



Dec. 10-11, 2011 - Third Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

4pm Confessions      4:30pm Rosary  
5:00 pm Mass (Intention: †Catherine Wunderlich)

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Mel Johnson)  
10:40 Rosary  
11:00 Mass (Intention: For Our Parish)

**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Charlie Tedesco)

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Lucy, virgin & martyr**

5:15 pm Mass (Intention: †Richard Mattingly)

7:00 Guitar/Contemporary Music Practice

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, St. John of the Cross**

8:30 am Mass (Intention: Townsend Family)

6:30 pm Choir Practice      7:30 pm Handbell Practice

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Richard White)

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Hubert Neff)

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm Confessions      4:30pm Rosary

5:00 pm Mass (Intention: †For Our Parish)

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Mary Cook)

9:30 Bible Study – Parish Office      10:40 Rosary

11:00 Mass (Intention: Ruth, Ray, & Richard Earlywine)

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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; Georgette Evans.

**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](mailto:Kelly.rose@mystmarys.com) or [jmarting@seidata.com](mailto:jmarting@seidata.com).

**Parish Budget Information - Wk. 23 12/03/ 2011**

Weekly Parish Collection:	\$ 9,277.26	Budget:	\$ 9,241.28
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 515.00	Variance:	+ 35.98
# of Envelopes:	148	Mass Attendance:	474
School Support	\$515.00		

**St Mary's Cub Scouts** will be selling popcorn next weekend, Dec. 17/18 after all the masses. Pop in and support our Cub Scouts!

**STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION –SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENT!**

**Ministry Schedule Team 3- Dec. 17-18, 2011**

**5:00pm**

**8:30am**

**11:00am Mass**

**USHER – GREETERS**

B. & B. Ickenroth	R. & J. Tyler	A. Hutchinson & R. Schuler
J. Merrilees & J. Chrisman	R. & J. Fairfield	M. Duerstock & K Lynch Lewis

**EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNION MINISTERS**

D. Marksberry	T. Fedroff	J. Hagedorn
J. Miller	M. Schewe	C. Smith
S. Wagner	C. DeVille	A. Townsend

**LECTORS (1 or 2)**

K. Merrilees	M. Neff	B. Ullrich
	G. Schewe	

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Andrew Armbruster	Kenny Carpenter	Olivia Lewis
Kennedy Miller	Matthew Waldon	Maria Lewis

**Coffee & Donuts** 12/18/11 - 8:30 Vincent 11:00 Schuler  
01/01/11 - 8:30 Hydes 11:00 Berning-Davis

**Counters:** Dec. 12 Team 1 - J. Ullrich, D. Deville, D. & T. Fedroff  
Dec. 19 Team 2 - M. Waldon, D. Svava, P. Gerke, J. Groh



**Third 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.*



**A Child is Dependent**

A child in the womb is totally dependent on the mother of everything, including life itself. Nourishment, warmth, comfort, - safety – the child is helpless to provided these on her own. Each of us is, to varying degrees, dependent upon others for food, shelter, clothing and care at all times, and especially when sick and vulnerable. The dependency of unborn children means that they, like their mothers need greater care and protection.

*You're invited to help dependant mothers and children by volunteering or supporting the Pregnancy Care Center of Dearborn County. 62 Doughty Rd., Lawrenceburg, IN 47025. (812) 537-4357.*

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

11/29/2011

- We recently had 15 youth confirmed.
- A Living Rosary is on December 8, at 6:15pm.
- The Parish Directory pictures will be taken in January, 2012.
- The Fathers of Mercy will conduct our Parish Mission April 28-May 3, 2012.
- **“Connected in the Spirit” surveys are available in the back of church.** This is the Archdiocesan program in which each Parish of our Deanery evaluated itself and presents the findings to the Deanery. Ultimately, the goal is to ensure a vibrant Archdiocese for the future. Your input is needed. **Completed surveys should be turned into the parish office.**
- A Valentine’s Day dance is scheduled for Feb. 11, 2012.
- A Card Party is planned for May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- We are looking for an Oktoberfest chair for 2012. Contact Jon Strautman or the parish office.

### Cursillio Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. - Parish Conference Rm.

Youth Ministry Meeting: December 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:15

Theme: “Guardian Angels”

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!

## OLDENBURG FRANCISCAN CENTER

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

► 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

► Sunday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – “Wise Men & Women: Following a Star: Epiphany 1851”. For Sisters of St. Francis, Epiphany is celebrated again in a similar story – that of Mother Theresa Hackelmeier’s arrival in Oldenburg in 1851. Come hear their miraculous stories and be inspired. Presented by: Sr. Rachel West, OSF. 10:45-noon. Freewill donation.

*Peace, Beauty, Tranquility*

*Need a time away? A place to walk? A place to think? The Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, Ohio is offering a full slate of retreats over the next several months, including three-day Ignatian retreats, a personally directed Advent retreat and topical retreats. For information, email Pam or call (513) 248-3500, ext. 22.*



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION



We are now accepting donations for Christmas flowers for the church. Envelopes are to be in the pews, or you may use your own; please print names clearly on the envelopes if your gift is being made as a memorial. (Memorial donations made by December 21<sup>st</sup> will be published in our Christmas bulletins; donations made later than the 21<sup>st</sup> will still be gratefully accepted!) As always, thank you for your generosity!



### The Giving Tree

Gifts should be ideally be brought in UNWRAPPED by **December 11<sup>th</sup>** (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 11<sup>th</sup>.** Trucks and vans are very helpful for this purpose.

### Lifetouch Photography & St. Mary Parish Directory 2012

Pictures will be taken:

- Wednesday, January 18 through Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>
- Thursday, January 26 through Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 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](http://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stmaryscatholicchurch/index.php?page=10)



### Annual Live Nativity at St. Maurice

St. Maurice Church in Decatur County will have its Live Nativity on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm. This event is sponsored by all three parishes in our cluster-St. Anne, St. John and St. Maurice. Come see the children represent the birth of Jesus. There will be live animals, free refreshments and beautiful music by area choirs. This is a great way to remember what Christmas is all about! Take New Point exit #143 off I-74, go north on County Road 850E to St. Maurice.

**A Special Thanks** to all who attended the Village Organist Concert Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. St. Vincent de Paul received a most generous donation of \$167.00. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Have a Blessed Christmas!

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry