

# ST. MARY CHURCH

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2006

### DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	December 11	Advent Weekday 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday	December 12	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> 8:00 a.m. Louis Welschofer
Wednesday	December 13	<b>Lucy, virgin, martyr</b> 8:00 a.m. Charles F. Mentrup
Thursday	December 14	<b>John of the Cross, priest, doctor</b> 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	December 15	Advent Weekday 8:00 a.m. Jim Ryan
Saturday	December 16	Advent Weekday 4:00 p.m. Josephine Alexander
Sunday	December 17	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 7:30 a.m. Charles F. Mentrup 9:00 a.m. St. Mary Community 10:30 a.m. Norman Toto 12:00 noon Living and deceased of the Ladies Society 6:30 p.m. Bea Skinner



"John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

Luke 3:1-6



### Parish Notes

We have been in a kind of holding pattern for six weeks and we do not expect a priest to be assigned as our administrator or pastor for the foreseeable future. We have had the opportunity to experience the Sacred Liturgy led by a variety of priests and we will continue variety for a while longer. But we also continue our activities and our own style of worship. This is a time to be open to other ideas and ways of continuing.

**Take note** of the Mass schedule for December 23—31 later in the bulletin. We have been asked by the Archdiocese to cancel a Christmas Mass therefore we are planning one large Mass at Franklin High School on December 24 at 3:30 p.m. There should be plenty of room and comfortable seating. Two other Christmas Masses are schedule in the church at 10:00 p.m. Sunday evening and 9:00 a.m. Monday morning.

**OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY:** The collection last weekend was \$9,704.00 (275 envelopes); children's offering \$4.00 (6 envelopes); and the Roofing fund received \$2,156 (81 envelopes). **Thank you for your generosity** and continued support. Thank you for using your offering envelopes. Your dedication to the continued fiscal health of the parish is very appreciated. Only those using envelopes can be given a yearend statement.

# IN OUR PARISH

**WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:** On December 2, 2006 Maren Elise Hupp daughter of Matthew and Tara Hupp joined the Catholic Christian Community through baptism.

**CALLED HOME TO THE LORD:** On November 28, 2006, Karoly Hans Henrick Kugler and on December 1, 2006 Otto Wenning, father of parishioner Carol Dillhoff, returned to our loving Father.

**THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MET LAST MONDAY:** Response to the UD basketball ticket sales has been poor. Less than half are sold. Discussion took place around the Christmas Mass schedule. The archdiocese is asking that one Mass be cancelled. The final schedule will be published soon. A committee will be formed after the first of the year to begin the search for a new Youth Minister. The first collaboration meeting with St. Mary and St. Augustine, Waynesville council members took place following the council meeting.

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b> at 7:00 a.m. <b>Breakfast with St. Nicholas</b> at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	<b>Return of Giving Tree gifts</b> deadline <b>High School Youth Night</b> at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	<b>Parkinson Support Group Luncheon</b> at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday	<b>Round Dancing</b> at 7 p.m.
Thursday	<b>RCIA</b> at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	<b>Parish Penance Service &amp; First Reconciliation</b> at 7:00 p.m.
Friday	<b>Square Dancing</b> at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Gift Fair</b> at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



## Parish School of Religion

**THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU HELPING US TO "FEED THE HUNGRY"** Last week we received some food for those less fortunate than us. For this we are grateful. But there is still room for more assistance, if you are willing and able, please help the children in this corporal work of mercy, feeding the hungry by bringing any donations to the Parish Center this weekend.

**EPIPHANY PARTY! COME CELEBRATE THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.** On **Sunday afternoon, January 7, 2007** (Mark your calendar now), we will have our traditional Christmas Season potluck, Christmas carol songfest, and performance of the Christmas Pageant by our young PSR students.



**PSR CHRISTMAS BREAK DECEMBER 18 – JANUARY 6. NO CLASSES DECEMBER 24 OR 31, 2006.**  
**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

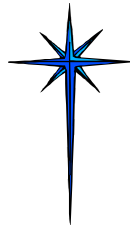
**“REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND” – AN EXPERIENCE OF GOD’S LOVING FORGIVENESS.** On Thursday, December 14, 2006 we will have our annual **Advent Penance Service**, at which many of our third Grade PSR students will make their **First Reconciliation**. We will have two priests to hear confessions and administer absolution, Fr. Bill Kennedy and Fr. Jim Manning. **All are welcome!**



**Come Celebrate with us**

Communal Penance Service  
Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses  
Saturday, Dec. 23, 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 24 7:30, 9 & 10:30 a.m.



Christmas Eve Masses  
Sunday, Dec. 24  
3:30 p.m. at Franklin High School  
10:00 p.m. at the church

Christmas Day Mass  
Monday, Dec. 25, 9:00 a.m.

**THE UNEXPECTED CAN HAPPEN:** It isn't often that St. Vincent de Paul receives a thank you note from a client. I would like to share the message with you because you, the parish, deserve the thanks also. "Dear Friends, I would like to thank you for all help in getting my children and I help with furniture and clothes and money. I cannot tell you how very much we appreciate all you have done to help my family. May God bless all of you." You helped give this family hope through your donations to SVdP. We would like to thank you for your continued support in money, time, home furnishings and prayers.



**GIVING TREE TAGS AND DONATIONS** are due back today, December 10. Half of our families are from Franklin, 40% are from Springboro and 10% are from Carlisle. We really touch all areas served by St. Mary Parish. Once again thank you for helping the needy in the area.



**THE YOUTH MINISTRY WINTER RETREAT WAS A SUCCESS!** Thanks to all of you who prayed for its success, to the youth and adult team members who worked hard to present opportunities for growth, and to the young retreatants for being open to God's loving Spirit. A special thanks to Melissa Diemunsch and Chad Pfoutz, who led this effort contributing much time and talent.

**GOD'S LOVE HAS TOUCHED MANY OF US. HOW ARE YOU SHARING THAT LOVE?** Here is an opportunity to be a living sign of God's love to those in need. Come help the children in our area wrap presents for their parents by working with the St. Vincent de Paul Society this coming **Saturday, December 16, 2006, 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.** Sign up at youth group tonight.

**WAITING FOR THE LIGHT – ARE YOU ENLIGHTENED?** Tonight from **7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** We will begin in the Youth Ministry room and end up in the Parish Center to help assemble table decorations for the St. Mary Epiphany Party while enjoying P & P (pizza & pop).



No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. Mary Parish.



**ST. MARY, UD BASKETBALL AND SVdP: Sunday, December 10 is your very last chance to get your buddies together for a night out away from the Christmas preparations.** You can still get tickets for the UD Flyers/Western Carolina game Saturday, December 16, 2006 if you call Kevin at 937-866-0989 **NOW**. Cost is twenty dollars per ticket. Seats are in the lower arena at the east end. **Proceeds benefit SVdP.**

**SVdP BUCKEYES BY ROCKY** are still available after Masses this weekend in the Parish Center. The sale was such a success and the demand so great that more were made this week but this is the final batch!! Price is \$9 per pound (approx 16 to 20 per pound) or \$5 per half pound. They are made from a special recipe of semi-sweet and milk chocolate with cream cheese. **You have to try them!** All proceeds go to help SVdP (St. Vincent de Paul). Buy some for gifts and for yourself. These are a St. Mary favorite!



**THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** Hopefully you used the extra envelope in your box for this week for the Religious Retirement Fund. The fund distributes grants to religious institutes for the retirement needs of senior religious priests, brothers and sisters. Remember the women and men religious whose ministry nourished our faith, served our Church, and strengthened our nation. Today more than 37,000 religious are past the age of 70. Their institutes face critical economic challenges as the cost of health care escalate.



**GIVING TREE GIFTS SHOULD BE RETURNED TODAY!:** So many of you took tags and many more than one tag. Your generosity is overwhelming. We hope you found this a good way to share the spirit of the Birth of our Savior with others. Our recipients come to us through various groups and agencies. Today is the deadline so our distributors can deliver them in time for all to enjoy a special Christmas this year.

**TIME TO BLOW YOUR OWN HORN** Let the parishioners know what you can do for them. We are in the midst of the Christmas rush and you may see how your business needs to keep busy and growing after the rush is over. Let us help you grow your business through your faith community by keeping your business ad or placing a new ad in our parish bulletin. For more information please contact Anne or Karen in the parish office at 937-746-5404

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:**

December 9-10	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	12 noon Sun.	6:30 p.m.
<b>Servers</b>	Casie McCurley L. Scheuermann	C. Brownfield D. Brownfield	Tommy Carter Clint Kohl	Taylor Schlachter	J. Plandowski	Isaac Brewster Cara Jennings
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	N. Pfeifer J Pfeifer Mark Cable Pat Monnin	Regina Gogol Connie Fields Mark Dietsch	L. Harvey Dan Liberti G Mathes A Mathes	Matt Whiteley J. Beatty AnneLangsdale Martha Ilg	Cindy Brazie Bob Matson Connie O'Neill	D. Kapolka Ed. Koslow R. Onderko K. O'Brien
<b>Lectors</b>	L. Wurzelbacher	George Gogol	Mike Pfeifer	Joe Couture	G. Sauerbrun	Karen Koslow
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Sommer Family	Foley Family	Sillies Family			Gast Family

## PARISH LIFE INFORMATION

Office Phone No. 937-746-5404

Office Hours 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call immediately in case of a serious illness. Hospitals can no longer call for you.

**Communion to the Homebound:** Call the rectory to arrange a visit.

**Reconciliation:** Call the rectory for an appointment.

**Matrimony:** Call the rectory for an appointment before setting a date. Six months of preparation are required.

**Baptism:** Preparation is required before Baptism, preferable during pregnancy. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

**Bulletin Deadline:** noon the Tuesday before the weekend. E-mail notices to [Annelpasmf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Annelpasmf@sbcglobal.net).

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Lonnie Acree	937-748-2960	Andrea Dapkus	937-885-0487	Pat Monnin	937-885-1630
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Eileen Avellano	937-748-0043	Mark Fields	937-743-9077	Mary Steed	937-746-6571

## BEYOND THE PARISH

### IS YOUR MARRIAGE HURTING IN ANYWAY?

Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring?? Then please consider Retrouvaille (ret'ro-vi) - a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. It is for marriages that have lost some of their spark or having difficulties in communication and even for marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. Next program begins January 19-21, 2007. For information call 513-398-3137.

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT** – Are you as a young adult living the life you always wanted? For many of us that quality of life escapes us. We search for it through people, work and material possessions, yet we never seem to find satisfaction. Join Fr. John Ferone, SJ, and Al Cucchetti January 19-20 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center as we learn to tap into the one true source of happiness. For more information, call 513-248-3500, ext. 10.

### FRANKLIN PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will

have a Holiday Luncheon In the Parish Center December 12, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. Relax, socialize, and share ideas, as we plan topics and speakers for the coming year. Bring a favorite appetizer or a salad, and your ideas. Beverages are provided. Persons with Parkinson Disease, their care partners and those interested in learning about PD are invited to attend. The Center is handicap accessible. For information, call Rose Wurst, RN, BSW, at 937-748-4768.

**IGNATIAN WEEKEND RETREATS** – Each year, the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford sponsors 30 Ignatian Weekend Retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The retreats are silent, available for both men and women, and directed by Jesuits from around the country. They are held in one of two large retreat buildings situated on the Center's quiet 37-acre campus. If you would like more information, or to make a reservation, please call the Center at (513) 248-3500, ext. 10.

### Thought for today

John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Promote the gospel in our community (Luke 3:1-6)