# St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm STREAMING LIVE 5

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am and 6:00pm

# Weekday Mass Schedule

## Weekday Mass

STREAMING LIVE

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00am Wednesday at 7:00pm

**Communion Service** Monday at 8:00am.

# Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:00pm and available at announced services.



Cover picture story: see page 4

# **Sacrament of Baptism**

Parents are expected to participate in a preparation program before their first child's Baptism, preferably during the pregnancy. Contact the Parish office 937.557.1711 x105 to schedule a Baptism.

#### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples contemplating marriage should call the Parish office for an appointment before setting a date. Six (6) months of preparation are required. Parish music policies which meet Diocesan guidelines are to be followed.

## Pastor

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Parish office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am - 1:00pm

We are happy to provide assistance for those who have difficulty hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.



# Mission Statement - Region of St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Augustine Parishes

Our parishes are committed to the ongoing formation of all members of our parish family to be able to respond fully to the life-long challenge of saving souls. As a community, we strive to worship God, support each other, and share the light of Christ with all people.

From the Pastor

Hopefully everyone is "ENJOYING" the book we gave for Christmas on <u>LIVING JOY</u> in our lives. The first rule for enhancing joy in our lives is gratitude. My message today is full of gratitude.

I want to thank everyone who helped decorate our church for Christmas especially the trees and the cribs. We thank our Art and Environment Team, Security Ministry, ushers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, choir, and cantors who make our liturgies so prayerful. How fitting as we celebrate the birth of our Lord!

I want to thank all those who keep our grounds looking so good all year round.

I want to thank everyone for your generosity to the Christmas collection and all the extra donations you give to such worthwhile causes and needs. We will publish a six-month report later in January.

On behalf of Father Hank, Deacons Steve, Rich, Tom and myself, I want to thank you for your cards, goodies, gifts, and prayers given to us. Your words of affirmation for our service to the parish family is well appreciated.

As we keep the entire parish family in our prayers in the new year, please keep us priests in your prayers especially with the implementation of Beacons of Light on the horizon.

#### DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS January 9 The Baptism of the Lord Sunday 8:30am For the soul of Russ Brown 10:30am Special intention for Jim Gruden 6:00pm For Our Parish Monday January 10 Weekday Communion Service 8:00am Tuesday January 11 Weekday 8:00am For the soul of Father Tom Meyer Wednesday January 12 Weekday 7:00pm For the soul of Jared Smith Thursday January 13 Weekday For the soul of Richard C. Berish 8:00am Friday January 14 Weekday For the soul of Judith A. Roth 8:00am Saturday January 15 For the deceased members of the 4:00pm Flores Family January 16 Second Sunday in Sunday **Ordinary Time** 8:30am Special intention for Arnulfo & Dolores Dacanay Special intention for Cindy & Mark 10:30am D'Urso For the soul of Father Tom Beischel 6:00pm



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK January 9 - 16		
Sunday January 9	Masses 8:30am, 10:30am and 6:00pm GIFT - Teaching meeting 11:30am Jr. High Ministry 4:15 - 5:45pm High School Ministry 7:00 - 8:30pm	
Monday January 10	Private Prayer 8:30am - 1:00pm Catholic in Recovery 7:00pm	
Tuesday January 11	Mass 8:00am Private Prayer 8:00am - 1:00pm Pillars of Catholicism 5:30pm Young Adult Ministry 6:45pm RCIA Inquiry 7:00pm RCIA Catechumenate 8:00pm	
Wednesday January 12	Box Lunch Wednesday Prep 8:00am Private Prayer 8:00am - 1:00pm and 5:00 - 6:30pm Jr. High Ministry 5:30 - 7:30pm Rosary before Mass 6:30pm Mass 7:00pm	
Thursday January 13	Mass 8:00am Private Prayer 8:00am - 1:00pm Ladies Society Book Group 10:00am Pillars of Catholicism 5:30pm	
Friday January 14	Mass 8:00am - followed by the Patriotic Rosary Private Prayer 8:00am - 1:00pm Ponder - online 9:00am	
Saturday January 15	Reconciliation 3:00pm Mass 4:00pm	
Sunday January 16	Masses 8:30am, 10:30am and 6:00pm Safety Training 1:00pm Jr. High Ministry 4:15 - 5:45pm High School Ministry 7:00 - 8:30pm	

# PARISH GIVING

Mass Collections December 25/26	\$6,506.50
WeShare Collections	\$6,272.00
Mail-in Collections	\$2,110.00
Total Collections for December 25/26	\$14,888.50

# CALLED HOME TO THE LORD

# **Richard Joseph Bothe**



Returned to our Loving Father
December 16, 2021
and

Mary Jo Scalzo
Returned to our Loving Father
December 25, 2021



National March for Life Interested in attending the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 21? Several Knights are planning to travel together on January 20, spend the night, join the

March on January 21, and drive home that evening. Contact Grand Knight Chuck Ormsby or Trustee Matt Whiteley if interested.

Into the Breach Video Series Looking for something to do indoors on a cold winter day? The Knights of Columbus produced a series of 12 videos, each less than 15 minutes, about how to embrace masculine virtues in a world in crisis. The Into the Breach series is available to anyone regardless of whether you are a man or a Knight at: <a href="https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html">https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html</a>

# **Upcoming Events:**

- <u>Council Meeting:</u> January 12, immediately following 7:00pm Mass, in the church basement. Join us in the church at 6:30 for the Rosary, stay for Mass, then come downstairs for our meeting.
- National March for Life: January 20-21.
- <u>5th Sunday Rosary:</u> Prior to all Masses January 29 & 30

Chuck Ormsby, Grand Knight
Father Charles Mentrup Council 1440 (kofc14400.org)
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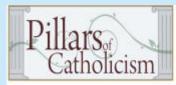
Baptized January 2, 2022

**Cameron Michelle Couch** 

Child of Maxwell and Meghan Couch

# **RELIGIOUS ED UPDATE (K-6)**





Registration is open for both our family catechesis and classroom catechesis options. Program information and enrollment steps may be found on the updated parish website

https://www.stmaryassumption.church/under Discipleship | Children & Families.

Direct link below:

https://www.stmaryassumption.church/children-families

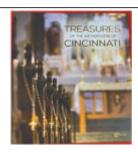
Please read through the information for each option in its entirety before beginning the enrollment process.

Reach out to Chris Stier if you have questions: **chriss@stmaryassumption.church**Or call 937-557-1711.

# Young Adult Ministry

Are you a young adult looking to get more involved with the parish? Consider joining our Young Adult Ministry on Tuesday evenings 6:45 – 8:30pm. We will meet at St. Mary's in the Parish Center. Our session activities alternate between a weekly Rosary and a Bible/book study.

For more information about the Young Adult Ministry programs, please contact Jeffrey Kremer 937-557-1711 ext.103 or email: jeffreyk@stmaryassumption.church





Parishioners who ordered the Bicentennial Books from the Archdiocese can now pick them up in the office during regular hours. The price of the <u>Treasures of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati</u>, is \$30 and the price of <u>Seeking the Lord</u>, is \$15. Checks should be made out to St. Mary of the Assumption Church.

# Youth Ministry

Registration for Jr. High and High School Ministry is now available on the parish website!

High School Ministry meets on Sunday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

# Jr. High Ministry has two options:

Sunday afternoon 4:15 - 5:45pm and Wednesday evening 5:30 - 7:30pm

See the website for more details and our calendar for the year: <a href="https://www.stmaryassumption.church">https://www.stmaryassumption.church</a>



For more information about the Jr. High or High School Youth Ministry programs, please contact Jeffrey Kremer 937-557-1711 ext. 103 or email: jeffreyk@stmaryassumption.church







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#### **Cover picture:**

The Knights of Columbus, **Keep Christ in Christmas** 6th - 8th Grade Winner, Malorie Cain, recreated her award winning poster as a Christmas gift for Father Jim. The picture is on display in the font area of the church.





#### **UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**

Please call or email the Parish Office if you have a change of address, phone number or moving out of the Parish.

# Ponder

CONTEMPLATIVE BIBLE STUDY

Ponder is a Bible study that explores the Sunday readings in the Roman Catholic Lectionary cycle. It is a contemplative study, which means the goal of *Ponder* is to unite the heart and mind.

Ponder is designed to help individuals and groups pray with the readings first, to absorb and ground the Sunday readings in the heart or personal experience. Participants learn the process of *lectio divina* and Ignatian contemplation as tools for praying with Scripture. Brief commentary is provided by the study author to help participants fully understand each passage. Each Sunday includes two reflection points for ongoing contemplation (or pondering).

This study will resume virtually on Friday mornings at 9:00 AM through the Lenten season. Please check our website for more information and registration:

www.stmaryassumption.church/adultfaith-formation





St. Mary of the Assumption has launched a ministry called *Catholic in Recovery* that seeks to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments (including alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction, codependency and the impact on family).

Meeting in the Parish Center on Mondays at 7pm. Visit our parish website for further information and the most current recovery meeting schedule: stmaryassumption.church/catholic-in-recovery

Send confidential inquiries to: cirdayton@gmail.com



The Ladies Society Book Group will meet on Thursday, January 13th at 10:00am in the Parish Center.

New members are welcome.

For more information contact Pam at: **pamjjohn1@gmail.com** or 937-271-1403.



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# **Safety Program**

Our last course for this training cycle will focus on Basic First Aid and will be on Sunday, January 16th from 1 - 3 pm in St. Mary's parish center. This training is offered to Ushers, Mass Coordinators, Safety Team members, and interested staff. Angela Maciukiewicz, member of the safety team, is an ASHI instructor for CPR+AED (including Hands -Only CPR and choking) and Basic First Aid courses. She has been teaching all over the Dayton area for the past 12+ years and works with all ages to be confident when responding to an emergency. Because these are "certification level" classes, we need names of those attending in advance. Those interested please contact Wayne Johnson at: WJohn1953@gmail.com

# THANK YOU for the Community Christmas Program gifts

Thank you so much for the continued Christmas gift for our students. The past few school years have been anything but typical. Your gifts come as a huge blessing for many of our students.

May you all have a safe, happy, and fun filled holiday season. Thank you!

Julía Jackson, School Counselor Carlísle Jr. / Sr. Hígh School.

Franklin City Schools Candace Gibbs LPC Elementary School Counselor 150 E. Sixth St. Franklin, Ohio 45005

Dear Christmas Sponsor,

Thank you so much for sponsoring a Franklin City Schools family this year. Many of our families are barely making ends meet and your generosity helps many of our children. At last count, we are at 80 families and 230 kids (who requested help).

Again, thank you for your generosity and kindness. I do appreciate it and so do the kids of Franklin.

Sincerely,





# ST VINCENT DEPAUL



Thanks to our very generous parishioners, the SVdP Christmas Gift Fair was a huge success! Thank you to the Ladies Society for baking cookies. Each family took home a large tin of

homemade Christmas Cookies. Thanks to the generous donations of two families that provided over \$1500 worth of food. Two families provided additional donations so that all families could receive a ham for their Christmas dinner. Thanks to Meijer's and Sam's for their generous donations that helped purchase toiletries for the families. Meijer's donated \$500 and Sam's donated \$250.

Thanks to the Safety team for keeping us safe during this Christmas Gift Fair. Thanks to the volunteers who helped distribute the food and toiletries to the families. We were able to help 34 families have a Merry Christmas. This included 84 children and 50 adults. The generous gift card donations provided each child with \$150 dollars towards presents they opened on Christmas morning. Praise be to God for providing us with this beautiful day!

Thanks also to the staff and members of Springboro Anytime Fitness. They collected \$1017.38 along with bags of toiletries to help our neighbors in need.

We are so grateful to all of you for your continued support of the St. Mary of the Assumption SVdP conference! We are humbled by your generosity. May God continue to bless you and your families during this Christmas season. Merry Christmas!



# **ARE YOU EXPECTING A BABY?** ARE YOU NEW PARENTS?

The next Pre-Baptism Class is Thursday, January 20th, 7:00 - 8:30pm. We will meet in the Church.

It is our parish policy that a one-time attendance at Pre-Baptism Class is a prerequisite for Baptism here at St. Mary of the Assumption.

Contact the Parish office to register: 937-557-1711.



# **Waynesville Community Blood Drive**

Saturday, January 15th 8:00am - 12:00pm

Masonic Temple, 1351 Lytle Rd. Waynesville. Appointments are encouraged at: **Donortime.com** Sponsor code #35 or call 937-461-3220.



Father Jim and Father Emmanuel celebrated the Children's Mass at 3:00pm on Christmas Eve. During Mass, Father Emmanuel presented Father Jim with a traditional priest vestment from Cameroon.

The children raised their hands with Father Jim while he gave Father Emmanuel a blessing.

Our prayers are with Father Emmanuel, he has returned home to resume God's work in Cameroon.

> Fr. Emmanuel Lon Fale, May the LORD bless you and keep you; Numbers 6:24

# Parish Giving

#### Consider setting up online giving:

Go to our website: www.stmaryassumption.church/

You can also make Mass contributions by mailing them to the Parish office:

> St. Mary of the Assumption Church 9579 Yankee Rd. Springboro, OH 45066

Questions or concerns call Jan Donihoo, Business Manager at: 937-866-6550.



It is not too late to join our divorce DIVORCE are recovery support group. Let us walk with you as you navigate through this difficult journey. The

group will meet 13 weeks, held on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm from **Jan. 6 to Mar. 31** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, For information call Marcelle Toma 937-312-1157 (Not a texting number) or email:

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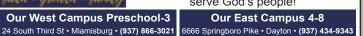
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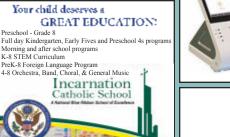
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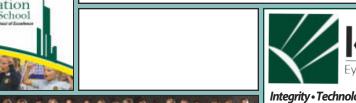
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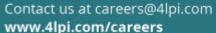




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