

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • DECEMBER 31, 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday January 1

8:00 - Mass – Mary Mother of God – Office is closed

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 – Communion Service

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 am - Mass

8:30 am – 11:30 am - Eucharistic Exposition

Saturday, January 6

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Sunday, January 7

8:45 – 10:45 am – Confirmation Class



Readings for the Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

In Gratitude

Thank you to all who helped to make our Christmas celebrations such a great experience this year:

- those who cleaned and decorated our church
- to musicians who practiced and prepared for our liturgies
- to liturgical ministers who did their part to make the Masses so prayerful
- to those who organized the Giving Tree, and then sorted the packages to be delivered to those in need
- to parishioners who offered a word of welcome to visitors who gathered with us
- to visitors who remind us that the Body of Christ extends far beyond our parish
- to everybody who took the effort to make the world a better place by bringing the presence of Christ to others through acts of charity.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FROM POPE FRANCIS

If Pope Francis could write this letter personally to you, he would say, "***Gracias for caring for our fellow Catholics who are struggling to build their communities of faith in 1,100 mission dioceses!***"

So on his behalf, let me express his gratitude for your donation of \$1079.50 to the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith this past World Mission Sunday. Dr. Michael Gable, Mission Office Director

The Work of Christmas Begins . . . Howard
Thurman (adapted)

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way, in all that we do and in
all that we say.

Then the work of Christmas begins.

Let the work of Christmas begin, and let it
begin with you."

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Mass in Celebration of the 51st World Day of Peace on the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains at 11:00 am on January 1st 2018. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will be celebrant at this Mass. A reception with light refreshments will follow the Mass.

PRO LIFE QUOTES

"What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God."

Hans Urs von Balthasar

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

SERVER SCHEDULE

January 6th & 7th, 2018

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Michael & Maria Taylor

Sunday, 9:00 am – Please volunteer, we need 3 servers

**Sunday, 11:00 am – Noah Wadell, Francesca Damiano,
David Isaacs**

**PRESIDER SCHEDULE
January 6th and 7th, 2018**

St. John Fisher

Saturday

4:30 pm – Fr. Del

Sunday

9:00 am -- Fr. David

11:00 am – Fr. David

St. Veronica

Saturday

4:00 pm -- Fr. Pat

Sunday

8:00 am -- Fr. Pat

9:30 am – Fr. Del

11:30 am – Fr. Del

A Prayer for Those In A Time of Loss During This Season

God of compassion, there is such a hole in my heart!
Today should be a day of joy,
but I feel only the emptiness and loss of someone so beloved.

While the world celebrates around me,
I remember Christmas celebrations of the past
and I long to have my loved one with me.
I bring my sorrows to you, Lord,
like some odd gift of the magi and dump them at your feet.
In my blind tears I wonder if anyone
can possibly understand the depth of my sadness.
Yes, you can.

You sent your Son to be with us in our deepest sorrows
and I know that even though I might not feel it at this minute,
you are here with me, caring for me in my sadness and
loving me.

Dearest Lord, help me to turn to the one I miss so much
today and speak.

Help me heal the loss of our parting
and help me not to regret the things I didn't say.

Sorrow tears at my heart,
but today I ask that my loss soften my heart
and make me more compassionate with everyone I meet.

HEALING SERVICE WITH MASS

Start the New Year by receiving and experiencing Jesus' love at the Healing service with Mass Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:30 pm at St. Ignatius Church, 5222 North Bend Rd, Cincinnati, OH. You can receive prayer for yourself or for your loved ones. Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more information call 513-471-5483 or visit www.LRCI.org



Please pray for the family of William Jostworth, whose funeral was celebrated on Wednesday, December 20th at St. John Fisher, May he rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1

8:00 am – Dolores Rolfes (Phil & Hazel Germann)

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 am - Communion Service

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 am – The Athenaeum of Ohio (Fran Holthaus)

Thursday, January 4

8:00 am – Sara Donahoe (Mary Dean Grote)

Friday, January 5

8:00 am – Bill & Barbara Bohne

Saturday, January 6

4:30 pm – Tom Moehringer (Pat Volk)

Sunday, January 7

9:00 am – Caleb Fairley (Friends of the Fairley Family)

11:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

PASSION & PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE

January 13, 2018

9:30am – 2:00 pm

Come to Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7820 Beechmont Avenue, for a great morning of listening, learning, scripture, and prayer. led by bestselling author and speaker Dr. Allen Hunt. Don't worry, no one will be asked to share their feelings with the group. This is an opportunity to learn and grow as a person of faith who strives to love in all their relationships. Snacks will be provided at two breaks. As a bonus, you will receive a great swag bag to take home! Even if you cannot attend, consider sponsoring someone to attend that might not be able to afford it otherwise. This event is being held to further our parish mission, to be a living, Catholic, Christian community; therefore we must all work together. There are so many ways to purchase tickets! (\$25 per person): 1) Call 859-980-7900, or 2) Go online: <http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/CincinnatiOH>

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

...our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers: Lee Murrell and Mary Roberts.

Also, please continue to pray for those parishioners who are homebound, in nursing care facilities, or have chronic illnesses.



**FEATURED ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
ARCHBISHOP MOELLER COUNCIL #3861**

**Located in Turpin
2651 Bartels Rd
Hall Rentals Available
513-232-8337**