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Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m.,

10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day of Obligation Vigil: 4:30 p.m. Holy Day: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:30-4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism:

First and third Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Please contact the Business Office to make arrangements.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Initial contact is to be made directly with a priest of St. Clare.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-Ins:

We are most anxious that all who cannot get to Church be able to continue to receive the Eucharist. Please call the Business Office and a Eucharistic Minister will be provided.

Anointing of the Sick:

A priest will gladly come to your home by request to anoint the ill or aged. Anointing for hospital patients is provided by the hospital chaplain.

Sponsors:

Sponsor certificates are given to those who are registered parishioners, confirmed and practicing Catholics. Contact Business Office.

Registration:

Welcome! Please register in person at the Business Office.



Mass Intentions

Prior to Daily Mass, Rosary and Divine Mercy 7:50 a.m.

Come Join Us!

Monday, December 25 ~ The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 Celebrant's Intention

11:00 Celebrant's Intention

Tuesday, December 26 ~ Saint Stephen

No 8:30 Mass

Wednesday, December 27 ~ Saint John, Evangelist

8:30 Marilyn Erker

No Eucharistic Adoration/No Confessions

Thursday, December 28 ~ The Holy Innocents

8:30 Paul Traczyk

Friday, December 29 ~ Saint Thomas Becket

8:30 Anthony Caticchio

Saturday, December 30

4:30 Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, December 31 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 Celebrant's Intention

10:00 Celebrant's Intention

12:00 Celebrant's Intention

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 25 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Not a Holyday of Obligation in 2024 Monday, January 1 9:00 AM Mass



A Christmas Prayer

Give us, Lord Jesus, the eyes of children to see Your birth with Christmas wonder. Help us to share In the songs of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love, all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift, and blessing with every greeting. Deliver us from evil and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May Christmas morning make us happy to be Your children and Christmas evening bring us to rest with grateful thought, forgiving and forgiven.

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Saint Clare Parish Mission Statement

Saint Clare Parish is a Roman Catholic community that cherishes its faith tradition, celebrates the sacraments, and cultivates lives of Gospel service and stewardship.

Readings for the Week of December 25

Monday Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday 1 Jn 1:1-5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Friday 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Sunday Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/

Lk 2:22-40

Pray for Our Sick



Elizabeth Bryson, Frank Casarona, Joseph Casarona, Laurie Casarona, Sally Chervenak, Joe Covay, Nicholas Covelli, Ken Cudnik, Mary Jane De Penti, Roger De Penti, Darlene Dula, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Marie Fiore, Crissy Horacek, Joseph Kollar, Tony LaVerde, Tommy Lewis, Carmella Mastrandrea, Diane Minor, Justin Montello, Karyn Nowak, Anthony Paluckas, Rosemarie Paluckas, Alyssa Parino, Agnes Parsons, Lauri Powaski, James Razzante, Divine Rinella, Mary Ann Rody, Lena Salvatore, Bob Sheridan, Dorothy Skiba, Edward Synk, Arch Tunnell, Tom Warner, Joseph Wentzel, Donna Zenobi

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Capital Improvement Contributions Fiscal year Beginning 07/01/23

Year-to-Date through 10/31/2023 \$27,644.00 Goal for the Year \$90,000.00

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FOR WEEK OF December 10,	20	23			
WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL	\$:	16,000.00			
WEEKLY AVERAGE (24 Weeks)	\$1	L4,064.34			
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Capital Improvement	\$	5,294.00			
Online Capital Improvement	\$	175.00			
Saint Clare Community Outreach	\$	86.85			
Thank you for your consistent giving!					

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Saint Clare Calendar Lottery

December 16	Lynn O'Keefe	\$25
December 17	Pat Flowers	\$50
December 18	Gary Cugini	\$25
December 19	Ven Paoletto	\$25
December 20	Vincent Ferritto	\$25
December 21	Gail & Tom Nemeth	\$25
December 22	Francie Buckles	\$25

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Sunday, December 24

Rev. Joseph McNulty Rev. Michael Joyce, OFM All of Our Seminarians

Monday, December 25

Our Holy Father Deacon William Wainio, Saint Mary

Tuesday, December 26

Rev. Vincent Hawk Rev. Marc Scheckells, OFM Ryan Arto, Saint Mary

Pray for These Priests and Seminarians Wednesday, December 27

Rev. Joseph Hilinski Rev. Mark Fedor Christopher Cotone, Saint Mary

Thursday, December 28

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Friday, December 29

Rev. Joseph Previte Rev. Joseph Scalco, CSJ Jon Hawkins, Saint Mary

Saturday, December 30

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The Saint Ladislas Prison Ministry Pen Pal Program!

In this letter-writing program, pen pals anonymously (via pen names) develop a friendship through faith-sharing and prayer.

You may be surprised to know that this ministry works both ways. You minister to us as well!

If you would like a pen pal to write to you on a regular basis, please send a request to:

Saint Ladislas Prison Ministry Pen Pal Request/George 2345 Bassett Road Westlake, Ohio 44145



Feel free to share this paper invitation with others who may be interested in having a pen pal. There may be a waiting period as we seek additional volunteers.

Please understand that this ministry does not allow pen pals to send money or gifts, or to provide any legal advice. Inmates may not request a pen pal of a particular age or gender.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at: response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Donations 2023

Carol Kemen donated to Special Bequests in memory of Paul Gellott



In the Blessed Sacrament, Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is: 'God is with us.' Day and night, he is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth.



St. Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei #67



December 24, 2023

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." The angel Gabriel announces this in the Gospel today, and it is a phrase with which we are all familiar thanks to our recitation of the Hail Mary prayer. Although some may be comforted by such a message and its angelic messenger, it is troubling to Mary because the angel goes on to tell her she will conceive and bear the Son of God. Thinking practically, Mary is being told the impossible will happen - who wouldn't be troubled? And yet Mary offers herself: "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Despite her fear and trepidation, Mary went on to answer God's call and do his will. Our Blessed Mother became a great example of fortitude at that moment, as she exemplified what it means to step outside of our own uncertainty and trust God completely. Although doing God's will can be difficult at times, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that we can ask God for the strength to say "yes" in spite of our fears.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Up until today, December has probably been a whirlwind. Trees and lights, ornaments, parties and presents - all these things help to kick off "the most wonderful time of year" beginning soon after Thanksgiving, Come Dec. 26, however, for many, the decorations become a nuisance and Christmas trees are out on the curb for pickup. Thank goodness for our Catholic faith because for us, Christmas is just beginning! Mary didn't say "may it be done to me" only to forget about it the next day. No, in the coming months, the Blessed Mother nurtured the baby Jesus in her womb, anticipating the arrival of her firstborn and the Son of God. And on that blessed Christmas night, her work as the Mother of God was only just beginning. So, as we anticipate the arrival of the Christ Child, we are joyful that our Christmas season continues until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on January 8. Let us use this time to draw closer to God and make every effort in the new year to do his will.

SING Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.



Zechariah, his father, filled with the Holy spirit, prophesied, saying: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has come to his people and set them free..." Luke 1:67-68

Our story of the birth of Saint John the Baptist concludes today with the song of praise spoken by Zechariah after his tongue had been loosened on account of his transformation in faith. He had moved from doubting what the Archangel Gabriel had spoken to him to believing and following the command of the Archangel to name his firstborn son "John." As we saw in yesterday's reflection, Zechariah is a model and example for those who have lacked faith, have suffered the consequences of their lack of faith, and have changed as a result.

Today, we see an even fuller illustration of what happens when we change. No matter how deeply we have doubted in the past, no matter how far we have turned from God, when we turn back to Him with all our heart, we can hope to experience the same thing experienced by Zechariah. First, we see that Zechariah is "filled with the Holy Spirit." And as a result of this gift of the Holy Spirit, Zechariah "prophesied." These two revelations are very significant.

As we prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Christ tomorrow on Christmas Day, we are also called to be "filled with the Holy Spirit" so that we also can act as a prophetic messenger of the Lord. Though Christmas is all about the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, Christ Jesus our Lord, the Holy Spirit (the Third Person of the Holy Trinity) plays just as much of a significant role in the glorious event, both at that time and also today. Recall that it was by the Holy Spirit Who overshadowed Mother Mary that she conceived the Christ Child. In today's Gospel, it was the Holy Spirit Who enabled Zechariah to proclaim the greatness of God's act of sending John the Baptist ahead of Jesus to prepare the way for Him. Today, it must be the Holy Spirit Who fills our lives so as to enable us to proclaim the Christmas Truth.

In our day and age, Christmas has become very secular in many parts of the world. Few people take time on Christmas to truly pray and worship God for all that He has done. Few people continually proclaim that glorious message of the Incarnation to family and friends during this most solemn celebration. How about you? Are you able to be a true "prophet" of the Most High God this Christmas? Has the Holy Spirit overshadowed you and filled you with the grace needed to point others to this glorious reason for our celebration?

Reflect, today, upon the role of the Holy Spirit in your life this day. Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you, inspire you, and strengthen you, and to give to you the wisdom you need to be a mouthpiece of the glorious gift of the birth of the Savior of the World this Christmas. No other gift could be more important to give to others than this message of truth and love.

Holy Spirit, I give You my life and invite You to come to me, to overshadow me and to fill me with Your divine presence. As You fill me, give me the wisdom I need to speak of Your greatness, and to be an instrument through which others are drawn into the glorious celebration of the birth of the Savior of the World. Come, Holy Spirit, fill me, consume me and use me for Your glory. Jesus, I trust in You.

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