



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, December 15
4:00 p.m.	David Urbanek †
	SUNDAY, December 16
9:00 a.m.	Cierra Colston †
11:30 a.m.	For the People
	MONDAY, December 17
	No Mass
	TUESDAY, December 18
8:30 a.m.	Patricia O'Neil † - Latin Mass
5:30 p.m.	Living/deceased of the Gammell-Miller families
	WEDNESDAY, December 19
5:30 p.m.	Carl Noll † - Latin Mass
	THURSDAY, December 20
5:30 p.m.	Celebrant Intention
	FRIDAY, December 21
8:30 a.m.	No Mass
	SATURDAY, December 22
4:00 p.m.	Dick Ryan †
	SUNDAY, December 23
9:00 a.m.	Leo Thurn †
11:30 a.m.	For the People

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

BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

December 16: Noll family, daughter, Rayna
 December 23: Hinkley family, son, Stewart
 December 29: Herrera/Plata family, daughter, Martina

SERMON ON THE AMOUNT – December 8-9, 2018
 Envelopes: \$2361.50
 Non-envelope donation: \$2076.64
 ECO donations: \$300.00 (weekly)
 Total offering: \$4738.14
Refresh them Lord, with your healing grace.
Please remember in your prayers:

Hospital, Nursing/Assisted Living facility:
 Toni Neal, John Fetherolf, Maryann Hoblit-Prager,
At home: Sharon Kirby, Mary Sailor, Carla Palkuti, Patricia Sauer,
 Dan Hogan, Karen Schluab, Foday Kenneh, Albert Petrikas, Joel Rivera,
 Denise Gammell, Robert Ressa, Tammy Littler, Brett Anderson,
 Shirley Thibaut, Dan Fandrey, Danny Campbell, Yvonne Brennan,
 Mike Wilson, Ed Quickert

*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

There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of Adoration. (Blessed Pope John Paul XXIII)
 "Can you not stay on hour with me?"

ADORATION SCHEDULE

This Tuesday will be the last Tuesday for Adoration until the New Year. Adoration will be held on Dec. 18th as usual but will be suspended on Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st. We will resume Tuesday Adoration on Jan. 8th.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's Adopt-a-Family program. Through your generosity the spirit of Christmas will touch the lives of 17 families within our Saint Mary community. We will begin distribution this coming week. If you have a gift that you still need to deliver please drop it off at the parish office.

JUBILEE MUSEUM CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

Visit the Jubilee Museum throughout the Advent/Christmas season up through Jan. 6th for the 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. Visit jubileemuseum.org

LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for DECEMBER 15-16, 2018 (3rd 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	John LaMotte	Carol Rees	
	open	John Rees	Chris Hilles	Barbara Myers
9:00 A.M.	Andrew Grosko	Rick Driscoll	Sheila Naegele, Carolyn Redwood	
	open	Chip Hirn	Trevor Richards, Mary Wickham	Mark Grosko
11:30 A.M.	Anna Lynch	Chris Bartony	Ann Anderson	
	open	Jim Wiley	open	open

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 23 – Knights of Columbus **Pray for our men and women in uniform**

Collection counters for the 3rd Sunday of the month: Frances Melton and Lin Duren

Notes from the Pastor

In your charity, please remember Anthony Pulsinetti and John A Connor II and all who have died this past week. May they rest and peace.

This is already the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday -- It is celebrated in anticipation of the Joy of Christmas that is coming soon. The rose colored vestments are a sign of that joy.

I am still writing **Thank You** notes for my Fortieth Anniversary. There are close to two hundred cards and gifts to be acknowledged and I am only half way there. If you don't receive a Thank you before Christmas rest assured it will be on its way shortly. There are about ten cards that had cash in them and several were signed with just a first name and no address. I can't write a personal note, since I am not sure who it is, but thanks to Bill, Dave, Lynn and "God bless you" followed by *illegible*. Thank you for your kindness. The memories of that day are never to be forgotten.

Ladies Auxiliary of Saint Cyprian Court #298 gave pencils to our student with the message "We are praying for you". This gift came through the efforts of Amanda Walker, our 11:30 choir director.

In keeping with the spirit of Advent - preparation for Christmas - consider making a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Many, many requests are made at this time of year. 100% of all donations to St. Vincent de Paul goes toward works of charity. Just put it in an envelope and mark it St. Vincent De Paul. God reward you!

Another reminder to visit the Nativity Scenes displayed at the Jubilee Museum - 57 South Grubb Street - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mon. through Sat. and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you are having trouble getting into the spiritual mode of Christmas -- THIS WILL DO THE TRICK.

The Lord be with you!

Fr. Kevin Lutz

News Worthy Notes

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A concert of Christmas choral music will be held this Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul's UCC Church, 225 E Gates Street. The following singing societies will be performing: The Germania Gesangverein, the Columbus Swiss Singers, and the Mendelssohn Liedertafel, under the direction of Bill Antoniak, St. Mary's organist and 9:00 a.m. choir director. Each chorus will sing several pieces and all the choirs will sing together at the end. A free will offering to benefit the Southside Community Ministries Food Pantry will be collected.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Help us to decorate the gym with decorations to celebrate Christmas after the 11:30 Mass on December 23. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to come and share in this community project.

REMINDER: As we approach the end of the year please remember to alert the parish office of any changes to your address or phone number so that we can update your parish record prior to mailing year end statements.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONATIONS/PLEDGE PAYMENTS

If you drop your Capital Campaign payment in the offertory collection baskets please mark it clearly for Capital Campaign. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

CHRISTMAS: The parish office will close Thursday at mid-day and will remain closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the week of Christmas. We will return to regular hours on Thursday, December 27th.

NEW YEAR: The following week the office will close on Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and 2 and will reopen for regular hours on Jan. 3.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

- Dec. 24th: 4:00 p.m. – gym
- Dec. 24th: 10:00 p.m. Latin Mass at Sacred Heart, 893 Hamlet Street
- Dec. 24-25: Midnight Mass at Saint Leo
- Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. – gym
- New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m. – gym

"Grand Old Saint Mary's"

Assistant Pastor and War Hero – Father William F. Patterson
Father Patterson was Assistant pastor at St. Mary's from 1951 to 1953. He was born May 22, 1922 and grew up in Cleveland. Father Patterson was a World War II veteran. He was drafted in 1941 and served in the US Army 202nd Combat MP's in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Father Patterson received five campaign stars for his service. He attended John Carroll University and graduated from St. Charles Seminary where he received his BA and he studied for the priesthood at St. Mary Seminary, Cincinnati. Father Patterson was ordained by Bishop Ready on May 26, 1951, in the same group with a St. Mary's Priest in Residence Father Art Dimond. He started his priestly career as Assistant at St. Mary's, Chillicothe, LaRue, and Crooksville, and as Pastor at Columbus St. Gabriel and St. Monica in New Boston and taught at Marion Catholic High School. Father Patterson was appointed Chaplain of the Federal Reformatory in Chillicothe in 1960. In 1961, Father Patterson received the Saint Dismas Award by the American Catholic Correctional Chaplains Association. Unfortunately, he was not present, as the 70-year-old priest had shattered his hip in a student-faculty basketball game. From an altar boys perspective, Father Patterson was not easy to get close to. We attributed his nervous attitude to "shell shock" which today would be PTSD. We knew he had served in WWII. He also had an Army Jeep as his transportation. The scariest part for us servers was the times we accompanied him to the Workhouse on Jackson Pike. When the iron doors closed behind you and you were faced with men clad in prison garb a chill went up your spine. Father Patterson was another of those holy men who served St. Mary so well. Mother of Good Counsel, Pray for us. Pray for vocations.

SAVE THE DATE ALERT

The 2019 Saint Mary Gala will be held on Saturday, February 16th.

Prayer is almost as much a mystery as God. Prayer always seems to be more than the words we use to describe it or the ways in which we understand it. Prayer is as old as the human family, stretching all the way back to the fall of Adam and Eve. Prior to disobeying God, our first parents lived in friendship with him. The intimacy they shared precluded the need for prayer. Their sin, however, produced a chasm between themselves and God. Because God created them to share his life, the desire for him not only remained, it also intensified. St. Augustine describes this as a restlessness within the human heart that can only be satisfied by resting in God. We can say, therefore, that prayer is the action that enables communication between that which is human and that which is divine.

—from Prayer Everywhere: The Spiritual Life Made Simple