

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**



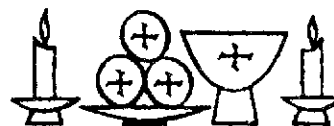
Brothers: as long as a designated heir is not of age, his condition is no different from that of a slave, even though in name he is master of all his possessions; for he is under the supervision of guardians and administrators until the time set by his father. In the same way, while we were not yet of age, we were like slaves subordinated to the elements of the world; but when the designated time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to deliver from the law those who were subjected to it, so that we might receive our status as adopted sons.

RIGHT TO LIFE

"The Word became flesh and dwelled among us," St. John's Gospel states. Perhaps if we could look at each unborn child as a word from God, we would be less likely to destroy those children who each have a unique message to share with the world.

SUGGESTED PRAYER

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Mon., Jan. 2 8:00 a.m. (HC) For the Faithful Departed
- Tues., Jan. 3 8:00 a.m. (STA) Walter Golba
- Wed., Jan. 4 8:00 a.m. (HC) For All Military Personnel & Their Families
- Thurs., Jan. 5 8:00 a.m. (OLR) For Our Teachers and Students of OLR
- Fri., Jan. 6 NO MASS
- Sat., Jan. 7 5:00 p.m. (OLR) Marvin Naas, Deacon Henry Beck
- Sun., Jan. 8 8:30 a.m. (STA) Eleanora Leszczuk
- 9:00 a.m. (STS) Henry Bochenek
- 10:30 a.m. (HC) Steinbrunner Family, Jim Storie
- 11:00 a.m. (OLR) Rita Nartker, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Rudge



THANK YOU

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

	Dec. 18	Christmas Flowers	Rel. Retire. Fund	Children
St. Stephen	\$ 540.23	\$158.00		
Holy Cross	\$ 974.00		\$50.00 (add'l.)	1
St. Adalbert	\$1,410.00		\$100.00	
Our Lady of the Rosary	\$4,103.00	\$102.00	\$190.00	7

MANY THANKS! – Christmas was beautiful at all our parishes, thanks to the many who helped – sacristans and singers, lectors and greeters, Eucharistic ministers and priests, and all who attended with devotion. May the praise of this holy season overflow into the coming year.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 7, 2012-JANUARY 8, 2012

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY – 5:00 P.M.

- Greeters: Ray & Kathy Morgan
- Lectors: Jack & Maureen Kunz
- Offertory: Ray Thies Family
- Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry & Mary Beth Burke, Pam Siefert
- Servers: Flavio Moreno, Duncan & Kayli Stampfli

ST. ADALBERT – 8:30 A.M.

- Lector: Bob MacClennan
- Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Collin, Phyllis Wysinski, Aggie & Mike Marcellino
- Server: Rick Collin

ST. STEPHEN – 9:00 A.M.

- Greeter: Lou Durko
- Lector: John Demeter
- Eucharistic Ministers: Lou & Tillie Durko
- Server: Patrick Gooch

HOLY CROSS – 10:30 A.M.

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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY – 11:00 A.M.

- Greeters: Bogie Bogner, Gordy Quinn
- Lectors: Teresa Niese, Anne Rusen
- Offertory: DeLucia Family
- Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Rosemary Evans, Joseph Harber, Nick Jobe, Julie Quinn, Paula Stibich
- Servers: Bobby Krupa, Angelica & Erick Vazquez

Liturgical Roles

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICES – There are a couple of issues we are experiencing at OLR that we need to address. First, we continue to have a problem with people tampering with the thermostats in the church and basement. This has caused the boiler to “lock up” and has the potential to cause serious permanent damage to the units. These units are complex and cannot be controlled by simply adjusting the temperature. Any events that are scheduled with the Rectory Office are given to our maintenance supervisor who adjusts the timers accordingly. If you are experiencing problems during the use of the facility, please contact one of the telephone numbers posted in the church or report the problem to the Parish Office. The second item of concern is the use of the restrooms. After the weekends and during events, we find the restrooms with toilets unflushed, toilets overflowing, wet toilet tissue stuck to the ceilings, shoe prints on the seats, black shoe marks across the floors, and things in the trash cans that should never be in there! Please have respect for our properties and monitor your children using the facilities.

ST. ADALBERT

POLISH NATIVITY – Due to the unique value of our Polish nativity scene, it has been decided that it would be best for it to remain at the Marian Library throughout the year, including during the Christmas season. We are grateful for its visit home the last several years, and for the good care it will receive at UD for future generations to enjoy.

COFFEE AND DONUTS – Parish Council would like to thank Beverly Pendergast for sponsoring the November Coffee and Donuts. Sponsors and hosts are needed for the Coffee and Donuts socials to continue in 2012. It is held on the second Sunday of the month. A sponsor or host is needed for January. There is a sign-up sheet by the front doors or see Rick or Kathy Collin for information.

PARISH COUNCIL would like to thank the sponsor of our St. Nicholas brunch on December 4. All, young and old alike, enjoyed the gift bags and everyone enjoyed the food.

OF MUTUAL INTEREST

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS for Christina Arnold, Marilyn Baumgartner, Ray Beaty, Jerome Bialek, Fr. Charles Caserta, Joanne Clark, Kay Colucci, 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.

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.

POSTDATED CHECKS – Please note that the parishes and school will no longer be accepting “postdated” checks from any individual or organization. It is not our responsibility to wait until there are enough funds in the bank to cover checks written to us for goods, services, tuition or donations. The practice of accepting these checks has caused too many problems for us to allow it to continue. Thank you for your understanding.

PROJECT SHARE – Are you looking for natural ways to improve your health in the new year? Explore our web site (www.projectshareonline.com) for videos and health and wellness information and our parishes and school will benefit.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – Thank you for your support in purchasing these books. We were able to donate \$80.00 to St. Vincent de Paul with our profit.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH – in downtown Dayton – will discontinue their Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass. January 1, 2012 will be the last Sunday there will be a Sunday evening 6:00 Mass. This change is due to the restructuring of the Mass schedule within Pastoral Region 7, which will allow just two Masses to be offered at each of the three downtown parishes. Other parishes offering Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass include: St. Christopher – Vandalia, St. Peter – Huber Heights, Immaculate Conception – Dayton and the University of Dayton.

DIVORCECARE – A special help seminar and support group for adults experiencing divorce or separation will be held on Thursday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m., from January 12 to April 12, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics, such as anger, loneliness, new relationships, etc. The registration fee is \$25.00. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call Marcelle Toma at 312-1157.

SEEKING WISDOM IN OUR DREAMS – Weekend retreat at Oldenburg Franciscan Center on Friday, January 13, 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, January 15, 1:00 p.m. Our dreams are messages from God. Dreams open us to our inner lives and can help us grow spiritually. Come with your dreams, a journal, and a spirit of enthusiasm to learn about the archetypal themes in our dreams. As a Jungian analyst, S. Olga will help us understand the concept of alchemy as a metaphor for inner transformation and how working through our dreams can help us advance on the road to individuation – to wholeness. The fees are \$125.00 for commuters, \$195.00 for shared rooms, and \$215.00 for a private room. Fee includes program, meals and materials.

THE 2012 GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary will be held at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception (Dayton) on Saturday, April 14, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. Reverend Lawrence Mierenfeld will be the principal celebrant. Couples celebrating their Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary during 2012 should notify the Rectory Office (228-8802) no later than February 15, 2012.

SAVE THE DATE – Credo Apostolate Healing Conference and Day of Renewal will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012, with Fr. Greg Bramlage and Fr. Dan Wilder at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 1440 N. Fairfield Road, Dayton, OH, 45432, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.credoapostolate.us.