

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • DECEMBER 25, 2016

CHRISTMAS DAY

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 26 – Office is closed – No Mass or Communion Service

Saturday, December 31

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

4:30 pm – Vigil Mass for Holy Day on January 1

Sunday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary

9:00 am – Mass

11:00 am – Mass

Monday, January 2 – Office is closed – No Mass or Communion Service



Readings for the Solemnity of Mary

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Merry Christmas to all our faithful parishioners and visitors, from Fr. Steve, Deacon Tom and the office staff. May you have a Blessed Christmas season and a New Year filled with faith and good health.

COMBONI MISSIONARY NATIVITY EVENT

The Comboni Missionaries 69th Annual Nativity Experience is open. 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 about times and dates.

HOSPITALITY

There will be no hospitality on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. See you on Jan. 8th, 2017.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Eucharistic Exposition began December 14th, and will continue every Wednesday, 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

Thank you so much for the very generous response to the collection. Our parish has donated over \$3,500 to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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!

SCHOOL HONOR ROLES

We congratulate the students from St. Ursula Academy who have achieved honors for the first quarter of the 2016-2017 school year.

FIRST HONORS:

Sophia Bernloehr

Lauren Crew

Leah Grabowski

Caroline Hemmer

Emma Murphy

Gabrielle Wyenandt

SECOND HONORS:

Francesca D'Agostino

Kathryn Nolan

We also congratulate students from St. Xavier High who have achieved honors for the first quarter.

FIRST HONORS:

Kenneth Face

Carter Rammes

John Arthur Williams

SECOND HONORS:

Nicholas Bernloehr

Oscar Moloney

John Sayre

We also congratulate a student from Moeller High who achieved honors for the first quarter.

SECOND HONORS:

Evan Chick

Keep up the good work!

MASS ON JANUARY 1st IN CELEBRATION OF WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Plan on joining other parishes at 11:00 am, on January 1, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains for a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. The Mass is the Celebration of the 50th World Day of Peace. Pope Francis has announced that the theme for the World Day of Peace is "Nonviolence; A Style of Politics for Peace." This theme is certainly fitting for the time we are in. Mass will be followed by a reception with light refreshments.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SERVER SCHEDULE

December 31st and January 1st

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Stephen & Matthew Kroeger

Sunday, January 1st

Sunday, 9:00 am – Please volunteer
11:00 am – Noah Wadell

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.

OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY

The office will be closed on Monday December 26th and January 2nd. There is no Mass or Communion service on these days.

LOOKING TO IMPROVE YOUR LIFE?

Thinking about New Year's resolutions? Looking to improve your life? Deepen your faith? Why not sign up for an Adult Spirituality class at the Athenaeum? Our next class starts January 16th entitled Contagiously Catholic taught by Sean Ater, the director of the Office of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Classes are from 10am to noon for four consecutive Mondays. Please visit our website: www.spirituality-institute.com to register.

CONSIDER A SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT

The Jesuit Spiritual Center offers silent retreats rooted in *The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*. An experienced retreat director presents the materials on a particular theme, provides reflections on the Scriptures and offers methods of how to grow closer to our loving God. Retreats include daily Mass, periods for private reflections, spiritual direction, and reconciliation and healing services. Come join us for a Silent Ignatian Retreat and come to know the abundance of God's love.

Some of the next available dates are:

Jan. 6-8, 2017 Men/ Pat Fairbanks, SJ

Jan. 9-11, 2017 Women/ Matt Gamber, SJ

Jan. 13-15, 2017 Men/Keith Muccino, SJ

Jan. 15-17, 2017 Men/Brian Tabor, SJ

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.

Monday, December 26

12:00 – No Mass or Communion Service

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 am – John Lynch (Georgia Lynch)

Wednesday, December 28

8:00 am – Mike Rohs (Bob & Sue Winstel)

Thursday, December 29

8:00 am – Mary Kelso (Mark Kelso)

Friday, December 30

12:00 – Communion Service

Saturday, December 31

4:30 pm – Tom Rohling (Ted & Mary Ann Rohling)

Sunday, January 1

9:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

11:00 am – Jim McNamara (Lynn McNamara)

Monday, January 2

No Mass or Communion Service

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- CHILDREN'S CONTENT

Your children will love the new content we have for them on FORMED – programs, ebooks, movies, and talks that will entertain, engage, and inspire them with the beauty and wonder of their faith. For example, one new program is: Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree, based on the ancient legend, Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree is a video production drawn from the family-friendly story written by children's author Claudia Cangilla McAdam and illustrated by Dave Hill. Discover all the new children's programs, books, movies, and audio at FORMED. 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: Martie Kline, Bob Kneipp, Jeannie Koepfer, Esther Montag, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Audrey Rapien, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.



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