

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • DECEMBER 11, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 13

10:00 am – Tuesdays@10

7:00 pm – Bible Study

Thursday, December 15

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

7:00 pm – RCIA

Saturday, December 17

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Sunday, December 18

9:15 am – Confirmation Prep



Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT- PRACTICES

The Children's Christmas Pageant this year will be at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 24th. The practices are as follows: **Saturday, December 17th at 9:30 am in Church (children with speaking roles only).** **Wednesday, December 21st at 6:30 pm in Church (all Participants)**

If you have any questions contact Jim Crosby in the parish office. 561-9431 ext. 113.

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.

CHURCH DECORATING, SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH

All hands are welcome to assist with preparing our liturgical space for the Christmas season on Sunday, December 18th. Decorating will begin at 12:00 pm. Thank you for your help.

COMBONI MISSIONARY NATIVITY EVENT

The Comboni Missionaries 69th Annual Nativity Experience opens Sunday, December 11th, 4-9 pm. Watch the animated Nativity, do some Christmas shopping in the Mission Market and Christmas Boutique, tour the Mission Museum, and view Nativity displays from around the world. See the poster in the transition area for information.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES LIST

For your convenience you will find a list of our neighboring parishes reconciliation services in the transition area.

CHRISTMAS LUMINARIES/ WE NEED YOUR REQUEST BY NOON TODAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 11TH

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 visit the table in the gathering space for more information.

SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

From **NOW** till 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!

FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALE NEXT WEEKEND

Equal Exchange coffee, tea, chocolate bars, cocoa and olive oil will be available next weekend, December 17th and 18th, after all the Masses. Stock up for the holidays!

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Beginning on Wednesday, December 14th, and every Wednesday, St. John Fisher will offer Eucharistic Exposition from 8:30 am – 11:30 am in the main church. This will be an opportunity for individuals to come and pray as they are able. Eucharistic adoration is a practice in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and adored by the faithful. Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ, who we believe to be present under the appearance of the consecrated host. As a devotion, Eucharistic adoration, prayer, and meditation are more than merely looking at the Blessed Host, but are believed to be a continuation of what was consecrated in the Eucharist.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to help them today. Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. JOHN FISHER IN YOUR WILL

We recently discovered that our church was named as the beneficiary of a parishioner's IRA. As you develop your estate plan, please consider gifting part of your assets to St. John Fisher. This could include making the church the beneficiary of your Will, IRA, insurance policy, trust fund, and/or investments (stocks, mutual funds, cash, etc.). It is an excellent and selfless way to give a gift that provides for the long-term future of our parish. Contact your attorney or financial advisor to find out how. Please call the parish office at 513-561-9431x115 if you have questions. Thank you for considering it!

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

SERVER SCHEDULE

December 17th and 18th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Maria Taylor, Nick Norton

Sunday, 9:00 am – Preston Lyons, Ethan & Cole

Kueper

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

END OF YEAR DONATIONS

If you are planning on making a donation for the 2016 tax year, please be aware IRS regulations require that the gift must be either postmarked or received by the parish office no later than **December 31, 2016**. This includes gifts of cash and/or stock and mutual fund donations. Checks that are dated before January 1st but are not either received or postmarked until 2017 will be processed as a 2017 tax year donation. For important detailed instructions regarding stock donations or for general questions, please contact the parish office at 561-9431 x115.

FINAL SIGN UP FOR ADULT PARISH PARTIES

Saturday, December 10th and Sunday, December 11th will be the final time to sign up and pay for the St. John Fisher Adult Parish Parties to benefit St. Vincent Mission. Please stop after Mass to check on available spaces and plan on joining the fun. Checks should be made out to St. John Fisher. There are still opportunities to play euchre (Feb. 11), taste wine (Feb. 25), and celebrate the Kentucky Derby (May 6). Contact Marty at mmrauen@gmail.com if you have any questions. Please come and join the fun!

NOVEMBER 2016 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$27,181

Electronic Giving - \$7,563

Actual Offertory Received - \$34,744

Budgeted Offertory - \$36,000

Fiscal Year-to-Date Shortfall – (\$12,029)

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QUOTE FROM THE HOLY SEA:

“Let the church always be a place of mercy and hope where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.”

Pope Francis @Pontifex, June 2013

SNOW EMERGENCY! There will be NO WEEKDAY MASS on any day that Forest Hills schools are closed or delayed because of snow or inclement weather.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 12

12:00 – Gus Bahr (Joan Bahr & Family)

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 am – Communion Service

Wednesday, December 14

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

Thursday, December 15

8:00 am – Rosemary Zink (Doug Zink)

Friday, December 16

12:00 - Communion Service

Saturday, December 17

4:30 pm – Intentions of Carol & Tim Donahue (Georgia Lynch)

Sunday, December 18

9:00 am – Daniel List (Gordon & Marilyn Tucker)

11:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

PRAYER/REFLECTION:

Most generous, most merciful God, help us to model our lives in your love and bounty to the benefit of others. Open our eyes to the needs of the brothers and sisters who are struggling with life issues. Bless us in our endeavors, we pray.

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: Maggie Jackson, Martie Kline, Bob Kneipp, Jeannie Koepfer, Esther Montag, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Audrey Rapien, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.



**FEATURED ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
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