



Our Lady of Peace *Family of Parishes*

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

DECEMBER 28, 2025 | THE HOLY FAMILY

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

Holy Family

201 Clark Street, Middletown, OH 45042

p: 513-422-0602, f: 513-424-7416

w: 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

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

e: 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

330 Lebanon St., Monroe, Ohio 45050

p: 513-539-8061, f: 513-539-0443

w: olosmonroe.com

e: olos@cinci.rr.com

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



THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”
- Mt 2:20

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Upcoming Events

- Solemnity of Mary.....Jan 1
- Bible Study OLOS..... Jan 8
- Christmas Party Holy Name of Jesus.....Jan 10
- Rite of Enrollment Parish 8th Graders Holy Family..... Jan 11
- Pray-N-Play OLOS..... Jan 18

WELCOME



Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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



First Reading - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's passage, he advises his students on the proper way to honor their parents.

Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-17

The letter to the Colossians was written around the year 80 A.D. A major concern in this letter is how the Christian community appears to outsiders. The author offers guidelines so that Christian families will live in such a way that others will notice the difference.

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
 HF Facilities Manager: Beverly Mabry

HNOJ Phone Number.....513-988-6335

HNOJ Accountant: Connie Schenck
 HNOJ Secretary: Sharon McDonough
 HNOJ Religious Education: Rebecca Lewis
 HNOJ Music Ministry: Michelle Markert
 HNOJ Dc. Larry Gronas: Pastoral Associate

OLOS Phone Number.....513-539-8061

OLOS Religious Education: Gene Haas
 OLOS Business Manager: Ava Bertsch
 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 WEEK OF DEC. 29 - JAN. 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8:00 AM	N/A	9:00 AM 2:00 PM Spanish
ST JOHN CHURCH	N/A	N/A	4:30 PM	9:00 AM	N/A	4:30 PM	10:30 AM
HOLY NAME OF JESUS	N/A	8:30 AM	7:00 PM	8:30 AM	N/A	N/A	8:30 AM
OUR LADY OF SORROWS	8:30 AM	N/A	3:00 PM	10:30 AM	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.
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.



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

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 _____

Three Cheers for Our Choirs...

The Choirs really out did themselves this Christmas Season! The solos, harmonies, ensembles, preludes, song selections, *everything!* was really exceptional and truly added to the beauty of our Christmas celebrations. Thank you for all of the time you spent rehearsing, as well as your performances on Christmas!



Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

Vigil Masses - Wednesday Dec 31st



3 PM --- Our Lady of Sorrows

4:30 PM --- St. John Church

7 PM --- Holy Name of Jesus

Feast Day - Thursday, Jan 1st

8:30 AM --- Holy Name of Jesus

9 AM --- St. John Church

10:30 AM --- Our Lady of Sorrows

VSB 2026 Planning Meeting

Sunday, Jan 18th 4 - 5 PM

Holy Trinity Church Undercroft

"Believe it or not, planning for Vacation Bible School 2026 has begun! We are holding our first planning meeting on Sunday, January 18th from 4-5 PM in the Holy Trinity Church Undercroft. Please use the basement steps which are located to the left of the front of Holy Trinity Church. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Christy Kirby at 513-309-8623."



OLOP COLLECTIONS: Week of December 14th

Holy Family.....	\$19,336
Holy Name of Jesus.....	\$2,525
Our Lady of Sorrows.....	\$19,595
Total.....	\$41,456

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 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!**



Men's Welcome Retreat... The Our Lady of Peace pastoral region is planning to host a men's Welcome Retreat in 2026. This retreat will be an opportunity for men age 21 and above to deepen their faith, build community, and discover a more fulfilling life through fellowship, reflection, prayer, and sacraments. The weekend retreat will be guided by priests, deacons, and fellow parishioners who will share the sacraments, and personal stories of their faith and Christ's impact on their lives. The retreat is an opportunity to step away from your daily life, meet new people, and find renewed purpose within the Church community. It is a weekend experience given to you free to help you re-discover your love for Christ and your purpose in this world. For details about participating, Contact: WelcomeMenOLOP@gmail.com.

Welcome.
There is More to Life

Thank you from the Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet... Thanks to all the parishioners who donated to the special clothing collection of new or gently used winter coats. The Clothes Closet is located at St. Paul United Church of Christ on Broad Street. They provide 2 rooms, display shelving and racks to hang clothing. However, there is no monetary assistance. All the clothing donations we receive through the year from our Family of Parishes go a long way to help keep the Clothes Closet stocked. Donations of these popular items, socks, underwear, and T-shirts are welcomed anytime throughout the year.



HOLY FAMILY



Our sincerest thanks and recognition to all members of Holy Family Parish who fill so many roles in volunteer ministries for our parish family - especially during the month of December!



SACRISTANS

SVDP MEMBERS WHO PREPARED THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS BASKETS AND COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED GIVING TREE GIFTS.



CHOIR MEMBERS

PARISHIONERS WHO DECORATED AND PREPARED THE CHURCHES FOR BOTH THE ADVENT SEASON AND FOR CHRISTMAS.



MUSIC MINISTERS

NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES WHO DELIVERED CALENDARS.



USHERS

MINISTRY OF CARE VOLUNTEERS WHO REGULARLY VISIT PARISHIONERS IN ASSISTED LIVING CARE OR CONFINED TO THEIR HOMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



ALTAR SERVERS



GREETERS

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED FAMILIES PLAN FUNERAL MASSES AND PROVIDED LUNCHEONS.



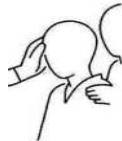
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

PREP CATECHISTS AND VOLUNTEERS - MONDAY NIGHT K-8, OCIA, AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Rite of Enrollment Ceremony

Sunday, January 11th 10:30 AM Mass

Parish 8th graders will voice their intention to prepare themselves for Confirmation as part of a special ceremony during the 10:30 AM Mass Sunday, January 11th. Afterwards, these candidates and their families will be treated to a luncheon in the St. John Undercroft. Please keep these young people and their sponsors in your prayers. **Confirmation is set for March 15, 2026.**



New Year's Holy Day Masses

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Join us for Mass at St. John Church
4:30 PM Wednesday, December 31st
9:00 AM Thursday, January 1st

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.



Please Note there will be NO Adoration

On Thursday, January 1st

Adoration will resume Thursday, January 8th after the 12:10 PM Mass at Holy Trinity.



Please Note: There will be no Rosary on Wednesday, Dec. 31st at the St. John Center

The praying of the Rosary will resume on Wednesday, January 7th 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



Parish Office Closings... The parish office is closed **December 31st and January 1st** for New Year's

HOLY FAMILY

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - December 27 and December 28

4:30 PM Mass SJ Julia Scearce - Anniversary Rem.

9:00 AM Mass HT Rita Gough - Wedding Anniv. Rem.

This Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Frank Pressler

Monday, December 29

No Mass

Tuesday, December 30

No Mass SJ23 Christmas Break

Wednesday, December 31

4:30 PM Mass SJ Ann Fishbaugh

Thursday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM Mass SJ Ellen Birchwell - Anniversary Rem.

Friday, January 2

8:00 AM Mass HT Lucia Mary Sano DiChito

Saturday, January 3

4:30 PM Mass SJ Albert Nori - Anniversary Rem.

Sunday, January 4 Epiphany of The Lord

9:00 AM Mass HT People of the Parish

10:30 AM Mass SJ Kiesewetter & Meister Families

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, December 14th \$19,336.27

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

Jan 3/4	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Barbara Heinle 1B Joseph Bidwell 2B Carol Bidwell 3B Lynn Hawkins 1C Susan McCulley 2C	Karen Dillon 1B Mary Anne Kelley 2B Don Accurso 3B Marlene Ruwe 1C Kathy Farler 2C	Beth McGuire 1B Amie Earls 2B Linda Jester 3B Barb Luksic 1C Bridget Clark 2C
Lectors	Kelley Hale Pat Montgomery	Henrietta Nye Paul Mosko	Melissa Bauer Rick Gregosky
Server	Dick Montgomery	Kara Jackson	Noah Wagner
Greeters	Bill Purcell D1	Donna Kramer D1 Jinnie Raney D2	Linda Jester D1

Our Prayers & Sympathy are Extended to the family and friends of

Elizabeth Seibert who died Saturday, December 13th.



In Your Prayers Remember Janet Chase at Traditions of Lebanon and Arlene Selby at Bickford.

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 30TH, 2025.

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

Pope Francis' Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.



Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

HOLY FAMILY

St. John XXIII Catholic School Pre-K to Grade 8

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Principal Mrs. Dawn Pickerill
513-424-1196

Merry Christmas, Friends!



During the gift giving season, we come to you with a special request! As you've probably experienced, sometimes you receive gifts that just aren't your style or something you wouldn't use! If you are looking for a super solution for those off-target items, **Please** consider donating them to THE FESTIVAL! That's right! We are ALWAYS collecting items for future events! So if you receive and gifts that aren't exactly what you want/need or if you have new/unwanted items lying around your house, we would be grateful to take those items off your hands! Donations will be used in conjunction with the making of raffle baskets for future Festivals. In that regard, please keep your J23 family in mind if your household receives any gifts that just aren't on target. Listed below are a few examples of items.

- PERSONAL CARE / SPA ITEMS
- KITCHEN / GRILL ITEMS
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES / MIXERS / BAR ITEMS
- COFFEES / TEAS
- GARDEN / LAWN SUPPLIES
- SCHOOL / OFFICE SUPPLIES
- ART / CRAFT SUPPLIES
- CLEANING SUPPLIES
- NEW MOM / NEW BABY ITEMS
- TOYS / GAMES
- NEWLYWED / EMPTY NEST ITEMS
- SPORTS ITEMS
- CAR CARE ITEMS
- HOLIDAY ITEMS
- TOOLS
- PET SUPPLIES
- HOUSEWARES & SMALL APPLIANCES
- GIFT CARDS
- EVENT TICKETS



Stephanie is always searching for LARGE baskets, and these items do not need to be new but must be clean and in good condition! Please place items in the blue donation bins at the doors of the church or drop them off at the parish office. If you have any questions, email Stephanie at: sbrenot@stjohn23school.org. *Thank you!*

Meet Indigo

St. John XXIII is proud to welcome Indigo, our new facility dog, to the school community. Indigo joins us through Circle Tail, an organization dedicated to empowering communities through the partnership of highly skilled service animals.

As a professionally trained facility dog, Indigo provides physical, social, and emotional support to our students and staff. She lives with her host and primary handler, Mrs. Pickerill, and is also supported by her secondary handler, Mrs. Umberg. Whether in the classroom or throughout the halls, Indigo is here to enhance the well-being of our entire school family.



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to fifth-grader Wyatt for winning the Spelling Bee! A round of applause to all the contestants who participated and did such a great job.



HOLY NAME OF JESUS



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

of Jesus: 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:

Mike & Connie Schenck received the chalice on December 21st and will have it for two weeks. Sharon Lacy & Gary Daughettee will receive the chalice after Mass on Jan. 4, 2026. 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

24th Sunday of fiscal year as of 12/14/2025

	Last Week	Year to Date
Parish Needs:	\$ 4,235	\$ 101,640
Parish Receipts:	\$ 2,525	\$ 99,009

Total Envelopes Used: 33
Total Electronic Givers: 14

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

This week's receipts: Sunday & Holy Day Offerings - \$2,159, Christmas Flowers - \$208, Mass Stipends & Purgatorial Society - \$75, Rebate - \$14, & Candles - \$69

Designated Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development - \$5 & Retirement Fund for Religious - \$209

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

Baskets of Love...



Holy Name's Basket of Love Christmas meals were delivered to families in the Edgewood school district on December 20th. The overwhelming generosity from Holy Name parishioners and the community have provided food for not only a Thanksgiving meal but also a Christmas meal. The Knights volunteered to deliver the meals along with other community groups. We thank you for making a difference! Hunger is not seasonal, so please continue to support the EMA food pantry with your donations.

Holy Name Christmas

Party...Join Us for a Festive Celebration at Holy Name of Jesus!



We are excited to invite you to the HNOJ Christmas Dinner on **Saturday, January 10th at 4:00 PM** in the church hall. Gather with our parish family for an evening of food, fellowship and holiday cheer! Please RSVP by January 4th, We kindly ask for dessert or appetizer donations to help make this celebration even sweeter. If you would like to share your favorite Christmas dessert or appetizer, please sign up at the back of the church. Let's make this Christmas dinner a joyful and memorable occasion for everyone. *We hope to see you there!*

Wishing
YOU A
Blessed
NEW YEAR

**NEW Liturgical Schedule
for 2026 Coming Soon!**



HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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 as an usher for assistance. If your box of envelopes are not found, please call the office @ 513-988-6335.

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 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 27

Sunday, December 28

7:30 - 8:00 am Confessions
8:30 am Mass - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Monday, December 29

Tuesday, December 30

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, December 31

7:00 pm Mass
NO PSR Classes

Thursday, January 1

8:30 am Mass - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
NO Exposition & Adoration
- Office Closed -

Friday, January 2

Saturday, January 3

8:30 am Mass-HNJ Feast Day Mass
The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Sunday, January 4

7:30 - 8:00 am Confessions
8:30 am Mass

Thank you to everyone at Holy Name of Jesus Parish

who filled so many roles in volunteer ministries for our parish family this year, especially during the month of December! Sacristans, Choir Members, Lectors, Ushers, Servers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers and many more! **Thank You!**

Thank You!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Day	Date	Mass	For	Requested By
Sunday	12/28	8:30 am	Paul & Joe Kuzma	Agnes Kuzma & Family
Tuesday	12/30	8:30 am	Purgatorial Society	
Wednesday	12/31	7:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Thursday	1/1	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory	Jodi Hamer
Saturday	1/3	8:30 am	Doug Daughetee	Joe Scarpa
Sunday	1/4	8:30 am	Christmas Decorations Contributors & Those Remembered	

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 24 weeks = \$270,000

Week of December 14 (2 weekends ago)		Total
Sunday Offerings:	\$ 5,864	\$ 148,188
Electronic Contributions:	\$ 13,731	\$ 95,928
Total:	\$ 19,595	\$ 244,116



SCAN TO GIVE

Total Envelopes Used: 30

Total Cash (not in envelopes): \$ 146

Parish Needs: \$ 270,000

Collections: \$ 244,116

Amount Behind Goal: \$ 25,884

Or visit: give.olosmonroe.com/give

Music Ministry News:

Adult Choir Schedule:

- 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 4 from 2:00–6:00 pm.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS January 3 – 4

MASS	Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 10:30 am
COORDINATOR	Sue Willis	Teresa Johnson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Vicky Gerber Mark Gorman Beverly Gorman Tom Schindler Mary Varga	Steve Baumgardner Chris Baumgardner Barb Downs Mike Marotta Rick Bacon Jim Staffan
SERVERS	Ben Wilcox	Lesley Anjang Philip Pifher
GREETER	Linda Peery	Anne Gates
READERS	Mike Currin (1) J. J. Scott (2)	Gabrielle Strand (1) Alicia Carter (2)
USHERS	Rick Propps Chuck Sperrick	Garvin Nickell Shelley Nickloes
HOSPITALITY	Michelle Currin Barb Dineen	Michael Giffen Mike Schwarz
COLLECTION TEAM		Tami Wormus Steve Wormus

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!



Jack's Bible Study...

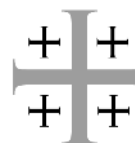
Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come... See the Community Section for all the details!



A big thank you to the Art and Environment Team who worked so hard to set up for Advent and Christmas!



NEW Liturgical minister Schedule ... The February through May 2026 Ministry schedule will be produced soon. Please submit your unavailable dates to the MSP website by January 11th. This schedule will include Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Easter Mass; but the computer will not schedule these Masses. We ask that you go to the website to volunteer once the schedule is live. If you do not have email, please provide your unavailable dates to the office by January 11th. If you are not currently a Liturgical Minister but are interested in becoming one, contact Karen in the office. If email messages or reminders are no longer arriving in your inbox, and instead are going to your spam folder, please add the following to your email contacts: kredmond@clients.rotundasoftware.com



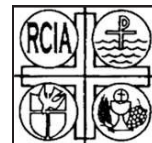
OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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- Sacristans
- Choir Members
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Greeters
- Eucharistic Minsters
- Catechists



Religious Education Corner...



- **PSR** (Parish School of Religion) – *Classes resume January 4th.*
- **Baptism** – Are you expecting or recently had a baby - if so congratulations! Please contact Gene for prep, dates and details.
- **OCIA** (formerly RCIA) – *Off until January 4th.* 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 27

3:00 - 3:30 pm

4:00 pm Mass

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel

Mike & Betty Quigley

Sunday, December 28

10:30 am Mass

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

NO PSR Classes

† **Ken & Nancy Cooper**

Monday, December 29

8:30 am Mass

9:00 – 10:00 am

† **Fr. Rob Jack**

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction

Tuesday, December 30

6:30 pm

Rosary in the Daily Mass Chapel

Wednesday, December 31

3:00 pm Mass

- Office Closed -

† **Martin & Emma Jean Gebhardt**

Thursday, January 1

10:30 am Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- Office Closed -

† **Jeff Crawford**

Friday, January 2

8:30 am

9:00 am Mass

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

† **Souls in Purgatory**

Saturday, January 3

3:00 - 3:30 pm

4:00 pm Mass

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel

† **David & Katy Kern**

Sunday, January 4

9:00-10:15 am

10:30 am Mass

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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For all who contributed and for those who are remembered in our Christmas Decorations Fund



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.

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