

# THE HOLY FAMILY

GIOT

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

### **FATHER DAVE NUSS - PASTOR**

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Our Lord does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them" (Saint Thérèse).

Some 9 years ago I unexpectedly was sent from a parish and people whom I dearly loved to Little Flower. Anxiously calling my spiritual director after learning about my reassignment, I vividly recall her immediate response: "David, you know Thérèse is calling you!"

During my first Saturday 4:30pm Mass, there was a sudden commotion after I began the Eucharistic Prayer. Looking up I noticed a medical emergency in the second to last row. Walking around the altar down the middle aisle, I explained we immediately needed to pray for the person in distress and proceeded to the back, was handed the Oil of the Sick – thanks to the omnipresent Jim Sigrist – and anointed the distressed person with everyone in church praying together. After administering the Sacrament, then we prayed aloud for the EMTs as they entered the church responding to the emergency before returning to the altar and continuing with Mass.

It was at that very moment that I knew I had been sent to join you by Christ Jesus, the High Priest. Time and again unforeseen tests and God always providing through you in the beautiful spirit of Saint Thérèse. *Always*.

Deeply personal challenges including the death of my father and *your* faith, hope and love helped carried me through the pain of the loss which never actually ends.

We boldly set out to live as *intentional disciples*. This stirred us to take action in many impressive ways: remodeling our church, expanding Saint Vincent de Paul outreach, growing Saint Benedict School, starting ACTS Retreats, launching LifeTeen and Purpose to vitalize our young church, creating new outdoor spaces with the Courtyard and Pavilion, refashioning the Prayer Garden original church site and partnering with Sunshine Communities to help establish two new homes each with 8 medically fragile residents who we know as friends, and many, many, many more meaningful milestones proclaiming our love of God and love of neighbor.

Most significantly, we moved nearly twice as many people to encounter the Living God alongside us at weekend Masses. Our lively faith also inspired an utterly amazing increase in Baptisms and Weddings along with hundreds of people choosing to join us as members.

As I prepare to begin a new chapter in my priestly life at Christ the King Parish, I do so a better man, Christian and priest than when I first arrived with you. Words simply are insufficient in trying to express the depth of my gratitude to all of you, each in your own personal way permitting God to shine through you to radiate a spectacular light scattering the darkness and providing a place for everyone within the community of intentional disciples we know as Little Flower Parish and Saint Benedict School.

My final day with you will be Sunday, January 2, 2022. I am depending on your continuing prayers for God to use me as His priestly instrument of mercy and peace as He sets forth for me to do.

Fr. Wave

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### **PRAYER LIST**

# For Our sick Hold these sick in Your healing love...

Phyllis Henson, Theresa Wagner, Arlene Gurzynski, Fran Geoffrion, Mary Schils, Sean Barron, Bernadette Thoma, Ray Lewandowski, Pat Webber, Genelle Hardy-Hayden, Daroll Billick, Carrie Billick, Jim DeRaedt, Fran Rogalski, Matt Steffin, Juanita Blankenship, Melissa Capponi, Anthony Silvestri, Michael Dastoli, Rodolfo Barboza, Shirley Szalkowski, Savanna Wylie, Mindy Koralewski, JoAnn Miller, Kathleen Kennedy, Luette Pawlaczyk, Mary Burchette, Lila Szparka, Joseph Feustle, Terry M., Jennifer Albaugh, Ayden Carter Reams, JoAnn Kennerly, Benita Hartman, Joseph Hartman, Tim Brunner, Matthew Ward, Tim Keating, Linda Lea Barron, Richard Madrzykowski, Rose Koralewski, Marie Sharp Bryant, Edward Czechowski, Jr, Jim Ochs, Mitch Gaynor, Bob & Carol Caswell, Kathy Healy, Tiffany Parent, Barb Spears, Bernard Leite, Rusty Szkowny, Alice Resnick, Wanda Beczynski, Terry Szperski, Laura Fullum, Jim Tierney, Jackie Polzin

# For our Military Bless and protect these military who serve us with honor and dignity...

Damon Noltner, Frederick Geck, Christine Farynaz, Patrick Langenderfer, Dylan Coy, Brianna Vargo, Aidan Barnovsky, Christopher Davis, Kevin Jenq, Samuel Nusbaum, Stephen Kretz, Kevin Kretz, Dustin Jeffrey, Chase Rogalski, Joseph Diehl, Shane Kohtz, Ciara (Gentle) Stevenson-Knight, Corey Browne, Kevin W. Smith, David M. Lambert, Chelsea Holmes, James Jagodzinski, Dominique & Nate Davis, James Waddington, Patrick Bishop, Luke Tillman

#### For our Recently Deceased

Nicholas Spino

### FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. DAVE

All are welcome to come the O'Grady Community Center **after each of the Masses next weekend**, **January 1-2**, for the opportunity to wish Father Dave well. Per Father's request, we will have a simple reception of coffee and cookies after each Mass. Join us in saying "thank you" and promise our prayers until our paths meet again.



The Parish Office schedule for the coming week:

Monday December 27 Closed

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON WEDNESDAY DEC.29

Tues-Thurs December 28-30 9:00am - 1:00pm

Friday December 31 Closed

### **FORMED**

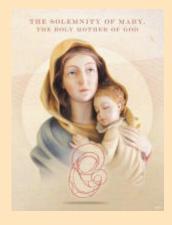
#### The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas.

The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thoughtprovoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas. https://watch.formed.org/thestory-of-the-nativity-the-truth-of-christmas



#### January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

While January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, **there will be an 8:15am Mass on this day**. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year by entrusting all to Jesus through Mary.



### **FLOWER MEMORIALS**

#### **04** | DECEMBER 26, 2021

Bob (Dad) Haynes

In Memory of Jeannine Haynes Dailey

Leonard & Jeannine Zebrowski

In Memory of Our Families

Thomas Gordon

In Memory of Eric Wm. Holmes

Diane Sobota

In Memory of John & Irene Sobota

Laurie A. Dalton

In Memory of Louis L. Kujawa

Jane Neubert

In Memory of The Schuster Family

Pam Rybka

In Memory of Christine Ballinger

Marian & Nicholas Parkins

In Memory of William Parkins, Sr.

Richard A. Noonan, Sr.

In Memory of Alice Noonan (February 14)

Dick & Sharon Lawson

In Memory of The Raab and Lawson Families

Thomas Hammond

In Memory of Mary Hammond

Amie Barone

In Memory of Louis Dueñas

S. Sue Tuite

In Memory of The Tuite Family

The Catalano Family

In Memory of Angela Marie Catalano

The Cross Family

In Memory of Philip Shinaver, Jr.

Hank Burgy

In Memory of Caroline Flores

James Benson, Sr.

In Memory of Linda & James Benson Jr.

Marilyn Stachowiak

In Memory of Gordon Stachowiak and Joann

Schwind

Fran Geoffrion

In Memory of The Geoffrion, Howard, Idzkowski, and

Madalinski Family

Dean & Andrea Applin

In Memory of The Deceased Members of the Applin

& Sieja Families

Jane Neubert

In Memory of Wardena, Clayton, John, Jim, Dennis

Diane Gasiorowski

In Memory of Richard Gasiorowski

Tom & Jeanne Coy

In Memory of Gerald & Virginia Cedoz

Joe & Rae Ann Cherry

In Memory of Shirley & Raymond Arnold

Jim & Karen Hoinicki

In Memory of Edna Hart

Mary Geck

In Memory of Jim Geck

Jan Harshbarger

In Memory of Helene Sczcerba

Mrs. K. Kufel

In Memory of Jerry Kufel

Elizabeth May

In Memory of Charles Wixsom

Mary Lou Schak

In Memory of David Schak

Vi Kwapich

In Memory of The Kwapich Family

Betty Hutson

In Memory of The Michael Imhoff Family

Gene Hayden

In Memory of Donald Hayden, Sr.

**Janet Collins** 

In Memory of Anthony & Stella Dembeck

Marianne Hassen

In Memory of The LaPorte and Hassen Families

Ray, Sue, Angela, Nicole, & Jami Lewandowski

In Memory of The Oswald & Lewandowski Families

Steve & Laura Scharf

In Memory of Patrick Doyle "Papa" & Leonard Scharf

Mike & Kathy Webber

In Memory of William, Mary Alice, & Terry Stewart

Joan Hoag

In Memory of James Hoag, Sr and James Hoag, Jr.

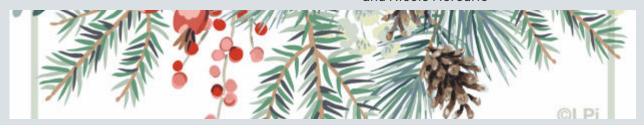
David & Patricia Pierce

In Memory of Pat Pierce McMahon, Caroline & Ed

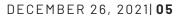
Pierce, Fred & Helen Rose Manor

Joyce Spychala

In Memory of Lottie & Gene Oleksiak, Sophie Kufel, and Nicole Mercurio



### **FLOWER MEMORIALS**





Karen Shinaver

In Memory of Philip Shinaver Jr, Vic & Marcie Baumann, Lori Verreault, Jacob & Jeremy Bancer, Jackson Shinaver and Jameson Shinaver

Elizabeth May

In Memory of Ronald May, Harland & Mildred May, Allan Pero, Thomas Pero, Orrin & LaVerne Pero, J. Edgar & Catherine Wixsom

Matthew & Tracey Ward

In Memory of Rose Szymanski, Junior Ward, Betty Pawlak, Mary Ward, and Jim Cook

Steve & Rose Riley

In Memory of Stanley, Mary, Martha (Thebeau), Andy, Randy, and Danny Lucio

Karen Stewart

In Memory of Terry Stewart, William & Mary Alice Stewart, and Ervin & Joanne Katafias

Dave & Sue Madden

In Memory of The Raszka & Madden Families, Fr. Frank Mutsko, Sandy Biesiada, J.R. Parraz

James & Barbara Helmick

In Memory of Conrad Hueser, Helen Hueser, John Hueser, George & Lorna Helmick, and Janice Helmick

Roberta Rutkowski

In Memory of the Rutkowski and Schmiel Families Mike and Cheryl Schroeder

In Memory of the Schroeder and Simon Families Charlotte Onvlee and John Mahnen

For all who have asked my prayers, to those whom I have promised them and for all people and situations in need of prayer. Love from across the pond,

These benefactors graciously made a donation to the Little Flower Memorial Fund exclusive of any focused memorial:

Laurie Dalton
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**Bulletin Deadline: Monday at noon** 

### **PARISH HAPPENINGS**

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### **MEN'S NIGHT**

Little Flower Men: We have a special treat to help continue your journey through the Christmas season: LIVE speaker for January Men's Night — Saturday, January 8 from 7-9pm in the St. Francis Room. We will have as our guest Father Anthony Coci, Pastor of St. Jerome Parish in Walbridge and also Priest Leader of Cardinal Stritch High School & Academy in Oregon. Fr. Anthony has led talks at men's retreats and will share his insight on Spiritual Leadership and the role men have in strengthening the Church. God calls men in a special way to be the spiritual leaders in their families and communities. To respond to this call, especially in our secular world, it's important for men of faith to hear the call, then to stand up and stand out as a strong model of faith to others. Be alongside other men of faith for a great evening of fellowship, appetizers and drinks. Bring another guy with you! Also . . . mark your calendar for the next Men's Night - Saturday, February 12 -7-9pm in the St. Francis Room Questions? Email to Ed Gillig, Eric Zatko or Paul Figliomeni at Ifmensnight@gmail.com.

### LITTLE FLOWER BINGO

Little Flower Bingo is held every Tuesday evening. Doors open at 5:30pm. Thank you for volunteering your time and talents! Please call the parish office or Dick McGee 419-535-5673 if you would like to help. Thank you.

### **SCOUTS**

The Scouts (Boys and Girls) of Troop 222 are meeting on Monday evenings from 6:30pm-7:30pm. If you are interested in learning more about scouting either as a scout participant or as a volunteer, please join us.

### INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Registration is open for Intramural Basketball for grades: Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

Intramural basketball will be offered on Fridays in January from 6:00-7:30 on

January 7, January 14,

January 14

January 28



- \* The first 45 minutes are drills (passing, shooting and dribbling).
- \* The last 45 minutes are scrimmages.

To register go to https://toledodiocese-oh.finalforms.com/ When completing FinalForms please note what size shirt your

Intramural basketball fees are \$20.00. Payments can be made by cash, check and cash app \$LittleFlowertoledo and online at https://osvhub.com/little-flower-toledo/funds

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 minutes prior to each Mass in the St. John Paul II Room

#### Saturday, December 25

8:30 am Mass – John Delcher; Carol J. Roth; Frank, Edna and Daniel Madalinski

11:00 am Mass - Ed McDermott; Delbert Lee Blankenship; Living Intention for Delbert Ray Blankenship

#### Sunday, December 26

8:30 am Mass - John, Margaret and Linda Rade; Richard Turi; Ed Vollmar; Jean Cover

#### NO CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

11:00 am Mass - Jim Hoag, Jr. and Jim Hoag, Sr.; Jimmy and Bill Naumann; Guglielmo Somma 5:30 pm Mass - Little Flower Parishioners

#### NO MASS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

#### Tuesday, December 28

8:15 am Mass - Louis Duenas 6:30 pm Bingo (OCC)

#### Wednesday, December 29

8:15 am Mass - Carmelita Lazar; Ed Francis NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OR HOLY HOUR

#### Thursday, December 30

8:15 am Mass - Dante Marty; Den Goodson; Eric Cluckey; Jim Geck

#### Friday, December 31

#### NO MASS

#### Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

8:15 am Mass - William Nuss; Catharine Nuss; Fr. Tom Landgraff

4:30 pm Mass - Luanne Meyer; Louella Syzek; Mary O'Hearn; Peter Heller; Delbert Lee Blankenship

#### Sunday, January 2

8:30 am Mass - Kevin Tidd; Bernie Thomas; Mary Martin NO CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

11:00 am Mass - Guglielmo Somma

5:30 pm Mass - Little Flower Parishioners

#### MASS TIMES and SACRAMENTS

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30am | 11:00am | 5:30pm

Mon-Tues-Wed-Thurs 8:15am

#### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

30 minutes prior to Mass in SJPII Room

#### **BAPTISM**

Please contact the Parish Office

#### **MARRIAGE**

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your wedding date

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a loved one are seriously ill or facing surgery, please contact the Parish Office

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 8:45am-6:00pm

Holy Hour for Life 6:00pm

# ACTUAL COLLECTION OVER/UNDER COLLECTION BUDGETED BUDGET

Week of: 12/5/2021-12/11/2021 17,798 16,935 862

Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/2021-12/11/2021 399,063 380,113 18,950

November 2021 75,415 69,000 6,415

St. Vincent de Paul 7,213



The Caring Tree Committee would like to say **THANK YOU** to all who generously volunteered to help with our Caring Tree program this year. We had an overwhelming response to our call for volunteers way back in August! Volunteers helped with so many Caring Tree tasks: obtaining gift wish lists from our St Vincent dePaul families, soliciting oral care and personal hygiene items to distribute with our gifts, making and hanging ornaments, helping set up our virtual tree, signing Christmas Cards, shopping, helping with the collection of gift returns, sorting and wrapping, or delivering the gifts.

We would like to thank the children of St. Benedict School grades 5th - 8th for their help in wrapping gifts and making cards, as well as the Boy Scouts for helping us set up tables. With all the support we received, no job was too big to handle and we are forever grateful for the parish and school support! Additionally, we would like to thank for the donations of toothbrushes, paste and floss from: Dr. Paul Vesoulis, Dr. Brad Barricklow, Dr. Brent Paulus and Dr. Ashley Paulus.

Additionally, we like to thank everyone who PURCHASED gifts! What a great testament to our Little Flower community...your generosity in helping those in need overwhelmed the Caring Tree Committee.

Between the donation of gifts and the time volunteered for Caring Tree tasks, we were able to ensure a very blessed and joyous Christmas Season for our neighbors. They expressed tremendous gratitude for all that the Little Flower Community has done for them. The Caring Tree Committee would like to thank you all for your stewardship and wish all a very blessed, safe and healthy New Year!

### ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### Thank you...

The support St. Benedict receives from Little Flower and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes is a gift we truly appreciate.

### Did you know?

This year, St. Benedict unveiled several new opportunities for students:

- Instrumental Music for grades 4-8
- Spanish for grades 7-8
- Pre-Algebra and Algebra



#### Affordable Catholic Education

We want every family to have the option of a Catholic education for their child. There are a variety of scholarships and financial assistance programs available for students at St. Benedict Catholic School. Please contact us for more information.



Save the Date! Open House-Sunday, February 13, 11:30am-1:30pm

All Day Preschool Ages 3&4 Elementary K - 5 Middle School 6 - 8



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