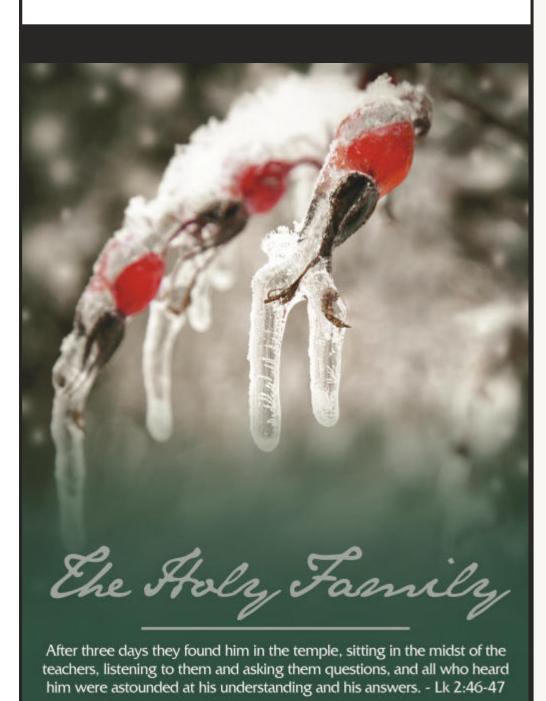
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Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 7:30am-3:30pm

Mass Times Mon-Thursday 7:30am Friday 7:00am Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm(Saturday Vigil) Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Holy Days: See bulletin

Infant Baptisms
Pre-Baptism workshop held the
second Monday of every month
in the undercroft of the Church
at 8pm.
No need to register

Anointing of the Sick After weekday Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony Call the pastor, 858-4210, as soon as possible. Marriage preparation required.

New Parishioners/Change
of Address
Welcome! Please
register at the Church
Office. If you are moving,
please call the Church Office.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-Ins Please call Fr. Tharp, 858-4210.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession Saturdays: 8:35am-9:30am Other times by appointment

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For those interested in becoming Catholic, call Fr. Tharp, 858-4210

> Eucharistic Adoration Friday 12:00pm Benediction 2:45pm

December 26, 2021

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, December 27

7:30am Jack Tanner (Cindy, Tami & Deb-

bie)

Tuesday, December 28

7:30am Maria Parra (Kim & Ron Red-

Wednesday, December 29

7:30am Ruth Vogt (Vogt Family)

Thursday, December 30

Marian Niehaus (Richard 7:30am

Niehaus)

Friday, December 31

7:00am Thanks Be to God, Mary and

Joseph (Han Nguyen)

Saturday, January 1

For the people 8:00am

4:00pm Anna Cham Nguyen (Han Ngu-

yen)

Sunday, January 2

8:00am Fr. Wall (April & Dan Martini)

10:00am For the people

12:00pm Marilyn Monnin (Nancy Miller)

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#### WEEK OF DECEMBER 27

Monday, December 27 - Parish Office Closed

Mass (CH) 7:30am

Tuesday, December 28

Mass (CH) 7:30am

Knights of Columbus (RH2&3) 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 29

Mass (CH) 7:30am

Thursday, December 30

Mass (CH) 7:30am

Choir (CH) 7:00pm

Friday, December 31 - Parish Office Closed

Mass (CH) 7:00am

Eucharistic Adoration (CH) 12:00-3:00pm (if people are in attendance)

Saturday, January 1

Mass (CH) 8:00am

Confession (CH) 8:30am

Mass (CH) 4:00pm

Sunday, January 2

Mass (CH) 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm



12/12/2021	
Offering Envelopes	\$12,333.00
Loose Cash	\$482.25
Online Giving	<u>\$4,141.50</u>
Sunday Offering	\$16,956.75
Christmas	\$270.00
Human Development	\$125.00
Religious Retirement	\$7,748.68
Immaculate Conception	<u>\$1,134.00</u>
Total Sunday Offering	\$26,234.43

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the 12/19/21 collection will be reported in next week.

The Holy Family December 26, 2021

#### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER THARP

Next Sunday: The Epiphany Celebrant for January 2: Fr. Tharp

#### DO NOT FALL FOR SCAMS!!!!

I am told that unsuspecting parishioners have received texts, emails, and telephone solicitations (some mimicking my voice) asking for a "favor." Be assured, it is NOT ME! All such messages are a SCAM. I promise that you will never receive any such messages from me, so if you receive one, do not even answer it. Delete any such message as I assure you I will NEVER contact you for a favor unless I am speaking to you physically in front of you at church. Don't be fooled by these criminals.

## PLEASE NOTE: Regular Mass schedule for New Year's Weekend

Because there is no precept obligation attached to New Year's Eve or Day (this year only) the Feast of Mary Mother of God is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Saturday morning is still technically the Feast of Mary the Mother of God, but there is NO obligation to go to Mass. Since New Year's Day is on a Saturday we will only have the regular Saturday morning Mass for the Feast of Mary Mother of God at Sacred Heart at 8:00 a.m. followed by confessions from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, New Year's Day (afternoon) we will have our regular anticipatory Mass at Sacred Heart at 4:00 p.m. and at St. Ann at 5:15 p.m. As far as Mass times and schedules, the weekend Mass schedule is exactly as it usually is on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Remember therefore that the Church requires you to attend Mass only once for the New Year's weekend, unlike Christmas the week before.

#### Synod 2021-2023

(The Archdiocesan coordinator for the Worldwide Synod on Synodality has asked that this be posted in all bulletins:

The Holy Father has called a synod inviting ALL the Baptized to come together to discuss and discern how we can walk together in accomplishing the Mission of the Church. He wants ALL those who make up the Church to participate: elderly, youth, religious orders, clergy, lay faithful, poor, disabled, divorced, migrants, those who no longer practice the faith, etc. It is my understanding that the gathering for our deanery is scheduled for Saturday, January 22 at Queen of Peace Church in Millville. More specifics to follow in the New Year. Questions? Please feel free to contact the Archdiocese at www.catholicaoc.org/synod.

#### Split the Pot

The winner for the annual "St. Ann New Year's Eve Split the Pot" is underway. Tickets are on sale in the vestibule of St. Ann after weekend precept Masses. This is a major fundraiser for St. Ann Church and School, so as Sacred Heart and St. Ann become a new Family, let's support each other.

## Reminder for volunteers who work with or around children

If you are a volunteer classroom parent in the school, a coach, drama club volunteer, scout volunteer, etc please note that you should have been moved to the Safe Parish program. Fulfillment of this requirement is mandatory for anyone working with children. Please contact your parish safe environment coordination if you are uncertain whether you are registered or approved.

Please be aware that failure to register with and complete the requirements of Safe Parish will result in your inability to continue to work with or around children in any parish and/or school setting. We have been informed by the Archdiocese that there can be NO EXCEPTIONS.

## Live Streaming a precept Mass from St. Ann and Sacred Heart each week

Since I live stream both the 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart and the 5:15 p.m. at St. Ann; I usually manage to live stream both, but on rare occasions the internet is out at one or the other location. If this happens, be assured that I will make every effort to correct the malfunction before the next weekend.

Please remember to access the Sacred Heart / St. Ann Pastoral Region You Tube site by clicking on the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVLLqbEY5hKWinwz069MVcg

#### Reflection on Scripture:

It is rare that Christmas is on a Saturday, and then the Feast of the Holy Family is the next day (Sunday) but that is how it works out this year. Although my favorite religious feast is Pentecost, most Catholics would say Christmas or perhaps Easter. Holy Family would probably be a little further down the list. Nevertheless, the Holy Family is the context that makes the Hypostatic Union real. Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. He is not a hybrid. He is not a genetic anomaly. He exists ontologically as fully human and fully divine. If we think of the reality of human existence and the reality of divine infinity, both measures of existence coalesce in Jesus Christ. For the divine to be fully human, Jesus needed a family. Thus, today's feast.

Continued on next page...

#### **NEXT WEEK**

Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Theme: Epiphany



#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART...



#### THANK YOU

It is with a very GRATEFUL heart that I share the good news. With your generosity we were able to share gifts with over 140 children this year by your donations of close to 350 wonderfully chosen gifts. Our committee was overwhelmed by your support and we look forward to serv-

ing families of Fairfield again next year. Your kindness resulted in some very happy children and families this Christmas season.

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT

The Catholic Education Foundation grant application is now open for those attending Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Please visit https://catholicbestchoice.org/tuitionaid/k-8-tuition-information to find the link to the application. Application closes January 31, 2022.

#### MEDITATION BRICK GARDEN

Honor or remember a loved one in our meditation brick garden at Sacred Heart Church. This is a special way to honor someone making Confirmation or First Communion, remember a loved one who has gone to be with the Lord, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The bricks are \$30 each. Checks made payable to Sacred Heart Church. Pamphlets can be found on our website www.sacredheart-fairfield.org or call 858-4210 and we will either email or mail you one. We will place an order for all purchased bricks in the spring.

**WOMEN TOGETHER** is a parish ministry for widowed, divorced and single women of all ages of Sacred Heart and St. Ann Churches. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, from September through May, in the Sacred Heart undercroft, Room 4 starting at 3:30 p.m. for a thirty-minute social gathering before our meeting at 4:00 p.m. An elevator inside the handicap door of the church is assessable to the undercroft.

Our next regular meeting will be held on January  $18^{th}\,$  at  $3:30\,$  p.m. Sacred Heart meeting room. There is no regular meeting during the holidays.

Upcoming events:

No other activities or events have been planned during the holidays until the January meeting.

#### Have a very blessed and joyful Christmas!

For more information about Women Together, please contact Marilyn Schlabach at 829-3697.

#### FOOT CARE MINISTRY

Volunteers Providing Free Foot Care (VPFFC) is a group of men and women who give proper foot care help to those in need, as well as both used and new socks and shoes. We take our services to places within the southern Butler County area. We are active from October through April of each year. We are inviting others who might be interested to join our ministry. Please call Alberta Wirsch (513-829-8709) or Linda Walt (513-829-7107) for further information.



#### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Thanks to your generosity, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul for the Sacred Heart/St. Ann Pastoral Region has helped 354 households so far this year. If you're making year-end charitable contributions, please consider our St. Vincent De Paul. Donations can be made

at any time to our St. Vincent De Paul Society through the church office. The CARES Act provides a deduction of \$300 per individual and \$600 on a joint return for charitable contributions for those who do not itemize. Every dollar received by our St. Vincent De Paul goes to help your neighbors in Fairfield, Lindenwald and Fairfield Township.



#### OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Bryan Miller, Director of Religious Education
Marianne Fleckenstein, Secretary of Faith Formation &
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#### December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

For many Christians throughout the world, the sight of a nativity still evokes the miracle of Jesus' conception, his humble birth, his ultimate sacrifice and the gift of everlasting life to those who believe. The true meaning of Christmas.

#### December 26, Feast of the Holy Family

Today's liturgical feast of the Holy Family honors Jesus; his mother, Mary; and his foster father, Saint Joseph; and their model as a family for all Christians. The Holy Family is a great example for families everywhere to always be open to whatever God's will might be and to always be listening for God to speak. He might speak his will in prayer or through another person. By our own prayer and discernment, we too can follow God's lead for our life.

#### **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January:**

#### For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



NO REP CLASSES DEC. 27 or JAN. 3, 2022



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

NO REP CLASSES JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>
Martin Luther King Day



SUNDAY MISSALS FOR NEW LITURGICAL YEAR ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$3 IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

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## ATTENTION ALL 6th GRADE PARENTS OF CONFIRMANDI!!



Be sure to check your parent packet to make sure ALL paperwork has been turned in.

WORKBOOK TURN IN DEADLINE IS JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>.

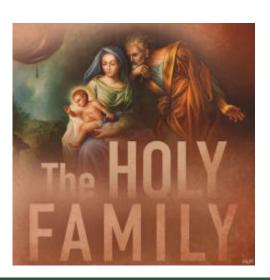
JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> Spirit Retreat is MANDATORY!

If candidate cannot attend candidate must attend at another parish BEFORE they receive the sacrament. Notify Office of Faith Formation of any adjustments you have to make.

#### **VOLUNTEERS TO HOUSE TEAM MEMBERS**

Our 6th grade CONFIRMATION SPIRIT RETREAT is on January 22nd. Net Ministries will be holding the retreat here at Sacred Heart. We are in need of families that can be 'host homes' for the Net Minis-

tries Team Members. If you are interested in this or would like more information, please call Marianne Fleckenstein, in the Faith Formation Office (858-4213). Thank you!



The Holy Family December 26, 2021

### **CONNECTING CORNER**

"Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them." Great Anxiety! Mary's words would be exclaimed by any fearful mother in the same circumstance. When my two toddler sons took a 20 minute walkabout to an escalator several stores way for some extended rides at a Mall, I didn't have a chance to say anything between sobs when they were walked back to us. The oldest piped up with an accusatory "where have you been?" "Great anxiety, not understanding", welcome to parenthood. Today's scripture acknowledges times of tension within a family. However, prayers to Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Our Mother send us on with trust in doing God's will, and our prayers to Joseph, the humble earthly father of Jesus, reminds us parents of our place in the family, sometimes in the background, always supporting, working hard, with a sustaining love. Today would be a good day to read Patris Corde, the Heart of a Father. www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\_letters/ documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\_20201208\_patriscorde.html

#### Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer,

authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families

never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort

and healing.
Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the

sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen From Pope Francis in <u>The Joy of Love</u> 3-19-2016

Our commitment to unstuff our closets to connect with poor families continues until Dec 31. Please close up the year with your own donations to the SVDP bin in the SHJC parking lot.

May God Bless all the Families of our Pastoral Region as we each pray and work to ensure that our Church is a peaceful place of support and love for all families, parents, children, teens, young adults.

From Peace and Justice Commission





## KNIGHTS' CORNER Father Roettele Council 8115



https://www.facebook.com/KofC8115/

#### THANK YOU

Fr. John Roettele, Council 8115, Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart and St Ann's parishes for their most generous support of the Coats for Kids program. We received \$2,180.00 in donations. Our Council has been able to distribute 10 boxes of boys, girls and teen coats this year. We provided coats to our local St. Vincent De-Paul Society to help fill request from local families, Resurrection School in Price Hill (an archdiocese CISE school), Fairfield schools and the Caring Closet in Hamilton. The success of the Coats for Kids programs is only possible because of your most generous and caring support.

If you would like to know more about the program, contact Fr. J. Roettele Council 8115 KofC, P.O. Box 18-355, Fairfield, Ohio 45014

Dan Martini Chairman, Frank Vitale Assistant

#### ST. ELSEWHERE

#### 2022 CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE

Actor Jim Caviezel (Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ) and Raymond Arroyo (EWTN/ FOX News) are coming to Cincinnati April 2, 2022 to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference. LADIES, there is no better or more meaningful Christmas gift this year than to buy tickets to this conference for the men in your life. Don't know what to get Dad or your significant other for Christmas?! We just solved it. Go to:

www.CincinnatiMensConference.com to get tickets. Give the gift of spiritual uplift this Christmas season, your men will thank you!

#### JOE NUXHALL MEMORIAL SPORTS STAG

The Father Butler Council 968 is pleased to announce: Joe Nuxhall Memorial Sports Stag Tickets ARE ONSALE NOW! Order your tickets online at kofc968.org/give; and select Sports Stag Tickets from the drop down menu or contact Tom Mitchell at (513) 484-5240.

Tickets are \$45 per person, and the stag is on Thursday, January 20, 2022 6:00 PM at the Courtyard by Marriott in Hamilton. Proceeds from the Stag go to the Father Butler Education Foundation AND the Joe Nuxhall family of charities including the Miracle League.

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