

ST. MARY OF THE Assumption Catholic Church

601 Jennings Road ~
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Pastor

Rev. Chris Bohnsack

Deacon

Deacon Andrew McMahon

Principal

Dan Metzger

Office Manager

Angie Renner

Coordinator of Religious Education

Joshua Marchal

Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m., Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

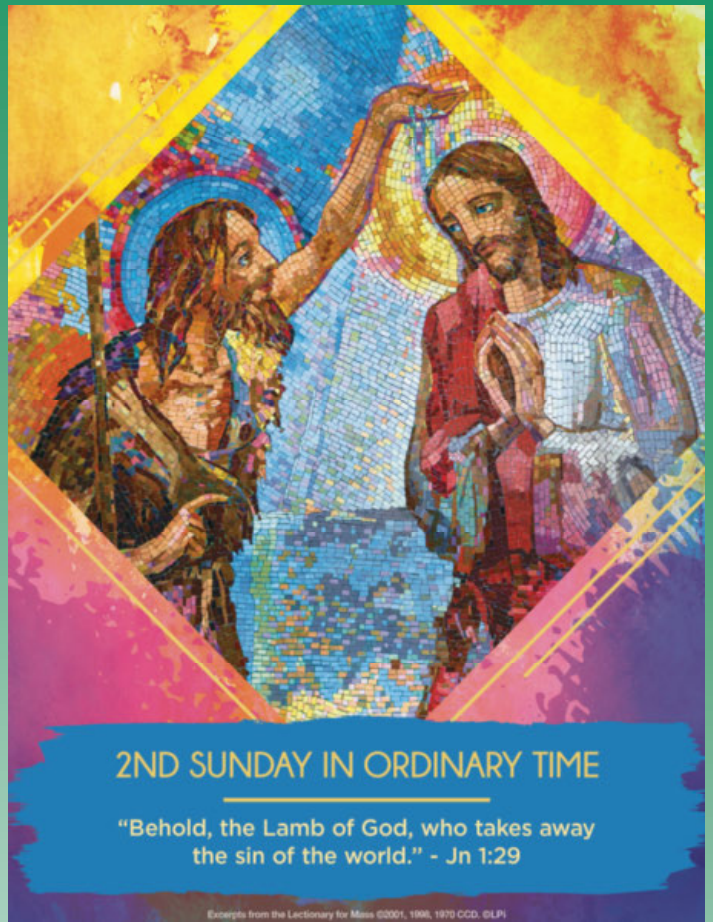
Baptisms are celebrated during or after any weekend Mass. Instructions for parents having their first child baptized are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact Fr. Chris AT LEAST SIX MONTHS prior to your proposed wedding date to begin preparation for your marriage and to schedule a date.

New to the Parish?

January 15, 2023



Directory

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Jeff McIntosh . . . (419) 203-7529

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Dave Hohman.....(419) 238-3979

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Parish Email:

info@stmarysvanwert.com

Fr. Chris' Email:

frchris@stmarysvanwert.com

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday
8:00am—3:30pm

Lunch 12-1

This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Jan 15:</u>	4th Degree K of C March BINGO (K of C)	10:30 am 2:00 pm
<u>Mon Jan 16:</u>	MLK Day—No School Parish Office Closed	
<u>Tues Jan 17:</u>	Finance Meeting	7:00 pm
<u>Wed Jan 18:</u>	SOR K of C	6:30 pm 8:00 pm
<u>Thurs Jan 19:</u>	Legion of Mary Liturgy Meeting	2:00 pm 7:00 pm

Liturgical Schedule****SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:30 AM Thomas Osenga
10:30 AM Linus & Joyce Unterbrink

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 + MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

No Services

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 + ST. ANTHONY

8:00 AM—5:30 PM Adoration
6:00 PM Deacon James E. Dunn

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

8:45 AM Bernie Nieman

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

8:45 AM Ryan Schroeder

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 + STS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

8:45 AM Opal Bloomfield

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

4:00 PM Marguerite Rahrig

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 AM Vernon and Irene Carrier
10:30 AM Robert Karcher

**Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher
Schedules for January 21 & 22, 2023****SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 4:00 PM**

Servers: Annie Renner & Brandon Renner
E. M.: B Calger, T Heckler, G Hirzel, T Reinhart, A Renner
Ushers: Doug Heckler
Lector: Jacquie Reinemeyer
Organist & Cantor: Dee Fisher & John Gamble

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 8:30 AM

Servers: Sam Laurent & Brynleigh Moody
E. M.: J Cross, M Cross, L Fox, G Kulwicki, D Pollock
Ushers: Jim Brickner
Lector: Mariea Moreland
Organist & Cantor: Christopher Golliver & Janean Steinecker

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 10:30 AM

Servers: Lincoln Anderson & Theo Anderson
E. M.: B Fallis, M Fallis, L Kill, R Terhark, B Tobias
Ushers: Mark Keber
Lector: Renette Riethman
Organist & Cantor: Christopher Golliver & Mia Keirns

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please come forward immediately when the prayers for extending Peace are offered. This will help substitutes know they are needed and allow sufficient time to be ready at the altar. @Also, please watch for a total of 6 with Father, Deacons and yourselves.

***Angie has many opening for Mass Intentions. Contact the Parish Office to schedule an intention for your loved ones who have passed..*

"I Have a Dream!"

Monday, January 16 is Rev. Martin Luther King Day. A man who fought for civil rights with love not hate. His famous "I have a dream" speech in Washington is one of the greatest speeches of the 20th century and expressed his desire to bring everyone together as one. One big happy family under the graces of God. Tragically he was assassinated in 1968, but his hard fight for equal rights produced much fruit. The rock band U2 had a great lyric about MLK in their song "Pride (In the name of Love)." It stated: "Early morning, April 4, a shot rings out in the Memphis sky. Free at last. They took your life, but they could not take your pride." Here are some quotes from Rev. King that inspired a lot of people in the fight for basic human rights in his time and still inspires others in the present time to "fight the good fight".

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today."

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

"Keep feeling the need for being important. Keep feeling the need for being first. But I want you to be the first in love. I want you to be the first in moral excellence. I want you to be the first in generosity."

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

"When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"

Thanks, and God Bless!!!

Fr. Chris



SCHOOL NEWS



Tuition Angels

We are asking that you please consider becoming a Tuition Angel.

There are envelopes at each of the exits of church. Simply fill out an envelope and drop it into the collection anytime. You may also drop it off at the School Office or the Parish Office. Donations may be tax deductible and a receipt will be given for tax purposes, if so desired. All Tuition Angel donations go directly towards helping St. Mary's School families with the cost of their children's tuition at St. Mary's. Last year, Tuition Angel donations helped to raise over \$12,000.00 in tuition assistance, which in turn was used to help 18 families with their tuition costs. Without this help, those families might not have been able to send their sons and daughters to St. Mary's. We hope that you will please take a Tuition Angel Envelope home and consider making a donation.

2023 Catholic Schools Week

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week Sunday, Jan. 29th through Friday, Feb. 3rd. We will kick off this week of celebrating our Catholic School education with our students leading the 10:30am Sunday Mass on Jan. 29th. They will be performing a special song for the congregation to show our thanks for all the support of our parish. There will also be an Open House with Donuts and Juice in the gym after Mass for anyone who would like to enjoy fellowship. There will be displays in the gym from each of the classes, and you are welcome to go through the classrooms and see what great things our students are doing.

2022—2023 Football Craaz Results

Week 9 Winners

Chris Schmelzer - \$57.50

Clare Alvarado - \$42.50



Chalking of the Doors

On Monday, January 9th we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany with the annual chalking of the School entrance and a prayer service.



St. Mary's Religious Education

We are all God's Children

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 18-25, 2023

Every year, Christian communities and churches join together to pray for the visible unity of the Church, faithfully abiding by the will of Christ, who prayed "that all may be one" (John 17:21) during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In much of the world, this Week of Prayer is commemorated from January 18-25. In other places, it is celebrated during the eight days preceding Pentecost. The Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement of Graymoor in Garrison, NY, USA, feel called to invite all Christians to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023.



PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

O God of justice, God of peace, One in the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, enliven the unity of your Church on earth. Help us to see that our unity goes beyond unity in doctrinal essentials to an active unity of humanity with you and with one another.

Forgive us for not remembering we are brothers and sisters in equity and justice under your law of love. Help us remember that each of us is created in your Divine image and that we share the dignity of being your children. Temper your justice, O Lord, with mercy to forgive and heal our broken relationships.

Unite us in a fellowship that recalls our baptism, which has conquered sin and death, hate and division in the power of the Paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. Grant all this, O Lord, in his name and by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever, Amen.



DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE.
(Isaiah 1:17)





Jan 15: Sam Laurent, KYLEE MOODY,
Tim Korte, Brendon Moody

Jan 22: Pat Horstman, TIM KORTE,
Dave Hohman, Mark Spieles

KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

Jan 15: Jen Florence Family

Jan 22: Jim Bloomfield & Katie Drerup

**St. Mary's Bingo—K of C Hall
425 Woodland Ave.**

**Doors open at 5:00 PM for games
Warm-Up Bingo at 6:15 PM**

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR JANUARY 1, 2023

ADULT OFFERING FROM 99 ENVELOPES	\$6,870.00
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	258.90
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 2 ENVELOPES	2.00
TOTAL	<u>\$7,130.90</u>

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR JANUARY 8, 2023

ADULT OFFERING FROM 116 ENVELOPES	\$5,975.76
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	352.00
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 2 ENVELOPES	2.00
TOTAL	<u>\$6,329.76</u>

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES READY!

Please pick up YOUR offertory envelopes in the vestibule. If you didn't receive envelopes and would like to, please contact Angie in the Parish Office at 419-238-3979

GIFT CARDS-NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS!

Scrip Gift Cards are available after all Masses on the weekends and in the Parish Office during the week (Monday-Friday 8—3:30). They are convenient to use for gas and dining and shopping. For more info call Angie, 238-3979.



HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME VISITATIONS

Are you or someone you know homebound or in a nursing home/assisted living facility? Call the Parish Office at 419-238-3979 to schedule visitations.

DO YOU USE BILL PAY?

NOW is the time to set up Bill Pay!!!! Angie has seen an increase in donations she receives through parishioners BILL PAY accounts. If you pay other bills with BILL PAY, it is easy to set it up for St. Mary's. A check is received in the mail from your bank with your name and it is recorded with other deposits.

If you have questions regarding bill pay, talk to your financial institution.

PENSION PROTECTION ACT Extended for 2017 and future years.

For those aged 70 1/2 or older, it is once again possible to make tax-favored charitable gifts from traditional and Roth IRA accounts. This act allows individuals to donate up to \$100,000 to charitable organizations directly from their IRA.

Qualified Charitable Distributions allow that a portion can be contributed to charity (Churches) without any tax and without effecting your Medicare B & D premiums.

Check with your financial advisor.





Eric Alexander, Jack Aurand, Jean Brown, Carole Burnett, Sam Carter, Octavio Chavez, Lou Dickinson, Melissa Fallis, Josie Felger, Juanita Finger, Jackie Gerber, Angie Hoehn, Aloysius Kill, Brent Kinkle, Michael Kirkendall, Megan Klosterman, Kourtney Kohnen, Emanuel Lianez, Donna Long, Christy Paisley, Marge Price, Cassie Priest, J R Reinhart, Bob Say, Adam Schrader, Carolyn Schneider, Dick Stegaman, Eric Thomas, Marc Washington, Kathy Wehrkamp

The sick person or a close relative are the only ones who should call to add or remove name(s) to this list.

GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Please pray for all those serving in our military: Lt. Colonel Virginia Brickner, Sgt. William (Ed) Carter, Rear Admiral Christopher Cavanaugh, 1st Lt. Brian Easley, 2nd Lt. Andrew Hammond, Airman Brendan Hanf, Airman Leisal Hanf-Fleming, CTN1 Quintin Mengerink, PFC Landon Moody, SRA Reagan Priest, A1C Vincent Silette, SSgt. Nate Sinning, Cadet Olivia Skelton, 1st Lt. Tanner Skelton, MSgt. Robert Stant, SRA Ashley Stant, Corp. Andrew Szymanski, Lance Corp Sam Szymanski, CW Jeremy Stevenson, 2nd Commander Sean Stuart. Please submit to the Parish Office names of parishioners who are currently serving in the armed forces.



Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

Every year the 4th degree of the Knights of Columbus march at the 10:30 am Mass near the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Thank you to the Knights for all they do to promote Life

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

Please call the Parish Office, if you would like to receive the LOW GLUTEN HOSTS during Mass.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus Patriotism Essay Contest

The 4th Degree K of C is accepting "patriotism" essays from High School Seniors. Applications are available at St. Mary's Parish Office or in the high school guidance counselor's office

Essay deadline is February 1, 2023.

Applicants must be in the 2023 Senior Class of an Allen, Van Wert or Putnam County High

Reconciliation Opportunities

INDIVIDUAL:

****Every Tuesday at 9—10 am**

****Every Saturday from 3-3:40 pm**

****Or by appointment**

USHERS NEEDED

The Usher Ministry is in need of more male and female volunteers for each of our weekend masses each week. The primary duties and responsibilities include welcoming parishioners, escorting them to seating at select masses, taking up the collection and providing a goodbye salutation and distributing bulletins at the conclusion of Mass. This is a great opportunity to serve with very little time commitment required. Please see Angie after Mass or call the Parish Office at 419-238-3979

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I REALLY SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT TAKING GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH...



HELLO, TROPICAL CRUISES? DO YOU HAVE ANY OPENINGS FOR A CHAPLAIN?



Readings for the Week of January 15, 2023

Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday:	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 NS 10c/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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