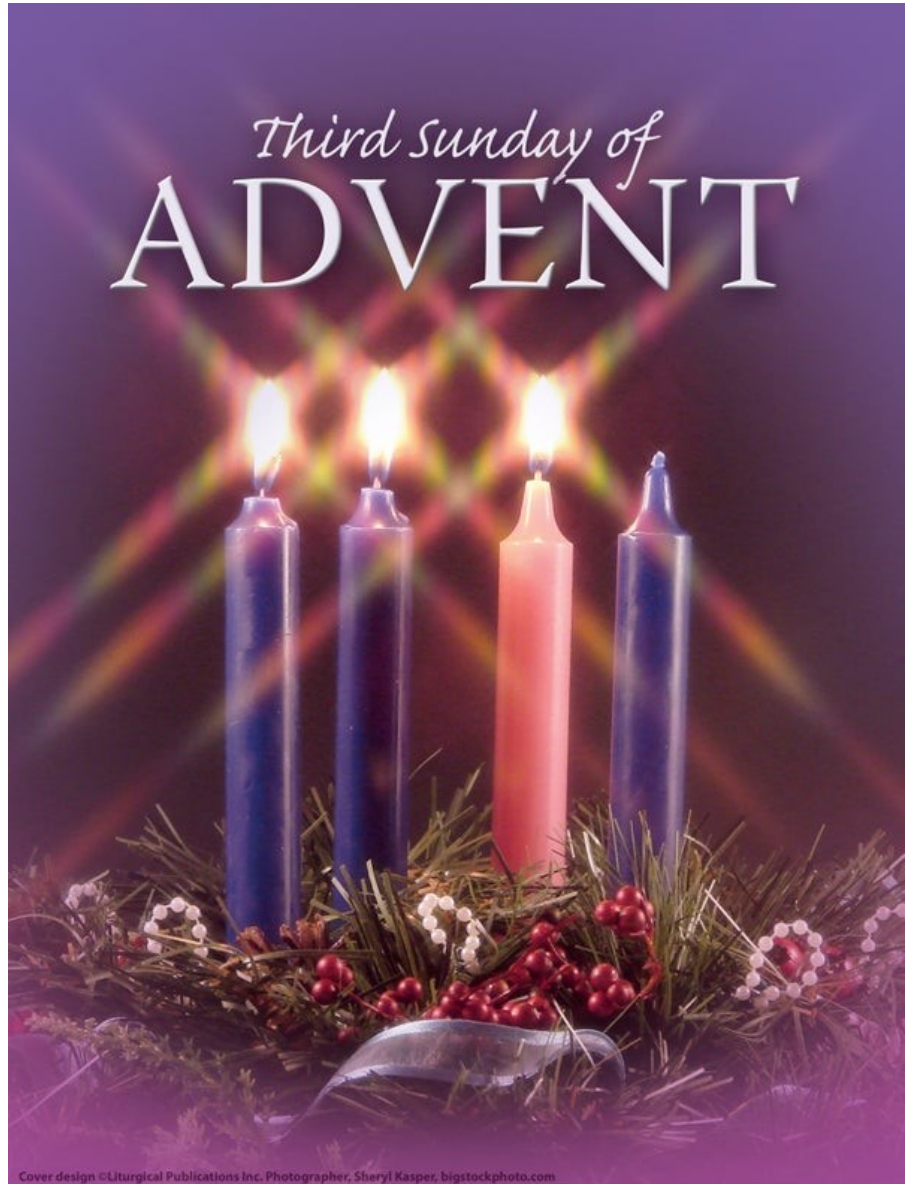
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## Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 pm, Sunday - 10:30 am

## Reconciliation (Confessions)

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 pm  
Saturdays 3:00-3:30 pm



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## Upcoming Events

K of C Pancake Breakfast.....	Dec 14
Leisure Group Meeting OLOS.....	Dec 17
Advent Penance Service Holy Trinity.....	Dec 18
Christmas Eve.....	Dec 24
Christmas Day.....	Dec 25
Solemnity of Mary.....	Jan 1

# WELCOME



## Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

**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

**Next Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**Introductions to Sunday Readings:** *by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven & Fr. Bill Taylor*



### First Reading - Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

TV coverage of events in the Middle East has familiarized us with the empty expanse of arid desert described in today's reading. Therefore, we can appreciate the unbelievable transformation which Isaiah promises. The prophet says that the desert will become a lush garden, as God's chosen people return singing and dancing from their 70-year exile in Babylon.

### Second Reading - James 5:7-10

The letter of James was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed to a group of Christians who were disappointed that Jesus had not yet returned in glory. Using an agricultural image, the author encourages them to keep their hope alive as they face the day-to-day trials of life.

## Parish Staff

**HF Phone Number.....513-422-0602**

HF Business Manager: Theresa Hurlburt

HF Admin Assistant: Kathi Mangus

HF Religious Education: Joseph Barnett

HF Bulletin Editor: Angie Cathcart

HF Hispanic Ministry: Cristina Ryan

HF Music Ministry: Joseph Barnett

HF Music Ministry: Mike Kramer

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OLOS Office & Technology Mgr: Bob Drusky

OLOS Bulletin Editor: Patrice Prebles

OLOS Pastoral Associate: Karen Redmond

OLOS Maintenance: Joe Scarpa

OLOS Music Ministry: Michelle Markert

### **Bulletin/Announcement Deadline:**

Friday at noon - 1 week in advance via email to your parish office.

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR LADY OF PEACE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	N/A	N/A	12:10 PM	12:10 PM	8:00 AM	N/A	9:00 AM 2:00 PM Spanish
ST JOHN CHURCH	N/A	*8:15 @ St. John XXIII School	N/A	N/A	N/A	4:30 PM	10:30 AM
HOLY NAME OF JESUS	N/A	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	N/A	N/A	8:30 AM
OUR LADY OF SORROWS	8:30 AM	N/A	N/A	6:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	10:30 AM

**Baptisms.....**Contact your Parish Office. Baptismal preparation is required.

**Marriages.....**Contact your Parish Office at least 6 months before the desired date.

**Vocations.....**Contact a member of your pastoral staff or visit [cincinnati vocations.org](http://cincinnati vocations.org).

**Pastoral Care of the Sick.....**May be arranged through your Parish Office.

**Becoming Catholic.....**Contact your Parish Office.

**St. John XXIII Catholic School.....**Parish school for Preschool—8th Grade—[www.stjohn23school.org](http://www.stjohn23school.org).



**OUR DOORS ARE OPEN:** No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Our Lady of Peace Family of Parishes.

# COMMUNITY

## GriefShare: *Surviving the Holidays Seminar*

**When:** This Sunday, Dec. 14 from 2:30–4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Monroe United Methodist Church, 206 East Avenue, Monroe, OH

The holiday season can be especially painful for those grieving the death of a loved one. GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays is a supportive, encouraging seminar that offers practical tools for navigating the weeks ahead with hope. This **free** event includes helpful video guidance from counselors and stories from people who have walked through grief during the holidays. Participants also receive a Holiday Survival Guide with tips, Scriptures, journaling prompts, and daily encouragement. Registration is free and requested so materials can be prepared. To register or learn more, please call 513-539-7290.

## SHALOM Volunteers Needed!

**January 25<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**St. John Undercroft**



Holy Family Parish will be hosting guests from SHALOM again this year from Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are willing to host a dinner (5:30 PM) or a breakfast (8:00 AM) more details will follow on how you can help. Last year Our Lady of Sorrows Church and the PREP students helped with SHALOM. Gather some friends together to help others. Our guests also appreciate any snacks, cookies, or fruit during the week. If you can't provide food, we always welcome friends to come to the center from 7-9:30 pm to share time with the guests. Holy Family will also need at least two members each evening to spend the night.

## Communal Advent Penance Service

**Holy Trinity Church**

**Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**After the 12:10 PM Mass & again at 7 PM**



## OLOP COLLECTIONS: **Week of November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Family.....	\$27,557
Holy Name of Jesus.....	\$4,346
Our Lady of Sorrows.....	\$12,051
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$43,954</b>

## K of C Pancake Breakfast with Special Guest - **SANTA!**



**This Sunday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM - Noon**

**St. John Undercroft**

**1405 First Ave. Middletown, OH 45042**

Come and enjoy fresh, homemade pancakes (plain and chocolate chips) plus eggs, sausage, coffee, water, OJ and milk. There will be arts and crafts for the kids to do as well. Cost: Adults \$10 Children under 12 - \$5. *All proceeds benefit St. John XXIII School!*

## FOLLOW AND PRAY WITH ARCHBISHOP

**CASEY...** Archbishop Casey has launched his own social media accounts! Follow him at:

Instagram: archbishopcasey

Facebook: facebook.com/archbishopcasey

You can pray with him throughout Advent as he has begun posting daily prayer reflections.



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### **Christmas Eve - Wednesday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

**3 PM AND 5 PM --- St. John Church**

**3 PM --- Our Lady of Sorrows**

**5 PM --- Holy Name of Jesus**

**Midnight --- Holy Trinity Church**

#### **Christmas Day - Thursday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 AM --- Holy Name of Jesus**

**10 AM --- St. John Church**

**10:30 AM --- Our Lady of Sorrows**

### Collection for Our Lady of Peace Family of Parishes



(1) Please **do not** make checks payable to Our Lady of Peace. The legal entity has not yet been established.

(2) Any checks or envelopes designated for a specific parish will go to the designated parish.

(3) Please write checks payable to the parish you want to receive your donation.

***Thank you for your generosity!***



# COMMUNITY

## Bible Study ... Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come...



In January, we will be offering a new Bible Study: Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come **Beginning on Thursday January 8 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Our Lady of Sorrow's Parish Hall, we will be offering 11 Thursday evening sessions on Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come.** Perhaps no book of the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied it, especially from a Catholic perspective. It offers an intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Although Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is focused on Catholic doctrine and teaching, everyone - Catholic or non-Catholic - is welcome. To register, sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space at Our Lady of Sorrows or email Jack at [olos@cinci.rr.com](mailto:olos@cinci.rr.com) or call the OLOS office at 513-539-8061 and leave a message for Jack. For each participant workbook needed, bring \$25 cash or a check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows to the first meeting on Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. **All OLOP parishioners are welcome!**

## Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

### This Weekend - Give Thanks for Religious...

Show your appreciation for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift helps provide care, medicine, and more. Thank you for your generous donation and for using the special envelope included in the December packet.



## St. Vincent de Paul Society



Thanks to everyone for your continued support and contributions, with which the SVDP volunteers were able to assist our neighbors again this past month. Here are the November numbers:

### SVDP Pantry Food Donations

139 Households totaling 362 people  
68 senior citizens, 177 adults & 117 children

### Thanksgiving Baskets

68 Families totaling 260 people  
132 adults 128 children

### SVDP Help Line Utility Bill Assistance

19 households - 19 Duke and 0 Water

### SVDP Outreach Ministry

11 Deliveries of new beds  
2 Deliveries of donated furniture  
27 Vouchers to the SVDP Thrift Shop  
0 Reference to New Life Furniture Bank  
7 Rental Assistance

**Requests of Note....** We were able to provide assistance to one senior citizen who had lost her hearing aid. For \$195, her audiologist was able to replace the lost device. Her hearing loss is profound so this greatly enhances her ability to interact with others.

**Thank you for your generosity & continued support!**

**5TH SUNDAY SVDP COLLECTIONS OCCUR FOUR TIMES A YEAR. OUR NEXT ONE IS MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>!**

## Today is Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday.



**Why? What is all the rejoicing about?**

More than two hundred years ago a man named Isaac Watts wrote the words to a Christmas carol which, no doubt, you have heard every Christmas since you were born. The first verse reads:

***Joy to the world, the Lord is come!***

***Let earth receive her King;***

***Let every heart prepare him room***

***And heaven and nature sing.***

Do you ever wonder if that is really true? Is there joy in the world because Jesus was born? Yes! There is joy and happiness, celebration and song, excitement and honest-to-goodness merriment. There is hardly a nook or a cranny, hardly a country on the entire earth that doesn't have at least some Christian people who join in celebrating Jesus' birth. Almost as though the Liturgy can't wait to celebrate the presence of the Savior, the Word of God today tells us to rejoice.

**How will you put that word into practice as we enter this second half of the Advent season?**

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# HOLY FAMILY

## Today Sunday K of C Pancake Breakfast with Special Guest - **SANTA!!**

More information can be found in the community section on page 3.



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## Are You Expecting Your First Baby or Want Your First Child Baptized?

We ask that you attend a baptism preparation class, held quarterly in March, June, September and December. Watch future bulletins for the actual date, time and location and call the office 513-422-0602 to register.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve - Wednesday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

3 PM AND 5 PM --- St. John Church

Midnight --- Holy Trinity Church

**Christmas Day - Thursday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>**

10 AM --- St. John Church



## Help Wanted Decorating the Churches

We welcome anyone who's willing to help with decorating St. John and Holy Trinity Churches for Christmas. Thank you!

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> 9 AM**

Starting at St. John Church then Holy Trinity Church



## Christmas Home Visits

Fr. Civile will be visiting homebound parishioners during the Christmas Season. If you or someone you know would like a visit with Communion / Reconciliation, please call the parish office 513-422-0602 or email [kathi@holyfamilymiddletown.com](mailto:kathi@holyfamilymiddletown.com).



## Congratulations & welcome to these recently baptized children!



Maeve Elizabeth Gertz,  
daughter of Cody Gertz &  
Sara Toney Gertz and little  
sister of Finnian, Rilla, Cavett,  
Graham & Forrest



Holly Tyler Amara,  
daughter of Alyssa Amara



Sullivan Nasir Eugene Williams,  
son of Richard Williams &  
Latisha Sullivan Williams

# HOLY FAMILY

## HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday and Sunday - December 13 and December 14

4:30 PM Mass SJ Vera Mangus - Anniversary Rem.

9:00 AM Mass HT People of the Parish

*This Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.*

10:30 AM Mass SJ Don Cunningham - Birthday Rem.

### Monday, December 15

No Mass

### Tuesday, December 16

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Ruth M. Meyer

### Wednesday, December 17

12:10 PM Mass HT Jim Kramer - Birthday Rem.

### Thursday, December 18

12:10 PM Mass HT Frankie Jones

### Friday, December 19

8:00 AM Mass HT Carl Wiese - Anniversary Rem.

### Saturday, December 20

4:30 PM Mass SJ Swigert & Mikula Families

### Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Mass HT Richard Ristaneo

10:30 AM Mass SJ Vincent, Anna, & Anita DiNardo

### Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> \$27,557.82

*Thank you for your generous stewardship!*

Due to the early bulletin submissions for the rest of this year the weekly stewardship amounts will be 2 weeks behind.

### MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Dec 20/21	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Bidwell 1B Joseph Bidwell 2B Lynn Hawkins 3B Susan McCulley 1C Carolyn Kraft 2C	Gail Clarey 1B Mike Clarey 2B Ginger Bruggeman 3B Lee Ann Glick 1C Kathy Farler 2C	Bridget Clark 1B Marcia Egelston 2B Joe Zappia 3B Amie Earls 1C Linda Jester 2C
Lectors	Gerald Constable Terri Smith	Patty Ryan Jarod Ryan	Janet Zappia Chris McCarthy
Server	Dick Montgomery	Alaina Dane	Julia Reich
Greeters	Bill Purcell D1	Lee Ann Glick D1 Don Accurso D2	Puthoffs D1

## Our Prayers & Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Martha Dennis who died Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**In Your Prayers Remember** Janet Chase at Traditions of Lebanon, Paula Mehl at Atrium, Lana Ernst at Miami Valley Hospital and Arlene Selby at Otterbein.

## Please Note: There will be no Rosary on Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at the St. John Center



The praying of the Rosary will resume on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Why not start out the New Year with a new tradition and pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners. *"The Rosary is spiritual medicine."* POPE FRANCIS

## Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet!

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
114 South Broad Street

**DROP OFF CLEAN CLOTHES**

**TUESDAYS BETWEEN**

**10:00 AM AND 1:00 PM.**



**PLEASE NOTE: THE CLOTHES CLOSET WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup> 2025.**

**IT WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2026.**

If you have any questions please call 513-422-4519.

**\*Our clients need basic, wash-n-wear clothing - nothing fancy or difficult to clean or carry.**

Basic pants, jeans, t-shirts, long sleeve jerseys, sweatshirts, hoodies, jackets, coats, belts, and socks, tennis shoes, boots etc.

## Christmas Flower Fund



If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones by donating to the Christmas Flower Fund, please use the envelope in the December packet and drop it in the collection basket. The list of names will be posted at the front and back of the churches for Christmas. **Want to be sure your loved one's name is correctly spelled and included in the list? Please print the name and make your donation by Today Sunday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.**



# HOLY FAMILY

## St. John XXIII Catholic School

Pre-K to Grade 8

Traditional Values • Exceptional Education

Principal Mrs. Dawn Pickerill

513-424-1196



### Annual Fund - UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who made a donation or pledge to St. John XXIII's Annual Fund! To date, we have raised \$88,397.48, which is 44% of our \$200,000 goal.

There is still time to make a donation by visiting [www.stjohn23school.org](http://www.stjohn23school.org) or in-person Monday through Friday from 7:30am-3:30pm.

### Celebrating St. Nicholas' Day

On Friday, December 5, we celebrated the Feast of St. Nicholas. Mrs. Pickerill read a children's story about the saint to students in preschool through fourth grade. Following the story, these young students participated in the cherished tradition of leaving a shoe outside in the hallway, later finding a sweet candy cane surprise tucked inside. Students in fifth through eighth grade also took part, leaving their shoes in the hallway during class to receive their own festive treat. A heartfelt thank you goes to the PTO for their generous sponsorship of the candy canes and for providing the wonderful volunteers who helped fill every shoe!



### Rejoicing

"(The desert) will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song." "Rejoice in the Lord always!" "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!"

The Scriptures for the Third Sunday of Advent proclaim their message in no uncertain terms: Rejoice! Joy is all around us and our celebration of Advent calls us to discover it. The joy that the Scripture passages speak about is not a joy that equates with hilarious laughter. It is a joy that comes from a security with our God, those around us, and our place in the world. It is the joy Isaiah describes when he writes, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is a joy that cannot be bought or obtained from artificial highs. It is a joy that comes from our living faith in a living God.

It is the joy we feel as we approach the birth of our Savior and remember the awesome beauty of what happened on that cold Bethlehem night.

Rejoice!

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/reflections/advent/third-sunday-of-advent-22638>

### Annual 365 Lotto

**\*\* The FINAL turn in date is January 31, 2026. \*\***

St. John XXIII School is selling tickets for the Annual 365 Lotto where a winning ticket is drawn every day of the year. It's possible

to win more than once because winning tickets are returned to the hopper and only 5000 tickets are sold. Prize money will be mailed to the winners.

To participate in the lotto, complete the form below and send it along with \$20/ a ticket to:

**St. John XXIII Catholic School 3806 Manchester Rd, Middletown, OH 45042 ATTN: Monica Cummins**

The official ticket will be filled out and the stub will be mailed back to you.

"365 LOTTO"	
365 Daily Prizes Will Be Awarded	
3	\$1,000.00 prizes on Easter, 4th of July & Christmas
12	\$ 500.00 prizes on all first Mondays
52	\$ 100.00 prizes on all Sundays
299	\$ 40.00 prizes on remaining days of the year

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# HOLY NAME OF JESUS



## Prayer List.... *Pray for the Sick at Holy Name*

*of Jesus:* Orville Brown, Deacon Bill & Jean Schaefer, Sue Harris, Steve Drake, Becky Hedges-Kamps., Jose Gonzalez, Raymond Martin, Wendall Draman, Bebe Orth, Blair and Casey Mitchell, Teresa Adams, Nancy Carroll, Brenda Hicks, Diane Frain, Anna Hunsinger, Rob Burgher, Adam Willke, Doug Ritter, Betty Issacs, Agnes Kuzma, Paul Foley, Tina Smetek, Trevor Lacey, Dr. Thomas Willke & Virgil Harris. ***If you want to be on this list, or have recovered & would like to be removed from this list, please call the office.***

## Traveling Chalice....



### *For Vocations to the Priesthood:*

Deacon Larry & Diane Gronas received the chalice on December 7th. Mike & Connie Schenck will receive the chalice on December 21st and have it for two weeks. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the office. ***When to return the chalice?*** Anytime during the week before Sunday. ***Deacon Larry requests that you leave the chalice on the altar rail.***

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS.... *Please continue to pray for the priests in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati!*

A list of priests to pray for this week is available on the table in the back of the church.

## Financial Stewardship Summary

*22nd Sunday of fiscal year as of 11/30/2025*

	Last Week	Year to Date
Parish Needs:	\$ 4,235	\$ 93,170
Parish Receipts:	\$ 4,346	\$ 87,669

Total Envelopes Used: 29

Total Electronic Givers: 15

***Note: Fiscal year budget for 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026 is \$220,140***

**This week's receipts:** Sunday & Holy Day Offerings - \$3,201, Christmas Offering - \$1,000, Funeral Stipend - \$100, Mass Stipend - \$5 & Candles - \$40

**Designated Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development - \$150 & Holy Trinity/Harland KY - \$715**

***Your generosity helps us do God's work. Thank you!***

## Annual Parish Financial Update Letter...



If you did not pick up your copy of the Holy Name of Jesus' Annual Financial Update Letter and Report from the bulletin rack last weekend, please ask an usher for assistance. If there are no reports left, call the office and we will get one for you.

## 2026 Donation Envelopes & Calendars...



The new donations envelopes for 2026 are available in the church basement. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order on the tables. Please pick up a new 2026 calendar as well. If you can't find your box of envelopes or need help getting to the basement, please ask an usher for assistance. If your box of envelopes are not found, please call the office @ 513-988-6335.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 21

### SUNDAY 8:30 am Mass

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Bill Jones (1) Diane Gronas (2)
SERVERS	Alison Hasler Brianna Kyle
READER(S)	Susan Kennel (1)
USHERS	Virgil Harris Bob Kennel
COMMUNION HOMEBOUND	
COLLECTION TEAM	Mary Draman Chris Lewis Debbie Peter

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Go and tell what you have seen and heard," Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We have heard. We have seen. We must go and tell. Let's let our actions do the talking. Who do we think Jesus is?



# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

## ENLC Advent - Share the Joy

The Share the Joy program will run Nov. 29 through Dec. 21. There will be gift tags in a basket near Mary's altar, please take one or two to provide much needed items for the Elizabeth New Life center.. please be generous. A box will be on Mary's altar for cash donations, make check out to Elizabeth New Life Center. ***Thank you for supporting Mothers and their babies.***



## Mass Intention Requests...

As we prepare to begin a new calendar year, this is a reminder that we can accept new Mass intentions for the year 2026. If you have special intentions for family, friends or for yourself please send those requests in to the office. Mass stipends are \$5.00 per Mass. Remember that specific date requests are on a first come first serve basis. ***Thank you!***



## Events in the Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14

**7:30 - 8:00 am Confessions**  
**8:30 am Mass - Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday**  
**Collection for the Religious**  
Share the Joy for ENLC

Monday, December 15

Tuesday, December 16

**8:30 am Mass**  
6:30 pm-OCIA in church basement

Wednesday, December 17

**8:30 am Mass**  
6:30 - 7:45 pm PSR Classes

Thursday, December 18

**8:30 am Mass**  
9:00 - Noon Exposition & Adoration

Friday, December 19

Saturday, December 20

Sunday, December 21

**7:30 - 8:00 am Confessions**  
**8:30 am Mass - Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Last day for Share the Joy for ENLC**

## Winter Weather!

Don't forget that when Edgewood Schools are closed due to weather conditions, Adoration and all activities at church will be canceled as well.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Day	Date	Mass	For	Requested By
Sunday	12/14	8:30 am	Robert & Doris Zehler	Zehler Family
Tuesday	12/16	8:30 am	Purgatorial Society	
Wednesday	12/17	8:30 am	Tom Bulach	Bebe Orth
Thursday	12/18	8:30 am	Poor Souls	Jose & Leticia Gonzalez
Sunday	12/21	8:30 am	Joe Orth	Bebe Orth

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS

## Stewardship: Giving Time, Talent & Treasure as a Way of Life

The budget is based on a fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

The weekly need of \$11,250 X 22 weeks = \$247,500

Week of November 30 (2 weekends ago)		Total
Sunday Offerings:	\$ 10,490	\$ 136,716
Electronic Contributions:	\$ 1,561	\$ 82,197
Total:	\$ 12,051	\$ 218,913



SCAN TO GIVE

Total Envelopes Used: 46

Total Cash (not in envelopes): \$ 403

Parish Needs: \$ 247,500

Collections: \$ 218,913

Amount Behind Goal: \$ 28,587

Or visit: [give.olosmonroe.com/give](http://give.olosmonroe.com/give)

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 20 – 21

MASS	Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 10:30 am
COORDINATOR	Nora Neu	Susan McClure
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Joyce Adkins Ron Adkins Vicky Gerber Tom Schindler Ileen Ziemba	Chris Baumgardner Steve Baumgardner Alicia Carter Barb Downs Michelle Samocki Jim Staffan
SERVERS	Ben Wilcox	Bruce Hatfield Philip Pifher
GREETER	Diane Coch	Patsy Rehe
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**Leisure Group Gathering...** Wednesday **December 17th-6:00 pm** in the parish hall. Please bring your favorite \$10 - \$15 consumable snack to exchange to add to the festivities! Questions, please call Vicki Grau at 513-708-1721. **Come join us!**

**Jack's Bible Study...Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come...** See the Community Section for all the details! Begins January 8th...



## Music Ministry News:

### Adult Choir Schedule:

- Thursday, Dec. 18: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Wednesday, Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve mass. Carols begin at 2:30. Mass begins at 3:00 pm.
- Thursday, Dec. 25th: Christmas Morning: meet at 9:45 to prepare for 10:30 am mass.
- Wednesday, Dec. 31: 3:00 mass. Meet at 2:15 pm in Church to prepare.
- Thursday, Jan. 1: 10:30 am mass. Meet at 9:45 am to prepare.
- Sunday, Jan. 4: 10:30 am mass. Meet at 9:45 am to prepare. 2:00 – 6:00 pm. Christmas party at my house!!!!

### Children's Choir: Ages 7 - 13

- Tuesday Night Rehearsals: 5:30 pm at OLOS Church.
- January 4th - 10:30 am mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.
- There will be a Christmas Party at my home January 4th from 2:00–6:00 pm.

## Winter Weather!

Don't forget that when Monroe Schools are closed due to weather conditions, all activities at church will be canceled as well. If on a weekend, follow local road advisories. Please use good judgement and be safe!

## Return Advent Tree

**Gifts...** Please return **All gifts and food THIS Sunday, December 14th** so they can be delivered next weekend. **Thank you!**



## Communion for the

**Homebound....** If you are aware of anyone who is homebound and is in need of communion, please call Karen in the office 513-539-8061. **Thank you!**



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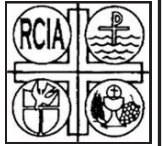
## Keep Christ in Christmas

**(KCIC)...**The Knights of Columbus Council is offering car/fridge magnets (\$5 donation each), Christmas cards (\$10 per box) and ornaments (\$2 each, 3 for \$5). See the display in the vestibule of the church. Proceeds will go to Chair Force One and/or Operation Ramp It Up. Both non-profit organizations support individuals battling ALS and those mobility needs that go along with it. If you cannot afford the donation, but would like a magnet or ornament, please feel free to take one and spread the Good News of Christmas.



## Religious Education Corner....

- **PSR** (Parish School of Religion) – Classes meet on Sunday morning. Parents and students are invited for opening prayer in the church at 9:00 am.
- **Baptism** – Are you expecting or recently had a baby - if so congratulations! Please contact Gene for prep, dates and details.
- **OCIA** (formerly RCIA) – **Sessions have begun.** If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in learning more about our Catholic faith, contact the church office for more details!
- **Blue Sheets** are a great way to prepare for next week's Gospel reading. Available in the Gathering Space.
- **Small Church Communities**—Takes a break until January.
- **Pray N Play** – Next Session - **January 18th from 9:00 - 9:45 am.**



## Mass Intentions & Events at Our Lady of Sorrows

### Saturday, December 13

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel

4:00 pm Mass

† Donnie Grau

### Sunday, December 14

9:00 - 10:15 am

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 am Mass

Parish School of Religion Grades K-8

† Sandi Spinosa

### Monday, December 15

8:30 am Mass

† Fr. Rob Jack

9:00 – 10:00 am

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction

### Tuesday, December 16

6:30 pm

Rosary in the Daily Mass Chapel

### Wednesday, December 17

6:30 – 7:00 pm

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel

### Thursday, December 18

6:00 pm Mass

† Nancy Cooper

### Friday, December 19

8:30 am

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

9:00 am Mass

† Tom Sievers

### Saturday, December 20

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel

4:00 pm Mass

People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 21

9:00 - 10:15 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 am Mass

Parish School of Religion Grades K-8

† Mike Frankey



## December First Fruits Living

**Opportunity...**This year we will learn about First Fruits Living by highlighting ministries, community events, and ways to give of your time talent and treasure. The December Ministry focus is *Faith Formation*. **How can I get involved?** See the poster in the gathering space for specific opportunities.

## Pray-N-Play Sessions...



Parents of toddlers and preschoolers! Session time may include stories, crafts, music, and of course PLAY! These are intended for children ages 2 - 5 (not yet in kindergarten). At least one parent should be in attendance with their child. **The next session is Sunday, December 14th from 9:00 - 9:45 am.** Registration is not required. Questions, contact Gene in the parish office at 513-539-8061 or [olos@olopeace.com](mailto:olos@olopeace.com).

## Indoor Rosary...Tuesdays at 6:30 pm!

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