

CHRISTMAS 2023

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 6** ❖ **Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord**

4:00 p.m. † Antonio Polletta (Italia Ciotola)

**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

**Monday, January 8** ❖ **The Baptism of the Lord**

NO Mass

-Is 55:1-11; or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday, January 9** ❖ **First Week in Ordinary Time**

6:00 p.m. Daniel Shea (First Holy Communion)  
Deacon Joe & Amy Knapke

-1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 10** ❖ **Weekday**

8:30 a.m. † Jane Gallagher (George & Patty Photakis)

- 1 Sm 3:1-10; 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 11** ❖ **Weekday**

8:30 a.m. † John Cron

- 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday, January 12** ❖ **Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys**

8:30 a.m. † Anne Devaney (Keith & Linda Collins)

- 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 13** ❖ **Vigil**

4:00 p.m. † Sheila Nelson (Matt & Val Huffman)

**Sunday, January 14** ❖ **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Kaila Megan Collins (Gary & Barb Heiman)

6:00 p.m. Parish Family

-1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

† = Deceased

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Mass Attendance: 430

**The Solemnity of Mary**  
Mass attendance: 177



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



This week to the following parishioners:

- |                 |                  |                 |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Karen Elsass    | Lahni Stachler   | Kaiden Howard   |
| Helen Korson    | Joseph Thompson  | Milo Segovia    |
| Teena Gallagher | Daniel Rodriguez | Yesenia Cortes  |
| Dakoda Cline    | Robert Orr       | Angela Penquite |
| Rebecca Harey   | Isabella Brooks  | Calvin Dawson   |

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

**THE LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE** for next weekend is not available at this time. An email will be sent to you directly. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

**ATTENTION, MONEY COUNTERS:** Please plan to attend a get-together on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024** after morning Mass. We will meet in the library. Hope to see you there! – **Betsy Daulton**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sunday, January 7**  
The Epiphany of the Lord, Mass/  
CLW 9:00 a.m.  
Women's Meeting, 10:00 a.m.  
PSR, 10:15-11:15 a.m.  
The Epiphany of The Lord Mass,  
6:00 p.m.  
Youth Group/Confirmation, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 9**  
Holy Hour, 5:00 p.m.  
Mass, 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 10**  
RCIA, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 11**  
K of C Officer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Walking with Purpose, 7:00 p.m.  
(Babysitting provided)
- Friday, January 12**  
Parish Office Closed
- Saturday, January 13**  
Vigil Mass, 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, January 14**  
Mass, 9:00 a.m.  
The Women's Guild Meeting, 10:00 a.m.  
PSR, 10:15-11:15 a.m.  
Youth Group Bowling Ten Pin, 2:00 p.m.  
Mass, 6:00 p.m.  
Confirmation Class, 7:00 p.m.

**WELCOME, NEW PARISH STAFF:** **Betsy Daulton** as our new Administrative Assistant. If you have any questions regarding your monthly envelopes or EFT envelopes and any census updates for you or your family members, please give her a call or email her at [bdaulton@stsimonjude.org](mailto:bdaulton@stsimonjude.org); she will be glad to help you. **Eric Conklin** will be filling in as our intermittent Maintenance person. Please welcome them both to their new positions here at Ss. Simon and Jude.

**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: Stsimon or contact **Kay Beattie** at **614-619-2108**. THANK YOU!

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Ss. Simon and Jude Council 11224** is having its **11th Annual Euchre Party**. The Euchre party will be held at **Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church** in the **Social Hall**. The Euchre party will follow the **4:00 p.m.** Mass on **Saturday, February 3, 2024**. The admission will be **\$20.00**. Come and have fun but don't get **Euchrrrrrrrrred!!!!**

**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 last year so it is expected to all attend. Email **Katie Jones** or **Amy Knapke** with questions or concerns.



**THE BLESSING**

Lord Jesus Christ,

*the three magi presented their gifts to You in praise and adoration:  
grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities  
to Your greater glory.*

We pray

**“Our Father, Who art in Heaven...”**

*You revealed Your only begotten Son  
to every nation by the guidance of a star.*

*Bless this house and all who inhabit it.*

*Fill them with the light of Christ,*

*That their concern for others*

*May reflect Your love.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord.*

Amen.

**THE BLESSING OF HOMES**

The custom of blessing homes on Epiphany developed because the feast commemorates the time that the Three Magi visited the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Traditionally, after the blessing, the initials of their names were written in chalk on the lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters and crosses will read as follows:

20+C+M+B+24

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the **Caspar**, **Melchior**, and **Balthasar**. They also abbreviate the Latin words “Christus Mansionem Benedicat,” which means “May Christ bless this home.” The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of the blessing. The crosses represent Christ, who we invoke. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God’s blessing. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by God’s eternal word in this holy season. With time, the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions.



**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. **We can stop this now as we have reached our goal – Thank You!**
- 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.

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**THE WOMEN’S GUILD** will meet this **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 **Betsy Daulton** in the **Parish Office** so that she can certify your mailing address. Anyone interested in signing up for online giving can do so by going to [www.stsimonjude.org](http://www.stsimonjude.org).

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS:**

Fr. Paul Noble, Columbus St. Andrew; Chaplain, Bishop Watterson High School  
Fr. Robert Jager, Columbus, St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Church  
Fr. Robert Kitsmiller, Judicial Vicar  
Fr. Robert Penhallurick, Hilliard, St. Brendan  
Fr. Rodney Damco  
Fr. Ryan Schmit, Kenton, Immaculate Conception;  
Ada, Our Lady of Lodes  
Sam Severance, Seminarian  
Fr. Sean Dooley, Columbus, Our Lady of Peace

**JANUARY IS PRO-LIFE MONTH: January is STILL Pro-Life Month!** **Bishop Fernandes** reminds us that despite the disappointing passage of **Issue 1 in November**, the **Diocese of Columbus** will continue “to build a culture of life and a civilization of love” in the **Central Ohio** area (**The Catholic Times 12/17/23**). He encourages all the faithful to *deeper prayer, fasting, and almsgiving* for the protection of life from the moments of conception to natural death. How? He asks us to continue praying regularly for reparation of sins against human life and dignity, to abstain from meat on all Fridays of this year as a personal sacrifice, and to support mothers in difficult situations. To this end, our **January Pro-Life** action will be the collection of *diapers* of any size and *baby wipes* for two approved organizations on the **Westside of Columbus: Birthright International** and **Pregnancy Decision Health Centers**. In addition, there are **Pro-Life** materials on the counter in the **Gathering Space**, provided by the **Women’s Guild**. Together our combined efforts will speak for those who cannot speak for themselves!

**THANK YOU!** **Father Dwayne** would like to thank everyone who participated in the **Christmas Liturgies** as the **Christmas** season comes to a close.

**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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