

DECEMBER 21, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# MOTHER of GOD

## FAMILY OF PARISHES

*For to us a  
Child is born,*

*to us a Son  
is given.*

*—Isaiah 9:6*

Rooted in sacramental life, we strive to be a vibrant, active, and welcoming Catholic community. We encourage all to give glory and praise to God through knowing and sharing God's love in our homes, in our communities, and throughout the world.

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 MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

## RECONCILIATION

### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Saturday 3:00-4:30 p.m.

### ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Friday: After Noon Mass

Saturday: 3:15-4:00 p.m.

## GIVE

Give joyfully, build community. Your generosity powers vibrant parish life and meaningful ways for everyone to grow in faith and fellowship.

*For more information about giving, visit [mgparish.org/give](http://mgparish.org/give)*

## PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Due to Christmas and New Year's, all Mother of God Family of Parishes Offices will be closed:

- Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26
- Wednesday, December 31 through Friday, January 2.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

**INSTAGRAM:** @mgparish\_

**FACEBOOK:** Mother of God Family of Parishes

**YOU TUBE:** Mother of God Family of Parishes

## ADORATION

### ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

**Fridays:** Adoration with Exposition following Noon Mass

**Daily:** Church Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Adoration Chapel available 24/7 (call office for code)

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CAMPUS

**First Fridays:** Adoration with Exposition following 8:30 a.m. Mass, 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations

**Daily:** Eucharistic Chapel open from 5:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

### ASCENSION CAMPUS

Adoration before the tabernacle is encouraged before and after daily Mass. Contact the parish office for access to the Chapel for Adoration at other times.

## SACRAMENTS

### BECOMING CATHOLIC

Anyone desiring to inquire about the Catholic faith, or seeking to complete their sacraments, including children age 7+, should contact Chris Kreger, Director of OCIA, at 937-401-0423 or Joe Ollier, Director of Evangelization at 937-253-5171, or visit [mgparish.org/become-catholic](http://mgparish.org/become-catholic)

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office in case of serious illness or upcoming surgery. Communal anointing services are celebrated three times per year.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the marriage date.

### INFANT BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class, preferably before the birth of their child, to have a child under the age of 7 baptized. Classes are held monthly at rotating locations: Monday, January 12, 2026, 7 p.m., St. Charles Borromeo, Borromeo Room; Sunday, February 1, 9:30 a.m., Ascension, Parish Office Building; Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., St. Albert the Great, Spirit Center; For more information, and to RSVP (required), please contact Kristi Gaston, [kgaston@mgparish.org](mailto:kgaston@mgparish.org) for St. Albert, or Joe Ollier, [jollier@mgparish.org](mailto:jollier@mgparish.org) for Ascension and St. Charles.

## OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

### MGPARRISH.ORG

#### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

2025 Woodman Drive  
Kettering OH 45420

PARISH OFFICE: 937-253-5171

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

#### ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

3033 Far Hills Avenue  
Kettering, Ohio 45429

PARISH OFFICE: 937-293-1191

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.- Noon

#### ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

4500 Ackerman Boulevard  
Kettering, Ohio 45429

PARISH OFFICE: 937- 434 - 6081

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.



**WELCOME HOME!**

Whether you are here every week, visiting for the first time, or returning after some time away, we are truly glad you are here. Christmas reminds us that God meets us exactly where we are—not with expectations, but with love. In the birth of Jesus, we are invited once again into a relationship that brings hope, healing, and joy to our lives.

Our parish community is made up of people at every stage of faith and life, and there is a place here for you. If you are seeking deeper meaning, a renewed connection with Christ, or simply a place to belong, we would be honored to walk that journey with you. We hope today's celebration is not just a moment you attend, but the beginning (or continuation) of a relationship with Jesus and a community that desires to grow together in faith.

May this Christmas fill your heart with peace, and may you always know: You are welcome here.

## STEWARDSHIP

### DEC. 14

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

Offertory Income \$ 16,855  
YTD Offertory Income \$514,002  
YTD Budget \$ 582,000  
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,296

**ST. ALBERT THE GREAT**

Offertory Income \$ 22,546  
YTD Offertory Income \$533,137  
YTD Budget \$ 576,920  
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 685

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**

Offertory Income \$ 48,161  
YTD Offertory Income \$ 837,463  
YTD Budget \$ 761,200  
Diakonia \$ 1,028

Christmas Food Baskets \$300

**MASS TIMES**

**FOR PRESIDERS, VISIT:**  
**MGPARCH.ORG/MASS**

**AS** ASCENSION **SA** ST. ALBERT **SC** ST. CHARLES

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**8:30 AM** **SC** The Bryan & Kuczak Family  
*Kuczak Family*

**9:00 AM** **AS** Bill Kelly  
*Kate Kelly*

**NOON** **SA** Antonio Garcia  
*Family*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23**

**8:30 AM** **SC** Eleanor Cayabyab  
*Juan Family*

**NOON** **SA** John Sorgen  
*D. Sorgen*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**3:00 PM** **AS** Christmas Memorial Flowers

**3:00 PM** **SA** St. Albert the Great Church

**3:30 PM** **SC** St. Charles Borromeo Church

**5:30 PM** **AS** Christmas Memorial Flowers

**6:00 PM** **SA** St. Albert the Great Church

**7:00 PM** **SC** St. Charles Borromeo Church

**10:00 PM** **AS** Christmas Memorial Flowers

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**9:00 AM** **SA** St. Albert the Great Church

**9:30 AM** **SC** St. Charles Borromeo Church

**10:00 AM** **AS** Christmas Memorial Flowers

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26**

**NOON** **SA** Jeanne Gantt  
*Family*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27**

**4:30 PM** **SA** William Bippus  
*Lynch Family*

**5:00 PM** **AS** William Schweller  
*Norma Schweller*

**5:00 PM** **SC** Margaret Lush  
*Family*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28**

**8:30 AM** **AS** Church of the Ascension

**8:30 AM** **SA** St. Albert the Great Church

**8:30 AM** **SC** St. Charles Borromeo Church

**10:30 AM** **SC** Ralph Lehmann  
*Family*

**11:00 AM** **AS** Louis Brown Ogbeifun  
*Patience Olajide*

**11:00 AM** **SA** Robert & Laura Zeitler  
*Kay Moore*

## WORSHIP

*"Rooted in sacramental life...We encourage all to give glory and praise to God..."*

# Christmas Masses

MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

DEC 24

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

3 PM ASCENSION

3 PM ST. ALBERT

3:30 PM ST. CHARLES

5:30 PM ASCENSION

6 PM ST. ALBERT

7 PM ST. CHARLES

10 PM ASCENSION

**LESSONS  
& CAROLS**

DEC 25

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

9 AM ST. ALBERT

9:30 AM ST. CHARLES

10 AM ASCENSION

**WILL HAPPEN AT 9:30 PM, BEFORE  
THE 10 PM MASS AT ASCENSION**



This year, the 4th Sunday of Advent coincides with the Winter Solstice. From now through June, each day will have a little more sunlight. This week's **Words of**

**Hope** come to us from St. Bonaventure (1221–1274) and remind us that light always defeats darkness:

*Hope is the beacon that shines in the darkness reminding us of God's love.*

### CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY

All are invited to join Archbishop Casey as he celebrates Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee Year on Sunday, December 28, 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.

### PRAYER LIST

Melanie Abfalter, Sharon Barcus, Barbara Blackstone, Holly Brown, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Ron DeChant, Janet Debanto, Darlene Duke, Betty Gaudion, Alec Graham, Barbara Griffin, Carol Harris, Beverly Heithaus, Phil & Pat Herman, Mary Ann Hickey, Larry Hoffman, Kate Kelly, Paul Luersen, Don Paul, Arlene Phillips, Nan Romer, Isobel Ruse, Mary Jane Ryan, Mary Louise Scott, Mary Stuart, Dan Whelan, Angela Woessner, Carol Zimmerman.

*Please call the Parish Office to request a name be added to the Prayers for the Sick in the event of acute illness, upcoming surgery/rehabilitation, etc. Names will remain for three weeks at a time unless otherwise requested.*

## FREE! Live Nativity

Sunday, December 21

5–7 PM St. Charles Campus

Come see our student actors  
and live animals reenact the  
first Christmas!

- Hot Chocolate and cookies
- Pet & Feed the Animals
- Games & Crafts
- Dinner Fundraiser

All are welcome; bring a friend!

Learn more:



[mgparish.org/live-nativity](http://mgparish.org/live-nativity)





# SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD

## *Holy Day Masses*

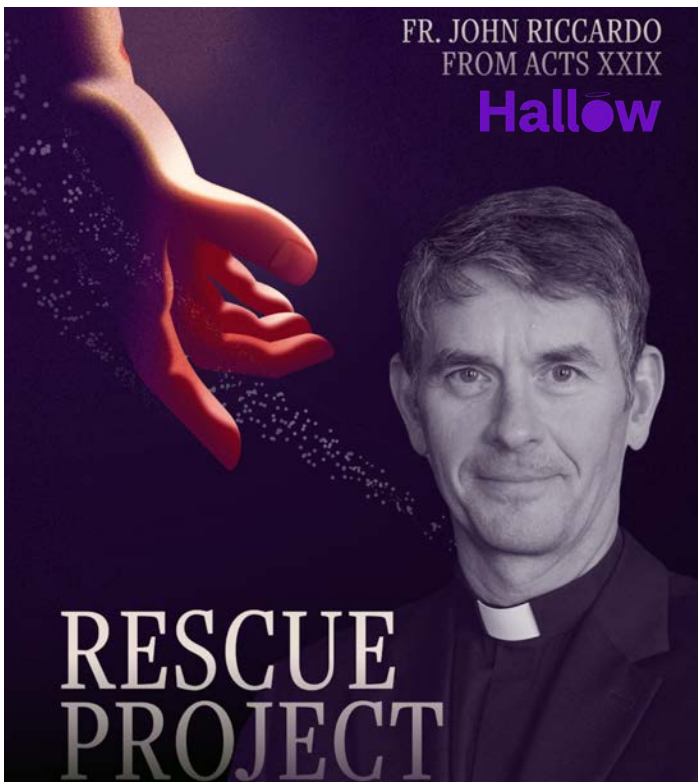
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ASCENSION 3:30 PM (VIGIL)

ST. ALBERT 5:30 PM (VIGIL)

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ST. CHARLES 10 AM



Join Fr. John Riccardo of ACTS XXIX ministries as he tells the story of salvation like never before. We'll look at how God created the world, why everything is so messed up, what Jesus did about it, and how we can respond. In this series of powerful talks and reflections, Fr. John helps us realize that the Gospel is life-changing news, and we were born to share it.

### JOIN US IN A PRAYER CHALLENGE!

**JANUARY 4-16**

*You're invited!*

The Mother of God Family of Parishes is journeying together through *Hallow's Rescue Project Prayer Challenge*, exploring how we were born to share the life-changing news of the Gospel!

#### **Already using Hallow?**

Simply open the app, tap the *Church* tab at the bottom of your screen, visit [mgparish.org](http://mgparish.org), and join the Rescue Project Challenge.

#### **New to Hallow?**

Visit [hallow.com/parish](http://hallow.com/parish), search for Mother of God Family of Parishes (Zip Code works best), and follow the prompts. You'll receive a special trial with full access to Hallow's premium content. If you'd prefer to stay on the free version, just tap "Skip" — you'll still have access to our parish page and all the MGFP prayer challenges throughout the year.

#### **About Hallow**

Hallow is the world's #1 prayer app, designed to help you *find peace* and *grow closer to God*. You can pray alongside Fr. Mike, Sr. Miriam, Jonathan Roumie, Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and many others. The app also includes mental health content, sleep stories, audiobooks, and sacred music.

#### **Need help getting started?**

Reach out to [parishsupport@hallow.app](mailto:parishsupport@hallow.app), or Joe Ollier with questions. We look forward to praying with you!

# FAITH FORMATION

"...we strive to be a vibrant, active, and welcoming Catholic community."

**SUNDAYS, 5:30-7PM** MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES  
**JAN 11-MAR 22** @ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CAMPUS

## COMMUNIO NIGHTS

GROW IN GOD'S WORD AS A FAMILY, WITH ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSIONS  
FOR EVERY AGE, INFANT THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND!

4:45-5:30PM

**DINNER SERVICE**

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO CAFETERIA

5:30-6:45PM

**BREAK INTO GROUPS**

NURSERY SERVICES OFFERED AT THIS TIME

6:45-7:00PM

**PRAYER**

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH



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# GIFT

*Growing in Faith Together*



featuring:

the  
**RESCUE**  
project



**RSVP**



Nursery care  
available!



# Save The Date!

**JUNE 16, 2026 TO JUNE 20, 2026**  
STARTING AT 9AM - NOON  
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH  
**KINDERGARTEN TO 6TH GRADE**  
[MGPARISH.ORG](https://mgparish.org)

FRIDAYS  
9:15-11:15 AM  
ST. CHARLES  
Borromeo Rm

### ACTS XXIX NEW SERIES—SPEAK, LORD: SYNODALITY

Synodality can be a game changer in bringing transformation and renewal to our Church when done well. Please join us for this new video series based on Fr. Riccardo's new book, *Speak, Lord, Your Servants Are Listening*. 1/9/26, 1/16, 1/23.



## IS THIS YOUR TIME TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Explore a deeper connection with God and discover how faith can enrich your life. Whether you were baptized in another tradition, are curious about Catholicism, or wish to reconnect with your childhood faith, our parish family warmly welcomes you to the OCIA program. Contact Chris Kreger at [ckreger@mgparish.org](mailto:ckreger@mgparish.org) to begin your journey.

## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The next collection of items for the Ascension Neighbor-to-Nighbor Food Pantry will be held this weekend, December 20/21. The Pantry receives food from the Montgomery County Foodbank, from funds received from the Meijer Simply Give project, donations from several community organizations and individuals and of course, from the generous parishioners of the Mother of God Family of Parishes and Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church. The Pantry is always in need of nonperishable food items (cereal, canned meat, canned fruits and vegetables, soup, pasta, shelf-stable milk, etc.) We do not receive personal care or household cleaning items from the Foodbank or Meijer. Thus, donations of bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. are also appreciated. You may drop off your donations in the large blue containers found at each entrance door at Ascension, or at the entrances of St. Charles and St. Albert for the pantries supported through those campuses. THANK YOU for your continued support of our Kettering neighbors in need. *"The land will never lack for needy persons; that is why I command you: 'Open your hand freely to your poor and to your needy kin in your land.'"*  
—Deuteronomy 15:11

## CARE OF GOD'S CREATION ECO TIP

Never flush any type of wipe down the toilet. Most wet wipes contain plastic fibers that don't break down, clogging sewers and contributing to microplastic pollution in oceans and other water systems. Even wipes labeled as "flushable" can cause serious plumbing issues and lead to expensive municipal repairs.

## A LIVING SIGN OF CHRISTMAS HOPE

As the Church draws closer to Christmas, Pope Leo XIV recently reflected on the deep meaning of the Nativity while welcoming participants in a "Living Nativity" tradition in Rome. Gathering pilgrims from around the world, the Holy Father reminded them that the Nativity scene is more than a cherished symbol—it is a living proclamation that we are never alone.

Celebrated near the Basilica of St. Mary Major, often called the "Bethlehem of the West," this tradition traces its roots back more than 800 years to Saint Francis of Assisi, who first brought the Christmas story to life for the faithful. Since then, Nativity scenes have helped generations encounter Christ through humility, simplicity, and wonder.

In reflecting on the scene of Jesus' birth, Pope Leo emphasized that God comes to us not with power or force, but in vulnerable love. The poverty of Bethlehem invites each of us to begin again—to follow Christ with hope, trust, and renewed faith. Like the Living Nativity participants processing through the streets of Rome, we too are called to be pilgrims of hope, bringing consolation and inspiration to everyone we meet.

**At Christmas, the Nativity reminds us that we are part of a great story of salvation—a gift of light for a world still longing for hope.**

Here at Mother of God Family of Parishes, we continue this living witness through our liturgical celebrations, our shared prayer, and the many ways we reach out to one another and our wider community. Each Mass, sacrament, ministry, and moment of welcome is an opportunity to make Christ present again through love, hospitality, and faith in action. Whether you're deeply involved or just beginning to rediscover your faith, you are invited to walk with us as we grow together as disciples, sharing the hope of Christ at Christmas, and all year round. As you gaze upon the Nativity this Christmas, where might Christ be inviting you to take one small step closer to Him? How might you carry His hope into your daily life in the days ahead?

*Adapted from Vatican News "Pope: The Nativity is a gift of light for our world in need of hope."*

# LOVE IN ACTION | *"...through knowing and sharing God's love..."*

## MGFP'S MENTAL WELLNESS MINISTRY

The upcoming holidays and long nights can be a stressful time for those with mental illness and their families. To view resources and ideas about self-care, volunteering, taking a break, journaling, saying No when things get overwhelming, and more, please visit [nami.org](http://nami.org) and search "holiday self-care" or other topics.

Please join us at the next meeting to start planning events to increase awareness of mental wellness, as well as provide emotional and spiritual support for those with mental health challenges. If you have questions, please email [MGFPmentalwellness@gmail.com](mailto:MGFPmentalwellness@gmail.com) or Lisa at [laverion@catholicaoc.org](mailto:laverion@catholicaoc.org).

We seek to serve the unique mental wellness needs of our family of parishes. In order to help us focus our efforts, please scan the QR code to complete an anonymous survey online by January 30.

**1/22**

7 PM

ST. C

Borrromeo Rm



## A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Couples...want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with romance and excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is March 13-15, and is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and return to that newlywed feeling. Apply today at [esharing.org/applyWeekend.php](http://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php)

For more details or questions, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859-653-8464, [application@esharing.org](mailto:application@esharing.org) or visit [esharing.org](http://esharing.org).

**3/13/2026**

 Our Lady of  
the Holy Spirit  
Center  
Cincinnati

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

As we move through this season of giving, we invite you to remember in prayer our neighbors who are carrying heavy burdens. Many in our community are struggling to keep up with rent, utilities, and basic necessities for their families. Our Mother of God Family of Parishes volunteer call-takers and home visitors have been faithfully accompanying them, offering hope, compassion, and practical assistance in Christ's name.

Your generosity makes this ministry possible. When you give—whether through your St. Vincent de Paul envelope at Ascension and St. Albert campuses, your Diakonia envelope at St. Charles campus, or by designating "St. Vincent de Paul" or "Diakonia" online—you help ease the suffering of others and strengthen our parish family.

Thank you for your ongoing kindness and care.

## COOL CATHOLIC LINKS

Looking for fresh ways to grow in your faith? Visit [mgparish.org/cool-catholic-links](http://mgparish.org/cool-catholic-links) to explore modern twists on classic prayers, inspiring Eucharistic Congress content, movie picks on FORMED and Guadalupe, Hallow, and so much more. Dive in and discover something new this week!

## DIVORCECARE

Do you need Christian-based healing from going through separation's or divorce's emotional challenges? This might be a very difficult time for you right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. The winter 13-week support group is here to help you. Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. from January 15-April 16 at St. Francis of Assisi Campus, 6245 Wilmington Pike in Centerville. For more information, contact Marcelle Toma at 937-478-8820 or [mtoma@woh.rr.com](mailto:mtoma@woh.rr.com)



# OUR COMMUNITY | “...in our homes, in our communities, and throughout the world.”

## END-OF-YEAR GIVING OPPORTUNITY: SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS!

The Ohio General Assembly has created an exceptional opportunity for charitable giving to benefit ALL Catholic schools in Ohio. Residents of Ohio can participate in a dollar-for-dollar INCOME TAX CREDIT for gifts made to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO).

### **Why should I care about this?**

Because you can make a gift that has immediate impact, and have your gift come back to you in the form of a tax credit on your Ohio income taxes. It is net-zero out of pocket for you, and a gift directly benefiting our schools in the Cincinnati Archdiocese.

### **How does it work?**

The state allows Ohio residents who make gifts to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) to earn a dollar-for-dollar income tax CREDIT up to \$750 individually (\$1,500 married filing jointly)

Gifts to an SGO can be directed to the Catholic school of your choice  
**ASCENSION, ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, OR ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO!**

### **How can I participate?**

- Verify that you have a 2025 Ohio income tax liability.
- Make a gift before you file your 2025 taxes or April 15, 2026 (whichever comes first) equal to your Ohio 2025 income tax liability, but not greater than \$750 per individual or \$1,500 married filing jointly.
- Make your gift to the Catholic Education Foundation - Scholarship Granting Organization (CEF-SGO) and designate which school to receive your gift.
- A letter of thanks from the CEF-SGO will be mailed to you confirming your gift and designation. This letter is proof of your gift for filing 2025 Ohio income taxes.

Ok, I am ready to act:

Learn more, send a check by mail, or make an online gift:



**Please Note: Married couples who want to earn a \$1,500 tax credit MUST separate their gifts into two \$750 transactions.**



# Thank you for Christmas Flower Donations!

We wish to thank the many generous people—those whose special intentions are listed below, as well as those who requested to remain anonymous—who donated to the Christmas Flower Fund at each of our campuses in memory of a loved one. May God grant you continued blessings throughout the Christmas season!



Dominic Apicella	Susie Chilton	Rita Gosselin
Josephine Apicella	Chmiel Family	Francis & Betty Graham
Charles Ball	Benjamin & Sally Chong	Joseph Grass
Sophie Ball	Patrick Chong	Charles Gress
Frank Bauer	Charles & Margaret Clifton	Edmund & Verona Gress
Peg Bauer	Linda Colas	Norbert Groeber
Sarah Beach	Sandy Connors	Charlotte Hacker
Rosanne Behrman	Gene Crabtree	John Hadden
Albert Berchtold	June Crabtree	Albert Haley, Jr.
Loretta Berchtold	Cristiano Family	Justin Hemmert
Serafina Berio	Charles Daulton	Michael J. Hemmert
Bierly Family	Josh Daulton	Mary Ann Hengehold
Joseph Bogle	James Davies	Helen Herz
James Brannigan, Jr.	Mike DeBard	Pamela Heuing
Marie Brannigan	David DeBrosse	Alice M. Hilt
Braun Family	Ricardo de Guzman	M/M Ron Hittle
Jack & Rosann Brennan	James Dennler	Mark E. Hommel
Alma H. Brethen	Ralph & Kathyrene Dennler	Charles R. Houser, Jr.
Bristow Family	Domenic DeTomaso	Eileen M. Houser
Alex Brown	Tony & Betty DeTomaso	Ray & Eileen Houser
Brown & Riehm Families	John Dineen	Hoying Family
Blanche Brunner	Doolan & Rau Families	Vera Huston
Paul Brunner	Connie Dooley	Anna Hutzelman
Al & Rosemary Bruns	Steven Dresher	Margie Isaac
Burling Family	Daniel E. Driscoll	Willie Isaac
Charles Burneka	Carmen Eddy	Richard C. Jacob
Teresa Burneka	M/M Charles Enneking	James Jacobs
John & Mary Cairns	John C. Eonta	Patricia Jacobs
Caldonis Family	Lucille Eonta	Louis & Isabel Jagucki
Dick Carson	Daniel Farris	John William Jones
Jack Carson	Marion & Susan Fecher	Julieta Juan
Julia Carson	Howard & Adella Feldman	Vivencio Juan
Tom Carson	Fischer Family	Gabrielle Kauflin
Gene Carver	Fredelle Fishburn	John Kauflin
Robert & Vera Carver	John T. Fishburn	Martha Kauflin
Maria Elena Cata	Robert & Mariann Fisher	Kauflin Family & Friends
Ellie Centers	Doug Fleser	M/M Herbert Keil
Norvel & Billie Channell	Paul & Donna Folfas	Skip & Jayne Kelin
James Chapman	Karen Frazier	Marvin & Ida Kite
Jasper Chifala	John & Mary Helen Fussner	Klein Family
Josephine Chifala	Dennis Garrett	Theodore Kowalski
Doris Chilton	Kathy Garrett	Edward Krane
James Chilton	Gearing Family	Justine Krane
Jimmy Chilton	Mary & Jim Glavic	Hubert & Rosina Kratz
Paul Chilton	Gnau Family	Bill Krein
Phyllis Chilton	Good Family	Robert Kreinsbrink
Richard Chilton	Dominique Gosselin	Betty Kretz



Joseph M. Kummer  
 Mary Ann Kummer  
 Julia Kupovits  
 Jeannine Larochelle  
 Marcel Larochelle  
 Helen Laub  
 Bernardine Lee  
 Deceased Members of Martin  
 & Mary Ann Lefeld Family  
 Lieser & Yatteau Families  
 Sally Lemke  
 Albert Link, Jr.  
 Angel Link  
 Edward & Frances Long  
 Doug & Mary Lowe  
 Linda Lucas  
 Ann Luckoski  
 Suzi Luebke  
 Charlie Mader  
 Tony, Sr. & Betty Mader  
 Lawrence Mangan  
 Anita Mariscalco  
 Robert & Julitta Martz  
 Timothy Martz  
 AJ May  
 May Family  
 Nana & Sue McCann  
 Brian McCormick  
 Matthew McCormick  
 McCreight Family  
 Jeff McGrath  
 Roy Mead  
 Metzget & Wagoner Families  
 Shirley Meyers  
 Bill & Donna Michniak  
 Donald & Rita Middleton  
 Luke Jeffrey Mihok  
 Jim & Addie Miller  
 Jodi Miller  
 Bob Minneman  
 Pat Minneman  
 Dominica Montesano  
 Joseph Montesano  
 Florence Montgomery  
 Ralph Montgomery  
 Gerald Mott  
 George & Evelyn Mounier  
 Gregory Mounier  
 Bud Munsee  
 Robert & Barb Murray  
 Bazel & Laura Osbourne  
 Justin Osterfeld

James Oswalt  
 Gil Pascual, Sr.  
 Meafelia Pascual  
 Joseph Paul  
 Leon Pawloski  
 Ruth Pawloski  
 Stan Pawloski  
 Suzy Pender  
 William Pender  
 Anne Perrone  
 Salvatore Perrone  
 Tony & Josephine Pinti  
 Mary & Francis Piscioti  
 Wanda Catherine Pospisil  
 Steve Pribish  
 Frank Rataiczak  
 Al & Helen Regensburger  
 Jerry Ricketts  
 Scott Roddy  
 Tom Roddy  
 Everett Rodgers  
 Mary Ann Rodriquez  
 Fr. Chris Rohmiller  
 Jean & Arthur Rohmiller  
 Deceased Members of Cletus  
 & Mary Romer Family  
 Mildred Roth  
 Robert Roth  
 Patrick & Brigid Rowan  
 Thomas & Lucille Rowan  
 Lilia & Daniel Sarmiento  
 Charles & Mila Satalia  
 Vernon & Pauline Scarr  
 Paul & Jane Scheper  
 Grace Schiavone  
 Carl Schneider  
 George & Clara Schneider  
 Benjamin F. Schnier, Jr.  
 Martha Schnier  
 William Schweller (and parents)  
 Martha & Art Seifert  
 Jackie Sherrill  
 Robert & Doris Sherwood  
 Andrew Shutts  
 Jan Shutts  
 Gini & Bob Sjostrom  
 Kathleen Smith  
 Eugene & Jane Solimine  
 Albert Sontag Family  
 Jesse & Charlotte Steberl  
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## CHRISTMAS CRECHES CELEBRATE THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

The display cases in the Witzman Center at Ascension Campus are filled with creches from Mary Jo Reigel's personal collection. Mary Jo attends St. Henry's Church here in the Dayton area. Her collection is unique and represents many countries and regions. Her creches will be on display until the second week of January. Creches from the Marian Library at the University of Dayton are on exhibit in the University of Dayton Library building on the first and seventh floors. Check the website or call 937-229-4212 (a recording) for the times it is open over this Christmas season.

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On this last Sunday of Advent and a week before our Christmas celebration, we hear the announcement in Isaiah: "... the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Indeed a wondrous announcement, an astounding prophecy of a birth to take place 700 years after it was spoken.

But we know that this birth came about, in part, because two persons chosen by God took a risk of faith. In the Annunciation story, we encounter Mary's risk, her "let it be done to me according to your word." In today's Gospel, we hear about Joseph's dream, where he entertained an angel, and trusting in the words – "do not be afraid" – accepted the risk of faith.

Both Mary and Joseph are great models for us, for we, too, are called to take a risk of faith. Are we willing to center our lives on Christ and to risk the adventure, the challenge, and the true happiness of what this encounter entails? Will the coming of Emmanuel anew into our lives this year be good news for us?

– Father Jay

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, December 21, 2025

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-24

### Monday, December 22, 2025

*Late Advent Weekday*  
I Samuel 1:24-28  
I Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd  
Luke 1:46-56

### Tuesday, December 23, 2025

*Late Advent Weekday*  
Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24  
Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14  
Luke 1:57-66

### Wednesday, December 24, 2025

*Late Advent Weekday*  
II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Luke 1:67-79

### Thursday, December 25, 2025

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*  
Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6  
Hebrews 1:1-6  
John 1:1-18

### Friday, December 26, 2025

*Saint Stephen, the First Martyr*  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc and 17  
Matthew 10:17-22

### Saturday, December 27, 2025

*Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*  
I John 1:1-4  
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
John 20:1a, 2-8

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## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

*Saint of the Day: December 27*

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It is God who calls; human beings answer. The vocation of John and his brother James is stated very simply in the Gospels, along with that of Peter and his brother Andrew: Jesus called them; they followed. The absoluteness of their response is indicated by the account. James and John "were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him" (Matthew 4:21b-22).

For the three former fishermen – Peter, James and John – that faith was to be rewarded by a special friendship with Jesus. They alone were privileged to be present at the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus and the agony in Gethsemane. But John's friendship was even more special. Tradition assigns to him the Fourth Gospel, although most modern Scripture scholars think it unlikely that the apostle and the evangelist are the same person.

John's own Gospel refers to him as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (see John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2), the one who reclined next to Jesus at the Last Supper, and the one to whom Jesus gave the exquisite honor of caring for his mother, as John stood beneath the cross. "Woman, behold your son.... Behold, your mother" (John 19:26b, 27b).

Read the full article: "St. John the Evangelist" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-the-evangelist/>  
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– ZEPHANIAH 3:17





## You are to name him

Countdown  
to Jesus'  
Birthday...

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Sunday!

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## Gospel

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