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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 8:15 a.m.

Holy Day Masses 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Parish Office.....614-861-1521
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Holy Spirit Church
Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023

Saturday, December 16 – Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: 186: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 /
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

4:00 p.m. Mass – Sean & Kristen Gilmore
(Rick & Ryan Henne)

Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: 8: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 /
1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

9:00 a.m. Mass – Richard Lumpe (Fr. Michael Lumpe)
11:00 a.m. Mass – For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

Monday, December 18

Readings: 194: Jer 23:5-8 / Ps 72:1-2, 12-13 18-19 / Mt 1:18-25

9:00 a.m. Mass – Ann Dennis (Parish Gift Mass)

Tuesday, December 19

Readings: 195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Ps 71:3-6, 16-17 / Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20

Readings: 196: Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-6 / Lk 1:26-38

10:30 a.m. Mass at The Ashford – Michael Bryan
(Parish Gift Mass)

1:15pm Mass Fr. Joseph Ehwald
(Edgardo & Merlayna Durusan)

Thursday, December 21 – St. Peter Canisius

Readings: 197: Sg 2:8-14 / Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 / Lk 1:39-45

**9:00 a.m. Mass – The Deceased Members of the
Rundag Family** (Family)

Friday, December 22 – Readings: 198: 1 Sam 1:24-28 /

(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd / Lk 1:46-56

9:00 a.m. Mass – Josephine Fantozia
(Dominico & Lynn Cervi)

Saturday, December 23 – Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: 199: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14/
Lk 1:57-66

4:00 p.m. Mass – Shawn Patrick Head (Allen Head)

Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: 11: 2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Ps 89: 2-5, 27, 29 /
Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1: 26-38

9:00 a.m. Mass – For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

Sunday, December 24 – Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Readings: 13: Is 62:1-5 / Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 /
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25

4:00 p.m. Mass – Thomas Sapp (Valario & Maria Tata)
8:00 p.m. Mass – Robert Dininni (Family)

Monday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

Readings: 16: Is 52:7-10 / Ps 98:1-6 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18

11:00 a.m. Mass – Christine Krites (Jean Lutterbein)

From the Pastor's Desk...

*“The word became flesh and made
his dwelling among us.”*
– John 1:14

Christmas is near. Jesus is here now. The Divine comes down in all humility to meet us. Mary and Joseph received him in their life. Elizabeth received the child Jesus through Mary. He became an instant blessing for her family.

Jesus entered the home of the wedding couple at Cana; their sorrow was turned into joy. Jesus entered the home of the mother-in-law of Peter; she was healed of her fever. He entered the home of Mary and Martha; Lazarus was raised from the dead. When Jesus entered the homes of people, they always received healing, happiness, forgiveness, and new life.

All these things were possible, mainly because people welcomed and accepted Jesus in their homes. This Christmas season, Jesus is thirsting to visit your homes. As a way of doing that, I would like to visit your homes and bless your homes. I understand you are all busy, but it would be nice to have your homes, children, pets, etc., blessed in view of Christ's coming.

Since I have joined the parish recently as pastor, it would give us an opportunity also to get to know each other and build up the family of God. The house visits and blessings will begin after Christmas. If you would allow me, I can visit the retired folks during the day and the working folks in the evenings once they return from work. Jesus and I would love to visit you. If you would like your homes to be blessed, you can call the Parish Office at 614-861-1521. May His everlasting presence be with you.

Have a Good Week!
Fr. Veevin Richard



Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who sees how Your people faithfully await the Feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ADVENT


New Mass Times at Holy Spirit:

The Mass/Confession schedule at Holy Spirit is as follows:

- Saturday: Confessions at 3:00 p.m.
Mass at 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday: Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- Monday: Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday: Mass at 8:15 a.m. (school liturgy)
- Thursday: Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday: Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Experience the Sacrament of God's Healing Grace.

Advent Confession Time: In addition to the regular, weekly time for Confession, the last additional time before Christmas to receive the Sacrament is **Wednesday, December 20, 2023, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the church.**

 **Please Help Decorate Your Church!** We need your help to decorate the church for Christmas. On Friday, December 22nd, at 1:00 p.m. we will be decorating. This would be a good opportunity for service hours for anyone who needs them. We appreciate any help you can give on that day. Please call the office if you are able to help.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24 – 4:00 p.m.
Holy Spirit School Choir

Sunday, December 24 – 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Prelude Begins at 7:30 p.m.
(choir, bell choir, trumpeter, congregational singing)

Monday, December 25 – 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Prelude at 10:30 a.m.
(Organ & Brass Quintet)

Parish Offertory Summary: December 9/10

Offertory Envelopes (75)	\$ 8,030.00
Loose	\$ 483.25
St. Vincent de Paul (6)	\$ 237.00
Capital Improvement (12)	\$ 291.00
Catholic Charities (3)	\$ 32.00
Thanksgiving (1)	\$ 100.00
Christmas Flowers (15)	\$ 550.00
Immaculate Conception (22)	\$ 597.00
World Mission Sunday (1)	\$ 10.00
Religious Retirement Fund (13)	\$ 356.00
Christmas (4)	\$ 55.00
Total	\$ 10,741.25



A Christmas Gift for Your Parish: 'Tis the season of giving. As we spread our joy and good cheer, consider adding Holy Spirit Church to your gift list. Wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas season as we await the birth of our Savior.



Holy Spirit School students are headed into the third week of Advent celebrating joy! They will have their final three days at school for 2023! We are on Christmas Break from Thursday, December 21, 2023 through

January 2, 2024. School will resume on Wednesday, January 3. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Many blessings to all of you in 2024!

Miss Kathy Costello, Principal



2023 Annual Campaign for Holy Spirit

School: Holy Spirit School is turning to its parents, friends, and supporters in the 2023 Gift to the Spirit Annual Campaign. This year, our Parish School celebrates its 72nd Anniversary in the Whitehall Community. We are proud of the education we provide. We must, however, always update and modernize our facilities. Our project for the 2023-2024 academic year is to continue the process of upgrading security in our school building and surrounding property. We know that you share our great concern for the safety of our students! We would appreciate your prayerful consideration. Envelopes are in the back of the church. Please help us in meeting the challenges ahead! Thank you.

Please remember in your prayers all the sick, homebound, or recovering in our parish, especially Ned Braun, Carole Brill, Sia & Sasha Castle, Bernie Comer, Lu & Bob Cudak, Dorothy Deems, Judy Dick, Carol Eisenhart, Anne Hill, Joann Huffman, Steve & Nancy Sagle, and Ron Scherer.



Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, December 23, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Debi Matthews

Servers: Evelyn and Valeria Valerio, Emiliano Gonzalez

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Biscuso, De Ann Bukowski

Ministry Schedule:

Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Carolyn Jukowitz

Servers: Yami Ortega, Anthony Mendez

Eucharistic Ministers: Geno Hoffman, Lois Baglione

Ministry Schedule:

Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Ian Ruiz

Servers: Daisy Gonzalez, Kevin Gonzalez, Zoe Ruiz

**Eucharistic Ministers: Moné Hertzell, Roseanne Sapp,
De Ann Bukowski**

Ministry Schedule:

Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 8:00 p.m.

Lector: Bob Dadik, Dee Dadik

Servers: Blake Wyatt, Alex Dininni, Richie Dininni

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Butler, Maureen Dodd

Ministry Schedule:

Monday, December 25, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Bill Heinmiller

Servers: Daisy Gonzalez, Kevin Gonzalez

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers Needed

*We pray, Faithful God, that
as we await Your coming,
You bring blessing to all those
communities and populations
in our world who are enduring
persecution, threat, and violence.
We pray that all our small efforts toward
creating and preserving peace
might multiply and expand into a world in
such great need of it.
And may Your peace
plant itself deep within each of us
as we create community among ourselves.
Dominican Sister of Peace
Maxine Shonk, OP*

URGENT SUPPORT NEEDED IN THE HOLY LAND

As the war rages on, Pope Francis is reaching out to world leaders calling for a cease fire, entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza and the release of all hostages being held by Hamas. Due to their longstanding presence, Catholic Relief Services has been responding to meet urgent, comprehensive needs, while also monitoring possible extended needs across the region. To support their efforts, pray and consider learning more and donating to CRS at: Catholic Relief Services (crs.org). For more information, contact the diocesan Social Concerns Office at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or call 614-224-2540.



Plenary Indulgence during Christmas Season the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has granted the privilege of a plenary indulgence for all the faithful to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Christmas in Greccio, Italy. The indulgence is available from December 8,

2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to February 2, 2024, Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The usual conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence are:

- Confession of our sins;
- Receive Holy Communion;
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (*Our Father & Hail Mary*);
- Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin.

Added to this – visit a church run by the Franciscan families and stop for prayer in front of the Nativity scene set up there. In the Diocese of Columbus, Christ the King Parish and St. Thomas Parish are run by Franciscans. Those sick or unable to participate physically can obtain a plenary indulgence by offering their sufferings to the crucified Lord and praying.



RCIA to Begin Soon: *Are you or is someone you know curious about the Catholic faith? Interested in becoming Catholic? Baptized Catholic as a child, but never received the Sacraments of*

Confirmation and the Eucharist? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join the Catholic Church. The first step in this process is a period of inquiry, which is an opportunity to learn more about our parish community, our Catholic faith, and our God. You are welcome to participate with your questions in a warm setting with no commitment required. The first date for this gathering will be announced soon. If you or someone you know is interested in more information, please call 614-861-1521 or e-mail info@holyspiritcolumbus.org.

Mass Intention Requests: We have many openings in the Mass Intention schedule for 2024. If you would like to request a Mass Intention, please submit it in writing with the suggested stipend (\$10.00 per Mass) to the parish office. You may also put your request in the collection basket. Requests will not be taken by phone.

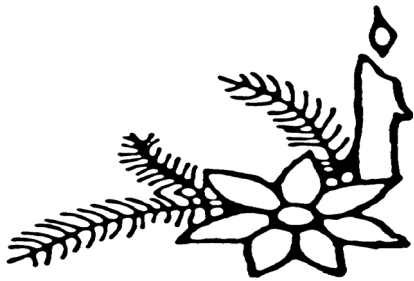




Christmas Catholic Charities

Collection: This collection is for a variety of diocesan agencies and organizations, including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen’s Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can share in this important

work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year. Envelopes are in your packet.



Come Let Us Adore Him!

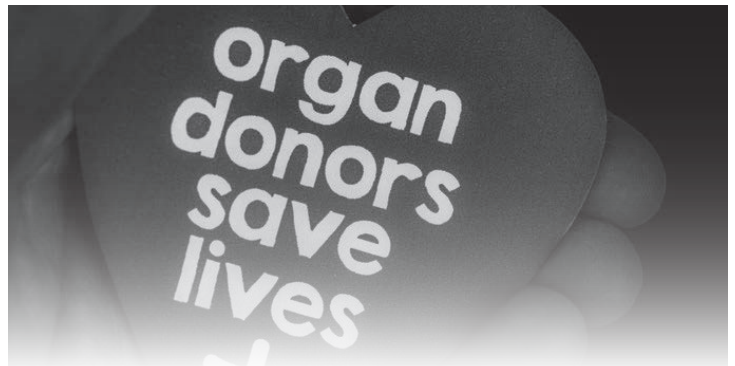
To mark the 800th anniversary of the First Creche by Saint Francis of Assisi, join and pray with St. Joseph Parish in Plain City on December 17 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center for the “God Is with Us - Come Let Us Adore” Family event, featuring a Live Nativity, caroling, food and activities for the children. The PAC address is 670 W. Main Street, Plain City, OH 43064.



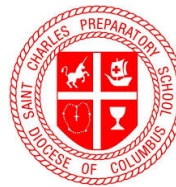
Give Something That Means

Something! The American Red Cross Blood Drive: Whitehall United Methodist Church is hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 27, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. WUMC is located at 525 Bernhard Road in

Whitehall. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS, or visit www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: WhitehallUMC.



Our Church supports organ and tissue donation and recognizes the healing benefits it can provide for others. We encourage you to learn more about how you can become an organ and tissue donor. By registering to be a donor, you have the potential to save the lives of eight people through organ donation and to enhance the lives of dozens more through tissue donation. For more information about organ and tissue donation or to join the Ohio Donor Registry, please visit www.lifelineofohio.org, or call 614-291-5667.



St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will hold women’s auditions for The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical on Wednesday and Thursday, January 3 and 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad

Street (You need only attend one of the two days.) Auditions are open to all area high school women in Central Ohio. Production Dates: February 29-March 3, 2024. If you would like additional information, please email Doug Montgomery at dmontgomery@scprep.org.

St. Padre Pio Relic at The Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference:

The glove of St. Padre Pio will be displayed for veneration at the upcoming Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference in February. Early registration for the conference extends through January 1, 2024. Scan the QR code to register for the conference.



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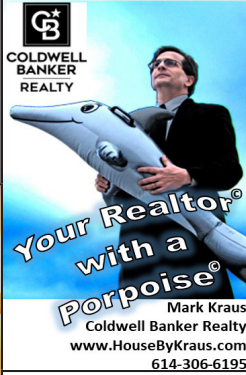
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