

holiday
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mass schedule

Sunday, December 27th

9:00 am Dale & Theresa Widhalm
11:00 am Tom Marshall & the
Living & Deceased Members
of the Dooley & Traska Families

Monday, December 28th

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, December 29th

8:30 am Sick & Needy of St. John
Parish St. Vincent DePaul Society

Wednesday, December 30th

No Morning Mass

Thursday, December 31st

4:00 pm All Souls

Friday, January 1st 2016

Solemnity of Mary
The Holy Mother of God
9:00 am Dorothy Kara
11:00 am Paul & Eleanor Doan

Saturday, January 2nd

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, January 3rd

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members
of the Holecek Family
11:00 am Living & Deceased Members
of St. John Altar & Rosary Society

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
for January 6th thru January 19th

Barb Nieszczur & Toni Suchy

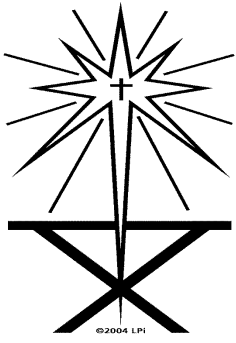
Sick Calls – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

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.

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 Sunday, January 3, 2016 at Immaculate Heart Parish at 1:30 pm.** Reservations needed; please call 216-341-2734.

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.

Pre-Cana Program for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House on **January 31, 2016 at 12:45 pm.** 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



Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you and your family had a Merry Christmas. Our church looks wonderful and our Christmas Masses were beautiful. I am truly

grateful to all who contributed their time, talent, and treasure to make our Christmas celebration a holy and joyous event. I thank Jim Armbruster, Our Pastoral Council and all the volunteers who came forward to decorate our church for Christmas. I am grateful to Sue McDonough, our Sacristan and Liturgy Chairperson, all our liturgical ministers – Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, servers and ushers. I give special thanks to our Parish Musicians – Buck McDaniel, our 4 pm organist, Ralph Bednarz, our 9 am organist, the Schola, and Terry Weiss, Sandy Yody, and our contemporary music ministry at our 11 am Mass. We are truly blessed by all who helped us and by all who came to celebrate with us. Finally, I express my gratitude to our parish staff members who helped with the details of our celebration – Pauline Kowalski, Anthony Laboy and Jan Vitt.

We received a thank you note from University Settlement for the many gifts which we provided for needy children at Christmas. Again, I would like to express my thanks to Pete & Anastasia Gentile and all those who helped and donated gifts for the needy children at Christmas. It is a beautiful testimony of our generosity as a Parish.

January 1st, 2016 is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Everyone is required to go to Mass. We

will have a 4 pm Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 31st. We will have 9 am and 11 am Mass on Friday, January 1st. Coming to Mass is a wonderful way to start the New Year.

My prayer for the New Year is that we continue to grow in our relationship with Christ and one another. Pope Francis encourages all of us to extend to others the invitation to come to Christ. Please extend this invitation to come to Christ to the people who are in your life. The Christmas Season continues until January 10th, the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. Invite them to come to see our church, to participate in our liturgies and to experience our Parish Community.

My Prayers and Best Wishes for you and your families for the New Year!

Father Jasany

Readings for the Week of December 27th

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7-8/
Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5-6/
Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/
Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/
Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,
10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, December 20th	\$3721.25
Memorial Gifts	75.00
Immaculate Conception	30.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	700.00

*God Bless You & Thank you for your generosity to our Parish.
May Our Lord continue to bless you!*

Our Christmas Day Contributions as well as the other collections such as Christmas Flowers and Little Blue Books will be published in our January 10th Bulletin!

Sunday, December 27th

\$1000 Raffle at 12 Noon – Please make sure your tickets have been turned in for today's drawing

St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting at 10 am in the rectory

Thursday, December 31st

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary

Today is the vigil for the Holy Day and we will have Mass at 4 pm.

Friday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary

The Holy Mother of God

9 am and 11 am Masses

Saturday, January 2nd

First Saturday Devotions at 3:15 pm



Please note that the rectory office will be closed on Thursday, December 31st & Friday, January 1st. The office will re-open on Monday, January 4th.

Sunday, January 3rd

Epiphany of Our Lord

Throughout Germany at this time of year, you will find most main doorways inscribed with the following: 20+C+M+B+16. Children known as Sternsinger (star singers) dress up and go door to door, requesting candy for themselves and money for the Church. As they leave, the house is blessed and the inscription written in chalk. The 20 and 16 refer to the year, the CMB are said to represent either Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the Magi; or the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means "Christ, bless this Home." Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, in which we remember the adoration of the newborn Christ by three wise men from the East. This should leave no doubt in anyone's mind just how far and wide the promise of a Savior had spread. These representatives of pagan religions from other lands were determined to pay their respects. It was as if they were born to do this, to acknowledge in some way the beginning of the greatest reign of the greatest king of all. The Epiphany is the third manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation, following the Annunciation and the Birth of Christ. Today is truly the beginning of the paschal mystery.



Don't forget to Recycle your holiday paper. Just add it to your regular collection and bring it to the bin. Wrapping Paper! Packaging and Boxes! Holiday Catalogs! Holiday Cards!

Please remember these individuals, who have been called to the priesthood in your daily prayers. Also, please remember the Franciscan (Pulaski, Wisconsin) (OFM) in your prayers.

Sunday, Dec. 27th – Pray for All Families

Monday, Dec. 28th – Robert McWilliams
St. Mary Seminary

Tuesday, Dec. 29th – Alex Clark
Borromeo Seminary

Wednesday, Dec. 30th – Patrick Cordero
Borromeo Seminary

Thursday, Dec. 31st – James Hawkins
Borromeo Seminary

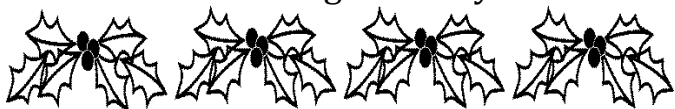
Friday, January 1st – Evan Jamison
Borromeo Seminary

Saturday, January 2nd – Bradley Jasko
Borromeo Seminary

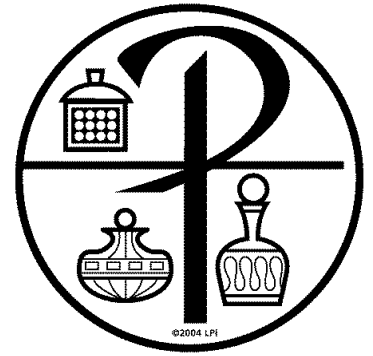
Sunday, January 3rd – Bishop
Anthony Pilla

NEW TO OUR PARISH!!! Shop at AmazonSmile and Amazon will make a donation to our parish. AmazonSmile is a program where Amazon donates .5% of the purchase price of eligible products to a charitable organization selected by the customer. So, if you are doing any shopping online, please think of supporting St. John Nepomucene Church. Please remember to always start your shopping at smile.amazon.com

Calendars for 2016 are located near the entrance doors of the church. We are grateful to Fortuna Funeral Home for their generosity in providing these calendars to our parish annually. God bless them for their generosity.



May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their caregivers, remembering especially



Mary Adams,
Agnes Bartoszek, John Balciar,
Greg Basco, Gloria Benitez, Gwen Beres,
Bill Bican, Joyce Bican, Diyamol Binu,
Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Connors,
Corrine Dawe, Dolores Dobransky,
Jose Dybzinski, Stan Frankel, Kristin Hill,
Gertrude Kocab, Lucy Konkoly,
Madeline Koston, Judy Landolph,
Pat Lubrano, Art Madsen, Cindi Magyar,
Marilyn O'Meara, Jeannette Morrow,
Dan Palmentera, Suzanne Patton,
Rita Petkoff, John Pocius, Betty Rhine,
Brianna Rhine, Laurel Salupo,
Noreen Spehar, Elaine Stack,
Janice Tommer, Dana Trzaska, Ron Walk
& Barb Witovicz.

May Our Loved Ones who have died rest in eternal peace in heaven remembering especially Rev. William M. Bichl, SJ whose funeral was last week.

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

We would like to Thank everyone for their generosity. We were able to assist seventy-three (73) individuals for Christmas. Also, hope all of you have a Very Happy & Healthy New Year! May God Bless You All!

St. Vincent DePaul Society

TAX LETTER – Parishioners who would like a letter to verify their church contributions for the 2015 tax year are 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 after January 9th. If you call the rectory after office hours and need to leave a message, please go into voicemail box #10.

REMINDER CONCERNING 2015

CONTRIBUTIONS – In order for your contributions to be considered for the 2015 Tax Year, they must be received by December 31, 2015 and your check must be dated 2015. Contributions received on or after January 1, 2015 will be reported as 2016 contributions.

This complies with IRS Requirements.

A Stewardship Moment – The ultimate aim of St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach the new year, how might we embrace one or more of these virtues more fully in our parish community in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?



Church Memorials & Gifts

In Loving Memory of the Svec Family
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stack

In Loving Memory of Frank Aiello
from his wife, Mildred

In Loving Memory
of Dorothy Agnes Obloy
from Suzanne Camp

In Loving Memory of Tom Lilley
from Brett & Evelyn Lilley

In Loving Memory
of Joseph and Anna (Kral) Kocab
from Joseph Kocab Jr.

In Loving Memory of Evelyn Mazza
from Brett & Evelyn Lilley

In Loving Memory of Ron Cook from
Michael Delmore

A gift in Memory of Elsie Malec

In Loving Memory of Virginia Turowski
from her husband, Andrew

A Gift from Lisa Balli

In Loving Memory of George Smith
from Mary Ann & Jan Vitt

A Christmas Gift
from SJN Altar & Rosary Society

A Gift in Celebration of their Wedding
from Paul & Lauren Birk

In Loving Memory of Cecilia M. Vitt from
Mary Ann & Jan Vitt