



Our Lady of Peace *Family of Parishes*

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

JANUARY 4, 2026 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Our Lady of Peace

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Holy Family

201 Clark Street, Middletown, OH 45042

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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

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Holy Name of Jesus

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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

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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



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” - Mt 2:2

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Upcoming Events

Bible Study OLOS.....	Jan 8
Christmas Party Holy Name of Jesus.....	Jan 10
Rite of Enrollment Parish 8th Graders Holy Family.....	Jan 11
Pray-N-Play OLOS.....	Jan 18

WELCOME



Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22– 4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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



First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, (which is modern-day Iraq). They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.

Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity lived side-by-side. The author of this letter confirms that God’s saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their ethnic or religious background.

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR LADY OF PEACE							
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	N/A	N/A	12:10 PM	12:10 PM	8:00 AM	N/A	9:00 AM 2:00 PM Spanish
ST JOHN CHURCH	N/A	*8:15 @ St. John XXIII School	N/A	N/A	N/A	4:30 PM	10:30 AM
HOLY NAME OF JESUS	N/A	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	N/A	N/A	8:30 AM
OUR LADY OF SORROWS	8:30 AM	N/A	N/A	6:00 PM	9:00 AM	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

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.

"365 LOTTO"
365 Daily Prizes Will Be Awarded
3 \$1,000.00 prizes on Easter, 4th of July & Christmas
12 \$ 500.00 prizes on all first Mondays
52 \$ 100.00 prizes on all Sundays
299 \$ 40.00 prizes on remaining days of the year

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 _____

VSB 2026 Planning Meeting

Sunday, Jan 18th 4 - 5 PM

Holy Trinity Church Undercroft

"Believe it or not, planning for Vacation Bible School 2026 has begun! We are holding our first planning meeting on Sunday, January 18th from 4-5 PM in the Holy Trinity Church Undercroft. Please use the basement steps which are located to the left of the front of Holy Trinity Church. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Christy Kirby at 513-309-8623."



Venite, Adoremus...

Wise men came bearing gifts to confirm their star talk, for the infant Jesus is revealed as the mystery saving everyone — believers and pagans. All people are encompassed in the good news, the promise of the Gospel. All share the same inheritance. All share Christ's body, the new Jerusalem that is the church mothering us to salvation. God's brightness draws us close as a family. Daughters and sons share in God's life. Come, let us adore him!



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Welcome Korean Catholic Community...

The Korean Catholic Community of Cincinnati and Dayton will be celebrating Mass in our church every Sunday, as well as two daily Masses in the Daily Mass Chapel each week. They will use the Hall for their monthly community meal. They are very grateful for the opportunity to bring their Cincinnati & Dayton communities together here at Our Lady of Sorrows! Please welcome them if you see them!



OLOP COLLECTIONS: Week of December 21st

Holy Family.....	\$25,849
Holy Name of Jesus.....	\$ 3,072
Our Lady of Sorrows.....	N/A
Total.....	\$28,921

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 Starting this Thursday... Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to

Come... Beginning this 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!

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.



Men's Welcome Retreat...

The Our Lady of Peace pastoral region is planning to host a men's Welcome Retreat in 2026. This retreat will be an opportunity for men age 21 and above to deepen their faith, build community, and discover a more fulfilling life through fellowship, reflection, prayer, and sacraments. The weekend retreat will be guided by priests, deacons, and fellow parishioners who will share the sacraments, and personal stories of their faith and Christ's impact on their lives. The retreat is an opportunity to step away from your daily life, meet new people, and find renewed purpose within the Church community. It is a weekend experience given to you free to help you re-discover your love for Christ and your purpose in this world. For details about participating, Contact: WelcomeMenOLOP@gmail.com.

Mass in Spanish...

2 PM at Holy Trinity Church...

Please join us for Mass every Sunday at 2 PM at Holy Trinity Church.

All are welcome.



OCIA...(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This year we have almost 20 Catechumens and Candidates in our OCIA program! They have been regularly attending sessions since September to help understand the Catholic faith more deeply. This Advent we welcomed them into our Catechumenate community and will bring them into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for them as they continue their journey of faith.



EPIPHANY TRIVIA...

Check out the Epiphany Trivia on page 5 and test your knowledge of the holy season!

HOLY FAMILY

Rite of Enrollment Ceremony

Sunday, January 11th 10:30 AM Mass

Parish 8th graders will voice their intention to prepare themselves for Confirmation as part of a special ceremony during the 10:30 AM Mass Sunday, January 11th. Afterwards, these candidates and their families will be treated to a luncheon in the St. John Undercroft. Please keep these young people and their sponsors in your prayers. **Confirmation is set for March 15, 2026.**



Here's a Great New Year's Resolution!

If you're making New Year's Resolutions this year, please consider volunteering to lead a team of our Bereavement luncheon coordinators. This team would be in charge of calling people on the food donor list and lining up food for funeral luncheons along with picking a main course for the meal and working the luncheon. There is a list of volunteer helpers to work at the luncheons. For more information and to volunteer to be a team leader please call the parish office at 513-422-0602.



Why volunteer at your church?

by Kaitlyn Cressley/One Life Church

Here's the deal. Volunteering at church will not get you into heaven and it isn't one of the Ten Commandments, but God does have a lot to say about serving Him, the church, and others...

We are to use our gifts to serve others. (1 Pt 4:10)

It is greater to serve than to be served. (Mt 20:28)

By serving others I'm serving God. (Mt 25:40)

We hope you'll make a Resolution to participate!

Wanted: Parishioners for the Offertory Procession



Looking for an easy way to get more out of Mass - to participate without getting on a schedule or adding to your to-do list? Why not take a turn carrying up the gifts? **You'll find an Offertory Procession book in the back of both churches. If the square for the Mass you're attending is blank, then we need you!** Just write in your name and let an usher know that you're carrying up the gifts. It's that easy!

EPIPHANY TRIVIA!

Find the answers on the page 7!



1. How many Wise Men (Magi) visited Joseph, Jesus and Mary in Bethlehem?
 - (a) four
 - (b) two
 - (c) nobody knows
 - (d) three
2. Which King of Israel wanted to kill the baby who would grow to become the Messiah?
 - (a) Herod
 - (b) Quirinius
 - (c) Caesar Augustus
 - (d) Flavius Josephus
3. Who wrote the text of the Epiphany carol *We Three Kings of Orient Are*?
 - (a) Phillips Brooks
 - (b) Fr. Josef Mohr
 - (c) Charles Wesley
 - (d) John Henry Hopkins Jr.
4. The story of the visit of the Magi appears in the gospel according to whom?
 - (a) Matthew
 - (b) Luke
 - (c) Mark
 - (d) John
5. What is the origin and meaning of the word *epiphany*?
 - (a) Greek, meaning *before Lent*
 - (b) German, meaning *after Christmas*
 - (c) Latin, meaning *astrologers or magicians*
 - (d) Greek, meaning *to show forth*
6. What are/were the three traditional names assigned to the Wise Men?
 - (a) Huey, Dewey and Louie
 - (b) Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
 - (c) Peter, Paul and James
 - (d) Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar
7. What is myrrh?
 - (a) a mercurial compound used to treat wounds
 - (b) the Arabic word for silver
 - (c) the dried sap of an African tree used anciently in embalming ointments
 - (d) nutmeg

HOLY FAMILY

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - January 3 and January 4

4:30 PM Mass SJ Albert Nori - Anniversary Rem.

9:00 AM Mass HT People of the Parish

This Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Kiesewetter & Meister Families

Monday, January 5

No Mass

Tuesday, January 6

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Mary Toth - Birthday Rem.

Wednesday, January 7

12:10 PM Mass HT Josephine Marconi - Anniversary Rem.

Thursday, January 8

12:10 PM Mass HT Andrew DiNardo

Friday, January 9

8:00 AM Mass HT David South - Birthday Rem.

Saturday, January 10

4:30 PM Mass SJ Charlie Disney - Birthday Rem.

Sunday, January 11 Baptism of The Lord

9:00 AM Mass HT Jim Glick - Anniversary Rem.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Frank Long - Wedding Anniversary

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, December 21st \$25,849.37

Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 1,772.37

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.

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Jan 10/11	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SJ23 SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Julie Constable 1B Frances Sack 2B Pat Montgomery 3B Lynn Hawkins 1C Kathy Kraft 2C	Gail Clarey 1B Mike Clarey 2B Ginger Bruggeman 3B Lee Ann Glick 1C Maria Rodriguez 2C	Marcia Egelston 1B Linda Jester 2B PJ Bush 3B Melissa Bauer 1C Joe Zappia 2C
Lectors	Gerald Constable Stephanie Burk	Henrietta Nye John Herr	Janet Zappia Michael Paddock
Servers	Dick Montgomery	Alaina Dane	Daniel Egelston
Greeters	Barb Heinle D1	Lee Ann Glick D1 Don Accurso D2	Egelstons D1

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

Scheduled for a Procedure or Ill at Home?

Going into 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!



Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Like Reconciliation and Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick can be repeated as often as necessary and there's no need to wait for the last possible moment. Call the office at 513-422-0602 if you would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick sacrament for yourself or a loved one.



Health Ministry: The Feast of Epiphany

In the early centuries, the birth of Christ didn't have its own feast. It was originally part of a great feast on January 6 called "Epiphany" that celebrated several "manifestations" of Christ - his birth, his recognition by the Magi, his baptism in the Jordan, and his miracle at Cana. In about the fourth century, Christians in the western world pulled Christmas out of the Epiphany celebration and gave it a feast of its own on December 25, and the feast of the Epiphany on January 6 became the Christmas season - the "12 days of Christmas." But the Christmas season no longer ends on January 6. That's because eventually an "octave" was added to the feast of the Epiphany - an extension of the celebration for the week after the feast. When this happened, the Christmas season no longer ended on Epiphany but continued through the octave. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord was eventually placed at the end of the octave...and now it is the feast that brings the Christmas season to a close.



The Little Blue Book for Advent & Christmas, January 7th 2023

HOLY FAMILY

St. John XXIII

Catholic School Pre-K to Grade 8

Traditional Values • Exceptional Education

Principal Mrs. Dawn Pickerill

513-424-1196

St. John XXIII OPEN HOUSE January 25
Catholic School Pre-K to Grade 8 12 - 3pm

Traditional Values • Exceptional Education



Registration for parishioners of Our Lady of Peace family of parishes opens on Sunday, January 18. With Ohio Ed Choice scholarships, tuition is affordable for all families.

St. John XXIII represents 150 years of Catholic Education dedicated to encouraging and developing well-rounded, self-confident and compassionate children and young adults who lead successful, mindful and service-driven lives. We are committed to providing a challenging, structured and inspiring learning environment led by highly qualified and experienced teachers. Our school community is the foundation on which our core principles of faith and hard work bind us together as a family. We believe that here, you are home.

For more information, email the assistant principal, Mrs. Katie Umberg, at kumberg@stjohn23school.org or call the school office and let us know you are a parishioner interested in learning more about St. John XXIII!

EPIPHANY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. (c) The tradition that there were three arises from the 3 gifts that were given to the Holy Family.
2. (a) Quirinius was the Roman governor of Syria. Caesar Augustus was the chief of the Roman state. Flavius Joseph was the Jewish historian who chronicled Herod's reign.
3. (d) The Rev. John H. Hopkins, an Episcopal priest, wrote the text of this hymn in 1857 for a Christmas pageant at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Phillips Brooks, also an Episcopal priest, wrote the text to "O Little Town of Bethlehem" in 1865. Father Josef Mohr wrote the text to "Stille Nacht" ("Silent Night") in 1816. Charles Wesley, the brother of John Wesley, wrote the text to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" in (about) 1739.
4. (a) Luke jumps from the Nativity to when Jesus was twelve years old. Mark begins his Gospel with John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus. John begins before the creation of the earth and then recounts Jesus' adult ministry.
5. (d) The Greek components are *epi-* meaning "on" or "to" and *-phainein* meaning "to show."
6. (d) Huey, Dewey and Louie are Donald Duck's nephews. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were the three young Hebrew men cast into the fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3:1-29). Peter, Paul and James are all apostles.
7. (c) Myrrh comes from the trees Commiphora myrrha and/or Balsamodendron kua. Merbromin or Mercurochrome was a common antiseptic in the United States until it was banned in 1998 because of the fear of mercury poisoning. Fiddah is the Arabic word for silver. Common nutmeg is of the species *Myristica fragrans*.

Are You Expecting Your First Baby or Want Your First Child Baptized?

We ask that you attend a baptism preparation class, held quarterly in March, June, September and December. Watch future bulletins for the actual date, time and location and call the office 513-422-0602 to register.



Register for an Open House tour today!

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 received the chalice on December 21st and will 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

25th Sunday of fiscal year as of 12/21/2025

	Last Week	Year to Date
Parish Needs:	\$ 4,235	\$ 105,875
Parish Receipts:	\$ 3,072	\$ 102,082
Total Envelopes Used: 35		
Total Electronic Givers: 19		

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

This week's receipts: Sunday & Holy Day Offerings - \$2,739, Christmas Flowers - \$231, Mass Stipends & Purgatorial Society - \$50, & Candles - \$52

Designated Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious - \$270

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

Holy Name Christmas Party...Join Us for a Festive Celebration at Holy Name of Jesus!

We are excited to invite you to the HNOJ Christmas Dinner!

When: Saturday, January 10th at 4:00 PM
Where: The Church Hall

Gather with our parish family for an evening of food, fellowship and holiday cheer! Please RSVP by January 4th. We kindly ask for dessert or appetizer donations to help make this celebration even sweeter. If you would like to share your favorite Christmas dessert or appetizer, please sign up at the back of the church. Let's make this Christmas dinner a joyful and memorable occasion for everyone. *We hope to see you there!*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 11	
SUNDAY 8:30 am Mass	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Cory Salyer (1) Harry Hunsinger (2)
SERVERS	Alison Hasler Brianna Kyle
READER(S)	Frank Hicks (1)
USHERS	Wendel Draman Mike Schenck
COMMUNION HOMEBOUND	Larry Gronas
COLLECTION TEAM	Mary Draman Chris Lewis Debbie Peter

Thank You from Elizabeth's New Life Center...

Thank you to everyone who donated needed items to Elizabeth's New Life pregnancy center this Advent season! Thank you for providing help for Moms and families who choose life for their unborn child!

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, January 3	8:30 am Mass-HNJ Feast Day Mass The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Sunday, January 4	7:30 - 8:00 am Confessions 8:30 am Mass
Monday, January 5	
Tuesday, January 6	8:30 am Mass 6:30 pm OCIA in church basement
Wednesday, January 7	8:30 am Mass 6:30 - 7:45 pm PSR Classes
Thursday, January 8	8:30 am Mass 9:00 am - Noon Exposition & Adoration
Friday, January 9	
Saturday, January 10	4:00 pm Christmas Dinner - Parish Hall
Sunday, January 11	7:30 - 8:00 am Confessions 8:30 am Mass

Baskets of Love...

Holy Name's Basket of Love Christmas meals were delivered to families in the Edgewood school district on December 20th. The overwhelming generosity from Holy Name parishioners and the community have provided food for not only a Thanksgiving meal but also a Christmas meal. The Knights volunteered to deliver the meals along with other community groups. We thank you for making a difference! Hunger is not seasonal, so please continue to support the EMA food pantry with your donations.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Day	Date	Mass	For	Requested By
Sunday	1/4	8:30 am	Christmas Decorations Contributors & Those Remembered	
Tuesday	1/6	8:30 am	Purgatorial Society	
Wednesday	1/7	8:30 pm	Bob Cole	Jeanine Daughetee & Fay Cole
Thursday	1/8	8:30 am	Pour Souls	Jose & Leticia Gonzalez
Sunday	1/11	8:30 am	Joe Orth	Bebe Orth

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Stewardship Information will resume soon.



SCAN TO GIVE

Or visit: give.olosmonroe.com/give

Music Ministry News:

Adult Choir Schedule:

- Sunday, Jan. 4: 10:30 am mass. Meet at 9:45 am to prepare. 2:00 – 6:00 pm. Christmas party at my house!!!



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 4 from 2:00–6:00 pm.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS January 10 – 11

MASS	Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 10:30 am
COORDINATOR	Bonnie Arend	Susan McClure
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Joyce Bath Barb Dineen Deb Saluke Ileen Ziemba Rick Ziemba	Rick Bacon Dave Eck Ruth Frankey Tom Kettler Annette Lauer Rose Thiemann
SERVERS	Tom Schindler	Julia Samocki Eva Temmesfeld
GREETER	Barbara Hyduchak	Rita Kettler
READERS	Chris Burkart (1) Vicki Gerber (2)	Marcus Heath (1) Marie Giffen (2)
USHERS	Mike Quigley Betty Quigley	Paul Kavalauskas Teresa Pifher
HOSPITALITY	Larry Burkart NOT FILLED	Lina Witte GLLHC Witte
COLLECTION TEAM		Mike Smith Lisa Smith

Jack's Bible Study Begins...



Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come... See the Community Section for all the details!

Holiday Baskets... Thank you all for helping us fill the Holiday baskets for families served by Family Services of Middletown. This year we supplied turkeys and food boxes for 30 families in the Monroe/Middletown area. We helped those same 30 families at Christmas with gifts, food and hams. Those families are so appreciative of our assistance! This is such a labor of love and we could not do it without your support!



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 mes-

sages or reminders are no longer arriving in your inbox, and instead are going to your spam folder, please add

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OUR LADY OF SORROWS

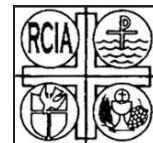


January First Fruits Living Opportunity...

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 January Ministry focus is Faith Formation.

How can I get involved? See the poster in the gathering space for specific opportunities.

Religious Education Corner....



- **PSR** (Parish School of Religion) – *Classes resume this weekend, 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) – 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.*

Pray-N-Play Sessions...



Parents of toddlers and preschoolers! Session time may include stories, crafts, music, and of course PLAY! These are intended for children ages 2 - 5 (not yet in kindergarten). At least one parent should be in attendance with their child. **The next session is Sunday, January 18th from 9:00 - 9:45 am.**

Registration is not required. Questions, contact Gene in the parish office at 513 -539-8061 or olos@olopeace.com.

Mass Intentions & Events at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, January 3

3:00 - 3:30 pm

4:00 pm Mass

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel

† David & Katy Kern

Sunday, January 4

9:15 - 10:15 am

10:30 am Mass

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Parish School of Religion Grades K-8

For all who contributed and for those who are remembered in our Christmas Decorations Fund

Monday, January 5

8:30 am Mass

9:00 – 10:00 am

Mike & Kay Hutchinson

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction

Tuesday, January 6

6:30 pm

Rosary in the Daily Mass Chapel

Wednesday, January 7

6:30 – 7:00 pm

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel

Thursday, January 8

6:00 pm Mass

7:00 pm

† Fr. Rob Jack

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

Friday, January 9

8:30 am

9:00 am Mass

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

† Lisa Lamping

Saturday, January 10

3:00 - 3:30 pm

4:00 pm Mass

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel

For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 11

9:00-10:15 am

10:30 am Mass

The Baptism of the Lord

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† LaVerne Runtz



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