

SUNDAY 12/23	MONDAY 12/24	TUESDAY 12/25	WEDNESDAY 12/26	THURSDAY 12/27	FRIDAY 12/28	SATURDAY 12/29
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  8:30 AM LITURGY 11:00 AM LITURGY	[PARISH OFFICES CLOSED]  5:30 PM LITURGY 8:00 PM LITURGY	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>  10:00 AM LITURGY	[PARISH OFFICES CLOSED]	[PARISH OFFICES CLOSED]	[PARISH OFFICES CLOSED]	4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

### SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF THE LORD

Monday, December 24th — 5:30 P.M. & 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, December 25th — 10:00 A.M.

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 29th — 5:30 P.M.

[Sacrament of Reconciliation — 4:00 - 4:45 P.M.]

Sunday, December 30th — 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, December 31st — 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, January 1st — 10:00 A.M.

**Pause Before We Feast** — It almost always becomes hectic before the Feast of the Nativity — Christmas, so let us make a change and block off a little time to pray and prepare ourselves for the “birth within” us. Slowly read the passages of Isaiah the Prophet from the Advent season scriptures: Isaiah 2:1-5; 11:1-10; 35:1-10; and 7:10-14. May the poetry of Isaiah which became enfleshed in Jesus be enfleshed in us!

**January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany** is when the “Magi arrive.” Perhaps if you have a beautiful or unique set of the Magi, bring them to the Church after January 2 and before the weekend so we can feast on a “multitude of Magi.” We will display them in the Commons area.

**Send A Note** ?! Gary and Connie Steed were 25-year parish members until they moved a few weeks ago. They wanted to be closer to family, so Gary could have more support in caring for Connie. I recently spoke to them, and they really miss our Parish. Perhaps you could drop them a Christmas greeting and word of prayer: The Steed’s, 69 East Smiley Avenue, Apartment # 35, Shelby, OH 44875.

**Home For the Holidays** — From Christmas night until January 2nd, I will be home visiting my mother and family. Father French and Father Hanna will graciously cover for me.

**Msgr. Bob Perkins**

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## CHRISTMAS EVE PRE-LITURGY MUSIC:

A half-hour before the beginning of each Christmas Eve liturgy, there will be a short choral presentation of Christmas carols and music. Plan to arrive early to enjoy the music and to participate in the caroling.

**NURSERY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE:** The infant and toddler nurseries will be open and available for parents’ use during the 5:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Eucharistic Liturgies. Children must be accompanied by an adult, as **there will be no scheduled volunteers in the Nursery.**

**PLEASE NOTE** — Parish Offices will be closed from Monday, December 24, until Wednesday, January 2, 2008. There will be no parish bulletin on the weekend of December 29/30. **ALSO NOTE:** There will be no Rosary Service this month.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY (2007/2008)** — Join your fellow-parishioners and friends at ICC/OLMC’s Annual New Year’s Eve Party from 7:00 P.M. on December 31st until 12:30 A.M. on January 1st. The party will be held at St. Michael Hall (144 Harpersville Road, Newport News). The ticket price is \$25.00 per person. Tickets will be available after Masses ; tickets will NOT be sold at the door. The party is BYOB (mixers provided), with hors d’oeuvres from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M., and dinner at 8:00 P.M.

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*To the People of God — My Friends: God answered your prayers for my recovery. May you also feel his saving grace.*

*Dick Pawlewicz*

**Income Budget: \$637,850**

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

## December Financial Information

Weekly Income	10%	5%
\$100	\$10.00	\$ 5.00
200	20.00	10.00
300	30.00	15.00
400	40.00	20.00
500	50.00	25.00

	<u>Week of 12/16</u>	<u>Month of Dec.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>Env./checks</b>	<b>\$ 11,542.64</b>	<b>\$ 39,645.14</b>	<b>\$ 282,231.86</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>818.79</b>	<b>3,302.43</b>	<b>28,778.49</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>2,242.00</b>
<b>YTD Interest</b>			<b>7,117.41</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,371.43</b>	<b>\$ 42,957.57</b>	<b>\$ 320,369.76</b>

Families using Envelopes/Checks in December: 402 out of 624

*A Tithe is 10% of one's gross income. That 10% is divided: 5% is placed in the Sunday collection for the ministries and operations of the Parish. The other 5% is donated to diocesan collections, local appeals for the needy, disaster relief, favorite charities, and Catholic school tuition. Above all, Tithing is an act of faith on the part of a believing person.*

**STEWARDSHIP**

**WHEN HE DISCOVERED THAT MARY WAS WITH CHILD, JOSEPH RESOLVED TO END THEIR ENGAGEMENT WITH AS LITTLE DISGRACE AS POSSIBLE. BUT OBEDIENT TO THE VOICE OF GOD, HE CHANGED THOSE PLANS AND BECAME INSTEAD THE PROTECTOR OF THE CHILD JESUS AND HIS MOTHER MARY. GOD GRANT THAT I MAY BE AS OPEN TO THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

All **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** [Preschool, K-5, Upper Grades and Confirmation] are in recess and will resume at their regularly scheduled times on January 6.

**SCHEDULES — December 24/25****Lectors**

5:30 P.M. Mark Rogers; Michele Jones  
8:00 P.M. Ed Hartman; Manola Dobbs  
10:00 A.M. Dan Ruggaber; Ann Ruggaber

**Lead Eucharistic Ministers**

5:30 P.M. Gayle Cowles; Steve Cowles  
8:00 P.M. Virginia Buck; Charles Buck  
10:00 A.M. Laurene Sproston; Marvin Sproston

**SCHEDULES — December 29/30****Lectors**

5:30 P.M. Jesse Butts; Terri Weaver  
8:30 A.M. Dave Okerblom; Sandra Keenan  
11:00 A.M. Joni Littreal; John Dever

**Lead Eucharistic Ministers**

5:30 P.M. Annette Myer; Nina Butts  
8:30 A.M. Laurene Sproston; Marvin Sproston  
11:00 A.M. Wanda McErlean; Mickey Annette

**Children's Liturgy**

8:30 A.M. Ann Daiber; Dolores Saetre  
11:00 A.M. Tricia Rainone; Stephanie Keatts

**Coffee and Doughnuts**

8:30 A.M. Eugene Lortie; Arlene & Ben Guenther;  
Patricia & Charles Bye; Carla Mitchell  
11:00 A.M. Carole Birdsong; Christa Graham; Ana  
Korrasik; Kevin Woisard

**Food Pantry** — Katarina & Matthew Hrutkay; Rachel Staub

The **MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will not meet this Monday, December 31. They will resume meeting on January 7, 2008.

Having completed the *FEASTS OF JUDAISM*, the **Thursday Morning SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** will begin the New Year with a "field trip" to Rodef Shalom Temple in Hampton on January 11, 2008, to attend the 6:00 P.M. Shabbat service.

The **R.C.I.A.** [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] will resume on January 6, 2008, with dismissal during the 8:30 A.M. Eucharistic Liturgy.

Sunday morning **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** will resume on January 13, 2008.

**SCHEDULES — December 31/January 1****Lectors**

5:30 P.M. Lisa Lannom; Peter Drottar  
10:00 A.M. Chris Malami; Marie-Claude David

**Lead Eucharistic Ministers**

5:30 P.M. Gayle Cowles; Steve Cowles  
10:00 A.M. Gayle Fronkier; Jim Fronkier

**SCHEDULES — January 5/6****Lectors**

5:30 P.M. Ed Hartman; Sandra Keenan  
8:30 A.M. Frank Koninski; Tere Gustafson  
11:00 A.M. Mike Stefanko; Izella Ward

**Lead Eucharistic Ministers**

5:30 P.M. Gayle Cowles; Steve Cowles  
8:30 A.M. Laurene Sproston; Marvin Sproston  
11:00 A.M. Mickey Annette; Wanda McErlean

**Children's Liturgy**

8:30 A.M. Robin Weisbrod; Dolores Saetre  
11:00 A.M. Allison de Guzman; Joachim de Guzman

**Coffee and Doughnuts**

8:30 A.M. Charlene & Tom Foughner; Deanna &  
Walt Johnson  
11:00 A.M. Helen & Lauren Burke; Angela Rhett;  
Lisa Napier

**Food Pantry** — Barbara & Glen Ziemba; Melissa Wright

**Morning Ministry** — Deborah Reese (1/03)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat., 12/22 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56  
 Sun., 12/23 Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

Mon., 12/24 Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:15-17, 22-25  
 Mt 1:1-25

Tues., 12/25 Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Weds., 12/26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22  
 Thurs., 12/27 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1-8  
 Fri., 12/28 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2 Mt 2:13-18  
 Sat., 12/29 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

Sun., 12/30 Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 Col 3:12-21  
 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
 Mon., 12/31 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18  
 Tues., 1/01 Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21  
 Weds., 1/02 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28  
 Thurs., 1/03 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6 Jn 1:29-34  
 Fri., 1/04 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42  
 Sat., 1/05 1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51  
 Sun., 1/06 Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

**MASS INTENTIONS**

5:30 P.M. *Jack Jackowski (+)*  
 8:30 A.M. *Wilfredo Llamas (+)*  
 11:00 A.M. *Billy Osterloh (+)*  
*Cpl. Thaddeus Jerz (+)*

5:30 P.M. *Lancianese, Murphy, Cantalupo, Longhi Families (+)*  
*Marie Sanfilippo (+)*  
*Rudolph Loffredo (+)*

8:00 P.M. *Peter & Maria Cavanna (+)*  
*George E. & Margaret L. Hudgins (+)*

10:00 A.M. *Lillian & Melvin Gerczak (+)*  
*Gertrude & Tony Hoehn (+)*  
*Anthony Restituto (+)*  
*Dick Mahoney (+)*

5:30 P.M. *Carrie Piazza (+)*  
*Luz Maria Mercado (+)*

8:30 A.M.  
 11:00 A.M. *Hiram Troché (+)*  
 5:30 P.M.  
 10:00 A.M. *David Bittenbender (+)*

8:30 A.M.  
 8:30 A.M.  
 5:30 P.M. *Luca & Theresa Ercolini (+)*  
 8:30 A.M. *Edward J. Kazarnowicz (+)*  
 11:00 A.M.

**BAPTISM SESSIONS:** The next baptism dates are January 26/27 and March 29/30, 2008. All parents who are interested in having their children baptized at Immaculate Conception on these dates must attend one of the next two series of baptism preparation sessions. The preparation sessions will be held at 7:00 P.M. on [Thursdays] January 10, 17 and 24 and on February 21 and 28, and March 6. For more information or to register, please contact Carol Dufresne (after January 2nd) at the Parish Office [[icc.caroldufresne@verizon.net](mailto:icc.caroldufresne@verizon.net) or 826-0393].

**COMMUNION PYXES:** If you are no longer using a pyx for carrying holy communion to the sick, please return it to the sacristy so that others may use it.

The **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** will kick off the 2008 New Year with brunch on Sunday, January 13. All will gather after the 11:00 A.M. Eucharist to go to the Golden Corral.

**A JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND — 9 Days, April 8-16, 2008** — Visit the places of the Gospel under the direction of Msgr. Mike McCarron and Fr. Bob French. For your free color brochure and registration form, please call Mary Ann Steigelman at 596-5772.

**MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK:** Altar Linens; 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Coffee & Doughnut Servers; Food Pantry; Lectors; Registering New Parishioners; and 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Ushers/Greeters.

The **ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA (SJV) ALUMNI SOCIETY** is planning a spring 2008 reunion and would like to locate as many of their family as possible. If you know of anyone who lived or worked at the Villa from 1931-1977, please have them contact SJV at 804-266-5094 or [SJVAS@comcast.net](mailto:SJVAS@comcast.net).