

Christ Our Light Parish

Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Corner of North 7th Street & Gomber Avenue, Cambridge OH Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory, 136 East High Avenue, Lore City OH Mailing: Christ Our Light Parish Office, 701 Gomber Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio 43725 Phone: (740) 432-7609 Fax: (740) 439-0800 Email: col_office@catholicweb.com Website: www.christourlightparish.com

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.

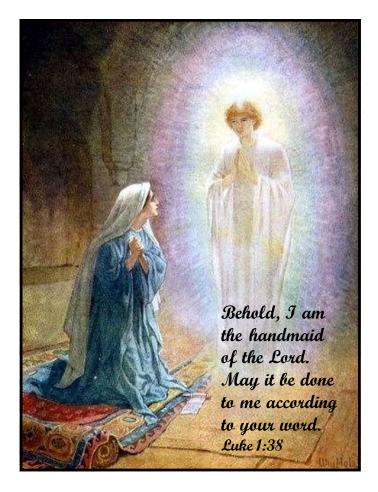
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Adult preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call Fr. Hrezo or Pat Farley for information.

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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 20, 2020



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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 fo	r the W	eek of	f December 20, 2020		
Saturday, December 19	5:00pm	SB	† James George by Betty George and Family		
Sunday, December 20 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)					
	8:00am 10:30am 12:15pm	SB SB SSPP	 People of Christ Our Light Parish † Agnes Lehotay by Joseph and Karen Almasy Intentions of the Shut-Ins and Nursing Home Residents by the Catholic Women's Club 		
Monday, December 21	8:35am	SB	† Barbara Kuhar by Family		
Tuesday, December 22	8:35am	SB	† Fred Francis (Anniversary) by Eugene and Maria Duke		
Wednesday, December 23	8:35am	SB	† Joseph Patrick Krall by Mike and Sandra Young		
Thursday, December 24 (Christmas 5:00pm 5:00pm 9:30pm	Eve) SB SSPP SB	 † Renee Krall and Joe Krall by Family People of Christ Our Light Parish † Jay Andrew Semke by Family 		
Friday, December 25 (Ch	*		Jay Andrew Senike by Family		
	8:00am	SB	† Clara Diedrick (Birthday) by Family		
	10:30am	SB	† Albert DeStephen (Birthday, December 24) by Norma Longine and Family		
	10:30am	SSPP	† Alice Stropki by Mary McCue		
Saturday, December 26	8:35am 5:00pm	SB SB	 † Joseph and Katherine Estock by Family † Ruth Nau by John and Jeanie Lang 		
Sunday, December 27 (The	Holy Fam 8:00am	ily of Je SB	esus, Mary and Joseph) People of Christ Our Light Parish		

8:00am	SB	People of Christ Our Light Parish
10:30am	SB	† Tom Chappelear by Connie Chappelear and Family
12:15pm	SSPP	† Donald and Alice Stropki by John T. Stropki and Family

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Christmas Eve			Christmas Day			
	Dec. 24 5:00 p.m. (SB)	Dec. 24 5:00pm (SSPP)	Dec. 24 9:30pm (SB)	Dec. 25 8:00am (SB)	Dec. 25 10:30am (SB)	Dec. 25 10:30am (SSPP)
Lectors	A. Oswald	B. Duche'	S. Miller	J. Padden	G. Mailot	D. Krak
Ushers	D. Poole	E. McConkey	M. Anker	C. Stickelmeyer	J. Farrell	D. Casasanta
Cantors	Folk Group		Choir	Sr. Carol & David	M. Schlacks	

Schedule for This Week

Sunday, December 20 After Masses Scrip Sales (Marian Room) 11:30am Confession (SSPP) Monday, December 21 9:00am Rosary (SB Church) Tuesday, December 22 9:00am Rosary (SB Church) 6:30-8:00pm Confession (SB Church) Wednesday, December 23 9:00am Rosary (SB Church) 9:00am-9:00pm.... Eucharistic Adoration (SB Church) 4:30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction (SB Church) 6:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer (SSPP Oratory) 9:00pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) All Masses Christmas Collection for those in Need 5:00pm Vigil Mass (SB Church) 5:00pm Vigil Mass (SSPP Oratory) 9:00pm Choir Program (SB Church 9:30pm Vigil Mass (SB Church) Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day) All Masses Christmas Collection for Those in Need 8:00am..... Mass (SB Church) 10:30am Mass (SB Church) 10:30am Mass (SSPP Oratory) Saturday, December 26 9:00am Rosary (SB Church) 4:00pm Confession (SB Church) Sunday, December 27 No Scrip Sales 11:45am Confession (SSPP Oratory) 1:15pm Blood Pressure Screenings (SSPP Rectory)



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CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24, 2020 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (St. Benedict) 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Sts. Peter and Paul) 9:30 p.m. Mass at Night (St. Benedict) (Choir Program Begins at 9:00 p.m.)

<u>Christmas Day</u>

Friday, December 25, 2020 8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Benedict) 10:30 a.m. Mass (St. Benedict) 10:30 a.m. Mass (Sts. Peter and Paul)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Because of Covid, Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 31, 2020 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (St. Benedict) 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Sts. Peter and Paul) Friday, January 1, 2021 9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Benedict) 10:30 a.m. Mass (Sts. Peter and Paul)

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.

Blood Pressure Screenings Next Sunday, December 27 1:15 p.m. Sts. Peter & Paul Rectory Face masks are required and proper



precautions and cleaning of equipment between persons will be followed.

Ministers of the Altar for Saturday & Sunday, December 26-27, 2020					
	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	Gene Mailot	Greg Mitts	
Ushers	Jacob Padden	Craig Stickelmeyer	Alan Bay	David Casasanta	
Cantors	Folk Group	Alycia Oswald	Choir		

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

> Patty Camp Stevenson (Sister to Luetta Goggin and Kay Marchant) Marcella A. Beros





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, Iren 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, Bob Huffman, Laverne Ingles, David, and Paul Iten, Rachel Jirles, Josh Jones, Diane Krall, William Kyser Jr., Christine Lackney, 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

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 our Priests

December 20	Msgr. Kurt Kemo
December 21	Msgr. John Wippel
December 22	Rev. John McCoy
December 23	Msgr. Anthony Giannamore
December 24	Rev. Vincent Huber
December 25	Our Holy Father
December 26	Rev. Brian Cavanaugh, TOR
December 27	Rev. Joseph Safraniec

Parish School of Religion Classes will not be held December 20th and 27th.

Respect Life

"American Catholics have logn sought to assimilate into U.S. cultural life. But in assimilating, we have too often been digested. We have been changed by our culture too much, and we have changed it not enough. If we are leaven, we must bring to our culture the whole Gospel, which is a Gospel of life and joy. That is our vocation as believers. And there is no better place to start than promoting the beauth and sanctity of human life"

(US Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life, 1998, n. 23)



St. Benedict School Faithfully Educating God's Children Since 1911

Thank you so much to those who have donated to this year's Annual Appeal. The response has been wonderful so far, especially in these trying times. A donation total update will be shared in the new year.

The school recently submitted an application and has been awarded a grant from the Guernsey County Foundation Fund and the *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® Fund of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio. Our project *Safer Schools* has been awarded \$1,500.00 to purchase three automatic paper towel dispensers and one water bottle filling station for the school. With a donation from Leps Pride and grant money from the CARES Act, we are purchasing two additional water bottle filling stations. Once they have arrived and have been installed, we will have water filling stations to fill student water bottles since we no longer can use drinking fountains.

Students and staff will begin Christmas break December 21 and return to school on Monday, January 4. The school community wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Please pray for our students, staff and school as we continue on our journey this year with "Jesus as our Guide".

In His Name, Sue Sanders



Secret Santa

Secret Santa tags are available on the bulletin board of St.



Benedict Church, but you do not actually need one. You can purchase your toy and take it directly to the Harper Hutchison Building on Steubenville Ave. Toys may also be dropped off in the Marian Room at St. Benedict Church or at the parish office. If you prefer, you can also make a monetary donation. Make checks payable to Secret Santa.

ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL AUCTION UPDATE

Dear Friends in Christ,

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 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 is counted on as a part of the school 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 turned into the school office by February 1, 2021.

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

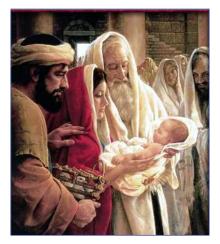
Children's Offering Envelopes

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



contact the parish office at 740-432-7609, email col_office@catholicweb.com, 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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH December 27, 2020



Focus:

Christian families are to imitate the example of the Holy Family by striving to live in love and unity with God and one another.

Joseph and Mary loved God and responded in trust to all that God asked of them. They lovingly

cared for the child Jesus and brought him up to walk in the ways of the Lord. Their life together as a family was marked by holiness and love, and it is the example after which all Christian families are to pattern their lives.

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Each family is established by the Lord to be a blessing for others. In fulfillment of God's promise to Abram, God blesses Sarah and him with their son, Isaac, and changes his name to "Abraham,"

indicating that through their son all nations would be blessed.

In what ways has the Lord been active through you and/or your family for the benefit of others?

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Together with the Psalm, our Second Reading celebrates both Abraham's steadfast faith and how the Lord has indeed poured out abundant blessings through him.

Who are people in your life and/or family who provided a foundation for your faith?

Luke 2:22-40

Each key person in this Gospel scene in the Temple in Jerusalem gives witness to faith and faithfulness. The Holy Family remained faithful to the purification customs in accordance with the Law of Moses in face of the humility of giving the offering of the poor. The prophet, Simeon, and the prophetes, Anna, persevered in their faith through many years of waiting for the Messiah.

What have you had to wait for over a long period of time before you recognized the answer of the Lord?

Because there are so many options for Scripture readings on Christmas, it may be simplest to focus on some interesting aspects of Jesus'

birth that span all of the readings.

Going to Mass on Christ-mass! That is indeed the best way to celebrate Christmas, connected with the roots of the word in English. The Eucharistic foreshadowing in the birth of Jesus is amazingly strong.

The name of the town where Jesus was born is, as you well know, Bethlehem. It is composed of two words, "Beth," meaning "House," and "lehem," meaning "of bread." Jesus was born in a town named "House of Bread"!

And, after Jesus was born where was he placed? Was he placed in the finest basinet? Because he was born in a stable rather than in the richest of palaces, he was placed in a manger as his crib. The infant Jesus was placed in a feeding trough, according to the Gospel of Luke!

Furthermore, what usually fills a feeding trough to give nourishment to the animals that feed there? A manger is usually filled with some form of grain, such as wheat. "I am the bread of life," Jesus would eventually say as an adult. "This is my body," Jesus would say of the unleavened, cracker-like wafers used at the Last Supper Passover meal. His commandment to "do this in remembrance of me" meant that his actions at the Last Supper were to be repeated by those who were there. The foreshadowing of nourishing his disciples at the Last Supper by the setting of his birth in Bethlehem had very clear Eucharistic meaning.

May we benefit by being nourished by Jesus at this week's Christmas Masses.

The Gospel at next Sunday's Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family is drawn from Luke, Chapter 2. It describes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as being in a situation that was for them both a cause for humility and a powerful forewarning for Mary. And understanding St. Joseph as "a just man" can help us to see the glory of God even in those humble circumstances.

When Joseph and Mary went to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer the sacrifice for both Mary's purification and to "buy back" Jesus from God, they offered two pigeons. The offering that Joseph and Mary offered was the offering that the poor were to offer. What a humiliation to have to show publicly that they needed to give the offerings of the poor!

Nevertheless, a truly just man would have rejoiced at whatever the circumstances were as long as he had a reason to go up to the Temple. For St. Joseph, then, simply any opportunity to go up to the Temple would be the cause of some of his deepest joy. He would have happily offered the offering of the poor! May the Lord help us to appreciate His presence among us. May the Lord also help us to benefit from His mercy toward us, both at Christmas this year and whenever we have an opportunity to "go up to Jerusalem" in our prayers, in our times of meditative prayer and in our actions of putting our faith into practice. May we truly have a blessed Christmas of 2020 and New Year 2021.

Pastor's Letter

As we draw ever closer to this year's celebration of Christmas, I'd like to reinforce that we are planning to have our Christmas Masses both as accessible and as safe as possible.

On one hand we are still planning to have all six Christmas Masses, four at St. Benedict and two at Sts. Peter & Paul, to ensure plenty of space for everyone who is comfortable attending in-person. It is difficult to estimate how many people will attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Benedict on Christmas Eve, so we will plan to have both overflow set-up with the large screen TV in the Social Hall in case we should get to our ~120 maximum capacity in the church itself and live streaming access to that Mass as well.

The choir is planning to have a simple musical program starting ~9:00 p.m. before the 9:30 p.m. "Mass at Night" at St. Benedict on Christmas Eve and we are planning to live stream that Mass as well. Then, we'll plan to have the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day available for live streaming viewing, like all of the Masses, through our parish Facebook page at "Christ Our Light Parish, Guernsey County, OH".

The two Masses at Sts. Peter & Paul in Lore City are scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

In an online AP article of December 6, 2020, the following was noted and quoted about Pope Francis and this year's Christmas.

"Pope Francis says the Christmas season provides reason for hope amid the difficulties of the coronavirus pandemic.

"During his Sunday blessing [of Sunday, December 6, 2020], Pope Francis noted that the Vatican's Christmas tree had gone up last week in St. Peter's Square, and that work is underway to build the life-size Nativity scene next to it. "Pointing to the tree from his studio window over the square, Francis said such symbols of Christmas 'are signs of hope, especially in this difficult period.'

"He urged the faithful to recall the true meaning of Christmas — the birth of Jesus — and [to] lend a hand to the neediest. He said: 'There's no pandemic, there's no crisis that can extinguish this light.""

May the Lord continue to bless us with joy and peace *and His Christmas light* as disciples of Jesus and to help us to be always ready for the gift of eternal life in Heaven!



The Cambridge Knights of Columbus Council #1641 would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas. May the light of His beautiful star guide you throughout this beautiful season and beyond. We would also like to wish you a blessed, safe, happy, and healthy New Year.

God Bless, Grand Knight Padden, Deputy Grand Knight Sprouse, and Council #1641

Offertory for December 12-13, 2020

Adults	\$9,101.00
Children	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Miscellaneous	40.00
Immaculate Conception	428.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$9,000.00

