



WEEKLY MASS
SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 2 – First Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Norma Eckardt †
4:00 p.m.	For the People
SUNDAY, December 3	
9:00 a.m.	Saint Francis Xavier Society
11:30 a.m.	Celebrant Intention
MONDAY, December 4	
No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 5	
5:30 p.m.	Deceased of the Ralph N. Mann family †
WEDNESDAY, December 6	
5:30 p.m.	Celebrant Intention – Latin Mass/EF
THURSDAY, December 7	
<i>Saint Ambrose</i>	
5:30 p.m.	Bernard and Chantal Billet †
FRIDAY, December 8	
<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
8:15 a.m.	Robert Wood †
7:00 p.m.	Celebrant Intention
SATURDAY, December 9	
4:00 p.m.	John C. Marshman †
SUNDAY, December 10	
9:00 a.m.	For the People
11:30 a.m.	For first responders

Note: Confession is heard 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.
Coffee and doughnuts are served following the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF December 4th

- Scouts: Monday @ 6:30 p.m. – Specht Center
- Scouts: Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. – Specht Center
- Scouts: Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. Specht Center
- RCIA: Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. 2nd floor Burkley
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice: Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m. – Specht Center
- Scripture Study: Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. – 2nd floor Burkley

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saint Francis of Assisi Chapel: Tuesday-9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Saint Francis of Assisi Chapel: Wednesday-7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for December 9-10, 2017 (2nd Sunday of the Month)

Extraordinary Ministers are reminded to cleanse the vessels after each Mass

TIME	ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	SACRISTAN
4:00 P.M.	open	Joe Giannetti	Dave Mitchell	
	open	Sherri Hayes	Lori Mitchell	Amanda Walker
9:00 A.M.	Anthony Metnes	Don Metnes	Eileen Hoffman, Chris Thibaut, Shirley Thibaut	
	Anthony Nicola, Cael Shaw	Marge Smigelski	Mike Keebaugh, Maureen Keebaugh	Carla Shaw
11:30 A.M.	Emily Relli-Dempsey	Mike Hicks	Jennifer Larsen	
	open	Devin Russell	Anne Stewart	Suzi Foster

Prayers after Mass: following each Mass please kneel and prayer the following prayers: The Our Father, The Hail Mary, The Glory Be and the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel (see the back of your Missal for a copy of this prayer)

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: December 10 – Mike Chambers & Cecilia Reis **Pray for our men and women in uniform**

Collection counters for the 2nd Sunday of the month: Frances Melton and Beverly Walker

“SERMON ON THE AMOUNT”

“SERMON ON THE AMOUNT” – November 25-26, 2017

- Envelopes: \$1401.00
- Non- envelope donation: \$1720.00
- ECO donations: \$300.00 (weekly)
- Total offering: \$3421.00

Refresh them Lord, with your healing grace.

Please remember in your prayers:

Hospital, Nursing/Assisted Living facility:

Dick Zollner, Toni Neal, Willbert Neal, Ruth Neal, Barbara Sullivan

At home: Sharon Kirby, Mary Sailor, Barbara Sullivan, Carla Palkuti, Patricia Sauer, Dan Hogan, Gail Hirn, Karen Schlueb, Foday Kenneh, Albert Petrikas, Joel Rivera, Denise Gammell, Robert Ressa, Tammy Littler, Pat Quickert, Brett Anderson, Baby Ryan Shaw

*If you are admitted to a hospital St. Mary may not be notified.
Please ask a family member to call the parish office.*

SSCM PANTRY-ITEM FOR DECEMBER...the items needed for the month of December are **canned soup (all varieties)**. Please drop your donation off throughout the month. We will have a basket marked “food pantry” in the gymnasium for your donations.

BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

- December 9th: Lanning family, son, Carter
- December 17th: Ende family, daughter, Anya
- December 23rd: Nettis family, daughter, Louise

RCIA: The topic this week is Overview of the Sacrament. Are you interested in helping guide those inquiring about the Church as a sponsor, God parent or just interested in helping? Feel free to call Mike Keebaugh at 614-323-6715 or email mjk18@att.net.

ADOPT A FAMILY...will once again be providing toys and food for a number of families in our parish and school this Christmas. Please prayerfully consider participating this year and sharing the joy of Christmas with others. To participate, pick an “ornament” from the Christmas tree at the back of the church. Purchase the requested gift or gift card (Suggested gift amount is \$30 or less) and attach the “ornament” with the gift information to the gift. Please do not wrap the gift (gift bags are ok). Return to the Giving Tree no later than Sunday, December 10th.

SCRIPTURE STUDY...for the next 3-4 weeks Scripture study will focus on the readings from Advent. Classes will be held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. beginning this week.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ENVELOPE MAILING

We have had many inquiries regarding the delivery of the Nov/Dec contribution envelopes. Due to a vendor/postal problem envelopes were never mailed. Our envelope vendor resent the Nov/Dec envelopes via first class this past Monday. You should have received your envelopes by now. If you have not, please contact the parish office @ 614.445.9668.

Notes from the Pastor

In your charity please pray for Harry Koors (Mary Koors worked at St. Mary as a pastoral associate), Thelma Felkner (former St. Leo parishioner), Loren McBride (whose funeral was offered at St. Leo by Father Dury), and Dr. Hodges (father of the Rev. Father Robert Stephen Hodges, O.Praem.). May they rest in peace.

Here begins Advent! Copies of the Family Prayer Manual are available. It might be good to start the Liturgical year with a renewed sense of prayer.

This is Commitment Weekend. It is a critical time in the restoration of our church. Make it the gift of a lifetime so that St. Mary's can keep on giving.

This coming Friday is a Holy Day -- the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. The Thursday 5:30 p.m. Mass will be a vigil; the Masses on Friday will be at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Our Christmas Mass schedule is: Christmas Eve Day, Sunday, Dec. 24th, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. (Children's Mass), and Midnight. All Masses will be held in the gym. There will be a Midnight Mass at St. Leo in the Extraordinary Form. Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. in the gym.

The Lord be with you!
Father Kevin Lutz

From the Old Oak Tree. . .

I'm going to hibernate. I'm a bit tired, very old, and a little sick. I have asked a guest columnist to fill in for me for a while. Who is it?you may wonder. You'll have to come next Sunday to find out. Whew!

The Old Oak Tree

News Worthy Notes

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

On Dec 3rd come out and support the School and the Knights while taking in all the sights and sounds of German Village Lights. The tree sale will be open from 10am - 10pm. Snacks will be for sale to support our 8th grade class trip to Washington, DC. The Saint Mary Bell Choir (weather depending) will either be outside under a tent or inside the School Gymnasium from 4-6 pm. Either way warm your heart to the tones of the St. Mary Bell Choir!

2018 CALENDARS

The 2018 Catholic Heritage calendars provided by Maeder Quint are available in the back of Church under the table

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2018 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2018 Catholic Man of the Year. This annual award – to be presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Friday, February 2, 2018 at the Men's Luncheon - recognizes one lay man who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant". The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony. Nominations will be accepted through December 29th. For details, nomination instructions and the required nomination form, go to <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmoy>. Email the completed nomination form and up to five supporting testimonials to catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com.

SPECIAL COLLECTION....next weekend has been designated by the Diocese as a special collection weekend for the Retirement fund for Religious. This helps hundreds of religious communities provide for the current and future needs of senior members. Tens of thousands of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit from this fund. Please mark your donation accordingly.

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO THE 2018 SAINT MARY GALA & AUCTION!

The auction boasts hundreds of amazing items, baskets, services, trips, event tickets and so much more! But the committee cannot pull this off without donations from loyal supporters like you! While you are doing your Christmas shopping this year, consider purchasing an extra item and donating it to be placed up for bid at the gala's auction. Highly sought after items include the latest gadgets, attraction and event tickets, wine, spa services, fun and unique basket of goodies, gift certificates to just about anywhere, and of course we love our local goodies from right here in German Village! Feel free to show off your own business or that of someone you know! Donating to the auction is a great way to advertise, as all of our donors are listed in the event program and at various times on social media. Remember all donations to the gala are tax-deductible. To find out more visit: <https://stmarygv.ejoinme.org/gala2018>

"Grand Old Saint Mary's" - Father Burkley – Name Day
This time of the year brings back memories of one of the "Grand Old St. Mary's" traditions that seems to have disappeared. That tradition is the pastor's Name Day Celebration. A name day is the feast day of Saint you are named after. In the case of Father Burkley the feast of Saint Edmund was November 16. In 1933, the High School band performed a concert for Father Burkley after which he gave each band member a silver crucifix medal. Other years saw the student bodies of both the grade school and high school gather in the school hall for performances by each class, followed by the presentation of a purse and a spiritual bouquet to Father Burkley. "Happy Birthday" or more frequently, a special version of the "Bells of St. Mary's" usually followed the presentation of gifts. At the conclusion of the entertainment, Father Burkley would address the audience congratulating the performers and ending with the announcement of a free day for all.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

- **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**...The Columbus Maennerchor-Damenchor will present its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 404 South Third Street @ 4:00 p.m.
- **4-CLUB Ladies Auxiliary's Annual Children's Christmas party**, December 10th 2:00-4:00 p.m. Children 10 and under are invited. Parents need to sign up children in person at the Club.
- **Day of Recollection for Woman of the Diocese** – December 16th at Holy Family Catholic Church, 584 W. Broad St.
- **Catholic Women's Conference**-February 17, 2018
- **Catholic Men's Conference**-February 24, 2018

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER SOCIETY...will celebrate the 9:00 Mass this weekend, Dec. 3rd. Following Mass all are invited to the 4-S Club for breakfast and coffee.

UPDATES ON STATUS OF RESTORATION

To stay abreast of the ongoing progress of our Restoration please visit www.stmarygvcampaign.org

THANK YOU...to the Catholic Foundation for recent grants received to support our Senior Citizen trips and our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference.

SAINT MARY SCHOOL...is seeking Box Top\$ and Coke Reward codes to help purchase new rugs for our classrooms. To learn about these two programs visit btf.com and us.cocacola.com/give
Turn in deadline is December 15th.