



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 1 – First Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Gail Hirn †
4:00 p.m.	Diane Getz †
SUNDAY, December 2	
9:00 a.m.	Saint Francis Xavier Society
11:30 a.m.	For the People
MONDAY, December 3	
Saint Francis Xavier	
No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 4	
8:30 a.m.	Celebrant Intention - Latin Mass
5:30 p.m.	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY, December 5	
5:30 p.m.	Carl Noll † - Latin Mass
THURSDAY, December 6	
5:30 p.m.	For First Responders
FRIDAY, December 7 – First Friday	
Saint Ambrose	
8:30 a.m.	Edward Henry Gorman †
7:00 p.m.	For those who died defending our Freedom †
SATURDAY, December 8	
9:00 a.m.	Celebrant Intention
4:00 p.m.	For the People
SUNDAY, December 9	
9:00 a.m.	Diane Craft †
11:30 a.m.	Bernard Billet †

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

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Adoration: Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Chapel
RCIA: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Specht Center

BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

December 2: Jones family, son, Merritt
December 16: Noll family, daughter, Rayna
December 23: Hinkley family, son, Stewart

SERMON ON THE AMOUNT – November 24-25, 2018
Envelopes: \$2470.50
Non-envelope donation: \$680.00
ECO donations: \$300.00 (weekly)
Total offering: \$3450.50
Refresh them Lord, with your healing grace.
Please remember in your prayers:

Hospital, Nursing/Assisted Living facility:
Toni Neal, Brodie, Keith Russell, John Fetherolf, Maryann Hoblit-Prager, Ed Quickert

At home: Sharon Kirby, Mary Sailor, Carla Palkuti, Patricia Sauer, Dan Hogan, Karen Schueb, Foday Kenneh, Albert Petrikas, Joel Rivera, Denise Gammell, Robert Ressa, Tammy Littler, Brett Anderson, Shirley Thibaut, Dan Fandrey, Danny Campbell, Yvonne Brennan

*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 **toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc.)**. Please drop your donation off throughout the month. We will have a basket marked "food pantry" in the gymnasium for your donations. If you are interested in helping with this ministry... please contact Mary Kelly Minner at mkelly294@yahoo.com or cell: 614.404.0817.

ADORATION: HIS HOUR, YOUR HOUR

- What should I do during my hour of Adoration?
- Pray the Psalms or the Liturgy of the Hours
 - Recite the "Jesus Prayer": repeating "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner,"
 - Meditate using Scripture
 - Read the life of a saint and pray with him or her
 - Pour out your heart to Christ, adore Him, Speak to Him.
 - Ask for forgiveness and intercede for others.
 - Pray the Rosary...as Saint Pope John Paul II encourages.
 - Sit quietly and just "be" in the presence of God... try LISTENING to Him.
- "Can you not stay on hour with me?"

DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY

There are still gift request ornaments on our Adopt-a-family Christmas tree. Please consider buying a gift or two for families needing a little extra help this year. In the past everyone has been so generous and we thank you in advance for your generosity. God Bless
Please leave your **unwrapped gifts** under the tree or drop off at the office no later than December 14th so we can distribute to families before Christmas. Thank you and God Bless.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE: The annual Christmas tree sale is in full swing. Trees will be sold as long as they last. Volunteers are needed: weekdays from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and weekends from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Please contact the school office at 614.444.8944.

2019 CALENDARS: available on back table.

LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for DECEMBER 8-9, 2018 (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	Barbara Myers
9:00 A.M.	Anthony Metnes	Don Metnes	Eileen Hoffman	
	Anthony Nicola, Cael Shaw	Marge Smigelski	Shirley Thibaut	Carla Shaw
11:30 A.M.	open	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 9-Elizabeth & Zech Thompson **Pray for our men and women in uniform**

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

Notes from the Pastor

In your charity, please remember in prayer the soul of Sam Tornik, a devout Catholic who I brought into the Catholic Church back at Holy Family. He left his rosary wrapped around a picture of his sons. What a simple and sweet good-bye. His funeral was Wednesday at St. Brendan. May his good soul rest in peace.

Congratulations to our Ready High School Honor Roll Students: Freshman, Rebecca Daugherty, Sophomore Garrison Budd, and Senior Devin Beckner-Horn and Sophomore, Brooke Hilsheimer.

This is the First Sunday of Advent - yet another beginning from the hand of our merciful Lord. Advent is a penitential season, similar to Lent, but less on fasting and more on prayerful preparation for Christmas. It's a quiet time, and if there is anything our souls need more of it is quiet.

Christmas Trees for Sale - Please support St Mary School and get your tree here. Tell your neighbors. At least walk among them for a wonderful awakening of Christmas memories.

The Church will be open to the public at 7:15 p.m. this weekend at Village Lights. Be sure to stop in and see the beauty inside! All scaffolding is gone, the tripping hazards are removed from the floor, and the walls have their first coat of paint. Smelling salts will be available for the fainters. It looks great (see the picture below that recognizes the outstanding efforts of Corna Kokosing Construction).



Craftsmen: Kirt Baker, Jim Large, Dave Mathis and Kevin McCoy (not pictured, Don O'Neal) of Corna Kokosing Construction Co.

Winning Work: Structural steel frame at St. Mary's Church in German Village

The crew from Corna Kokosing Construction Co. is responsible for the meticulous structural renovation of the 152-year old St. Mary's Church in German Village. A combination of time and outdated construction practices caused the tops of the exterior masonry walls to heave outward, forcing the church to condemn the building until repairs could be made. To stabilize the building, 35-foot steel columns and 25-foot C Channels were tied into the masonry walls for support. Each column was crane lifted through a one square-foot opening in the roof, and guided from the scaffolding dance floor down to the column base. The column was then welded to the baseplate in the church basement. This is the first crew award for Corna Kokosing Construction Co.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Saturday, December 8th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Be sure to check the Mass schedule for the Feast Day Masses. The 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday is for the First Sunday of Advent. The only opportunities are at the vigil Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. These will be in English. A Latin Mass will be offered by Father Haddad at Sacred Heart, 893 Hamlet Street, at 11:00 a.m. Our Lady is patroness of the United States. Let us pray!

The landscaping out front is scheduled to begin next week. If you would like to rescue a rose bush or anything else growing in front of the church or the Burkley Center, please come and take your pick. The plants are dormant. Just plant and trim them back after replanting. I hate to see them get plowed under. Come and rescue. No appointment needed. Bring a shovel and a football player for the heavy lifting.

The Lord be with you!

Fr. Kevin LutZ

News Worthy Notes

JUBILEE MUSEUM CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

Visit the Jubilee Museum beginning this weekend through Jan. 6th for our annual Christmas display. 440+ Nativity scenes, Dickens Village, model train displays, lights, trees and so much more.

Christmas hours: Mon-Sat 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sun 1:00-4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS COAT DRIVE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH - MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

Our students wanted to find a way that they could lead the entire school in a Christmas service project. After submitting proposals, having in depth conversations, and voting on what would be most beneficial, they have decided we should have a coat drive. We are asking families to send in new or *gently used* coats. Families could also send in money in an envelope labeled "*Coat Drive Contribution*". We will be working with a shelter to find out what size coats they are in most need of and we will go purchase coats in those sizes with any funds collected. We will have a bin inside the front of the main school building where you can drop off coats. If you're sending in a donation for us to purchase the coats, you can give the envelope to the office or your child's teacher and Mrs. Barber or myself will make sure to collect it. ***If you are sending in a gently used coat, please make sure it is in good condition. We want to make sure anyone receiving these coats is getting a warm coat that looks and feels new.***

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS: This coming Thursday, December 6th, is the Feast of St. Nicholas. Every family needs to be familiar with the story of this dear man. He was a Christian Priest who later became a Bishop in the fourth century. He became rich at the time of his parent's death and secretly gave his money to the poor. Legend has it that he dropped a small bag of gold down the chimney of a poor family and that it landed in a stocking that had been left by the chimney to dry...this evolved into the lore of "hanging a stocking by the chimney with care." Real gold was replaced in modern times with small gold oranges or little presents. Nicholas continued his secret gift giving until the time of his death. The rest is history. By the 1400's, St. Nicholas was the most celebrated religious figure after the Holy Family. In the 1500's, people started the practice of giving gifts on the birthday of Jesus. St. Nicholas' popularity continued and people in Europe made up stories that focused on his love and concern for children. The name Santa Claus was derived from the Dutch "Sister Klass" pronunciation of the name St. Nicholas. This soon after became Santa Klaus which ultimately evolved to be Santa Claus. Now, you know how it all began.

VILLAGE LIGHTS EVENT IN ST. MARY CHURCH, SUNDAY

DECEMBER 2: All are welcome to attend a program in St. Mary Church featuring the Bell Choir and a choral group (including parish singers) performing Christmas music, during the annual Village Lights celebration. Church front doors will open at 7:15 p.m. with a concert at 7:30. Our two oil paintings above the side altars are now uncovered, the original pulpit is reinstalled, and one (or perhaps two!) of the stained glass windows will be reinstalled by this time (see Father's comments). Only a few chairs and pews will be set up for those with special needs, so it will be "standing room only" for the concert. The church parking lot will NOT be available, so please plan to walk or "uber." The concert will be preceded by an invitation-only reception from 5-7 for major donors to the Capital Campaign. Parishioners who are major donors have received your invitations and more than half of you will be attending! Please enter through the Sacristy (unless you need the elevator, in which case Burkley Center will be open). Thank you for your response! We are honoring and thanking **YOU** at this event! This will be a very special evening for all -- a night to celebrate and give thanks that together we have reached a major milestone in our historic renovation

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL: We are nearly to our goal of 7.5M -- once we can collect all the matching funds! So, we are still hoping, praying and asking for additional gifts. For every dollar given, we can also receive another half dollar, so a gift of \$5,000 puts \$7,500 into the campaign. We are on schedule to open the church during Lent, perhaps even by the first Sunday of Lent! Additional funds are needed, over and above the \$7.5M for work that was not anticipated at that point. For example, the church front steps are in much worse shape than was thought, and desperately needed new sidewalks were not in the \$7.5M goal. We are well on our way to restoring and beautifying our church, Specht Center, and grounds! What a blessing for our parish and for the whole Catholic community, for German Village, and for the entire central city of Columbus. **THANK YOU** to all parishioners who are part of this historic achievement!