



SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 18, 2011

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

6:45 a.m., (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 10:00 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday

6:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

(8:45 a.m. Fridays during school year)
Holy Days ~ Consult Parish Bulletin

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 17
9a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Monday, December 19
3-4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20
3-4 and 7-8 p.m.

Friday, December 23

FROM THE PASTOR ...

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us.

I would like to take this opportunity to "welcome home" all of our parishioners returning from college. I pray that your studies are going well and that you will enjoy the Christmas vacation with your families and friends here. Please know of my continued prayers for you.

For those of you who will be traveling for Christmas, I pray that you have a safe trip and that you enjoy a most wonderful Christmas with those you are visiting.

As we approach this next week, please keep in mind the confession schedule that you will find on the next page. Along with all of the proximate preparations that we will be making for Christmas, please do not neglect the spiritual life.

Finally, I need to ask a special favor on behalf of the parish. As you know, Christmas falls on Sunday this year. We rely very heavily on our Christmas collection to maintain the many services that we offer at our parish. We also rely on the regular Sunday collection. I beg that you not combine the two into one, but that you give your regular Sunday collection and your Christmas donation, as you would if Christmas did not fall on Sunday. I would ask the same kind consideration next week., January 1, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As we all face the difficulties of our economy, your parish is no exception. Your generosity is seriously needed. Thank you so very much for considering your parish on your gift list.



*May God's blessings be yours this Advent Season,
Father Ireland*

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline: Sunday, 2:00 p.m., for publishing the following Sunday.

New Parishioners

Registration after each Sunday Mass in the Parish Office, or by appointment.

Baptisms:

First and third Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m.. Pre-registration required. Parents expecting their first child should arrange to attend the required Pre-Baptism class. These are offered at the parish on the 4th Sunday of January, April, July and October at 1:00 p.m. in Mary's Room. Pre-registration is required. Call the Parish Office.

Marriages:

Engaged couples should make their arrangements with the priest at least 6 to 12 months in advance of their wedding.

Holy Communion for the Homebound:

Please call the Parish Office whenever a family member is seriously ill or hospitalized. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion to the homebound weekly or monthly.

Music Director: Mrs. Gail Shirley 216.321.3694

Funerals:

Call the Parish Office to arrange date and time.

Sponsor Requirements:

All requests for sponsor certificates must be directed to a priest. Individuals must be registered and practicing members of this parish, at least 16 years of age, and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, and if married, the marriage must have been accepted by the Catholic Church.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy

4478 Rushton Road, South Euclid, OH 44121
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E-mail: office@sacredheartofjesusacademy.org
Website: sacredheartofjesusacademy.org
Principal: Mr. William DiBacco

PSR Religious Education Classes

Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
For Information about the program call the Parish Office (216.382.7601)

Sts. Margaret and Gregory Credit Union

1499 Dean Drive, South Euclid, OH 44121
216.691.0242, FAX 216.691.0435
Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tithing IS God's Plan for Giving

2011 Collection for 12/11 \$11,119.88 (12-week Avg. \$11,789)
 2010 Collection for 12/12 \$11,334.37 (12-week Avg. \$12,455)

Collection for the
 Feast of the Immaculate Conception \$2,468.74

Deuteronomy 16:10, 16-17 reads:

"...No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, God has bestowed on you." Thank you for sharing your blessings with your parish.

Father Ireland

...from the voices of the children

The children have shared these "Good Deeds for God", and they are exactly as the children presented them. Regrettably, space does not permit us to share all of the "deeds" submitted.

- ◆ I prayed a rosary on the buss.
- ◆ Spending time with my little brother.
- ◆ Make ornaments for my family.
- ◆ Help play Bingo with the elderly.
- ◆ Giving money and food to the food drive.

Thank you, children, for sharing these.
Father Ireland

.. AND SPEAKING OF THINGS FINANCIAL...

At long last we are able to report the net results of this year's Parish Festival, and they are disappointing at best. After all the bills were paid, we banked only \$63,649. Just three years ago, the Festival of 2008 netted \$92,958. It is plain to see, we are on a downward spiral ... now down approximately one-third.

As you know, the Festival is our MAJOR fundraising effort every year. Every family is requested to participate through the purchase of raffle tickets and, for those who are able, the offer of time to volunteer at one or more of our booths during the 4-day event. Proceeds are used throughout the year to supplement the offertory collection ... to meet the operating budget for the parish and Academy.

OPLATKI ... CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Oplatki is available at the Parish Office for a donation of \$3 per package of four (4) wafers.

The centuries-old custom of breaking and sharing this Christmas Bread serves as a reminder that Christ is the Unseen Guest in our homes. If this is not your family's tradition, why not think about beginning it this year.

The Sacrament of Penance

Monday, December 19 3 to 4 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 20 3 to 4 p.m. & 7 to 8
 Friday, December 23 3 to 4 p.m. & 7 to 8

Confessions will NOT be heard on Christmas Eve.

*Masses for Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary
 Mother of God (January 1)*

Christmas Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.
 Christmas (Midnight Mass) at 10 p.m.
 with carols at 9:45 p.m.

Christmas Day: 8, 10 and 11:30 a.m. **ONLY.**
No 5 p.m. Mass today.

The normal weekend Mass schedule will be followed on Saturday, December 31, and Sunday, January 1.

Saturday Vigil at 4 p.m.
 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God: 8, 10, 11:30 a.m.
ONLY. No 5 p.m. Mass today.



CHRISTMAS HOURS:

The Parish Office will close on Friday, December 23, at 5 p.m. and will remain closed until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 27.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause, and we thank you for your kind understanding.

Merry Christmas from the Parish Staff

THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... THANK YOU!!!!

The Women's Guild is grateful to all who participated in the Giving Tree project this year. Because of your generosity, Christmas will be joy-filled for many children in our Diocese. Special thanks to the students, teachers and staff of our Academy for the many items they collected and for their help with sorting and preparing the gifts for delivery.

A word of thanks, as well, to all those parishioners who brought beautiful and greatly needed baby items. Among those were some generous women who crocheted and knitted with love many blankets, hats and mittens. A heartfelt thank-you comes to you from Birthright, Inc. May God bless all of you for your kindness.



MASS INTENTIONS...

Monday, December 19, 2011 Late Advent Weekday

6:45 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Nick Lanese
12:10 p.m. Deceased of the Reilly & Moore Families

Tuesday, December 20, 2011 Late Advent Weekday

6:45 a.m. Earl Brashear (Anniversary)
12:10 p.m. Antonio & Ida DiFranco

Wednesday, December 21, 2011 Late Advent Weekday

Optional: St. Peter Canisius, priest/doctor of the Church

6:45 a.m. Timothy Reynolds (Anniversary)
12:10 p.m. Lorenzo Mastrangelo

Thursday, December 22, 2011 Late Advent Weekday

6:45 a.m. Rosemary Mocnik
12:10 p.m. Carolyn Clark (Anniversary)

Friday, December 23, 2011 Late Advent Weekday

Optional: St. John of Kanty, priest

6:45 a.m. Domingo Garcia
12:10 p.m. Florence Wank

Saturday, December 24, 2011 Late Advent Weekday

6:45 a.m. Jack & Rose Kocevar
4:00 p.m. Celebrant's Intention ~ Vigil of Christmas
10:00 p.m. Celebrant's Intention ~ "Midnight" Mass

Sunday, December 25, 2011**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

8:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
10:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
11:30 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

THERE IS NO 5 P.M. MASS TODAY

READINGS FOR THE WEEK...

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

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

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

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

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

Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
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

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LITURGICAL ROLES FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2011**Lectors:**

4:00 p.m. Vigil	Provided by the Academy
10:00 p.m. "Midnight Mass"	M. Douglas
8:00 a.m. Christmas Day	T. Bell
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day	B. Mapel
11:30 a.m. Christmas Day	P. Ridley

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4:00 p.m. Vigil	E. DiNovo	S. Orteca	J. Verni
10:00 p.m. "Midnight Mass"	D. Douglas	K. Sutula	D. Miklic
8:00 a.m.	M. Weldon	J. Clifford	
10:00 a.m.	M. Chordas	M. Neumann	J. Verni
11:30 a.m.	J. Palache	B. Pugel	

Altar Servers:

4:00 p.m. Vigil	D. Casa	G. Majiakas	W. Gielink	E. Gielink
10:00 p.m. "Midnight Mass"~Servers assigned by Father Ireland				
8:00 a.m.	Chelsea & Christopher Day			
10:00 a.m.	~ Adult Servers ~			
11:30 a.m.	Caitlin & Mark Ewing	J. Catena	K. Cappotto	

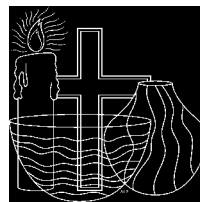
SANCTUARY GROUP #2 ~ RITA KREBS



Let us pray for ...

Rita Kraus & George Litavec
who died and were buried this week. May God grant His loving care to their families and friends who now mourn their death.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS ...



If you are expecting the birth of your first child, or have already welcomed a first child into your family, we invite you to attend our next Pre-Baptism Class Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 1 p.m. in Mary's Room.

This class is required by the Diocese of Cleveland of all parents who are requesting baptism of a first child or of those parents who did not attend a class before a previous child's baptism.

Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office (216.382.7601) **no later than January 26**. Thank you.

DISCOVERY DAYS AT THE CENTER FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP ...

Each year the Diocesan Vocations Office offers a program for 7th and 8th grad students at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (CPL) in Wickliffe. The girls and boys have the opportunity to meet and talk with priests, seminarians, sisters and brothers. The day will include an introduction to and tour of the CPL, prayer, a time for questions and answers, celebration of Mass with the seminary community or a group prayer service and a homemade pizza lunch. The Days are held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on these dates: 2012 Wednesdays ... January 25, February 8, March 14, April 11. Cost is \$6/student, payable to the Center for Pastoral Leadership. For more information or group opportunities call the Vocations Office at 440.943,7600.

THE CARING CONNECTION ...

This apostolate was developed to serve as a prayer support for parishioners who are experiencing personal crises of any kind.

If you would like to be part of this apostolate or if you have needs you would like to have included in the prayer intentions for our volunteers, call Tricia Brunton (216,798.5777) or e-mail her at tbrunton24@yahoo.com.

With God's helping hands, you can do unbelievable things. You can write books. You can be the President. You can clean up your bedroom. You can climb monkey bars. You can give food and drink to the hungry. When you are feeling weak, sit down and pray. Ask God to help you. Nothing is impossible for him. Just like Mary, you have to believe that you can do anything with God's help.

Prayer

Lord, give me wisdom to ask you for your help.

YEAR END GIVING...

Looking for a way to boost your charitable giving line item on your 1040 this year? Please, consider an extra donation to your parish. We are experiencing a considerable decline in weekly offertory contributions and will find it very difficult to meet our financial obligations and support the Academy in the future if this trend is to continue. Your generosity is always sincerely appreciated.

Have you considered including Sacred Heart of Jesus as a payee for your on-line banking? It's so easy!! Just make us one of your payees when you pay bills. Your bank and ours will take care of everything else.

If you don't do on-line banking ... or you don't do computers at all ... there is an option. Make a direct payment through the Credit Union. Please stop by the Parish Office or the Credit Union to pick up an application. Call **216.691.0242** or stop by the Credit Union any Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; or Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH ...

We are happy to welcome these newly registered parishioners:

Megan Casserlie

**Kirsten Gyerman,
Carmelina and Fernando Lallitto
and Nicole Laycock**

Raymond Pittock

Welcome



and **Avery Elizabeth Krebs**, daughter of Joseph and Kristie, who entered the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS.

A Benedictine nun writes: "We ask God to bless the faithful who made contributions in order to help us in our retirement."

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Here at Sacred Heart of Jesus, parishioners generously donated **\$2,544.63** to last week's collection. Many thanks on behalf of all the retired religious who will benefit from your gifts



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CAR DONATION PROGRAM ...

DONATE THAT OLD CAR TO THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.



By donating your used car, van, or pickup truck to the National SVDP Car Donation Program, you can avoid the hassles and headaches of trading it in or selling it yourself. Your vehicle will be sold, and the proceeds will be used by the SVDP in the Diocese of Cleveland in their charitable programs that assist the needy and suffering. You may also be eligible for a tax deduction.

To arrange a pick-up or for more information, call 1.800.322.8284 or visit www.svdpusacars.com.

SCHOOL NEWS ...

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, WILLIAM DiBACCO

Principal's Corner

As Advent draws to a close, we offer this prayer to you Almighty God, in thankfulness for the faith that opens our lives to Your Spirit:

Father, all powerful God, Your eternal Word took flesh on earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of Your plan.

Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit Who prepares us for His coming.

God of justice and mercy, as we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ, help us look into our own hearts.

Give us the wisdom to see the ways we can work for the Messiah, and the strength to carry that work into the everyday acts of our lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The Academy has Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20. Christmas vacation is Wednesday, December 21, through Monday, January 2, 2012.

Classes resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.

*Have a Safe & Blessed Christmas!!
Merry Christmas to All.*

Mr. Bill DiBacco, Principal

Parish Recycling Program

We're still collecting ... **PAPER ONLY**. Please bring your donations to the green recycling bins located between the gymnasium and the Credit Union building. Every donation contributes to our monetary return.



WATCH SPECIAL EWTN CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

Join EWTN Global Catholic Television Network in celebrating the birth of the Christ Child.

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Watch EWTN on *Time Warner Cable* channel #18, *DISH Network* channel #261 or *DIRECTV* channel #370. Program Schedules are available in the back of the Church. For more information, go to www.ewtn.com.

SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS EVE
WITH POPE BENEDICT FROM ST. PETER'S BASILICA
IN ROME – *LIVE* December 24, 4:00 p.m.; *ENCORE* on
December 25, 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

- ◆ SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS EVE
FROM THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, WASHINGTON, DC –
LIVE December 24, 10:30 p.m.
- ◆ URBI ET ORBI FROM ST. PETER'S SQUARE: THE POPE'S
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE & BLESSING TO THE WORLD –
LIVE December 25, 6:00 a.m.; *ENCORE* 10:00 p.m.;
December 28, 9:00 a.m., December 31 at 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY FROM THE
BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, WASHINGTON, DC –
LIVE December 25, 12:00 p.m.



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Remember to pray to your special Guardian Angel
to protect you from harm.