

# HOLY FACE OF JESUS

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We exist to offer the life-giving intimacy of Jesus to the hurried, lonely, and lost.



Adoration of the Magi  
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Epiphany of the Lord - January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# The Epiphany of the Lord

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany is a fancy way to say “manifestation” or “revelation.” Jesus was “revealed” as the Lord by the guidance of the star. The magi (or wise men) visited our Lord’s home and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Traditionally the blessing of homes accompanies the Feast of the Epiphany. You can ask a priest or deacon to bless your home or a member of the family can lead the home blessing.

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All:** Amen

**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All:** Who made heaven and earth.

*Read the story of Zaccheus, Luke 19:1-9.*

The intercessions are said by the leader or someone else. The response is *Stay with us, Lord.*

Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our head. We pray: R.

Lord Jesus Christ, through you every dwelling is a temple of holiness: build those who live in this house into the dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit. We pray: R.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught your followers to build their houses upon solid rock: grant that the members of this family may live their lives in firm allegiance to your teachings. We pray: R.

Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality

of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray: R.

Lord Jesus Christ, you became flesh of the Virgin Mary: grant that your presence may be known always in this home. We pray: R.

Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray: R.

*Pray together the Our Father*

**Leader:** Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen.

*Traditionally, an inscription is written in chalk over the front door. The inscription is:*

**20 + C + M + B + 25**

The numbers on the end represent the year (20 25). The letters C M B have two different meanings. The names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Or the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* which means “Christ bless this house.”

May you have a blessed feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

**Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Sean Wilson**

## Holy Face of Jesus Parish

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St. John Fryburg (SJF): 11319 Van Buren Street, Fryburg, OH 45895

St. Joseph (SJ): 101 West Pearl Street, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

St. Lawrence (SL): 16053 Botkins Road, Botkins, OH 45306

Parish Office: 309 Perry Street, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Office Hours: Mondays-Wednesdays & Fridays 8:30am-5:00pm;

Thursdays 10:30am-5:00pm

Phone: (419)-738-2115; Fax: (419)-738-4525;

Emergency Line: (937)-419-1137

## Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigils 4pm Immaculate Conception, 4:30pm St. Joseph

Sunday 8am St. John, 8:30am St. Lawrence, 10am St. Joseph, 10:30am Immaculate Conception

Monday 8am Immaculate Conception

Tuesday 8am St. Joseph

Wednesday 8am St. Lawrence, 8am St. John

Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception, 8am St. Joseph

Friday 8am Immaculate Conception, 8am St. Joseph

Saturday 8am St. John (*Anointing of the Sick during 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Masses*)

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. IC Ed Schmerge - *Birthday*  
4:30 p.m. SJ Tom Manger

### Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> *Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 a.m. SJF People of Holy Face of Jesus Parish  
8:30 a.m. SL Doris Bornhorst  
10:00 a.m. SJ Clay & Rita Wagner - 50<sup>th</sup> *Wedding Anniversary*  
10:30 a.m. IC Jack & Christ Koenig - 50<sup>th</sup> *Wedding Anniversary*

### Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. IC Judy Steinke - *Anniversary*

### Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. SJ Sally Madigan

### Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. SL Lavern Homan

### Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. SJF Leon Hemmert

### Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. SJ St. Joseph Class of 1953

### Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. SJF Souls in Purgatory  
4:00 p.m. IC Jim & Betty Kinninger  
4:30 p.m. SJ L&D Mary Schumann Family

### Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. SJF People of Holy Face of Jesus Parish  
8:30 a.m. SL Nancy Elchert  
10:00 a.m. SJ L&D Elmer & Mary Louise  
Neumeier Family  
10:30 a.m. IC Robert Ballweg

IC - Immaculate Conception SJF - St. John  
SJ - St. Joseph SL - St. Lawrence

## Mass Readings

For the Week of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> - *Epiphany of the Lord*

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
Mt 2:1-12

### Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> - *St. André Bessette*

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25;

### Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> - *St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

### Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

### Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

### Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

### Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

### Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> - *Baptism of the Lord*

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 or  
Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38  
or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday** After morning Mass at St. John  
(8:40am)  
3:15-3:45pm Immaculate Conception  
3:15-4:15pm St. Joseph

**Sunday** 7:15-7:45am St. John  
7:45-8:15am St. Lawrence

**Wednesday** 5:45-6:30pm Immaculate Conception

**Thursday** Before First Friday 4-5pm IC and SJ

**Friday** After morning Mass at St. Joseph  
(8:40am)

## Area Weekday Mass/Confession

**Tuesday**  
Holy Angels (Sidney) Confession 5-6pm

**Wednesday**  
Holy Rosary (St. Marys) Conf. 11:30am, Mass 12:05pm  
Holy Angels (Sidney) Confession 12-1pm

**Thursday**  
Sacred Heart (McCartyville) Confession 6-7pm

# Weekly Schedule

## Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

- 7:15 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 7:45 a.m. SL Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 10:00 a.m. SJ 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Blessing - Clay & Rita Wagner
- 10:30 a.m. IC 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Blessing - Jack & Chris Koenig
- 11:30 a.m. IC Baptism of Maysen Louise Porter

## Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
- 1:00 p.m. SJ Connect Group
- 5:00 p.m. SJ Spiritual Movement
- 6:30 p.m. SJ Two Hearts Prayer Cenacle
- 7:00 p.m. IC RCIA
- 7:00 p.m. IC That Woman Is You

## Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 8:40 a.m. SJ Holy Face Devotion/Prayers
- 9a-3p SJ Festival Sewing
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary

## Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. IC Men's Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. SJ Spiritual Movement
- 5:45 p.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation

## Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> Office opens at 10:30am

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 9a-7p IC All Day Adoration in the Church
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
- 6-8:30pm SJ Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. SJ Christ Renews His Parish Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Wapak K of C Council Meeting

## Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 8:40 a.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary

## Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 8:15 a.m. SJ Spiritual Movement
- 8:40 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation

## Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> (cont.)

- 3:15 p.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 3:15 p.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 4-7 p.m. Wapak K of C Chicken Fry

## Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

- 7:15 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 7:45 a.m. SL Sacrament of Reconciliation

## Adoration Chapels

**Regular Schedule:** St. Joseph Adoration Chapel opens at noon on Sunday and closes at midnight on Thursday. Immaculate Conception Adoration Chapel opens at noon on Sunday and closes at 9pm on Friday. You are welcome to stop in and visit our Lord in our adoration chapels.

**Open Hours:** Immaculate Conception Adoration Chapel needs an adorer on **Mondays from 12-1pm**. Please call the office (419)-738-2115 if you are interested in spending this hour with our Lord.

## Parish Office Holiday Closure

The Holy Face of Jesus Parish office is closed for Christmas and will re-open on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Loaves and Fishes

Holy Face of Jesus Parish cook and serve Loaves and Fishes at First English Lutheran Church on **Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30-5:15pm. It will be drive-thru only. To reserve dinners, call Connie by Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at (567)-204-6708. This is open to the public, and freewill offerings will be accepted. To donate desserts, call Jean or Steve at (419)-738-2211.

## Pastoral Council

IC: Kathy Behr, Chris Brown, & Linda Christman  
SJF: Anita Foor, Ashley Headapohl, & Linda LaMarr  
SJ: Erika Eley, Jenn Schlosser, & Steve Webb  
SL: Jeanie Bergman, Alan Borchers, & Colleen Winner



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the families and friends of **Cynthia Fisher**. May the never-ending power of God's love surround them and bring them peace in this difficult time of grief and adjustment.

## Christmas Decoration Tear Down

Immaculate Conception Christmas decorations will be taken down after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. We can use all help available, especially men who can help with the heavy lifting and crib tear down. Without your help, our beautiful church decorations would not be possible. Thank you!

## Food for the Poor: Visiting Immaculate Conception & St. Lawrence 1/4-1/5

Thank you to our Food for the Poor clergy speaker who visited Immaculate Conception and St. Lawrence for Masses on January 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, and thank you to all our parishioners who financially supported the ministry. Learn more at [www.foodforthe poor.org/churchalliances](http://www.foodforthe poor.org/churchalliances).

## Thank You

Thank you to all who donated gifts for the Giving Trees/Christmas Jubilee at St. John and St. Joseph. Over 400 gifts were donated at the two churches combined!

## Christ Renews His Parish Men's Retreat: January 25-26, 2025

The Christ Renews His Parish Men's Retreat will be held **Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025** at the St. Joseph Parish Life Center (101 West Pearl Street, Wapakoneta). This retreat is open to any man 21+ who is interested in making a deeper connection to their faith and the Holy Face of Jesus Parish community. You can find paper sign-up sheets at our churches, or you can register online at [bit.ly/crhp2025](http://bit.ly/crhp2025), or by scanning this QR code.



## Offertory Envelopes Announcement

Offertory envelopes will be mailed to parishioners this month to begin using January 1, 2025. Envelopes will be mailed on a bi-monthly basis and we will not be using boxed sets of envelopes. If you do not receive offertory envelopes by the end of December or would like to begin using envelopes, please call the office at 419-738-2115. If you do not need envelopes mailed to you due to online giving or direct payment, please inform the office to remove your name from the mailing list. We thank you for your patience as we transition to this new delivery method and appreciate your generosity!



### You're Invited to Try Alpha February 3–April 21 @ 6:30pm St. Joseph Parish Life Center

What questions do you have about life, meaning, and faith?  
Bring a friend, relative, co-worker, or make it a date night  
with your spouse!  
Register at [www.holyfaceparish.org](http://www.holyfaceparish.org).



"I was blessed with the Alpha program. It taught me to pray more and give all the glory and thanks to God. I am hoping to understand the Bible more and praying that the

Holy Spirit will control my thoughts and emotions." - **Pat Ardle**  
"What I loved about Alpha was meeting others of the same faith at different 'growth' levels, and supporting others to be their BEST in the LORD." - **Eloise Williams**

## Exodus 90

Men of our parish, please seek the opportunity to build yourselves in prayer, holiness, and fraternity. This January will offer a way to sharper your sword (mind), equip yourself to combat sin daily, and become a stronger man for your family or community. The first meeting will be January 14<sup>th</sup> in the Immaculate Conception convent at 7pm. See the QR code to download the app or visit [menofexodus.com](http://menofexodus.com). Any questions, please contact Deion Hoehne at [hoehne1998@gmail.com](mailto:hoehne1998@gmail.com) or reach out to the parish office for more details.



# Get to Know the Holy Face of Jesus Parish Team

## ADAM FAHNCKE

*Director of Music at St. John & St. Joseph*

Adam began employment as Music Director of St. Joseph July of 2014. Even though employment started in 2014, he has been an active music minister even longer, dating back to the early 2000s. More recently, he has taken a more leadership position to help facilitate the music ministry across the Holy Face of Jesus Parish. Adam plans and coordinates the choirs for family-wide parish events including Confirmation and Easter. Adam is a very analytical person, and as a result, is able to determine patterns and relationships when listening to film, TV, and game soundtracks - in other words, he can listen to a soundtrack and visualize in detail exactly the events happening on screen.

**To learn more about our staff, visit [hollyfaceparish.org/staff](http://hollyfaceparish.org/staff).**



## Youth Ministry

### Weekly Scripture

"...they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage."  
- Matthew 2:11 (*from the Gospel for the Epiphany*)

### Weekly Saint Quote

"The door to heaven is the heart of Jesus. The key to this door is prayer and love."  
- St. André Bessette (*Feast Day January 6<sup>th</sup>*)

### Upcoming Confirmation Classes/Events

Upcoming Confirmation Classes for freshmen & sophomores are listed below! All freshmen & sophomores are expected to attend Life Teen as well, which is on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm in the St. Joseph Parish Life Center. Call Angie Soules with any questions: (419)-303-9745.

- **Freshmen: Next Confirmation Class** - Sunday, 2/9: The Sacraments (held at IC Convent 6:30-8pm)
- **Sophomores: Confirmation Retreat** - Monday, 2/17 8:30am-4pm at SJ (all are expected to attend)
- **Confirmation Interview Dinners & Sponsor/Confirmandi Retreat** - Please go to [hollyfaceparish.org/youth](http://hollyfaceparish.org/youth) and fill out the form to let us know which interview you will attend (2/3, 2/10, 2/20, or 2/27), & which Sponsor/Confirmandi Retreat you will attend (3/15 or 3/16)! Please complete by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Joyce Anthony, Carol Baker, Esther Ballweg, Bob Bassitt, Janet Bassitt, Mary Berg, Becky Bogden, Penny Borchers, David Brown, Nancy Burrell, Jim Clementz, Tom Cooper, Michelle Daum, Tim Dietz, Talan DiGiovanni, Alfred Drexler, Ron Fahncke, Darla Finkenbine, Mary Fischer, Agnes Fisher, Emily Fisher, John Fisher, Allie Ganger, Olivia Goliver, Emily Grieves, Ben Harshbarger, Dave Hassenauer, Jane Hemmer, Victoria Henderson, Ashley Holthaus, Jeremiah Holthaus, Geri Howard, Charles Huber, Penny Huskey, Helen Keller, Kathie Kentner, Mike Kentner, Kate Klima, Mary Lou Klopfenstein, Tom Klosterman, Gertrude Kondracki, Amy Kraft, Camille Kramer, Connie Mangen, Nancy Merrill, Dolores Meyer, Linda Meyer, Grace Miller, Rita Monnin, Tony Monnin, Peyton Morgan, Sally Naseman, Wanda Nuss, Mary Ann Rabette, Donna Reed, Sandy Rosengarten, George Rostorfer, Evelyn Schneider, Joe Schnippel, Mary Schulte, Melanie Sheipline, Nancy Shoup, Jim Smithey, Carolyn Steinke, Janine Steinke, Linda Baker Steinke, Ronald Storer, Patricia Stutsman, Carmen Tedesco, Helena Valenti, Richard Verbyke, Norma Wachauf, Rita Wagner, Jim Warniment, Larry Wilkerson, Chuck Wobbrock, and Kaelyn Zwiebel

# Schoenstatt Year in Review & Upcoming Classes

## 2024 Year in Review

**Schoenstatt Covenant of Love Ceremony:** After 10 weeks of joyful preparation, 22 individuals made their Covenant of Love with Our Blessed Mother on April 18, 2024 at St. Lawrence with Fr. Sean officiating. Those making their Covenant were: Russ & Bev Badgett (Celina), Alan & Robin Borchers (Lewistown), Penny Borchers (Jackson Center), Scott & Leisha Elchert (Jackson Center), Scott & Jessica Eilerman (Ft. Loramie), Joy Fishpaw (Wapakoneta), Adam & Megan Greve (Wapakoneta), Marge Hoying (Botkins), Michelle Koverman (Sidney), Jerry & Mary Siegrist (Sidney), Ryan Wickline (Wapakoneta), Calvin & Rachel Winner (Maplewood), Jay & Colleen Winner (Lewistown), and Molly Zimpfer (Anna). **Schoenstatt Retreat and Celebration:** April 20, 2024, the Schoenstatt Mothers League held the women's retreat, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord" at St. Lawrence. There were approximately 75 women at the retreat. Fr. Steve Mondiek celebrated Mass with Deacon Terry and Deacon Roger Klosterman assisting. The presenters at the retreat were Schoenstatt Sister Deanne Niehous, Schoenstatt Sister M. Isabel Bracero, and Julia Monnin.

**Schoenstatt Children's Ceremony and Classes:** Throughout the summer, there were 5 Schoenstatt children classes held at St. Lawrence. On August 4, 2024, 27 young children dedicated their little hearts to our Blessed Mother, with Fr. Steve Mondiek officiating the ceremony. Krista Hoge headed up the classes with the help of Beth Boerger, Julia Monnin, Tim and Darla Dietz, Tara Vehorn, and Tricia Dietz. **Schoenstatt All-Ohio Retreat:** On November 9, 2024, the Schoenstatt Couples League held the All-Ohio Retreat, "Journeying with the Nazareth Family in a Modern World" at St. Lawrence with 80 in attendance. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Alex Biryomumeisho, with Deacon Terry assisting. The retreat presenters were John Lalley, Schoenstatt Sister M. Isabel Bracero, and Jason and Theresa Jenkins. **Home Shrine Dedication Ceremonies:** July 23, 2024 Anthony & Kim Fisher dedicated their Home Shrine "Faith, Love and Glory." Fr. Willig presided. August 22, 2024, Jay & Colleen Winner dedicated their Home Shrine "Mother and Queen of Heaven." Fr. Sean presided. October 16, 2024 Scott & Leisha Elchert dedicated their Home Shrine "Cause of our Joy and Salvation." Deacon Terry presided. November 3, 2024, Adam and Megan Greve dedicated their Home Shrine "Ideals of the Nazareth Family." Fr. Sean presided. November 6, 2024, Linda McCune dedicated her Home Shrine "Stella Maris" (Star of the Sea). Deacon Jeff presided.

## Upcoming Classes

Would you like to grow in a closer relationship with Christ and His Blessed Mother? Would you like to connect your faith with daily life? We would like to extend a personal invitation to join us for new Schoenstatt classes! Schoenstatt is a Catholic movement that strives to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the example and guidance of Mary. The love of Mary opens new avenues to a vibrant relationship with Christ in the Holy Spirit to God the Father, and to a renewal of love of neighbor and self. Schoenstatt has helped many to grow in a deeper understanding of our beautiful Catholic faith!

Classes begin February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 and continue each Tuesday for 10 weeks. They will be held at St. Lawrence (16053 Botkins Rd., Botkins, OH 45306). Contact: Jennifer Morgan 567-289-0446 or [jenniferjamesmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferjamesmorgan@gmail.com). To learn more, visit [www.schoenstattofohio.org](http://www.schoenstattofohio.org)

## **Thank You**

The family of Kenneth Dirksen would like to extend their gratitude to the Holy Face of Jesus Parish community for their caring prayers, cards, and phone calls. Special thanks to Fr. Sean, David Morand, Lori Wilson, and the St. Joseph Choir, and for the beautiful "Ave Maria" sung by Margie Horman. Thanks also to Marlene Froning and her committee for the fabulous lunch. Following the lunch, there was a nice opportunity to visit and share memories with family and friends. It was all greatly appreciated.

# JANUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### *Decade Changers*

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Rachel Schumann | 40 on 1/3  |
| Philip Ott      | 40 on 1/5  |
| Stacey Litsey   | 40 on 1/29 |
| Lisa Newland    | 50 on 1/9  |
| Blasius Fisher  | 50 on 1/10 |
| Ron Ivey        | 50 on 1/15 |
| Erin Yarkosky   | 50 on 1/25 |
| Connie Smith    | 50 on 1/28 |
| Rich Schnippel  | 60 on 1/12 |
| Phil Smock      | 60 on 1/15 |
| Leo Munday      | 60 on 1/17 |
| Scott Wilson    | 60 on 1/18 |
| Richard Steinke | 60 on 1/19 |
| Penny Etkorn    | 60 on 1/27 |
| Donna Steinke   | 70 on 1/1  |

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| Nadine Gasior      | 70 on 1/2  |
| Dave Hibner        | 70 on 1/2  |
| Jim Brake          | 70 on 1/14 |
| Cheryl Steinke     | 70 on 1/16 |
| Mike Mazur         | 70 on 1/20 |
| Robert Krisher Jr. | 70 on 1/21 |
| Vicki Schipper     | 70 on 1/23 |
| Pam Wachauf        | 70 on 1/27 |
| Jerri Howard       | 80 on 1/4  |
| Dennis LaMarr      | 80 on 1/6  |
| Karen Brandehoff   | 80 on 1/15 |
| Janet Hassenauer   | 80 on 1/22 |
| Maurice Bryan Jr.  | 80 on 1/24 |

### *85 & Over*

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|-----------------|------------|
| Rosie Tobias    | 85 on 1/1  |
| Judy Luebrecht  | 85 on 1/29 |
| Jane Steinke    | 86 on 1/25 |
| Sue Geis        | 87 on 1/12 |
| James Warniment | 87 on 1/13 |
| Marie Perrin    | 92 on 1/15 |
| Lucy Hoying     | 93 on 1/22 |
| Flo Meyer       | 98 on 1/3  |

### *50 Year Anniversaries*

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Jack & Chris Koenig | 1/4  |
| Clay & Rita Wagner  | 1/11 |
| Tom & Kay Vehorn    | 1/25 |

### *60+ Year Anniversaries*

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| Bill & Elaine Wendel | 60 years on 1/23 |
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## Thank You

"As the year draws to a close, I extend belated but sincere thanks to all from Holy Face of Jesus Parish who made Servants Day so successful. Because of volunteers who donated their time and expertise in collaboration with persons from across the community, we were again able to assist several dozen local residents in making their homes safer, more efficient, and more comfortable. We also greatly appreciate the use of the St. Joseph PLC as our "home base" for Servants Day. As Teresa of Avila wrote, "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours." Thanks to all from Holy Face of Jesus who provided Christ's hands to our neighbors in need. I also extend sincere thanks to Holy Face of Jesus Parish for its assistance with the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We simply couldn't provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal to so many people - 510 this year! - without the use of the St. Joseph PLC and kitchen. The Community Thanksgiving Dinner is more than the great food; it also brings our community together in a very inspiring, memorable way. A special shout out to parishioners John-William Davis and Tom Vehorn for leading the cooking team, to the Holy Face of Jesus Parish staff for its assistance, especially Bill and Bobbi, and to the many volunteers for the day from Holy Face of Jesus. We are grateful." - Sincerely, Rachel Barber, secretary Wapakoneta Area Ministerial Association & The Wapakoneta Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee

"Thank you so much for your assistance at the 10<sup>th</sup> Jackson Center Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Whether you baked a turkey or pie or helped serve our 342 guests, it was much appreciated. Special thanks to our committee members Erin Yarkosky and Barb Cecil." - Wanda Wildermuth



## Stephen Ministry

In need of a listening ear? Desire Christ-centered care and confidentiality? Prayerfully consider reaching out to a Stephen Minister. To learn more, contact Pam Coon (419)-302-0119 or Eric Elsass (419)-234-3029, or scan this QR code.



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**



## Parish Mission

Holy Face of Jesus Parish is excited to announce a Parish Mission: March 29, 30, 31 and April 1 from 6:30-8:30pm each evening. A Parish Mission is a special time of grace and renewal for a parish community. It is time to be inspired by talks and services. Fr. Leo Patalinghug, who will be leading our mission, is a priest member of a community of consecrated life, *Voluntas Dei* (The Will of God). He is the founder of *Plating Grace*, an international food and faith movement, and is also a best selling author and host of the EWTN show *Savoring Our Faith*. Fr. Leo's background as a chef, black belt martial arts instructor, and award-winning break dancer and choreographer caught the eye of the Food Network, where he won *Throwdown! with Bobby Flay*. He sees food as a gift from God that nourishes your family, strengthens relationships, and makes this world a better place, one meal at a time. He will be focusing on the most important meal of all. We look forward to spending this special time with each of you. If you would like to get involved with helping with the Parish Mission, please contact Angie Soules at the Parish office.

## Blessing of Homes on Epiphany

The Blessing of Homes is a religious tradition that has been popular since the Middle Ages, and is celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany. Pick up a piece of blessed chalk at the doors of any of our churches during January, and bless your home! The ritual calls for a "leader" to mark with chalk the inside of the door with the initials of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) and a code of the current year connected with crosses: **20+C+M+B+25** Pray this together as a family. Start with your main entrance, and repeat at other doors. On the lintel, the leader writes the code and says:

**Leader:** (While writing 20 +) In this century of Our Lord and God

**ALL:** We honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Leader:** (While writing C +) May all who come to our house this year

**ALL:** find Christ living among us.

**Leader:** (While writing M +) May our home be a place of faith...

**ALL:** A dwelling of goodness, love and peace.

**Leader:** (While writing B +) Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

**ALL:** Fill us with a concern for others and may we reflect your great love.

**Leader:** (While writing 24) In this year of Our Lord and God

**ALL:** Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection.

Lord, God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your Only-Begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Grant that those who live in this house will be a light of truth and goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## Life Blooms Shower

Holy Face of Jesus Respect Life Committee is collaborating with Elizabeth New Life Center and sponsoring the "Life Blooms" campaign from January 19<sup>th</sup>-February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please pluck a paper flower from the vase found at any of our church entrances and purchase the item that is needed to stock the Women's Center-Sidney baby boutique. Donations may be placed in designated bins at the church entrances. Thank you for keeping the baby boutique blooming!

## Padre's Petitions

JANUARY 2025

Please pray & fast for these intentions this month. Cut this out & keep it wherever you pray.

- For migrants, refugees, and those affected by war
- For a greater reverence of the name of Jesus
- For a greater respect for all life
- For the fruitfulness of the Christ Renews His Parish retreat (to be held on 1/25-1/26)

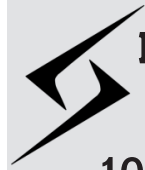


## Parish Collection

### Weekend of December 14-15:

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Goal:     | \$21,402.90 |
| Week Total:      | \$21,352.08 |
| 54 \$100+ Env.   | \$8,090.00  |
| 19 \$60-99 Env.  | \$1,335.00  |
| 100 \$30-59 Env. | \$4,260.00  |
| 112 \$20-29 Env. | \$2,365.00  |
| 44 \$1-19 Env.   | \$417.00    |
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## Mass Attendance (by church & total)

| Time/Church  | Dec. 21-22   | Dec. 14-15   | Dec. 7-8     |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 4:00pm IC    | 270          | 371          | 242          |
| 4:30pm SJ    | 292          | 262          | 329          |
| 8:00am SJF   | 198          | 183          | 182          |
| 8:30am SL    | 140          | 209          | 214          |
| 10:00am SJ   | 381          | 438          | 368          |
| 10:30am IC   | 388          | 355          | 314          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,669</b> | <b>1,818</b> | <b>1,649</b> |

Seating Capacities IC: 366; SJF: 197; SJ: 538; SL: 189

Averages from Previous Years 2021: 1,435; 2022: 1,492; 2023: 1,538

## Scammers

Please be aware that scammers have been known to impersonate our priests. They may send a text/email that says something like: "Hi, please return my text when you get it. I have a favor to ask." "Are you available? I have a request for you to manage discreetly." Their text or email will probably even be signed with the name of one of our priests. If you engage with the scammer, they will likely ask for iTunes gift cards. **This is not our priests! They will never send messages like this. If you're ever questioning a message, please call the parish office before responding. If you've been scammed, ignore the message (or report it as a "phishing message") and say a prayer for the scammer.**

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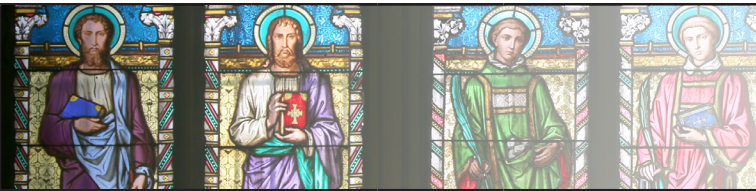
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