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Anointing of the Sick – In case of serious illness or before surgery, please call **Fr. McNew**, at the Parish Office at **614-879-8562**.

Marriage – Couples intending to marry must meet with **Fr. McNew** at least six months (preferably earlier) prior to the desired wedding date.

Communion Calls – Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the Parish Office so that Holy Communion may be brought to their homes. Please notify the Parish Office when someone is in the hospital.

Sacrament of Penance
 Saturday 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Rosary Makers 614-878-2578
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Parish Membership consists of **two** parts:

Registration: Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic Community and a commitment to the life of the parish family.
*We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioners' standings. We can only do this if a person is a **registered, active and contributing** member in our parish.*

Participation: As a member of the Parish, you are accepting the responsibility of **weekly worship** as well as supporting God's work here **through giving of yourself, your time and talents**, and a **worthy Sunday offering** to show your love for God and your gratitude for His many favors and blessings.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL	4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MASS	9:00 A.M.
	6:00 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

See Inside Bulletin for Mass Schedule.

ST. JUDE DEVOTIONS

Following Wednesday Morning Mass

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday December 2 ❖ **Vigil**
 4:00 p.m. † Michael Photakis (George & Patty Photakis)

Sunday, December 3 ❖ **First Sunday of Advent**
 9:00 a.m. Corporate Communion
 (Knights of Columbus Council 11224)
 6:00 p.m. Parish Family
 – Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9

Monday, December 4 ❖ **Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
 NO Mass
 – Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5 ❖ **Advent Weekday**
 6:00 p.m. † Zane Beathard (Kay Carter Reed)
 – Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6 ❖ **Saint Nicholas, Bishop**
 8:30 a.m. † Jeanie Schreck (Dave & Kay Beattie)
 – Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7 ❖ **Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
 8:30 a.m. † Andy Pelham (Betty Pelham)
 Vigil 6:00 p.m. † Jeanie Schreck (Dave & Marilyn Eberhart)
 – Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8 ❖ **The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary**
 8:30 a.m. † Winnie Young (Jim & Jerinel Maynard)
 – Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9 ❖ **Vigil**
 4:00 p.m. † Fred & Don Cowgill (Shirley Cowgill)

Sunday, December 10 ❖ **Second Sunday of Advent**
 9:00 a.m. † Bill & Helen Bergman & Family (William Nichols)
 6:00 p.m. Parish Family
 – Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

† = Deceased

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 10, 2023	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Altar Server	C. McAnespie	M. Covert	D. Galore
	C. Thorpe	I. Humbert	C. Harey
	L. Thorpe	A. Jones	C. Miller
		L. Long	
		B. Weeks	
Lectors	M. Thorpe	K. Williams	W. Pickens
	A. Cwiekalo	P. Loose	D. Palatas
Ushers	M. Eberhart	J. Berchtold	VOLUNTEER
	R. Fitch	S. Hofinger	VOLUNTEER
	D. Humphrey	J. Hofinger	
	G. Humphrey	M. O'Reily	
EMOHC	J. Scofield	L. O'Reilly	D. Adamczak
	R. Cwiekalo	G. Courtney	L. Sanders
	M. Mesewicz	A. Moran	
	E. Schumaker	R. Polletta	
Sacristan	B. Schneider	VOLUNTEER	

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday
MASS ATTENDANCE – 422
Thanksgiving Mass – 96



EVERY TUESDAY: Eucharistic Holy Hour starting at 5:00 p.m. with Confessions. Mass to follow at 6:00 p.m.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 2 EMHOC Training after 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 3 Altar Server Training, 10:00 a.m.
 Women's Guild Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.
 PSR, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
 Youth Group Tour at the Cathedral, 1:50 p.m.
 (See details in bulletin)
 EMHOC Training, after 6:00 p.m. Mass
 Confirmation Class, 7:00 p.m.
The Chosen, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 4 Last Call Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5 Holy Hour, 5:00 p.m.
 Mass, 6:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6 RCIA, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 7 Rosary, Mary Garden, 6:00 p.m.
 Vigil Mass, Immaculate Conception, 6:00 p.m.
 Walking With Purpose, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 8 Mass, Immaculate Conception, 8:30 a.m.
 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 9 Ushers Training after 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 10 Altar Server Training, 10:00 a.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.
 PSR, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
 Children's Choir, 10:20 a.m.
 Usher Training after 6:00 p.m. Mass
 Assembly of Blessing Bags following Mass (Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.)
 Confirmation Class, 7:00 p.m.
The Chosen, 7:00 p.m.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This week to the following parishioners:

Scott Eakins	Collin Shipley	Alexander Vidourek
Carol Hannagan	Elijah Smith	Brenda Carroll
Heather Feliks	Alec Wendel	Sophiah Webb
Shannon Weiner	Chong Jenson	Beth Pierron
David Dailey	Theresa Daugherty	Terri Cooper
Shawn Johnson	Matthew Scelza	Zoe Hiss
Mark Mandel	Robyn Bubenchik	David Wheatley

THIS WEEKEND, OUR FEATURED ADVERTISER IS
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REST IN PEACE! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the families and friends of:

Michael McGunnigle, who died on **November 18, 2023**. Michael is the father of parishioners **Kate** and **Michael Berry**, grandfather of **Sean, Erin** and **Ryan Berry**. The family is being served by **Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford, CT, December 28, 2023**.

Eva Jane Gallagher, who died **November 26, 2023**. Jane is the mother of parishioner **Dr. Teena Gallagher, OFS**. A Funeral Mass was celebrated here at **Ss. Simon and Jude** on **Thursday, November 30, 2023** with **Father Dwayne McNew** as celebrant and concelebrants **Fr. Bob Kitsmiller, Fr. Mark Ghiloni** and **Fr. Joe Yokum**.



HOLY DAY DECEMBER 8 – THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY: In 1846, at the **First Council of Baltimore**, the **Bishops of the United States** chose the **Blessed Virgin Mary**; under the title, this feast day has special significance for us. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There is a special collection in your envelopes designated for this feast day. We will have two Masses, **Vigil Mass, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.** and on **December 8 at 8:30 a.m.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: There will be a Special Collection for **Christmas Flowers** this weekend **December 3**. Please give in memory or honor of the special people in your life.

SUPPORT RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: “Religious are blessed to serve,” says **Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben**, age **90**. Please donate to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly **25,000** senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

ADVERTISING IN OUR BULLETIN: **Ss. Simon and Jude** is looking for anyone within our parish who would like to advertise on the back cover of our bulletin. These advertisers pay for our bulletin being printed weekly and we could use your help with the additional advertising. As a result of our growing parish, we need to increase the size of our bulletin. We feature an advertiser each week in our bulletin. *Thank you!*



THE ADVENT GIVING TREE: Each year, we have an opportunity to share some of our **Christmas** joy with those in need by giving gifts. Starting next weekend, the **Advent Giving Tree** will have ornaments listing specific items to be purchased for the following places: **Madison County Family Services, West Jefferson Fire Department, Arbors Nursing Home in West Jefferson, and Lifepointe Family Center, London**. Please take an ornament, purchase the item needed, and return to the church no later than **December 9-10**. Please **DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT**, because the organizations need to know what has been donated. If you have questions, contact **Marilyn Eberhart** at **614-879-7196** or **Marge Berchtold** at **614-879-9236**.

THE CHOSEN VIEWING will resume this **Sunday, December 3** following the **Sunday, 6:00 p.m. Mass**.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY: For the month of **December**, we will collect cold-weather drinks: *coffee, tea, and hot chocolate*.

OUR WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE ends this weekend. We received close to forty new children’s coats for the **St. Francis Center** in **Vinton County** and many gently-used donations for **St. Vincent de Paul**. Thank-you to **Dan and Gloria Humphrey** and the **Knights of Columbus** for leading this project. Bless all of you for your generosity!

THE WOMEN’S GUILD: will meet this **Sunday, December 3, 10:00 a.m.** in the **Social Hall**. There are several upcoming events the group is involved with and could use your help. All women of the Parish are invited!

“NATIVITY SET DISPLAY”: We are seeking the loan of any **Nativity** sets or other **Christmas** artwork that you may have, but are not using yourself this year, to decorate the social hall. Your items may be left in the social hall on the marked table by next weekend, **December 9 and 10**. We will be setting up next Sunday after the **9:00 a.m. Mass** and invite you to help us set up your own display. Maybe this can be the start of a new joyful tradition for you and your children! All are welcome. Questions, contact **Karen Buzenski** at kbuzenski@yahoo.com or **Linda Collins** at **614-879-9186**.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

YOUTH GROUP TOUR at the **Catholic Museum** at **2:00 p.m. at 257 East Broad Street, Columbus**. Meet there at **1:50 p.m.** to join us for the tour of Nativity Scenes from around the world- close to **500** different scenes! Cost is **\$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults**. The tour will last an hour and all are welcome to come! **MEET THERE!** Limited parking spaces in front of the museum and additional parking in the **Cathedral** lot. This tour takes the place of our normal **Sunday** evening meeting.

BLESSING BAG PACK will be **December 10** after the **6:00 p.m. Mass**. We are still in need of *slim jims, fruit strips, small notebooks, deodorant, hand warmers, and large sized socks*. Come help make encouragement cards, make food packs, and assemble our first **200** bags for those in need! Pizza provided by the **Knights of Columbus**.

LIVE NATIVITY CELEBRATION will be on **Sunday, December 17** following the **6:00 p.m. Mass**. The evening will include a cookies and cocoa reception in the **Social Hall** and the Narration of the Christmas story by our **Youth Group and Confirmation Class**. This is a beautiful evening of fellowship and a great way to reflect on the true meaning of **Christmas**. All are welcome!



CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB: There is no Book Club meeting in **December**. In **January**, we will read and discuss “**Racial Justice and the Catholic Church**” by **Bryan N. Massingale**. Discussion night will be **January 23 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Faith and Family Life Center**. Great suggestion from one of our book club group members – put the remainder of the books from the Catholic Book Club on your **Christmas** wish list!



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: As we enter into the season of Advent, we are all called to prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus with weekly themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Our November Catholic Book Club book “**13 Powerful Ways to Pray**” suggested Adoration as one way to pray. Here are six reasons why according to author **Fr. Eamon Tobin**:

1. It is an act of generosity which makes us a little more like our generous God. Too many of us are stingy with our time when it comes to the most important relationship in life.
2. It is not only good for us spiritually; it is also good for our mental, emotional, and physical well-being.
3. It gives us a great opportunity to spend quality time reading God’s Word or some other good spiritual book.
4. It is a way to just hang out with the One who knows us best and loves us most – the One who paid the ultimate price for our salvation.
5. It is a wonderful way to spend time thinking and praying about our lives, relationships, and anxieties. It also gives us the opportunity to pray for our family, our country, and many global issues.
6. It is a wonderful preparation for heaven. If we are reluctant to waste time with Jesus here on earth, what do we think it will be like to spend eternity with Him?

Save the date for First Friday Adoration on January 5, 2024 – it will be a great way to start the New Year!

PRAY FOR PRIESTS:

Fr. Michael Lumpe, Worthington, St. Michael
 Fr. Michael Nimocks
 Michael Rhatican, Seminarian
 Fr. Michael Trainor, OP Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse
 Fr. Michael Watson
 Msgr. A. Anthony Frecker
 Msgr. Anthony Missimi

CONGRATULATIONS! to staff members, **Bill and Jan Weeks**, who have decided to retire (for the second time) at the start of 2024. As they begin this new chapter of life, we begin the search for a new **part-time Secretary and part-time Maintenance** personnel. Fr. McNew is working up job descriptions but if you are interested in applying for either position, please see **Fr. McNew** after Mass.

STEWARDSHIP			
<i>(July 1 to June 30 Fiscal Year, Reported Monthly)</i>			
November (5 Months)			
	Month	YTD	Prior YTD
Offertory Gifts / Holy Day Gifts	\$ 33,338	\$ 177,514	\$ 169,896
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