



## **Christ Our Light Parish**

Saint Benedict Catholic Church, corner of North 7th Street & Gomber Avenue, Cambridge OH  
Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory, 136 High Avenue, Lore City OH

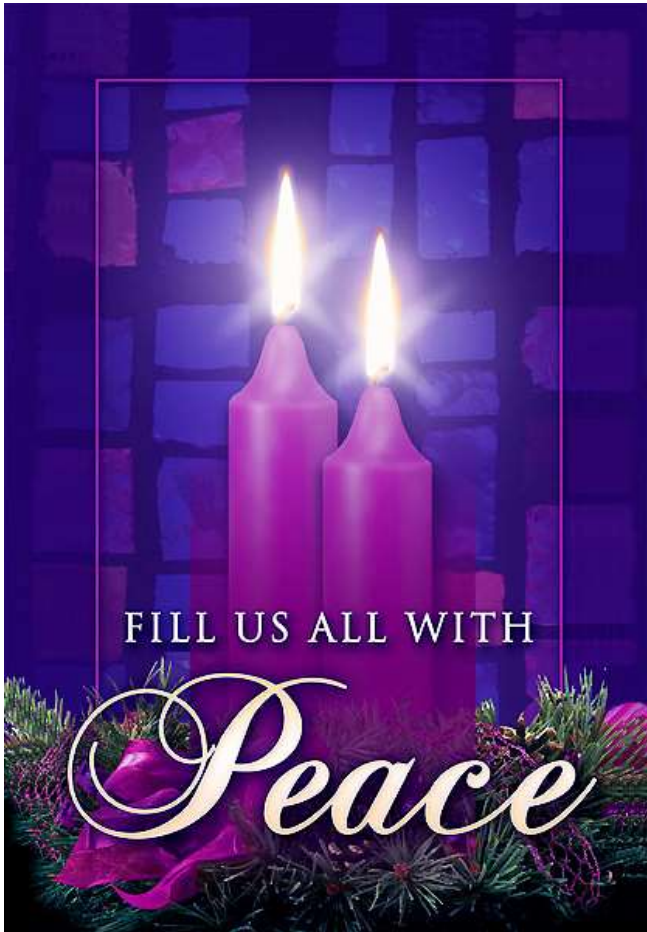
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# **Second Sunday of Advent**

## **Sunday, December 8, 2019**



### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the St. Benedict Chapel.

**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.

**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: Saturday 4:00 p.m. & by request.

Sts. Peter & Paul: Sunday at 11:45 a.m.

**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.

**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 or parish office.

### **Pastor**

Fr. Paul Hrezo ..... phrezo@diosteub.org

### **Pastor Emeritus**

Fr. Robert D. Borer ..... rdaleb9940@gmail.com

### **Pastoral Intern**

Deacon Nick Ward ..... nward@diosteub.org

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### **Pastoral Minister**

Sister Sharon Paul ..... 740-255-5912 (cell - 740-680-1297)

**St. Benedict Church Social Hall** ..... 740-432-6751 x 123

**Parish Offices** ..... 701 Gomber Avenue

Office Hours ..... 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline** ..... Noon Wednesday

**Convent** ..... 319 North Seventh Street

Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity ..... 740-255-5912

**St. Benedict School** ..... 220 North Seventh Street

Phone ..... 740-432-6751

Web Site ..... www.stbenedictschool.net

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Web Site...www.colsvdp.org Phone ... 740-432-7609 x 207

## Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week of December 8, 2019

Saturday, December 7	(SB)	5:00pm	† <b>Al Mueser</b> by the Ginnetti Family
Sunday, December 8	(SB)	8:00am	† <b>Ed Karas</b> by Janice Trace
	(SB)	10:30am	† <b>George Lackney</b> (Birthday) by Family
	(SB)	12:15pm	<b>People of Christ Our Light Parish</b>
Monday, December 9	(SB)	8:35am	† <b>Madeline Warner</b> by Daughters, Barbara and Karen
Tuesday, December 10	(SB)	8:35am	† <b>Lillian Zeleznik</b> by Buddy and Donna Brill
		1:30pm	† <b>Albert DeStephen</b> by the Cardinal Place Staff (Mass at Cardinal Place)
Wednesday, December 11	(SB)	8:35am	† <b>Emro Kerul</b> by Edward Szabo
Thursday, December 12	(SB)	8:35am	<b>Intentions of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity</b>
Friday, December 13	(SB)	8:35am	<b>Intentions of Ginny Oberle</b> by Sue Weisenborn
Saturday, December 14	(SB)	8:35am	† <b>Steve Woytko</b> by Fr. Hrezo
	(SB)	5:00pm	† <b>George and Ross Long</b> by Barb
Sunday, December 15	(SB)	8:00am	† <b>Bob Werner</b> by Gary and Mary Lou Klamut
	(SB)	10:30am	<b>People of Christ Our Light Parish</b>
	(SSPP)	12:15pm	† <b>Al Cochran</b> by the Ginnetti Family

## Ministers of the Altar for Saturday & Sunday, December 14-15, 2019

	Saturday (SB) 5:00 p.m.	Sunday (SB) 8:00 a.m.	Sunday (SB) 10:30 a.m.	Sunday (SSPP) 12:15 p.m.	Hospital
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Jocelyn Davis (B) Rita Nolan Mary Lou Klamut Cheryl Minarchek Patti Johnson	Sharon Miller (B) Joe Miller Jim Bentz	Mary Davis (B) Barb Mingione Kim Gombeda Patrick Grubbs Shirley Kurtz	Pat Channell (B) Maria Duke Becky Warner	Jacob Padden
<b>Lectors</b>	Kathi Albertson	Jeff Ricketts	Winnie Wells	Shellie Brown	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Isabelle Bates Maddy Finley	Alaceia Smith Patrick Ross	James Goggin Kelly Goggin	Sidney Beaver Ben Jackson	
<b>Ushers</b>	Buddy Brill John Jamail Bill Ditto Fred Lander	Victor Orange Craig Stickelmeyer Bud McCutcheon Volunteer	Anna Pavlov Mark Anker Alan Bay Gary Klamut	Ed McConkey Eugene Duke	
<b>Cantors</b>	Folk Group	Alycia Oswald	Choir		
<b>Coffee/Donut Hour</b>		K/C Breakfast			



Prepare for the  
Christmas Season  
by celebrating the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation!

*Advent Reconciliation Service*

**Monday, December 16**

*7:00 p.m. St. Benedict Church*

### Table of Plenty

Suggested food donations for December are holiday foods such as stuffing, noodles, potatoes, etc... Please place your donations in the marked box in the Marian Room of St. Benedict Church.

### Knights of Columbus Monthly Breakfast

Next Sunday, December 15

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

St. Benedict Social Hall

Everyone is invited!



## Schedule for This Week

### Sunday, December 8 (Second Sunday of Advent)

All Masses ..... Monthly Collection for Those in Need  
 After Masses ..... Scrip Sales (Marian Room)  
 9:15am ..... Parish School of Religion  
 11:45am ..... Confession (SSPP)  
 2:30pm ..... Bereavement Haven (SB social hall)

### Monday, December 9 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, not a Holy Day this year)

8:35am ..... Mass  
 9:00am ..... Rosary

### Tuesday, December 10

9:00am ..... Rosary  
 11:30am ..... SVdP Meeting (conference room)  
 1:30pm ..... Mass at Cardinal Place Health Care Center  
 3:30pm ..... Teacher Professional Development (Marian Room)  
 6:30pm ..... Knights of Columbus Rosary and Meeting (Council Chambers)

### Wednesday, December 11

9:00am ..... Rosary  
 9:00am-9:00pm ..... Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
 4:30pm ..... Evening Prayer and Benediction  
 6:30pm ..... Knights of Columbus Christmas Party (Francis Restaurant)  
 7:00pm ..... Calix Society (conference room)  
 9:00pm ..... Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Thursday, December 12

8:35am ..... School Mass  
 1:00pm ..... School Christmas Program (St. Benedict Church)  
 6:30pm ..... School Christmas Program (St. Benedict Church)

### Friday, December 13

9:00am ..... Rosary

### Saturday, December 14

9:00am ..... Rosary  
 4:00pm ..... Confession (SB)  
 6:00pm ..... Scrip Sales (Marian Room)

### Sunday, December 15 (Third Sunday of Advent)

After Masses ..... Scrip Sales (Marian Room)  
 9:00am-noon ..... Knights of Columbus Monthly Breakfast (SB social hall)  
 9:15am ..... Parish School of Religion (Confession)  
 11:45am ..... Confession (SSPP)



**We will decorate  
 St. Benedict Church**  
 on Thursday and Friday,  
 December 18 and 19, at 10:00 a.m.  
 Volunteers are needed, especially on Thursday.  
 If you can help, please call Pat Farley at 740-432-7609.

## Ministers of the Altar

The Liturgical Assignment schedule for Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary Masses can be found in the Marian Room and on the table in the back of Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory. Liturgical Ministers are needed for all of these Masses. So please volunteer as you are able. Thank you.



## Congratulations to Arya Jade

*Downing*, daughter of Melissa and Trevor Downing, who was received into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism last week. May the new life of Jesus, which *Arya* has received, grow forth and flower, helped by our prayers and examples.

## Make Oplatki a part of your Christmas celebration.

Christmas wafers may be picked up in the Marian Room of St. Benedict Church, in the back of Sts. Peter & Paul Oratory and at the parish office during office hours. There is no charge for the wafers, but donations are accepted.



## *Walk Where Jesus Walked*

Join Fr. Paul Hrezo and *Crown of Bethlehem Tours* for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land on October 12 - 23, 2020. Our tour conductors are from Catholic families from Bethlehem and the tour is fairly comprehensive to include the northern area around the Sea of Galilee and Nazareth, the southern area including Jerusalem and Bethlehem, as well as going to Mt. Sinai and Egypt. For registration information, please call Fr. Paul at 740-432-7609. The pilgrimage is \$3,550 per person, round trip from Pittsburgh.



Please pray for all God's children who are ill, home-bound or in nursing homes, and those who care for them. Also, all members of our military, and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve others.

Megan Archer, Bob Barlock, Whitney Benson, Marcella Beros, Darylin Best, Bill Bodner, Steve Bodner, Brinley Boyd, Connie Broadwater, Imelda Bruney, Gertrude Burkhart, Michael Burt Sr., David Callihan, Rosie Campbell, Diane Carkin, Jeff Carpenter, Patti Cartner, Gary and Jackie Casto, Chesler Family, Monica Chicwak, Lee Cline, Jan Coffey, Mike Cowgill, Anita Cox, Jennifer Cox, Anna Crock, Max Davis, Linda Delik, Michael Dempsey, Peggy Ditto, Angie Doerfler, Sister Miriam Dosch, Carl James Duch, Patty Eibel, Liam Elliott, Mary Evans, Betty Fannin, Jen Fannin, William "Buzzy" Ferguson, Russ Fiveash, Marcia Fulk, Marsha Finley, Regina Gallagher, James George, Lowell Gesaman, Mary Ann Grace, Pat Graven, Steve Hall, Dave Hanes, Stephen Hannum, Mark Hayes, Mary Ann Haynes, Jean Henry, Violes Henry, Sandra Honeywell, Julie Howell, Payton Hubal, Bob Huffman, Laverne Ingles, Paul Iten, Rachel Jirles, Josh Jones, Sr. Carol Juckem, Diane Krall, William Kyser Jr., Ethel Kuklica, Dorothy Lackney, Amara Larrison, Cynthia Law, Agnes Lehotay, Bob Long, Mike Long, John David Maleport, Marigold Marsh, Lisa McGregor, Tammy McDaniel, Joyce McPeak, Nate McVicker, Melissa MEEK, Angela Merva, Bette Miller, Helen Miller, Don Moore, Hayley Morris, Alice Orr, Mary Ann Pachuta, Christine Palmer, John Palmer, Paul Pasqual, Dick & Frances Pavlov, Carole Pekari, B.J. Petrasko, Sally Phalzgraf, Gayle Roberts, Don Ross, Emma Ross, Mary Schmid, Jett Schmitt, Rosemary Sebek, Irene Sekal, Steve Shedlock Jr., Carys Singler, Mallory Smith, Mike Smith, Peggy Smith, William Smith, John Sprouse, Loretta Stahovec, Louie Stahovec, Mark Stahovec, Mary Stoner, Ken Stump, Loran Stutz, Chris Sward, Don Thatcher, Janice Miller Thomas, Lyn Tomaszewski, Carl Tysinger, Margaret Urdak, Paula Waddle, James Weidlich, Matthew Wentzel, Maria Whitis, Bill and Cathy Whitmire, Don and Grace Whitmore, Helen Yakubik, Betty Zvolensky, Stephen Zvolensky

**Not Feeling Your Best? Please be Responsible.** If you are not feeling well, please don't drink from the Cup and offer a kind smile instead of a handshake. Let's help keep each other healthy this cold and flu season. Ministers, if you are ill, please have someone else fill in for you. Thanks!

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

**Stephen Woytko**  
(Former Parishioner)  
**Lily Maximo**

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

We ask your prayers for all men and women serving in our armed forces at sea and overseas, among them our own parishioners and family members: especially Steven Barrows, Phillip Cram, Carl Duch, Scott Fearn, Luke High, Travis Jackson, Jeremy Jones, Michael Kuhns, Joshua Lucas, Ryan McGough, Jeff McKnight, William Miller, J.C. Minarchek, Josh Norris, Anthony Stevens, Jesse Walters, Sean Weir, Steven Whaley, Zach Williams, Zac Wilson, Ethan Wray

**Please Pray For Our Priests**

December 8 .....	All Priests
December 9 .....	Rev. Paul Walker
December 10 .....	Rev. John Mucha
December 11 .....	Rev. Thomas Vennitti
December 12 .....	Msgr. George Coyne
December 13 .....	Rev. Joseph Massucci
December 14 .....	Rev. Patrick Gaughan
December 15 .....	Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon

**Offertory for Nov. 30, & Dec. 1, 2019**

Adults .....	\$7,168.00
Children .....	60.25
Miscellaneous (candles, book rack, etc.) .....	65.00
<b>Weekly Budget Amount Needed.....</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>

**Three Adorers Needed**

Three scheduled Eucharistic Adorers are needed every Wednesday at the **3-4:00, 6-7:00 and 7-8:00 p.m.** hours. If you would like to spend one hour a week with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, please contact Fr. Hrezo at 740-432-7609.

**The Chalkboard**  
**ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL**  
 Faithfully Educating God's  
 Children Since 1911

What an amazing Turkey Trot event this year! There were 357 participants, which is an increase of 75 from last year! Again, many thanks to Susan Wright and all who helped make this event a success.

Sr. Carol and her singers made St. Benedict School shine at the annual Thanksgiving/Christmas parade this past weekend. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for once again providing the beautiful float.

Congratulations to James Goggin, 7th grade, and Samantha Delik, 8th grade, for being chosen the school winners of the Anna Asbury Stone Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay Contest. They will receive a medal, certificate and small monetary award. Thanks to parishioner Sharon Miller and the DAR for inviting St. Benedict School to participate in the essay contest.

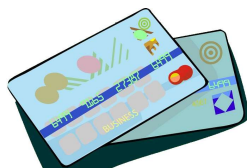
Great things are happening at our school! We just started an Enrichment Program under the leadership of Mrs. Jones-Hayes. Updates on exciting projects that students are working on will be in future bulletins. We can't wait to share!

Mark your calendars for the annual school Christmas Program set for December 12. All are invited to come and watch the dress rehearsal at 1:00 PM or the evening performance at 6:30 PM. You will not want to miss our talented students sing and perform Sr. Carol's original production, "It's All About the Child."

Have a blessed week!  
 In His Name, Sue Sanders, Principal

**Are you interested in being a judge at the St. Benedict School Science Fair?** Please call the school or email Mrs. Jones-Hayes at [judith.jones-hayes@omeresanet.net](mailto:judith.jones-hayes@omeresanet.net) for more info. The fair will be held after school on February 13, 2020.

**Scrip Gift Cards must be ordered by December 15 in order to guarantee we receive them before Christmas.**



**Cambridge Knights of Columbus  
 Council #1641 and 4th Degree Assembly #1736**

**Christmas Party**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2019  
 Francis Restaurant (Wheeling Ave)**

**Doors open 6:00 p.m. ~ Buffet starts 6:30 p.m.**

RSVP by calling: Jerry Hight (740-705-0470), Ron Engott (740-680-2612), or John Sprouse (740-432-3254). Dinner is by donation. For special diet needs, contact Jerry Hight.



**Catholic Women's Club  
 Christmas Party**

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019**

**Cambridge Country Club**

**Buffet starts at 6:00 p.m.**

**Cost is \$10.00**

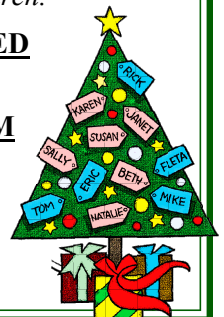
**Optional \$10.00 Gift Exchange**

RSVP by December 8 by contacting Sandy (email [sandy.broom@yahoo.com](mailto:sandy.broom@yahoo.com), call 740-685-6176, text 740-584-6176).



**Christ Our Light Parish is participating in the  
 "Secret Santa" Program**

- Tags can be found on the bulletin board in the vestibule of *St. Benedict Church*.
- Attach the tag to an **UNWRAPPED** gift.
- Return it to the **MARIAN ROOM**
- by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**
- Wrapping paper and tape will also be appreciated.



**We are in need of a used pick up truck**

for our parish maintenance staff. If you have or know of a truck to sell or donate please let Fr. Paul know. Thank you!



## READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2019

On this Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, may our hearts be filled with joy for the One who is to come. Let us ask the Lord for mercy for the times we have failed to recognize the presence of Christ in our midst.

The readings for the Third Sunday of Advent speak of the signs that reveal God's presence among us.

The first reading, Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 is a prophecy addressed to the people of God in exile in Babylon. Israel has become a wasteland. The holy city, Jerusalem, is in ruins and is occupied by foreigners. The people feel empty, dry and deserted, but the prophet encourages them to keep hope. With bright images of a land which will rejoice and bloom, Isaiah urges the people to have courage and not to fear.

For most of the year, large parts of Palestine are barren of all vegetation. When Isaiah speaks of the desert blooming with many flowers, he is speaking of a real transformation of nature. Such a transformation would surely reveal the power and glory of God. Just so, says Isaiah, when those who are blind can see, those who are deaf can hear, those who are lame can walk, and those who are captive return in joy, this too will reveal the power of our God.



**The blind receive their sight  
and the lame walk, lepers are  
cleansed and the deaf hear.**

**MATTHEW 11:5**

In the gospel, John the Baptist sends messengers to ask if Jesus is the Messiah, the long-awaited one. Jesus responds with a litany of the signs which were prophesied throughout the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) as the manifestation of God's saving presence. Jesus simply invites the seeker of the Messiah to look at the signs.

As we prepare for the coming of Christ, the Messiah, the liturgy recalls God's promise and its fulfillment in Jesus.

**Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Those the Lord has ransomed will return to Zion, singing, crowned with everlasting joy.**

Do I act as one who has been ransomed by the Lord? How do I witness my salvation in Christ?

**James 5:7-10 Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged.**

How often do I pass judgment on another? How often do I do the very thing I accuse others about?

**Matthew 11:2-11 Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?**

Do we search for Christ in our lives?

**Why is focusing on St. John the Baptist** during the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of Advent so important for us for preparing for Christmas? On the 4th Sunday of Advent, we will finally recall the circumstances between St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary with regards to the birth of Jesus. But, for these next two weeks before then, we focus instead on John the Baptist. Again, why?

That Jesus is God present walking among His people – that God became a human being – was such a radical concept that it needed plenty of reinforcement to sink in. John the Baptist, through both his life and his message, is

meant to be a key person to help us to believe that Jesus is God.

C. S. Lewis emphasized how vital it is for us to grasp that God is with us through Jesus. He says, "The central miracle asserted by Christians is the incarnation. They say that God became Man. Every other miracle prepares for this, or exhibits this, or results from this." John the Baptist was a key forerunner who prepares us for believing in and experiencing God in Jesus.

In next Sunday's Gospel, we see John the Baptist from

prison, soon before being killed by King Herod, asking Jesus for reassuring signs that he is the Messiah. His questions to Jesus can be like questions we ourselves might have today. Jesus responded by telling John the Baptist and his disciples about signs of tremendous healings given to people in a full spectrum of circumstances, from poverty to death.

The writer for the 2016 Living the Word commentary for the Third Sunday of Advent, Year A, noted a similar experience when looking at a garden with a friend before and after the plants and flowers had grown:

“A friend walked me through his newly planted garden to help me see how it would look in spring. He finally stopped and said, ‘You can’t picture any of this, can you?’ I couldn’t until I saw it in full bloom the following springtime. Then I could understand why he planted the seeds where he had. Then I saw the beauty and bounty that his planting represented. ‘Tell John what you see,’ Jesus says to John’s

disciples. The signs of the Messiah proclaimed by the prophets are beginning to bloom. Look and see! Hear the singing of those once mute and the rejoicing of the crowds who witness these works. The beauty and bounty of our generous God are all around” (p. 20).

God is with us. It sometimes takes years of repetition for Our Lord’s closeness to us here and now through the Eucharist to impact us. We usually need to encounter someone like John the Baptist more than once to both ask questions and call us to repentance and conversion to have our eyes and hearts prepared to see and to accept Jesus the Messiah – God – in our midst. May we experience the signs of God’s presence with us through Jesus that we need to respond with faith and generosity. May we echo in our lives the words of the prophet, Isaiah, “Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee” (Isaiah 35:10).

## Pastor’s Letter

Every year at Christmas we celebrate the amazing experience of God being so humble to be present among us as a vulnerable child. Jesus’ humble presence at Christmas is echoed in His Eucharistic Real Presence now. One way to grow in appreciating this is through Eucharistic Adoration. As you well know each week on Wednesdays we have 12 hours of continuous Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the small chapel in the former parish offices at the east end of the church/social hall/rectory building. We have several hours during that block of time when we need a second scheduled Adorer, so that we have at least two people there in that chapel throughout that time on Wednesdays. So, please consider serving as a scheduled Adorer for our weekly Eucharistic Adoration.

Here’s a beautiful and humbling reflection provided by one of our parishioners who regularly participates in Eucharistic Adoration, to help us appreciate how close God is to us in Jesus.

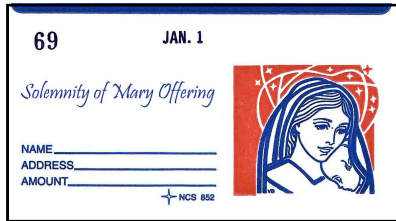
“If one should visit the Notre Dame Cathedral Square in Paris one would observe a grey haired man giving bread to the tiny wrens that inhabit the area. The man is apparently there on a daily basis giving this life giving bread to the hungry birds. Others have attempted to feed the birds but they inevitably fly to the familiar figure of the man.

“Within the cathedral another bread – the Host is being

offered to the people who daily come to partake of the Sacred Bread – nourishment for the soul. While the birds seemingly recognize the man who provides sustenance for the body we see the priest as the provider of our spiritual needs. Prayers for [holiness among our] priests [and for further protection for the Church against evil] are of utmost importance. Spending one hour in prayerful Adoration of the Eucharist helps to create an atmosphere of hope and makes the Church/Home a Vestibule of Heaven.”

On another topic, in addition to the Angel Tree and Secret Santa Christmas gift giving programs, an organization called Prison Fellowship Ministries, has organized an outreach program for children who have a parent in prison. Over the next couple of weeks, a “Starlight Tree” with suggested gifts for children in Guernsey County will be posted near or on the bulletin boards, both at St. Benedict and Sts. Peter & Paul. The outreach involves purchasing the gift in the name of the parent who is incarcerated, and then we will coordinate delivering the gift to their child. A couple of other area churches are participating in this with us, including First United Methodist. Thank you for the many ways you participate in outreach ministries of our broader community.

May the Lord help us all to journey together with Our Lord present in our midst, ever more joyful and thankful, always ready for the gift of eternal life.



**Children's Offering Envelopes**

If you would like your child/children to receive offering envelopes for 2020, please contact the parish office at col\_office@catholicweb.com, 740-432-7609, or leave a note in the offertory basket at Mass, or email . The envelopes will then be left for you in the Marian Room at St. Benedict Church or sent to Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory.



**The Christ Our Light Parish - Society of St. Vincent de Paul** filed their second annual report November 29th. In the last 12 months the volunteers have addressed 475 requests for help representing 1,122 people in need. The volunteers logged over 4,500 hours of service meeting these needs. The total number of requests that resulted in some monetary assistance was 224. These needs were met with donations and with part of the funds from our parish "Monthly Collection for Those In Need" which is held the first weekend of each month. 100% of funds donated are used to help the needy of Guernsey County! Thank you for helping God's people! Visit our website [colsvdp.org](http://colsvdp.org) for more information.

**Winter weather has arrived!**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to request the donation of **new coats and toiletries** for those in need in our community. Men's coats are the most versatile. New hats, gloves and scarves would also be appreciated. Clothing and personal care items may be placed in the SVdP Donation Box in the Marian Room. Thank you for your support!



**You're Invited**

*Christ Our Light Parish  
Epiphany Feast Day  
Celebration*

**Sunday, January 5, 2020  
St. Benedict Church  
Social Hall**

**Dinner Buffet at 2:30 p.m.**



**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019.**

Reservations may be placed in the offertory basket at Mass, returned to the Parish Office, 701 Gumber Avenue Cambridge, Ohio 43725 or call 740-432-7609.



**Yes we/I will attend the Epiphany Feast Day Celebration on January 5, 2020.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adults Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Children Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 4 to 12

\_\_\_\_\_ Under age 3



# A Prayer For Life To Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
we turn to you who are the Protectress of unborn children  
and ask that you intercede for us,  
so that we may more firmly resolve to join you  
in protecting all human life.

Let our prayers be united  
to your perpetual motherly intercession  
on behalf of those whose lives are threatened,  
be they in the womb of their mother,  
on the bed of infirmity, or in the latter years of their life.

May our prayers also be coupled with peaceful action  
which witnesses to the goodness and dignity  
of all human life, so that our firmness of purpose  
may give courage to those who are fearful  
and bring light to those who are blinded by sin.

Encourage those who are involved in  
respect life activities in our diocese in the coming year;  
help them to walk closely with God  
and to give voice to the cry of the oppressed,  
in order to remind our nation of its commitment to life,  
liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people  
O Virgin Mother of God, present our petitions to your Son  
and ask Him to bless us with abundant life. Amen.



# *Advent & Christmas Schedule*

## **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)**

**Monday, December 9, 2019**

8:35 a.m. Mass (St. Benedict)

## **Advent Communal Reconciliation Service**

**Monday, December 16, 2019**

7:00 p.m. (St. Benedict)

## **Christmas Eve**

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019**

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (St. Benedict)

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Sts. Peter & Paul)

9:30 p.m. Mass at Night (St. Benedict)

(Choir Program begins at 9:00 p.m.)

## **Christmas Day**

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Benedict)

10:30 a.m. Mass (St. Benedict)

10:30 a.m. Mass (Sts. Peter & Paul)

## **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Tuesday, December 31, 2019**

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (St. Benedict)

7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Sts. Peter & Paul)

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Benedict)

10:30 a.m. Mass (St. Benedict)

10:30 a.m. Mass (Sts. Peter & Paul)

## **Epiphany of the Lord**

**Sunday, January 5, 2020 (Parish Feast Day)**

2:30 p.m. Parish Feast Day Dinner  
(St. Benedict Social Hall)

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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.

Change of Address       Moving out of Parish       New Phone Number

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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