

FROM THE PASTOR...

READINGS THIS WEEKEND

Vigil - Christmas Eve

- 1) Isaiah 62, 1-5
- 2) Acts 13, 16-17.22-25
- 3) Matthew 1, 1-25

Christmas Day

- 1) Isaiah 52, 7-10
- 2) Hebrews 1, 1-6
- 3) John 1, 1-18

God has spoken to us through His Son (2), the Word made flesh (3). Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: AW, Kathy Anderson, Wendell Anderson, DH, Danis Family, Barbara M., Buck & Mary Kay, Will Gentry, Paul Gochenouer, Gus, Heather Huebner, JP, Carol Koeller, Delores Lamont, I. Maresca, Sandy McKenzie, K. Moore, MN Rhodes, Sister Teresa, TK, D. Williams, Active U.S. Military Family & Friends of St. Paul's, and all in need of special prayers & healing.

2012 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are now available in the Undercroft. We will not be mailing them (we no longer mail them in an effort to save money), so please pick your box up ASAP. **Religious Calendars** are also available in the Undercroft. **Many thanks to Cindy Feltz** for helping the secretary label and alphabetize the envelopes.

TAX CUTOFF INFORMATION: This year December 31st falls on a Saturday. Therefore, all offerings placed in the collection basket on Saturday, December 31st will be recorded in parishioner tax files as a 2011 contribution. All offerings placed in the collection basket on Sunday, January 1st will be recorded in parishioner tax files as a 2012 contribution. *(Please note that this will be the case regardless of when checks are dated, as we must go by when we actually receive them.)* - Patricia Ross, Business Manager



LET US KNOW: The Worship Commission has considered several suggestions that the Tuesday morning Mass of 8:15 AM be moved to 6:00 PM. The idea was brought to the Parish Pastoral Council. The Parish Pastoral Council requested that the idea be published in the Council notes and Sunday bulletin. The 6:00 PM evening Mass allows a few more people to attend. There are 14-19 people at each Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass. How about Tuesday at 6:00 PM? Let us know. Call 767-7450, Ext. 10. The adjustment would go into effect on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. Our weekday Mass schedule would look like this: Tuesday, 6:00 PM Mass; Wednesday, 6:00 PM; Thursday 8:15 AM; Friday 8:15 AM. The First Friday Mass would remain the same, 10:30 AM at Friends Care Center.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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| Collection for December 11 th : | \$ 3,659 |
| Collection for December 18 th : | \$ 9,880 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious: | \$ 2,296 |

Average Weekly Expenses for Parish: \$ 5,650

Maintenance/Restoration Expenses

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| POB Furnace | \$ 8,820 |
| Office Copier | \$ 5,935 |
| 3 Air Conditioners | \$ 23,772 |
| TOTAL | \$ 38,527 |

Maintenance/Restoration Income \$ 39,361

Maintenance/Restoration December \$ 1,240

**Please remember Saint Paul's in your will.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

▼ **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS** ▼

NO RCIA – ADULT ED until January 8, 2012.

NO PSR/YOUTH MINISTRY until Jan. 8, 2012.

PRAYER GROUP: Short meditative Rosary or chaplets & litanies prayed on Mondays, 7 PM,
NOTE: There will not be Rosary on Monday, Dec. 26th or Monday, January 2nd, however, there WILL be Rosary before the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, January 1st at 10:30.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION: Dec. 31-Jan. 1st. Monetary donations are also welcome!

COFFEE HOUR next Sunday, Jan. 1st in the Undercroft after the 11:00 AM Mass. Join us!

ECUMENICAL SERVICE at Friends Care (150 E. Herman St., YS) next Sunday, Jan. 1st at 2 PM. Assistance is needed to help with the residents and the singing of hymns. Please join us!

DEEPER PRAYER SERIES: Mark your calendar & plan to join us in January as we dive into Deeper Prayer: vocal, meditative, contemplative and much more. Come seek enlightenment through the guidance and teachings of some of our Church's greatest saints. Undercroft, Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 at 6:30 PM (immediately following 6:00 PM Mass).

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLICS UNITED FOR THE FAITH CHAPTER (CUF) will hold its next meeting at Xenia Community Library (76 E. Market St., Xenia - 1st floor mtg. room) on 01/14/12, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM. The topic of this program is "*The Truth and Beauty of the Catholic Faith.*" ALL are welcome to this presentation & discussion.

FREE COPIES OF 'REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM' – A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion & Purpose, by Matthew Kelly, are still available in the Undercroft for anyone who would like to have one. Look on the bookshelf to your right as you enter the Undercroft. Enjoy!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A SERVER?

If are age 9+, please contact Jeremy Malchow (our "trainer" at 937-823-3033), who will be more than happy to schedule a time with you.

Once you are trained call the secretary to let her know which Mass you prefer and we'll start scheduling you ASAP. Training has been fulfilled for those children who were recently trained during PSR classes, however, Jeremy will be happy to meet with anyone who would like a refresher or advanced training session (adults included).

THE SIGN OF PEACE . . . please remember there are people attending Mass who are not able to shake hands to give the *Sign of Peace* due to their immune system. We ask that you do not take offense if someone does not extend their hand. There is likely a very good reason for it. Thank you for understanding. ☺

FROM 'RIGHT TO LIFE REP' –Sheila Kilgore PLANNED PARENTHOOD TO OPEN NEW ABORTION MEGA-MART:

Have you heard of "*Choice on Earth?*" It's an appalling mockery of "*Peace on Earth!*" Cecile Richards, Planned Parenthood President, is resurrecting this tactic to fundraise for the new "*mega-mart*" being built in St. Paul, MN. This \$16,000,000 abortion facility, 3 stories, 46,000 sq. ft., will become the 3rd largest in the nation. With your tax dollars funding Planned Parenthood, these abortion "*mega-marts*" could become as common as the local Wal-marts. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in a few weeks. Right to Life, Priests for Life, and others, need our help, our prayer, our votes, and also our donations! Life is worth living ...and it's worth fighting for!

SPECIAL THANKS TO SHERYLEE SWARTZ

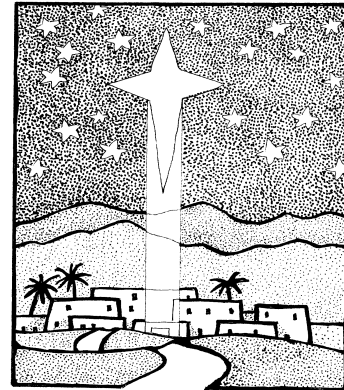
for making all of the bows that are on the Advent Wreath and Christmas Trees in church.



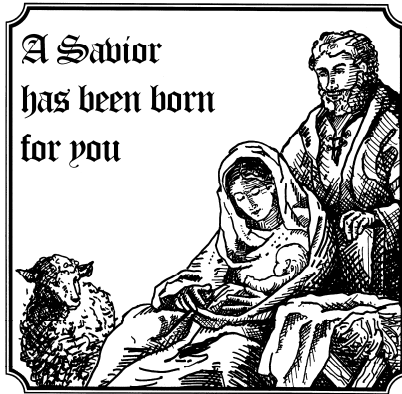
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION - An old joke asks, “What time is Midnight Mass?” The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of “midnight” predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as “The Shepherds’ Mass,” and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus’ birth to focus on the key to the day’s celebration: John the Evangelist’s majestic theology of Christ’s identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you’re officially late! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CATHOLICISM DVD BOX SET (Fr. Robert Barron, Actor and Matt Leonard, Director) is something we have recently obtained for our R.C.I.A. – Adult Education Classes. Fr. Tony thought you might be interested in purchasing it for yourself, so below you will find a little information on it. It can be purchased through **Amazon.com** for \$99.99 (free shipping). Please feel free to ask Fr. Tony what he thinks about this DVD set.

“Four years in the making, “Catholicism” is the long-awaited evangelical work of Fr. Robert Barron, professor of systematic theology at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. In addition to rock solid scholarship and theology, the DVD series is filled with beautiful cinematography, which is used to illustrate the theological points in the series. As Fr. Barron points out, the Catholic Church is and always has been a Church that embraces

both the "right and left brain" of humanity. It is a Church of science and art, and the imagery in the DVD series is far more than fluff or filler. The art depicted is itself theology, and is very compelling. Fr. Barron reminds us over and over again of the historicity of Jesus, and we see compelling modern examples of the Gospels in practice. This series is mandatory viewing for anyone with a serious interest in the Catholic Church historically and today. This will be one of the great evangelical works of modern times."

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 24 - JANUARY 1:

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| Saturday (24 th) | 5:00 PM | Family Christmas Eve Mass |
| Saturday (24 th) | 10:00 PM | Christmas Eve Mass (Carols begin at 9:30 PM) |
| Sunday (25 th) | 11:00 AM | Parishioners of St. Paul and St. Charles Borromeo |
| Tuesday | NO MASS | NO MASS |
| Wednesday | NO MASS | NO MASS |
| Thursday | NO MASS | NO MASS |
| Friday | NO MASS | NO MASS |
| Saturday (31 st) | 5:00 PM | Amadeo, Concetta, and Frank Passaretti (Lynda Passaretti) |
| Sunday (1 st) | 11:00 AM | Parishioners of St. Paul and St. Charles Borromeo |

CHRISTMAS EVE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th at 5:00 PM



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| LECTORS | Sheila Kilgore / Mary Fisher | |
| DISTRIBUTORS | Cindy Feltz / John Feltz / Deborah Dillon-Bloch / Jean Nealon / Trent Fisher | |
| SERVERS | Anneliese Fisher / Jim Nealon / Cierra Richeson | |
| CANTOR | Brad Wilson | |
| GREETERS | Cindy & John Feltz | COLLECTORS: Andrzej Bloch / Bill Rollins |
| USHERS | Cindy Feltz / John Feltz / Andrzej Bloch / Bill Rollins | |

CHRISTMAS EVE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th at 10:00 PM



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| LECTORS | Rhonda Connolly / Norma Lewis | |
| DISTRIBUTORS | Bruce Heckman / Jim Alexander / Sheila Suwalski / Dolores Sizemore / Jon Paul Rion | |
| SERVERS | Jack Erwine / Jeremiah Shaw / Len Suwalski | |
| CANTOR | Tim McLinden | |
| GREETERS | Vickie Hoomes / Rose Mary Shaw | COLLECTORS: Joseph & Rose Mary Shaw |



CHRISTMAS DAY - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th at 11:00 AM:

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| LECTORS | Paula Rich / Kathy Sanders | |
| DISTRIBUTORS | Cassie Ditmer / Suzanna Blanton / Lurn Werner / Chris Linkhart / Jeff Inslee | |
| SERVERS | Thomas Wittman / John Jenkins / Ethan DeWine | CANTOR: Jolyn Verbillion |
| GREETERS | Eleanor Johnson / Mary Fairman | COLLECTORS: Bob Fairman / Suzann Blanton |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 31 – JANUARY 1:

| | 5:00 PM - New Year's Eve | 11:00 AM New Year's Day |
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| LECTORS | Dolores Sizemore / Eleanor Johnson | Ray Pry / Rachel Pry |
| DISTRIBUTORS | Jenkins /Heckman /Lewis /Connolly /Sizemore | Sizemore /Reynolds /Inslee /Linkhart /Werner |
| SERVERS | Karen Loar / Jon Paul Rion / Vickie Hoomes | Chuck Pry / Evan Eggeman / Thomas Wittman |
| CANTORS | Dave Greco | Brad Wilson |
| GREETERS | Lauretta Donley / Lucia deRidder | Jennifer Hensley / Suzann Blanton |
| COLLECTORS | Jim Alexander / Lucia deRidder | Jeff Inslee / Diana Pry |