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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2007

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	December 10	Advent Weekday 8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday	December 11	Advent Weekday 8:00 a.m.	Janet Griffith
Wednesday	December 12	8:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mike Burney
Thursday	December 13	8:00 a.m.	Lucy, virgin, martyr Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	December 14	8:00 a.m.	John of the Cross Skip Rouster
Saturday	December 15	Advent Weekday 4:00 p.m.	Edna Quigley
Sunday	December 16	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.* 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Third Sunday of Advent Barbara Jazwinski Callsen Family St. Mary Community Kathleen Flischel



"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus
Romans 15: 4-9

* Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center



The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent tells us that John the Baptist preached a message of repentance that led to the forgiveness of sins. There is no better way to prepare the way of the Lord than making a good confession.

Our Advent Penance Service was last Wednesday. We have confessions every Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Additional services in the area are:

St. Charles on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Henry on Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Francis de Sales on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Family on Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

IN OUR PARISH

WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: **Jordan Ly Pham** child of Quy and Erica Pham and **Thomas Edward Eichten** child of David and McKenzie Eichten joined the Catholic Christian Community through baptism on December 1 and 2, 2007.

MAY GOD BLESS Amanda Fox and Matthew Lalich, as they exchange their solemn marriage vows on December 1, 2007.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK	Sunday	Knights of Columbus at 12:30 p.m.
	Tuesday	Parkinson Support Group at 1:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Advent Vespers at 7:00 p.m.
	Thursday	Knights of Columbus at 7:30 p.m. RCIA at 6:30 p.m.
	Saturday	St. Vincent de Paul Gift Fair at 9:00 a.m.
	Sunday	Jr. and Sr. High Youth Night at 7:00 p.m.

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY: November 24-25

\$11,308.09	292 envelopes	Campaign for Human Dev.	\$65.00	3 envelopes	Flowers	\$7.50	1 envelope
\$6.00	8 children	St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,160.00	3 envelopes	Roof	\$1,956.00	70 envelopes

Thank you, your dedication to the continued fiscal health of the parish is greatly appreciated. Only those who use their contribution envelopes may request a yearend statement of contributions.

2007-2008 contribution envelopes are now available in the back of church

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL met on November 28. A video featuring Archbishop Pilarczyk was shown about the roles and responsibilities of a parish council. They are the advisors that offer counsel and direction; they evaluate the quality of ministry to the parish. Policies regarding the number of announcements made at Mass and the number of fundraisers was discussed. Fr. Jim asked Council to research personnel policies with structure as St. Mary and make recommendations at the next meeting. The Liturgy/Worship commission is now up to 8 members and would like to have a youth representative. The Family Life/Social Activities commission is solidifying the list of activities they are responsible for.

A FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY AMONG US. Help fill the food baskets for those whom the St. Vincent de Paul Society assists during the holidays. **Bring your non-perishable food items to the Parish Hall after Mass today.** This is a great way for families to put their faith into action and make a difference.



PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS NOT ATTENDING ST. MARY PSR CLASSES: If you wish to have your child confirmed and there is no Confirmation program at his/her school, please contact Deacon Steve as soon as possible for information on registering your child for the parish's Confirmation preparation program. He can be reached at 937-746-1404 or by email at stevebermick@stmaryfranklin.org.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RCIA CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATE! Last Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, the Rite of Acceptance was celebrated with **Michele Witte, Delmar Jessee, and Jan Donohoo**. They have now formally stated their intention to seek membership in the Church and we have pledged our support to them in the process. Please pray for them as they continue their formation and seek a closer relationship with the Lord.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BAPTIZED AND CONFIRMED? These once-in-a-lifetime experiences are meant to be life changing. Have they changed our lives? Come and discover the implications of these sacraments for Catholics by attending the next RCIA session this **Thursday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center**. The RCIA is for everyone – catechumens, candidates, and you!

DID YOU KNOW? For several centuries after the New Testament period, Christians would have been puzzled if asked about the sacrament of Confirmation. What we have come to know as a separate sacrament was for them simply a part of the rite of Baptism, the celebration of initiation by which a person became a Christian (from *Understanding the Sacraments Today* by Fr. Larry Mick).

CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON BY ATTENDING EVENING PRAYER. Part of the Church’s official daily prayer is *vespers* or “evensong.” Historically, those in major orders (bishops, priests, and deacons) as well as certain religious communities have been obliged to celebrate this liturgy. You are invited to take part in a special celebration of Evening Prayer on Wednesday, December 12 and 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Enhance your Advent preparation for the coming of the Savior by attending this beautiful form of prayer celebrated by the Church for centuries.

FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT ORNAMENTS ARE HERE!! The family photo ornaments commemorating the recent Family Advent Night can be picked up in the Parish Hall after Mass.

FR. CHUCK MENTRUP MEMORIAL PROJECT: “Fenwick greatly appreciates your support in memory of a man loved by so many at both of our institutions. May God bless St. Mary Parish and all of its parishioners through this holiday season.” This thank you came with a report that so far donations of \$7,791 have been received from 116 parish families for the project. Thank you for supporting a living memorial to Fr. Chuck supporting Catholic Education, something he felt was extremely important for our youth.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE TWENTY FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE ON WINTER RETREAT THIS WEEKEND

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT: We will have a special holiday combined Youth Night on Sunday, December 16. All Junior High students are invited to join the High School teens for a night where you will be a Star! Our society makes a big deal out of rock stars, but we are all called to be spiritual superstars. We should let our light shine from within, not reflect the glare of the spotlight. Come find out what Youth Ministry is all about and learn how to let the light of the Lord shine through you.

WRAPPING UP THE YEAR IN YOUTH MINISTRY:

- * December 8-9 – High School Winter Retreat
- * December 16 – High School and Junior High combined Youth Night 7:15
- * December 23 – No Youth Night – Christmas Break
- * December 30 – No Youth Night – Christmas Break



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.

THE FRANKLIN PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Join us for a Holiday Social Get-Together. We will have a short meeting to discuss, plan, and choose our topics for the coming year. Bring an appetizer or desert to share. Beverages will be provided. Most of all, Bring your ideas, interests, topics, etc. The meeting is free and open to the public. For information, call Rose Wurst at 937-748-4768.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 14400 is hosting a Second and Third Degree Exemplification this Sunday, December 9, in the Parish Center. Candidate check-in is 12:30 p.m., with the Second Degree promptly starting at 1:00 p.m. The Third Degree will start at 2:30 p.m. Once the degree begins, no one will be permitted to enter, so please arrive early and allow plenty of time to check-in. A meal will be served and we will wrap-up around 5:30 p.m. If you are a First Degree Knight, this is an excellent opportunity to get your Second and Third Degree the same day. Third and fourth degree knights are encouraged to attend and support our brother knights. We need help in the kitchen in the afternoon. Anyone interested in joining the St. Mary council, contact Jeff Rohde at 937-748-0836, or George Spears at 937-477-9834. Our next business meeting is December 12, Vespers at 7:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. During Advent knights are selling *Keep Christ in Christmas* car magnets for \$5.00. Thanks for your support.

LADIES! Just an early reminder: the next meeting of St. Mary Ladies' Society is a week from Thursday, December 20, at NOON in our regular meeting room behind the kitchen in the Parish Center. We have a little business to conduct, but this is mainly our Christmas Party! Remember to bring a \$5 gift to exchange. There is no need to bring your lunch because Rita's making soup! You won't want to miss that! If you would like to contribute to our Food Pantry Basket you can bring a non-perishable food item. Also, don't forget "Pili's Project"! If you would like to contribute \$5 to assist an elderly couple who are having difficulty meeting their winter expenses, this will be the time and place to do so. Mark your calendars now - Thursday, December 20, at NOON! We're going to have a good time!



HOLIDAYS CAN WORSEN PROBLEMS: If you are under stress or are facing personal problems help IS available for our parishioners through the Pastoral Counseling of Miami Valley Hospital. They provide counseling based on the belief that life's crises and transitions are best met by both the wisdom of religious teaching and the knowledge and skills of professional training. Their services are available to parishioners at a 50% reduction in price. In addition, most insurance plans are accepted. Use of this service is strictly confidential and is available to parishioners of all ages. The Pastoral Counseling Center is located at 409 E. Monument Ave., Dayton. Call 937-208-6606 for information or to make an appointment.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

December 15-16	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
Servers	Brian Fry Cassie McCurley	Allison Moore	Nicholas Mathes Carrie Mathes	Genevieve Nenninger Claire Nenninger	Amanda Koslow Sam Mahle
Eucharistic Ministers	Mark Cable Larry Strimpfel Darlene Ambach Doug Ambach	Mike Hutchinson Connie Fields Regina Gogol	Gary Mathes Amy Mathes Linda Harvey Dan Liberti	Martha Ilg R Hobe T Hobe Walt Beatty	Ron Onderko Ken Fish Debbie Fish Angelica Fish
Lectors	Melanie Ledbetter	Paul Puffenberger	Joan Raberding	Anne Langsdale	Karen Koslow
Gift Bearers	Traud	Foley	Williams		Duckett

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 office to arrange a visit.

Reconciliation: available at announced Reconciliation Services and Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Religious Vocations: Check www.cincinnati vocations.org or call Rev. Kyle Schnippel, 513-421-3131

Bulletin Deadline: noon the Tuesday before the weekend. E-mail notices to Annelpasmf@sbcglobal.net.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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BEYOND THE PARISH

THE DAYTON SEPARATED, WIDOWED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP meets the first and third Sunday's of each month (December 16) at Incarnation's Parish Center located behind the church. All are welcome. Doors open at 7:00 pm. The program begins at 7:30. For more information call Roger Bardsley at 937-291-2040 or Marty at 937-293-4006. They will have a Christmas celebration during the December 16 meeting.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE HURTING? Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? Then 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, having difficulties in communication and even on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins January 11-13, 2008. For more information call 513-398-3137. Other times and locations are available.

ARE YOU CARING FOR AN ELDERLY OR DISABLED LOVED ONE? Join other caregivers to discover new ways to deal with stress during the holidays and to maintain your balance as a caregiver. Over 30 family caregiver support groups are held in this area each month co-sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network of Catholic Social Services. Call 513-929-4483 for information.

THE BISHOP FENWICK HS Music Department's annual Christmas concert is on Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fenwick gym. The concert will include performances by the concert band, and jazz studies class and the concert chorus. There is no admission. FAMA will host a Christmas social in the cafeteria following the performance.

Thought for today

Prepare the way for the Lord. Ask yourself what needs straightening in your life. Call on God in prayer to help you.

(Matthew 3:1-12)