

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • NOVEMBER 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 29

10:00 am – Tuesdays@10

7:00 pm - Bible Study

Saturday, December 3

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Sunday, December 4

Giving Tree gifts must be returned by noon today

9:15 am – Confirmation Prep

9:30 am – First Reconciliation Prep



Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

HOSPITALITY

There will be no hospitality on Sunday, November 27th. See you December 4th.

ST. NICHOLAS DINNER - NEXT SUNDAY

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the annual SJF St. Nicholas Spaghetti dinner! The dinner will take place in **Pater Hall at 6:00 pm next Sunday, December 4th**. We will even have a special visit from St. Nicholas himself! Please sign up in the transition area today.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Children's Christmas Pageant this year will be at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 24th. Please see the form in this bulletin for dates, times, and to register your child for a part in the program. Return the form to the church office or in the collection basket as soon as possible. If you have any questions contact Jim Crosby in the parish office.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP- THIS SUNDAY

The Advent Wreath workshop is this Sunday, November 27th at 10 am in Pater Hall. An Advent wreath can be a wonderful reminder to keep this holy season as a time for prayer and reflection as we await the coming of Christ. If you have a metal frame from previous years, please bring it with you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Anyone wishing to donate toward the flowers and trees used to decorate our worship space during the Christmas season may do so using the envelope included in their mailed packet. If you do not receive envelopes or need additional envelopes, they can be found in the gathering space. All money and remembrances must be received by Sunday, December 18th. A list of remembrances will be included in the bulletin on December 24th and 25th.

GIVING TREE

Once again this year, St. John Fisher has set up a Giving Tree in the gathering space. The Giving Tree displays tags containing gift ideas for local residents in need of assistance this coming Christmas season.

The tags benefit Inter Parish Ministry; the Tom Geiger House; and Birthright Pregnancy Center.

All gifts must be returned to St. John Fisher no later than 12:00 noon on Sunday, December 4th. Please be sure to sign out any tags you take on the sheets provided near the tree. If you have any questions, please contact Anne and Mark Roberto at 310-9755 or 706-4382. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Advent Lessons and Carols will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 pm in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. This inspiring annual service, on the eve of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, includes the reading of seven scripture Lessons with Advent Carols and Marian hymns sung by the Athenaeum Chorale and the Mount St. Mary's Seminary Schola. All are welcome and admission is free. Standing-room-only audiences are anticipated so guests are encouraged to arrive early. The doors open at 7:00.

CHRISTMAS LUMINARIES

Once again this year the youth of St. John Fisher will be offering the opportunity for parishioners to remember loved ones or offer a prayer of praise as we celebrate our Lord's birth on Christmas Eve with luminaries. Please see the flyer in this bulletin for more information.

CLEANING TEAM NEEDS YOU!

The St. John Fisher Cleaning Team is looking for a few new members. A 2 person team clean windows and dusts pews once every 2 or 3 weeks during the year. Most teams clean once or twice per year, according to a schedule. We have had at least 5 people drop off the team this year, so we need help to maintain the schedule. Please consider joining. Contact Mary Trout, mvtrout@gmail.com.

SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

From **NOW** to December 18th please donate socks for the homeless. White tube socks, thermal socks, knee length socks, warm fuzzy socks, socks of all kinds are requested! Place your donations in Santa's Sack in the gathering space. Thank you!

HEALING SERVICE WITH MASS

Wednesday, November 30, at 7:30 pm in St. Ignatius Church 5222 North Bend Rd. in Monfort Heights. Healing includes the physical, spiritual, emotional, psychological and relational aspects of our lives; it is not limited to a physical cure. You can receive prayer for yourself or any of your loved ones. God wants to give us far more than we can dream or imagine, so come and experience Jesus' healing power!

All ministers may check their future schedules at:
www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjfvolunteer

SERVER SCHEDULE
December 3rd and 4th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Emma Handorf, Melinda Rief

Sunday, 9:00 am – Lily Sharp, Henry Motz, Mac Castellini

Sunday, 11:00 am – Will Forte, Francesca Damiano, Joey Restle

FOREVER FIFTY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Please plan to start off the Christmas season with your Forever Fifty friends for a festive buffet luncheon at the **Holiday Inn Eastgate on Thursday, December 8th 2016**. The cost is \$25 per person. **All reservations and checks should be in no later than Sunday, December 4th. (Checks payable to St. John Fisher.)** See the poster in the gathering space for more information and registration forms.

You may drop your check and reservations into the Sunday collection. If you would like to participate in the GRAB-BAG gift exchange, please bring to the luncheon a wrapped gift valued at approximately \$10 to go into the bag.

PARISH PARTIES' SIGN-UPS - Dec. 10-11

Once again the SJF Social Action Committee is sponsoring parties for the adults in our parish. These parties are hosted by parish members and open to all adults. The cost is \$25.00 per person for each event. Hosts donate their food, time and hospitality and decide date, time, theme, location and number of guests. All funds raised are used to support St. Vincent Mission in David, KY. Please check your calendars, bring your check books, and plan on signing up for at least one of these fun events!

THE ATHENAEUM OF OHIO LAY TUITION REDUCTION CONTINUES FOR SPRING SEMESTER

The 50% tuition reduction scholarship is available to all lay students and will include courses taken for Graduate or non-Degreed Certificate credit. We offer Master of Arts degrees in Pastoral Ministry, Theology, Biblical Studies and Catholic Studies and Graduate and non-degreed Certificates in Lay Ministry. Work towards a degree or certificate or simply take a course or two in your area of interest. We offer daytime, evening and Saturday classes at the main campus and at St. Ignatius parish on the west side. Classes begin January 9, 2017 and registration opened November 2, via the Athenaeum website, www.athenaeum.edu. For additional information please contact: Fr. David Endres (Athenaeum Dean) at 513-231-2223 or Dr. Susan McGurgan (Director of Lay Ministry) at 513-231-1200.

CARE FOR CREATION TIP

Plastic Waste is a huge environmental problem, because it never really goes away. Plastic does not biodegrade. Over time plastic just breaks into smaller and smaller pieces. Because of this, every single piece of plastic ever made is still present today in one form or another.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 28

12:00 – Nadine Hellings (Joan Bahr)

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 am – Antonio & Celia Mello (Donna Mack)

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Thursday, December 1

8:00 am – Barbara Bohne (Bill Bohne)

Friday, December 2

12:00 - Communion Service

Saturday, December 3

4:30 pm – Debbie Carteaux (Jane Kinley)

Sunday, December 4

9:00 am – Jeff Barger (Norma Frede)

11:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

EXALT – An Advent evening of Praise, Prayer, Worship, and Adoration

Join the parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary on Thursday December 1st at 7 pm in the church as they gather to spend time with Jesus during this beautiful Advent Season. The evening will include praise and worship music, guided prayer, time for quiet reflection, a gospel reading and message along with Adoration and Benediction. For more information contact IHM Parish at 388-4466.

FORMED – ADVENT

What better way to prepare for Christmas than to spend the four weeks of Advent reflecting on the birth of Jesus? Through an exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus, this Advent study offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas.... This is a four part video series. The entire FORMED website is available free to our parishioners. If you have not yet signed up for FORMED, here's how easy it is: go to www.formed.org. You will see a box that says "Register for free. Sign up using your parish code." Type in the parish code B68MWG. Now set up a username and a password and you are all set to use all the great programs on formed.org anytime by simply logging in.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers: Stan & Marilyn Dillon, Kyle Forte, Maggie Jackson, Martie Kline, Bob Kneipp, Jeannie Koepfer, Daniel List, Esther Montag, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Audrey Rapien, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.



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