

# ST. MARY CHURCH

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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2007

### DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	January	8	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b> Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday	January	9	<b>Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b> Deceased of the McLaughlin Family
Wednesday	January	10	Weekday Lewis Welschofer
Thursday	January	11	Weekday Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	January	12	Weekday Paul Deger
Saturday	January	13	Weekday St. Mary Community
Sunday	January	14	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> Barbara Jazwinski Jim Ryan Mary and Joe Whitacre Bea Skinner



"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."  
Matthew 2:1-12



Today's feast gives us an opportunity to look again at what we celebrated on Christmas Day. We celebrated the birth of Jesus, God becoming man as a helpless baby. At his birth were Mary and Joseph and quickly came the shepherds, Jewish shepherds, to begin to spread the word. But this feast of the Epiphany celebrates that Jesus' birth was made known to the wider world, the gentiles. The Magi traveled far for this event. It makes a story that we like to repeat and we will repeat it through sharing food, singing and watching the children retell the story of our Savior's birth Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m.

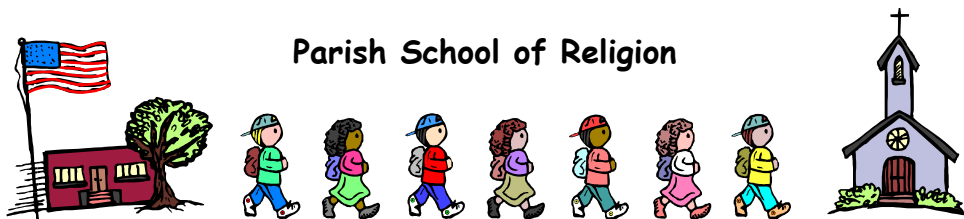
**OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY:** The collection last weekend was \$15,224.95 (227 envelopes); children's offering \$4.20 (7 envelopes); additional Christmas collection was \$208.00 (8 envelopes); the Feast of Mother of God was \$228.00 (12 envelopes) and St. Vincent DePaul received \$800. **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. Those who have used their contribution envelopes may request a statement of 2006 contributions in January by calling the parish office at 937-746-5404.

# IN OUR PARISH

**WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:** Patrick Ryan Coyle son of Joseph and Karen Coyle and grandson of Joe and Marialta Coyle joined the Catholic Christian Community through baptism on December 30, 2006.

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend	<b>PSR back in session</b> <b>Parish Epiphany Party</b> at 4:00 p.m. <b>High School Youth Night</b> at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	<b>Parkinson Support Group</b> at 1:30 p.m. <b>Round Dancing</b> at 7 p.m.
Wednesday	<b>RCIA</b> at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	<b>Square Dancing</b> at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b> at 7:00 a.m.
Sunday	<b>1st Eucharist parent meeting</b> at 10:00 a.m. <b>Confirmation Meeting</b> at 7:00 p.m.



## Parish School of Religion

**EPIPHANY PARTY! CHRISTMAS CAROLS, CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND POTLUCK!** This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Come, close out the Christmas Season with us.

**FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION!** Springtime, Easter; seems funny to be thinking of these at this time of the year, except the weather is more spring like but if we want our second grade students to receive their First Eucharist then we need to begin to prepare now. **Parents, we will meet at 10:00 a.m. next Sunday, January 14, 2007 in the Parish Hall.** We will introduce you to the preparation program, to our process of First Communion at St. Mary, and try to answer any questions you may have.

**PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION, THE FINAL SACRAMENT OF INITIATION.** Junior high and a few High school students, it is time to begin your immediate preparation for Confirmation, where you receive the gifts of the Spirit enabling you to assume responsibility for the mission of the Church. Bring your parents and your sponsor to an important meeting at **7:00 p.m. next Sunday, January 14, 2007 in the Parish Center.** We will talk about the meaning of Confirmation and its implications for you and begin the preparation.

**RITE OF ENROLLMENT AND BREAKFAST FOR CONFIRMANDI, THOSE ABOUT TO BE CONFIRMED** takes place at the **9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 21, 2007** following the Mass breakfast will be served in the parish Center. We pray for you and celebrate with you.

**RCIA** **DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATES AFTER THE LITURGY OF THE WORD.** You may have noticed that a few people are dismissed from Mass on Sunday after the Liturgy of the Word. These are those who are preparing to enter the Church. They are not yet full members and, therefore, are not yet permitted to partake of the Eucharist. Please, welcome them and pray for them as they make their way to full membership in the Church on Holy Saturday night.

**PARISH VISITORS TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS** We have a great need for someone or several people to visit our homebound parishioners. A weekly, mutually agreed on visit will keep these people in touch with the parish. We would especially like people who would take the Eucharist to the homebound. Visitors to the hospitals is also needed. If you feel called to be active in this ministry please call Anne at the parish office 937-746-5404.

**MEN, JESUS BECAME ONE OF US TO SHOW US HIS FATHER'S LOVE AND TO GIVE US HIS SPIRIT TO CONTINUE THIS MISSION. HOW ARE YOU DOING IN THIS MISSION?** Some of the men of St. Mary Parish gather once a month on Saturday morning to discuss this, pray about it and support one another in being Christian men in this time and this place. Come and find a welcome fellowship. We meet next Saturday,



**VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK** is celebrated from January 7-13. A “vocation” is a calling and we all have one. We are all called to be saints, but the exact path God wants us to follow to heaven will be different than the path He has laid out for others. As God is the source of all lasting good, the vocation He is calling us to will be the one that will bring our lives the greatest joy and satisfaction possible. During this week, we pray in a special way for those whom God is calling to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate. We pray that they will have courage, humility, charity and obedience to hear and respond to God’s call. Encourage those you know, who may have a calling to service for the Church, to earnestly explore this possibility. Listen as well to God’s call in your own life and be willing to prayerfully discern what He wants for you.

**TIME TO GET OUR TAXES IN ORDER** If you would like a statement of the contributions you made to the parish in 2006 please put your name on the list on the radiator or call the office at 937-746-5404. We will need your name, envelope number and direction on how you wish to receive it (mail or personal pick up)



**THE FOREVER BEGINNERS BASKET CLASS** is planning the next class for Monday, January 22 at 9:00 a.m. everyone is welcome to join in the fun. January is a time to do those inside crafts and a good time to learn a new one. For information call Charlene 937-746-9460 or Dorothy 937-885-3053



**YOUTH UPDATE**

**TONIGHT IS OUR FIRST YOUTH NIGHT OF THE YEAR.** Come and join us for fellowship, reflection and fun.

**BOWLING, ANYONE?** Mid January seems like a good time to go bowling. What do you think? Would you like to go bowling Sunday evening, January 14, 2007? How about bowling, a movie and pizza for only \$5? Come and sign up at the Youth Night or contact Tom at 937-746-1404 or [tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org](mailto:tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org).



**OUR DOORS ARE OPEN:** 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.

**PARISHIONERS HAVE ID NUMBERS!!** When you registered you received contribution envelopes with a number. This is your parish ID number. Each year new boxes of envelopes are distributed. If you do not pick up the new envelopes we are forced to question if you left the parish. We have too many unclaimed boxes of envelopes in the room off the entrance of the church. If you have not taken your envelopes since October please pick them up, use them, and let us know you are still a parishioner. We will be checking the census next month and removing those we have not heard from.

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS OR SERVICE** in our weekly bulletin. Let our parishioners know what you can do for them. Let us help you grow your business through your faith community by placing an ad in our parish bulletin. Parishioners are always looking for help and would appreciate knowing that you have the skills they are looking for. For more information please contact Anne or Karen in the parish office at 937-746-5404

**WE ARE BLESSED** with an active, caring and professionally run St. Vincent de Paul conference. The parishioner members handle requests for assistance that come to the parish. The staff appreciates not having to handle all that goes into evaluating the need and judging the best use of resources. We know that the best help we can give to those who come to the door or call the parish line is to direct them to call the SVdP helpline, 937-746-1355. We encourage anyone who is approached when they are on the church property to do as we do; share the number. Panhandling is illegal. Giving money is not the best way to handle most requests.

**THE FRANKLIN PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** will meet Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. Whether planning a short trip locally or a tour of Europe, travel presents challenges not only for people with Parkinson's, but many older adults. "What You Need to Know Before You Leave on Your Trip", is the topic of our January meeting. The meeting is held in the Parish Center. 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.

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:**

January 13-14	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
<b>Servers</b>	Arizona Craycraft Sean Gleason	Allison Moore	Colette Telatko Luke Sillies	Amanda Everts Michelle Plandowski	Paul Dapkus Erica Reese
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mark Cable Betty Reznor Sandra Traud	Regina Gogol Connie Fields Mark Dietsch	Carolyn Cusumano Ken Fish Debbie Fish Angelica Fish	Bob Matson Betty Mueller Tina Rychlewski	Jeff Rohde Karen. Schriml Diane Kinsworthy Carlos Yopez
<b>Lectors</b>	Zita Hartman	Paul Puffenberger	Sal Cusumano	Brian Howard	Jeff Gross
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Ward	Williams	Guffey		Gast

## 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:** Currently not available.

**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
Rocky Adams	937-743-0226	Dan Fedders	937-746-4123	Roger Stebelton	937-855-6897
Eileen Avellano	937-748-0043	Mark Fields	937-743-9077	Mary Steed	937-746-6571

## BEYOND THE PARISH

**BETTER THAN YELLING** is a one session program designed to decrease yelling and to develop a more satisfying relationship with your child. It will be on Tuesday January 23, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Mercy HealthPlex in Western Hills. The fee is \$15 per person. For more information or to register call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Social Services, 513-241-7745.

**ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS:** Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ will be presenting: *Teach Us to Pray—A Day of Reflection for Young Adults* At the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford, OH January 27, 2007, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; \$45 per person. For information and registration, visit [www.catholiccincinnati.org/yamin](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/yamin)

**FENWICK'S ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE:** Only 450 tickets to be sold! On Saturday, January 20, 2007, Fenwick High School will host an evening of chance and entertainment. Tickets are \$50 (1 adult) or \$60 (2 adults) The last ticket drawn takes home the \$5,000 grand prize. Drinks, appetizers and dancing included. Contact Samantha Palmer at 937-746-7903 for tickets or more details. Sponsored by the Fenwick Booster Association. Winners need not be present to win

**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 Cuchetti 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.

**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.

**AN OPPORTUNITY** to see what it means to be a Priest. There is a special Ministry Evening at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary on Wednesday, January 17 which includes Mass, dinner and discussion about Intellectual Formation beginning at 5:00 p.m. Register on-line at or call 513-421-3131 by January 16.

### Thought for today

Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life.

(Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)