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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

### DAILY MASS

Tuesday—Saturday: 8:30am

### COMMUNION SERVICE

Suspended at this time

### CONFESSION

By appointment only

Call the parish office to schedule

### PARISH STAFF

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| Electronic Donations 61 / 64 | \$3,940         | \$2,445        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$10,494</b> | <b>\$8,413</b> |

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## SACRAMENTS

### Baptisms

First time parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation session, preferably during the pregnancy. Please plan to attend one of these reflective and supportive sessions which are offered on the first Thursday of February, April, August, and November at 7:00pm. Contact the parish office to register.

### Matrimony

Engaged couples must make an appointment with the pastor at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the parish office.

### Anointing of the Sick

Any parishioner who is seriously ill and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick should contact the parish office.

### Holy Eucharist for the Sick & Homebound

Arrange for a visit or receive Holy Communion by contacting the parish office.

## MEMBERSHIP & CATECHESIS

### Parish Membership

If you would like to join the parish, please see Fr. George. Parishioners leaving or moving are asked to contact the parish office.

### Hospitalized Parishioners

If you know of a parishioner in the hospital or have a planned hospitalization, please let the parish office know. HIPPA laws do not allow hospitals to call us.

### Parish School of Religion (PSR)

PSR passes on the faith to St. Clare children in elementary school (grades 1-8) who are not attending Catholic schools. PSR meets Sunday mornings September through April. Contact the parish office to register or to learn how you can become part of this ministry.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

A process that provides instruction in the Catholic faith. Meetings are from September through Easter. Contact the parish office for information.

## OUTREACH

### Prayer Line

Provides prayer for those in need.

Contact the parish office: 513.541.2100 (option 4)

Email: [prayer@saintclareparish.org](mailto:prayer@saintclareparish.org)

### St. Vincent de Paul

Assists neighbors in need in the parish and neighborhood community.

Contact: 513.205.3046

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## TODAY'S STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week for the **Sonnenberg & Jostworth Families.**



MON  
**6**

### No Communion Service

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8  
Luke 10:1-9

TUES  
**7**

8:30am **Joan Scahill**  
Readings: Ephesians 3:8-12  
John 10:11-16

WED  
**8**

### *Immaculate Conception of Mary*

8:30am **Victory P. Lescano**  
7:00pm **Henrietta "Hank" Zint**  
Readings: Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38

THUR  
**9**

8:30am **Rev. John M. Jacquemin**  
Readings: Isaiah 41:13-20  
Matthew 11:11-15

FRI  
**10**

8:30am **Tom Stark**  
Readings: Isaiah 48:17-19  
Matthew 11:16-19

SAT  
**11**

8:30am **Special Intention**  
Readings: Acts 20:17-18a, 28-32, 36  
John 15:9-17

SAT  
**11**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18

Saturday 5:00pm **Fr. George Claire Worst**

Sunday 8:30am **Fr. George Warren Ficker**

Sunday 10:30am **Fr. Bob Damien Fellingner**

SUN  
**12**

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**Friday, December 24 @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 24 @ 9:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 25 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Please note the times of our 3 Christmas liturgies. There will be about 15 minutes of prelude music before each liturgy as people are being seated. While the pandemic is ongoing, we will not be registering attendance this year.

We suspect the 3 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass time will be the most attended, so if you wish to avoid larger crowds, you may want to consider one of the other 2 Mass times.

We also strongly encourage you to consider wearing a mask, especially for larger crowds when social distancing may not be possible.

*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jaroslav "Jerry" Fedasch**, father of Julie Schulkers.

### **\*\* ATTENTION \*\***

#### **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

We will have early bulletin deadlines due to the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. **Please submit articles by 8:30am.**

| <u>Deadline</u> | <u>Bulletin</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Thursday 12/2   | 12/12/21        |
| Thursday 12/ 9  | 12/19/21        |
| Wednesday 12/15 | 12/26/21        |
| Tuesday 12/21   | 1 / 2 /22       |

# NEWS & INFORMATION

## Give in gratitude

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith."

Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.



## Christmas Love

**Would you like to share some St. Clare Christmas Love with our Sick/Homebound folks?**

**Then join us and send a Christmas Card to one of our members who is no longer able to attend church.**

**To receive a name and address of one of our special members, please contact Marge Bischoff  
Email: [MargeBischoff@fuse.net](mailto:MargeBischoff@fuse.net)  
or Phone: 513.541.0699.**

**VIEW THE FINAL FAMILIES OF PARISHES ONLINE AT**

**BEACONSAOC.ORG**

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR DECEMBER 5, 2021

### First Reading

Baruch offers the captive Israelites in Babylon a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. What aspects of your relationship with God are in need of restoration?

### Second Reading

Paul offers an opening prayer of joy for the believers in the city of Philippi. As the season of Advent continues, what brings joy to your life?

### Gospel Reading

With Luke placing the preaching and activities of John the Baptist in its historical and political context, he communicates the idea that God is acting in real, human history. What do you see as the power of this assertion?





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December 5, 2021  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past June 19 was the bicentennial anniversary of the founding of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, marking an important milestone in the life of the local Catholic Church. We give thanks to our generous God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us over our first 200 years and look forward with expectant faith to what is to come.

Today likewise marks an important milestone. I am pleased to announce the final Families of Parishes, bringing to close the first major phase of Beacons of Light. Beginning at noon today, these Families of Parishes can be viewed online at [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org). Thank you to the thousands of Catholics in the archdiocese whose thoughtful feedback has significantly shaped this phase of our pastoral planning. I am deeply grateful.

The enduring mission of the Catholic Church, *our mission*, entrusted to the apostles by Jesus, is to proclaim the Good News of salvation and make disciples. We have a responsibility to make the best use of all the means which God has provided us to pursue this sacred mission. The purpose of Beacons of Light is to ensure that all our resources – human, physical and financial – are properly ordered to missionary discipleship. I am convinced that Beacons of Light, born of great hope, will enable us to form stronger parishes, centered on the Eucharist, that radiate the love of Christ and joy of the Gospel in a world that is frequently indifferent or even hostile.

We now move on to the next major phase of Beacons of Light, the implementation of the new Families of Parishes on July 1, 2022. This will involve a great deal of planning and preparation over the coming months. Please pray for me and all the priests and lay people of our archdiocese who will play significant roles in this effort. Please also know of my prayers for you.

Our life in Christ is always a response to God's initiative. As we continue this challenging but exciting endeavor, may we stay attentive to all that the Lord is doing in our midst. God has abundantly blessed our first two centuries and will certainly bless the next. He has promised to never leave us. May God bless and keep all of us as we journey together toward the celebration of the birth of our Lord with certainty in our hearts that Christ remains with us always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr  
Archbishop of Cincinnati

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## St. Clare Spiritual Book Club

will meet this  
Monday, December 6,  
7:00-8:30pm

in the Conference Room.

All are welcome to join the discussion of **Through the Heart of St. Joseph** by **Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB** (even if you didn't finish it or if you have never attended a Spiritual Book Club discussion). Please use the Salvia Street entrance to the undercroft.



## St. Clare Advent

### First Reconciliation Service

Twelve children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time during the Advent First Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 15. Thanks again to Kristin Carlson for preparing our young people and to the parents for their dedication. We pray for the children as they receive the gift of God's forgiveness and grace through the sacrament for the first of many times.



## Synod 2021-2023

The Holy See has initiated Synod 2021-2023, a two-year process of "reflection and sharing of the whole Church." Archbishop Schnurr has appointed Deacon John Homoelle to lead and coordinate the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's contributions to this initiative.

The Holy Father has called a synod inviting ALL the Baptized to come together to discuss and discern how we can walk together in accomplishing the Mission of the Church. He wants ALL those who make up the Church to participate: elderly, youth, religious orders, clergy, lay faithful, poor, disabled, divorced, migrants, those who no longer practice the faith, etc. More will be coming on how this is going to be accomplished at the local level, and what the discussion themes will be. In the meantime, please give participating in this first phase of the synod some prayerful thought. The Holy Father and the Holy Spirit value your input! Questions? Please feel free to email Deacon John Homoelle at [jhomoelle@catholicaoc.org](mailto:jhomoelle@catholicaoc.org).



**Help our neighbors have a Merry Christmas!**

Take an ornament from  
**St. Clare's SVDP Giving Tree!**

**Here's all you need to do!**

1. Take an ornament from the tree in the vestibule of church or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054EA9A62DAA8-stclare> and sign up for a virtual ornament. If you would rather, call or e-mail Susan Haffner at 513.478.4631 or [susan\\_haffner@yahoo.com](mailto:susan_haffner@yahoo.com).
2. Shop for your gift.
3. Drop off your gift under the tree or at one of the contactless drop offs: enter the parking lot between the church and school and a volunteer will be there to take your donation from your trunk.

**Thursday, December 9 from 5:00 - 7:00pm**

**Saturday, December 11 from 4:00 - 6:00pm (before or after Mass)**

Problem with drop off time? Contact Marita Hartel at 513.505.1641 or [mhartel@fuse.net](mailto:mhartel@fuse.net).

**Thank you for sharing the blessings of Christmas with our  
College Hill neighbors during this challenging year!**

**Have any gently used coats in your closets?**

Please donate to **St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Coat Drive!**  
We will accept them at our **Giving Tree Christmas Drop Offs**  
(see dates & times above)  
or **drop them in the barrels at any St. Vincent de Paul store.**



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## ESAP-Tuition Assistance

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last year, JP II was able to award \$32,000 in tuition assistance. When ESAP receives donations for the benefit of JP II before Dec. 12, 2021, ESAP will match those gifts at a rate of 150% to a maximum of \$18,000. (Ex. Donation \$3,000, ESAP Match of \$4,500; Total of \$7,500) All donations go to JP II families. Please consider helping us keep Catholic education affordable for all families. Donation forms are located at [www.esap.org](http://www.esap.org) under "Donate." Mail to JP II the completed form and your check made payable to JP II and we will submit all donations directly to ESAP. Contact Mrs. Roach, principal with questions regarding this donation at 513.521.0860 or [nroach@jpiics.org](mailto:nroach@jpiics.org). Thank you in advance for supporting Catholic education.

John Paul II Catholic School's address is 9375 Winton Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45231.



## STEWARDSHIP FOR YOUR SOUL

What does it mean to be a good steward, especially during times of change and uncertainty? How might living a life of stewardship help us navigate uncharted waters? Together we will examine these questions at our 2022 Coffee House through videos, articles, discussion, and reflection. All are invited! We meet on Sunday mornings between the Masses (9:35am-10:15am) on January 9, 16, 23 and 30 in the Church Undercroft Conference Room – very convenient time and place! Coffee and snacks provided. Attend one, two, three or all four!

# CALENDAR

|                              |         |   |                         |
|------------------------------|---------|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Monday, December 6</b>    | 9:30am  | Shelterhouse                            | Undercroft              |
|                              | 4:30pm  | St. Bartholomew Athletic Association    | Parish Center           |
|                              | 7:00pm  | Parish Council Meeting                  | Café                    |
|                              | 7:00pm  | Spiritual Book Club                     | Conference Room         |
| <b>Tuesday, December 7</b>   | 4:30pm  | St. James Athletic Association          | Parish Center           |
| <b>Wednesday, December 8</b> | 9:00am  | St. Vincent de Paul Outreach            | Undercroft              |
|                              | 9:00am  | Shelterhouse                            | Undercroft              |
|                              | 4:30pm  | St. James Athletic Association          | Parish Center           |
| <b>Thursday, December 9</b>  | 10:00am | Bible Study of James                    | Café                    |
|                              | 4:30pm  | St. Bartholomew Athletic Association    | Parish Center           |
|                              | 5-7pm   | St. Vincent de Paul Drive Thru Drop Off | Between Church & School |
|                              | 7:00pm  | Choir Rehearsal                         | Church                  |
| <b>Saturday, December 11</b> | 8:00am  | Men's Group                             | St. Mary Room           |
|                              | 9:00am  | St. Vincent de Paul Outreach            | Undercroft              |
|                              | 9:00am  | St. James Athletic Association          | Parish Center           |
|                              | 9:30am  | First Reconciliation Preparation        | Café                    |
|                              | 4-6pm   | St. Vincent de Paul Drive Thru Drop Off | Between Church & School |

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