

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:45AM Fr. Albert Shad—Mr. and Mrs. Metz
8:00AM John Layman—Anniv. Rem.—Klaene Family
7:00PM Lessons in Carols

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:45AM Deceased members of the Meyer & Becker Families—Vince & Bev
8:00AM Leonard Hellmann—Christmas Rem—Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:45AM Paul Kobolesky—Kerley Family
8:00AM Earl & Marion Wempe and Lori Weaver—Wempe Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:45AM Steven Horvath—Terry & Connie Baker
8:00AM Deceased members of the Carovillano & Fey Families—Christmas Rem.—Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:45AM John Bill—Christmas Rem.—Family
8:00AM Jill Brown—Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00AM Special Intentions of Mike & Julie Guenther—Wedd. Anniv.—Rich Groene
4:10PM Evening Prayer
4:30PM Richard Weber—Bd. Rem.—Kerley Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:40AM Morning Prayer
8:00AM Mary Jane Fangmann—Family
9:30AM Suzanne C. MacAlister—George H. Cook
11:30AM For Our Parishioners

CONFESSIONS

Thursday, December 18, 7:30PM to 8:00PM
Saturday, December 20, 3:00PM to 4:00PM
There will be no confessions on Christmas Day, Dec. 25

TRAVELING CHALICE

Please call Debbie at 922-2414, to sign up for one week to take the Traveling Chalice into your home. The presence of the chalice in one's home is a reminder to pray for vocations. A small prayer-booklet comes with the chalice.

THANK YOU to Jim Kummer at A Caring Choice for advertising in our bulletin.

R • O • S • A • R • Y

Monday thru Friday after the 6:45AM and 8AM Masses .
Mondays 7:00PM Fatima Prayer Group in the Chapel.
Friday mornings at *MaryAnn Baverman's home for Moms of all ages and young children. We extend an invitation to all moms to join our group for prayer on Friday mornings from 10AM to 11:00AM. We will show you how to pray the rosary. Please call MaryAnn at 503-9537 for details.*
Saturdays after the 8 AM Mass in church.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in the chapel every Friday, following the 8AM Mass until 10PM.

LECTORS December 20 & 21, 2014

4:30PM	B. Short	S. Ulmer
8:00AM	B. Bohan	C. Kerley
9:30AM	M. Meyer	J. Rigney
11:30AM	T. Kaeser	L. Kaeser

SERVERS December 15-19, 2014

6:45AM Victoria Freudiger, Bailey Venard
8:00AM Mark & Matthew Rechtin
December 20 & 21, 2014
Not available at deadline time.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS December

4:30PM Deacon , Carol Neiderhausen, Judy Gerstner, Marcia Wessels, Joan Squeri
8:00AM Deacon, Pam & Mark Braunstein, Linda Guetle
9:30AM Deacon, Judy, Danny & Jason Rigney, Carly Hawk, Angie & Hannah Heisel, Carol Jacob, Martha, Sam & Vince Olding
11:30AM Deacon, Jessica Johnson, Karen Klaene, Patty Hetzer, Chloe & Ella Klusman, Andy & Eileen Muehlbauer, Christine & Matthew Weber, Jane Hoffman



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you wish to dedicate the placing of flowers for one week at the altar in memory of a loved one or to honor a person or special occasion, please send \$50 to the rectory office with your name, phone number (and the week you would like to reserve). More than one family may reserve the same week. If you have questions call Steffany Reid, Business Manager, at 922-5400.

ROSARY MEMORIAL GARDEN

For information about engraved stone blocks please call the rectory office at 922-5400, weekdays, between the hours of 8:30A-3:00P.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Things I've Seen and Heard Musings of Fr. Bryan Reif

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Church calls Gaudete Sunday, or Rejoice Sunday. We differentiate this Sunday from the rest of the Sundays in Advent by lighting our Rose colored candle. The priests and deacons also have the option to wear Rose colored vestments as well. We have reason to rejoice here in our parish. Not just because we have reached the mid-point of this holy season, but because we recognize that Christ truly is in our midst. Jesus is here. He is here every time we gather to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in Word and in Sacrament, as well in one another. He is here every time we show love and concern for one another, every time we wish one another well, and every time we recognize the blessing that someone has been for us, or what someone has done for us and we say Thank You. We have cause for our rejoicing here, because our parish has many blessings, many gifts, through so many good and talented people, who give of their time, their talent, and their prayers, for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our community, on the west side, and in our world. There is so much generosity, and so much good-will here at St. Antoninus, that I am thankful for each and every person, and the gifts that person brings to our parish.

Don't forget, Monday evening, December 15th, at 7PM, we will be having our annual "Lessons in Carols" put on by some of our very talented musicians. Be sure not to miss this! I am looking forward to a wonderful celebration in music and song of Advent and Christmas, which will help us focus on Christ, and help us pray through the Carols. Come one, come all to "Lessons in Carols" here at St. Antoninus. Take Good Care!

Fr. Bryan

COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, after all the morning Masses

GIFT CARDS make great gifts for your employees, family and friends. We have Busken Bakery \$10 gift cards, \$10 Kroger gift cards, \$20 Holy Grail, \$10 Price Hill Chili, \$10 Ron's Roost, \$10 Chipotle, \$5 Skyline, \$25 Allison Landscaping and \$10 Servatti's gift cards. We receive 4% of your purchases at Kroger's, Remke's and GFS. By patronizing these establishments, you are also helping us raise funds for St. Antoninus. You may purchase gift cards at the rectory, open, as it is, 8AM-3PM, Monday thru Friday.



ST. JOSEPH STEWARDSHIP

December 6 & 7, 2014

Weekly amount needed \$26,540

Remember St. Antoninus Parish in your will.

450 Envelopes		\$25,865.25
Loose Monies		358.00
Electronic Transfers		4,681.00
Year to Date Collections	\$465,132.83	
YTD Fund Drive	23,406.26	
<i>YTD Fund Drive & Collection Under Budget</i>		<i>(\$121,880.91)</i>

STOCK DONATIONS

There are several ways donors can donate securities. Donations of Direct Registration (DRS or book entry) assets, mutual funds, shares with a broker, or physical certificates held by the donor can be made. For specific instructions, please contact the Business manager, Steffany Reid, at 922-5400 between the hours of 8:30AM and 3:30PM, Monday thru Friday. To qualify for acceptance, all donations must include the donor's name with the transfer. Your broker will need the following information: **Company Name: Fifth Third Bank, DTC number: 2116**
Account number: 0104471751AX
Account Name: St. Antoninus

Please note that it is imperative that your broker be able to identify you as the donor.

Early Bird Drawing: December 19, 2014
Your ticket(s) must be returned by Thursday, December 18, 2014 in order to be eligible for the early bird drawing on **December 19, 2014**. There are *additional ticket sheets available in the greeting room of the Church and in the rectory office.* **1 Ticket - \$25, 3 Tickets-\$50, 6 Tickets- \$75, 9 Tickets - \$100.** You may return your tickets by mail, drop them in the Sunday collection in an envelope marked "250 Lotto", or you can bring them to the Business Office in the Rectory, Monday through Friday, between 8:00AM and 3:00PM. All winners will be published in the bulletin, and checks will be mailed to the winners. All such tickets will be returned to the hopper for the next drawing. Thank you for participating, and good luck to one and all!

ST. FRANCIS SERAPH GIVING TREE
Sunday morning, December 14th, after the last Mass is the deadline for bringing the gifts back to the greeting room.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

St. Antoninus is privileged to have a tuition assistance program which provides financial help to those families, which, without such help, would be unable to provide a Catholic education for their children.

Our Tuition Assistance funds come from the generosity of many donors both in and out of our church and school community. Now is the time of year to consider making such a donation.

The George Hubert Jr. Family Foundation and the Butch & Karen Hubert Scholarship Programs will match all donations made to St. Antoninus' tuition assistance program at 150% for the 2015-2016 school year. This matching program is also referred to as ESAP (Elder Scholarship Assistance Program). When ESAP receives donations designated for our school **before December 31, 2014**, they are matched at 150% and sent to us in January. The address is below. You can also send your donations directly to St. Antoninus **before December 31, 2014**, and they will still be matched at 150% by ESAP. All donations are tax deductible. Please consider making such donations so we can continue offering assistance to families that need our help in order for their children to receive a Catholic Education. No gift is too small! Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Donations can be mailed to:

(please designate St. Antoninus as the recipient)

ESAP c/o The George Hubert Jr. Family Foundation
PO Box 1116, Cincinnati OH 45201

Or

St. Antoninus Church,
Attn: Mrs. Steffany Reid, Business Manager
1500 Linneman Rd., Cincinnati OH 45238

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, JACK COREY

Dear Parishioners,

A big thank you goes to Miss Delaney for the Christmas concert this past Thursday. During one of the busiest times of the year, Miss Delaney and our teachers set a side time to make the Christmas concert a memorable event.

This week, our students in grades 3-8 go to Reconciliation. We provide this opportunity to our students as part of their Christmas preparation during Advent. During the season of Advent I encourage all of our parents to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Not only is it a way to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ, it reinforces this to our children that this is a lifetime sacrament, not just something we do.



THE GIVING GLORY CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP

presents "Lessons in Carols" on Monday,

December 15, at 7PM in church. Open your hearts to the coming of Christ during the celebration of music and prayer. A free will offering will be kindly accepted.

Jr. High Youth Group Christmas Party - Sunday, Dec. 14th, from 6:30-8:30pm. All 7th & 8th Grade Parishioners are invited to attend. If you'd like to participate in our optional gift exchange, bring a \$5 value candy gift, gift-wrapped, please. We will meet in the Undercroft Youth Room. Please contact Sharon Palicki at sapalicki@hotmail.com with any questions.

CAREGIVER RESOURCE CONNECTION

Who is a caregiver? You are a caregiver whether you devote as little as 5 minutes a week or as much as 24 hours a day to providing or supervising the care for a loved one who is disabled, frail, or elderly. It can be both physically and emotionally demanding! Meet others who share your experience to discuss topics like maintaining one's balance as a caregiver, solving caregiving problems, the guilt/stress of caregiving, and learning to care for yourself. There is a group at St. Antoninus that normally meets every month on the 3rd Monday. This month's meeting is **12/15/2014** from **1:30 - 3:00 pm** in the Holy Family Room. This meeting is free and open to the public and is here for you! If you have questions about our groups or about caregiving in general, please call the Caregiver CAREline at 929-4483 for more information.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Scripture program is coming to the end with a teaching on "OPPORTUNITIES AND THE FUTURE", given by John Dunn this coming Tuesday evening. How do we take all the richness of the faith and the Scriptures that we have received and pass it on to others? The Spirit "will instruct you in everything, and remind you of all that I told you." (Jn 14:20) Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit will help us receive what is needed to move forward as a disciple of Christ.

Come and join us to hear John delve into these matters and encourage us in our journey with Jesus. All are welcome! **NEW TIME in Chapel at 7:00 PM.**



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SUPPORT RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

“Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sister, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI
VIRTUS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD, IN THE CHURCH UNDERCROFT, ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: 7:00pm, Monday, Jan. 12, 2015, 7:00pm, Wednesday, Feb. 4, 7:00pm, Monday, March 9, 7:00pm, Wed., April 22, at 7:00pm, Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00pm Tuesday, June 2, at 7:00pm

ALL EMPLOYEES AND REGULAR VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE VIRTUS TRAINING MEETING. YOU MAY ATTEND HERE OR AT ANY OTHER LOCATION WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT: www.virtus.org. MAKE SURE THAT THE “USER’S LOCATION” YOU CHOOSE DURING REGISTRATION IS ST. ANTONINUS – EVEN IF YOU ATTEND VIRTUS AT ANOTHER LOCATION. PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE DOWN YOUR VIRTUS USER- ID AND YOUR PASSWORD. YOU WILL NEED TO USE THEM MONTHLY.

Volunteers (unless you coach high school students) are no longer required to go for fingerprints. Instead, volunteers are required to complete an on-line background check. If you wish to pay for the on-line background check yourself, you can complete it as a part of the VIRTUS registration. If you volunteer at St. Antoninus and would like a pre-paid code to pay for the background check, do not start the background check when you register for VIRTUS. Instead, send an e-mail to Deacon Bob Schroeder at: schroeder@saintantoninus.org. He will send the pre-paid, one-time-use code to you via e-mail. If you coach high school students, you are also required to complete fingerprinting. Kindly e-mail Deacon Bob at the address above and he will send directions.



St. Antoninus Boy Scout Troop 614

Wreath and poinsettia can be picked up in the Youth Room of the undercroft after Masses this weekend of December 13th & 14th.

From the RCIA Team

All are invited to attend RCIA to learn more about our Lord. In fact, learning about Jesus’ life would be a marvelous addition to the advent season! RCIA meets on Tuesdays in the Holy Family Room in the undercroft from 7:30-9PM.

The Western Baseball Conference (WBC) is seeking umpires for the 2015 baseball season. The WBC season runs from March 28, through the end of June. Umpire training classes are tentatively scheduled to be held on the Saturday mornings of February 21, February 28, and March 7, at Our Lady of Victory, with an on-field session on March 14, at a location TBD. Umpires must be at least 15 years of age and have reliable transportation to and from games. No prior experience as an umpire is required. Please contact Rob Reid, WBC Umpire Coordinator, at rreid@catholiccincinnati.org if you are interested.

VOCATION VIEWS

God gives you a mission. Respond! Rejoice in the Spirit who is at work in you. (Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11)

"The Perfect Storm"

Featuring: Popular Singer and Performer Mike Davis

Prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent by joining Mike Davis for a powerful night of prayer, music and scripture as we bring our storms of life to meet the One who calms our storms-Jesus Christ! Join us on December 17th, at St. Teresa of Avila, 1175 Overlook Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, at 7 pm in the church. This event is free to the public. Free-will donations are always appreciated. Don't miss these powerful nights of prayer, music, and grace as we await the coming of our Messiah!

COME TO REDISCOVER CHRISTMAS

Nativities on loan from University of Dayton Marian Library/International Marian Research will be back at the cathedral this Christmas, through January 4, 2015. The hours of operation will be Sun 12-6pm and Mon through Sat 12-4pm. Please call the office if you would like to schedule a large group to tour the display.

ADVENT LUNCH WITH THE LORD

Fr Mark Burger will reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel readings during Advent. The sessions are free and open to the public. They will be held on December 15, in Synod Hall from 12 Noon to 1pm. Musicians will provide accompaniment for this very special Advent Scripture study. Parking is available in the pay lot at Plum & 7th, for \$4 and at the meters for \$2 per hour. Drinks are available for purchase; bring your lunch and a friend for Lunch with the Lord!

Time for New Year's Resolutions!

This year, resolve to make your marriage better than it's ever been! Make your good marriage GREAT with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area for 2015 are February 6th – 8th, at the Holy Spirit Center, in Norwood, OH, March 13th – 15th, at the Holiday Inn Eastgate in Cincinnati, OH, and April 17th – 19th, at the Crown Plaza in Dayton, OH. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. Look for upcoming weekends in 2015 at www.wvme.org or www.esharing.org. For more details or reservations call: Dave & Jan Stockelman at 251-1940 or 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 –OR– on the web at www.esharing.org

Lay Catholic Studies at the Athenaeum campus, Mt. Washington and St. Ignatius beginning August 2015:

Is God calling you to something new? The Athenaeum Lay Pastoral Ministry Program helps equip busy adults for missionary discipleship, serving families, parishes and communities more effectively. Evening and Saturday classes fit into your work and family commitments. We offer graduate and non-degreed options in a supportive environment. Come and see how lay formation can enrich your life! Call 513-231-1200 for information or a personal interview.



Give the Gift of Music For The Holidays and Support Catholic Elementary Education

The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society has four fantastic performances left for the 2014 - 2015 concert season and the gift of music is a great idea for those "tough to buy for" friends and relatives. Buy purchasing GCPAS show tickets, you also support Catholic elementary education. \$5 from each ticket purchased can be donated to the Catholic elementary school tuition assistance program of your choice and those donations are matched by the ESAP (Educational Scholarship and Assistance Program) for a combined \$10 per ticket donation! This is a great way to have an evening of wonderful entertainment with family and friends, and support Catholic schools at the same time. On January 31, the California Guitar Trio with guest bassist Tony Levin will perform at the St. Xavier Performance Center. Toronto based award winning a cappella group Cadence will also be at St. Xavier on Feb. 28. The Grammy Award winning Bluegrass group Steep Canyon Rangers will perform at the Martin Marietta Theater at Harrison High School and the season will wrap up with the amazing Hit Men featuring former members of the Four Seasons on May 9.

For show information and tickets, go to www.gcparts.org or call 513-570-0652 for information. The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society - Where Great Arts Support Great Education!

MASS with a HEALING SERVICE: Come and experience Jesus' healing power. Healing includes the physical, spiritual, emotional, psychological and relational aspects of our lives; it is not limited to a physical cure. St. Ignatius church is the location for the Mass with Healing Service on **Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 7:30 pm**, sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. Personal prayer for healing will be available during the Healing Service.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:00PM 5:00PM 11:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00AM 9:30AM 11:30AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 4:30PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015, 8:00AM 9:30AM 11:30AM