



Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent as we begin a new Church year. I don't know how many more shopping days are left until Christmas, but that is not what Advent is all about. Advent is about remembering that God became a human being and came to show us the Father's love and that He will come again. We should always be aware of the coming of Jesus Christ into our lives and our hearts and in this way we are prepared for His return in glory. The first coming of Christ was, and still is, missed by many because they are not looking for Him. When He comes again no one will miss His return because He will return in glory and power. He will come in glory and power not to frighten us but to show us the great love He has for us.

During this Season of Advent let us pay very close attention to the presence and love of Jesus in our daily lives so that we can better witness to that love with all we meet each day.

One very important way that we can make this a prayerful and fruitful Advent is by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have our **Parish Communal Penance Service on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 PM, in the church.** There will be several visiting priests to help hear confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to grow in God's love and know His mercy in your lives. There will be additional times for confession before Christmas. Times and dates are in your Christmas schedule, which you should have received with your Christmas letter and envelope.

It just so happens that we will be studying the Sacrament of Reconciliation this month at Generations of Faith (December 13 & 16). As you may know, we are studying all of the sacraments this year. We have already covered Baptism and Anointing of the Sick. If you have not signed up for Generations of Faith for this year, you can do so by calling the Religious Education Office. As I have said many times, this is a great opportunity for all of us to learn more about our faith and be able to share it with our children and other members of our faith family. The beauty of Generations of Faith is that it brings all of us together; parents with children, parents with grown children, parents with preschool children, single parents, widows, and widowers. It does not matter who you are or where you are in your life right now, you are welcome to learn and share your Catholic Faith.

Friday, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and it is a Holy Day of obligation, which means that we must participate at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of our country. We should use this feast to pray that she will intercede for us with God so that our great country may live out the ideals of our founding founders and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our country was founded on a very deep faith in God and trust in His presence in our lives. We must continue to look to Him during this time of war so that He can show us the way to true peace in our lives and in our world. Please check the Mass schedule for Thursday and Friday so that you and your family do not miss out on celebrating this important feast of our Blessed Mother.

Last week, I received a thank you note from Fr. Sam Ciccolini of the Interval Brotherhood Home in Akron, for our recent contribution of 5% of our Sunday collection on November 12. The Interval Brotherhood Home provides food, shelter, and treatment for those who are addicted to drugs or alcohol. Fr. Sam has been ministering to these children of God for 35 years. He and this ministry show the love of God to people who have no one else to help them or love them. Our contribution was very much needed and appreciated so that the work of the Interval Brotherhood Home can continue. Please pray for Fr. Sam and those to whom he ministers. May God bless you for your continued generosity.



*Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, December 2, Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent**  
 5:00 p.m. .... Robert Bault [Glenn Carpenter Family]

**Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 a.m. .... For Our Parish  
 9:30 a.m. .... Raymond Weishaar [Glenn & Marilyn]  
 11:30 a.m. .... John Hlavaty [Ken & Joyce Dattilo]

**Monday, December 4, St. John of Damascus**  
 8:00 a.m. .... James Durkin [Family]

**Tuesday, December 5**  
 8:00 a.m. .... Otis Fisher [Marvin & Barb Watterson]


**Wednesday, December 6, St. Nicholas**  
 8:00 a.m. .... Communion Service  
 5:30 p.m. .... Bianca Borsellino [Rossette Braidy]

**Thursday, December 7, St. Ambrose**  
 8:00 a.m. .... Communion Service  
 9:30 a.m. .... Marian Jones [Altar & Rosary Society]  
 7:00 p.m. .... Ken Hampton [Joe & Dorothy Pape]

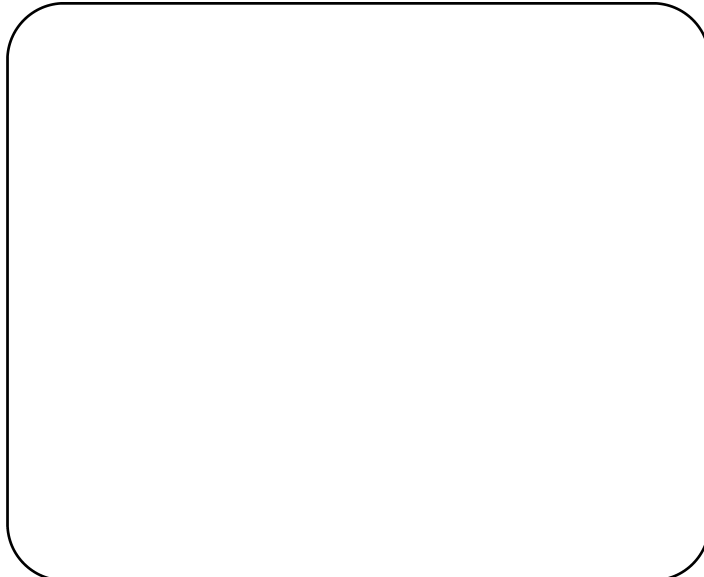
**Friday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the .....  
 .....Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 9:30 a.m. .... Leona Byron [Florence Fongheiser]  
 7:00 p.m. .... Robert Jackson [Diane Bruce]

**Saturday, December 9, St. Juan Diego**  
 8:00 a.m. .... Communion Service  
 5:00 p.m. .... Garth Wallace [Family]

**Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 a.m. .... Joe Solitario [Rick Canestraro Family]  
 9:30 a.m. .... For Our Parish  
 11:30 a.m. .... Frank Muhl [Ushers of Sacred Heart Parish]



**THE PARISH ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE** will be on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a number of visiting priests to assist Fr. Joe. Please plan on attending.



**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- NOVEMBER 26**  
**[5% of our collection was given to Marine Toys for Tots .**

Offertory.....	\$12,359.00
Support Our School.....	\$168.00
Capital Reserve Fund.....	\$90.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$5.00
Share in the Care.....	\$35.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development.....	\$35.00
Christmas Decorations.....	\$105.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	352

MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

**SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK**  
**[FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT-WEEK OF**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2006]**

Question for Adults: How can we prepare for the coming of the Lord?  
Question for Children: Name some special days and events that you are waiting for.

**FUNERAL MEAL SERVERS ARE NEEDED** to make two different teams to join others already serving in this ministry. Contact Gert Tiffany, 334-1936, for more information.

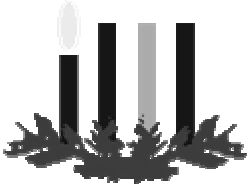
**PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN** The Diocese of Cleveland’s “Protecting God’s Children” program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers, or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office, 216-334-2999, or email: [response\\_services\\_@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services_@dioceseofcleveland.org)

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** The average Catholic family spends \$12 per year on cookies, \$21 on potato chips, and \$29 on take-out coffee. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious average a little more than one dollar per year per adult Catholic. The RFR benefits more than 37,000 elderly women and men religious who received only small stipends for their decades of service. Your gift makes a difference!

**The First Week of Advent**

*Father:* O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each night the first purple candle is lighted by the youngest child of the household and is left burning during the meal.



# LITURGICAL + ROLES

## MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

### Week of December 4

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**  
- Tre Palecek, Anthony Palecek  
- Travis Pero, Nathan Greczanik
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**  
- Samantha Gearhart, Marla Iverson  
- Kayla Petey, Cassie Petey
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday and Saturday ONLY**  
- A. J. Hanna, Ben Hanna  
- Sarah Masica, Matt Kyle

### Saturday, December 9

- 5:00 p.m. - Ryan Renacci, Elizabeth Sablotny  
- Steven Sablotny, Joe Sablotny

### Sunday, December 10

- 8:00 a.m. - Jon Ott, Anthony Palecek  
- McKenzie Ryan, Jimmy Davies
- 9:30 a.m. - Allie Beery, Sabrina Metcalf  
- Thomas Kennedy, Michael Kurnot
- 11:30 a.m. - Emilee Krunich, Sean Leahy  
- Will Nelson, Brian Race

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 9

- 5:00 p.m. - Lou & Joan Perry, Gerry Wright  
- Roger & Debbie Petrey

### Sunday, December 10

- 8:00 a.m. - Todd & Kylene Ferguson  
- Jim Conroy, Jim & Mary Pope

### Cup Ministers

- John Baker, Dennis Busson, Mark Smith  
- Jan & Bill Elliott, Fran Hammerly
- 9:30 a.m. - Alan Beery, Jacqui Flaherty, Tammy Seifert  
- Josh OR Beth Watson, Diane Batyko
- 11:30 a.m. - Shawn Lupson, Don Drouhard  
- Oscar & Judy Mifsud, Vicki Pandrea

### Wadsworth Hospital - Hunt

- Altercare - Bees  
Liberty Residence II - Buccitelli  
Magnolia - Uhls/Hammerly  
Sterling Oaks - Anderson

### The Rosary is prayed at:

- Sterling Oaks on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 2:00 p.m.
- Magnolia on the 3rd Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m.
- Altercare on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 10:00 a.m.

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 9

- 5:00 p.m. - Kathy Budinscak, Claralou Serbin

### Sunday, December 10

- 8:00 a.m. - Bill & Cece Bees  
9:30 a.m. - David Kennedy, Tom Seeman  
11:30 a.m. - Jay Edurese, Norman Davis

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## Immaculate Conception of Mary

Friday, December 8, 2005  
\*HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

### MASS SERVERS

7:00 p.m. - Kristen Woods, Philip Eisenhauer  
[Vigil] - Joey Dean, Miranda Boland

7:00 p.m. - Joe Ozbolt, Nathan McDevitt  
[Dec. 8] - Will Ozbolt, Owen McDevitt

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7:00 p.m. - Ryan McNeill, Zen Porchowsky  
[Vigil] - Chris & Tricia Easton, Marilyn Mokris

7:00 p.m. - Jeff Witschey, JoAnn Riddell, Bill Schapel  
[Dec. 8] - Frank Collins, Joe Buccitelli

### LECTORS

7:00 p.m. - Tracey Arnone, Jean Segal  
[Vigil]

7:00 p.m. - Cosmo Zimbardi, Lee Nichols  
[Dec. 8.]

**ADORERS NEEDED TO SHARE AN HOUR IN OUR CHAPEL** for *Wednesday*, at 3:00 a.m. This is an urgent need; can you help? Please call the Parish Office, 336-3049, if you are able to help.



**BASKETS** Thank you so much for the generous response to the basket request for our Thanksgiving bread. We were well supplied and truly appreciate each of you who so willingly brought in a basket. Please remember to pick up your baskets in the sacristy if you have not done so. Again, thank you!

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, December 17, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the K of C Hall on N. Lyman Street. Children nine and under eat free. The menu includes eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee. Bring your cameras and take pictures!

**OPEN THE DOOR** In his book, *The Secrets of Jesuit Bread-making*, Brother Rick Curry tells the story of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez. He was so able a spiritual guide that he was made porter, or doorkeeper, at the Jesuits' college on the island of Majorca. He quickly became a favorite there as he tried to see God in everyone. Every time there was a knock at his door he would answer, "I'm coming, Lord."

*Lord, help me to open our doors to those needing welcome.*





**OPLATKI** [Angel Bread] will be sold the weekend of December 9/10, and December 16/17, at the East and South doors of the church, by the Altar & Rosary Society.

**THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**, open to all women

of the parish, will be held Monday, December 11, at 11:30 a.m., at the Galaxy. Please call Rita Strickler for reservations, 336-3740.

# THE WEEK AHEAD

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

- Mini-Mall, Andes Room
- 12:30 p.m. - Baptismal Class, Conry Room
- 6:15 p.m. - Parish Family Prayer Group, church
- 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group, Humbolt House

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**

- Mini-Mall, Andes Room
- 3:15 p.m. - Jr. Praesidium, Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Advent Evening Prayer, church

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

- Mini-Mall, Andes Room
- 9:00 a.m. - Women's Prayer Group, Conry Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

- Mini-Mall, Andes Room
- 9:30 a.m. - Familia, Conry Room/McMahon Hall
- 3:00 p.m. - Brownies, Conry Room
- 3:15 p.m. - Children's choir, church
- 7:00 p.m. - RCIA, McMahon Hall
- 7:30 p.m. - Familia, Conry Room

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**

- Mini-Mall, Andes Room
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult choir, church

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**

- Mini-Mall, Andes Room
- 8:30 a.m. - GOF home kit assembly, Conry Room

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

- 8:30 a.m. - New Eucharistic Ministers training, church
- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church
- *Oplatki sale after 5:00 p.m. Mass, church entrances*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

- *Oplatki sale after all Masses, church entrances*
- Donut Sunday after 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses, McMahon Hall
- 9:30 a.m. - RCIA class, McMahon Hall
- 1:00 p.m. - Legion of Mary reunion mtg., Andes Room
- 2:30 p.m. - Legion of Mary, church
- 3:30 p.m. - Legion of Mary reception, McMahon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - Cadet mtg., Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group open gym,

**SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST NEEDED FOR SACRED HEART SCHOOL** 2.5 days, flexible schedule, competitive salary, Ohio License required. Please contact Susie Hummer, 800-841-4774, ext. 114, or email resume to: [speech@psi-solutions.org](mailto:speech@psi-solutions.org).

**WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL** will begin on Sunday, January 7, at 8:30 p.m., in the school gym. Please call Joanne Holbert, 330-927-4530, with any questions.



## Religious Education Notes



**DO YOU HAVE ANY MISMATCHED CRYSTAL** that you are no longer using, any shape, size, height, etc.? [stemware only.] *GOF needs 425 pieces* by February 1. Could be cut, smooth, fancy, or plain. Please drop off on the porch of the Religious Education Office. **DONATIONS ONLY!**

**PLEASE HELP REFILL OUR PARISH PANTRY FOR THE POOR!** Parishioners attending GOF December 13 & 16 festivals are asked if they could help our St. Vincent de Paul Society restock the cupboards by bringing canned goods and paper products and placing them in the provided containers. The pantry is low due to the Thanksgiving baskets that were sent out.

**GOF HOMEKIT ASSEMBLY** will meet Friday, December 8, at 8:30 a.m., in the Conry Room.

**GOF JANUARY DATE CHANGE** from *January 17/20 to January 24/27* due to the Christopher West opportunity sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Church and Sacred Heart Parish on Saturday, January 20, at Medina High School.

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH THE OHIO BOY CHOIR** Enjoy the rich celebration of new and familiar Christmas music as sung by the angelic voices of the Ohio Boychoir. Concerts are free and all are welcome! A free-will offering will be received. Dates of concerts range from December 2 to December 15. For information on locations and times, please call 216-556-2222, or [www.ohioboychoir.org](http://www.ohioboychoir.org).



The next **Youth Group Meeting** will be this **Sunday, December 3, from 7:00 - 8:15 P.M. in the Humbolt House.** All high school youth are invited to join us as we enter into the season of Advent with fellowship, faith, food, and fun.

Looking for something active and fun to do as the weather turns colder? The next high school youth group open gym is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. in the Sacred Heart Gym. Come enjoy the company of others and a little friendly competition.

For more information on the above activities, or if you have any comments or ideas, contact Pete Schafer, (330) 336-3049 or [osuodc@hotmail.com](mailto:osuodc@hotmail.com).