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 mass schedule

## Christmas Blessings

Dear Parishioners,

I look forward to celebrating Christmas with you and your families. In celebration of Christmas, we will have Masses at 4 pm and 10 pm on Christmas Eve. Our Christmas Day Masses will be at 9 am and 11 am.

Our 4 pm Mass will be the Christmas Vigil Mass. Traditionally the Christmas Story is re-enacted by the children of our parish. However, there were not enough volunteers to fill the roles this year. Therefore, this year our 4 pm celebration will not include the children acting out the Christmas Story.

Our 10 pm Mass will be the traditional Midnight Mass.

I hope and pray that all of us have a prayerful Advent and will have a Merry Christmas!

Prayers and Best Wishes to you and your families. Merry Christmas!

Father Jasany

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### Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	\$2949.90
St. Vincent DePaul Society	300.00
Religious Retirement	135.00
Immaculate Conception	76.25
Praise the Roof	83.00

Thank You and God Bless you for your continued generosity & support!

### Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*9:00 am Larry Puchajda*

*11:00 am George Smith*

### Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

*No Morning Mass*

*Confessions from 3-4 pm and 7-8 pm*

### Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

*8:30 am Ann & Walter Lasecki*

### Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

*Christmas Eve*

*4:00 pm Special Intention*

*Christmas Vigil Mass with  
Chris Toth*

*10:00 pm Special Intention*

*Traditional Midnight Mass  
with Ralph Bednarz & Schola*

### Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

*Christmas Day*

*9:00 am Special Intention  
with Ralph Bednarz & Schola*

*11:00 am Special Intention  
with the Contemporary Music Ministry*

### Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

*No Morning Mass*

### Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

*4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish*

### Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

*9:00 am Albina Selva*

*11:00 am Living & Deceased Members  
of the Dooley & Traska Families*

## Readings for the Week of December 21<sup>st</sup>

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/  
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5,  
8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17,  
22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or  
1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or  
2:22, 39-40



Where would  
we be without  
Jesus?

He was born of  
a woman so we  
could be born of  
God...He

humbled himself so we could be lifted up. He became a servant so we could be heirs. He suffered rejection so we could become His friends. He denied Himself so we could freely receive all things. He fully gave Himself so He could bless us in every way! In response to the Great Gift given to you in Jesus Christ and in honor of Our Savior's birth, please kindly consider making a financial gift to our parish as a way to honor Christ on His Birthday.

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers  
December 24<sup>th</sup> thru January 6<sup>th</sup>  
Loretta Delagarza & Gloria Seneff

**Sick Calls** – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

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**Weddings** – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany

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**Baptisms** – The 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class.

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism. Before parents baptize their child, Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class.

**The next class will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at St. Stanislaus Parish at 7 pm.** Reservations are needed; please call 216-341-9091 to make your reservation.

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**Godparent and Sponsor Certificate** – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register.

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**Pre-Cana Program** for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House- **Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 12:30 pm.** This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or [www.jrhcleve@att.net](mailto:www.jrhcleve@att.net)



**Sunday,**  
**December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
***Fourth Sunday of***  
***Advent***

*Jesus, God's Greatest  
Gift – We celebrate once  
again how God gives us  
God's very self in Jesus.  
So this week pray in*

*thanks for this mysterious and wondrous  
gift.*

**Church Decorating For Christmas at  
3 pm.** Everyone is invited to prepare our  
Church for the beautiful feast of  
Christmas. Refreshments served  
afterwards, so please join us!

**Christmas Concert featuring the  
German Music Society** at St. Barbara  
Church, 1505 Denison Avenue at 7 pm.  
Admission is free. Plan on attending with  
your family and friends.

**St. Rita Parish** Christmas Concert  
featuring Burning River Brass and the  
Moving Heart Gallery at 3 pm. Proceeds  
will be used to help Cleveland children  
find homes. St. Rita's is located at 32820  
Baldwin Road in Solon.

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**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**\$1000 Raffle Drawing** after the 11 am  
Mass. Please remember to have your  
tickets turned in for today's drawing.

**St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting** at  
10 am in the rectory



The rectory office will be closed  
Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> thru Friday,  
December 26<sup>th</sup>. It will re-open on  
Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember these individuals, who  
are called to the priesthood in your daily  
prayers.

Also, please remember the Sisters  
of St. Joseph, Cleveland (CSJ) in your  
prayers.

Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – Bishop Roger Gries  
Monday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Christopher Stein  
Borromeo Seminary

Tuesday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – David Chojnacki  
Borromeo Seminary

Wed., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Gregory Boldin  
Borromeo Seminary

Thursday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Blessed Christmas  
Pray for Peace

Friday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – Christian Raddell  
Borromeo Seminary

Saturday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> – Alexander Spenek  
Borromeo Seminary

Sunday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> – Bishop A. Edward Pevec

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May our prayers bring healing, comfort  
and strength to the sick and their  
caregivers, remembering especially  
John Balciar, Carol Bellomy, Gwen Beres,  
Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Bican,  
Millie Bloedorn, Bonnie Branche,  
Bill Connors, Katie Davis, Corrine Dawe,  
Robert Dunning, Jose Dybzinski,  
Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Art Madsen,  
Cindi Magyar, Rita Petkoff,  
Larry Pruchnicki, Nancy Recko, Brianne  
Rhine, Andrew Turowski and  
Virginia Turowski.

May our Loved Ones who have died,  
rest in eternal happiness in heaven  
remembering especially Bishop A.  
Edward Pevec, whose funeral was  
celebrated on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

For the safety of the Men and  
Women serving in the military, especially  
those from our parish and their families.

Stewardship – In today’s Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God’s messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary’s acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?

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**TAX LETTER** – Parishioners who would like a letter to verify their church contributions for the 2014 tax year as asked to call the rectory at 216-641-8444 or drop a note in the collection basket to the attention of Mrs. Kowalski. A letter will be prepared and mailed to you. Letters will not be sent out until the week of January 12<sup>th</sup>. If you call the rectory after office hours and need to leave a message, please go into voicemail box #10.

**REMINDER CONCERNING 2014 CONTRIBUTIONS** – In order for your contributions to be considered for the 2014 Tax Year, they must be received by December 31, 2014. Contributions received on or after January 1, 2015 will be reported as 2015 contributions. **This complies with IRS requirements.**



Our Altar & Rosary Society would like to thank our members and parishioners for supporting our Christmas Tree Gift Card Raffle. Your generosity by donating gift cards, purchasing tickets and making monetary donations has helped to make this a very successful fundraiser.



We were able to have four prizes again this year.

The Winners of the Gift Cards were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$300 Winner – Linda Vallee

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$200 Winner –

Theresa Semproch

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$125 – Martin Curnutte

4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$ 75 – Jan Tommer

When we ask, you always come through for us! We thank you again for your support, which enables us to provide necessities for our Altar & our Church. God has truly blessed us with great people in our Parish. We will be having it again next Christmas, so see you then!

Have a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year!!!

SJN Sacred Heart Altar & Rosary Society  
Board Members

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Many families observe the Christmas Eve tradition with oplatki. There is a table at the Blessed Mother’s altar with a supply of oplatki along with the prayer service.



## Karen's Corner

Did you know that the time is almost here? In this fourth week of Advent, we have begun the "O Antiphons" which are the seven antiphons recited before the Magnificat during Vespers in the Octave before Christmas. The importance of the O Antiphons is to highlight a title for the Messiah and each one refers to a specific Prophecy by Isaiah about the Messiah.

Day one is "O Wisdom", from Isaiah 11:2-3 "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding" and Isaiah 28:29 "He is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom."

Day two is "O Sacred Lord" from Isaiah 11:4-5 "He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the lands afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips." Isaiah 32:22 says "Indeed the Lord will be there with us, majestic; yes the Lord our judge, the Lord our lawgiver, the Lord our king, he it is who will save us."

Day three: "O Flower of Jesse" from Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of its roots."

Day four: "O Key of David" from Isaiah 22:22 "I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; He shall shut, and no one shall open."

Day five: "O Radiant Dawn" from Isaiah 9:2, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined".

Day six: "O King of all the Nations" from Isaiah 9:5, "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Day seven: "O Emmanuel" from Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Remember, "Emmanuel" means "God with us!"

What a wonderful way to lead into Christmas by meditating upon these names for the Messiah! Another interesting fact, if you take the Latin names from the last to the first, they spell "*ero cras*" which means "Forward" or "Tomorrow." So in using these antiphons, and using the seven Messianic titles, the Lord continues to tell us, "I will come, tomorrow, I will come!"

See you soon!  
Karen

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Calendars for 2015 are located near the doors of the church. We are grateful to Bican Brothers Funeral Home for their generosity in providing these calendars to our parish annually. God bless them for their continued generosity.



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During October we recycled 4,090 lbs. of paper and received \$40.90 for our efforts from River Valley Paper Company. Did you know that the US is the world's largest consumer of newsprint? Every day Americans buy 62 million newspapers and throw out 44 million!