

DECEMBER 8, 2024 | 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME

New parishioners are most welcome!
Please call the office to register.

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:30 pm
Mon, Tue, Fri 7:00 & 9:30 am
Wed & Thurs 7:00 am

ADORATION

Wednesdays 7:30 am – 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 – 3:45 pm or by appt.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: To arrange your child's
Baptism & participation in the Baptism
Preparation, contact Beth Rado, Ext. 206
Sacrament of Matrimony: The engaged
couple should contact one of the clergy
at least 6 months before the desired
wedding date.

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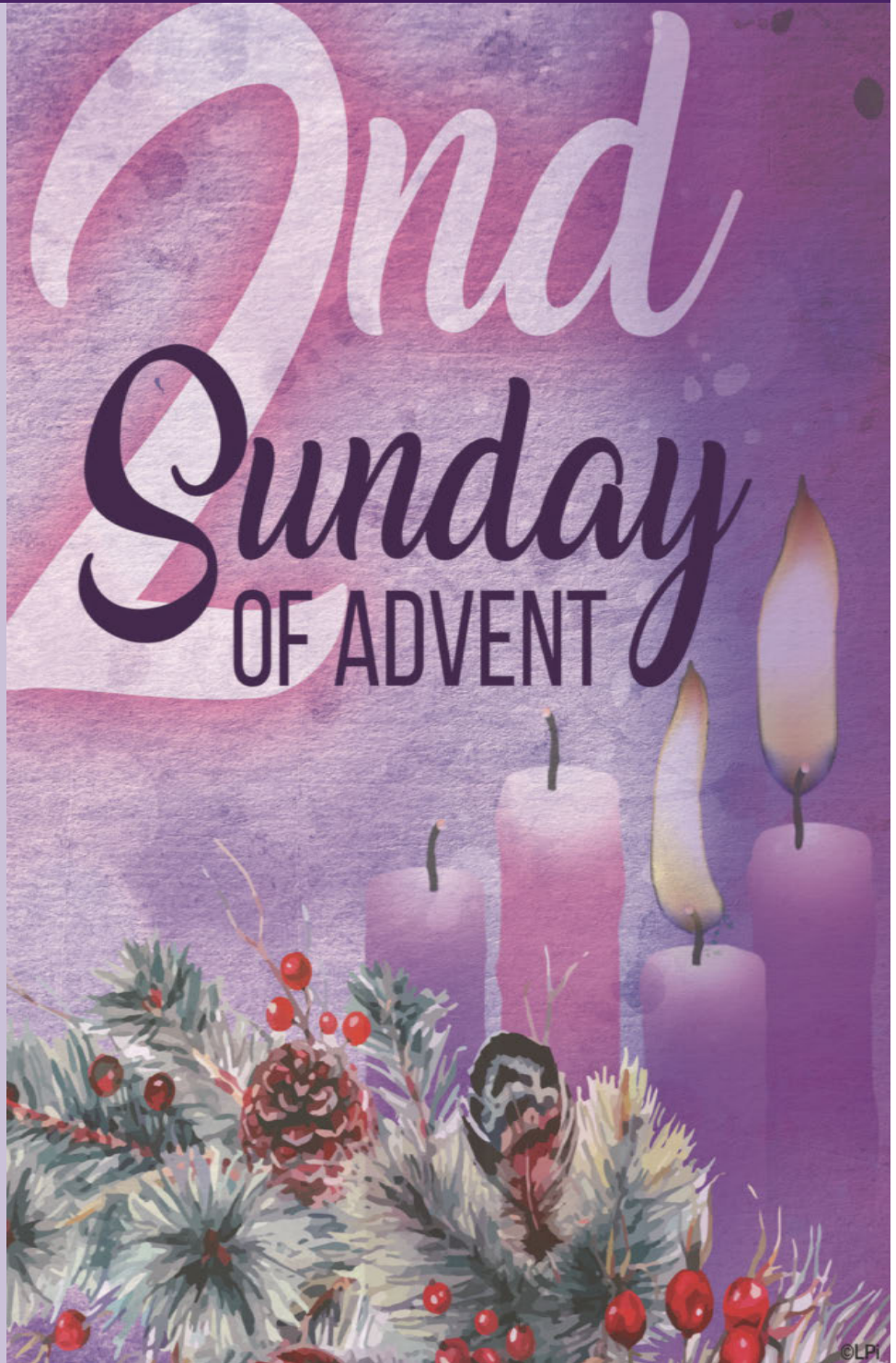
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MASS SCHEDULE, READINGS & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

7:00 AM Joseph & Jay Benko
(Mr. & Mrs. James J. Flynn)
9:30 AM Phil Sisler (Tim & Elaine Sisler)
12:10 PM Mass
7:00 PM Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Our Lady of Loreto

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

7:00 AM Margaret Harris (Ebert Family)
9:30 AM Daniel Kaufman (Karen Kaufman)
7:00 PM Advent Communal Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

St. Damasus I, Pope

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

7:00 AM Samuel Lorenzo Joson (Family)
7:30 AM-7 PM Adoration
7:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47*

7:00 AM Joan Magrini (Susie Straits)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

7:00 AM Carmel Rinella (Jim & Sandy Symons)
9:30 AM Johnny Mostoller (Andy & Tara Pearce)
7:30 PM NO Healing Rosary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

7:00 AM Julia Ruof (Jim & Carolyn Hogan)
4:00 PM Carol Goetz (Rod & Sue White)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

3rd Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

7:30 AM Mercedes Mentzer (Mentzer Family)
9:00 AM Jacquelyn Kaufman (Karen Kaufman)
11:00 AM Rodgers Family (Bill & Julie Rodgers)
5:30 PM People of St. Hilary
7:00 PM Gaudete Sunday Concert

Advent CALENDAR OLPI

Monday, December 9

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Mass at 7:00 AM, 12:10 PM & 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 PM Advent Communal Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer

Sunday, December 15

7:00 PM Gaudete Concert and Reception

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer

Tuesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Vigil Mass in CHURCH (Livestreamed)

4:00 PM Vigil Mass in HORNING HALL

6:00 PM Vigil Mass in CHURCH

10:00 PM Vigil Mass in CHURCH (Livestreamed)

Wednesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

9:00 AM Mass in CHURCH (Livestreamed)

11:00 AM Mass in CHURCH (Livestreamed)



We celebrate and welcome our newly baptized
to our St. Hilary Parish family:

Aniela Helene Ritossa
Adeline Jeannette Kaiser

Parish Business Office Update

Please note a change in our parish business office. Trey Baker has resigned from his position as Business Manager, so please communicate with our Accounting Assistant Lisa Luby at 330-867-1055 x201 or at lluby@sthilarychurch.org for the foreseeable future.

Gaudete Sunday Concert: Longing for the Light

Sunday, December 15

7:00 pm

Featuring: St. Hilary Adult Choir
Trinitas Children's Choir
Handbell Choir
St. Hilary Dance Ministry
and visiting instrumentalists



Contact Meg Matuska at mmatuska@sthilarychurch.org

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Gospel Reflection

So how are your Christmas preparations coming? Have your gifts been bought and wrapped? Are you sending out cards this year? Are the cookies baked? And the decorating? I suppose that's finished by now.

And, incidentally, how many valleys have you filled and how many mountains and hills have you made low? Because, as you heard in the gospel, those are the preparations we should be making to "prepare the way of the Lord."

Now, I don't know about you, but for me those gospel-suggested tasks are the most difficult. Where are my interior valleys and hills that need work? Where are the relationships that need mending in my life? The hurts that need healing? The priorities that need re-ordering? To what am I giving too much time? And what gets too little?

The world has lots of ideas about where our energy should go during this Advent season. But I don't find any of those suggestions in today's gospel.

May I suggest that we all take some quiet time this week to sit with this scripture and listen to the Spirit of God point out the valleys and hills and mountains in our own lives that need some attention. That is the kind of preparation for the coming of the Lord that will be cause for true celebration on the 25th.

Pat Schnee

Why Exodus is a Compelling Story for Jews, Jesus and Our Current Day!

Discover its Timeless Message and Relevance

In some ways, Exodus is a template for every age for how to surrender to our God of power and love who desires intimacy with his people and wants to see their full thriving. Even the New Testament reveals the patterns of this amazing story in the life of Jesus who brings about a "new Exodus" and ushers in at last the kingdom of God. Learn from the mistakes of our ancestors and the success of Jesus in overcoming enemies who want to oppress and keep us from God, to make our way through troubled waters, scorching spiritual deserts, and finally finding a home of permanent peace and tranquil rest. Thurs Jan 2-Mar 27, 9:00-11:00 am OR Mon Jan 6-Apr 7, 6:30-8:30 pm. Join us for this "no cost" course by emailing rmalick@sthilarychurch.org by December 20!

The Challenge & Spirituality of Catholic Social Teaching Book Study

Did you know that we, as Catholics, are called to put the poor and vulnerable first, to protect the dignity of workers, and to care for our planet? Many of us are familiar with Catholic teaching on human life, but that is not where our responsibilities end. Catholic social teaching provides a framework for building a just society and living a life of holiness in the modern world. Catholic social teaching is centered around seven principles:

- Life and dignity of the human person;
- Call to family, community, and participation
- Rights and responsibilities
- Option for the poor and vulnerable
- The dignity of work and the rights of workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's creation

Please join us for a book study of *The Challenge and Spirituality of Catholic Social Teaching* by Marvin L. Krier Mich on Wednesdays from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM starting January 22, 2025.

If you have questions or to register, please contact Maureen Capellas at 330-867-1055, extension 217, or mcapellas@sthilarychurch.org.

Lenten Prayer Flight

"Come away by yourself" (Mark 6:31) to experience 4 different prayer experiences:

- Centering Prayer. Breathing.
- Lectio Divina. Praying Scripture using our senses and imagination.
- Praying with Thomas Merton's Zen Photography.
- Praying with St. Ignatius of Loyola.

These one-hour sessions will be facilitated by parishioner and Spiritual Director, Suzanne Hoinski, who was an Ignatian educator for 26 years. Sessions will be held in the Sacred Heart Library on Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27; from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Please bring your Bible (or Catholic New American Bible App on your phone), journal and pencil. Suggested offering for the 4 sessions is \$20. Registration and payments can be made in the Parish Office through Joan Heegan, Parish Secretary. For more information, please call 330-867-1055, ext. 200.

Caring & Participating | Social Action

St. Hilary Giving Tree Gifts due back on December 15!



The 43rd Annual St. Hilary Christmas Giving Tree wraps up next Sunday, December 15!

Please wrap your gifts and tape the tag SECURELY on your gift...this is the only way we know where the gift will go. This is extremely important! If you have more than one gift for one tag, please place the gifts in a bag (like a kitchen trash bag). Do not tie together as they often get separated. You can also write the number of the tag on each of your boxes. Please also wrap all GIFT CARDS in a box. You can tape the gift card on top of a box of candy or cookies, and wrap it with your tag on top of the box. Please write the amount of your gift card on the card so your senior knows how much they can spend.

Please have all gifts back under the trees by NOON ON DECEMBER 15. The schools begin picking up at 5 p.m. If you have questions, or you do lose your tag, please call Betty at 330-475-9587. We truly thank you for all your help with making this year's Giving Tree a success! We are here to help so many children, families, and seniors that are living in poverty.

Divorce Recovery Support Group

The Diocese of Cleveland will be offering a 9-week Divorce Recovery Support Group to be held at St. Hilary Parish. The group will meet Thursdays, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, from January 16 through March 13, 2025. These sessions will be facilitated by Marlene Maruna, retired Social Worker. The group will be limited to 10-12 participants with the focus on dealing with the complex feelings that accompany a divorce to help group members feel less isolated, and to find coping strategies throughout and after the divorce process. For initial inquiries, please contact Joan Heegan, Parish Secretary at 330-867-1055 Ext. 200.

Oplatki is Coming!

Oplatki, a central Europe Christian Christmas tradition, will be available after all Masses the weekend of December 14 and 15.



Blessings in a Backpack Ornament Sale December 7 & 8

Don't miss the Blessings in a Backpack ornament sale on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8 after all Masses. The cost is \$30. Proceeds provide food on weekends for school children in Akron who may otherwise go hungry. If you are unable to purchase after mass, you can make your purchase by emailing blessing-sakron@gmail.com. Payable by cash, credit or check. (Payable to Blessings in a Backpack-Akron).



Men's Group Meeting Saturday, December 14

In many families, religious communities, parishes and businesses, there are people who take care of things without a lot of fanfare or recognition. They do not look for thanks but only for the opportunity to be of service. As a result, their contributions are sometimes overlooked, and their service is not always appreciated as it should be. The role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians is like this: The Holy Spirit does not always receive the recognition it deserves either! Join us in a discussion about the Holy Spirit at our next Men's Group Meeting on Saturday, December 14, 7AM.

Volunteers needed at St. Bernard Hunger Center on Wednesday, Dec. 18

St. Hilary volunteers will prepare and serve sit-down meals for guests at St. Bernard Hunger Center on Wednesday, December 18 from 3:30 – 7:00 pm. Students must be 16 years old and accompanied by a parent (at least the first time that they volunteer). We also need cookies/baked goods for dessert. Please deliver them to the St. Hilary Parish kitchen by noon on December 18. Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949AFA72AA5F58-48363363-feed#/>

Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest—Dec. 27 & 30

Come join the Knights of Columbus in their Annual Free Throw Contest! Boys and Girls ages 9-14 can play on Friday, December 27 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and Monday, December 30 from 1-3 p.m. in Horning Hall. Winners will receive a new basketball! Don't miss your chance to represent our St. Hilary Sabers to move on to the District, Regional and State Championship!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Coffee & Donuts after morning Masses; Blessings in a Backpack Ornament Sale after all Masses

9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word	
10:10 AM-11:00 AM	Family Catechesis	Lower Level
10:15 AM-11:00 AM	Choir	St. Katharine (2), St. Cecilia (3)
11:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word	
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Post Homily Scripture Sharing	Our Lady of Guadalupe (LL1)
4:00 PM-5:15 PM	Teen Choir Practice	Church
6:30 PM-9:00 PM	Youth Group	Lower Level

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Masses at 7:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM

5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Trinitas Choir Practice	Church
8:30 PM-10:00 PM	Men's Basketball	Horning Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 PM-9:00 PM	Chosen Video Series	Lower Level
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	Advent Communal Reconciliation	Lower Level

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

1:30 PM-3:30 PM	Card Party Wednesday	St. Vincent (1), St. Katharine (2)
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	OCIA	Lower Level
6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Going Forward Grief Support	Gathering Area
7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Advent Evening Prayer	Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Lower Level
3:15 PM-4:15 PM	Eucharistic Adoration for Families	Church
6:30 PM-7:30 PM	Handbell Choir Practice	Church
7:00 PM-10:00 PM	The Nets Our Lady of Guadalupe Party	Lower Level
7:30 PM-8:30 PM	Choir Practice	Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:00 PM-9:00 PM	Classic Sabers 50+ Christmas Party	Lower Level
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:30 AM-9:00 AM	Men's Group Mass & Meeting	Church; Main Level Meeting Rooms
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	Choir Practice	Main Level Meeting Rooms
3:00 PM-3:45 PM	Reconciliation	Reconciliation Rooms

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Since the Angel Scholarship began in 2022, we have raised enough to award \$223,700 in Angel Scholarships to help make St. Hilary School tuition affordable!

Of 107 participating schools in the Diocese of Cleveland, we are currently in 8th place for total funds raised!

2024 GOAL: \$250,000! LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!

Support St. Hilary School students and reduce your personal tax liability simply by redirecting Ohio income tax dollars you already pay!



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STEP 1

Estimate your 2024 tax liability. The scholarship tax credit is capped at the lesser of: your 2024 Ohio state tax liability, OR \$750 per taxpayer (\$1,500 for married filing jointly).



STEP 2

Make your donation to ASF. **Be sure to designate St. Hilary School as the recipient to support our students!**



STEP 3

Claim your scholarship tax credit when you file your 2024 State of Ohio income tax return. Be sure to submit your tax receipt.



STEP 4

Feel good knowing that your ASF donation has turned "taxes into tuition" and helped families afford a Catholic education at St. Hilary School!



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St. Hilary Angel Scholarships Awarded Since 2023



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July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

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