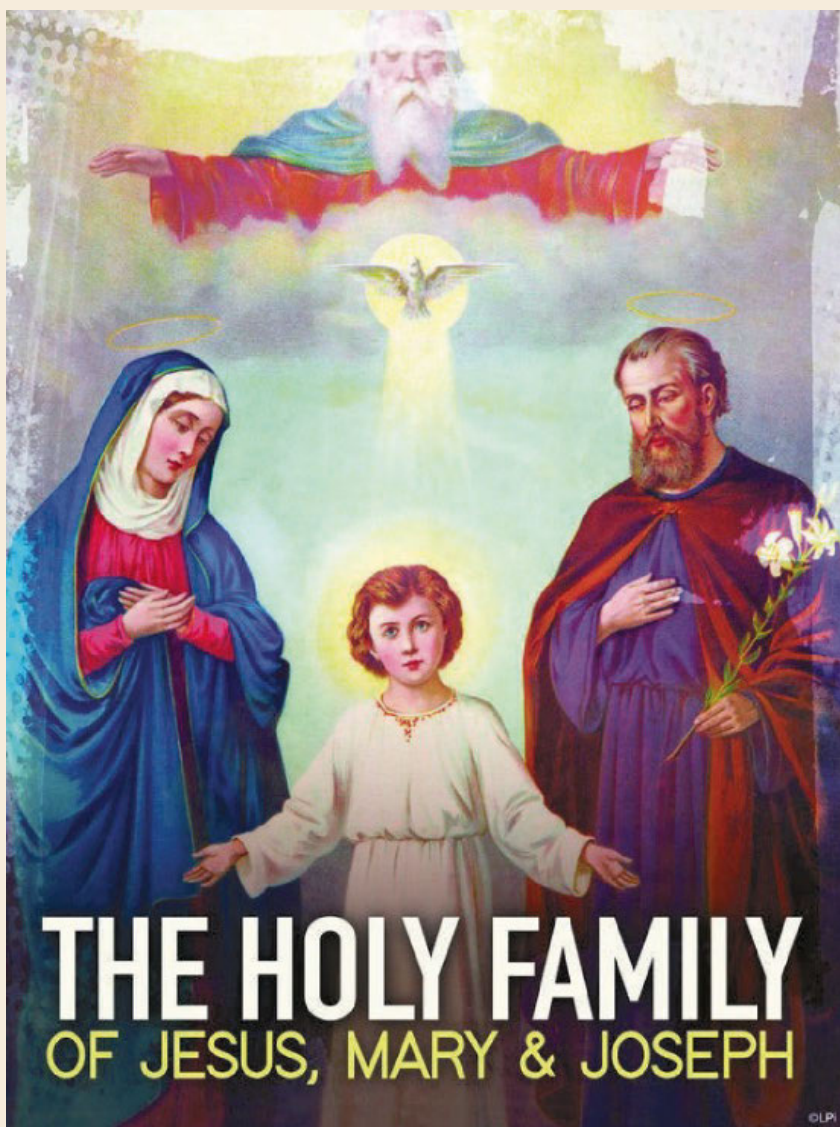




St. Isidore the farmer

FAMILY OF PARISHES

DECEMBER 29, 2024 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



Holy Rosary Church

511 E. Spring St. ~ St. Marys, OH
Parish: (419) 394-5050
Religious Ed: (419) 300-1045
Office Hours: 7:30am - 2:30pm

Immaculate Conception Church

229 W. Anthony St. ~ Celina, OH
Parish: (419) 586-6648
Religious Ed: (419) 586-2370
Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9am - 6:30pm
Fri. 9am - 4:30pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

6701 St. Rt. 219 ~ Celina, OH
(419) 268-2312
Office Hours: Friday 8:00am - 2:00pm

St. Patrick Church

6959 Glynnwood Rd. ~ St. Marys, OH
(419) 394-5050
Office Hours: 7:30am - 2:30pm (Holy Rosary Office)

St. Teresa Church

4227 OH 707 ~ Rockford, OH
Parish: (419) 363-2633
Religious Ed: (419) 953-4835
Office Hours: Monday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Holy Rosary School

511 E. Spring St. ~ St. Marys, OH
(419) 394-5291
Office Hours: 7:30am - 2:30pm

Immaculate Conception School

200 W. Wayne St. ~ Celina, OH
(419) 586-2379
Office Hours: 8:00am - 3:30pm



HOLY ROSARY



IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION



ST. PATRICK



OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE



ST. TERESA

St. Isidore the Farmer, Family of Parishes

2 | Parish Contact Information

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Adam Cron (OLG)	Terry Mathewson (ST)	Kim Sutter (OLG)
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BEACONS UPDATE

STAY INFORMED

To stay on top of the latest developments on Beacons of Light, sign up for the free monthly Beacons Update newsletter at: www.BeaconsAOC.org.

NOTE FROM FR. ROB

REGARDING WEEKDAY MASSES

One question that arises as part of Beacons of Light is how to assign priests to cover the Masses. Many families of parishes have a straight rotation for all of their priests. Some families have opted for a priest-on-site model. As with anything there are benefits and challenges. Beginning January 6, our family of parishes will move closer to a priest-on-site model for weekday Masses. The weekend schedule will continue to be a three week rotation.

The desired benefit of this adjustment is that increased stability for priests will better support our prayer life and enable us to be more collected and present when we are ministering to the wonderful people of God that are entrusted to our care. It is hoped that more predictability will enable us to make better use of our office time as well.

This means that you will see some priests more than others. Our hope is that it also means that you will have healthier priests.



NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:15pm ~ Holy Rosary
5:15pm ~ Immaculate Conception

NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:00am ~ Immaculate Conception
12:00pm ~ Holy Rosary - **Incense**
7:00pm ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:00pm ~ St. Patrick - **Incense**
7:00pm ~ St. Teresa

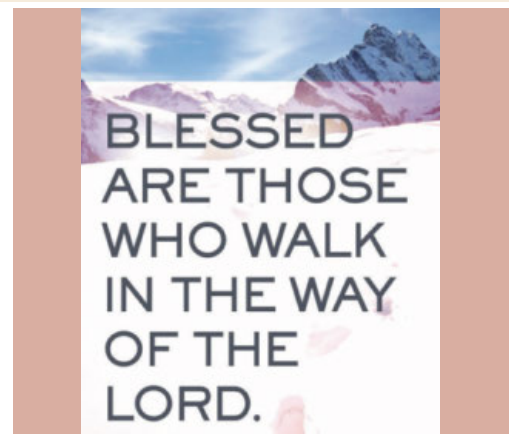
INCENSE DURING WEEKEND MASSES

HOLY ROSARY & IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The first Sunday of each month, at the 11am Masses at Holy Rosary and Immaculate Conception, incense will be used during Masses.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

New Years ~ December 31 & January 1



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph- December 29, 2024

“Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.” | 3

HOLY HOUR W/ CONFESSIONS IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, January 2, at IC | 6:30pm —7:30pm

Come and spend time with the Risen Lord!

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

Holy Rosary (HR)	4:30pm
Immaculate Conception (IC)	5:00pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG)	7:00pm

SUNDAY

Holy Rosary (HR)	8:00am & 11:00am
Immaculate Conception (IC)	8:00am & 11:00am
Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG)	9:00am
St. Patrick (SP)	9:30am
St. Teresa (ST)	10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday	IC	8:00am
Tuesday	IC	8:00am
	HR	8:15am (School Mass)
Wednesday	HR	12:05pm
	OLG	7:00pm
	ST	7:00pm
Thursday	IC	8:00am
	SP	8:00am
Friday	HR	8:00am
	OLG	8:00am
	IC	9:00am (School Mass)
Saturday	HR	8:00am

RECONCILIATION

HOLY ROSARY

Wednesday	11:30am - 12:00pm
Saturday	3:30 - 4:15pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45pm
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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Wednesday before 1st Friday	6:15 - 6:45pm
Saturday	6:15 - 6:45pm

ST TERESA

Wednesday	6:30 - 6:55pm
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Anytime by calling the parish offices for an appointment.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION

Ring in the new year praying for peace in our homes and in our world. Fr. Rob will have a Holy Hour (s) with exposition at Immaculate Conception Church from 10pm to midnight. It will be silent prayer - possibly readings from Scripture at 30 minute intervals.



MASS INTENTIONS / SCHEDULE

Monday, December 30

IC ~ 8:00am † John Reeder | Fr. Rob

Tuesday, December 31

IC ~ 8:00am † Tony & Mary Post Family L/D | Fr. Rob
HR ~ 8:15am † St. Isidore Parishioners L/D | Fr. Adam
HR ~ 5:15pm † World Peace | Fr. Prashanth
IC ~ 5:15pm † World Peace | Fr. Adam

Wednesday, January 1

IC ~ 9:00am † World Peace | Fr. Prashanth
HR ~ 12:00pm † World Peace | Fr. Rob *** INCENSE
OLG ~ 7:00pm † World Peace | Fr. Prashanth
SP ~ 7:00pm † World Peace | Fr. Rob *** INCENSE
ST ~ 7:00pm † World Peace | Fr. Adam

Thursday, January 2

IC ~ 8:00am † Connie Black | Fr. Prashanth
SP ~ 8:00am † Those in Law Enforcement | Fr. Adam

Friday, January 3

HR ~ 8:00am † Delores Scott | Fr. Rob
OLG ~ 8:00am † Tom L. Klosterman | Fr. Prashanth
IC ~ 9:00am † Ken Knapke | Fr. Adam

Saturday, January 4

HR ~ 8:00am † Pittman & Heckler Families L/D | Fr. Rob
HR ~ 4:30pm † Moyra Danaher | Fr. Rob
IC ~ 5:00pm † St. Isidore Parishioners L/D | Fr. Adam
OLG ~ 7:00pm † John Koester | Fr. Prashanth

Sunday, January 5

HR ~ 8:00am † Kim Lampert | Fr. Rob
IC ~ 8:00am † Rosie Amato | Fr. Adam
OLG ~ 9:00am † Bill Kite | Fr. Prashanth
SP ~ 9:30am † Todd Schaub | Fr. Rob
ST ~ 10:00am † St. Isidore the Farmer Parishioners L/D | Fr. Adam
HR ~ 11:00am † Tom Sommer | Fr. Rob
IC ~ 11:00am † Robert Schott, Sr. | Fr. Prashanth

St. Isidore the Farmer Family

4 | Gospel Reflection, This Week at Our Parishes

GOSPEL MEDITATION

DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir

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BAPTISMS

Presenting a child for Baptism is a serious obligation and requires a faith commitment on the part of the parents and godparents. This commitment is exemplified by being a practicing, active Catholic. Parents are obligated to attend a preparation session before a child’s baptism if they have not attended one in the last five years. Please call your parish office to register.

WEDDINGS

Please phone your parish office to set-up an appointment with a priest, in order to begin the sacramental preparation. Only after this initial meeting and assessment can a date be set for the wedding. The process requires at least 6 months.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISHES

Tuesday, December 31

Parish Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 1

Parish Offices Closed

Thursday, January 2

Holy Hour /Benediction / Confessions 6:30 - 7:30pm IC
Boys’ Club 6:30pm HR School

Saturday, January 4

IC Folk Group 5:00pm IC

Sunday, January 5

IC Adult Choir 8:00am
SP Youth Choir Practice 8:30am
ST CCD 8:45 - 9:45am
OLG Children’s Liturgy 9:00am
IC Confirmation Class 9:15 - 10:45am
HR Sunday School 11:00am HR School
IC Children’s Choir 11:00am
IC Children’s Liturgy 11:00am
HR & OLG 2nd Grade Dragon Slayers Retreat 1-4:00pm
Montezuma Spiritual Center
Consoling the Heart of Jesus 6:30pm HR Café

READINGS FOR DEC 30 - JAN 5

Monday, December 30

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday, December 31 ~ St. Sylvester I

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/
Lk 2:1-14

Wednesday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday, January 2 ~ St. Basil & St. Gregory

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/
Mt 10:17-22

Friday, January 3 ~ Holy Name of Jesus

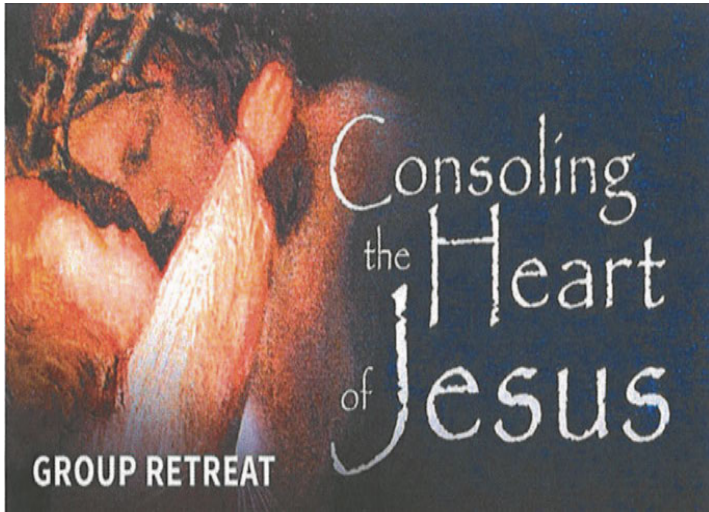
1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday, January 4 ~ St. Elizabeth

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

Sunday, January 5~ Epiphany of the Lord.

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/
Lk 2:41-52



Join us for a 10 week small-group retreat that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, Consoling the Heart of Jesus.

Meeting options:

- ◆ Sunday evenings @ 6:30pm in the Upper Room at HR beginning January 5.
- ◆ Monday mornings @ 9:15am in room 103 in the IC PAC beginning January 6.
- ◆ Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in room 103 in the IC PAC beginning January 9.

Please contact Deacon Charlie
csalway@stisidorefamily.org to sign up.

WE WALK BY FAITH

ST. ISIDORE FAMILY OF PARISHES

The next meeting is January 13, at 6:30pm, at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We Walk By Faith group welcomes all to learn how God IS interacting in our lives TODAY and EVERYDAY. We do this in many ways with the emphases on someone sharing when or what they have experienced as God affected their life. This can be as small as one morning something told me to bring my boots, to as big as an unproven miracle of being saved from suicide, and everything in-between.

When you see God in other lives, you also start to see Him in your life in a whole new way, and you start to grow more. No one is ever forced to share, just encouraged. This is one way to take part in Jesus' asking us in Matthew 28: 19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

Questions can be directed to Clete Muhlenkamp at (419) 394-1545.

RADIO ROSARY PROGRAM

WCSM

Tune in to pray along with the Radio Rosary on WCSM at 9:30am every Sunday. The Radio Rosary is sponsored each week by local Catholic organizations and individuals.

"Make a Date"

Seven Sensational Dates for Married Couples

January 10, 17, 24, 31 & February 7, 14, 21

6:00 - 9:00pm at St. Marys K of C Hall

Each night includes a catered dinner at a private candlelit table for two.

Cost ~ \$140 (only \$20 per night)

Couples watch a DVD and discuss important issues often ignored in the rush of daily life.

There is no group discussion or group sharing.

Call the parish office at 419-394-5050 to RSVP.

Seating is limited - Call Today!



COR

MEN'S FAITH OPPORTUNITY

COR (Latin for heart) is a new formation and fraternal opportunity for men of the St. Isidore the Farmer family of parishes. The meetings take place the 3rd Saturday of every month from 8-9am in room 102 in the PAC. A video from the "Into the Breach" series will be viewed and there will be discussion afterwards.

SAVE THE DATE!

HOLY ROSARY'S ANNUAL SPA FOR THE SOUL

Join us on April 11, as Angie Souls speaks on the topic of "Forgiveness".

Dinner will be catered by "Graze On".

Please watch the bulletin for more information.



Parish Family and Community

6 | Events, Updates and Information

POINSETTIAS TO TAKE HOME IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

IC's Christmas decorations will come down after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, January 12. If you wish to bring home a poinsettia or two, please come to the front of church after Mass and someone will help you cover the plant, so you can get it safely to your vehicle.

** Please DO NOT take the plastic trays, white baskets, or gold pot covers, as we will need those for future use.

Many thanks to those who donated towards the cost of the poinsettias and those who give throughout the year for our weekend arrangements. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

IC GIVING TREE THANK YOU!

IC would like to thank all those that donated gifts so generously to the Angel Tree Program this year. The tags disappeared quickly from our trees in the back of the church. Again, almost 300 gifts were donated by our parish to this program which is administered by O.U.R. Home. The toys and clothes, along with many other items for those in need were distributed on December 13 at the Church of God. Through your generosity, many children will have a "Merry Christmas"!

Thanks also go out to the Confirmation Class from IC for coordinating the drive to collect socks and underwear for the Angel Tree Program and all those who donated! Well over 300 children will benefit from this!

HR GIVING TREE THANK YOU!

Thank you to all that donated to the Giving Tree this year! The Auglaize County Crisis Center, Rustic Hope and Goodfellows will be very blessed this Christmas!

We collected 1,780 diapers and 2,776 wipes for Rustic Hope. Our High School CCD delivered these to Connie at Rustic Hope. She was so gracious for our kind donation and she was very appreciative of all the casseroles the High School and 8th grade CCD classes made last week. Their frozen casserole section was empty so we filled it up!!

CHRISTMAS PARTY OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Christmas party will be January 12, 2025. More information will be available in next week's bulletin. SAVE THE DATE!

CANDY SALE THANK YOU FROM ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick's would like to thank everyone who purchased candy from our recent sale. A huge thank you also to all who sold, bagged the candy and delivered the yummy treats. St. Patrick's appreciates your generous support.

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& SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

CINCINNATI + OHIO

THEOLOGICALLY THIRSTY THURSDAYS TAILSPIN - COLDWATER

Theologically Thirsty Thursdays is back at TAILSPIN in Coldwater for the 2024-2025 school year! Mark your calendars for January 9, February 13, March 13, and April 10.

In January -"Prayer 101", with Fr. Witt. Gather in "The Loft" at Tailspin at 7pm; speaker will start at 7:30pm. Follow Theologically Thirsty Thursdays on Facebook @T3Coldwater for more information.

SCHOENSTATT HOME SHRINE CLASSES SACRED HEART OF JESUS, McCARTYVILLE

Schoenstatt Home Shrine Classes will be offered Sunday Evenings from 7:00-8:15pm on Jan 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and Feb 2nd. The classes will be located in classroom A in the church basement at Sacred Heart of Jesus, McCartyville.

Contact Colleen Tebbe at 937-726-7377
or ctebbe4@gmail.com to register.

Men's Spiritual Exercises/Retreat

Friday-Sunday, January 3-5, 2025

Friday, January 3rd, 2025

6:00 PM Registration starts (no meal on Friday night)

7:30 PM Welcome

Retreat ends Sunday, January 5th, 2025

@ 1 p.m. after Mass and Lunch

Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

2365 St. Johns Road

Maria Stein, Ohio 45860

Cost \$ 250 before December 20th and \$275 after that date.
(includes single room with private bath, all meals and fees)

This "Spiritual Exercises/Retreat" is silent and based on the methods and principles of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It includes meditations, conferences, Mass, confession, opportunity for spiritual direction and personal prayer. The retreat is preached by a priest of the Legionaries of Christ.

REGISTRATION:

On-line at: www.rcohiovalley.org

For more information contact:

Jay Brown

E-mail: Jab84@nktelco.net

Phone: 419-733-5819

THE WORLD IS NOISY
God Whispers
5TH ANNUAL RETREAT
PRAYER | SILENT REFLECTION | FELLOWSHIP
ADORATION | MASS | CONFESSION
JAN 17 & 18, 2025
The Retreat House
Spiritual Center of Maria Stein
Hosted by Julia Monnin, OCDS
with Guest Speaker Fr. Jedidiah Tittle
and Mass Celebrant Fr. Sean Wilson
THERESIAN TENACITY:
*St. Therese of Lisieux
and the Trial of Faith*
LEARN MORE OR REGISTER AT: journeysrevealed.com/retreat

DRAGON SLAYER LIVE NEWS - 2ND GRADE

HOLY ROSARY & OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

All OLG & Holy Rosary 2nd graders (school & CCD students) will attend Dragon Slayers Live Retreat at Montezuma Spiritual Center on Sunday, January 5. Registration begins at 1:00pm with the retreat beginning at 1:30pm and ending at 4:00pm.

Please arrive no later than 1:15pm for registration and photos!



MEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH, McCARTYVILLE

The Men's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP), pronounced CHIRP, is a spiritual program that helps men grow in their relationship with God and others in their faith Community. CRHP will have a weekend retreat on February 1 & 2 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McCartyville, Ohio.

For more information contact: Andy Schwieterman
information at andhesells@gmail.com

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH, CHICKASAW

The Christ Our Light Family of Parishes 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 7th through April 1st from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. All materials are donated by Hogenkamp Funeral Homes.

For more information or to register, contact Herb Wilker by email hiwilker@yahoo.com or by phone at (419) 953-5398.

Immaculate Conception Parish Life Winter
Soup Sale coming soon. Be on the look out for
order forms in the January 12 bulletin.



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Sunday 12 January



THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 29, 2024



New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  ignatius press

Instructions for someone registering for the first time:

1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
2. Enter your parish zip code or name to select your parish
3. Enter your name and email

Instructions for someone who already has a Formed account with the Parish:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign In Enter your email
3. Click the link in your email
4. You're in!

(The account is automatically set to email verification to log in. If someone prefers a password they can create one in "Account Settings".)

**** Please note that the people who are already signed up for Formed under the parishes in your family **do not** need to sign up again. The accounts are being merged under the account of **St Isidore the Farmer Family of Parishes** that is now fully active.

Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

In this month of December, it is easy to lose sight of the reason for the season amidst the shopping, activities and seasonal gatherings that fill our lives. Rather than being distracted by these things or totally abandoning the spirit of the seasons of Advent and Christmas, good stewardship of our time and attention might suggest a different approach: focus on the great love of God which we celebrate in the incarnation, and make a commitment to share Christ's light and love throughout this month.

Ironically, we may find our call to be loving, forgiving and compassionate more challenging at this time of the year than at any other. People around us may try our patience and our already-busy pace may be pushed to the limit. It may seem difficult to believe that Jesus was born into our human state, with all of the evidence of just how unloving humans can be! And yet, God does love us! More than we can imagine.

Come, Emmanuel. Wisdom. Day-Spring. Lord of Might. Desire of Nations. Throughout Advent, especially from December 17 until Christmas, we sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, using Biblical titles for the long-awaited Messiah. When we call Jesus "Emmanuel" we are making a statement of deep faith and enduring hope. Jesus is Emmanuel, God who is with us.

God is with us. If God is with us, there is nothing to fear in life or death. If God is with us, we can trust that all will be well, regardless of the difficulties of the present moment. If God is with us, we can mirror God's lavish giving by giving of ourselves and our resources, and know that in doing so, we help others to see that God is with *them*.

In sharing love with the people around us, particularly when it is difficult to do so, we will make the incarnation known. This may just be the best gift we could give now, or at any time of the year!

Impact this month

PRAY.

Consider the simple gift of YOU – who needs your attention? Be it a family member, a friend, a neighbor, or that person in need tugging on your heartstrings, present the gift of YOU.

SERVE.

Who could benefit from your unique gifts? What resources do you have to give? What is your generous response to all the gifts you have been given?

SHARE.

We don't have to search far and wide to find the meaning of the season. This month, cast out the darkness of doubt, poverty, loneliness, and need as you share the light of Christ with others.

The Lord is here. The Lord will come.



St. Isidore the Farmer Family Updates

10 | Offerings, Attendance

COLLECTION FOR DEC. 14 & 15

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Holy Rosary

Weekly Collection	\$ 5,420.50
Online Giving	\$ 4,201.56
Mailed in Donations	\$ 300.00
Total Collection	\$ 9,922.06
Weekly Budgeted	\$ 8,860.00
Over/Short	\$ 1,062.06
YTD Collections	\$ 192,007.81
YTD Budgeted	\$ 212,640.00
YTD Over/Short	\$ 20,632.19

Immaculate Conception

Weekly Loose	\$ 2,583.02
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 13,927.00
Total Collection	\$ 16,510.02
Weekly Budgeted	\$ 16,000.00
Over/Short	\$ 510.02
YTD Collections	\$ 353,790.27
YTD Budgeted	\$ 384,000.00
YTD Over/Short	\$ 30,209.73

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 2,341.00
Weekly Loose	\$ 930.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,477.59
Total Collection	\$ 5,748.59
Weekly Budgeted	\$ 4,200.00
Over/Short	1,548.59
YTD Collections	\$ 104,195.72
YTD Budgeted	\$ 100,800.00
YTD Over/Short	\$ 3,395.72

St. Patrick

Weekly Collections	\$ 1,111.00
Online Giving	\$ 300.00
Total Collection	\$ 1,411.00
Weekly Budgeted	\$ 1,840.00
Over/Short	\$ 429.00
YTD Collections	\$ 38,496.45
YTD Budgeted	\$ 44,160.00
YTD Over/Short	\$ 5,663.55

St. Teresa

Weekly / Online Collections	\$ 1,604.67
Loose Collection	\$ 197.00
Total Collection	\$ 1,801.67
Weekly Budgeted	\$ 1,400.00
Over/Short	\$ 401.67
YTD Collections	\$ 30,765.68
YTD Budgeted	\$ 32,200.00
YTD Over/Short	\$ 1,434.32

ST. VINCENT de PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is very thankful for the generosity of our parishioners who gave a total of \$1,489.46 to the St. Vincent de Paul December collection.

January 4 & 5 will be the next St. Vincent de Paul collection. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ADOPT-A-STUDENT

HOLY ROSARY

The monthly Adopt-a-Student collection is to help Holy Rosary School with operating expenses.

Weekly Collections	\$ 1,400.50
Total Donations Received	\$ 46,435.50

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If you have question, please call Patti Folk at 419-394-5050 or Erik Bonilla at 419-586-6648.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Dec. 14 & 15

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Immaculate Conception: 916
Our Lady of Guadalupe: 479
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