

CHRISTMAS 2023

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday December 30 ❖ Vigil of
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
4:00 p.m. † Deceased Members of The Kavanagh Family
(Eileen Schumaker)

**Sunday, December 31 ❖
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
9:00 a.m. Parish Family
6:00 p.m. † Rev. Ernest Hepner (Laura Sanders)
- Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22, 39-40

**Monday, January 1 ❖
The Octave Day of The Nativity of The Lord
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
World Day of Prayer for Peace**
10:00 a.m. † Charlene Casey (Pat & Victoria Capretta)
- Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday, January 2 ❖ Saint Basil the Great &
Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors**
6:00 p.m. NO Mass
- 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3 ❖ The Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:30 a.m. † Nell & Attilio Nenni (Jim & Jerinel Maynard)
- 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4 ❖ Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:30 a.m. † John Canney Jr. (Keith & Linda Collins)
- 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Friday, January 5 ❖ Saint John Neumann, Bishop
8:30 a.m. † Cliff Saul (Charlene Saul)
- 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6 ❖ Vigil
4:00 p.m. † Antonio Polletta (Italia Ciotola) (Yes)

Sunday, January 7 ❖ The Epiphany of The Lord
9:00 a.m. † Kerry Schlaechfer Smith & Family
(Eric & Christy Conklin)
6:00 p.m. Parish Family
- Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

† = Deceased

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 31 Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Mass, 9:00 a.m.
Solemnity of Mary
The Holy Mother of God
Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.
NO PSR (NO CLW)/
NO Youth Group/
NO Confirmation Class

Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God,
Mass, 10:00 am.
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2 NO Holy Hour, 5:00 p.m.
NO Mass, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 3 RCIA, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 5 First Friday Adoration,
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 6 The Epiphany of The Lord
Vigil Mass, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 7 The Epiphany of The Lord
Mass, 9:00 a.m.
The Women's Guild Meeting,
10:00 a.m.
PSR, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
The Epiphany of The Lord Mass,
6:00 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 7:00 p.m.

Third Sunday of Advent Sunday
MASS ATTENDANCE: 573

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Totals
MASS ATTENDANCE: 1,027



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This week to the following parishioners:

Molly Wendel **Larry Reichard** **Jody Schroeder**
Marge Berchtold **James McCormick** **Michelle Neuhausel**
Allison Haskins **Nathan Ungerott** **Robert Wright**
Karen Hirsch **Keaton Smith** **Carlynn Thomas**
Mary Buehl **Mollie Hiss** **Jonathan Laney**

THIS WEEKEND, OUR FEATURED ADVERTISER IS
Dwyer Insurance Agency

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER REMEMBRANCE has
been given by **William and Helen Shinn.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 7, 2024	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Altar Server	C. McAnespie	A. Covert	K. Dulin
	C. Thorpe	M. Covert	D. Galore
	L. Thorpe	E. Jones	C. Miller
Lectors	Haskins	S. Gruz	A. Knapke
	M. Thorpe	W. Pickens	K. Williams
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	G. Humphrey	R. Patton	
	G. Palatas	B. Weeks	
EMOHC	M. Eberhart	M. Mesewicz	VOLUNTEER
	J. Banaag	B. Creeger	VOLUNTEER
	L. Sanders	J. Maynard	
	J. Scofield	K. Beattie	
Sacristan	B. Schneider	A. Penquite	



SAVE THE DATE! The **American Red Cross** will conduct a Blood Drive here on **Tuesday, January 16**, from **1:00-7:00 p.m.** in the **Social Hall**. Please give the gift of life! The need is great! Scheduled appointments are preferred as ability to take walk-in appointments are limited. To schedule an appointment, go to <http://www.redcrossblood.org>. Sponsor code: StsSimon or contact **Kay Beattie** at **614-619-2108**. **THANK YOU!**

PSR, YOUTH GROUP, and CONFIRMATION classes are still on break. **PSR and Confirmation Classes** will resume on **Sunday, January 7**. **Youth Group** will resume with a Bowling afternoon on **Sunday, January 14!**

THANK YOU to all who participated in the LIVE NATIVITY. We had a great team effort with stage crew, social fellowship, and the behind-the-scenes work in addition to a wonderful job by our **Youth Group and Confirmation Class** cast and our **Young Adult Cantors**. This annual event brings joy to so many and we are thankful for the help of all of those who make it possible!

CONFIRMATION: Don't forget that our **Confirmation Retreat** will be held on **January 20** at **St. Joseph, Plain City PAC** from **9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** (includes Mass). This retreat is given by the **National Evangelist Team (NET)** of young adults and is always a great day for the young people to have time to pray, learn, and open their hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit. We have had this date on our calendar since the beginning of the year so it is expected that all attend. Email **Katie Jones** or **Amy Knapke** with questions or concerns.

YES, WE RECYCLE! Following the advice of Pope Francis, we should all try to reduce, reuse, and recycle many material items to be good stewards of the Earth. No Calendars please. All year long, look for specially marked areas on top of or under the counter in the **Gathering Space**:

- Christmas cards.
- Pop tabs for the support of the Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital.
- Religious items to be included in shipments by our Rosary Makers, like holy cards, small booklets, medals, etc.
- Plastic lids for our outdoor benches.
- Paper and plastic grocery bags in wooden bins.
- Wrapped plastic eating utensils are needed by Help House in London for their carry-out meals to the needy. Place them in the wooden bins, also.
- Used ink cartridges.

BLESSING BAGS: Pick up a Blessing Bag in the church entrances to keep in your car and if you see someone in need, you can be a blessing to them! Especially in these cold winter months, we can serve those around us in this very practical and meaningful way!



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:

January 5, 2024 from **9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** We invite you to spend some time in Adoration as we begin the New Year! Sign up for a time in the weekly **Flocknote** or on the clipboard in the **Gathering Space**. People typically sign up for **1 hour**, but **ALL ARE WELCOME** any time! If you have any questions, or if you have never attended Adoration and would like to know more about it, please contact **Bonnie Creeger** at bcreeger@stsimonjude.org.

THANK YOU! **Father Dwayne** would like to thank everyone who helped decorate the church for **Christmas** this year.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

Monday, January 1, 2024.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD will meet next **Sunday, January 7, 2024** in the **Social Hall**. All women of the parish are invited to attend! We could use your help as we move forward into the new year!

THE GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY item for **January** is any kind of **jelly** or **jam**. We have plenty of peanut butter, but have distributed all jelly that we collected last summer and it's a popular item. We ask each family to donate at least one jar during the month.

2024 ENVELOPES: **EFT** recipients should have received special collection envelopes for the **first half of 2024** through the mail. **Non-EFT** users should have received their **January envelopes**. If you have not received them, please call the Parish Office so that we can certify your mailing address. Anyone interested in signing up for online giving can do so by going to www.stsimonjude.org.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS:

Fr. Paul Noble, Columbus St. Andrew; Chaplain, Bishop Watterson High School

Fr. Peter Fegan, OP; Pontifical College Josephinum

Fr. Peter Gideon, Scioto Catholic

Fr. Milton Kiocha, AJ, Reynoldsburg, St. Pius X

Fr. Ramon Owera, Columbus, Holy Rosary – St. John & St. Dominic Ray Duffy, Seminarian

Fr. Richard Metzger

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY:

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



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