



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18*

PARISH INFORMATION

JANUARY 23, 2022

St. Christopher CATHOLIC CHURCH



Welcome to St. Christopher Parish

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United in Spirit | Sharing our gifts | Revealing Christ by our love

In our Catholic tradition, St. Christopher represents a Christ-bearer, one who carries Christ. Our community strives to bring this image to life as we unite to share Jesus' Good News and love our neighbor. Whether you are a first-time or returning visitor, we are glad you are here! If you are called to join us, online registration is available through our website home page. If you prefer to register in person, please contact the Parish Office or stop by during business hours. Together as the Body of Christ we will celebrate God's presence among us with hope and joy.

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. - Matthew 18:20

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ST. CHRISTOPHER CENTER FOR CHILDREN

AGE 3—PRE-K | CHILD CARE

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ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

K-8TH GRADE

405 E. National Rd.
Vandalia, Ohio 45377

w: scpSCHOOL.org

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G.I.F.T. GRADES 1-12

435 E. National Rd.
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Dir. Of Religious Ed
Elise Sas 937.898.3542, ext. 105

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Class on 2nd Tuesday, 7pm
Pre-registration required; contact the parish office. **Baptism is at 12:15 p.m. on the first and third Sundays.**

RCIA (Catholic Faith Initiation)

Andrea Parker, 937.898.3542 ext. 109

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:15pm-4:45pm

MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made no less than six months in advance. More Info: Call Bonnie Allen 937.898.3542 ext. 101

CONFIRMATION (Grade 10)

Elise Sas, 937.898.3542 ext. 105
Confirmation for Adults, call Andrea Parker 937.898.3542 ext. 109

PASTORAL REGION #3

In Dayton Deanery with

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
753 S. Hyatt St., Tipp City, OH
937.667.3419

Pastor, Fr. John Tonkin
Weekday: T/TH: 8:30a | W: 7p
Weekend: SA: 5p | SU: 8a, 10:30a.

WELCOME TO ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Worship Schedule -

MASS & PRESIDER SCHEDULE

	St. Christopher	St. John the Baptist
S 1 22	5 pm Fr. John	5 pm Fr. Smith
SU 1 23	9 am Fr. John	8 am Fr. Smith
	11 am Fr. John	10:30 am Fr. Smith
M 1 24	No Mass/Comm. Service	No Mass/Comm. Service
T 1 25	6:30 pm Fr. Smith	8:30 am Fr. John
W 1 26	9 am Fr. John	7 pm Fr. Smith
TH 1 27	6:30 pm Fr. Smith	8:30 am Fr. John
F 1 28	9 am Fr. Smith	No Mass/Comm. Service
S 1 29	5 pm Fr. Smith	5 pm Fr. John
SU 1 30	9 am Fr. Smith	8 am Fr. John
	11 am Fr. Smith	10:30 am Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST CHRISTOPHER

S 1 22	5 pm Vince De Vanney
SU 1 23	9 am Brain Dahlinghaus
	11 am St Christopher Parish
T 1 25	6:30 pm Hubert & Irene Spieles
W 1 26	9 am David Engle
TH 1 27	6:30 pm Ruth Kistler
F 1 28	9 am Sylvia Stewart
S 1 29	5 pm St Christopher Parish
SU 1 30	9 am Ott Moeller
	11 am Orville & Betty Miller

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

SAT	SUN	SUN
11am	9am	11am
162	194	238

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

7/1/21 - 6/30/22

SUNDAY'S DATE	ACTUAL GIVING	YEARLY GOAL PER WEEK
January 16, 2022	\$16,724.00	\$25,961.54
	Offerings	\$573,114.51
	Offerings Goal	\$752,884.70
	GIVING TUESDAY	\$114,908.72
	Difference +/-	-\$64,861.47

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NEXT WEEKEND
ROSARY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND St. Christopher's Knights of Columbus council 12912 invite everyone to join in praying the Rosary in the chapel (30 minutes):

- After the 5:00 pm Mass (Jan. 29)
- After 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses (Jan. 30)

The Rosary is dedicated to all persecuted Christians across the world.

Synod 2021 2023
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THE NEXT UPCOMING MEETING IN OUR AREA WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 10TH AT ST. ALBERT IN KETTERING from 7PM-9PM. Please sign up to attend. Your voice is needed! For more info, other meeting dates and locations, please visit our parish website or scan QR CODE below.

I wish to participate. Please sign me up!

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Gender (Optional): _____

Parish: _____

Email: _____

Age (Optional): _____

Meeting Location you would like to attend: _____

SCAN FOR MORE INFO & OTHER DATES



PLEASE FILL OUT, DETACH, AND PLACE IN COLLECTION BASKET OR TURN IN AT PARISH OFFICE.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long



ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise

is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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REFLECT & RESPOND

FIRST READING

Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.") **What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?**

SECOND READING

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. **In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?**

GOSPEL READING

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. **What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?**

PLANT YOUR WORKS IN THE WORD

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

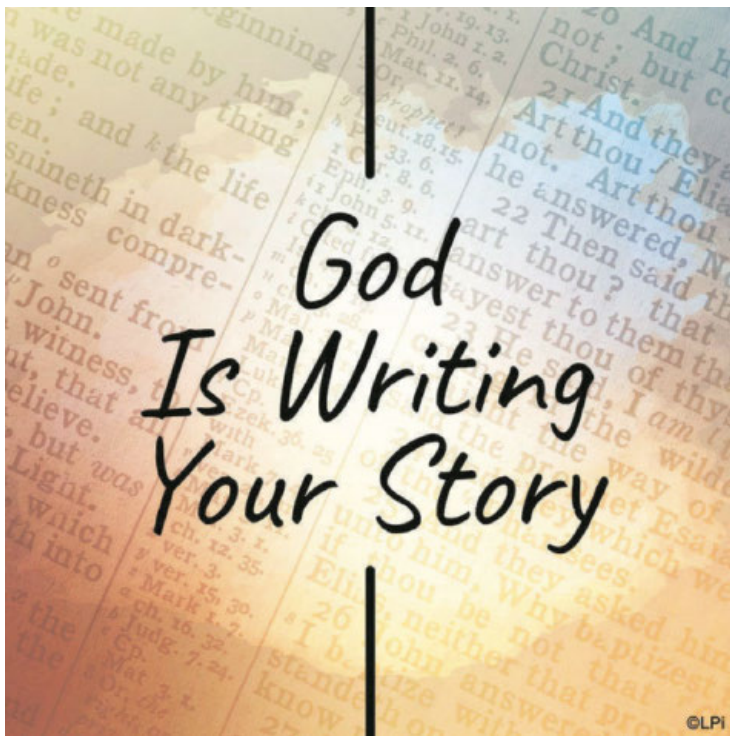
But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



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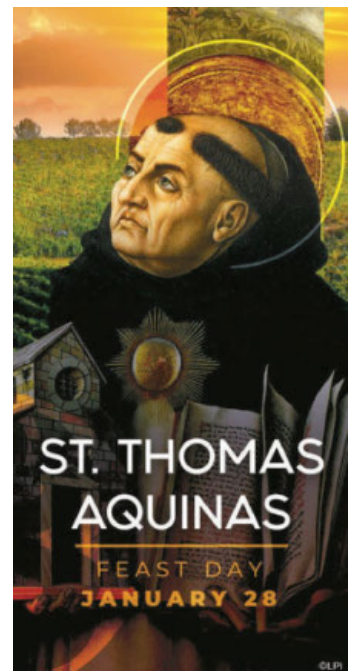
SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS | JANUARY 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



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CASSEROLES FOR SVDP

The goal is to send 144 casseroles to help feed the hungry at St. Vincent de Paul. The Catholic Daughters are asking for your help in making this possible by taking at least one of the casserole pans available in the Gathering Space during the weekend of the dates listed below. The recipe and instructions are contained in the pan. These casseroles are not baked and can be made and frozen at your convenience. Won't you please help us to feed the hungry in our area during this cold winter?

UPDATED - PANS AVAILABLE WEEKENDS OF:
February 12 & 13, 2022
February 19 & 20, 2022

UPDATED - FROZEN CASSEROLE COLLECTION DATE:
Saturday, February 26, 2022
between 9 and 10 AM at the front driveway (under the portico) of the church.

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions, please contact Donna Schorr at 412-401-1472



THIS WEEKEND, we will be listening to an audio message from Archbishop Schnurr explaining how our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to stand with the ministries that teach, feed, and heal throughout the archdiocese. The CMA provides vital funding to six local ministries. These ministries include:

- St. Rita School for the Deaf;
- Our Retired Archdiocesan Priests;
- Campus, Hospital, and Prison Ministries;
- Our Seminary and Vocations work at the Athenaeum of Ohio;
- Catholic Charities & Social Services;
- And New Evangelization programming.

Thanks to the generosity of many families here at **St. Christopher**, a total of **\$57,999.50** was contributed to the 2021 CMA from our parish community. **This year, our goal is \$50,095.00.** Families will be receiving a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr in the coming week or so. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card and envelope to Mass. For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!



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[SUN] JANUARY 30 | 10AM - 12:30PM

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- SUNDAY -
JANUARY 30, 2022



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Email principal Tim O'Loughlin,
toloughlin@scpschool.org
with your name, planned arrival date/time,
and number attending by Jan. 26th.

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AGES
9-14

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FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP

JANUARY 30
12:30PM - 3:00PM

ST. CHRISTOPHER GYMNASIUM

ST. CHRISTOPHER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12912 IS ONCE AGAIN HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL YOUTH FREE THROW COMPETITION.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022
12:30PM-3:00PM IN THE ST. CHRIS GYMNASIUM

WHO: Boys & Girls ages 9-14 (age as of Jan. 1, 2022)

WHAT: All are competing against their own age group. 5 practice free throws. Each participant gets a Participant Certificate. **Winner of each age group gets a medal, a Championship Certificate, and moves on to regionals at St. Peter** (typically within one to two weeks).

COST: FREE

RECORD TO BEAT: 15 baskets (Are you up for the challenge?!)

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions, please contact Gerald Rosendahl at gwrosendahl@gmail.com

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- SUN 1/23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
St. Vincent, *Deacon and Martyr*;
St. Marianne Cope, *Virgin*
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- MON 1/24 St. Francis de Sales**, *Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10
Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26
Mk 3:22-30
- TUE 1/25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117: 1bc, 2
Mk 16:15-18
- WED 1/26 Sts. Timothy and Titus**, *Bishops*
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30
Mk 4:1-20
- THU 1/27 St. Angela Merici**, *Virgin*
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29
Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14
Mk 4:21-25
- FRI 1/28 St. Thomas Aquinas**, *Priest and Doctor of the Church*
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11
Mk 4:26-34
- SAT 1/29 -----**
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Mk 4:35-41
- SUN 1/30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]
1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13
Lk 4:21-30

**MASS COORDINATOR
NEEDED IMMEDIATELY**

FOR 11AM SUNDAY MASS

Would be once a month and 1 extra Sunday a year. Some duties are arriving early, unlocking/locking doors, setting up for Mass and making sure the Lay Ministers have arrived. Training is provided.

Please contact Bonnie at
bprine@scpchurch.org
or 937-898-3542 x101.

PARISH ADULT MINISTRIES

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court St. Christopher #2748

To Join Contact: Peggy Rosales, prosales128@hotmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. Aufderheide Council 12912

Contact to join: Joel Maurer, joel_maurer@protonmail.com

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH'S

Every Sat. 8:30-10am | Panera Bread - Miller Ln. | Fellowship and prayer. More Info: Randy Weddle 937-898-6775

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

All are welcome | Prayer, Praise & Worship, DATES: Nov 15, Nov. 22, & Dec 13 in the church choir room | More Info:

Anne Heywood aheywood@woh.rr.com

WOMEN'S PRAYER

Twice a month on Tuesdays 7:30-9pm in the church | More Info: Marilyn Updyke 937-470-7259 or mmupdyke@att.net

ROSARY

Every Monday 7-7:30 pm | Church | More Info: Lucy Geise 937-898-6803 or ljgeise@yahoo.com

After most Wed. & Fri. Masses 9:30-10am | Church

After every 5th weekend of the Month Masses | Chapel

BEREAVEMENT

Bringing comfort through service to those grieving a loss | More Info: Ellen Lang 937-898-2351 or ellen@af-ses.com

RESPECT LIFE

Fellowship, prayer, and community efforts to end abortion and promote respect of life in all it's stages. More Info:

Steve Wirick 937-414-9827 or stchrisforlife@outlook.com

PRAYER CHAIN

Submit your prayer request online via the parish website or contact Donna Kitta: (937) 454-0481

SVDP LUNCH MINISTRY UPDATE

In last weekend's donation, we collected:

329

Bag lunches for the SVDP community.
Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY COLLECTION:

[TEAM B] JANUARY 30 @ 10:30AM

For details on how to join this ministry, email:

esas@scpchurch.org



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Curtis Martin
 ...founder of Fellowship of Catholic University Students and co-leader of Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL | PRESCHOOL - 3RD GRADE

GOSPEL

PRE - 1ST

Jesus says, "Tell the words of God to those who have never heard it." Tell others that God loves and forgives them. The best way to tell is to show the word of the Lord by your actions. Hand a Band-Aid to your injured brother. Talk instead of hitting someone when you get angry. Say "I forgive you," when your sister hurts you. Let others play with your toys. Share your favorite candy bar.



2ND - 3RD

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in



pain, and even to help blind people see.

PRAYER

PRE - 1ST

Open the eyes of others to your love and forgiveness, Lord.

2ND - 3RD

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

MISSION

PRE - 1ST

I will ask my family to give old eyeglasses to the Lions Club.

2ND - 3RD

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

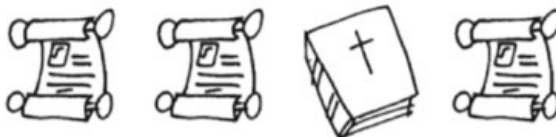
GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE A

BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is different.



Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT	FREEDOM	LORD
CHOSEN	SIGHT	JESUS
POOR	SUFFERS	TRUE

I	A	M	J	L	U	I	T	L	A
S	B	C	H	O	S	E	N	V	E
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F	R	E	E	D	O	M	A	W	H
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E	F	O	J	E	S	U	S	H	P
R	B	D	S	M	I	W	L	G	I
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