

“And the  
*Word*  
became flesh and  
*dwelt*  
among us.”

- John 1:14

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CHRISTMAS 2024

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# Christmas Season

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Family life can seem so ordinary, whether we are changing diapers, running kids to extracurricular activities, budgeting for 2025, babysitting grandchildren, or taking our spouse to a doctor's appointment. Yet, Jesus Christ entered into a family. It is remarkable that the God of the Universe completed household chores. On this day, we recall and celebrate that God blesses the ordinary moments of family life. They aren't foreign to God, outside of our faith life. Rather, family life, in its ordinariness and messiness, can draw us into a relationship with God.

We often call the family, the "Domestic Church." Basically, the family is the miniature Church. Everything the Church wants to teach children is first learned and best-learned at home. In the family, we learn how to pray, forgive, be forgiven, serve the poor, and so many other Christian virtues. We are formed in the love of God and each other in our family. Whether we are newly married or celebrating our 50th anniversary, at home, we can imitate Christ.

The Christmas Season has an abundance of feast days. On New Year's Day, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. In former years, this feast was called the Circumcision of the Lord because Jesus would have been circumcised eight days after his birth. You can probably understand why the name changed.

Nonetheless it is an important day. Celebrating Mary as the "Mother of God" can sound a little weird. Can a human being really be the mother of the

eternal and invisible God? The Council of Ephesus in 431 answered with a resounding, "Yes!" Mary is the mother of the entire Jesus, not just His human nature. Therefore, Mary is the Mother of God.

Start your 2025 off right by going to Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Ask God to bless your new year. There is no better way to start your new year than with Mass on a Marian Feast Day! We are spoiled to be Catholic!

Finally, my new year is beginning with an adventure. Normally, I visit my family in January to decompress after the Christmas excitement, but this year will be a little different. Back in October 2023, I asked my dad if he had anything on his bucket list. Was there anything he wanted to do before he died? He immediately responded that he wanted to see the northern lights. He didn't care to leave the country, so he wanted to go to Alaska.

Since both my brothers are raising families and my mom isn't much for cold weather, I knew that I would be the one to go with dad. We are leaving on January 2nd for Alaska and returning January 10th. Pray that we don't freeze to death and that we see the Aurora Borealis. We might even ride a dog sled. Even better, Fr. Jarred Kohn is coming too.

Fr. John LaRosa from Philadelphia will be covering for me next week. He will be speaking on behalf of Food for the Poor. Thank you for welcoming him to our parish.

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

## Holy Face of Jesus Parish HOLYFACEPARISH.ORG

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Parish Office: 309 Perry Street, Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
Office Hours: Mondays-Wednesdays & Fridays 8:30am-5:00pm;  
Thursdays 10:30am-5:00pm  
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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 ( <i>Anointing of the Sick during 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Masses</i> )

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. IC Marie Behr  
4:30 p.m. SJ People of Holy Face of Jesus Parish

### Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> *The Holy Family*

8:00 a.m. SJF Tom & Nancy Kohlrieser  
8:30 a.m. SL Marilyn Behr  
10:00 a.m. SJ L&D K of C Council #1272  
10:30 a.m. IC Dean Schnippel

### Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. IC Julius Greve - *Birthday*

### Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

8:00 a.m. SJ L&D Alfred & Erma Steinke Family  
4:00 p.m. IC Nancy Eyink - *Birthday*  
4:30 p.m. SJ Ed & Maxine Horman

### Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> *Mary, Mother of God*

8:00 a.m. SJF Everett Merrill  
8:30 a.m. SL Ann Monnin  
10:00 a.m. SJ Fred Jacobs  
10:30 a.m. IC L&D Adorers of the Immaculate  
Conception Adoration Chapel -  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 a.m. IC Rick Rogers

### Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 a.m. SJ William & Lucille Koenig

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

8:00 a.m. SJF Winnie Altenburger - *Birthday*  
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*

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

## Mass Readings

For the Week of December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> - *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or  
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

### Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

### Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> - *St. Sylvester I, Pope*

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

### Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> - *Mary, Mother of God*

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

### Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> - *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church*

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

### Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> - *Holy Name of Jesus*

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

### Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> - *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

### 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

## 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

**Friday**  
Sacred Heart (McCartyville) Mass 6:30am, Conf. 7:05am

# Weekly Schedule

## Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

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

## Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> Office CLOSED

6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m. IC Rosary  
5:00 p.m. SJ Spiritual Movement

## Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> Office CLOSED

8:00 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer  
8:40 a.m. SJ Holy Face Devotion/Prayers  
10:00 a.m. IC Rosary

## Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Office CLOSED

10:00 a.m. IC Rosary  
4:00 p.m. IC Men's Rosary  
5:00 p.m. SJ Spiritual Movement

## Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> Office CLOSED

10:00 a.m. IC Rosary  
4:00 p.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation

## Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> Office CLOSED

7:30 a.m. SJ First Friday of the Month Devotion  
8:40 a.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation  
10:00 a.m. IC Rosary

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

7-9 a.m. SJ Men's Fellowship Bible Study  
7:30 a.m. SJF First Saturday of the Month Devotion  
8:15 a.m. SJ Spiritual Movement  
8:40 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation  
8:40 a.m. SJF Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3:15 p.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation  
3:15 p.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation

## Sunday, January 5<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.

## Adoration Chapel - Holiday Closure

The Adoration Chapels are closed for Christmas and will reopen on **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon**.

## Holy Hours at St. John

Holy Hours with Morning Prayer are held at St. John on Mondays-Saturdays at 6:30am. However, with the holidays and priests going on trips, we will have an adjusted schedule:

### Week of 12/30

December 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>: 6:30-7:30am (normal)  
January 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>: canceled

## Confessions

There will not be confessions at Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, and Thursday before First Friday confessions on January 2<sup>nd</sup> will be at Immaculate Conception ONLY at 4pm.

## 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 **Margaret Hutchinson**. May the never-ending power of God's love surround them and bring them peace in this difficult time of grief and adjustment.

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

### December 31st

4:00pm *Immaculate Conception*  
4:30pm *St. Joseph*

### January 1st

8:00am *St. John*  
8:30am *St. Lawrence*  
10:00am *St. Joseph*  
10:30am *Immaculate Conception*

## MASS SCHEDULE

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Remembering family members serving in the military

Elizabeth Aselage  
David DiGiovanni  
Thomas DiGiovanni  
Adam Hall  
Garrett Okuley  
R.J. Poeppelman  
Nate Quellhorst

## Daily Mass Schedule

Due to priests going on trips, our daily Mass schedule will be a little different around Christmas and into the new year. Be sure to check the "Mass Schedule & Intentions" column in the bulletin to verify Mass times!

## Parish Directories

We still have plenty of Parish Directories! If you haven't gotten yours, you can pick up copy at the office.

## Parish Communications: Flocknote

Want to receive important parish information and updates? Flocknote is one of our primary means of communication, so if you aren't signed up, please do so! Text **HOLYFACEPARISH** to **84576** to join or visit [holyfaceparish.flocknote.com](http://holyfaceparish.flocknote.com) to register! When registering, please enter a valid and working email address and cell number.



## 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).



Is there such thing as a free gift?



## Catholic Psychological Services

Looking for authentically Catholic counseling services? Desiring freedom and to experience the peace that only God can provide? Want to have a better relationship with your spouse? Struggling to navigate a challenging time? Feeling stuck? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions or are experiencing something similar, we are here to help. Ruah Woods Psychological Services provides Catholic faith-informed, evidence-based counseling and psychotherapy services. With two locations within the Archdiocese, we are here and ready to support you on your journey. To learn more, please call 513-407-8878 or visit [RWpsych.org](http://RWpsych.org).

# Get to Know the Holy Face of Jesus Parish Team

## GRACE WEATHERHEAD

*Communications Coordinator & Assistant to the Pastor*

Grace Weatherhead began working as the Communications Coordinator the summer of 2020. She designs and compiles the weekly bulletin, oversees the parish Facebook page and website, and manages our Flocknote network. She is also the Assistant to the Pastor and helps with Fr. Sean's calendar. She loves the Sacred Heart of Jesus, being an aunt, and the beautiful summer months. Reach her via email/phone with any parish communications needs.



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

## Parish Office Holiday Closure

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

## 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](https://bit.ly/crhp2025), or by scanning this QR code.



## Loaves and Fishes

Holy Face of Jesus Parishes will 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.

## 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, Cynthia 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

## Youth Ministry

### Christmas Break

Youth ministry is on Christmas break. We will return on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Have a Merry Christmas!

### Weekly Scripture

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers."

- Luke 2:46-47 (from the Gospel for the Feast of the Holy Family)

### Weekly Saint Quote

"The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families!"

- St. Pope John Paul II

### 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 Confirmation Class:** Sunday, 2/9: The Sacraments (held at IC Convent 6:30-8pm)
- **Sophomore Confirmation Interview Dates (each student must attend 1):** Monday, 2/3 at IC Convent; Monday, 2/10 at IC Convent; Thursday, 2/20 at SJ Adult Center; Thursday, 2/27 at SJ Adult Center
- **Sophomore Confirmation Retreat:** Monday, 2/17 8:30am-4pm at SJ
- **Sophomore Sponsor & Confirmandi Retreat (confirmandi & sponsor must attend 1. Retreat will include Mass, practice, sponsor info, and talks):** Saturday, 3/15 1-5:30pm at SJ OR Sunday, 3/16 10am-3:30pm at SJ

Sophomores: Please fill out the form on our website ([holysfaceparish.org/youth](http://holysfaceparish.org/youth)) to let us know which interview you will attend, and which Sponsor/Confirmandi Retreat you will attend! Please fill this out by February 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Parish Mission

March 29-April 1, 2025

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.

## Offertory Envelopes Announcement

Offertory envelopes will be mailed to parishioners this month to begin using January 1, 2025. Envelopes will be mailed on a bimonthly 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!

## Homebound Communion

Do you have a family member who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion? If so, please call the office and we would be happy to set this up.



**Exodus**

## It's time to start ruling your passions.

**Men of our parish, please seek the opportunity to build yourselves in prayer, holiness, and fraternity. This coming January will be a way to sharpen 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 IC convent at 7:00p. See the QR code below to download the app or visit the website listed below. Any other questions, please contact Deion Hoehne at [hoehne1998@gmail.com](mailto:hoehne1998@gmail.com) or reach out to the parish office for more details.**



[MenOfExodus.com](http://MenOfExodus.com)

Our culture today has no shortage of 'modern Pharaohs' that hold us back from true unity with God. If we're ruled by these Pharaohs, how can we truly be free to become the men God made us to be? Exodus 90 gives you the tools to take control of your life. **It's a way out.**

## Precepts of the Catholic Church

See Catechism of the Catholic Church,  
paragraphs 2041-2043

### **1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor.**

*Requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord*

### **2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.**

*Ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness*

### **3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season.**

*Guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy*

### **4. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.**

*Ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart*

### **5. You shall provide for the needs of the Church.**

*The faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability*





## 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.



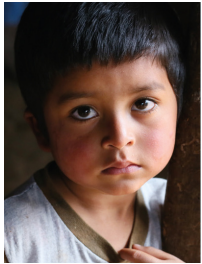
## Pray for Vocations

As Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Fr. Willig is calling on parishes in the northern region to support seminarian growth through dedicated prayer. Would you commit to spend one hour monthly in prayer for vocations before the Blessed Sacrament?

**How it works:** Choose a specific day each month (the first of the month, second of the month, etc.) to pray for vocations at any Catholic church, any time that day, for one hour. You may choose to offer specific prayers for vocations, such as your rosaries, chaplets, or St. John Vianney prayers. You are free to share the commitment with a friend (alternating months), create a family rotation, or find a substitute if needed.

**The goal:** To fill all prayer slots by January 2025 to support 25 new seminarians annually.

**Sign up at:** [bit.ly/committoprayer](http://bit.ly/committoprayer) (note: the website lists a date column...please disregard that because the day you sign up for would continue to be the same day each month of the year). At the time of writing, there are a couple slots remaining. If all slots are filled when you view the signup, you are, of course, welcome to make your own commitment to pray for vocations on a regular basis!



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

A Food for the Poor clergy speaker will be visiting Immaculate Conception and St. Lawrence for Masses on January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Founded in 1982, Food for the Poor works to end the suffering of impoverished children and families in the Caribbean and Latin America. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Learn more at [www.foodforthe poor.org/churchalliances](http://www.foodforthe poor.org/churchalliances).

## 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 teardown. Without your help, our beautiful church decorations would not be possible. Thank you!

## Chelsea Lukey Memorial Blood Drive

The Chelsea Lukey Memorial Blood Drive will be held Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30-6:30pm at the Palazzo in Botkins (309 S. Main Street Botkins, OH 45306). Appointments are preferred and can be made at [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com), code 1488, or simply use this QR code. Door prizes will be raffled off to all registered donors!



## Project Rachel Ministry

Project Rachel is a confidential post-abortive ministry in the Catholic Church that serves those who have been affected by abortion. The Project Rachel Ministry helps women and men journey to hope and healing by discovering God's love and grace through a network of spiritual counselors, advocates, and peer-to-peer ministry. Women and men who have carried guilt and shame for years can find mercy through reconciliation and spiritual direction. For more information, call/text the Project Rachel Helpline at (513)-784-0531, or email [hopeandhealingcinci@gmail.com](mailto:hopeandhealingcinci@gmail.com), or visit their website at: [projectrachelohio.org](http://projectrachelohio.org).

## 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
Loose	\$2,648.00
Online	\$2,237.08

## Sponsor of the Week



## Mass Attendance (by church & total)

Time/Church	Dec. 14-15	Dec. 7-8	Nov. 30-Dec. 1
4:00pm IC	371	242	221
4:30pm SJ	262	329	291
8:00am SJF	183	182	183
8:30am SL	209	214	183
10:00am SJ	438	368	392
10:30am IC	355	314	347
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,818</b>	<b>1,649</b>	<b>1,617</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. **These are not our priests! They will never send messages like this. If you ever question 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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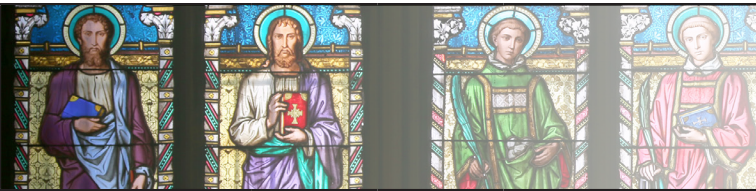
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