

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**      **The Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary**

**6:45AM** William Molloy—Bd. Rem.— Family  
**8:00AM** H. Gudwin Johnson— Bd. Rem.— Bob & Ginny Johnson

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**6:45AM** JoAnne Wessendorf— Family  
**8:00AM** Len Hellmann—Christmas Rem.—Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**      **St. Damasus I**

**6:45AM** Jean Dishuk— Bill & Mary Corey  
**8:00AM** Judy Macke— Christmas Rem.— Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**      **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**6:45AM** Harold Kelly—Mike & Marty Grace  
**8:00AM** Ryan Hussey—Burger Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**      **Saint Lucy**

**6:45AM** Antonio & Assunta Santoro— Anna Bonavita  
**8:00AM** Jim Griffiths—Bd. Rem.— Mary Lou Griffiths

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14** **St. John of the Cross**

**8:00AM** Deceased Members of the Budde Family — Dr. Budde  
**4:10PM** Evening Prayer  
**4:30PM** Ruth Schenkel—Anniv. Rem.— Susan Dickey

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**7:40AM** Morning Prayer  
**8:00AM** For Our Parishioners  
**9:30AM** Herman Bretnitz—Christmas Rem.— Alberta  
**11:30AM** Jill Brown— Christmas Rem.— Family

**GOD SHOW ME ONE WAY IN THIS MASS  
I CAN BECOME A BETTER VERSION OF  
MYSELF THIS WEEK.**

**CONFESSIONS**

Thursday, December 12, 7:30PM—Fr. Mick  
Saturday, December 14, 3:00PM—Fr. Mick  
Thurs., Dec. 19, 7:30PM—Fr. Armstrong & Fr. Mick

**POPE FRANCIS'S MISSION INTENTION**  
that Christians prepare humanity for the Savior's coming.

**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 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.

**DISCOVER THE MASS JOURNAL PROJECT** at  
[www.stantoninusparish.com](http://www.stantoninusparish.com)

**SERVERS** December 9-13

**6:45AM** Robert Nussman      Ethan Boyers  
**8:00AM** Anthony Holmes      Jacob Holmes

**December 14 & 15**

**4:30PM** Sean & Christian Neidhard, Cooper Mullen  
**8:00AM** Taylor & Lexi Kaeser, Trishna Wissel  
**9:30AM** Marta Rechtin, Julie Baverman, Steve Burger  
**11:30AM** Chad Fahner, Nick Oehler, Lucas Kraft

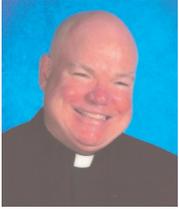
**LECTORS** December 14 & 15

**4:30PM** S. Ulmer      B. Short  
**8:00AM** B. Rapien      M.L. Rapien  
**9:30AM** D. Junker      A. Bonavita  
**11:30AM** J. Hein      W. Mathews

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Dec. 14 & 15

**4:30PM** L. Daria, B. Hueneman, C. Niederhausen, M. Rolfes, J. Squeri  
**8:00AM** Deacon, C. Holloway, F. Leicht, L. Guetle  
**9:30AM** A. Heisel, S. Burger, A. Burger, M. Burger, L. Schroeder, M. Schroeder. C. Hawk, V. Feldman, C. Feldman, M. Olding, V. Olding  
**11:30AM** K. Klaene, L. Naber, J. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, M. Ferguson, M. Walroth, P. Hetzer, J. Johnson, M. Weber, C. Weber, S. Healey-Wenhold

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### FROM OUR PASTOR REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ARMSTRONG

I was in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and found photocopy of "Getting the Most out of Prayer." I do not know who put it there nor is any author mentioned. But I thought it might be useful for us as we continue to use our Mass Journals. The photocopy has the texts for the Blessing of the Baptismal Font Water and for the Third Eucharistic Prayer. Those prayers are too long to include here but the "seven questions" and the "two level" are not so here they are. The Seven Questions: 1) who is speaking to whom?; 2) what action is taking place in the prayer?; 3) What relationships are being expressed/created/nourished/destroyed?; 4) where is this prayer being prayed?; 5) when is this prayer being prayed?; 6) why is this prayer being prayed?; 7) How does it make a difference in our lives? (or "God show me one way in this Mass I can become a better version of myself!"). The Two Levels: 1) the level of physical reality: if people who never heard of God walked into church and witnessed this liturgy, what would they tell their people what happened?; 2) the level of spiritual reality: if people of faith witnessed this liturgy, what would they say is happening?

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9. Even though the obligation to attend Mass is not transferred, how wonderful it would be to attend Mass and pray for our country whose patroness is the Immaculate Virgin. Who could deny at this critical time in the history of the Catholic Church in America, when our religious liberty is under attack, that our country and our Church need our prayers.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY:** We had over 300 hundred parishioners have their photographs taken. That is a tremendous response! Thanks to all who participated and to those who volunteered their time to staff the check-in table.



**COFFEE AND DONUTS this Sunday, December 8th, after all the morning Masses.**

### VIRTUS – CHANGES IN POLICY

Effective immediately, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is no longer allowing walk-in sign-ups at VIRTUS training sessions. Every person who attends VIRTUS must pre-register on line. If you do not have access to a computer and want to register for a VIRTUS session at St. Antoninus, please call Deacon Bob Schroeder at 922-2500, ext. 2031. VIRTUS training sessions will be in the undercroft as follows: **Wednesday, December 11, at 12:30pm**

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 7:00pm  
Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 12:30pm  
Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:00pm  
Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 7:00pm  
Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00pm

### LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS JOURNEY

*"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I dedicated you..."* The Lord spoke these words to Jeremiah in calling him to be His prophet (1:5).

God has formed each of us with different gifts, different strengths, for the purpose of serving Him in our brothers and sisters. We are at our best when we do what we naturally do best, i.e. we use the strengths with which God has created us, strengths with which we were born. We would like to invite you to spend some time discovering your God-given strengths and exploring how God might be calling you to use those gifts for His greater glory.

The **LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS JOURNEY** will be offered this winter – one for men and one for women. Kathy O'Connor and Trish Doyle will be leading the group for women, who will meet in the undercroft at 7:00pm on seven consecutive Wednesday evenings: January 8, 2014, through February 19, 2014. To register, contact Kathy at: [johnsswimmer@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsswimmer@hotmail.com) or at 451-8514.

Deacon Bob Schroeder will lead the sessions for men who will meet in his office at 7:00pm on seven consecutive Thursday evenings: January 9, 2014, through February 20, 2014. To register, contact Deacon Bob at: [schroeder@saintantoninus.org](mailto:schroeder@saintantoninus.org) or at 922-2500, ext. 2031.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### FROM OUR PRINCIPAL: JACK COREY



As always, Advent is a busy time of preparation at home and at school. Grades two through eight received or are scheduled to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the month of December. Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, is the Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be an all school Mass. On Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we attend Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. On Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our usual Friday Mass.

Our school Christmas Concert is Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Grades 1, 3, and 5 will participate in the program at 7:00pm. Space is limited for the 1:00PM production as all students who are not in the program come to watch their schoolmates. For those who cannot drive at night or work in the evening, feel free to join us at 1:00PM.

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, is the last day of school for all students and faculty until January 2, 2014.

### ESAP and the GEORGE HUBERT FAMILY FOUNDATION TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

changes for the 2014-15 school year are as follows:

- ESAP will NOT make direct awards to specific students and families
- The Hubert Family and ESAP will continue to support families with tuition assistance by making a gift directly to our school
- The Business Manager and Fr. Armstrong will be responsible for awarding this aid.
- ESAP will no longer require PSAS Applications.

St. Antoninus, however, will still require completion of the PSAS. More information on the PSAS applications will be forthcoming.

### The Butch and Karen Hubert Scholarship: Application and Essay Information

- The program will continue to provide TWO \$500 scholarships to 7th grade students for their 8th grade tuition.
- The scholarship is not based on the student's financial need.
- Application will be available at [www.esap.org](http://www.esap.org) in January, 2014 and are due by March 1, 2014. For info, please call Steffany Reid, Business Manager, at 922-5400, between the hours of 8:30AM-3:30PM, Monday through Friday.



### ST. JOSEPH STEWARDSHIP

November 30-December 1

Weekly amount needed \$26,540

Remember St. Antoninus Parish in your will.

316 Envelopes	\$21,831.50
Loose monies	407.24
Electronic Transfers	3,772.67
YTD Collections	\$453,769.81
YTD Fund Drive	15,749.64
YTD Fund Drive & Coll. Under budget	(\$114,360.55)

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "*Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.*"

### Stock Donations as a Giving Option

As we near the end of the 2013 calendar year, many parishioners prefer to donate stock to our parish. The procedure to do this is as follows: Stock Donations can be made to St. Antoninus Church by transferring shares to our account, #0104471751AX, and our DTC #2116. The account name is St. Antoninus.

**NOTE:** All stock donations require a donor name to be included with each transfer. All stock transfers without a donor name will be returned!

### Gift Cards

Christmas is just around the corner. You can do your shopping with us by purchasing local gift cards. We have \$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. By patronizing these establishments, you are also helping to raise funds for St. Antoninus.

Also, don't forget about using your Kroger Plus Card and designating St. Antoninus as your parish of choice in order for us to receive 4% of all purchases made. If you shop at Remke, using your reloadable card, (which you can obtain from the rectory) we also earn 4% of all purchases made. And at Gordon Food Services (GFS) you may also designate St. Antoninus.

All the gift cards and the Remke reloadable cards are available on the second Sunday of the month on Donut Sundays. Cards are sold at the rectory and school offices on Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:00PM.

Thank you for patronizing our local establishments and at the same time earning funds for our Parish!

SAINT ANTONINUS  
CINCINNATI, OH 45238

DECEMBER 8, 2013

**ADULT SOCIAL GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be on **Monday, December 9th**, starting with a Communion Service in the Chapel at 12:30PM, followed by a hot catered meal. Also Split the Pot, the December Birthday Prize, Christmas Songs, and Gift Exchange. **IMPORTANT:** bring a wrapped gift of \$10 value. Mail reservations of \$9 per person by December 4th, to Dottie Brown, 5559 Lucenna Drive, 45238. Any questions call, 451-4842.

**ST. A. THEATRE PLAY PRE-AUDITIONS & AUDITIONS** - St. A. parish students are welcome to audition for *The Wizard of Oz (Young Performer's Edition)* on **Monday, Dec. 9 from 6 - 9PM** in the St. A. Undercroft for grades 3rd through 8th. Please email your child's name, grade and suggested audition time to [stadrama@yahoo.com](mailto:stadrama@yahoo.com) to receive an audition packet with more information.

*The 7th and 8th grade Girl Scout troops will be hosting the 2nd Annual Live Nativity, Sunday, December 15, 6-8:00PM on the front school yard. All are welcome to attend*

**The Bethany House Christmas Party** was moved from December 13th, to December 21st, at the request of St. Teresa of Avila Parish. *Interested volunteers should contact Bethany House Services directly.* Julie Heil is not available to supervise Confirmation Candidates on the new date. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience.

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, and in those of our family as we reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor celebrate Christmas by calling 332-4600.

**Those seeking a convalidation of their marriage or an annulment of the marriage** should call Deacon Bob Schroeder at 922-2500 x. 2031 to set up a confidential appointment.

**The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council members** were given the opportunity to discuss the Preparatory Document (for the Third Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops) and the questionnaire. It was recommended that this be extended to all the faithful of the Archdiocese. The Preparatory Document and questionnaire is on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati web page. The link is: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/consultation-of-the-clergy-and-faithful/>

**Federal Privacy Regulation- HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act)** prohibits all hospitals from informing churches of a patient's presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so. If you are admitted to a hospital and would like a member of the clergy or a deacon to visit you, or if you or someone you know is sick, homebound or near death and would like a visit from a priest, deacon or Eucharistic minister, please call the parish office Monday thru Friday between 8 AM – 3 PM at 922-5400.

## **LESSONS IN CAROLS** **Monday, December 16th, at** **7:00PM in Church**

#### **HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP**

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet again on Tuesday, December 10. We will continue to explore the many spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit as we note the power the Lord lends us in ministering to His people. During his three-day mission Father Gregory Bramlage, spoke of our need to be aware of Satan's lies and his ability to confuse us with things of the occult. There is a gift God gives us to help us distinguish the truth from lies and good from evil -- and that gift is called "discernment".

Ben Klaene and Mary Handermann will be sharing some teaching on the spiritual gift of discernment and its importance in the Christ-centered life. Please join us in Chapel on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM.



  
**THE MAIN-A-VENT committee** is in need of ribbon. Ribbon of any size and color will be welcomed. We would greatly appreciate your placing the ribbon in the basket by the bulletin board in the greeting room.

  
**OUR ANNUAL MAIN-A-VENT program** is scheduled for **Saturday, February 8, 2014**, in the undercroft. Look for full information coming to you in the mail.



**9:30AM SUNDAY MASS BABYSITTING** for “crawlers to preschoolers” will be offered by the Saint Antoninus Girl Scouts in the St. Mary’s Room in the undercroft. Bring your child to the St. Mary’s Room after 9:15AM.

### 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.

### ROSARY MEMORIAL GARDEN



For information about engraved stone blocks call Steffany Reid, Business Manager, at 922-5400 weekdays between the hours of 8:30A-3:30P.

**MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)** meet on the **first Wednesday of each month** in the undercroft from **9:15 AM to 11:00AM**. Free babysitting is available. If you have questions please contact Jessica Spitler via [jess5417@gmail.com](mailto:jess5417@gmail.com) or 347-0006.

### SUPPORT ELDERLY RELIGIOUS

**Help aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.** *“Each year the need to provide for our elderly religious becomes more pressing, and we are ever more grateful for these providential funds,”* writes a religious sister about the financial assistance received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation helps provide necessities such as prescription medication and nursing care. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**THANK YOU** to Michael Niehaus Tree Trimming and Removal for advertising in our bulletin.

**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS** at the Athenaeum of Ohio, on Sunday, December 8, at 7:30PM.

**The Comboni Missionaries’ Nativity Experience** has been a Cincinnati tradition for 65 years. Join us **Opening Night, Sunday, December 15, 4 to 9pm**, as we open the doors of the Comboni Mission Center for our annual **Nativity Experience!** Location: Comboni Mission Center – 1318 Nagel Road, Cincinnati 45255. Last year we added a Spanish version for our Spanish-speaking friends! While you’re here, enjoy live musical entertainment, refreshments, children’s activities, our Mission Museum, Christmas Boutique and Mission Market. Plenty of parking available on site. Admission is free. We are collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. For more information call 474-4997 or visit [www.combonimissionaries.org](http://www.combonimissionaries.org).

### THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Fr. Tim Schehr is coming to Our Lady of Lourdes on **Thursdays, January 23, and January 30, at 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Trinity Hall**. He will discuss Matthew’s Gospel. This gospel is filled with many contrasts. It seems Matthew never tires of offering his readers a choice between earth and the kingdom of heaven. Fr. Tim offers us the opportunity to read the gospel and discover what it takes to have a share in the kingdom of heaven. Fr. Tim is a Professor of Biblical Studies at the Athenaeum of Ohio. Come learn and be inspired! Mark your calendars. Bring your Bible.

Pre-registration is requested in case of cancellation due to inclement weather. There is no fee. For information/registration, please call Carol Greulich at 347-2646 or e-mail, [cgreulich@lourdes.org](mailto:cgreulich@lourdes.org).

**Cincinnati Catholic Engaged Encounter** is a marriage preparation option to help you fulfill your Pre-Cana requirement for getting married in the Catholic Church. The dates are: **JAN. 24-26, MAR. 28-30, APRIL 25-27, MAY 30-JUN 1, OCT. 10-12 and NOV. 7-9, 2014**. For registration and info go to [www.cincinnatiengagedencounter.org](http://www.cincinnatiengagedencounter.org). Or contact Ashley Altenau, at 479-1700 or [ashaltenau@yahoo.com](mailto:ashaltenau@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**CINCINNATI CATHOLIC CEMETERY SOCIETY** is seeking a self-motivated individual to help educate Catholic families about Advance Directive program. You do not need a sales background to apply. Call Jerry Auer at 557-2306 x 317 or send resumes to [jerry@ccsohio.org](mailto:jerry@ccsohio.org).