

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

The gospel of this fourth Sunday of advent invites us to focus on Mary, how she began her preparations for the first Christmas. When she heard from the angel those powerful words: “The Lord is with you,” she was deeply disturbed by these words and” asked herself what this greeting could mean” (Lk 1:29)? In this text and elsewhere, evangelist Luke presents Mary as a woman of contemplation. When the shepherds came to see the baby lying in the manger, they reported what they had been told by the angels about the baby. Everyone was astonished. “As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.” (Lk 2:19). When Joseph and Mary took the baby to be presented in the temple, Simeon and Anna had their own news about the baby, “ the child’s father and mother were wondering at the things that were being said about him” (Lk 2:33). When the 12 year old boy Jesus was found among the teachers in the temple listening to them and asking them questions, his reaction to his worried parents was very surprising. But “his mother stored up all these things in her heart” (Lk 2:51).



The Gospel of Luke invites us to imitate Mary in her attitude of listening to God by pondering in our hearts the real situations of life. The gospel text of today seems to suggest that the best way of preparing ourselves for Christmas is to be like Mary and think about the meaning of “the Lord is with you”—the God – with – us.

Mary asked herself what the greeting of the angel could mean. The pondering leads her to dialogue with the angel, rather than ask for proofs (as Zachariah did in Lk1:18) .And eventually she acknowledges herself as the humble handmaid .(Lk 1:38). Her pondering brought forth humility. This humility enables us to open up ourselves to the loving plan of God.

Mary’s humility showed her compassion towards others. The two stories of Mary reaching out to others: to Elizabeth (Lk 1:39-56) and to the wedding party in Cana (Jn 2:1-11) are acts of love. Yet they’re not mere humanistic acts of kindness. In both stories she shares the Good News- she introduces Jesus as the Son of God. This is typical when our own reaching out is an overflow of what we think about God. Then we bring God to others.

*Deacon Joe*

**Office Closed for Holidays**

The parish office will be closed from Friday, December 24 through Sunday, December 26th.



The parish office will be closed from Friday, December 31 through Sunday, January 2.

We wish all parishioners a safe and wonderful Christmas Season and New Year’s.

**Help Wanted : Director of Religious Education Blessed Sacrament**

Blessed Sacrament Parish is seeking a full-time director of religious education. Applicants should be committed to evangelization by teaching the faith of the Apostles, fostering Catholic spirituality, and reaching out to the periphery through compassionate service and invitation,. Parish offers great potential for growth and outreach to the faithful of all ages. Responsibilities at Blessed Sacrament include: pre-K to 8th grade CCD, preparation for the sacraments of initiation, vacation Bible school, child protection coordinator, religious education records, etc. D.R.E. will facilitate adult catechesis including R.C.I.A. at Blessed Sacrament and Warren St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Pastor is implementing the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Please submit resume via email to [ccicero@warrencatholic.org](mailto:ccicero@warrencatholic.org).

**300 Raffle & Dinner**

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!! The 300 Raffle & Dinner will be held at Leo’s Restaurant on Saturday, August 27,2022. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner is at 6:30 pm. The cost of the tickets is \$60 each. The 300 Raffle is a reverse raffle that includes \$4075 in prize money, including \$50 drawings each month from January through August. The grand prize of \$1,500 will be held the evening of the raffle dinner.



To purchase a ticket call the parish office at 330-393-9766 or contact one of our sellers:

Ann Churman, Ruth Emerson, Betsy Esposito, Eleanor Fairbanks, Sandi Saluga, Ray Sinchak, George Yuricek, Diane Schlosser, Charlotte Knock, Ron Zelenak, and Sal Ciferno.

*~Mass Intentions~*

*December 18/19 Fourth Sunday of Advent*

<b>SAT</b> <b>12/18</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> <b>St. Cyril</b>	<b>Amelia &amp; Michael Patrick</b> (Daughters & Family) <i>-Fr. Trimbur</i>
<b>SUN</b> <b>12/19</b>	<b>11:00 am</b> <b>St. James</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Emilia Placanica</b> (Children & Grandchildren) <i>-Fr. Cicero (Livestream)</i>
<b>WED</b> <b>12/22</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> <b>St. James</b>	<b>Donald (Fritz) Boye</b> (Wife Pauline)  <i>Adoration in Church</i>
	<b>5:30 pm</b> <b>St. Cyril</b>	
<b>FRI</b> <b>12/24</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> <b>St. James</b>	<b>Mass for the Parishioners of</b> <b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton &amp;</b> <b>Blessed Sacrament Parishes</b> <i>-Fr. Cicero (Livestream)</i>

*December 25/26 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*

<b>SAT</b> <b>12/25</b>	<b>11:00 am</b> <b>St. Cyril</b>	<b>Zelenak &amp; Voytek Families</b> (Ron & Judy Zelenak) <i>-Fr. Cicero (Livestream)</i>
<b>SUN</b> <b>12/26</b>	<b>11:00 am</b> <b>St. James</b>	<b>Christopher Bower</b> (Family) <i>-Fr. Trimbur</i>

**Religious Education News**

During this week we will be doing many things to prepare for Christmas and our days will be filled with many activities. Someone recently said to me if you are too busy to pray, you are too busy. So be sure to take a minute or more to pray with your children by saying good morning Jesus while offering your day to God, to bless your mealtime, and to say goodnight to God while you think about your day's activities. Allow your child the chance to put some of their money into the Salvation Army kettle or buy a grocery item to put into the St. Vincent de Paul basket at church. Ask them to do a chore for you and offer that to Jesus as a birthday gift. Perhaps they could deliver cookies or a small gift to an elderly neighbor item. There are many ways children can show love to other people.

When my children were young we always had a cake for the birthday of Jesus. Birthdays are often associated with gifts so tell your child that their gift was their prayers and all the good things they did for others.

Some of the Confirmation candidates helped with the Community meal this past Saturday. It was nice to have young people helping the dedicated St. Elizabeth Ann Seton volunteers that prepare this meal each month.

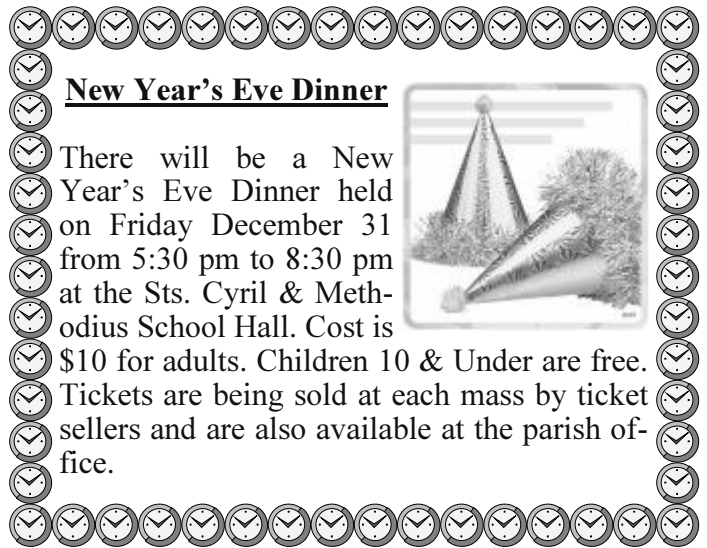
*Mary Jo Dugan, Director of Religious Education K-8*

**Announcements/Meetings**

**St. Vincent DePaul** St. Cyril Site will serve Monday December 20. The St. James Site will serve Tuesday, December 21.


**Decorating the Church:** Volunteers are needed to decorate St. James Church on **Sunday December 19 after the 11:00 am mass**. We are also in need of people to wash the pews and kneelers as well.

**Christmas Singalong:** please join our St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Choir for a Christmas recital and congregational singalong at **3:30PM on Friday December 24<sup>th</sup>, prior to the 4:00 PM Mass**. This will be a very enjoyable prelude to our celebration of the Eucharist and



**New Year's Eve Dinner**

There will be a New Year's Eve Dinner held on Friday December 31 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Sts. Cyril & Methodius School Hall. Cost is \$10 for adults. Children 10 & Under are free. Tickets are being sold at each mass by ticket sellers and are also available at the parish office.



**Lottery Tickets for Sale**

Lottery Tickets are available for sale at the parish office. Cost is \$10.

The number on the ticket will be compared with the Ohio Pick 3 during January. Prizes range from \$50 to \$500. Your number must come out straight.



**These tickets make great stocking stuffers!**

**Oplatky**



Oplatky will be available after each mass in the back of the churches or you may pick it up at the parish office. The cost is \$2.

**SEMINARIAN FEEDBACK**—Use the link below to submit feedback about me and my ministry in or outside of the parish.

Thank you and God Bless, Will Wainio  
[www.percorso.app/givefeedback/williamnwainio](http://www.percorso.app/givefeedback/williamnwainio)

### The Fruits of Door-to-Door Visitation

Our ministry of going out door to door, in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd, is one that is rather unique and has been a point of interest for many. So, as our time at Warren is coming to a close, we'd like to share a little of our experience with you.

When we go out door to door, we're seeking to bring God's love to others. Our mission is not to convert people to our Catholic faith but rather to encourage Catholics to live their faith to the fully. Many Catholics are not registered, maybe not even practicing, so we knock on every door, seeking them out. Our reception here has been rather positive. One door was opened by a Baptist woman who congratulated us on "going out and finding those lost sheep for our Lord" and promised to pray for our ministry. Another door was opened by a parishioner who was thrilled to have the opportunity to share with us the marvels that God has been doing in his life. A Catholic woman who had been away from the Church for a long time was in tears when she was told that the door was always open for her to come back. An elderly couple who had newly moved into the area were happy to receive a bulletin and learn the Mass schedule. A protestant, who was searching for a solid relationship with God, couldn't find it in his own congregation. We were able to share with him about the fullness of Truth in the Catholic faith. One of the most memorable experiences was with a Catholic woman who felt hurt by the Church. Our conversation began through a closed door and ended with her calling her children to come out and meet us and expressing an interest in some of the activities being put on by the Church.

Since we arrived, we knocked on a little more than 300 doors. To share all of the stories with you we'd have to write a book but we wanted to give you a little taste of the ministry we've been engaged in. We are so grateful to Father Cicero to allow us this opportunity to go out and spread God's Word and God's love to our brethren.



Sincerely, Sister Mary Beata and Sister Debra Maria

### Goodbye Sisters

This week we sadly say goodbye to Sister Mary Beata and Sister Debra Marie. You have been a powerful presence in our churches and in our community. We wish you well in your future endeavors. It has certainly been a pleasure knowing you and working with you!

*Sincerely, All Whose Lives You Have Touched During Your Ministry*



### Seminarian Gift Card Collection

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Seminarian Gift Card Collection in the month of November. A total of \$915 was collected and sent to the seminarians in the Catholic Diocese. Many thanks for your generosity!

### December 12 Collection \$5,075 Immaculate Conception \$514

Thank you for your continued generosity! We appreciate your continued support by sending in your weekly offertory envelopes.



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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Thanks From St. Vincent dePaul

St. Vincent DePaul of SEAS thanks all who donated canned vegetables to give to our clients from our food pantry. We were recently blessed also by the JFK Food Drive with an abundance of food. However we can still use breakfast cereal. Please call 330-369-5153 to arrange a donation time. Baskets are also available at the back of the churches. Thanks for your generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as the church at Blessed Sacrament remains closed for ongoing fire restoration. Thanks be to God, no one was hurt in the fire and damage was kept to a minimum. At this point, we expect the church to be closed for about eight weeks. Restoration will include: replacing the ambo (pulpit) and supporting platform, cleaning the organ pipes, washing all building contents and surfaces such as walls, windows, and the ventilation system, cleaning or replacing the mounted sound proofing panels, and painting the interior of the church. Fortunately, insurance will cover these expenses.

The following schedule outlines the time and location of Mass, Adoration, and Confession for the coming weeks including Christmas. As you can see, Mass will be celebrated at St. James, Sts. Cyril & Methodius, and Blessed Sacrament in the Covelli Center Gymnasium on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Throughout the coming weeks, all other Masses will be celebrated at Saints Cyril & Methodius and St. James churches. Let us seize this opportunity to be welcoming and compassionate to our brothers and sisters in Christ who will be joining us from Blessed Sacrament! Please make an extra effort to introduce yourselves and make space for our guests.

In a time like this, sticking together in prayer and a spirit of solidarity is essential. Thank you for the prayers and support you have offered for me and the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament. God is blessing us abundantly in this time. Christmas at Church like Christmas in our pandemic-stricken world may not be the one we had hoped for, but it is the one that God has planned for us, I trust. Perhaps we can relate to Mary and Joseph whose Christmas in Bethlehem was not what they had expected, but was full of grace. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. May God bless you!

*Yours in Christ, Fr. Cicero*

**Blessed Sacrament and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Temporary Mass & Confession Schedule**

**Fourth Sunday Advent:**

**Sat., 12.18.21, 4:00 PM: St. Cyril**

Fr. Cicero, Seton: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Sun., 12.19.21, 8:30 AM: St. James**

Fr. Cicero, BSP: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Sun., 12.19.21, 11:00 AM: St. James**

Fr. Cicero, Seton: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Christmas Eve:**

**Fri, 12.24.21, 4:00 PM: BSP Gym**

Fr. Trimbur, BSP: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Fri., 12.24.21, 4:00 PM: St. James**

Fr. Cicero, Seton: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Fri., 12.24.21, 6:00 PM: BSP Gym**

Fr. Cicero, BSP: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Christmas Midnight:**

**Sat., 12.25.21, 12:00 AM: St. James**

Fr. Cicero, BSP & Seton: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Christmas Day:**

**Sat., 12.25.21, 8:30 AM: BSP Gym**

Fr. Trimbur, BSP: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Sat., 12.25.21, 11:00 AM: Sts. Cyril & Methodius**

Fr. Cicero, Seton: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Holy Family Sunday:**

**Sat., 12.25.21- (No Vigil Mass Because of Christmas Day)**

**Sun., 12.26.21, 8:30 AM: St. James**

Fr. Cicero, BSP: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Sun., 12.26.21, 11:00 AM: St. James**

Fr. Cicero, Seton: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**New Years, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God: (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Fri., 12.31.21, 4:00 PM: St. Cyril**

Fr. Cicero, Seton: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Sat. 1.1.22, 10:00 AM: St. James**

Fr. Cicero, BSP: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Weekends of January Beginning 1.1.22 & Until Further Notice:**

**Sat., 4:00 PM: St. Cyril**

Fr. Cicero, Seton: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Sun., 8:30 AM: St. James**

Fr. Cicero, BSP: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Sun., 11:00 AM: St. James**

Fr. Cicero, Seton: Readers, EMHCs, Servers, Ushers, Greeters

**Weekday Mass and Adoration:**

**Tues., 8:30 AM Mass & Adoration: St. James**

**Wed., 8:30 AM Mass: St. James**

**Thurs., 6:00 PM Mass: St. James**

**Fri., 8:30 AM Mass & Adoration: St. Cyril & Methodius**

**Confessions:**

**Thurs., 5:15 PM: St. James**

**Sat., 3:30 PM: St. Cyril**

**Sun. 10:30 AM: St. James**



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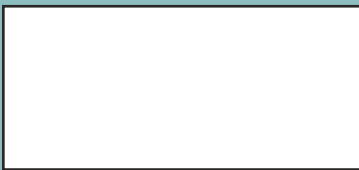
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