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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2008

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	January	7	Christmas Weekday 8:00 a.m.	Christmas Weekday Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday	January	8	Christmas Weekday 8:00 a.m.	Christmas Weekday Jean and Tom Place
Wednesday	January	9	Christmas Weekday 8:00 a.m.	Christmas Weekday Mike Burney
Thursday	January	10	Christmas Weekday 8:00 a.m.	Christmas Weekday Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	January	11	Christmas Weekday 8:00 a.m.	Christmas Weekday Deceased of the McLaughlin Family
Saturday	January	12	Christmas Weekday 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Weekday Dan Burney Family
Sunday	January	13	Baptism of the Lord 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.* 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Baptism of the Lord Tom Foley, birthday Living and deceased members of the Ladies Society Jody Griffith St. Mary Community



"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

* Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center



I want to use this opportunity at the beginning of the new year to thank everyone for your generosity to the parish at Christmas.

I especially want to thank all who worked so hard to decorate the outdoors and the indoors of our church in a way that is fitting to the birth of our Lord. And also thanks to those who made our Masses so prayerful.

In the words of Archbishop Pilarczyk, May we all be "Grateful Believers" in the new year.



IN OUR PARISH

**ACTIVITIES
FOR THE
WEEK**

Sunday	Epiphany Play and Party at 4:00 p.m. Youth Night at 7:00 p.m.
Monday	Education Commission at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Craft Group at 9:00 a.m. Parkinson Support Group at 1:30 p.m. RCIA at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Worship Commission at 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	RCIA at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Men's Prayer Group at 7:00 a.m. Lector Workshop at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday	1st Eucharist Parent Meeting at 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY:

December 23-24	9,671.00	252 envelopes	Roof	\$1,000.00	1 envelope	Christmas	\$17,060.00	256 envelopes
	\$19.00	13 children	Retire	\$25.00	2 envelopes		\$16.00	7 children

December 29-30	\$9,858.00	236 envelopes		Christmas	\$1,495.00	21 envelopes
	\$7.00	7 children	St. Vincent de Paul	\$17,020.89	152 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

Electronic Funds Transfer Now Available: St. Mary Parish now offers Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to our parishioners. It's the easy, convenient and safe way to make your offering or other special collection. For more information please call Karen Kohl at 937-746-5404



PSR CLASSES RESUME TODAY, JANUARY 6.

TO THE PARENTS OF PSR 2nd GRADE STUDENTS: There will be a meeting for parents concerning the celebration of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation for your children next **Sunday, January 13, from 10:00-11:15 a.m. in the Parish Center.** The purpose of this meeting is to assist you in preparing your child to receive these sacraments. Please call Deacon Steve at 937-746-1404 if you have questions.

8th GRADE STUDENTS WHO WILL BE RECEIVING CONFIRMATION: You are reminded of two upcoming events. First - you, your parents, and your sponsor are invited to attend a presentation on the sacrament on **Sunday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.** Our featured speaker will be Mr. Al Cuchetti from the Milford Spiritual Center. This presentation will take the place of your regular PSR class that evening. And second – the Rite of Enrollment for the sacrament will be held on **Sunday, January 20, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass with a breakfast immediately following in the Parish Center for you, your family, and your sponsor. Your attendance at these events is a requirement in order to receive the sacrament.** Please call Deacon Steve at 937-746-1404 if you have questions.



SIN IS SOMETHING WITH WHICH WE'RE ALL TOO FAMILIAR. When it comes to sinning, we're all experts. And the same can be said for guilt, an emotion all of us have experienced. But sin, guilt, and the decisions that lead up to them can be complicated. These topics will be explored at the next two RCIA sessions on **Tuesday, January 8 and Thursday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.** The RCIA is for everyone – catechumens, candidates, and you!

DID YOU KNOW? “Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity.” (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1849*)

LADIES! Now that the business of Christmas is a memory it is time to think about Christmas 2008 (if you are a crafter, that is!) There will be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 8, in the meeting room at 9:00 a.m. for all those interested in doing crafts. This is not a work meeting. This is for bringing in craft ideas to share to make next year's bazaar even more successful. Mark your calendars!



ANOTHER CHANGE COMING! The bulletin will have a new look next month. In an effort to cut cost and labor, Liturgical Publications Inc. (LPI) will print and deliver the bulletin each week at no charge to the parish with possible additional benefits. We do need at least 40 ads to cover expenses.

We want to encourage our Parishioners who have businesses to advertise in the weekly bulletin. When parishioners are seeking services they are happy to support other parishioners. Sign your name on the list on the radiator and a representative from LPI will contact you about designing and personalizing your ad.

REMINDER! THE EPIPHANY PLAY AND PARTY is this Sunday, January 6. The children of the parish will reenact the Christmas Story at 4:00 p.m. in the church followed by a potluck dinner in the Center. If you signed up remember to bring a side dish if your family name begins with A-L or dessert for names M-Z. The event is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information call Mary at 937-514-7690 or Meagan at 513-217-4477. We hope that you can join us.



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT is next Wednesday, January 16. We will meet in the Parish Center from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for the 7 and 8 graders to experience youth ministry activities and get involved as they transition to high school. Please plan to attend; the fun is guaranteed!

WHAT IS A WORK CAMP MISSION TRIP, and how can I go? St. Mary's Youth Ministry is planning a mission trip to Harlan Co. KY in July. This trip is open to all high school students. It is an opportunity to reach out to the larger community in service. There will be an Introductory Meeting for students and parents on Wednesday, January 23 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Call Janet Huelsman at 937-746-8709 for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY:

- * January 13 – High School Youth Night – 7:15
- * January 16 – Junior High Youth Night – 6-8
- * January 20 – High School Youth Night – 7:15
- * January 23 – Summer Mission Trip Meeting – 7:00
- * January 27 – High School Youth Night – 7:15



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.

THANK YOU FROM MARY HAVEN YOUTH CENTER: It may not have been the tag you took off the giving tree and carefully filled someone's wish but here are two of the many recipients notes that we received this week:

Thank you very much for giving Mary Haven gifts for us. And making my Christmas better than I had planned of having. I hope that you and all of your family's had a very safe and good holiday also. Once again thank you. Greg

I just want to say thank you so much for the presents. You all are so nice. I loved all of it. I wore my red sweater for Christmas and my family loved it. It is so comfortable. But thank you again you are so kind. Thank you, God Bless you all Amanda



WERE YOU MARRIED IN 1958 OR 1983? Couple celebrating their golden or silver wedding anniversaries during 2008 please contact the parish office at 937-746-5404 no later than March 2. The 2008 Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Saturday May 3 at 2:00 p.m. If you are celebrating **60, 70 or 75 years** of marriage we want to know that, too!

TIME TO GET OUR TAXES IN ORDER: If you would like a statement of the contributions you made to the parish in 2007 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). Statements will not automatically be mailed.



THE FOREVER BEGINNERS BASKET CLASS! The next class will be Monday, January 14 at 9:00 a.m. everyone is welcome to join in the fun. For information call Charlene 937-746-9460 or Dorothy 937-885-3053

THE FRANKLIN PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., in the Parish Center. Living with Parkinson's is like traveling down a bumpy road, with many twists and turns. It is challenging; unpredictable; tiring; and sometimes overwhelming. At this meeting, we will discuss the many ways PD effects daily living and brainstorm some ideas and solutions. Come prepared to share your "bumps" and what has worked and what has not worked for you. The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons with Parkinson's, their carepartners, and friends are welcome. For information, call Rose Wurst at 937-748-4768.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

January 12-13	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
Servers	Vince Haenni Leo Haenni	Claire Brownfield David Brownfield	Clint Kohl Taylor Lauricia	Amanda Everts Kyle Kennedy	Nick Barker Jessica Barker
Eucharistic Ministers	Joe Borosic Norm Pfeifer Bette Reznor Sandi Traud	Kristine Brown Linda Brownfield Tim Cable	Debra Kapolka Anna Marie Brewster Mary Buchholz Greg Buchholz	Bob Matson Betty Mueller, Tina Rychlewski Connie O'Neill	Jeff Rohde Carlos Yopez Judy Martin Diane Kinsworthy
Lectors	Mark Haenni	Steve Dungan	Dan Fedders	Gordon Sauerbrun	Jeff Gross
Gift Bearers	Ward	Williams	Ball		Gast

Check our website for information - www.stmaryfranklin.org

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:

Rocky Adams	937-743-0226	Dan Fedders	937-746-4123	Ron Onderko	937-748-4281
Eileen Avellano	937-748-0043	Mark Fields	937-743-9077	Don Quigley	937-748-5362
Dan Darragh	937-746-1914	Roger Lorelle	937-885-1230	Roger Stebelton	937-855-6897

BEYOND THE PARISH

THE DAYTON SEPARATED, WIDOWED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP meeting is January 6 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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL has scheduled Ministry Reception Suppers to learn more about regional ministries and services. Each Supper will begin with Evening Prayer followed by a presentation then conclude with a complimentary supper. Space is limited in some locations so register soon at www.catholicappeal.info. Area suppers are Wednesday, January 23, 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton, and Monday February 11, 6:30 p.m. St. Christopher, Vandalia. For other dinners in the archdiocese check the above website for dates and times.

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.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY will hold a Ministry Evening on Wednesday, January 16 for men in their 20's, 30's or 40's who are interested in the priesthood. Those attending will learn what life is like as a seminarian and priest. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. To register, use the internet at www.cincinnati vocations.org or contact the Vocation Office at 513-421-3131 by Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

Thought for today

Look about you! Look for the glory of God. Open your heart to receive the gifts God is offering you.

(Isaiah 60:1-6)