



Our Lady of Peace *Family of Parishes*

Holy Family - Holy Name of Jesus - Our Lady of Sorrows

DECEMBER 21, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor: Rev. Paul Gebhardt, Sr. Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Civile, Parochial Vicar: Rev. Benjamin Mersch,
Deacons: John Lyons, Bill Schaefer, Larry Gronas, & Jack Schaefer

Our Lady of Peace

w: olopeace.org

Holy Family

201 Clark Street, Middletown, OH 45042

p: 513-422-0602, f: 513-424-7416

w: holymiddletown.com

Weekend Mass Schedule

Holy Trinity Church

201 Clark Street

Sunday 9:00 am (*Live streamed*)

St. John Church

1405 First Avenue

Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 10:30 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 pm

St. John XXIII Catholic School

3806 Manchester Road

Middletown, OH 45042

p: 513-424-1196, f: 513-464-9955

w: stjohn23school.org

Holy Name of Jesus

222 Hamilton Ave., Trenton, Ohio 45067

p: 513-988-6335 (office), 513-988-9348

(parish hall), f: 513-330-9849

w: holynamenameofjesuscatholicchurch.org

e: holynamercc@gmail.com

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday - 8:30 am

Reconciliation (Confessions)

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 pm

Sundays 7:30-8:00 am

Our Lady of Sorrows

330 Lebanon St., Monroe, Ohio 45050

p: 513-539-8061, f: 513-539-0443

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 pm, Sunday - 10:30 am

Reconciliation (Confessions)

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 pm

Saturdays 3:00-3:30 pm



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Upcoming Events

Christmas Eve.....	Dec 24
Christmas Day.....	Dec 25
Solemnity of Mary.....	Jan 1
Bible Study OLOS.....	Jan 8
Pray-N-Play OLOS.....	Jan 18

WELCOME



Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Thursday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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Introductions to Sunday Readings: by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven & Fr. Bill Taylor



First Reading - Isaiah 7:10-14...In today's passage, the prophet Isaiah speaks to the Jewish King Ahaz, who is more interested in politics than religion. Isaiah announces that the wife of Ahaz will soon have a son, who will be a better king than his father. Christians have seen in this passage a deeper meaning, namely, Mary giving birth to Jesus.

Second Reading - Romans 1:1-7...The opening words of the letter to the Romans are an example of the classical style of letter writing at that time: Paul first identifies himself, extends a greeting, gives some helpful information about himself, and personalizes his letter by naming the community to whom he is writing. Paul highlights the fact that Jesus was descended from the Royal House of David. Early Christians (many of them from the lower class) were particularly proud of this.

Bulletin/Announcement Deadline:
 Friday at noon - 1 week in advance via email to your parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR LADY OF PEACE WEEK OF DEC. 22 - 28

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	N/A	N/A	7:00 PM Spanish	12:00 AM 3:00 PM Spanish	8:00 AM	N/A	9:00 AM 2:00 PM Spanish
ST JOHN CHURCH	N/A	N/A	3:00 PM / 5:00 PM	10:00 AM	N/A	4:30 PM	10:30 AM
HOLY NAME OF JESUS	N/A	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	N/A	N/A	8:30 AM
OUR LADY OF SORROWS	8:30 AM	N/A	3:00 PM	10:30 AM	N/A	4:00 PM	10:30 AM

Baptisms.....Contact your Parish Office. Baptismal preparation is required.
Marriages.....Contact your Parish Office at least 6 months before the desired date.
Vocations.....Contact a member of your pastoral staff or visit cincinnati vocations.org.
Pastoral Care of the Sick.....May be arranged through your Parish Office.
Becoming Catholic.....Contact your Parish Office.
St. John XXIII Catholic School.....Parish school for Preschool—8th Grade—www.stjohn23school.org.



OUR DOORS ARE OPEN: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Our Lady of Peace Family of Parishes.

COMMUNITY

Merry Christmas Feliz Navidad

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Wednesday Dec 24th

3 PM AND 5 PM --- St. John Church

3 PM --- Our Lady of Sorrows

5 PM --- Holy Name of Jesus

7 PM --- Holy Trinity Church

(Spanish Mass)

Midnight --- Holy Trinity Church

Christmas Day - Thursday, Dec 25th

8:30 AM --- Holy Name of Jesus

10 AM --- St. John Church

10:30 AM --- Our Lady of Sorrows

3 PM --- Holy Trinity Church *(Spanish Mass)*



OLOP COLLECTIONS: Week of November 30th

Holy Family.....	\$27,546
Holy Name of Jesus.....	\$8,815
Our Lady of Sorrows.....	\$ N/A
Total.....	\$36,361

Annual 365 Lotto

**** The FINAL turn in date is January 31, 2026. ****

St. John XXIII School is selling tickets for the Annual 365 Lotto where a winning ticket is drawn every day of the year. It's possible to win more than once because winning tickets are returned to the hopper and only 5000 tickets are sold. Prize money will be mailed to the winners.

To participate in the lotto, complete the form below and send it along with \$20/ a ticket to:
St. John XXIII Catholic School 3806 Manchester Rd, Middletown, OH 45042 ATTN: Monica Cummins
The official ticket will be filled out and the stub will be mailed back to you.



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

FOLLOW AND PRAY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY...

Archbishop Casey has launched his own social media accounts! Follow him at:
Instagram: archbishopcasey
Facebook: facebook.com/archbishopcasey
You can pray with him throughout Advent as he has begun posting daily prayer reflections.



CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY...

You're invited to join Archbishop Casey as he celebrates Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee Year on Sunday, Dec. 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. At the request of the Holy Father, a collection for the poor will be taken.

Collection for Our Lady of Peace Family of Parishes



- (1) Please **do not** make checks payable to Our Lady of Peace. The legal entity has not yet been established.
- (2) Any checks or envelopes designated for a specific parish will go to the designated parish.
- (3) Please write checks payable to the parish you want to receive your donation.

Thank you for your generosity!

COMMUNITY

Bible Study ... Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come...

In January, we will be offering a new Bible Study: Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come **Beginning on Thursday January 8 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Our Lady of Sorrow's Parish Hall, we will be offering 11 Thursday evening sessions on Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come.** Perhaps no book of the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied it, especially from a Catholic perspective. It offers an intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Although Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is focused on Catholic doctrine and teaching, everyone - Catholic or non-Catholic - is welcome. To register, sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space at Our Lady of Sorrows or email Jack at olos@cinci.rr.com or call the OLOS office at 513-539-8061 and leave a message for Jack. For each participant workbook needed, bring \$25 cash or a check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows to the first meeting on Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. **All OLOP parishioners are welcome!**



Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Wishes to Thank the following Organizations for their donations

Knights of Columbus, Sons and Daughters of Italy, Middletown Community Foundation, Miriam Knoll Foundation, Weber W. Seebald Foundation, McGraw Kokosing and St. Paul United Church of Christ. These donations will help our neighbors in need. Pictured below are a few photos from our donors.



THANK YOU
for your generosity

Thank You For Your Continued Generosity!

Parishioners donated \$10,369 for the 5th Sunday

St. Vincent de Paul Fifth Sunday Collection!

These funds will be used here in Middletown to help our neighbors with food, utility bills, basic household and basic furniture items. Thank you for your generosity! *Jeannine Baker* - TREASURER



HOLY FAMILY

Bless the Children Ceremony... Parish Second Graders who are preparing for their First Reconciliation and Eucharist joined Fr. Civile at the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist and to recite Baptismal Vows. After Mass they enjoyed Donuts and Juice.



Christmas Home Visits

Fr. Civile will be visiting homebound parishioners during the Christmas Season. If you or someone you know would like a visit with Communion / Reconciliation, please call the parish office 513-422-0602 or email Kathi kathi@holymiddletown.com.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Wednesday Dec 24th



3 PM AND 5 PM --- St. John Church

7 PM --- Holy Trinity Church (Spanish Mass)

Midnight --- Holy Trinity Church

Christmas Day - Thursday, Dec 25th



10 AM --- St. John Church

3 PM --- Holy Trinity Church (Spanish Mass)

Help Wanted Decorating the Churches

We welcome anyone who's willing to help with decorating St. John and Holy Trinity Churches for Christmas. Thank you!

TUESDAY DECEMBER 23RD 9 AM

Starting at St. John Church then Holy Trinity Church



Parish Office Closings... The parish office is closed December 24th, 25th and 26th for Christmas and December 31st and January 1st for New Year's

Thank you parishioners, PREP and St. John XXII School!...Pictured below are photos of all the presents that were bought, donated, and wrapped for our Giving Tree. We truly appreciate your generosity in helping our neighbors in need. The PREP 8th graders and their teachers **Mike & Vicki Trent** along with Giving Tree Tag Coordinator **Patty Ryan** and her helpers sorted the gifts on Monday, December 8th by Family, plus all the donated Halloween candy was bagged up and added to each Family Bag.



HOLY FAMILY

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - December 20 and December 21

4:30 PM Mass SJ Swigert & Mikula Families

9:00 AM Mass HT Richard Ristaneo

This Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Vincent, Anna, & Anita DiNardo

Monday, December 22

No Mass

Tuesday, December 23

No Mass SJ23 Christmas Break

Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Mass SJ Roger, Barbara, & David South

5:00 PM Mass SJ Lucy Dillon - Anniversary Rem.

Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day

12:00 AM Mass HT Mary Ellen Wesley

10:00 AM Mass SJ Florence Fiessinger

Friday, December 26

8:00 AM Mass HT Louise Hendricks - Anniversary Rem.

Saturday, December 27

4:30 PM Mass SJ Julia Scarce - Anniversary Rem.

Sunday, December 28 Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 AM Mass HT Rita Gough - Wedding Anniv. Rem.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Frank Pressler

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, December 7th \$27,546.18

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

Due to the early bulletin submissions for the rest of this year the weekly stewardship amounts will be 2 weeks behind.

Can YOU Help?

As you can see by looking at the Ministers Schedule to the right, we still need Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and a Lector for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. If you can help, please email Dee dee@holymiddletown.com and we'll get you on the schedule. Thank you for your service!



Our Prayers & Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Esther Ristaneo who died Saturday, December 6th and Helen Pyles-Perrine who died Sunday, December 7th.



In Your Prayers Remember Janet Chase at Traditions of Lebanon and Arlene Selby at Bickford.

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Dec 27/28	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Montgomery 1B Barbara Heinle 2B Mike Klapheke 3B Julie Constable 1C Frances Sack 2C	Jason Dwenger 1B Susan Combs 2B Barb VonderHaar 3B Joe Sagan 1C Sandy Hughes 2C	Barb Luksic 1B PJ Bush 2B Sue Mulligan 3B Maria Rodriguez 1C Melissa Bauer 2C
Lectors	Todd Moore Lori Guyler	Amy Bray Ed Combs	Christy Hawkins Joe Nalepka
Server	Andy/Braden Guyler	Luke Bray	CeCe Hawkins
Greeters	Barbara Heinle D1	Jinnie Raney D1 Kathy Farler D2	Linda Jester D1

Please Note: There will be no Rosary on Wednesday, Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st at the St. John Center



The praying of the Rosary will resume on Wednesday, January 7th at 7 PM. Why not start out the New Year with a new tradition and pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners. *"The Rosary is spiritual medicine."* POPE FRANCIS

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MINISTERS

	3 PM SJ	5 PM SJ	12 AM HT	10 AM SJ
Eucharistic Ministers	Need 1B Ken Allen 2B Need 3B Joe Zappia 4B Sue Mulligan 1C Janet Zappia 2C	Marcia Egelston 1B Ken Allen 2B Need 3B Barb Heinle 1C Need 2C	Barb VonderHaar 1B Ginger Bruggeman 2B Need 3B Need Need	Need 1B Need 2B Need 3B Linda Jester 1C Need 2C
Lectors	Lori Guyler Paul Mosko	Henrietta Nye Need	Greg Waddell Need	Pat Montgomery Need
Servers	Andy Guyler Braden Guyler	Need	Need	Dick Montgomery
Greeters	Ken Allen	Barb Heinle	Jinnie Raney	Linda Jester

HOLY FAMILY

St. John XXIII

Catholic School Pre-K to Grade 8

Traditional Values • Exceptional Education

Principal Mrs. Dawn Pickerill

513-424-1196

GIVING TREE

St. John XXIII Catholic School was happy to support the Giving Tree at Holy Family Parish again this Christmas. Each grade level in the school takes a family, and the parents/students either purchase the gifts or donate money so that the classroom teacher can go out and purchase the gifts. The presents are then wrapped and placed around the Christmas tree in the upper lobby until they are picked up by the parish. This year we were able to help over 50 children! It was truly amazing! A huge thank you to our St. John XXIII families for their generosity this Christmas season!



Going into the Hospital or a Rehab Facility?

Please call or have a family member or friend call us 513-422-0602 and let us know!



We need *your* help in ministering to parishioners who are ill or in need!

Inclement Weather Cancelations

In the event of severe winter weather cancelations, we'll use the One Call



Now robocall system to send out alerts. **Please be sure we have your current phone number on file.**

Also, if you wish to be included in the group that receives calls regarding weekday please be sure to call the parish office 422-0602 and add your name to the list.

What About Tuesday Morning School Mass?

If you regularly attend the St. John XXIII School Mass on Tuesday mornings at 8:15 and you're wondering if school is closed or delayed because of snow, here are two ways you can find out.

- 1) Tune into a local morning news program where you'll find a list of school closings or delays likely scrolling at the top or bottom of the screen.
- 2) Go to the parish website where you'll find a link to St. John XXIII School at the top. This link takes you to the school website which will include any delay or cancellation info. **The school Mass is canceled when school is closed or on delay.**

Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet!

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
114 South Broad Street

DROP OFF CLEAN CLOTHES

TUESDAYS BETWEEN

10:00 AM AND 1:00 PM.



PLEASE NOTE: THE CLOTHES CLOSET WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD AND 30TH 2025.

IT WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH 2026.

If you have any questions please call 513-422-4519.

***Our clients need basic, wash-n-wear clothing - nothing fancy or difficult to clean or carry.**

Basic pants, jeans, t-shirts, long sleeve jerseys, sweatshirts, hoodies, jackets, coats, belts, and socks, tennis shoes, boots etc.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS



Prayer List.... *Pray for the Sick at Holy Name*

of Jesus: Deacon Bill & Jean Schaefer, Sue Harris, Steve Drake, Becky Hedges-Kamps., Jose Gonzalez, Raymond Martin, Wendall Draman, Bebe Orth, Blair and Casey Mitchell, Teresa Adams, Nancy Carroll, Brenda Hicks, Diane Frain, Anna Hunsinger, Rob Burgher, Adam Willke, Doug Ritter, Betty Issacs, Agnes Kuzma, Paul Foley, Tina Smetek, Trevor Lacey, Dr. Thomas Willke & Virgil Harris. **If you want to be on this list, or have recovered & would like to be removed from this list, please call the office.**

Traveling Chalice....



For Vocations to the Priesthood:

Mike & Connie Schenck will receive the chalice on December 21st and have it for two weeks. Sharon Lacy & Gary Daughettee will receive the chalice after Mass on Jan. 4, 2026. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the office. **When to return the chalice?** Anytime during the week before Sunday. **Deacon Larry requests that you leave the chalice on the altar rail.**

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS.... *Please continue to pray for the priests in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati!*

A list of priests to pray for this week is available on the table in the back of the church.

Financial Stewardship Summary

23rd Sunday of fiscal year as of 12/7/2025

	Last Week	Year to Date
Parish Needs:	\$ 4,235	\$ 97,405
Parish Receipts:	\$ 8,815	\$ 96,484

Total Envelopes Used: 31
Total Electronic Givers: 22

Note: Fiscal year budget for 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026 is \$220,140

This week's receipts: Sunday & Holy Day Offerings - \$5,078, IRA - Sunday Offertory - \$3,000, Christmas Flowers & Decorations - \$299, Purgatorial Society - \$40, Mass Stipends - \$45, Rebate - \$108, Advent Breakfast donations - \$178 & Candles - \$67

Designated Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development - \$150 & Holy Trinity/Harland KY - \$715

Your generosity helps us do God's work. Thank you!

Annual Parish Financial Update Letter...



If you did not pick up your copy of the Holy Name of Jesus' Annual Financial Update Letter and Report from the bulletin rack last weekend, please ask an usher for assistance. If there are no reports left, call the office and we will get one for you.

Sympathy & Prayers



Our prayers and condolences go out to the family and friends of Orvil Brown who died Saturday, December 6th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Name of Jesus on Thursday, December 18th. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 28

SUNDAY 8:30 am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Rebecca Lewis (1) Gerry Graham (2)
SERVERS	Alison Hasler Brianna Kyle
READER(S)	Sherri Randall (1)
USHERS	Chris Boyland
COMMUNION HOMEBOUND	Larry Gronas
COLLECTION TEAM	Mary Draman Chris Lewis Debbie Peter

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes we want God's instructions to be clear and precise — like the angel in Joseph's dream. But Joseph's understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God's will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

2026 Donation Envelopes & Calendars...



The new donations envelopes for 2026 are available in the church basement. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order on the tables. Please pick up a new 2026 calendar as well. If you can't find your box of envelopes or need help getting to the basement, please ask as an usher for assistance. If your box of envelopes are not found, please call the office @ 513-988-6335.

Mass Intention Requests...

As we prepare to begin a new calendar year, this is a reminder that we can accept new Mass intentions for the year 2026. If you have special intentions for family, friends or for yourself please send those requests in to the office. Mass stipends are \$5.00 per Mass. Remember that specific date requests are on a first come first serve basis. **Thank you!**



Events in the Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Saturday, December 20

Sunday, December 21

7:30 - 8:00 am Confessions
8:30 am Mass - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Last Day for Share the Joy for ENLC

Monday, December 22

Tuesday, December 23

8:30 am Mass
 6:30 pm-OCIA in church basement

Wednesday, December 24

5:00 pm Mass
NO PSR Classes

Thursday, December 25

8:30 am Mass - Nativity of the Lord
NO Exposition & Adoration
 - Office Closed -

Friday, December 26

- Office Closed -

Saturday, December 27

Sunday, December 28

7:30 - 8:00 am Confessions
8:30 am Mass - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Winter Weather!

Don't forget that when Edgewood Schools are closed due to weather conditions, Adoration and all activities at church will be canceled as well.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Day	Date	Mass	For	Requested By
Sunday	12/21	8:30 am	Joe Orth	Bebe Orth
Tuesday	12/23	8:30 am	Purgatorial Society	
Wednesday	12/24	5:00 pm	Christmas Decorations Contributors & Those Remembered	
Thursday	12/25	8:30 am	Bob Edwards	Gary Daughetee & Sharon Lacy
Sunday	12/28	8:30 am	Paul & Joe Kuzma	Agnes Kuzma & Family

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Stewardship Information will resume soon.



SCAN TO GIVE

Or visit: give.olosmonroe.com/give

Music Ministry News:

Adult Choir Schedule:

- Wednesday, Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve mass. Carols begin at 2:30. Mass begins at 3:00 pm.
- Thursday, Dec. 25th: Christmas Morning: meet at 9:45 to prepare for 10:30 am mass.
- Wednesday, Dec. 31: 3:00 mass. Meet at 2:15 pm in Church to prepare.
- Thursday, Jan. 1: 10:30 am mass. Meet at 9:45 am to prepare.
- Sunday, Jan. 4: 10:30 am mass. Meet at 9:45 am to prepare. 2:00 – 6:00 pm. Christmas party at my house!!!!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 27 – 28

MASS	Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 10:30 am
COORDINATOR	Cil Reisner	Ruth Frankey
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Bonnie Arend Joyce Adkins Barb Dineen Deb Saluke (<i>Sub Req</i>) Rick Ziemba	Rick Bacon Tom Kettler Michelle Samocki Tom Scheidler Jenny Schwarz Rose Thiemann
SERVERS	Cecilia Currin	Lesley Anjang Julia Samocki
GREETER	Barbara Hyduchak	Joe Setaro
READERS	Sue Willis (1) Mark Redmond (2)	Bill Schretter (1) Beckie Schretter (2)
USHERS	Rick Propps Chuck Sperrick	Jim Bachmann Lynnette Schluter
HOSPITALITY	Volunteer NOW Volunteer NOW	Beth Race Jason Race
COLLECTION TEAM		Jim Schluter Lynnette Schluter

Children's Choir: Ages 7 - 13

- *Tuesday Night Rehearsals: 5:30 pm* at OLOS Church.
- January 4th - 10:30 am mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.
- There will be a Christmas Party at my home January 4th from 2:00–6:00 pm.

Winter Weather!

Don't forget that when Monroe Schools are closed due to weather conditions, all activities at church will be canceled as well. If on a weekend, follow local road advisories. Please use good judgement and be safe!



Jack's Bible Study...

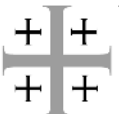
Revelation: The Kingdom

Yet to Come... See the

Community Section for all the details!



NEW Liturgical minister Schedule ... The February through May 2026 Ministry schedule will be produced soon. Please submit your unavailable dates to the MSP website by January 11th. This schedule will include Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Easter Mass; but the computer will not schedule these Masses. We ask that you go to the website to volunteer once the schedule is live. If you do not have email, please provide your unavailable dates to the office by January 11th. If you are not currently a Liturgical Minister but are interested in becoming one, contact Karen in the office. If email messages or reminders are no longer arriving in your inbox, and instead are going to your spam folder, please add the following to your email contacts: kredmond@clients.rotundasoftware.com



OUR LADY OF SORROWS

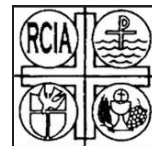
Keep Christ in Christmas

(KCIC)...The Knights of Columbus Council is offering car/fridge magnets (\$5 donation each), Christmas cards (\$10 per box) and ornaments (\$2 each, 3 for \$5). See the display in the vestibule of the church. Proceeds will go to Chair Force One and/or Operation Ramp It Up. Both non-profit organizations support individuals battling ALS and those mobility needs that go along with it. If you cannot afford the donation, but would like a magnet or ornament, please feel free to take one and spread the Good News of Christmas.



Religious Education Corner...

- **PSR** (Parish School of Religion) – *Classes resume January 4th.*
- **Baptism** – Are you expecting or recently had a baby - if so congratulations! Please contact Gene for prep, dates and details.
- **OCIA** (formerly RCIA) – *Off until January 4th.* If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in learning more about our Catholic faith, contact the church office for more details!
- **Blue Sheets** are a great way to prepare for next week's Gospel reading. Available in the Gathering Space.
- **Small Church Communities**—Takes a break until January.
- **Pray N Play** – Next Session - *January 18th from 9:00 - 9:45 am.*



Mass Intentions & Events at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, December 20

3:00 - 3:30 pm
4:00 pm Mass

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel
For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 21

10:30 am Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent
NO PSR Classes
† Mike Frankey

Monday, December 22

8:30 am Mass
9:00 – 10:00 am

† Rick House
Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction

Tuesday, December 23

6:30 pm

Rosary in the Daily Mass Chapel

Wednesday, December 24

3:00 pm Mass

Christmas Eve
- Office Closed -
For all who contributed and for those who are remembered in our Christmas Decorations Fund

Thursday, December 25

10:30 am Mass

The Nativity of the Lord
- Office Closed -
For the People of the Parish

Friday, December 26

NO Mass
Between Christmas and New Year's the office will be operating on a limited schedule, so please call before stopping by.

Saturday, December 27

3:00 - 3:30 pm
4:00 pm Mass

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel
Mike & Betty Quigley

Sunday, December 28

10:30 am Mass

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
NO PSR Classes
† Ken & Nancy Cooper



December First Fruits Living

Opportunity...This year we will learn about First Fruits Living by highlighting ministries, community events, and ways to give of your time talent and treasure. The December Ministry focus is *Faith Formation*. **How can I get involved?** See the poster in the gathering space for specific opportunities.

Bread Run...

Last month we asked for volunteers to help with the bread run.

You all are so dedicated to this ministry and we appreciate the time you give! Enough people said they are interested in doing this so we can go to every other week commitment. **Thank you all for making this possible!**



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