December 3-4, 2011 - Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 3rd
▪ 4pm Confessions ▪ 4:30pm Rosary
5:00 pm Mass (Intention: †Danny Lancaster)

Sunday, December 4th
8:30 am Mass (Intention: Wismann Family)
▪ 10:40 Rosary
11:00 Mass (Intention: For Our Parish)

Monday, December 5th
8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Hubert Neff)
7:00 pm. Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 6th, St. Nicholas
5:15 pm Mass (Intention: †Rita Crabtree)
♫ 7:00 Guitar/Contemporary Music Practice

Wednesday, December 7th, St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor
8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Richard White)
▪ 6:30 pm Choir Practice ▪ 7:30 pm Handbell Practice
70th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor

Thursday, December 8th, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Fred Ross) School Mass – All are Welcome
7:00 pm Mass (Intention: For Our Parish)

Friday, December 9th
8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Faye Louise Schmits)

Saturday, December 10th Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm Confessions 4:30pm Rosary
5:00 pm Mass (Intention: †Catherine Wunderlich)

Sunday, December 11th, 3rd Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Mel Johnson)
9:30 Bible Study – Parish Office 10:40 Rosary
11:00 Mass (Intention: For Our Parish)

Advent
12/5 - Reconciliation
12/8 - Holy Day
Masses: 8:30 / 7:00
6:30 Living Rosary

2nd Collection
Dec. 10-11
Retirement Fund for Religious

Please Pray for:

*Dena McCarter; *Patti Grow; *Diana Moore; *Nanciann Whisman; *Joyce Manford; *Jim Day; *Carolyn Manford; *Elverna Bradford; *Debbie Grubb; *Kim Jackson; *Gary Wise; *Joe & Connie Webb;* *Linda Wittforn; Mike Nocheck; Family of Sonny Ryle; Bill Timmerman; Mary Lou Kuhn; Dave Gecks; Mary Guss; Anne Vogelspohl; Jim's Uncle Bill; Helen; Suzie Neary Milz

Support Our Troops: Please pray for our troops and their families: Benjamin C. Nickell, USMC; Derek C. Meyer, USN (grandson of Tom & Carol Schweitzer); Cpl. Derek M. Nixon (USMC in Afghanistan), Nephew of Pamela Eng; Tyler Mayborg. Please call the parish office to add a name to our prayer chain or list of military at 926-0060 or email: Kelly.rose@mystmarys.com or jmarting@seidata.com.

Parish Budget Information - Wk. 21 11/27/ 2011

Weekly Parish Collection:	$ 6,392.72	Budget:	$ 9,241.28
St. Vincent de Paul:	$ 377.00	**Variance: - 2,848.56**	
# of Envelopes:	148	**Mass Attendance 481**	

HELP NEEDED: We need more counters on Monday mornings to sort and count collection. If you are able to help, contact Jemma Glenn or Kelly Rose at the parish office. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION –SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENT!

Ministry Schedule Team 2- Dec. 10-11, 2011

5:00pm 8:30am 11:00am Mass

USHER – GREETERS

J. Borgman	R. Armbruster & B. Hinrichs	K. & J. Packard
M. & J. Jarman	C. Lewis & B. Beckman	J. Cigolotti, C. Kent

EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNION MINISTERS

R. Brayshaw	D. Rechtin	T. Hetzer
C. Yauch	J. or M. Neff	S. Sattler
J. Hill	R. Tyler	F. Schmits

LECTORS (1 or 2)

M. Borgman	M.L. Minning	S. Ullrich
	E. Beckman	

ALTAR SERVERS

Ashley Yauch	Luke Ruter	Catherine Cigolotti
Adam Hill	Austin Alley	Hunter Kent

Coffee & Donuts **12/11/11 - 8:30** Grove **11:00** Cigolotti
12/18/11 - 8:30 Vincent **11:00** Schuler

Counters: Dec. 05 Team 6 - D. Manford, B. Tyler, P & M.L. Minning
Dec. 12 Team 1 - J. Ullrich, D. Deville, D. & T. Fedroff

ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and 'all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope.

Rejoice

A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

Virtus Training – Sunday December 4th

Jim Tush will be providing a VIRTUS training session this Sunday, December 4th, from 12:00-2:00 in the eighth grade room at St. Mary School. The training is free, and you may register online at **virtus.org**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Tush. (812) 926-1558

VIRTUS is a program that trains adults to help prevent the sexual abuse of children. It is a policy of our Archdiocese that anyone who will work with children of our parish, including chaperoning field trips, must attend training. There will be many more VIRTUS training sessions in the future if you cannot make it to this one.

Respect Life News

The beginning of the Liturgical Year helps us live anew the expectation of God who took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, God who makes himself little, who becomes a child; it speaks to us of the coming of a God who is close, who chose to experience human life from the very beginning in order to save it totally, in its fullness. And so the mystery of Lord's Incarnation and the beginning of human life are closely and harmoniously connected and in tune with each other in the one saving plan of God, the Lord of the life of each and everyone. *–Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Celebration of First Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2010.*

Thursday December 8th – 6:15 pm.

Please join us in the LIVING ROSARY as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our Parish/School Patron Saint on the 8th of December at 6:15 P.M., in our church before the 7:00 P.M. mass. We strongly encourage our parish, to participate in this very significant event. Let this be an opportunity for all of us to unite in prayers as One Body, One Spirit, and One Church in Christ as we meditate on the central mysteries of the Rosary. ***Please participate with your family and start a new tradition for the season of advent***. Thank you very much.

A warm thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their ad in the Register with our Christmas Mass Times and an invitation to "Come Home for Christmas". Be sure to check out the "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard across from Kidd Dodge. Please support our K of C by purchasing a "Keep "Christ in Christmas" magnet or car sticker– they make a great stocking stuffer!

Sat. Dec. 10th - St. Lawrence Church 9th Annual Cookie Walk. Fr. Hartzer Hall in St. Lawrence School from 9-1:00. Choose from lots of delicious goodies, homemade by St. Lawrence elves!

Cursillio Christmas Party
Sunday, December 18th at 5:00 pm. - Parish Conference Rm.

Youth Ministry Meeting: December 18th at 12:15
Theme: "Guardian Angels"

St. Elizabeth Healthcare Women's Wellness Center, Ft. Thomas is hosting a "Women's Power Lunch" every Tuesday 11:30 – 1:00. Each lunch features a health meal, chair massages, mammogram screenings and more at on convenient location. Call 655-8777.

Ohio County Animal Shelter is in need of dog/cat food; old blankets and rags and cash donations. 1414 Fairground Rd. Rising Sun / 438-9220. Adoptions too!

Retirement Fund for Religious
Dec. 10-11 – Second Collection

Support elderly religious. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "We thank God for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God." Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Please Share in the Care and give generously to next week's second collection.

OLDENBURG FRANCISCAN CENTER

For more information on Oldenburg Franciscan Center Events, contact (812) 933-6437 or e-mail: center@oldenburgosf.com

► Sat. December 10 – Advent Retreat: Finding the Light and Word Within. With Mary we will enter into the mystery of the Incarnation. We will meditate on sacred time, holiness, and choosing life! 9:30 – 2:30 pm. Presenter: Sr. Olga Wittekind, OSF. $45.00 includes lunch.

► Sun. December 11 – "Coffee Talk" – After 9:30 Liturgy. Advent: A Walk with Mary and Joseph. Presented by: Sr. Patty Campbell. 10:45 – noon. Freewill offering – includes coffee & pastry.

► Sat. Dec. 31 – Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Michaela Farm. Tabulate the species and numbers of birds in a given area for use in the national data base. Pre-registration required. $7.00 includes lunch

Lifetouch Photography & St. Mary Parish Directory 2012

Pictures will be taken:

- **Wednesday, January 18 through Saturday, January 21st**
- **Thursday, January 26 through Saturday, January 28th.**
- **Weekday times are 2:30 – 9:00 pm. & Saturday 10:00 – 4:30 pm. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED!**

Appointments can be made by:

- **Signing up after Masses**
- **Calling the parish office at 926-0060**
- **On line at:**

www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stmaryscatholicchurch/index.php?page=10

The Giving Tree

Gifts should be ideally be brought in UNWRAPPED by December 11th (please note date change!). We will however continue to accept gifts through the holiday season. All gifts will be taken to the Christmas Coalition where they will be added to gifts from other area collections and then distributed to needy families. Anyone interested in helping deliver the toys to the drop off location should stay after the 11:00 Mass on December 11th. Trucks and vans are very helpful for this purpose. They are in dire need of winter clothing items for kids of all ages.

"Connected in the Spirit" surveys are available in the back of church. Completed surveys should be turned into the parish office.