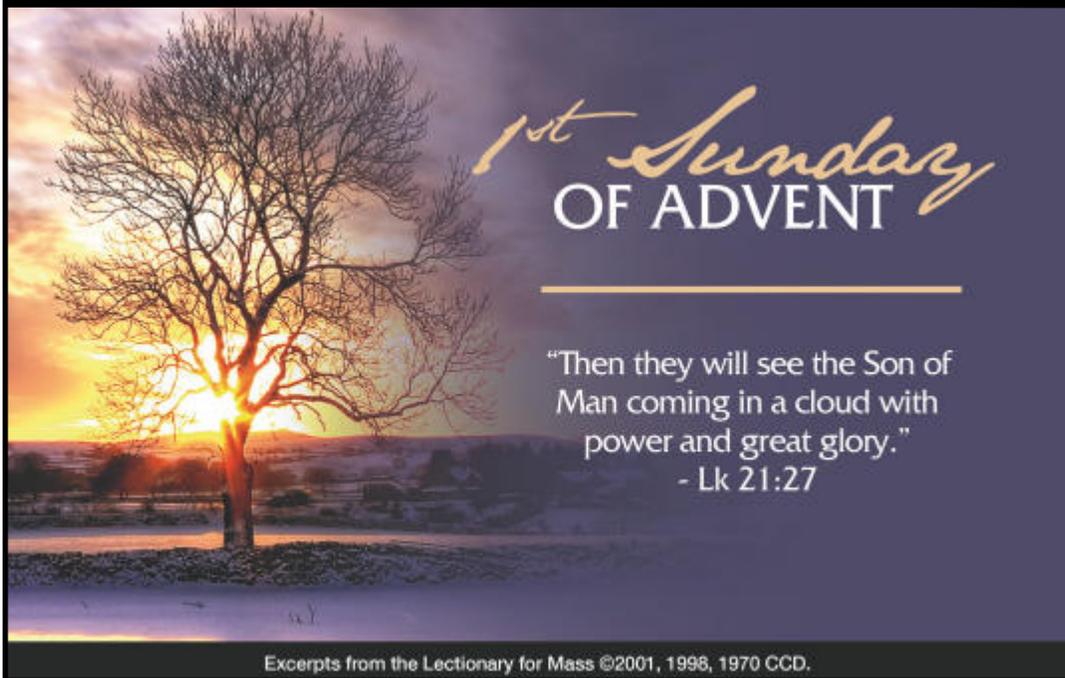


ST. MARY
OF THE
SNOWS
Catholic Church

Sunday

November 28, 2021

We, The People of St. Mary of the Snows Parish Community, are called by God to worship Him, teach His Word, and reach out to all.



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**A PRAYER FOR
ST. MARY'S PARISH**

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Lord, renew and revive our parish, our priests, our deacons, and ourselves.

Keep us a thriving and loving community.

Help us recognize your plan for our parish through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Make new our hearts and minds so that we may use our time and talents for your purpose.

Lord, bless St. Mary's and its members; rouse your power and make us new.

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MASS CELEBRATION

Tuesday 5:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 11:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday—5:00 to 5:25pm & Saturday—3:00 to 3:45pm
BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION
Please contact Mary Mancha at mtrmancha@gmail.com

MARRIAGE

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance to begin preparations.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office.

Submit articles for St. Mary's bulletin by noon Tuesday
Printed Resurrection bulletins are available in the vestibule

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. - Fri. 8:00am—3:00pm

WEBSITE : <http://www.mansfieldstmarys.org>

MASS SCHEDULES

ST. MARY OF THE SNOWS

Tuesday, November 30	5:30 pm (Esther Sumergrad)
Friday, December 3	9:00 am (Mark Sumergrad)
Saturday, December 4	4:00 pm (For the Parish)
Sunday, December 5	11:00 am (Mike Sumergrad)

RESURRECTION

Wednesday, December 1	9:00 am
Thursday, December 2	5:30 pm
Saturday, December 4	6:00 pm
Sunday, December 5	9:00 am

COLLECTIONS

November 13-14, 2021

Offertory	\$2985.00
School	\$1985.00
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B&G	\$120.00
Children's	\$3.22
All Saints Day	\$60.00
Assessment	\$55.00
Total	\$5473.22



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Just scan the QR code on the right with your smart phone camera & a link will pop up for a quick donation.

THANK YOU!



Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Observances for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent
Monday:	
Tuesday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Saturday:	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent

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PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Oleva Bachelder, Robert Baker, Heidi Card, Nico Card, Sandy Carney, Elaine Chahulski, John Chereson, Ed Cowan, Robert & Denise Crouch, Theresa (Noonan) Cooke, Tyler Duckworth, Bev Eilenfeld, Doug Eyink, George Fox, Kathi Gilbert, Georgia Goetz, Tripp Heffelfinger, Norma Hopkins, Ray Kasper, Patricia Kopycinski, Helen Lapeer, Mary LeFever, Don Marcum, Irene Mascazine, John McGuire, Wayne McKenna, Charlotte Peerenboom, Darlene Poggensee, Jimmy and Shari Regan, Norma Rickert, Butch Ryan, Rita Scheurer, Duwayne Shoup, Ann & Nick Sertell, Fr. Mike Snider, Joyce Steinle, Gladys Stevens, Anna Wachs, Cathy Wuan, Janiece Yosick, Stan & Sara Zeigler

FROM FATHER MATT

Dear Friends,

As I mentioned in last week's column, I would like to spend some time discussing the Gospel, the Good News, of Jesus Christ. We could call it Salvation History or the story of Christianity. Whatever we call it, this story should captivate us, inspire us, overwhelm us. Admittedly, the written text may not be as captivating, inspiring, or overwhelming as the spoken words, but I will do my best.

Where to start? In the beginning, of course. Those words, "In the beginning," introduce us to Genesis, the first book of Sacred Scripture. It may be easy to get bogged down into the historical and scientific accuracy of the Creation accounts in Genesis, but it's good to remember that the author of Genesis (the Holy Spirit along with the human author) was not interested in conveying historical or scientific facts. Nevertheless, the Creation accounts in the Book of Genesis contain truths: not ideas, fantasies, platitudes. I'll repeat it: the Creation accounts in the Book of Genesis contain the truth. What is the truth that Genesis conveys? God created the universe, the world, all things visible and invisible. God created everything out of nothing. Everything that God created was and is good. Everything that God created has order; God eradicates chaos. Similarly, God created with abundance, filling the emptiness.

As the pinnacle of His creation, God created humanity in His image and likeness; this is a dignity and gift bestowed on no other creature, not even the angels. God gave the man the responsibility of caring for the garden, naming the animals, birds, and fish, and having dominion over the rest of creation; in other words, there is dignity in work. Genesis tells us that God recognized that it is not good for the man to be alone, so he created woman from the side of the man; the truth here is that we are social beings, that marriage is a partnership between man and woman, and that while men and women are different, they are to be accorded the same dignity and respect. God gives man and woman the command to be fruitful and multiply. With the creation of humanity, God looked at creation and now declared it to be *very good*. In all of this, we are told that man and woman walked in easy fellowship, easy friendship with God in the garden. There was harmony between humanity and God, and not just harmony: there was friendship, fellowship, and communion with God.

I have tried to condense all of the truth of Genesis, and I haven't done it justice. However, we could and probably should be left with a single question: why? Why is there something rather than nothing? Why did God create all of this and all of us? A simple answer could be that God created all of this out of love. Love is diffusive and expands, so God, who is love, wanted to share His life with others. God created all of the universe and continues to sustain His creation out of love for you—not just a large group of nameless, faceless people, but for you specifically, for you whom God knows by name. God creates the breathtaking sunrises, captivating snowfalls, stunning landscapes, beautiful beaches, the stars and the moon all for you.

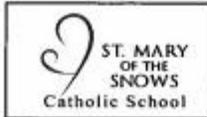
There are some quadrillion stars out in the sky. The galaxy is vast, and the universe is expanding (I think), and yet, in the midst of the immensity of everything, what matters to God is you. You matter to God. Why is there something rather than nothing? Why did God create all of this? For you. God created all of this because He wants more than anything else for you to share in His life of communion (intense union), of peace, of joy, of love. God wants you to walk in easy friendship with Him, so He has created this universe in order for you to be with Him. May we reflect upon the grandeur of creation and be filled with awe: awe at the majestic creativity of God and awe that God has created all of this so that we may share in His life.

We are saints under construction, beloved sons and daughters of the Father, created in His image and likeness, called and invited to share in His life. Have a great week!

In Christ,

Fr. Matt Frisbee





School Scoop

November 23, 2021



Dear Families,

We have noticed some safety concerns with our drop off and dismissal process. We try to keep the line moving, but little ones need time to be safely secured in their car seats.

Morning drop off: Please use the drive off Crider Road and exit onto Ashland Road. Please wait until the children are on the sidewalk before leaving the drive, and please wait for the car in front of you to pull away.

Dismissal: Please use the entrance off Ashland Road and exit onto Crider Road. With busses coming the other direction, we need you to please be patient and wait for the car in front of you to pull away. We ask that you DO NOT PASS the cars in front of you. We typically have the line complete in ten minutes. As you drive around toward Mary, please stay as close to the sidewalk as possible to allow busses to pass on the left side. It is dangerous to have cars turning around to exit onto Ashland Road, and we will not dismiss children directly to parents who are not in a vehicle. Please be understanding and follow our policies for the safety of all.

Blessings,

Mrs. Christa Brubaker

Upcoming events:

- Saturday, November 27: Craft Show 9 AM-3 PM
- Sunday, November 28: First Sunday of Advent
- Monday, November 29: Dress down day
- Friday, December 3: Mass 9 AM w/Adoration
 - Fr. Matt teaches ¾
 - Wear House shirts (House Time: 2:15 PM)



Thank you
for your
prayers
and
support of
St. Mary
School!

Quarantine guidelines:

Source: *Richland Public Health*

These guidelines are intended for those who have been identified as a "close contact" of a case ***outside of our school.***

If fully vaccinated: no need to quarantine. Monitor for symptoms and mask for fourteen days or until a negative test result is received. Test **AFTER** day 5 of exposure.

If not fully vaccinated: quarantine for 7 days. Test **AFTER** day 5 of exposure and monitor for symptoms. Mask for fourteen days. If testing at home, it must be proctored through a virtual appointment.

"Mask to Stay/Test to Play" Guidance

Students and staff who have been identified as a "close contact" ***in the school setting*** are **not required to quarantine** under the new guidelines, regardless of vaccination status. These students may remain in the classroom if they do the following:

- Wear a mask for 14 days after the last date of exposure.
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19
- Isolate and get tested if they start to experience symptoms, regardless of level of severity.
 - *Students may return after seven days if they receive a negative test between days 5-7. Masks are required the full 14 days.*

There is additional guidance through Richland Public Health for students involved in extracurricular activities.

We will continue to share updated guidance as it is received.

SchoolStore

Our school ID is 118721

St. Mary School is seeking a school secretary for the second semester of the school year. This position requires performance of a wide variety of clerical and secretarial duties to organize, coordinate, and schedule school activities, assist the principal in routine tasks, support teachers, and assist with public relations of the school. This position is approximately thirty hours per week and the pay rate starts at \$12.50-14, based upon experience and expertise. Please call the office for more information at 419.589.2114 or email resumes to brubaker.christa@mansfieldstmarymail.org. Thank you!

SECRETARY OPENING

St. Mary School is seeking a school secretary for the second semester of the school year. This position requires performance of a wide variety of clerical and secretarial duties to organize, coordinate, and schedule school activities, assist the principal in routine tasks, support teachers, and assist with public relations of the school. This position is approximately thirty hours per week and the pay rate starts at \$12.50-14, based upon experience and expertise.

LOVE TREE

“Love Tree” please take a tag from the **“Love Tree”**, located in the back of the church near the cry room. Purchase a Kroger certificate or any item listed on tags and then return to the tree. **Do not wrap the items.** The certificates will be given to members of our parish, school, and needy of community. Other items will be given to homeless shelter. **Thank you** for your generosity.

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

The Little Blue Books for Advent and the Christmas Season are available at the church entrances. The short readings for each day begin on November 28th and continue through January 9th. Thank you to the St. Mary’s Altar Rosary Society for providing these inspirational booklets to give extra meaning to this special season.

ADORATION

Monday, November 29—11am—9pm

LIVING JOY

Let’s Grow Together this Advent!

Join Fr. Matt, staff, fellow parishioners, and our sister parish by participating in a free online video retreat: *Living Joy*.

It begins the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 28. Go to <https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/living-joy> to learn more and register.

The process is simple...click on GET ACCESS NOW, fill in your information, check the box to accept the terms and conditions, then click COMPLETE MY PURCHASE. Please note that there is a 100% discount so there is no charge for this program.



Religious Education Department



Youth & Adult Faith Formation

Youth & Family Catechesis (YFC) Grades 1-8

Family Faith Day: Class, Lunch, Mass, Sacrament of Penance
Sunday, December 12

Amazingly Cool Catholic Stuff Topic: Flying Saints!
Sunday, December 5

Rooted (TOB) Classes: 1st & 2nd Grade
Sunday, December 19 & January 9

Sacramental Preparation: 1st Penance

Parent-Student Formation Session
Sunday, December 5 @ 9:30am
Meet in the Library

RCIA

Next Class: **Baptism & Confirmation**
Holy Oils & Sacred Chrism, St. Nicholas
Wednesday, December 1 from 7-8:30pm @ St. Mary’s

High School Catechesis (HSC) Grades 9-12

Next class: **The Afterlife** Part 2 & Christmas Party
Sunday, December 12 @ **5pm**

Youth Group (Middle & High School)



Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19 @ 6-8:15pm

Homeschool Families

St. Mary’s supports our Homeschool Families.
Please contact the Religious Ed and Sacramental Prep Coordinators to schedule a meeting.

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HERLIHY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

This family home is once again opening their house to the public on December 9, 10, 11 and 12 from 6 - 9 p.m. This Christmas house, located at 170 West Second Street, Mansfield, Ohio (located behind Herlihy Funeral Home), has been a Holiday tradition since the 1980's. This personal collection is on display and features over 30 Christmas trees (ranging from 12" - 18"), hundreds of Santa's, Disney, villages, trains, etc. The family asks for a minimum of \$1 per person donation that will then be given to local animal shelters and the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program. Bring the whole family and make this a part of your Christmas tradition! For more information call 419-544-9863, visit www.herlihychristmashouse.com and like us on Facebook.

PRAYERS! Please pray for our children preparing to receive the grace and mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Sunday, December 12, 2021.

ALEXANDER BOURNE
CICILIA COLEMAN
LAYLA DEWALT
DAVIS EWING
AMERA HAPIN
ASHERA HAPIN
HAILEY KINGSBOROUGH
KELLEN O'BRIEN
CHANNING WITHROW



ADVENT REMEMBRANCE TREE

This advent season, write the name of a deceased loved one on a cross and hang it on the Advent Remembrance Tree. On the last Sunday of Advent, take the cross home and hang it on your Christmas tree.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death and mourning.....

- Revelation 21:4

The Tree and crosses will be located in the vestibule.
Donations will be accepted for catholic charities.

- The Christian Formation Committee

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 4 pm Dec. 4th

Open/Close	Tate/Kopp
Music Group	Caleb Tate
Greeters	Carver Family
Lector	Roger Carmel
Servers	Gavin Knox
	Mahala Boothe
	Aiden Boothe
Host	Deacon Al
	Peggy McClure
	Mark Bowes

Sunday 11 am Dec. 5th

Open/Close	Ewing/Fletcher
Music Group	Contemporary Group
Greeters	Mayer Family
Lector	Jerry Cline
Servers	Owen Morrow
	Nathan Rall
	Anna Rall
Host	Deacon Al
	Christa Brubaker
	Cindy Rall

December 2021 St. Mary of the Snows Parish Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>KEY YFC = Youth/Family Catechesis HSC = High School Catechesis</p>			<p>1 RCIA @ St. Mary 7pm Contemp. Music 7 pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 First Friday Mass 9 am Adoration 10-6</p>	<p>4 Venite Adoremus 7am Confession 3-3:45pm Mass 4 pm</p>
<p>5 YFC 9-10:45 am 2nd gr Religion 9:30 Mass 11 am</p>	<p>Adoration 11am -9 pm</p>	<p>7 <u>Day of Grace</u> Confession Times - 9-11 am, 1-3 pm & 5:30-6:30 pm Rosary 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm K of C 8 pm</p>	<p>8 Mary's Immaculate Conception Mass 9am</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Mass 9 am Core Staff 9:45 am</p>	<p>11 Confession 3-3:45pm Mass 4 pm</p>
<p>12 YFC 9-10:45 am Family Faith Day Mass 11 am Rel. Ed. Luncheon Penance Service 1pm</p>	<p>13 Adoration 11am -9 pm Recycling 2-4 pm</p>	<p>14 Choir 1 pm Confession 5-5:25 Rosary 5 pm Mass 5:30 pm School Advisory 6:30</p>	<p>15 RCIA @ St. Mary 7pm Contemp. Music 7 pm Venite Adoremus 7pm</p>	<p>16 School Christmas-Program 6:30 pm</p>	<p>17 Mass 9 am</p>	<p>18 Confession 3-3:45pm Mass 4 pm</p>
<p>19 YFC 9-10:45 am Mass 11 am Donut Sunday Noon HSC 5 pm Youth Christmas Party 6 pm</p>	<p>20 Adoration 11am -9 pm</p>	<p>21 Choir 1 pm Confession 5-5:25 Rosary 5 pm Mass 5:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 OFFICE HOURS 8-1</p>	<p>24 OFFICE CLOSED Mass 4 pm Mass 10 pm</p>	<p>25 Merry Christmas! Mass at Resurrection 10am </p>
<p>26 Mass 11 am</p>	<p>27 OFFICE HOURS 8-1 Adoration 11am-9pm</p>	<p>28 OFFICE HOURS 8-1 Confession 5-5:25pm Rosary 5 pm</p>	<p>29 OFFICE HOURS 8-1</p>	<p>30 OFFICE HOURS 8-1</p>	<p>31 OFFICE HOURS 8-1 Mass 9 am</p>	

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