

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary

6:45AM Ben Rapien—Mary Mersch
8:00AM Marquerite Nesfield—Rose, Cindy & Debbie
NOON For Our Parishioners
7:30PM Evelyn Roda—Bd. Rem.— Mike & Jane Gideon

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:45AM Walter A. Houser—Sissy, Mary & Family
8:00AM Special Intentions of Carol Schroer— Karen Silz & Frank Lukas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:45AM Living & Deceased Members of Leis Family—Mike
8:00AM H. Gudwin Johnson— Bd. Rem.— Bob & Ginny

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:45AM Danny Reis—Cynthia Reis
8:00AM Mary Kautzman—M/M Robert Johnson

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:45AM Eunice Anderson—Marianne & Tom Phillips
8:00AM Diana Brown—6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Teachers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy

8:00AM Jim Griffiths—Bd. Rem.— Mary Lou Griffiths
4:10PM Evening Prayer
4:30PM Antonio & Assunta Santoro— Anniv. Rem.— Anna Bonavita

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:40AM Morning Prayer
8:00AM JoAnne Wessendorf— Christmas Rem.— Family
9:30AM Deceased Members of the Ben Budde Family—Dr. Budde
11:30AM For Our Parishioners

CONFESSIONS

Thursday, December 11, 7:30PM to 8:00PM
Saturday, December 13, 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.

THANK YOU to Dr. Stephen T. Kondash, MD, at Tri-State Centers for Sight for advertising in our bulletin.



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.

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 13 & 14, 2014

4:30PM P. Autenrieb K. O'Connor
8:00AM M. Kiely M. Braunstein
9:30AM A., E. & S. Geraghty
11:30AM J. Rogers Wm. Mathews

SERVERS December 8-12, 2014

6:45AM Jack Oliver, Louis Pham
8:00AM Adult Servers except for Dec. 8 & 12
Dec. 8 & 12, 8AM: Matthew & Michael DiSanto
Dec. 8, Noon: Nick Oehler Max Reinhach
Dec. 8, 7:30PM Volunteers

December 13 & 14, 2014

4:30PM Cooper Mullen, Lucas Kraft, Kyle Sweeney
8:00AM Matthew & Mya Schmitt, Grace Meyer
9:30AM Hannah Heisel, Maddie Holmes, Ella Willig
11:30AM Andrew & Ben Schmutte, Luke Faecher

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS December 13 & 14

4:30PM Deacon, Vince & Bev Meyer, Clare & Mary Puttmann
8:00AM Deacon, Larry & Diane Reiring, Jack Rokich
9:30AM Deacon, Kathy Weber, Lauren & Maria Schroeder, Jack Baker, Kristi, Kevin & Ryan Bengel, Cecilia & Vince Feldman, Daniella Lucas
11:30AM Deacon, Barb Kitchen, Debbie Rolfes, Jenee, Megan & Katie Ferguson, Maggie Walroth, Jenn Cavanaugh, Emma Foster, Sandy Gerhardt, Mary Beth Nolan



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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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

As of this writing, I have finished my first week, and weekend, here at St. Antoninus as the new Parish Administrator. During the Masses this week, but especially on Thanksgiving Day, as well as the Masses over the weekend, I was very moved by the welcome that all of you extended to me collectively, and by the individual greetings, that, after the Masses many of you gave me in the Greeting Room. I just want to re-iterate how happy I am to be with you again here at St. Antoninus. I also want to thank Deacon Bob, and Fr. Mick for their gracious help in re-familiarizing me with the daily goings-on here at the parish. I am still not unpacked, but I have commandeered a corner in one of the guest rooms for temporary storage. This is a procedure which I now realize is going to take some time given the busyness of parish life here.

Another few words of thanks go to MaryAnn Baverman and her crew of volunteers (all of whose names I do not yet know, so I apologize). Her associates have been providing meals for Fr. Mick, and, in the last couple of weeks, for me as well. I know for certain that we will not starve! The meals have been outstanding, and have become something both Fr. Mick and I have been looking forward to. Thank you, ladies, (and your supportive families too) for all you are doing for us. I also would like to thank Teri Gruber, who has done some grocery shopping for us, to make sure we had things for lunch, and who went through the fridge to make sure all items there were still edible. I am not sure what we would have done without her help, since it has been a very busy couple of weeks.

Finally, a few words of thanks to our staff members. I would like to say thank-you to Mike Simonson, and Jim Bollin for their help in getting ready the rooms I moved into, and for their time and attention to things I needed moved or adjusted. I also would like to thank Steffany, Beth, and Darlene for all their hard work in keeping things running smoothly while this transition is going on. Finally, I would like to thank Carol Hartfiel who helped to get me "online" once I was here. I pray and ask God's blessing upon us all here at St. Antoninus.

Take Good Care,
Fr. Bryan



ST. JOSEPH STEWARDSHIP

November 29 & 30, 2014

Weekly amount needed \$26,540

Remember St. Antoninus Parish in your will.

235 Envelopes		\$10,472.74
Loose Monies		425.75
Electronic Transfers		1,637.00
Year to Date Collections	\$434,228.58	
YTD Fund Drive	20,242.04	
YTD Fund Drive & Collection Under Budget		(\$129,409.38)

STOCK DONATIONS

As we begin the last quarter of the calendar year, this is a reminder that you can choose to make a deductible charitable gift to Saint Antoninus Parish by donating shares of stock. 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 identify your name as the donor in the delivery instructions.

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, as it is open 8AM-3PM, Monday thru Friday.*

ST. FRANCIS SERAPH GIVING TREE

Please take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift and return it wrapped (no ribbons) to the greeting room on **December 6/7, or December 13/14.** *Sunday morning, December 14th, is the deadline for bringing the gifts back to the greeting room.*

If you choose a tag for a Kroger gift card, you may purchase it at the rectory office (M-F, 8AM to 3PM) or include the tag and your monetary donation in an envelope marked "*Kroger Gift Card for Giving Tree*". Drop the envelope in the collection basket or in the rectory mailbox. Thank you for your kindness to our brothers and sisters at St. Francis Seraph!

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, JACK COREY

Dear Parishioners,

Advent is a time to prepare for the birth of Christ. On Monday, December 1, our second graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time as they continue to prepare for both Christmas and their First Communion in May. Next week, grades 3-8 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their preparation for Christmas.

This week our first, third, and fifth graders will perform in our annual Christmas concert on Thursday, December 11. To the afternoon performance at 1PM—the entire school is welcome, as well as those adults who hesitate to drive at night. For the 7PM presentation – a performance open to all who wish to come.

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, in our family and to 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 to celebrate Christmas.

ST. ANTONINUS SOCIAL GROUP

The next lunch will be on **Monday, December 8th**. This is also a holyday of obligation. There will not be a Communion Service that day. Instead, please plan on attending the Noon Mass. This lunch will be our Christmas party. Please bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange. RSVP by sending \$9.00 per person to Dottie Brown, 5559 Lucenna Dr., 45238.

ST. ANTONINUS WIDOWS LUNCH

All widows of the parish are welcome to attend a luncheon at the Western Hills Country Club (Cleveland-Warsaw Pike) at 12:30PM on **Thursday, December 11**. Mail a check for \$20.00 made out to Rose Fazio, 5373 Julmar Drive, 45238. Your check, as reservation, must arrive no later than December 6, in order to provide the country club with a person count. Any questions please call Rose Fazio at 922-4668.

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 (bring gift-wrapped). 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 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 group 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 (513) 929-4483 for more information.

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 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 winning checks will be sent in the mail. All winning tickets will be returned to the hopper for the next drawing. Thank you for participating and good luck to you!

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

There are seven basic Bible teachings which are the foundation stones of teachings offered from the Scriptures. They can be presented in their entirety or in sections as the Holy Spirit directs. Paul Egan will present these seven essential themes which are a treasure that is available to us – such as, "The Crucified Christ," "The Lord Jesus," "The Father's Personal Love," and "The Holy Spirit." As we get to know these seven thoroughly, we can be ready to answer questions from those who do not know or understand our faith. There will also be time for our participants to share some of the insights they have been given by the Lord as they delve into Scripture passages. You are invited to come and join us for any of these presentations. All are welcome to a single teaching or to any part of this seminar. **NEW TIME in Chapel at 7:00 PM.**



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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 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! 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

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

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

From the RCIA Team

This year we are blessed to have three people participating in RCIA as they prepare to be received in full communion with the Catholic Church. We have been considering these questions: Why was it necessary for Jesus to enter human history in human flesh and to suffer? What did Jesus accomplish through his cross and resurrection? What does Christ mean in your life? To answer these questions, for the next several weeks we will be exploring the life of Jesus in detail from the Annunciation to the Ascension to discover who Jesus really is. We will follow him in his ministry as he selects and calls his Apostles, establishes his Church, and teaches his disciples. We will, through Scripture, explore his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Have you found yourself at times pondering these questions, too? 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.

DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI
VIRTUS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD, IN THE CHURCH UNDERCROFT, ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: **Wednesday, Dec. 10, 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.

LESSONS IN CAROLS at St. Antoninus Church on Monday, December 15, at 7PM.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL has been offered for Earl Gelter and Jim Roda.



St. Antoninus Boy Scout Troop 614 is fundraising for a high adventure trip they are taking next summer. Before and after each Mass - the Scouts will be available so you can order 6" potted poinsettias are \$15 each, and 24" handmade pine wreaths are \$25. The Scouts are offering delivery of anything ordered during the weekend of December 6th & 7th, for an extra \$5. For those who do not prefer delivery, anything ordered can be picked up in the Youth Room of the undercroft the weekend of December 13th & 14th.

KROGER PLUS CARD contribution for the quarter of Aug. 1, thru Oct. 31, is \$3,164.22. Thank you to our dedicated Kroger shoppers.

Natural Family Planning class will begin on Sunday, Dec. 7th, at 6:00 p.m. at Ruah Woods, 6675 Wesselman Rd., Cinti., OH. Questions, call Michael & Karen Manhart, 923-3379, or register at www.ccli.org.

California Guitar Trio at St. Xavier High School on Saturday, January 31st, at 7:30PM. For info go to: www.gcarts.org/buy-tickets/

"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 as Mike begins his series of Advent Concerts at St. Dominic Parish, 4551 Delhi Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio on December 11th, at 7 pm. On December 12th, at 7 pm, he travels to Holy Guardian Angels Church, 405 US 52 Cedar Groove, Indiana and on December 17th, to St. Teresa of Avila, 1175 Overlook Avenue, Cincinnati, OH at 7 pm in the church. These events are 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!

VOCATION VIEWS

God calls us to proclaim the Good News. Share the Good News with others. Pray for the grace to be a faith-filled witness of God's love. (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)

Sisters of Charity is currently seeking S.T.N.A.'s. We offer competitive wages and benefits please call 347-1000 for details, or come to HR at 5900 Delhi Road, Mt. St. Joseph, OH 45051 to complete an application. EOE

To All 40 Days For Life Vigil Participants:

Bless you for sacrificing your time and convenience to pray at Planned Parenthood during the 2014 Fall campaign. Because of you, we were able to maintain our peaceful prayer witness for twelve hours during each of the 40 days. We counted on your presence and there wouldn't have been a campaign without you. God will honor your commitment to the unborn, their families, those who work in the abortion business and passersby. - Mary Clark, Cincinnati Campaign Coordinator

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 8 & 15 in Synod Hall from 12Noon 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!