

^BULLETIN COPY – ST. MARY CHURCH – GROVEPORT, OHIO - SUNDAY, December 11– USE CUT # 2-B

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Steve Begalla by Sandy & Frank Trammer
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	For the Parish Family
	11:00 a.m.	In Appreciation for the Extraordinary Ministers by the Shinoskie Family
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena & Rosary
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Rosella, Frederick & Fred Herb Jr. by the Family
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Audrey Hall by Josephine King
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Doc & Mary Jo Carlisle by Jeanne Waibel
Friday	8:30 a.m.	David Heterscheidt by the Family
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	For the Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Carrie & Tracy Billiter’s Birthday by Their Parents
	11:00 a.m.	Jack & Rosemarie Shinoskie by the Family

THIS WEEKEND

SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Blair Williams
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Marita Surry, Jonathan Maier, Branson Cline
	11:00 a.m.	Sandro Nuakey, Macie Sporleder, Eli Nuakey

NEXT WEEKEND

Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer
Jazlyn Winski, Deven Winski, Marita Surry
Matthew Hambrick, Todd Lutz, Connie Brown

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sandy Williams, David Wilson
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Colleene Weiser, JoEllen Stebelton
	11:00 a.m.	Beth Lutz, Joanne Myers

Sandy Trammer, Sandy Williams
Ken Koebel, JoEllen Stebelton
Noreen Reeves, Jim Raynak

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Shawna Gentile, Sandy Trammer, Pam Gerardi, Sandy Williams, Phil Feldmeier
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Carolyn Veit, Rosemarie Watters, Christine Boucher, Irene Fagan, Ken Koebel
	11:00 a.m.	Cindy Kinch, Noreen Reeves, Bill Reeves, Carl Scholl, Nancy Scholl

Pam Gerardi, Shawna Gentile, Sandy Williams, Marilyn O’Linn, Sandy Trammer
Pat Jenkins, Mary Slone, JoEllen Stebelton, Carolyn Veit, Rosemarie Watters
Jean Bobst, Nancy Scholl, Dorothy Carter, John Kinch, Mayellen Fowler

CANTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Susan Howell
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Bob Fagan
	11:00 a.m.	Debra Smith

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Dave Solack
Susan Howell

From Father John . . .

Advent ... Rejoice!! – That's right Rejoice!! This Third Sunday of Advent is **Gaudete Sunday**, a time that Mother Church encourages us to include joy in our observance of Advent. We have tried to maintain simplified and penitential and charitable and prayerful attitudes as the Christmas comes upon us. Now, the lighted rose candle on the Advent Wreath, reminds us: *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!"*

This call to joy in Saint Paul's epistle to the Philippians (4:4-7) is a joy of faith not feelings. Even in adversity we can have joy in our lives, though we may not always feel particularly happy. Our true joy is not based on the absence of suffering, but on a deep faithfulness to the reality of God's nearness, even when he may seem distant. In Christ our anxieties are overcome through prayer, petition and thanksgiving as we lay our needs *and our fears* before the Lord. We rejoice not for immediate solutions but because of God's promise to guard us with his peace that's beyond understanding.

"Beyond understanding" means it does seem rational in the usual human sense. Yet, such peace and joy are deeply reasonable because they are grounded on the certainty of God who eternally loves us and, therefore, continually offers himself for us. May this real joy flood your hearts as you await the coming of the Lord and the celebration of his nativity. Rejoice Always, Rejoice!

Christmas Worship will be wonderfully enhanced by the loving dedication of our choirs. Thank you, choristers of every age!!

December 24th at 5pm – Solemn Mass and Blessing the Crèche. Our youth are featured with choral music and proclaiming Christmas Scripture and prayers.

December 24th at 9pm – Solemn Mass beginning with a Choral Music program.

December 25th at 9am – Mass.



With the Christmas season upon us, theft is on the rise and church parking lots are no exception! Please be sure to lock your car when coming to Mass, and please have valuables out of sight or leave them at home.

The Flowers in front of the Altar this weekend are given by Teresa Limbach in honor of Kathleen Limbach's birthday.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 11 – Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

Monday, December 12 – Zec 2:14-17 / Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 13 – Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mt 21:18-32

Wednesday, December 14 – Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 / Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 15 – Is 54:1-10 / Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 16 – Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 / Jn 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17 – Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

Sunday, December 18 – Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

December 4 – Sunday Offering – \$5,548.00

Christmas Flowers - \$575.00; Retirement Fund - \$30.00

Food Pantry - \$30.00; Human Development - \$100.00

Immaculate Conception - \$68.00; Diocesan Charities - \$30.00

God bless you for your continued support of St. Mary Church!

This weekend's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously!

Mitten Tree – Our PSR students are decorating a Christmas tree with scarves, hats, gloves and mittens for the needy children of the diocese. Please bring new items and place them on the tree in the vestibule by Sunday, December 18.

The Catholicism Series continues with Bishop Barron's explanation of Catholicism with a discussion of prayer and spiritual life. Please join us this Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Mass of Healing - This Wednesday, December 14, the daily Mass will be at **12:00 Noon** and will be a Mass of Healing. The Sacrament of Anointing will be available during the Mass for those in need. In the future, a Noon Mass of Healing will be celebrated on the second Wednesday of each month. Announcements will be in the bulletin.



Help is needed to decorate the Church for the celebration of our Savior's birth. We will be decorating Friday, December 23, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Many hands make light work!

Christmas Poinsettia envelopes need to be in by this Sunday, December 11.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here at St. Mary on Monday, December 19, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

Thank you to the O.R. Woodyard Funeral Home for providing us with our 2017 calendars! They are available in the vestibule for each family to take home.

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul has a food basket in the vestibule for the Groveport Food Pantry. December's food items are **Pasta and Pasta Sauce**. **SVDP will be collecting new Women's and Men's** socks and underwear again this year with all items delivered to JOIN. Please place new items in the box located in the vestibule by Sunday, December 18.

Our SVDP will be participating in the **Bethlehem on Broad Street Christmas Dinner Program**. The boneless hams or pre-cooked deboned turkeys and desserts can be dropped off at St. Mary on Friday, December 23 between 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The bags for hams and foil pans for turkeys and desserts will be passed out next weekend, December 17/18.

Our parish will be preparing a **Meal for the Homeless on Thursday, December 29**. Watch the bulletin for more details!

Next weekend will be the SVDP monthly collection!

The Craft Club will meet on Tuesday, December 13, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to share in the fun and potluck!

St. Mary Men's Group December meeting has been moved to Friday, December 16 for their annual Christmas Party. All men of the parish are welcome! For more information, please contact Chuck Slaby at 614-567-7025 or by email at slaby@msn.com.

Altar Rosary Society's Christmas Party will be held Tuesday, December 20, beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by a potluck and a \$5.00 gift exchange. Meat will be provided.

Hugs and Prayers – Please remember in Prayer those of our Parish family and friends who at this time are hospitalized, ill, or recovering: Rosa Alonzo, Mary Ann Armstrong, Ann Arnett, Virginia Bauman, Margaret Bonner, Mary Jo Borghese, The Brothers Family, Tom Bryan, Chris Burkhardt, Catherine Courey, Kathy Daw, Al Elizondo, Dominic Elizondo, Giuseppe Fazio, Mayellen Fowler, Shirley Jo Fraley, Ben Garrison, Mary Getreu, Cody Hetterscheidt, Tara Hetterscheidt, Bill & Agnes Hillis, Austin Hosfeld, Susan & Steve Howell, Jake Jajczyk, Mary Jones, Mary Kampf, Henry Kampf, Barb Kellenbarger, Evelyn Kelley, Tim Leddy, Lisa Leonard, Julie Litsinberger, Rita Martini, Dick Matz, Maria Mayes, Trisha Mentzer, Msgr. Bob Metzger, Wanda Mennetti, Mary Jo McKinney, Maxine & Tom McLoughlin, Connie Neuherz, Renee Parlin, Joseph C. Ramsey, Fr. Reichert, Gene Schrader, Lucy Snyder, Mike Sommer, Joe Stewart, Virginia Theado, Howard Watters, Ken Watters, David Wilson, Caroline Weiland, Jeanne West, Virginia Whittemore, and Jim, Cathy Williams & Family.

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St. Mary Church Upcoming Dates to Remember!

Wed., December 14 12:00 noon Mass of Healing
Mon., December 19 Red Cross Bloodmobile, 2:00-7:00 p.m.
Sat., December 24 5:00 p.m. Solemn Mass & Blessing of Crèche. Our youth are featured with choral music & proclaiming Christmas Scripture & prayers
9:00 p.m. Solemn Mass beginning with a Choral Music program.
Sun., December 25 Mass at 9:00 a.m.