



# The Marion Catholic Community



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



St. John the Baptist



Precious Blood



St. Rose



St. Sebastian



**DECEMBER 26, 2021**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

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Office Hours: 9:00am–5:00pm (M–F)

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAYS

St. Sebastian.....5:30pm—Monday  
St. Rose.....7:15am—Tuesday  
Precious Blood.....7:15am—Wednesday  
Nativity.....7:15am—Thursday  
St. John.....7:15am—Friday

#### SATURDAY MASS

St. John.....5:00pm  
St. Rose.....7:30pm

#### SUNDAY MASS

Nativity.....8:30am  
Precious Blood.....9:00am  
St. John.....10:30am  
St. Sebastian.....11:00am

**HOLY DAYS** Check bulletin for schedule

#### BAPTISM SCHEDULE:

Nativity—1st Sunday at 12:15pm  
St. Sebastian—1st Sunday at 12:15pm  
St. Rose—2nd Sunday at 12:15pm  
Precious Blood—3rd Sunday at 12:15pm  
St. John—last Sunday after the 10:30am  
Mass at 11:45am

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE BAPTISM. 419-925-4775**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** will be at St. Sebastian Mondays, beginning at 8am.

**RCIA:** For information or with questions, contact Carolyn Stucke at 419-268-8314.

**WEDDINGS:** Notify Pastor six months prior to the wedding.

**CONFESSIONS:** are Saturday afternoon from 3 to 4pm at Precious Blood, after the 5:30pm Monday Mass at St. Sebastian, (except the 3rd Monday) and after daily morning Mass, at each parish.



# The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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## WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE

### LITURGY OF THE WEEK

#### Pastor

Rev. Matthew Jozefiak, C.P.P.S.  
email: [matthewjozefiak@hotmail.com](mailto:matthewjozefiak@hotmail.com)  
Pastor's Residence .... 419-925-2030

#### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Kenneth Alt, C.P.P.S.  
email: [altkg5178@gmail.com](mailto:altkg5178@gmail.com)

#### Deacons

Steve Broering  
email: [stevnan7@frontier.com](mailto:stevnan7@frontier.com)  
Clif Perryman  
email: [deaconclif@gmail.com](mailto:deaconclif@gmail.com)

#### Parish Life Coordinator

Sharon Kremer  
email: [marioncathcom@gmail.com](mailto:marioncathcom@gmail.com)

#### Administrative Assistants

Joan Heitkamp  
email: [jrheitkamp@gmail.com](mailto:jrheitkamp@gmail.com)  
Sue Roeckner  
email: [sroeckner@hotmail.com](mailto:sroeckner@hotmail.com)

#### Youth Minister

Chris Wibbenmeyer - [cwibbenmeyer@marioncatholiccommunity.org](mailto:cwibbenmeyer@marioncatholiccommunity.org)  
567-279-1430

#### RCIA

Carolyn Stucke 419-268-8314

#### Counseling

Robert Skipper, M.Div., LPCC,  
LICDC  
937-299-9005 / 800-521-6419

#### Call for Prayer Contacts

##### Nativity BVM

Phyllis Thobe 419-852-5544

##### Precious Blood

Carolyn Homan 419-852-1083

##### St. John

Mary Eyink 419-733-0743  
Shelly Bruns 419-305-8940

##### St. Rose

Irene Bruns 419-925-4712

##### St. Sebastian

Ruth Bruns 419-268-1948  
Bertie Bruns 419-925-4679

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:30pm—Mass at St. Sebastian ..... †Vernon Bruns

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:15am—Mass at St. Rose ..... †Walter Pohlmann

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:15am—Mass at Precious Blood .. †Elmer Wolters

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:15am—Mass at Nativity ..... †Jean Wynk—Death Anniversary

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:15am—Mass at St. John ..... †Walt Imwalle—Birthday  
5:00pm—Mass at Precious Blood .. †Aubrey Bruns—Birthday;  
..... †Jim & †Carolyn Bruns—Anniversary

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00am—Mass at St. John ..... †Ruth Brackman—Birthday;  
..... †George Bruns—Birthday;  
..... L&D—Tom & Jeanette Mescher  
Family

1:30pm—Wedding at St. John..... Abigail Fleck & Aaron Homan

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30am—Mass at Precious Blood .. †Werner Kemper—Death Anniversary;  
..... Deceased—Bensman Family

8:30am—Mass at St. John ..... †Connie Pohlmann

10:30am—Mass at Precious Blood .. For Our Parishioners

10:30am—Mass at St. John ..... †Mark Homan—Birthday;  
..... L&D—Arnold & Lillian Homan  
Family;

..... †Will Evers;

..... †Edith Doenges—Death Anniversary



**NOTE:** The 5pm Mass on Saturday and 9am Mass on Sunday will be live-streamed.

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Announcements **must** be submitted **in writing** by 9am on Monday of the week's bulletin. Changes to this schedule, due to holidays, will be indicated in the bulletin in the form of an announcement.

#### Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1

**DECEMBER 12TH**  
**COLLECTION TOTALS**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**CLUSTER PARISH POSITIONS**

**NATIVITY BVM**

Parish Council  
 President..... Randy Otte  
 Business Manager ..... Sue Fortkamp  
 CRE ..... Tess Mescher  
 ..... [dtkka@reagan.com](mailto:dtkka@reagan.com)  
 Music Director..... Katie Hartings  
 Maintenance ..... Ron Stucke  
 Maintenance ..... Ryan Schmackers  
 CFL Hall Rental ... Carol Hemmelgarn  
 ..... 419-925-4667

**PRECIOUS BLOOD**

Parish Council  
 President..... Kyle Huelsman  
 Business Manager ..... Sue Roeckner  
 CRE ..... Missy Moeller  
 ..... [mis.moe@hotmail.com](mailto:mis.moe@hotmail.com)  
 Music Director..... Marian Heitbrink  
 Maintenance ..... Adam Kremer  
 Groundskeeper ..... Rick "Buck" Bruns  
 Basement Rental..... Joann Liette  
 ..... 567-644-2354

**ST. JOHN**

Parish Council  
 President..... Jake Heitkamp  
 Business Manager ..... Paul Gagel  
 CRE ..... Chris Wibbenmeyer  
 ..... [wibbenmeyerchris@gmail.com](mailto:wibbenmeyerchris@gmail.com)  
 Music Director..... Marian Heitbrink  
 Maintenance ..... Tom Feltz

**ST. ROSE**

Parish Council  
 President..... Cory Ahrens  
 Business Manager ..... Sue Fortkamp  
 CRE ..... Carla Hartings  
 ..... [c\\_hartings@yahoo.com](mailto:c_hartings@yahoo.com)  
 Music Director..... Katie Hartings  
 Maintenance ..... Kevin Hartings  
 Maintenance ..... Jim Ungruhn  
 Basement Rental..... Kathy Buening  
 ..... 419-925-4710

**ST. SEBASTIAN**

Parish Council  
 President..... Jesse Rose  
 Business Manager ..... Sue Roeckner  
 CRE ..... Judy Forsthoefel  
 ..... [jforsthoefel@hotmail.com](mailto:jforsthoefel@hotmail.com)  
 Music Director..... Doris Wilker  
 Maintenance ..... Kyle Koesters  
 Maintenance ..... Tom Wilker  
 Basement Rental..... Jenny Brunswick  
 ..... 419-733-3663



**PRAY WITH US FROM HOME**

Weekday Masses Livestreamed: Wednesday 7:15am—Precious Blood  
 Friday 7:15am—St. John the Baptist

Weekend Masses Livestreamed: Saturday 5:00pm—St. John the Baptist  
 Sunday 9:00am—Precious Blood

Website: [www.marioncatholiccommunity.org](http://www.marioncatholiccommunity.org)  
 Click on the Live Stream tab in the menu bar

MyParish App: Click on the Live Stream button

Facebook: Marion Catholic Community

YouTube: Marion Catholic Community

Roku: Marion Catholic Community

Channel is only live when we are streaming

**NATIVITY BVM**

34 Adult Envelopes..... \$1,155.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$181.00  
 Immaculate Conception..... \$72.00  
 Flower Fund..... \$20.00  
 Retired Religious ..... \$130.00  
Candle Offerings..... \$9.00  
 Total ..... \$1,567.00

**PRECIOUS BLOOD**

56 Adult Envelopes..... \$2,698.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$259.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$100.00  
 Immaculate Conception..... \$1,164.00  
 Flower Fund..... \$125.00  
 Retirement for Religious ..... \$217.00  
Candle Offerings..... \$7.25  
 Total ..... \$4,570.25

**ST. JOHN**

86 Adult Envelopes..... \$2,624.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$459.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$275.00  
 Retired Religious ..... \$1,063.00  
 Feast of All Saints..... \$20.00  
 Christmas ..... \$550.00  
 Candles ..... \$93.00  
 Cemetery Lots ..... \$1,050.00  
 Fuel Offerings..... \$150.00  
 Flower Fund..... \$165.00  
Immaculate Conception..... \$690.00  
 Total ..... \$7,139.00

**ST. ROSE**

42 Adult Envelopes..... \$435.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$43.00  
 Immaculate Conception..... \$255.00  
 Retired Religious ..... \$427.00  
 Fuel Offerings..... \$200.00  
 Flower Fund..... \$50.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$120.52  
 Champaign for Human D..... \$25.00  
Candle Offerings..... \$105.00  
 Total ..... \$1,660.52

**ST. SEBASTIAN**

7 Adult Envelopes..... \$270.00  
 Loose..... \$202.00  
 Immaculate Conception..... \$35.00  
 Christmas ..... \$100.00  
 Fuel ..... \$20.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$20.00  
 Solemnity of Mary..... \$10.00  
 Retired Religious ..... \$20.00  
Candle Offerings..... \$14.00  
 Total ..... \$691.00

**ST. SEBASTIAN MINISTRIES**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Mon. Dec. 27, 5:30pm ..... Fr. Matt, Fr. Ken

**LECTOR AND COMMENTATOR**

Mon. Dec. 27, 5:30pm ..... Andy Will

**There will not be an 11:00am Mass at St. Sebastian on January 2nd.**

**ST. ROSE MINISTRIES**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Tues. Dec. 28, 7:15am..... Fr. Matt, Fr. Ken

**LECTOR AND COMMENTATOR**

Tues. Dec. 28, 7:15am..... Treva Fortkamp

**There will not be a 7:30pm Mass at St. Rose on January 1st.**

**PRECIOUS BLOOD MINISTRIES**

**SERVERS**

Fri. Dec. 31, 5:00pm..... Griffin Bruns, Molly Bruns

Sun, Jan 2, 8:30am ..... Brandt Homan, Clara Homan

Sun. Jan 2, 10:30am ..... Grace Moeller, Julia Moeller

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Wed. Dec. 29, 7:15am ..... Fr. Matt, Fr. Ken, Karen Hoying

Fri. Dec. 31, 5:00pm..... **Linda Homan**, Jayden Huelsman, Taylor Huelsman

Sun, Jan 2, 8:30am ..... **Mindy Muhlenkamp**, Trevor Muhlenkamp, Kristen Wynk

Sun. Jan 2, 10:30am ..... **Donna Dahlinghaus**, Elijah Tangeman, Mark Tangeman

**COMMUNION TO THE SHUT IN'S** ..... Lori Kemper 567-644-9644

**LECTORS AND COMMENTATOR**

Wed. Dec. 29, 7:15am..... Jim Hoying

Fri. Dec. 31, 5:00pm..... Marie McClurg

Sun, Jan 2, 8:30am ..... Betsy Huelsman

Sun. Jan 2, 10:30am ..... Betsy Huelsman

**USHERS**

Fri. Dec. 31, 5:00pm..... Shawn Birt-M, Mike Moeller-E, Jeff Pohl-M, Scott Rindler-W

Sun, Jan 2, 8:30am ..... Rick Bruns-M, Paul Dahlinghaus-, Jerry Schulte-E, Mike Voskuhl-W

Sun. Jan 2, 10:30am ..... Vic Klosterman-E, Ken Schlarman-M, Elijah Tangeman-M, Mark Tangeman-W

**OFFERTORY**

Fri. Dec. 31, 5:00pm..... Francis and Donna Grieshop

Sun, Jan 2, 8:30am ..... Jim and Karen Hoying

Sun. Jan 2, 10:30am ..... Travis and Nicole Homan Family

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MINISTRIES**

Thurs. Dec. 30, 7:15am.....Fr. Matt, Fr. Ken

**LECTORS AND COMMENTATOR**

Thurs. Dec. 30, 7:15am.....Kevin Otte

**There will not be an 8:30am Mass at Nativity on January 2nd.**



**ST. JOHN MINISTRIES**

**SERVERS**

Sat. Jan. 1, 9:00am..... Mason Jones, Tanner Hartings  
 Sun. Jan 2, 8:30am..... Alex Schulze, Emma Homan  
 Sun. Jan 2, 10:30am..... Nick Ranly, Elle Muhlenkamp

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sat. Jan. 1, 9:00am..... **Matt Rethman**, Mitch Rethman, Natalie Rethman  
 Sun. Jan 2, 8:30am..... **Denise Rethman**, Heidi Rethman, Maria Rethman  
 Sun. Jan 2, 10:30am..... **Leah Prenger**, Caroline Ranly, Sandy Ranly

**LECTORS AND COMMENTATOR**

Sat. Jan. 1, 9:00am..... Renee Bertke—Commentator, Pat Heitkamp—Lector  
 Sun. Jan 2, 8:30am..... Marlene Bruggeman—Commentator, Carson Holdheide—Lector  
 Sun. Jan 2, 10:30am..... Madeline Mescher—Commentator, Janet Heitkamp—Lector

**USHERS**

Sat. Jan. 1, 9:00am..... Kevin Brackman, Eric Bruggeman, Mike Rethman  
 Sun. Jan 2, 8:30am..... Gary Fortkamp, Jeff Heitkamp, Pat Heitkamp  
 Sun. Jan 2, 10:30am..... Eric Eyink, Dan Fullenkamp, Trent Huelsman

**OFFERTORY**

Sat. Jan. 1, 9:00am..... Chuck and Janet Kemper Family  
 Sun. Jan 2, 8:30am..... Brad and Angie Knapke Family  
 Sun. Jan 2, 10:30am..... Jesse and Sandy Ranly Family

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sun. Jan 2, 10:30am..... Darrin and Kim Poepelman

**CHILD CARE**

Sun. Jan 2, 10:30am..... Karrie Will and Maria Heitkamp

**COMMUNION TO THE SHUT-IN'S**

Sun. Jan 2..... Linda Fesenmyer at 567-356-1446, Angie Bertke at 419-925-4822

**CLUSTER NEWS**

**MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY—**

- Friday, December 31st—7:15am at St. John
- Friday, December 31st—5:00pm at Precious Blood (LS)
- Saturday, January 1st—9:00am at St. John (LS)
- **NO evening Masses on January 1st**

**MASS TIME CHANGES FOR JANUARY 2ND—**

- Sunday, January 2nd—8:30am St. John
- Sunday, January 2nd—8:30am Precious Blood (LS)
- Sunday, January 2nd—10:30am St. John (LS)
- Sunday, January 2nd—10:30am Precious Blood
- **NO Masses at St. Rose, Nativity, St. Sebastian on January 2nd**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—**the parish office will be closed from 12noon to 3pm on January 4th.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—**If you want to be added or removed from the ministry schedule, please contact the parish office by January 10th at 419-925-4775 or email [marioncathcom@gmail.com](mailto:marioncathcom@gmail.com).

**NATIVITY BLESSED VIRGIN ROSARY MINISTRY—**Nativity parish is beginning a rosary ministry. This consists of leading the rosary before the weekend mass at our parish. This can be done by an individual, couple or a family. If you are interested in helping with this very important ministry, please call or text Katie Dippold at 419-305-0212.

**WELCOME THE NEW MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST**

- Navy Rae Stucke, daughter of Christopher and Kimberly, baptized December 19th, with sponsors, Stacy Stucke and Jason Kremer.
- Finley James Reichert, son of Adam and Brook, baptized December 19th, with sponsors, Jessica Bruns and Brian Reichert.

**STILL AVAILABLE "TREASURES OF THE**

**ARCHDIOCESE" —**at a cost of \$30, there are also some "Seeking the Lord" available for \$15. These books would make a good Christmas gift. They can be picked up at the parish office.

**NO CCD—**There are no CCD classes in the cluster on Wed, Dec 29th & Wed, Jan 5th. Classes will resume on Jan 12th.

## CLUSTER NEWS

## FR. MATT'S LETTER

**THANK YOU**—The family of Connie Walterbusch would like to thank the Marion Catholic Community for their prayers and support during this difficult time. A special thanks to Father Matt, Marian Heitbrink and the resurrection choir, bereavement committee, and all those who helped in the funeral Mass, and Angie Homan for the meal. Thank you to all of our neighbors who came together to help us with the funeral and meal. Everyone's help and kindness is greatly appreciated, and we cannot thank you enough for everything.

**GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT**

**GROUP**—The Marion Catholic Community will be offering GriefShare Sessions to the local communities. The program consists of 13 weekly DVD sessions for people grieving the loss of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and are able to offer you encouragement. The DVD seminars are combined with support group discussion of the material presented during the DVD. The sessions will be held in the Precious Blood Church Basement, 35 S. Maple St., Chickasaw, every Tuesday, January 4th through March 29th from 7pm to 8:30pm. All materials are donated by Hogenkamp Funeral Homes. For more information or to register, contact Herb Wilker by email [hiwilker@mercy.com](mailto:hiwilker@mercy.com) or by phone at 419-953-5398.

**"IT'S BACK" ST. SEBASTIAN 2022 FISH FRY**—March 4th at Romer's Overdrive. GREAT CHRISTMAS IDEA. Contact Jesse Rose for tickets at 419-305-6695.

**ST. SEBASTIAN FISH FRY DONATIONS—AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED.** We are looking for items and/or donations to be auctioned off. Please contact Jesse Rose at 419-305-6695.

**C.A.L.L. FOOD PANTRY**—is accepting donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries. Also, baby food and diapers are needed. There are barrels for donations in the entrances of all of our churches.

I pray all had a Holy Christmas Day yesterday. Today we continue the celebration of Christmas with the Feast of the Holy Family. We can learn much from the example of the Holy Family, for our own families, by always putting God first.

Today's readings talk about people who deeply desired family, but who put God first. We see it most remarkably in the Old Testament. Elkanah and Hannah prayed for years that God would give them a child. When Hannah finally bore a son in her old age, you would think she would cling to him, never let him out of her sight. But not so. After weaning young Samuel at the age of three she took him to the temple and entrusted him to the priest Eli. She knew that God had destined Samuel to be "perpetual nazirite." Her words are powerful:

"I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord."

The Bible then states very tersely that Hannah left Samuel there (1 Sam 1:28).

The Virgin Mary also knew that she had to entrust her only son totally to God. It was not easy. She in no way could predict what the sacrifice would mean. Today we see her undergoing three days of anguish, a foreshadowing of what she would experience when her son was crucified. She and Joseph searched for the boy and finally found him in his Father's House (Lk 2:50).

Jesus then gave an example for all children by being "obedient to them" (v.51). For her part Mary simply "kept all these things in her heart." Like her, we are called not to grasp God's will, but to ponder it in our hearts and ultimately to surrender to it.

That is the key to family.

Fr. Ken and I would like to thank you for your Christmas cards, gifts, and goodies which you shared with us. May God bless you for your kindness.

**ST. JOHN ROSARY MINISTRY**—New schedules for the Rosary Ministry will be posted in January. The Rosary Ministry consists of leading the rosary before the Saturday or Sunday Masses at St. John. If you would like to be added or deleted from the schedule, please contact Kim Poepelman at 419-733-3447. Prayerfully consider the call to this ministry. We need prayer warriors to join us!

**NATIVITY RAFFLE PRIZES**—are being requested for the Annual Nativity Mission Lenten Raffle benefitting sponsored children in Haiti; Brother Jason's Ministry; SON Ministries. Prizes vary from monetary; wood crafted; gift cards; jewelry; tools; decorations; crafting kits; Easter baskets; etc. Please contact Tess at 419-305-0106 by February 14th, if you are interested in donating a prize.

**SON MINISTRIES JANUARY 2022 BLAKELEY, GA MISSION TRIP**—Mark your calendar for the Martin Luther King weekend of January 13 - 17. Br. Jason Muhlenkamp has a long list of needed building projects for us to tackle. We can't do it without the help of the able bodied members of the Marion Catholic Community. Please contact Dcn. Clif Perryman to join the crew by phone or text (419-377-7893) or email at [deaconclif@gmail.com](mailto:deaconclif@gmail.com).

**SHRINE, SPIRITUAL CENTER,  
AND AREA CHURCH NEWS**

**POWER HOUR OF PRAYER**—Everyone is welcome to join in a Power Hour of Prayer and Adoration every Thursday night starting in January 7pm to 8pm at St. Rose Church. The night will include prayers, music and private adoration. You may come and go as you please for all or a portion of the hour. Let's join together to pray for the needs of our country as well as our own personal intention. Please note there will be NO Power Hour of Prayer on December 30th. Also, if school is canceled Power Hour will be canceled.

**CALLING ALL WOMEN WHO SOMETIMES FEEL OVERWHELMED**—Does your life feel overwhelming? Do you sometimes feel like you're facing the craziness alone? Welcome will change that! Welcome is an incredible experience which will help you make sense of life, help you develop lasting friendships with other women in the community, and fill you with newfound energy and purpose. Welcome will be held February 19th & 20th, at Precious Blood Church. All women 18 and over are invited to Welcome Weekend. To RSVP, text or call Joan Heitkamp at 567-644-3261.

**SON MINISTRY RAFFLE WINNERS**—Nick Meier—\$50.00, Maria Rethman—\$25.00 and David Rawers—\$25.00. Congratulations!

**NATIVITY CLEANER NEEDED**—Starting in January. If interested, please contact Randy Otte at 419-763-9074.

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE**—we are looking for people interested in welcoming new people/families to our community. This would involve keeping the parish's and community information current. Mike Broering has volunteered to head up the committee. Please contact Mike if your willing to be of help 419-925-4812.

**BAPTISMAL CLASS**—There will be a baptismal class on Monday, February 7 at 7pm at St. Rose basement. Please call the parish office to register for the class at 419-925-4775.

**ANNUAL NATIVITIES DISPLAY**—is now through January 9th during normal Shrine hours. This collection, donated by Tim and Katherine Nealeigh, will feature over seventy-five nativities from around the world. It is a reminder of how the story of Christ has united people from across cultures over the years and of the peace that came to earth by the birth of Jesus. All families are invited to the Shrine to experience this annual celebration of Christmas. Open to the Public!

**SYNODALITY**—Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet this is what the Holy Father has called. In its simplest form, synodality represents a collaborative approach by all the people of God to address a particular issue for which the Holy Father seeks input. For this synod, he wants to hear from everyone on how the whole Church (not only the bishops and priests) can journey together in bringing the gospel message to the world. To address this "synodal" approach, he has called for all dioceses in the world to hold local consultative meetings to discuss this topic. The first meeting is scheduled for January 18th at the St. Charles Center (Gasper Room) from 7pm to 9pm for the St. Marys Deanery. Please prayerfully consider participating in your local deanery meeting.

**FORMED®**

PICK OF THE WEEK

December 26, 2021

WATCH

**FORGIVEN—SESSION 1:  
WHERE ARE YOU?**

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



**FORMED NOW!  
WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?**

This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

LEARN



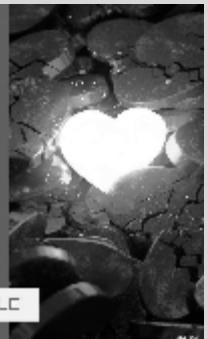
**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY:  
LOVE UNVEILED  
BY DR. SCOTT HAHN**

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.



LISTEN

"GOD IS LOVE. WHOEVER LIVES IN LOVE LIVES IN GOD AND GOD IN HIM."



ST. JOHN IN APOSTLE

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## MYM CALENDAR

**MYM Christmas Party  
Middle School & High School**  
Sunday, January 2nd  
6:30-8:30pm  
St. Aloysius Youth Room  
*It's once again time to pass the  
junk! Please bring a new item  
that has little or no value to you  
or anyone in your household.*

**High School D-Group**  
Sunday, January 9th  
7:00-8:30  
St. Aloysius Youth Room

**Middle School Youth Night**  
Sunday, January 16th  
6:30-8:30  
St. Aloysius Youth Room

## SMALL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED

A Small Group Leader leads and forms the spiritual lives of a small group of teens within youth ministry. You are responsible for being a light of Christ to them and a source of strength, encouragement and prayer.

Our new groups will meet on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to break open scripture, pray, fellowship, and work through the week's content.

If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Chris Wibbenmeyer at [cwibbenmeyer@marioncatholiccommunity.org](mailto:cwibbenmeyer@marioncatholiccommunity.org) or 567-279-1430.

All small group leaders will be mentored so no experience in leading small groups is needed. You must have a love for the Catholic faith.

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## July 15th-17th

### FEARLESS

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**Registration is open for the 2022 Steubenville Youth Conference**

In the midst of our broken and chaotic world, Jesus wants to restore us to the glory for which he created us.

The youth conference consists of dynamic speakers, Mass, adoration, reconciliation and much more. If you are currently a 8th-12th grader, you are able to attend this summer.

For more information or to sign up, please visit:  
[www.marioncatholiccommunity.org/steubenville.html](http://www.marioncatholiccommunity.org/steubenville.html)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 14, 2022**



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### EXPERIENCING GOD IN PRAYER

**All are invited to join us starting January 9th as we learn to experience God in prayer**

**Sunday, January 9th**  
**Encountering God: The Heart of Prayer**

**Sunday, January 20th**  
**Experiencing God: Vocal Prayer**

**Sunday, February 6th**  
**Letting God Speak: Meditation & Contemplation**

**Sunday, February 20th**  
**Experiencing God: Meditating with Scripture**

**Sunday, March 13th**  
**Needing God: Petition & Intercession**

**Sunday, March 20th**  
**The Struggle: Overcoming Obstacles to Prayer**



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**SEWERS AND GROWERS 4-H GROUP**—will be meeting Monday, January 3rd and February 7th at 7pm at the Knights of St. John hall basement in Maria Stein. New members welcome to join at this time. Youth must be 8 years old by January 1st and in the 3rd grade or older to join.

**MARION TWP BRANCH LIBRARY**—presents Disney Frozen II Escape Room "Escape from the Enchanted Forest". Monday December 27th through Thursday, December 30th. MUST be age 10 and up. Teams of up to 6 players. MUST pre-register for time slots at [REGISTER.MERCERLIBRARY.ORG](http://REGISTER.MERCERLIBRARY.ORG) Questions, call the library at 419-925-4966.

**MCDO 301 RECREATION CLUB**—will be hosting their Annual Member Appreciation Party on Friday, January 14th after the Ft. Recovery boys' basketball game at the Maria Stein Legion. Entertainment, food, and drinks are provided for all members and their families. Prizes will be awarded throughout the night.

**BLOODMOBILE**—The Maria Stein Legion and Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Maria Stein American Legion Hall on Monday, January 3rd from 12pm to 6pm. Please call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org), sponsor code—"amlegms" to schedule your blood donation appointment. There is a great need for blood! Please schedule an appointment today!

**RIGHT TO LIFE BUS TRIP**—Mercer, Shelby, and Darke County RTL organizations plan bus trips to Washington D.C. in January. All depart on Thursday, January 20th and return on Saturday, January 22nd. Register prior to December 28th. Registration forms and payment information, are available at

- **MERCER COUNTY** - at [www.mercerlife.org/events](http://www.mercerlife.org/events). Bus cost \$50 per adult, \$35 per student
- **SHELBY COUNTY** - at [www.shelbycountyrtil.org](http://www.shelbycountyrtil.org). Bus cost is \$85 per seat
- **DARKE COUNTY** - Contact Jake DeMange at 419-336-1034, Bus cost \$70 per person.

Please consider making this trip on what could be the most historic decision on the right-to-life since 1973.

**NEWSPAPER SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN**—To commemorate the 49th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion, the Mercer County Right to Life Chapter will once again purchase a full-page ad in the Daily Standard. For a \$5.00 donation, your name, along with several hundred others, will be included in the Pro-Life Ad. If you wish to participate in this year's Ad Campaign, please send \$5.00 along with the name or names as you wish it to appear in the newspaper to Pat Pottkotter, 5158 State Route 119, Saint Henry, OH 45883 by Wednesday, January 5th. Make checks out to Mercer County Right to Life. Please don't wait until the last minute to turn in your name. This ad will appear in the newspaper, Wednesday, January 19th.

**CHICKASAW VFW CHICKEN FRY**—Sunday, January 2nd, dine-in or carry-out from 4pm to 7pm.

### **MERCER COUNTY ESC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

will be accepting applications for typical children through January 31st. After the January 31st application deadline, a lottery will be conducted to fill openings. Tuition is \$180 per month. (Children currently enrolled as a typical in the 2021-22 school year MUST submit an application to be automatically enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year.) Visit the Mercer County ESC webpage to find the application and additional information. Any further questions, call the ESC at 419-586-6628.

### **REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE**

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means "rediscovery". The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 7, 8, and 9th, call 513-486-6222 or visit the [website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

### **FREE THROW SHOOTING CONTEST**

The Knights of Columbus Council 2158 will be holding the Free throw shooting contest for boys and girls ages 9 to 14 on Sunday, January 9th, at the Minster Elementary school. There will be 5 boys and 5 girls divisions. Doors open at 5:30pm for registration and shooting will begin at 6pm. All are welcome. The snow date is January 23 if necessary.

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:30am SJ 8:30am PB 10:30am SJ 10:30am PB	3 5:30pm Mass SS Conf. after Mass SS 8am-5pm Eucharistic Adoration SS	4 7:15am Mass SR 7pm Griefshare PB basement 7:30pm RCIA @ SJ	5 7:15am Mass PB	6 7:15am Mass NBVM 7pm-8pm Power Hour Prayer and Adoration SR	7 7:15am Mass SJ	1 9am SJ 1:30pm Wedding SJ <b>NO Confessions PB</b> <b>NO Evening Masses</b>
9 8:30am NBVM 9am PB 10:30am SJ 11am SS	10 5:30pm Mass SS Conf. after Mass SS 8am-5pm Eucharistic Adoration SS	11 7:15am Mass SR 7pm Griefshare PB basement 7:30pm RCIA @ SJ 7:30pm 5 parish council meeting @SR	12 7:15am Mass PB	13 7:15am Mass NBVM 7pm-8pm Power Hour Prayer and Adoration SR	14 7:15am Mass SJ	8 3pm Confessions PB 5pm Mass SJ 7:30pm Mass SR
16 8:30am NBVM 9am PB 10:30am SJ 11am SS	17 5:30pm Mass SS 8am-5pm Eucharistic Adoration SS 6:15pm Candlelight Prayer and Benediction	18 7:15am Mass SR 7pm Griefshare PB basement 7:30pm RCIA @ SJ 7:30pm SON ministry meeting @ SR	19 7:15am Mass PB	20 7:15am Mass NBVM 7pm-8pm Power Hour Prayer and Adoration SR	21 7:15am Mass SJ	15 7:30am Men's Fellowship at PB 3pm Confessions PB 5pm Mass SJ 7:30pm Mass SR
23 8:30am NBVM 9am PB 10:30am SJ 11am SS	24 5:30pm Mass SS Conf. after Mass 8am-5pm Eucharistic Adoration SS	25 7:15am Mass SR 7pm Griefshare PB basement 7:30pm RCIA @ SJ	26 7:15am Mass PB	27 7:15am Mass NBVM 7pm-8pm Power Hour Prayer and Adoration SR	28 7:15am Mass SJ	22 3pm Confessions PB 5pm Mass SJ 7:30pm Mass SR
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