

*Saint Adalbert • Holy Cross • Saint Stephen
Our Lady of the Rosary*



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CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

*“It’s sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts.
It’s not wrapping presents, its being present
and wrapping your arms around the ones you love.
It’s not getting Christmas cards out on time,
it’s sending any card, anytime, at the right time.
It’s not having the biggest and best Christmas light display,
it’s displaying the light of Christ that comes from your heart.
It’s not Santa coming down the chimney,
it’s Jesus coming down from heaven
and giving us the gift of eternal life.”*

[ANONYMOUS]

Christmas 2011

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



I see a carpenter and a manger, an infant in swaddling clothes, a virgin giving birth without the necessities of life. Nothing but poverty and complete destitution. Have you ever seen such wealth in such great poverty? How could he who was rich have become, for our sake, so poor that he had neither bed nor bedding but was laid in a manger? Oh immeasurable wealth concealed in poverty! He lies in a manger, yet he rocks the whole world. He is bound with swaddling clothes, yet he breaks the bonds of sin. Before he could speak he taught the wise men and converted them. Here is the new born babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. With him are Mary, virgin and mother, and Joseph who was called his father.

From a homily by St. John Chrysostom (4th Century)

RIGHT TO LIFE

A vision for the future: "By seeking holiness and using the gifts God has given us to accomplish His will in our lives, we are contributing mightily to that kingdom we all long for, where there will be no more crying or pain or death. Certainly no abortion. No euthanasia. No assisted suicide. No deep freezing of embryos as though they were merchandise. And no destruction of human life in the name of science."

Cardinal Justin Rigali

SUGGESTED PRAYER

That families may by word and example teach their children that each and every human life deserves respect, we pray.

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| Sat., Dec. 24 | 6:00 p.m. (STA) | For All Parishioners |
| | 11:00 p.m. (OLR) | Pat & Bill Fisher, Thomas Harper, William & Maxine Wysinski, Sr., Deacon Henry & Thelma Beck, John & Mary Noone, Frank Spanbauer |
| | 12:00 Midnight (HC) | Stan Pamos, J. "Herb" Ballmann |
| Sun., Dec. 25 | 8:30 a.m. (STA) | Bernice Kunka, Maryann Borkowski, Mary Wolski |
| | 9:00 a.m. (STS) | For the Faithful Departed |
| | 11:00 a.m. (OLR) | Matthew & Maria Skercevic, Anthony Dix, Mary Ann Dobson, Elizabeth R. Holick, Domenico & Vincent Bruno, Ron Mays |
| Mon., Dec. 26 | 8:00 a.m. (HC) | Marvin A. Stibich |
| Tues., Dec. 27 | 8:00 a.m. (STA) | Rosemary Wanamaker |
| Wed., Dec. 28 | 8:00 a.m. (HC) | For the Faithful Departed |
| Thurs., Dec. 29 | 8:00 a.m. (HC) | Thomas Bratton |
| Fri., Dec. 30 | | NO MASS |
| Sat., Dec. 31 | 5:00 p.m. (OLR) | Terry Schiml, Deacon Henry & Thelma Beck |
| Sun., Jan. 1 | 8:30 a.m. (STA) | For All Parishioners |
| | 9:00 a.m. (STS) | For the Faithful Departed |
| | 10:30 a.m. (HC) | J. Herb Ballmann |
| | 11:00 a.m. (OLR) | Thomas Harper, Joseph & Helen Wollhower, Richard Bellas |

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

Dec. 18

St. Stephen
Holy Cross
St. Adalbert
Our Lady of the Rosary

Not Available



THANK YOU

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24, 2011 THRU JANUARY 1, 2012

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

AS ASSIGNED...Note: If you are unable to fulfill your assignment, please find a replacement or contact Julie Quinn at 233-5021 or quin4051@aol.com.

ST. ADALBERT, 6:00 P.M., DECEMBER 24, 2011

Lector: Carolyn Flanagan
Eucharistic Ministers: Jim March, Denise Hall, Susan Cwiklik,
Ralph Wead
Server: Bob Voge

HOLY CROSS, MIDNIGHT MASS

Lectors: Rimantas Liaugminas, Mary Petkus
Eucharistic Minister: George Mikalauskas
Servers: Betty B. Nash, Vic Biorseth

ST. ADALBERT, 8:30 A.M., DECEMBER 25, 2011

Lector: Eugene Jablinski
Eucharistic Ministers: Br. Joe Fisher, Phyllis Wysinski,
Aggie & Mike Marcellino
Server: Bob MacClennan

ST. ADALBERT, 8:30 A.M., JANUARY 1, 2012

Lector: Carol Svisco
Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Flanagan, Bob Voge, Bob Gray,
Ed Koth
Server: Paul Flanagan

ST. STEPHEN, 9:00 A.M., DECEMBER 25, 2011

Greeter: Lou Durko
Lector: Michele LaFlame
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Zahora, Viola R. Dusak
Server: Patrick Gooch

ST. STEPHEN, 9:00 A.M., JANUARY 1, 2012

Greeter: Lou Durko
Lectors: Elaine Confer, Bela Bogнар
Eucharistic Minister: Betty Zahora
Servers: James & Salvador Schwendeman

HOLY CROSS, 10:30 A.M., JANUARY 1, 2012

Lectors: Rimantas Liaugminas, Elinor Sluzas
Eucharistic Minister: George Mikalauskas
Servers: Vic Biorseth, Betty B. Nash

ST. STEPHEN

THE ROSARY – St. Stephen Church would like to invite all the North Dayton Parishes to join us in praying the Rosary on the first Sunday, January 1, before the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Let us all pray for peace in the world, guidance for our political leaders and respect and love within our North Dayton community.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

PRAY THE ROSARY...AT ROSARY – Someone thought it would be nice if the Rosary was recited publicly before Sunday Mass at OLR. And it would! Any volunteers to lead it? We could do weekly, or monthly. Call Fr. Mike at 228-8802.

OF MUTUAL INTEREST

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS for Christina Arnold, Marilyn Baumgartner, Ray Beaty, Jerome Bialek, Fr. Charles Caserta, Joanne Clark, Elizabeth Daley-Hewitt, Eileen DeLucia, Al Dix, Donnie Fitzwater, Sr., Mary Hammond Family, Janet Haskins, John Kavy, Elizabeth King, Olga Kuritar, Ruth Lakner, Steve Lakner, Thomas Maslowski, Mary Mobley, Anita & Hal Nielsen, Julie Quinn, Jim Robinson, Sandy Storie and Julie Wilson.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

Our schedule of Masses in celebration of the Nativity of our Lord will be as follows:

Saturday, December 24

6:00 p.m. – Mass at St. Adalbert

11:00 p.m. – Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary

12:00 Midnight – Mass at Holy Cross

Sunday, December 25

8:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Adalbert

9:00 a.m. – Mass at St. Stephen

11:00 a.m. – Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary

Masses for January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. – Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary

Sunday, January 1

Normal weekend schedule



CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES – We are excited that several children are continuing to use their stewardship envelopes! We enjoy reading about the nice deeds that they are doing and would like to share a few more of them with you.

I helped my Mom clean up and I learned the Act of Contrition

I stayed out of my brother's way while his friends were over

I took the groceries in for my Mom

Even though we lost our game, I still congratulated and was happy for the other team

I was kind to my family and friends

Boxes of children's envelopes are available in the Rectory Office. Please call or stop by.

DECEMBER 29 – School will not be in session Thursday, December 29. Mass that morning will be offered at Holy Cross, rather than OLR.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS – Contribution statements will be mailed to any contributor who has made a single, or multiple financial donation of \$250.00 or more, as required by the Internal Revenue Service. Anyone else needing a financial statement for the year 2011 must contact the Parish Office (228-8802) or submit a request in writing. Donations received after December 31, 2011 will be posted to the 2012 records.

YEAR-END PLANNING – It's time to begin your year-end tax planning. As you begin to look at your tax-saving alternatives, consider giving to your parish. By minimizing your taxable income and avoiding capital gains tax, you can effectively fulfill your charitable objectives by helping our parish. Please be sure to consult with your tax accountant, attorney, or investment advisor to see how you can help OLR, St. Adalbert, Holy Cross, or St. Stephen and put your appreciated investments to work.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS at St. Peter Church on January 6 are as follows: Mass at 7:30 p.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

RETROUVAILLE is a Catholic sponsored, confidential program open to all faiths. It offers a chance to rediscover yourself, and your spouse. It is for couples who have experienced a breakdown in communication, become unloving and uncaring, thinking of separation or divorce or who are separated. The next program in Cincinnati will begin the weekend of January 20, 21 and 22, 2012. For further information and registration call 513-793-6777 or 800-470-2230 or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org and request a brochure to be e-mailed to you.

THE BENEDICTINE MONKS of St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, OH, invite single men 18-45 years of age who seek to know God's will for their life and vocation to participate in a "Living with Benedict" weekend: February 10-12, 2012 – Theme: Liturgical Spirituality, and May 18-20, 2012 – Theme: Hospitality. Contact Fr. Finbar, OSB, at finbar@cbhs.net or 216-721-5300, ext. 273.

THE SEARCH IS ON for the Longest Married Couple in the U.S. each of the 50 states and territories. This annual search is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Recognition will be given to a couple from each state and territory who has achieved that distinction. And the Longest Married Couple in the United States will be presented gifts in a ceremony to be held in their hometown during Valentine's week. The state winners will receive personal recognition and a special certificate of achievement from the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement. If you know a couple with a long marriage, please nominate them for this honor. For more information go to www.me.org. The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are February 10-12, 2012 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH and March 16-18 or March 23-25 (Location TBD). Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. For more details or to find out how to register for a weekend, call Dave & Jan Stockleman at 1-800-547-1251, code 00 or on the web at www.esharing.org.

THE SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN, located at 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, OH, 419-925-7625, offers the following events during January 2012: Sunday, January 1, 6:00 p.m., "Prayer and Benediction" will take place in the Chapel. Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m., "Healing Liturgy" will take place in the Chapel. Tuesdays, January 3 and 17, "Piecemakers Craft Group," 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Friday, January 13-Sunday, 15, "Men's 12 Step Recovery Retreat." Contact the Spiritual Center at 419-925-7625 for more information.



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*The Parish Staff extend best wishes
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