

Christ Our Light Parish

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in St. Benedict Church **BAPTISMS:** Families desiring baptism for their child must be registered in the parish. Parents must attend a preparation class. **BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Articles must be submitted in writing by noon on Wednesdays and are subject to approval by the pastor. Space is limited, so we reserve the right to edit.

FACEBOOK PAGE: Live-Streamed Mass every day. "Christ Our Light Parish, Guernsey County, OH." **HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please call immediately if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, AND THE HOMEBOUND: If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Eucharist or have regular pastoral visits, please call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION:

St. Benedict Church - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory - Sundays at 11:45 a.m. And by Appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes for children in grades K through 8 are held Sunday mornings from September to May.

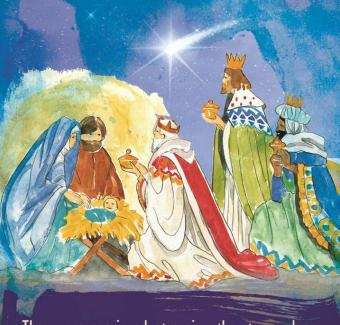
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Adult preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call Fr. Hrezo or Pat Farley for information.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS: Anyone wishing to schedule Masses on special days, especially weekends, should do so at least 6 months in advance.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Registration forms can be found at the church, oratory and parish office.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Sunday, January 3, 2021



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. -Matthew 2:10-11

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JUST A REMINDER: We request that <u>everyone</u> wear a face mask at Mass and when in the church buildings. Let's protect each other!

Mass Intentions	for the	Week	of January 3, 2021
Saturday, January 2	5:00pm	SB	People of Christ Our Light Parish
Sunday, January 3 (Epi	phany of the 8:00am 10:30am 12:15pm	e Lord) SB SB SSPP	Benefactors of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity † Tony Mingione (Anniversary, January 3) by Barb and Family † Loretta Stahovec by Debbie McConkey and Ed McConkey
Monday, January 4	8:35am	SB	† Mary Ellen Wright by Larry and Carol Bell
Tuesday, January 5	8:35am	SB	† Marian Rome by Shannon, Andrea, Gracie and Brady
Wednesday, January 6	8:35am	SB	† Howard Nau by Randall and Lisa Clark
Thursday, January 7	8:35am 9:45am	SB SB	 † John and Anna Skeslock by Fred and Barbara Dean † Gertrude Nau by Fr. Hrezo (School Mass, not open to the public at this time)
Friday, January 8	8:35am	SB	† Art Bride (Anniversary) by Annie Bride
Saturday, January 9	8:35am	SB	† Sister Bernadone Fagan by the Francisan Sisters of Christian Charity
	5:00pm	SB	† Geneva Tonnous by Liz Lewis
Sunday, January 10 (Ba	aptism of the 8:00am 10:30am 12:15pm	e Lord) SB SB SSPP	 † Dick Buchsieb by Jacob Padden † Loretta Stahovec by Shirley Kurtz People of Christ Our Light Parish

Ministers of the Altar for Saturday & Sunday, January 9-10, 2021				
	Saturday (SB) 5:00 p.m.	Sunday (SB) 8:00 a.m.	Sunday (SB) 10:30 a.m.	Sunday (SSPP) 12:15 p.m.
Lectors	Alycia Oswald	Theresa Poulos	Alex Mullen	Betty Duche'
Ushers	Jacob Padden	Victor Orange	Alan Bay	Eugene Duke
Cantors	Folk Group	Ron Roby	Choir	



The Bereavement Haven

will meet next Sunday, January 10th, at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Benedict Social Hall. If you are struggling with the loss of a loved one, please join us in sharing and reflection.

Table of Plenty

Suggested food donations for Grace Pantry for January are canned soups and ready made meals. Please place your donations in the marked box in the Marian Room of St. Benedict Church.



Schedule for This Week

Sunday, January 3

All Masses Pro-Life Rosary All Masses Monthly Collection for Those in Need After Masses Scrip Sales (SB Marian Room) 9:15am Parish School of Religion (SB Church) 11:45am Confession (SSPP Oratory) Monday, January 4 9:00am Rosary (SB Church) **Tuesday, January 5** 9:00am Rosary (SB Church) Wednesday, January 6 9:00am Rosary (SB Church) 9:00am-4:00pm.... Eucharistic Adoration (SB Chapel) 4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Continues (SB Church) 4:30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction **Thursday, January 7** 9:00am Rosary (Marian Room) 6:30pm RCIA (Social Hall) Friday, January 8 9:00am Rosary (SB Church) 7:00pm Permanent Deacon Candidates Event (SSPP) Saturday, January 9 8:00am-4:00pm.... Permanent Deacon Candidates Event (SSPP) 9:00am Rosary (SB Church) 4:00pm Confession (SB Church) Sunday, January 10 After Masses Scrip Sales (SB Marian Room) 9:15am Parish School of Religion (SB Church 9:15am First Communion Parent Meeting (SB Social Hall) 11:45am Confession (SSPP Oratory) 2:30pm Bereavement Haven (SB Social Hall)



The Christ Our Light Conference of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in

need of men's gloves and also winter coats for men and women. There is

a box in the Marian Room for your donations. May you be abundantly blessed for your help and care.



This past year, 17 Vincentians of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christ Our Light Conference have remained active in various ways to assist the residents of Guernsey County who struggle to meet their financial needs and who also have assisted with the administration of our Society. We have responded to 887 requests for help with utility bills, gasoline, bus tickets, car payments and repairs, appliance and home repairs, rent and mortgages, lodging, and food and clothing.

Assistance with most of these requests has been possible through partnering with area agencies and the financial support of \$22,922 from Christ Our Light Parish parishioners and area organizations. Working by phone, FAX and email rather than direct contact has presented challenges, however, there has been much joy in experiencing the relief from worry and anxiety that these folks have had in struggling to meet basic needs. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your very generous support and prayers to keep us afloat. May you be abundantly gifted by our Blessed Lord.

December Mass Attendance

Weekend Attendance

December 5-6	256
December 12-13	250
December 19-20	218
December 26-27	<u>218</u>
Weekly Average	235

Average Attendance

5:00 p.m. Saturday	
8:00 a.m. Sunday	
10:30 a.m. Sunday	
12:15 p.m. Sunday	

Christmas Attendance

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve (SB)	45
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve (SSPP)	
9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve (SB)	
8:00 a.m. Christmas Day (SB)	19
10:30 a.m. Christmas Day (SB)	
10:30 a.m. Christmas Day (SSPP)	

With faith and hope in the Risen Lord, we pray for the eternal peace and happiness of:

Frances Jurkovich (Mother-In-Law of Martha Jurkovich)

Bob Huffman (Husband of Donna Huffman)

Jim Karas (Brother of Mary Sivard, Bob Karas and Janice Trace)

> Matthew J. Kuchinka (Brother of Rose Kopyar)

Christine Lackney (Aunt of Dorothy Lackney, Cousin of Georgia Benson, Jeanie Farrar and Patty Lackney)

> Karen Jamiel (Mother of Chris Jamiel)

Anne Webster Cox (Step-Grandmother of Fr. Paul)

Gene Bay (Father of Alan Bay and Cheryl Labish)

Peter Ripplinger (Summer Parishioner)

Please Pray for our Priests

January 3	Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton
January 4	Rev. Jonas Shell
	Rev. Matthew Hincks, ORC
January 5	Rev. Michael Gossett
	Rev. Luke Robertson, TOR
January 6	Msgr. Thomas Petronek
	Msgr. Michael Campbell
January 7	† Rev. Paul Walker
	Rev. Timothy McGuire
January 8	All Priests
January 9	Rev. David Gaydosik
	Rev. Ludwig Oppl, ORC
January 10	Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon



Christ Our Light Parish has received a donation in memory of *Paul and Regina Gallagher*

We ask your prayers for all men and women serving in our armed forces and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve others.

Steven Barrows, Makenzi Carna, Becky Chesar, Billy Church, Phillip Cram, Carl Duch, Scott Fearn, Josh



Fletcher, Luke High, Travis Jackson, Jeremy Jones, Stephen J. Kraizel IV, Michael Kuhns, Joshua Lucas, Ryan McGough, Jeff McKnight, William Miller, J.C. Minarchek, Josh Norris, Anthony Stevens, Trever Terrell, Jesse Walters, Sean Weir, Steven Whaley, Zac Wilson, Ethan Wray



Please pray for <u>all</u> God's children who are ill, homebound or in nursing homes, and those who care for them.

Beth Anderson, Megan Archer, Judy Beaver, Larry Beck, Dorothy Bednarski, Joe Bennor, Whitney Benson, Jim Blancett, Bill Bodner, Steve Bodner, Frank Booth, Brinley Boyd, Imelda Bruney, David Callihan, Rosie Campbell, Diane Carkin, Jeff Carpenter, Patti Cartner, Milt Cerny, Chesler Family, Monica Chicwak, Yung Chuang, Karen Chumney, Lee Cline, Mike Cowgill, Anita Cox, Jennifer Cox, Linda Delik, Peggy Ditto, Angie Doerfler, Carl James Duch, Michael Duke, Patty Eibel, Liam Elliott, Mary Evans, Don Fairchild, Betty Fannin, Jen Fannin, William "Buzzy" Ferguson, Irene Feyko, Marsha Finley, Greg Gibson, Pat Graven, Louise Hack & Family, Steve Hall, Dave Hanes, Stephen Hannum, Mark Hayes, Mary Ann Haynes, Jane Hemlar, Violes Henry, Lorriane Hesson, Dolly Hitzel, Sally & Ted Hoey, Angie Pruneski House, Sally & Payton Hubal, Laverne Ingles, David, and Paul Iten, Rachel Jirles, Josh Jones, Diane Krall, William Kyser Jr., Dorothy Lackney, Amara Larrison, Martin Lehotay, Andrea May, Lisa McGregor, Joyce McPeak, Keagan Meek, Angela Merva, Helen and Dale Miller, Haley Morris, Mary Ann Pachuta, Christine Palmer, John Palmer, Dick & Frances Pavlov, Linda Pawlowski, Carole Pekari, Sally Pfalzgraf, Ben Pickenpaugh, Holly Rauch, Don Ross, Emma Ross, Mary Schmid, Jett Schmitt, Brenda Scott, Terri Scott, Vi Scott, Rosemary Sebek, Irene Sekel, Steve Shedlock Jr., John Shipley, Pat Siegwarth, Joe and Joan Sikora, Carys Singler, Mallory Smith, Mike Smith, William Smith, Ramona Springer, John Sprouse, Louie Stahovec, Mark Stahovec, Mary Stoner, Stephen Storch, Ken Stump, Loran Stutz, Chris Seward, Steve & Ethel Stasny, Don Thatcher, Margaret Urdak, JoMarie Wasik, James Weidlich, Matthew Wentzel, Bill and Cathy Whitmire, Diana Whitmire, Don and Grace Whitmore, Jodie Williams, Andrea Yakubik, Helen Yakubik



ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL Annual Auction

ONLINE FORMAT

Saturday, February 27 thru Saturday, March 6, 2021

All donations must be dropped of at the school office by February 1, 2021

The annual St. Benedict Auction is quickly approaching. As we all face the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis, the success of our Auction is very important and we have had to make some major changes.

This year the Auction will be held in an **online format.** We are contracting with a professional online auction agency and the Auction will be held for one week, Saturday, February 27, through Saturday, March 6, 2021. This format will not only be the safest option for everyone involved, but also has the potential to reach more prospective buyers.

The revenue generated by the Annual Auction held each year in March is counted on as a part of the school's operating budget and helps us keep tuition costs low. In past years, parishioners of Christ Our Light Parish have been very generous in donating items to the Auction and we would appreciate any help you may offer again this year. Due to the online format, we are limited to 100 items that can be offered for auction. In place of donating smaller items, we are asking for the following:

- Scrip gift cards
- Monetary donation
- Higher value items if you are able (example - Antique furniture in good condition, side of beef, a new bicycle, etc.) in lieu of monetary donations.
- Larger items can be dropped off at the school by appointment by contacting Missy Nau (740-260-4440) or Tracy Saling (740-509-2034)

The Auction Committee will use the gift cards and cash donations to purchase large ticket items. **All donations must be dropped of** at the school office by **February 1, 2021**.

Thank you so much for your help and dedication. We all look forward to another successful year!



"In an age of artifice, many voters are hungry for substance. They admire and support political figures who speak out sincerely for their moral convictions. For our part we commend Catholic and other public officials who, with courage and

determination, use their positions of leadership to promote respect for all human life."

(US Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life, 1998, n. 31)

Children's Offering Envelopes

If you would like your child/ children to receive offering envelopes for 2021, please



contact the parish office at col_office@catholicweb.com, 740-432-7609 or leave a note in the offertory basket at Mass. The envelopes will then be left for you in the Marian Room at St. Benedict Church or sent to Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 10, 2021

John the Baptist proclaims the might of the Lord — The Messiah. In the sacrament of Baptism we put on Christ. In the sacraments we are strengthened not only to be Christ present to others but also that they may see Christ in our actions.



<u>Isaiah 55:1-11</u>

Isaiah invites us to seek the Lord our God and he promises that God will come to us free and without reservation. How might I walk in the light of Christ and give witness to Him in the coming weeks?

<u>1 John 5:1-9</u>

By witnessing to Christ we show that we are begotten of God. As children of God we are asked to follow His commandments. How will we prove God's love in our lives?

<u>Mark 1:7-11</u>

John the Baptist proclaims that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. How faithful am I in proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son of God?

The following notes are largely from "lectorprep.org" and "miamiarch.org"

"Catholic Conversations on the Scriptures," both accessed on December 30th, 2020.

Regarding the first reading from Isaiah 55, When the Jewish people returned home after two generations in exile in Babylon, rebuilding was distressingly slow. The prophet responded with images of hope: good food and drink, a worthy king, prestige among the nations; then a description of the power of the word of God.

In the second reading, from 1 John 5, for a community divided by false teaching, St. John gives a clear teaching that Jesus is indeed the Son of God. He asserts that holding the correct faith makes it possible for believers to love each other completely and generously, following the example of Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps us to do this. The basic experience of Christianity is that the Lord transforms us from within, through the Holy Spirit, helping us to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, and then to live and to love as Jesus did.

Then, in the Gospel from seven verses into the beginning of St. Mark's Gospel, John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of conversion for the forgiveness of sins. Before John, no Jewish person had ever been baptized with a baptism of repentance. Such penitential rite was not necessary for the Jews, sons of Abraham, who had already been chosen. The baptism was for the sinners, tax collectors, publicans, prostitutes or anyone from Gentile background who wished to come into the Jewish faith.

Mark tells us in a simple way that Jesus came from Nazareth and was also baptized by John. It is at this moment that Jesus hears the statement "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." In the Gospel of Mark, these words are addressed only to Jesus. In <u>contrast</u> to Matthew and Luke, this is a personal experience, and the words of God are not heard by others. Jesus acts as the Beloved Son, and begins his public ministry, not as a triumphant, powerful Messiah, but as the Suffering Servant; his throne will be sacrificial love, not temporal power. The baptism of Jesus by John foreshadows the Gospel being extended beyond the Jewish people and marks the beginning of a new era guided by the loving action of the Spirit.

May the Lord help us to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, helping us to know that we, too, are beloved sons and daughters of God. Jesus did in fact enter into human history to help us experience a new freedom from sin. Acknowledging our sins and acknowledging Jesus as Lord and beloved Son of the Father opens us up to experience the Holy Spirit's assistance more continuously. May we as a community help each other to respond to that guidance of the Holy Spirit and experience life in the Lord giving us a deeper joy and hope and a deeper capacity to be like Jesus, people of sacrificial love.

Pastor's Letter

May this New Year of 2021 truly be a year of grace and peace! I can hope, from hearing from so many parishioners recently and from my own experience of testing and health care, that even as specifically as we a parish are beginning to develop some substantial herd/"flock" immunity!

These past several weeks – and this past week in particular – have seen the passing of a number of parishioners or relatives of parishioners. This included my own step-grandmother as well. We have observed in a surprisingly regular manner "things happening in threes" with regards to deaths. This week was at least $3 \ge 3!$

Please keep in mind a support group that has developed in our parish that has served many people as a bridge during times of grief, namely our Bereavement Haven. Because healing in the face of the loss of a loved one takes an indeterminate range of time – it is unique for each person, in other words – some members are facing the recent passing of a loved one, while other members have lost a loved one many years ago. Still, it is helpful to have a group of people in the same boat and who are familiar with the choppy seas of grief and bereavement.

Again, this group has been very ecumenical, having members from many area churches and denominations. And, the themes focused on during each monthly gathering means that someone could join in any month without having attended before or after several months away from the group. Finally, the amount of time as a participant in the group varies from person to person as well. The Bereavement Haven meets on the second Sunday afternoon of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Benedict Social Hall. See you next week?

Well, what if? What if 2021 doesn't mark an end to the confusing and unprecedented circumstances of 2020? What if a fair measure of information and demands that are political, medical and even in terms of our Catholic faith continue to add turbulence to our times even in 2021?

Hopefully, the effects of facing life in 2020 will bear fruit in us both individually and as a parish community so that we will be able to face 2021 with courage, generosity and even a surprising measure of joy! Troubled times throughout Church history have often been when some of the greatest saints have been raised up by the Lord.

So, may the Lord be the One, ultimately, who we turn to at the beginning of this new year for the grace and peace that we seek. We do indeed identify this as "the Year of Our Lord 2021." May we experience life in Jesus Christ throughout this year as surprising us with a profound level of encouragement and joy and holiness!

God bless!



Offertory for December 24-25, and 26-27, 2020

Christmas	. \$4,733.00
Adults	6,335.00
Children	13.00
Miscellaneous	40.00
Christmas Collection for Those in Need	1,531.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$9,000.00



You never listen properly. You're gonna be in so much trouble!

Register to Win a Free Oil Change at Dunning Motor Sales! Deposit this coupon in the offertory basket at Mass. Drawings held monthly. Name Phone Congratulations Marie Delik! (Our December Winner) Next drawing will be held Tuesday, January 27, 2021		The Dockside Restaurantat Seneca Lake Marina * 740.685.0003Breakfast ~ Lunch ~ DinnerFull Menu ~ BBQ on SiteOpen April thru OctoberClosed MondaysSunday Dinner Platter - 11am-6pmFull Buffet on Easter & Mother's Day - 11am-6pm		Rachel's Vineyard The world's largest ministry for healing after abortion 610-354-0555 www.rachelsvineyard.org Knights of Columbus Cambridge, Ohio Rosary & Business Mtg: 2nd Tuesday Each Month ~ 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers
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Please cut off and place in the offertory basket at Mass or mail to the parish office. New parishioners are welcome and should register as soon as possible. Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of St. Benedict Church and at the back of Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory.				
Address:				Phone Number