

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**6:45AM** Fred Rolfes— Anniv. Rem.— Family  
**8:00AM** Ivo Gerken—Juanita Gerken

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 St. John of Kanty**

**6:45AM** Tom Reilly—Christmas Rem.—Martha  
**8:00AM** Special Intentions of Peg Delaney— Bd.— The Burgers

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**6:45AM** Special Intentions of Mary Lynn Rapien— Donna Vitt  
**8:00AM** Carol Rettig—Bd. Rem.—Ed & June

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**3:00PM** For our Parishioners  
**5:00PM** Evelyn Roda—Christmas Rem.— Family  
**11:00PM** For our Parishioners

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 The Nativity of the Lord**

**8:00AM** Jim McGraw—Family  
**9:30AM** Bill & Rhea Delaney—Christmas Rem.— Family  
**11:30AM** James McDonald— Bd. Rem.— Helen

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 St. Stephen**

**6:45AM** Margaret Patton—Anniv. Rem.— Family  
**8:00AM** Helen Duwell—Wedding Anniv. Rem.— Gene

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 St. John**

**8:00AM** The deceased members of the Heringhaus Family— Dr. Budde  
**4:10PM** Evening Prayer  
**4:30PM** Wilbert Feldman — Anniv. Rem. — Walt & Pat Anneken

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**7:40AM** Morning Prayer  
**8:00AM** Audrey Deiters— Anniv. Rem.— Paul  
**9:30AM** William & Joseph Dwyer— Christmas Rem.— Family  
**11:30AM** Mike & Betty Schiller Family — in gratitude—Mike Schiller

**CONFESSIONS**

There will be no confessions on Christmas Day, Dec. 25  
Saturday, December 27, 3:00PM to 4:00PM

**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.

**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 27 & 28, 2014**

<b>4:30PM</b>	A. Bonavita	J. Squeri
<b>8:00AM</b>	C. Nie	L. Nie
<b>9:30AM</b>	D. Junker	D. Burger
<b>11:30AM</b>	J. Rogers	P. Autenrieb

**SERVERS December 22-26, 2014**

**Not available at deadline time.**  
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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS December 27 & 28**

**4:30PM** Liz, Nick, Mike & Sarah Rolfes, Marilyn Wempe  
**8:00AM** Larry & Diane Reiring, Linda & Norb Guetle  
**9:30AM** Dave & Jenny Burger, Janet Burger, Don & Ritzie Junker, Lucas Palicki, Ellen & Devlin Smith, Jeffrey Hornsby, Kathy Hurley, Ellie Bohan  
**11:30AM** Jackie Roger, Ray & Joan Loebker, Donna Vitt, Tom Fleming, Julian & Kate Hein, Evan DiSanto, Jane Hoffman, Alice Bartish, Debbie Rolfes



**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.



**THANK YOU** to Amy Locaputo-Donnellon at the Cincinnati Hearing Center for advertising in our bulletin.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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

We are now fast approaching the Great Feast of Our Lord's Nativity, Christmas. I must confess, as of this writing, that the time during this Advent has gone much faster than I had anticipated, (or I have been busier than I anticipated), and I have not yet had the chance to go out to do much Christmas shopping. The time is slipping away, and soon Christmas will be here. Ever since I was a small child, Christmas has held a very special place in my heart, and I have always considered it to be a very special and graced filled time. It is a time when I get to see relatives, aunts and uncles whom I normally don't get to see; it is a time when we have special family get-togethers to celebrate the holy day; it is a time of special memories of Christmas' past that get shared, and it is a time when I get to see joy filling the eyes of my nephews when they receive their Christmas gifts on Christmas day. It's all coming as the song says: "Soon and Very Soon..." and I am way behind on my preparation. Hopefully, yours is going better.

Last Monday evening's celebration of "Lessons in Carols" really jolted me into the Christmas Spirit. The performance of everyone involved in this very special evening was fantastic, and I hope and pray that your experience of this wonderful evening of Carols was as blessed as was mine. I would like to say "Thank You" to EVERYONE who was involved in our parish's "Lessons in Carols", who worked very hard to prepare the church, and who spent time practicing and preparing to bring our faith community this very special night. Thank you!

Also, I would like to say a word of thanks to Norb Guetle and to Mike Simonson and Jim Bollin who worked very hard on Monday to change out the lights in the main church. It looks great! The work being done Monday necessitated the celebration of Mass in the Chapel. I found Mass in chapel, as did Fr. Mick, to be very nice and cozy. Thank you to all who came to Mass in the chapel Monday for your patience and understanding while work was being done in the main church.

Take good care,  
Fr. Bryan



### ST. JOSEPH STEWARDSHIP

December 13 & 14, 2014

*Weekly amount needed \$26,540*

Remember St. Antoninus Parish in your will.

380 Envelopes		\$18,011.00
Loose Monies		410.00
Electronic Transfers		1,952.00
Year to Date Collections	\$485,505.83	
YTD Fund Drive	23,406.26	
<i>YTD Fund Drive &amp; Collection Under Budget</i>		<i>(\$128,047.91)</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.

### '250' LOTTO

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!

**THANK YOU!** *"We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members,"* writes a religious brother. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. May God bless you for your generosity!

## 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

## HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will dedicate the coming Tuesday evening in preparation of our hearts and minds for the mystery of our great God coming in the form of a little baby boy. The Christmas season is a time to reflect on the wonder of Christ's birth and the amazing truth that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity took flesh and became a human baby.



We wish to stay focused on the miracle of His birth and not get sidetracked by all the nonessential details that make up the secular holiday. We will spend the evening in prayer, song, reflection, and Scripture so that we might hear the Lord's voice guiding us to venerate His Son with all our hearts. Come away with us for an evening of joyful veneration. Join us in Chapel at the **NEW TIME** of 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, JACK COREY

Dear Parishioners:

The school and school office will be closed this week and next. The Christmas break is a great time for students and teachers to spend quality time with family. It is also a good time for cleaning and maintenance that cannot be done when the school is in session.

Just a reminder: The George Hubert Jr. Family Foundation and the Butch & Karen Hubert Scholarship Programs will match all donations made to the Arleene Vallejos Tuition Assistance Program at 150% made during the 2014 calendar year. This matching program is also referred to as ESAP (Formerly the Elder Scholarship Assistance Program, now the Elementary 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 donating 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! Every \$10.00 donated becomes \$25.00 in tuition assistance, thanks to the matching grant. Thank you in advance for your kind 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 send it directly to the parish office at St. Antoninus Parish, Attn: Mrs. Steffany Reid, Business Manager, 1500 Linneman Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238.

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. In faith is found the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting 15 families, providing \$1,575.00 in food, \$1,300.00 in gifts, and \$1877.00 for utility and rent bills. Thanks!

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 4:30PM

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



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**ADULT SOCIAL GROUP COMMUNION SERVICE AND LUNCH** will be on Monday, January 12. The Communion Service starts at 12:30PM in the chapel. Lunch will start at 1PM in the undercroft.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

**Sunday, January 11, 2015 5 – 6 PM Holy Hour for Vocations.** Come to a Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood in the **Chapel of St. Gregory the Great Chapel at Mount St. Mary's Seminary**, located on the Athenaeum campus in Cincinnati at 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230. Phone: [513-231-2223](tel:513-231-2223) [www.athenaeum.edu](http://www.athenaeum.edu)

### 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.

**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*.

**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](mailto:rreid@catholiccincinnati.org) if you are interested.

**New Year's Eve Dance sponsored by Our Lady of the Visitation Church** on Wednesday, December 31, 2014, 8:00 PM – 1:00 AM, [at Receptions West](#) 3302 Westbourne Ave. Cinti, OH 45248. **Live music by-Saffire Express Band.** \$50.00 per person includes: Dinner Buffet, snacks, dessert, Unlimited bottled beer and wine, Champagne toast at midnight, one free mixed drink ticket, party favors. Call 513-922-6777 for tickets!

**Epiphany Vespers** will be held on **Sunday, January 4, at 7:00 PM** in the chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230. The service, led by Fr. Earl Fernandes, will feature Psalms, hymns and carol arrangements sung by The Athenaeum Chorale. There is no admission charge. All are welcome.

## 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.

## Time for New Year's Resolutions!

Make your good marriage GREAT with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area for 2015 are **February 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**, at the Holy Spirit Center, in Norwood, OH, March 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Holiday Inn Eastgate in Cincinnati, OH, and April 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or [www.esharing.org](http://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](http://www.esharing.org)

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

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 231-1200 for information or a personal interview.

**Natural Family Planning** class begins Sunday, Jan. 4, @ 3:04 p.m. @ Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori School, 4460 Berwick St., Cin., OH. Questions, call Andrew & Elanor Sodergren, 386-7523, or register @ [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)

**Do you have a desire to help a refugee who has had to flee their home country due to persecution?** Help a refugee with learning the English Language by volunteering your time with one of our English for Speakers of other Language teachers. Your time will make a difference. No experience with other languages needed.

Contact Jeanne Cairns, Catholic Charities Volunteer Coordinator at 241-7745 or by email at [jcairns@ccswoh.org](mailto:jcairns@ccswoh.org)

## 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](http://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.

## Holiday Blues

Christmas should be a time of joy and excitement. Unfortunately for many it is a time of sadness and loneliness. Sometimes we need to talk to a professional to help us get back on our feet.

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio has therapist in various locations around Greater Cincinnati. Call 489-8898 to schedule an appointment. We accept many insurance plans, Medicaid as well as have a sliding scale.