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MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm; Sunday 8:00am, 10:30 am, 5:00pm - Daily Mass 8:00am Sunday Liturgy Available: Live Streaming 5:00pm Saturday Mass, available anytime - visit our website www.shofjesus.com WCTV - Channel 15 or 1023 Sundays 9:00am & Mondays 8:30am SACRED HEART WADSWORTH, OHIO

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Everyone in the parish should be properly registered. New parishioners, as well as those moving out of the parish, should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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Arrangements are made with the Parish Office through the funeral director before publication in the newspaper.



Today is the Fourth, and last, **Sunday of Advent**, which means that in a few short days we will celebrate the Birth of Christ. As we celebrate this wonderful feast of the Birth of Christ, we may want to reflect on exactly what God has done for us in His great love for us. He has become one of us. He has humbled Himself to become a human being so that He can save us from our sins. It is we who have sinned and it is He who humbles Himself for us. Somehow that does not seem quite fair or just, yet this is what God has done for us because He loves us so much.

No one made God become a human being. He chose it freely and lovingly. Maybe the next time we are confronted with something that seems unfair we might think of what God has done for us. Christmas is a celebration of the love of God, and there is no better way for us to envision this love than seeing a mother lovingly holding her child. Almost everyone can relate to images of Mary holding the newborn Jesus close to her heart. What is there in us that makes it so easy for most people to be moved by such an image? The answer is very simple: it is the love of God Himself in each of us that enables us to respond to love when it is right in front of us.

Christmastime is always a good and wonderful time for us and that is what God intends it to be. However, there are many people who dread the Christmas Season because of the memories they have of loved ones no longer with us, or memories of Christmases past that were far from loving or joyful. We must pray for these people and for the small part in all of us that has the same tendency. No matter what past Christmases were like, each Christmas is an opportunity for all of us to, again, realize the great and powerful love of God; the love He shows us by coming to us.

He continues to come to us in so many ways, but most of all, through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. God continues to take flesh in each Mass and then gives Himself to us so that we may use our bodies and our very lives to give His love to everyone we meet in our daily lives.

Invite someone back to Mass. We all know that Christmas is a time when many people choose to come to Mass even though they may not come every Sunday. We need to be welcoming to these brothers and sisters of ours, and by our kindness encourage them to come to Mass every Sunday. If you have friends or relatives who don't regularly go to Mass, please encourage them to start going each Sunday by sharing with them how important the Mass is in your own life. Let them know that coming together to worship God and give Him thanks for all He does for us really helps us through the week in ways that we do not even realize. Going to Mass every Sunday is still the most important thing we do in our lives because nothing can bring us closer to God in this life than participating in Mass and receiving our Lord in Holy Communion.

Christmas is a time for giving and sharing because this is what God has done for us and so we seek to imitate Him. This year we may not be able to give our loved ones all the material things that we were able to give in the past, but we can give them the gift of God's love through our kindness, patience, and compassion. Please do not forget to give some of your blessings back to God as you make a gift to your parish community so that the work of spreading God's love may continue through all that we do in His Name to carry on the work of salvation. Your Christmas gift to your parish community will be greatly appreciated by many people and God will surely bless you and your loved ones for your generosity and your sacrifice.

There are still more opportunities to go to confession before Christmas. See the bulletin for times.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18

5:00 p.m. Tom Polomsky [Tom & Pat Antkowiak]

Sunday, December 19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Joseph R. Holy [Family]
10:30 a.m. Tom Witschey [Fink Family]
5:00 p.m. Oma & Opa Muhl [Muhl Family]

Monday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Joe DiPietro [Jane Rager] **Tuesday, December 21 - Saint Peter Canisius**

8:00 a.m. Don & Eileen Blake [Tim & Connie]

Wednesday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Tom VanSteenkiste [Jan] Thursday, December 23 - Saint John of Kanty

8:00 a.m. James & Dorothy Durkin [Durkin Family]

Friday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Joseph Muhl [Muhl Family]
6:30 p.m. Betty Drouhard [Don & Family]
10:00 p.m. Tony & Liz Carretta [Angie Carretta]
Saturday, December 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00 a.m. John & Carmella Puglisi [Family]

11:00 a.m. Christine Weigand [Family]

Sunday, December 26 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00 a.m. For Our Parish

10:30 a.m. Ronald P. Evans [Evans Family]

5:00 p.m. Beatrice & Joseph Meade [Lamielle Family]

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of Linda Neidig, mother of Beth Watson, James Scaglione, father of Trish Swanson, Ken Busson, brother of Dennis Busson, Peter Tavolier & Darcy Tavolier, father and sister of Mary Alice Bell, all who died recently. May our risen Lord grant them eternal rest in His heavenly kingdom.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2021

 Mon
 Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
 Thur
 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

 Tues
 Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45
 Fri
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

 Wed
 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
 Sat
 Is 9:1-6; Lk 2:1-14

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK - December 19, 2021

Question for Adults: When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?

Question for Children: When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?

Baptism: By prior arrangement with the Parish Office. Parents are expected to attend the Pre-Baptismal Instruction which is held the first Sunday of March, June, September and December. Call the parish office for details.

Marriage: Couples intending to marry must meet with a Priest or Deacon at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. At least one of the parties must be a registered member of Sacred Heart.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or before surgery, please call the Parish Office.

Communion Calls: Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the Parish Office so that Holy Communion may be brought to their homes.

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to Noon, or by appointment.

To Be A Godparent/Sponsor:

You must be registered at a parish and a practicing Catholic at least 16 years old and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist as well as being in a valid marriage, if married. Those Catholics who have joined another religion may not act as Godparent or Christian Witness or who no longer attend Mass weekly.

Crisis Pregnancies: Don't panic. Help of ALL KIND is available. If unsure of what to do, call Embrace Clinic and Care Center (330-825-1900). You will find lots of support for you and your unborn child. Every human life is sacred and a gift from God.

Bequests: A bequest to your parish is a way to honor your church and faith of your lifetime. A bequest, included in your will, is exempt from state and inheritance taxes and reduces the amount of estate to be taxed. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT-DECEMBER 12
Envelope Offertory (148 Envelopes)\$17,383
Online Giving Offertory (127 Givers)
Budget Offertory\$24,500
Weekly Difference(\$7,117)
Actual YTD Offertory\$461,715
Budget YTD Offertory\$587,250
YTD Difference (\$125,535)
SPECIALS
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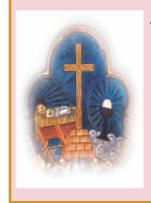


Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last

week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit <u>retiredreligious.org</u> to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – DECEMBER 24, 25, & 26

	Server	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Friday, Dec. 24, 4:00PM	Izaak & Landon Skidmore Vincenzo Marzano Vincent DiPietro	Bob Cotey	Joe & Ruth Giacomoni Craig & Patti Chamier
Friday, Dec. 24, 6:30PM	Jack Allen, George Gale Charlie & Grace Gale	Diana Merced	Greg Kornaker, Caesar Merced Joe & Loretta Turk
Friday, Dec. 24, 10:00PM	Madeline & Audrey Yarman Anson Ney, Lincoln Reeling	Paul Boland	Joe Weber, Jim Calhoun Bob & Kathy Calhoun
Saturday, Dec. 25, 8:00AM	Mario & Deanna Pace Cole McNeill	David Kennedy	Kathie Buetow, Pat McNeill Eric & Gina McNeill
Saturday, Dec. 25, 11:00AM	Benjamin Nichols, Silas Myers Eve Connor, Claire McNeill	Tim Reed	Jen Sorrent, Ali Beery Alan & Pat Beery
Sunday, Dec. 26, 8:00AM	Angelo & Santino Pace Paul & Luke Schlueter	Leah McNeill	Bill & Cece Bees Brian Storad
Sunday, Dec. 26, 10:30AM	Esperanza Ulloa, Logan Skidmore Teresa Chermak, Ky'Sonna Won	Rona Veney	David & Karen Kennedy Cortney Skidmore
Sunday, Dec. 26, 5:00PM	Mallory & Maggie Gerschutz Cody Stafinski, Anna Serger	Michael Gahan	Roger & Debbie Petrey Joanne Gahan



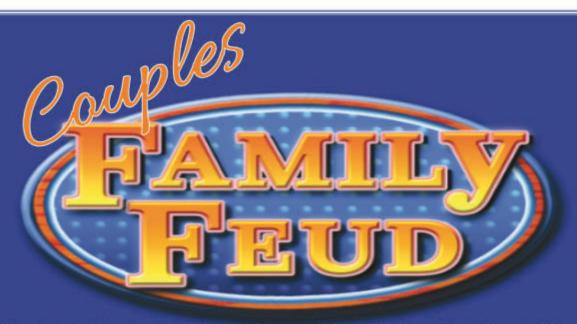
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will be reposed at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and exposed after the 11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24 AND WILL REOPEN MONDAY,
JANUARY 3, 2022.

A Very Merry & Blessed Christmas to Our Farishioners & Visiting Guests!



Where is the best place to celebrate World Marriage Day? SURVEY SAYS: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish!

Please join us as we celebrate World Marriage Day. The evening will begin with Mass, followed by a catered dinner in McMahon Hall and the live action game of Couples Family Feud, where groups of couples compete to name the most popular answers to survey questions about dating, marriage, and all things relationships in order to win prizes and of course bragging rights! This is a wonderful opportunity for couples to have a night out together to strengthen their marriage, while enjoying an evening renewing friendships and making new ones.

SAT., FEBRUARY 12 MASS
5:00PM - 9:00PM DINNER
\$75 PER COUPLE LIVE ACTION GAME

REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 4

Couples Family Feud Game/Dinner Reservation Form

Couple's Name:		Years Married:
E-Mail Address:		
We would like to be considered as contestants	i.	
We would like to be part of the "studio" audien	ce only.	
If possible, we would like to sit with:		
	Total Paid: \$	Cash/Check No.;
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Please RSVP with payment no later than Friday, February 4. Return your reservation via the collection basket or to the Parish/School Office. For more information, contact annette@shofjeus.com.

YOUTH CORNER

"10:10 Meets in the Youth Room every Sunday and Wednesday night from 6:30-8pm! Follow us on Instagram @shoj_youthministry for more information and updates!"

March for Life!!

On the evening of Thursday, January 20th we will travel overnight to Washington DC!! The morning of Friday, January 21st we will attend Mass and a Youth Rally before we March for Life!! This trip is open to middle schoolers and high schoolers and is \$58 per person!! Contact Claire Corridoni to sign up and get the waiver-claire@shofjesus.com. We are also looking for adult volunteers to join us!

We are selling car magnets as a fundraiser for our growing youth programs!! You can buy 1 for \$10 or 2 for \$15! They can be purchased at the Parish office, contact Claire Corridoni, or you can buy them at the Dec. 12th event, Behold Your Mother! Don't miss out on these awesome magnets to support our youth and show our community we are proud to be from Sacred Heart!





Altar & Rosary is continuing the Oplatki tradition here at Sacred Heart! WHAT IS OPLATK!?

Polish, Slovak, and Lithuanian background families originally observed this Christmas tradition, but it has become a tender, touching family celebration of love and forgiveness for all families. Oplatki wafers [a thin Communion-like wafer stamped with a Christmas scene? are shared right before the Christmas Eve meal. The entire family gathers around the table and the eldest family member begins the ritual. The Oplatki is passed from person to person along with a wish and a kiss, symbolizing the giving and sharing in our lives. OPLATKI [Angel Bread] will be available at the East and Broad St entrances to the church December 11/12 and 18/19. If so inclined, you may leave an extra donation in the offertory basket.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 - Donut Sunday

9:00 a.m. PSR (PreK-5th), Sacred Heart School

11:30 a.m. Baptism, Church

4:00 p.m. SVDP Sorting Gifts, McMahon Hall

6:30 p.m. 10:10, Youth Room

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:00 p.m. SVDP Food Pantry, Parish Center 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 406, McMahon Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith/Teen Choir, Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

11:30 a.m. Wadsworth AA Meeting, Andes Room

6:00 p.m. Confessions, Church 7:00 p.m. Decorate Church

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary, Parish Library

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

11:00 a.m. Confessions, Church

6:00 p.m. SVDP Food Pantry, Parish Center

6:00 p.m. Confessions, Church 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir, Church





Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3pm) and Virtually (5pm). Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. If you are not yet able to talk about your grief, come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The **December 19th** topics are "**The Gift of God's Presence: You Never Walk Alone**". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand. Your RSVP for both In -Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated, but not required to attend. To RSVP or for questions, contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866. Closest support group is at Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office) - 100 E. Waterloo Rd.

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A Personal Gift

During this Holiday season we donate our time, resources, and our hearts to those in need. I offer you an opportunity to let your kindness touch those in need in a more personal way. There are so many men, women, and children who are in need of under clothing. As a project for Christmas, I ask you to join me in donating **NEW** underwear of all sizes for men, women, and children. Drop-off box will be in the East

nave marked <u>UNDERWEAR</u>. **Deadline will be December 19th**, and will be delivered to Marian's Closet on December 20, 2021. **Questions, call Pam Armstrong at 330-701-8818.**





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