



On Wednesday, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, a **HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION**; please see the schedule for Mass times. This article of faith was declared to be a dogma of our faith in 1854 by pope Pius IX. This year, we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of this proclamation. By this dogma, we believe that our Blessed Mother was conceived without original sin and that she was free from all sin throughout her life. As the Mother of God, she was the first to receive the benefits of the death and resurrection of Jesus, even before they took place in time. This is quite a difficult concept for us to grasp because we think in terms of time, but with God, there is no time. To Him everything is the present.

We do share with Mary in this because we too, by virtue of our baptism, are free from original sin. Even though we live in a sinful world, we have the power to overcome all sin because of what Jesus did for us in His suffering, death, and resurrection.

As we celebrate this solemnity, we look to the example of the Blessed Mother, and ask God to help us truly live out our baptismal promises by believing in Him and reject all that is contrary to His Word. This too, is a great challenge, but God is always with us. Let us all remember this as we pray each day and receive the sacraments as often as possible. Even though we may stumble and fall, God will always forgive us; all we have to do is ask. We do this in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we confess our sins and receive penance and absolution from the priest, who represents Christ just as he does at the altar when celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Christmas, we need to prepare ourselves in every way possible. What more could we do to prepare for the celebration of our Lord's birth than by seeking His forgiveness. In seeking His forgiveness, we can remove the obstacles that can get in the way of our relationship with Jesus, a relationship that began at our baptism. Jesus is the Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world by dying on the cross for us. Make the time to go to confession soon so that you may experience the joy of His love and mercy.

Our Communal Penance Service for Advent will be **NEXT MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, at 7 PM**, in the church. There will be additional priests to hear confessions at this time.

I received a thank you letter from Fr. Paul Schindler for the recent contribution of 5% percent of our Sunday offering to assist St. Bernard's Parish in Akron, as they work to feed many of the poor, a hot lunch every day. Again, your generosity and kindness make it possible to continue the work of Jesus on earth. May God bless you for your kindness and may He continue to inspire greater generosity in all of us.

The day before Thanksgiving, the National Honor Society at Wadsworth High School, held its annual induction ceremony. Among those inducted were many members of our parish community and alumni of our parish school. I am very proud of these young people, as I am sure their families are as well. We, as a parish community, should also have pride in their accomplishments. So we congratulate the following:

William Leahy*	Benjamin Nied*	Elizabeth Myers*	Caitlin Saniga*
Stephanie Prechtel	Shannon Carps*	Gina Lorubbio	Zachary May
Ann Fajt	Daniel Woods	Amy Sobnosky*	Emily Hoover
Laura Hlavaty*	Vincent Greczanik	Anne Hereda*	Shelly Anderson
Janet Yaussy	Patrick Lamielle*	Jessica Sponsler*	*alumni of Sacred Heart School

Let us pray for all of our young people, that they may always know that God is with them, and that they use the gifts He has given them to help others and give Him honor and glory.

Thank you for your generous response to the "Giving Tree" sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity will make it possible for many to have a Merry Christmas. May God bless you for your kindness.

Next week, we will take up a second collection for the Retired Religious. I ask that you be as generous as possible because this collection helps the retired and aged religious sisters and brothers who have given their lives to teach in our Catholic schools over the past several decades. At that time, they received very little pay and now many are in need in their old age. In grateful appreciation for their sacrifices, please do not forget them in their time of need.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 4, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent
 5:00 p.m. Tony Carretta [Tom & Trudy Porter]

Sunday, December 5, Second Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. Sophia Carden [Dan & Jean Hricko]
 9:30 a.m. For Our Parish
 11:30 a.m. Gerald Woodward [Todd & Jill Zeiger]

Monday, December 6, St. Nicholas
 8:00 a.m. Jack Tiffany [Family]

Tuesday, December 7, St. Ambrose
 8:00 a.m. Andrew Sinay [Ann Sinay]
 7:00 p.m. Prosper Zito [Mlazovsky Family]

Wednesday, December 8, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION .
 **OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 9:30 a.m. Zete Hartman [Carlisle Family]
 7:00 p.m. Poor Souls

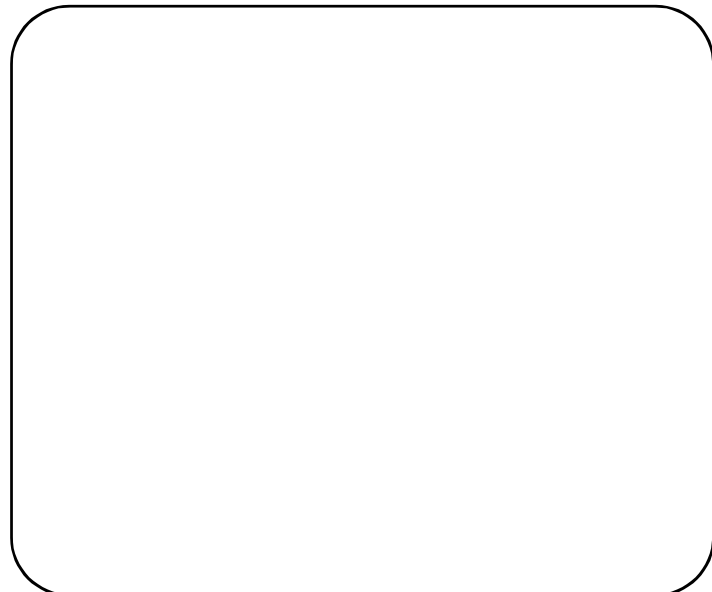
Thursday, December 9, Bl. Juan Diego
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 9:30 a.m. Joseph C. Pape [Boling Family]

Friday, December 10
 8:00 a.m. Morris Bochickie [Tom & Josie Witschey]

Saturday, December 11, St. Damasus I
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 1:30 p.m. Frasure/Orr Wedding
 5:00 p.m. Intentions of Westphal Family [Pandrea Family]

Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. John Rudolph [Joe & Dorothy Pape]
 9:30 a.m. Loretta Hudak [The Renew Group]
 11:30 a.m. For Our Parish

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Parents must be like John the Baptist “a voice crying in the wilderness” of our consumer society. As the world hawks the two weeks of shopping until Christmas, you have the opportunity to “prepare the way of the Lord” in the lives of your children.



III RACHEL ORR, Sacred Heart & CHRISTOPHER FRASURE

II JULIE PORCHOWSKY, Sacred Heart & BRIAN CONDIT, St. Francis Xavier

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- NOVEMBER 28
[5% of our collection was given to the Immaculate Conception Parish, Kenmore].

Offertory.....	\$12,799.00
Support Our School	\$420.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$170.00
All Saints.....	\$35.00
Share in the Care	\$10.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$94.00
Immaculate Conception	\$15.00
Christmas Decorations.....	\$28.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	374

MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

THE PARISH ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE will be on Monday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a number of visiting priests to assist Fr. Joe. Please plan on attending.

FR. JOE ON LIVING BREAD RADIO AM 1060 WILB
 Our Fr. Joe will be presenting daily Gospel reflections on Living Bread Radio AM 1060 WILB the week of December 13-17. Turn in and listen each weekday at 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Each week WILB will be presenting reflections from a different local area priest. Don't miss Fr. Joe on air. Be sure to listen!

ADVENT PRAYER

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. As we light these candles, may they remind us to strengthen and encourage one another to live according to the law of love until His glorious coming. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy of coming into Your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

LITURGICAL + ROLES

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of December 6

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
- Matt Gaborcik, Dylan Simon
- Michael Harbaugh, Vince Pelini
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
- A. J. Hanna, Kelli Slavens
- Sam Goddard, John Schmel

Saturday, December 11

- 5:00 p.m. - Joey Easton, Alyssa Johnson
- Drew Renacci, Ryan Renacci

Sunday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. - Ginny Gegick, Will Uhl
- Caleb Busson, Ryan Sklarek
- 9:30 a.m. - Shannon Carps, David Zuchniak
- Nick Campagna, Isaac Yetzer
- 11:30 a.m. - Patricia Witschey, Aimee Bassett
- Brandon Beke, Michael Bielawski

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 11

- 5:00 p.m. - David & Lucy Meager, Gerry Wright
- Joe & Ruth Giacomoni

Sunday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. - Helen Jeglic, Dennis Busson, Rosa Owens
- Dorothy Pape, Char Kasner

Cup Ministers

- Dick Ravetta, Bill & Cece Bees
- Paul & Dolores Schafer, Bill Schapel
- 9:30 a.m. - Dan & Lois Foster, Diane Batyko
- Joe & Candi Weber
- 11:30 a.m. - Tim & Donna Bishop, Jim Clark
- Phil & Chris Scozzaro

Altercare

- Wrights/Sorrent

Liberty Residence

- Smiths

Magnolia

- Coopers/Venners

Sterling Oaks

- Smith/Lewis

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 11

- 5:00 p.m. - Clara Lou Serbin, Kathy Budinscak

Sunday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. - Joe Buccitelli, Frank Bertuzzi
- 9:30 a.m. - Matt Seifert, Rita Strickler
- 11:30 a.m. - Amber Beery, Tim Reed



Early last December, a man, whose garage delivers and picks up his car for whatever repairs might be necessary; found on the front seat, a card reading: "Merry Christmas from the boys at the garage!" He had every intention of sending the garage a Yuletide check for his mechanic well-wishers, but he had forgotten to take action when he was favored with another card which said: "Merry Christmas from the boys at the garage. Second Notice!"

LITURGICAL + ROLES



Immaculate Conception of Mary

Wednesday, December 8, 2004
***HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

MASS SERVERS

Tuesday, [Vigil] December 7

- 7:00 p.m. - Steven Sponsler, Katherine Uhl
- Eddie Uhl, Dianna Stafford

Wednesday, December 8

- 7:00 p.m. - Ricky Ruedlinger, Miranda Boland
- Jeffrey Gahan, Anthony Lorubbio

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tuesday, [Vigil] December 7

- 7:00 p.m. - Josh Watson, Donna Sponsler
- Diane Bruce, Tom Eaton

Wednesday, December 8

- 7:00 p.m. - Kay Carps, Debbie Mlazovsky
- Bob Smith, Joanne Gahan

LECTORS

Tuesday, [Vigil] December 7

- 7:00 p.m. - Gerry Wright, Kathy Budinscak

Wednesday, December 8

- 7:00 p.m. - Mike Gahan, Jim Carps

**There will also be a Mass for Sacred Heart School on Wednesday, December 8, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!*



OPLATKI [Angel Bread] will be sold the weekend of December 11/12, and December 18/19, at the East and South doors of the church, by the Altar & Rosary Society.

PLEASURES "One should be, just as careful in choosing one's pleasures as in avoiding calamities."

—Chinese Proverb



ENTERTAINMENT 2005 BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE from the Knights of Columbus for \$28.00. Call Joe or Sue Lamielle at 330-336-4487 and get yours today!

WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL begins this Sunday, December 5, at 8:30 p.m., in the school gym. Cost is \$35. Please call Joanne Holbert, 330-927-4530, with any questions.





MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2005, a bus will be leaving from St. Francis Xavier Parish in Medina, for this 26 hour pilgrimage to our nations capitol. Please call Kim Kordich for details or to reserve your space, 330-239-2957. "I have set before you life and death...**CHOOSE LIFE...**" Deuteronomy 30-19

HELP THE SACRED HEART BUILDING FUND by purchasing a cell phone! Parishioner Jack Yard, will donate \$10 for every new Verizon wireless business or personal activation done by him. Please activate by calling Jack, 330-472-9379, by January 1, 2005. Please refer to the ad on the back of the bulletin.



POINSETTIAS SALE! The 7th graders of Sacred Heart School will be selling poinsettias after all Masses, December 11/12. They will be traveling to Washington, D. C., next year for their 8th grade trip. Please help support their efforts by purchasing your poinsettias from our 7th graders. Thanks in advance!



YOUTH NEWS-A Youth Center? It's exciting! It's new! We are converting the smaller of our warehouses into a Youth Center, a place where kids of our parish can call their own. Our Youth Group will meet there, this Sunday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a new toy, unwrapped, for our "Toys for Tots" collection.



Scrub-down Saturdays-To get the warehouse prepared, we need all the help we can get. On Saturday, December 11, we'll wash, clean, spackle, and prime, from 9-9:00 p.m. Whole families can be involved, even those without teens, since this is a place that will bless our young people for many years to come. If you are a senior in high school, and need service hours to graduate, this whole day will cover it!

Donations, please! Items that your are not using? A pool table? Weight bench? Treadmill? Recreational equipment? A stove or refrigerator? Truck, paint, rollers, plastic storage bins, shelving? Would your company like to make a donation to help in the conversion of a warehouse to a youth center? Let's get the whole parish behind our young people! Call Karla, 336-3049, for questions.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Instead of our regular December meeting, this year we are going to have a Christmas Luncheon. All the ladies of the parish are invited. We ask only that you call ahead so that we can plan accordingly. We would like also to thank all you ladies who have helped us so much this past year with funeral meals, baking, serving, helping us with the rummage sales, and all the other help you have so graciously given. God grant you a happy and holy holiday. RSVP: Ruth Wagner 330-336-4406, or Carol Heim 330-334-6746.



THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

- Mini Mall set-up, Andes Room
- 9:30 a.m. - Children's Liturgy of the Word, McMahon Hall
- 10:00 a.m. - RCIA Rite of Acceptance, Conry Room
- 10:30 a.m. - Chastity Program, school cafeteria
- 12:30 p.m. - Baptism Class, Conry Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Court of Honor, McMahon Hall
- 6:15 p.m. - Parish Family Prayer Group, church
- 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group, warehouse

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

- SHS Mini Mall, Andes Room
- 3:15 p.m. - Jr. Praesidium, Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - AFFC, Conry Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- SHS Mini Mall, Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

- SHS Mini Mall, Andes Room
- 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study Group, Andes Room
- 3:15 p.m. - Youth Choir, Conry Room
- 7:00 p.m. - RCIA, McMahon Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

- SHS Mini Mall, Andes Room
- 10:30 a.m. - SHS Confessions, church
- 4:00 p.m. - Altar Server Training, church
- 6:00 p.m. - GOF planning session, Conry Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts, McMahon Hall
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

- SHS Mini Mall, Andes Room
- 12:00 p.m. - BB Bible Study, Andes Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Frasure/Orr wedding rehearsal, church
- 8:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Lock-in, church lower level

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
- 1:30 p.m. - Frasure/Orr wedding, church
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church
- Oplatki sale after 5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

- Oplatki sale after all Masses
- Blood Pressure Screening after 8/9:30 a.m. Masses, Andes Room
- 10:30 a.m. - Chastity Program, Conry Room
- 6:00 p.m. - Grade 2 Family Rosary, church



**December
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