

**JANUARY 2, 2022**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am,  
5:00pm, 9:00pm  
Monday 12:30pm  
Tuesday 5:30pm  
Wednesday 12:30pm  
Thursday 5:30pm  
Friday 12:30pm

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday 4:00pm  
Monday 11:30am  
Tuesday 6:00pm  
Wednesday 11:30am  
Thursday 6:00pm  
Friday 11:30am

**ADORATION**

Wednesday 9:00pm  
Thursday 8:00am-Midnight

**PARISH OFFICE**

Monday to Friday  
1:00pm-5:00pm

**FOOD PANTRY**

Tuesday and Thursday  
10:00am-12:00pm  
Wednesday 3:30pm-5:30pm

**SACRAMENTS**

If you're interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, or Holy Matrimony, please contact Fr. Jeff. Marriage prep must begin at least six months before your intended date.

**REGISTRATION**

Student parishioners and new members of our permanent community can register at [sttomsbg.org/register](http://sttomsbg.org/register)



**WEEKLY CALENDAR****SATURDAY, JANUARY 1***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

5:00pm—Mass intention for

Lily Hover (B)

Nm 6:22-27 | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2***Epiphany of the Lord*10:00am—Mass intention *pro populo*

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3***Holy Name of Jesus*

11:30am—Reconciliation

12:30pm—Mass intention for

Sherry Spangler (D)

1 Jn 3:22-4:6 | Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4***St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

5:00pm—Rosary for Life

5:30pm—Mass

6:00pm—Reconciliation

1 Jn 4:7-10 | Mk 6:34-44

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5***St. John Neumann*

11:30am—Reconciliation

12:30pm—Mass

1 Jn 4:11-18 | Mk 6:45-52

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6***St. André Bessette*

5:00pm—Rosary for vocations

5:30pm—Mass intention for

All Parish Benefactors

6:00pm—Reconciliation

1 Jn 4:19-5:4 | Lk 4:14-22

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7***St. Raymond of Peñafort*

11:30am—Reconciliation

12:30pm—Mass intention for

Daniel Beverick (D)

1 Jn 5:51-13 | Lk 5:12-16

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**5:00pm—Mass intention *pro populo*

1 Jn 5:14-21 | Jn 3:22-30

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9***Baptism of the Lord*

10:00am—Mass intention for

Ty Daniels (D)

4:00pm—Reconciliation

5:00pm—Mass

9:00pm—Mass

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON**

With Christmas being on a Saturday in December, we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family the very next day and, this weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord—the earliest that either of these feasts can be observed. We also begin the Year 2022 with much anticipation and optimism for the gifts God will bestow on us in the coming months.

Psychologists say that the most uplifting and important word that anyone wants to hear is his or her own first name. There is something about a “name” that just feels special. That’s why teachers work so hard to memorize first names of students in their classes, as pastors and deacons try their best to remember the names of parishioners. This month, the Church honors the Holy Name of Jesus. From the very beginning of the Gospel, Mary says to Elizabeth in the Magnificat, “Holy is His Name” (Luke 1:49). Later, Jesus will say, “Whatever you ask in my Name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my Name, I will do it” (John 14:13-14). Clearly, there is something special about calling someone by name, particularly when praying in petition to God.

Saint Bernadine of Siena, who lived from 1380 to 1444 AD in Italy, is known for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Perhaps you have seen the insignia “IHS” in Catholic churches, often inscribed in a crest above the doorway or on a baptismal font. This symbol, called a Christogram, is made up of the first letters of the Holy Name of Jesus using Greek letters and was devised by Saint Bernadine. In addition, it was the preaching of Saint Bernadine that resulted in the word “Jesus” being added to the Hail Mary. Early versions of the prayer included the phrase, “Blessed is the fruit of thy womb,” but the prayer was later extended to say, “Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.”

In his Letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul wrote, “At Jesus’ name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord” (2:10-11). Additionally, Saint Paul stated, “Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Col 3:17). In this month of the Holy Name of Jesus, we remember that “Jesus” means “Yahweh saves” and how invoking the Name of Jesus can help us to come closer in our relationship to our God. As we begin a new year, let us take time to give thanks to God for our lives, our families, and all He has given us. At the same time, we should never be afraid to ask God for what we need, but be sure to pray these petitions in Holy Name of Jesus.

Yours in Christ,  
Deacon Dan Brahier

To schedule a Mass intention for a loved one, please contact the office.

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

## PARISH WEEKEND COLLECTION

December Goal = \$20,000.00

Other Giving (provided monthly)

Online Giving (provided monthly)

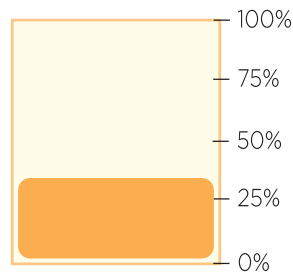
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Dec 24/25 (separate fund)

Dec 18/19 = \$2,366.00

Dec 11/12 = \$2,837.00

Dec 4/5 = \$4,223.06



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

We are asking for donations of tuna, cereal, and spaghetti noodles and sauce at this time. You can also give back to our food pantry if you have a Kroger Rewards card by going online to Kroger Community Rewards and connect your rewards card to St. Thomas More Food Pantry!



## PISANELLO'S PIZZA COUPONS

Looking for an easy night without cooking, while supporting our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in an ongoing fundraiser? Purchase coupons anytime in our parish office at \$3.00 each for a 7" two-topping personal pizza from Pisanello's located downtown.

## OUR PARISH STAFF &amp; STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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## PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

To add a loved one to our list, please contact the office.

Norma Stowe • Eileen Martini • M. Blankenship • Chris Stratton • Brian Shoup • Mary Bobinski • Izac Szymczak • Elizabeth Barringer • Cheryl Powell • Georgiana Miller • Carter • Richard Booms • Gary Heba • Allen Heringhaus • Marie Martini • Kate Michelman • Anne Goldstone • Fr. Jason Kahle • Janet Laughlin • the souls of Larry and Laura, spouse and daughter of Eileen Bostwick • Bonnie Wilcox • Corney Collins • Johnnie Haas • Sutton Brown • John Buckenmyer

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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAYS || 8:00AM - MIDNIGHT

Eucharistic Adoration will be offered again weekly, beginning January 13. Anyone is welcome to commit to an hour of adoration throughout the day for the Spring semester. Learn MORE at [sttomsbg.org/adoration](http://sttomsbg.org/adoration)

## IN OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

**EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE**

Have you or a loved one experienced a pregnancy loss? All are invited to St. Rose Catholic Church (215 E. Front Street, Perrysburg) this Friday, from 6:00-8:00pm for an Evening of Remembrance. Reconciliation will be offered at 6:00pm, followed by the Memorial Procession and Mass with Bishop Daniel Thomas. All in attendance are also invited to stay afterwards for fellowship and refreshments. For more information on this evening event, please contact Kerstin Pakka at [kpakka@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kpakka@toledodiocese.org)



See, darkness covers the earth,  
and thick clouds cover the peoples;  
but upon you the LORD shines,  
and over you appears his glory.

**LIVING LITURGICALLY AT HOME**

The mystery of Christ, unfolded through the cycle of the year, calls us to live his mystery in our own lives. This call is best illustrated in the lives of Mary and the saints, celebrated by the Church throughout the year. This year, the Toledo Diocese partnered with Formed to bring an at-home guide for your family to live liturgically throughout each season of the Church year. The guide includes ways to pray together, ideas for crafting, and even some tasty recipes to remind us of the saints of the season! You can find out more about this amazing resource by visiting the downloadable PDF of the guide at [bit.ly/HolyFamilies](http://bit.ly/HolyFamilies)

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**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE**

More than one in five U.S. undergraduates are raising young children. Feminists for Life has recommendations for colleges and universities to better serve pregnant women, expectant fathers, parents, and birthmothers attending colleges and universities. Some of these suggestions include the following:

Start with policies to create a supportive culture on campus. For example, ensure that all key departmental staff that counsels students are familiar with laws against pregnancy discrimination and in support of families in need of leave and prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault and harassment.

Professors and advisors should all know to accommodate pregnant women or parents who need to adjust their schedule or take time off for maternity leave or sick leave for parents and children.

All Athletic Department staff must know and adhere to NCAA policies that would redshirt a pregnant student, rather than rescind her scholarship.

If a woman receives a positive pregnancy test from the health center, give her information including policies, on-campus support, and off-campus resources including federally funded programs.

Pregnant women should be informed that they may stay in the dorms while pregnant.

Recommendations For Best Practices at Colleges and Universities serving Pregnant and Parenting Students

**Serrin Foster**

*President, Feminists for Life*

**PROTECT OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

To report any sexual abuse of a minor by Diocesan personnel (priest, deacon, consecrated religious brother/sister, or lay person), immediate contact should be made with local civil authorities, and with the Diocese of Toledo's Victim Assistance Coordinator who can be reached at **419.244.6711**, ext. 4880 in the Toledo calling area, or **1.800.926.8277**, ext. 4880 (Outside Toledo, Within Ohio).

**LIVE ON ANNUNCIATION RADIO**

Tune into WNOC 89.7 FM, the Catholic radio station aired live in Toledo. Listen on the go or at home through their online at [AnnunciationRadio.com](http://AnnunciationRadio.com). To call in, call 740.616.8111

**THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As a counselor, you would not believe how many times I hear about New Year's Resolutions. They are most frequently made about things like diet, exercise, and saving money, but the possibilities are endless. I find myself having very little faith in New Year's Resolutions alone to actually change anything in a person's life. While there are exceptions, I have found that most people start building up January 1st as a big transformative day months in advance, find the courage to stop or start their behavior resolution, and then inevitably slip up, crash and burn, and refrain from trying again until next year. Friends I have in the gym business say that January 1st is the biggest day of the year for new memberships, followed by a sharp decline in attendance throughout the rest of the month. My issue with these resolutions is that failure is very common and having this significant start date for a resolution just leads to increased self-loathing, disappointment, and despair. Who cares if you fail on January 7th? Now the new start date is January 7th- start again. You went 7 days without eating Oreos! Excellent! Now try for 10 days. One of the most important virtues is hope, and Christ wants us to remember this virtue when we fall. We need to always have hope for ourselves and continuously get up to try again when we fall. My other issue with these resolutions is that we should be setting these goals constantly throughout the year. January 1st and Lent aren't the only times we should be practicing sacrifice, generosity, and almsgiving. This week, consider praying about your goals for self-improvement and remember that the process is lifelong, not restricted to January 1st.

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**JANUARY 20-22, 2022**

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