NWV Family of Parishes









– Strong Families, Strong Parishes – Strong Parishes, Strong Families –

Pastor
Father Ned Brown

Parochial Vicars
Father James Reutter
Father Matt Feist
Father Andrew Reckers

Deacons
Deacon Mike Meyer
Deacon Tom Graber

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14 E. Wood Street, Versailles, Ohio

Holy Family – 937-526-4945
11255 OH-185, Versailles, Ohio

Immaculate Conception – 937-526-4945
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St. Louis – 419-582-2531
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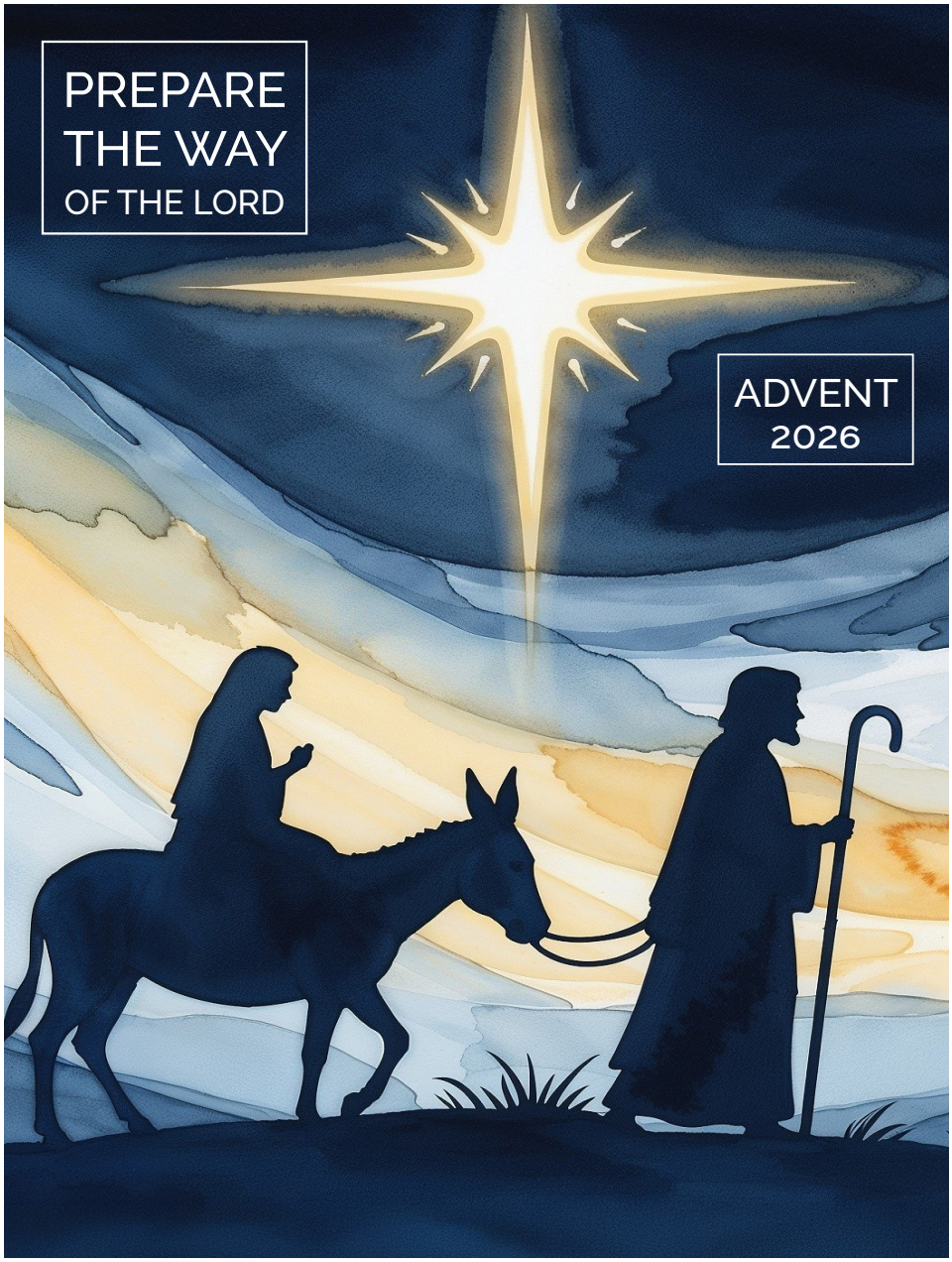
St. Mary – 937-548-1616
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St. Nicholas – 419-582-2531
128 Church Street, Osgood, Ohio

St. Remy – 937-526-3437
108 E. Main Street, Russia, Ohio

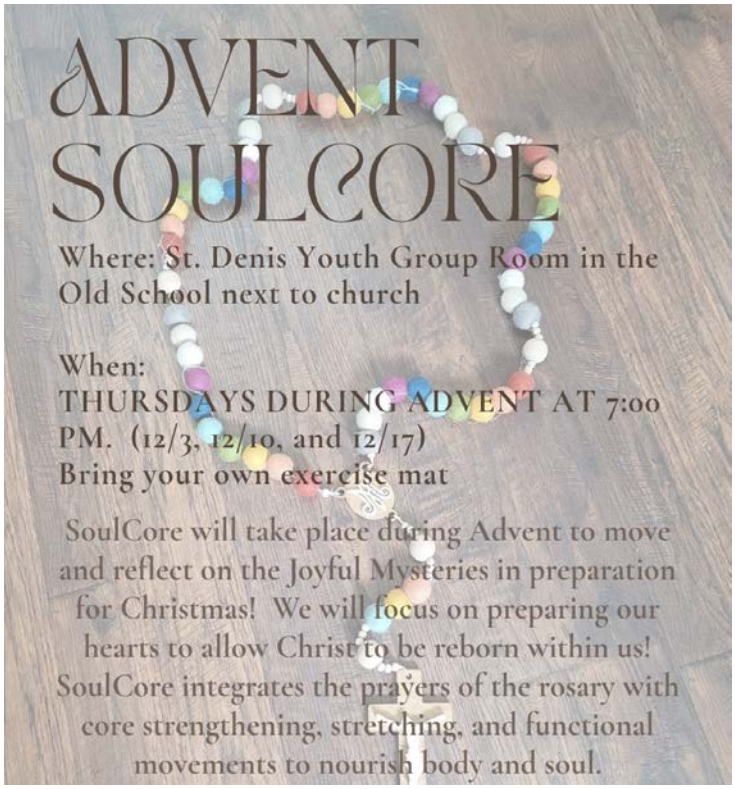
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 29, 2026



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When and where are confessions and Solemn Exposition?

St. Denis - Thursday, December 3
9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Benediction at 9:00 p.m.)

St. Nicholas - Thursday, December 10
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Benediction at 9:00 p.m.)

St. Mary - Wednesday, December 16
8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Benediction at 8:00 p.m.)

St. Remy - Thursday, December 17
9:00 a.m. to 8:20 p.m. (Benediction at 8:30 p.m.)

– NWV Family of Parishes Announcements –



MISSION LEADERSHIP THANK YOU: Thank you so much to all the people who helped to make the Mission a huge success! So many people assisted in a wide variety of ways! Thank you all so much for your generosity and support!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic, you can still begin the process this fall by contacting Deacon Mike at mikem@bfvcatholic.org. You can also submit an inquiry on the website www.nwv.church.

– NWV Family of Parishes Directory –

St. Denis / Holy Family / Immaculate Conception
Phone: 937-526-4945
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Closed
Friday – 8:00 a.m.-Noon

St. Mary
Phone: 937-548-1616
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

St. Louis & St. Nicholas
Phone: 419-582-2531
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-Noon

St. Remy
Phone: 937-526-3437
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

For a complete list of our staff, please consult our family of parishes website: nwv.church

PARISH MINISTRIES

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Medical emergency numbers are

St. Denis/Holy Family/Immaculate Conception, 937-709-4146

St. Louis/St. Nicholas, 937-709-4147

St. Mary, 937-709-4145

St. Remy, 937-526-3437, ext. 9

Call parish office for homebound request.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: We offer opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration. Please see the Activities of the Week section for Adoration times.

Youth

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES: The parish conducts weekly events and gatherings for Junior High students and High School teens. The parish also provides Confirmation preparation each year.

Young Adult

BAPTISMS: Baptism and instruction are offered at each parish. To make arrangements, please call the Parish Office. Classes must be attended prior to the Baptism of first child, preferably before the child is born.

MARRIAGES: Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: If you would like to pray our intentions along with your fellow parishioners, or submit a request, please contact the Parish Office.

For more information on ministries, visit our family of parishes website.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: *If you would like to submit items to the bulletin, please submit them 10 days prior to the bulletin in which they will appear. All bulletin submissions should be submitted to communications@bfvcatholic.org.*

– A Message from Father Andrew Reckers –

IT IS TRULY RIGHT AND JUST TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD AT MASS

In late November, we celebrate the national holiday of Thanksgiving. It is customary at the supper table to share with family the many things for which everyone is thankful. This experience of giving thanks in the context of a meal resonates with many people, and rightly so. Indeed, it is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the many blessings He has given us. From here, we can ask the question: How does God want us to give Him thanks? In short, the answer is to give Him worship and thanksgiving at the Eucharist, or Holy Mass.

The word Eucharist comes from a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving." This tells us that one of the main reasons we celebrate the Eucharist is to give thanks to God. The Eucharist is celebrated in the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This Sacrifice makes present to us the once-for-all-time Sacrifice of Jesus Christ to the Father for our salvation. Moreover, the Mass is an opportunity for us to unite our own sacrifices with this ultimate Sacrifice of Love offered for us. This reality is explicitly stated in a powerful line at every Mass: "Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be made acceptable to God, the Almighty Father." It is an invitation to offer ourselves to God as gifts of self-giving in thanksgiving to Him, who has given everything for us.

Thanksgiving is not merely an emotion of gratitude. Instead, it is a gift given in return in response to something we have received. Note that the word "thanksgiving" includes the English word "giving." This is a helpful reminder that true thanksgiving involves giving of ourselves in some way in response to a gift we have received from another.

A powerful example in Scripture illustrates this idea of giving thanks to God. It is a Gospel passage often read at Mass on Thanksgiving Day: the story of Jesus cleansing the ten lepers (see Luke 17:11–19). In this story, Jesus cleanses ten lepers, but only one returns to give thanks to God. In response, Jesus asks the challenging question: "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Luke 17:17–18).

Jesus challenges us to give thanks to God. That is the reason we go to Mass – to give thanks to God in the way He wants us to give thanks to Him. Whatever we get out of Mass is a bonus; the primary reason we go to Mass is to worship God and offer ourselves to Him in thanksgiving for what He has given us. If we participate in Mass for the right reason – to give thanks to God through worship – then we will find the experience more meaningful as we participate in it according to its ultimate meaning.

– Saint Denis, Holy Family, Immaculate Conception –

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE: The Steubenville Youth Conference will be July 9-11, 2027. $75.00 deposits will be due on December 2, 2026, to secure a reservation. Turn them in to Deacon Mike on or before Monday, November 30, 2026.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY will be held on December 9th from 8:15 to 9:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY will be held on December 16th from 8:15 to 9:00 p.m.

ST. DENIS/HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S WELCOME RETREAT FEBRUARY 2027: Do you feel that if you weren't so busy, you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person? We invite the women of St. Denis and Holy Family to the Welcome Weekend! Whether you want to connect with other women in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday life, you will find what you are looking for! The retreat will begin on Saturday, February 6th at 8:00 AM and end on Sunday, February 7th at 5:00 p.m. Location: St. Denis Catholic Church Undercroft/Youth Building. Scan the QR code to register or text Cassie Subler at 419-953-1081. Please register before January 20.

ADVENT GIVING TREES: Our Youth Ministry Giving Trees will return to the church's main entrance Thanksgiving week! Help spread joy this Advent season by choosing one of three ways to support those in need. All donations are due by Sunday, December 13.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Versailles Area Families:** Take an ornament with a gift suggestion, purchase and wrap the gift, attach the ornament tag, and return it under the tree.
- **Adams County Families:** Help provide household cleaning and hygiene essentials. Take an ornament for suggested items or donate items in bulk. Please leave donations unwrapped in the designated collection box.
- **Elizabeth's New Life Center:** Purchase essential baby supplies listed on the ornaments. Please return items unwrapped in the designated collection box.

Thank you for your generosity and for sharing Christ's love with families in need!

– Saint Denis, Holy Family, Immaculate Conception –

Mass, Confession and Adoration Schedule for the Week of November 29, 2026

Saturday, November 28
9:30 a.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 10:45 a.m.)
3:30 p.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 4:15 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Mass (SD) Zac Richard

Sunday, November 29
9:00 a.m. Mass (SD) Dave Buxton & Shelly Buxton
10:15 a.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 10:45 a.m.)
11:00 a.m. Mass (SD) Our Family of Parishes
3:30 p.m. (HF) Confessions (ending at 4:15 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Mass (HF) Web & Kelly Bruns

Monday, November 30
11:30 a.m. Mass (SD) Alice Mangen
12:15 p.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 1:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 1
8:15 a.m. Mass (HF) For the Living & Deceased of the Didier Family

Wednesday, December 2
8:15 a.m. Mass (SD) Adam Puthoff
7:00 p.m. (HF) Rosary

Thursday, December 3
8:15 a.m. Mass (SD) Ralph & Marleise Rethman, John Berger, Doris Monnin, and Marlene Schmitmeyer
9:30 a.m. (SD) Confessions "Day of Grace" (ending at 9:00 p.m.)
9:05 p.m. (SD) Benediction

Friday, December 4
6:30 a.m. 1st Friday Mass (SD) Xavier Miller
7:00 p.m. (HF) Confessions until 8:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. 1st Friday Mass in Latin (HF) Poor Souls in Purgatory
9:00 p.m. (HF) All Night Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, December 5
12:00 a.m. (HF) Adoration (ending at 8:45 a.m.)
8:00 a.m. (HF) Confessions (ending at 8:45 a.m.)
8:45 a.m. (HF) Benediction
9:00 a.m. 1st Saturday Mass (HF) For children to return to the Catholic Church
9:30 a.m. (SD) **Confessions cancelled**
3:30 p.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 4:15 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Mass (SD) Connie Grillot

Sunday, December 6
9:00 a.m. Mass (SD) Diane Prenger & Todd Prenger
10:15 a.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 10:45 a.m.)
11:00 a.m. Mass (SD) Jerry Bensman, Violet Bensman and Julie Springmyer
3:30 p.m. (HF) Confessions (ending at 4:15 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Mass (HF) Our Family of Parishes

– Events/News –

SAVE THE DATE: St. Denis Women's Welcome Retreat February 6th and 7th, 2027.

SAVE THE DATE: The St. Anne Lady's Sodality Christmas Party will be Sunday, January 3rd at 12:30 p.m. at Frenchtown Hall; more information to come.

BREAKFAST WITH THE LORD: The next Breakfast with the Lord will be Friday, December 4, beginning with Mass at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast in the St. Denis Undercroft.

SCAM ALERT: Beware of fraudulent text messages impersonating Fr. Ned, Fr. Reutter, Fr. Reckers, or Fr. Matt and asking for money, gift cards, or favors. These messages are scams! Our clergy will never request money or gift cards by text. Do not reply; block the number and delete the message. Thank you for helping protect our parish community!

LETTERS OF LOVE: We believe that everyone deserves a full mailbox! Do you know anyone who would love to receive a handwritten card from a religious education student this holiday season? A friend who is having a hard time, a nursing home resident to celebrate their birthday, a single or homebound parishioner or relative? Please email ccd@bfvcatholic.org or call 937-526-3957 with name and address of any individuals you would like to add to our mailing list this season!

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL ENVELOPES are available at the entrances of St. Denis and Holy Family churches. Each memorial is $10.00. Envelopes must be returned by Monday, December 7. The names of your loved ones will be remembered in our Christmas bulletin (December 19 and 20). Your donations help provide the flowers that adorn our parish sanctuaries.

EXPECTING MOTHER'S BLESSING after all Masses November 28 and 29.

DON'T FORGET MEN'S BIBLE STUDY in the St. Denis Undercroft on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

ST. DENIS GIRLS CYO DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Opponet	Place
Dec. 6	2:30 p.m.	McCartyville	Versailles
Dec. 13	12:30 p.m.	Osgood	Versailles
Dec. 20	BYE		
Dec. 27	BYE		

All CYO games are free admission and all home games will be in the Versailles old high school gym! Come support our girls!

– Ministry Schedule –

Available for viewing on our website nwv.church or scan the QR code

– Saint Louis & Saint Nicholas –

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Monday, November 30
No Mass

Tuesday, December 1
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SL) (ending at 5:45 p.m.
4:45 p.m. Confessions (SL) (ending at 5:45 p.m.)
5:45 p.m. Benediction (SL)
6:15 p.m. Mass (SL) Elmer & Elsie Borgert Family & Jane (Borgert) Norris

Wednesday, December 2
8:15 a.m. Mass (SN) Dennis Winner & Wente Family
9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SN) (ending at 4:45 p.m.)
4:15 p.m. Confessions (SN) (ending at 4:45 p.m.)
4:45 p.m. Benediction (SN)

Thursday, December 3
8:15 a.m. Mass (SL) Lois Knapke
5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SN) (ending at 9:00 p.m.)
7:30 p.m. Confessions (SN) (ending at 8:30 p.m.)
8:45 p.m. Benediction (SN)

Friday, December 4
11:30 a.m. Mass (SN) Rita Goubeaux & Louis Grieshop

Saturday, December 5
3:00 p.m. Confessions (SL) (ending at 3:45 p.m.)
4:00 p.m. Mass (SL) James & Pauline Barga, Paul & Julitta Henry Family & Marlene Schmitmeyer

Sunday, December 6
7:30 p.m. Confessions (SN) (ending at 8:15 a.m.)
8:30 a.m. Mass (SN) Jerome Bensman & Brunswick & Bensman Families
10:30 a.m. Mass (SL) Urban Arling, Davis & Stammen Families, Wehrkamp Family
7:00 p.m. Solemn Vespers (SL)

Weekday Masses and the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will be ad orientem (a.o.), Sunday Vigil and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Masses will be versus populum (v.p.).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE. To sign up, go to www.nwv.church. Click on Parishes, click on your parish name, click on Schedules then click on "Vocations Chalice Registration." Receiving the chalice to display in their homes the week of November 22-December 6: Leo & Linda Wehrkamp. **Need volunteer for St. Nicholas.**

DAYS OF GRACE, which includes Adoration and Confession, will be held at St. Nicholas Church on Thursday, December 10 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. There will be multiple priests available for Confessions.

– Events/News –

2027 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for St. Louis and St. Nicholas parishioners are at the parish office.

WE ARE COMPILING A LIST OF SHUT-INS, in the service and religious persons for parishioners to send Christmas greetings. If you have someone that would like to be on this list, call the office by December 1.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

- **At St. Louis Church** on Tuesday, December 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Benediction at 5:45 p.m.
- **At St. Nicholas Church** on Wednesday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Benediction at 4:45 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CASSEROLE PANS: St. Vincent de Paul can only accept casseroles that have been prepared in a health department-certified kitchen. With the recent change, we will still provide the pans and the recipes, and we encourage you to make a casserole for your neighbor and deliver it locally in the Advent season. Some suggestions include: a family with a new baby, a family who has suffered a recent loss, or a catechist so their Wednesday night is not so hectic. Better yet, make the casserole and invite someone to share a meal with you! We will not be collecting the casseroles for distribution, but we encourage you to think of someone who would appreciate your kindness.

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 at 6:45 a.m. for a Rorate Caeli Mass in Latin, celebrated entirely by candlelight. This Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is uniquely timed, so that the natural darkness of the night gives way to the sunrise during the Consecration. Please join us at St. Nicholas in the quiet before dawn to offer this beautiful liturgy in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary as we await the birth of Christ. Refreshments and fellowship will be available in the basement afterwards. If you are interested in providing food, please see the sign-up sheet in the back of St. Nicholas.



– Ministry Schedule –

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ST. LOUIS

ST. NICHOLAS

– Saint Mary –

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Saturday, November 28
3:30 p.m. Confessions
4:30 p.m. Mass – Michael Cigary

Sunday, November 29
8:30 a.m. Mass – Living & Deceased Members of the Melo Family
9:45 a.m. Confessions (ending at 10:15 a.m.)
10:30 a.m. Mass – Bernie Phlipot

Monday, November 30
4:45 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Mass – William Berger

Tuesday, December 1
Office Closed – No Mass

Wednesday, December 2
8:00 a.m. Mass – Don Rieman
8:30 a.m. Exposition/Adoration
5:45 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Religious Education
6:15 p.m. Benediction

Thursday, December 3
St. Denis Day of Grace
11:30 a.m. Mass – Randy Bey; Living & Deceased Members of the Ron Bruner Family
12:00 p.m. Fatima Rosary

Friday, December 4
8:00 a.m. Mass – Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

Saturday, December 5
1:00 p.m. Ranly-Mullin Wedding
3:30 p.m. Confessions
4:30 p.m. Mass – Rita Brown

Sunday, December 6
8:30 a.m. Mass – The People of NWV Family of Parishes
9:45 a.m. Confessions (ending at 10:15 a.m.)
10:30 a.m. Mass – Fr. Oscar Seger

**Ad Orientem Masses are Fridays and Sundays*

TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE: Pray for vocations in our family of parishes by signing up to take the chalice case home for two weeks. Visit www.nwv.church, click on St. Mary's Parish, then scroll down to the Vocations Chalice button and click on it. Then, enter your name and phone number for the two-week period that you'd like to have it.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Monthly Baptism Preparation Class: This is for new parents who have not previously had any children baptized. Facilitators are Steven and Chelsea Jones. Please call the office at 937-548-1616 to schedule your class.

THE GATHERING: Join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month for lunch and a gathering after Mass. Bring a dish to share and a drink. Bring food to the school basement before 9:45 a.m. and plug in, if needed. Gather people for good food and good conversation. **For December: Breakfast/Brunch**

– Events/News –

THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH: Are you receiving *The Catholic Telegraph*? – Every registered household in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati should receive *The Catholic Telegraph* magazine each month at no personal cost to the reader. The CT is the official magazine of the archdiocese. If you are not receiving your copy, please email ctsubscribe@catholicaoc.org or call 513-263-5164. You can also visit www.thecatholictelegraph.com.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Rich Moores, Randy Bey, Mike & Anne Schleich, Brian L. Hunt, Janice Knapke, Nova Vazquez, Rick Macias, Angie Ayette, Jim Grilliot, Mary Ann Simon, Jamey Simon, Rick Evans, Gloria Evans, Brenda Smith, Nicole Asher, Richard Winemiller, Regina Schieltz, Alicia Crandall, Melissa Dunker, Traci Smith, Brenda McCoy, Ray Beyke, Steve Brandt, Lester McCullough, Diana Knick, Lena Stammen, Elijah Moore, Tyler Roberts, Craig Beck, Nanette Keiser, Brenda Sloane, Ken Pence, Ed Trittschuh, Stephanie Ward, Marie Tegtmeier, Tom Gibbons, Steve Warren, Linda Stachler, Tom & Rita McEldowney. Please call the office to add or remove a loved one's name or become a prayer warrior.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DRIVE ANNOUNCEMENT: We will begin our community Christmas drive for the needy of the county the Friday after Thanksgiving. We will be collecting at the south door of Walmart. We may be able to move inside if we have inclement weather. There is a chart in the vestibule for signing up. Please add your telephone number so that we can remind you of your time.

REGULAR AND ONLINE GIVING The online giving link is http://giving.parishsoft.com/stmary. This is a convenient way to donate to the parish. You can establish a user account for one-time or scheduled giving. If you do not already have an assigned envelope number and would like envelopes, please call the office. There are extra boxes of envelopes in the church office. You can still put donations right into the collection basket, mail them in or use the BillPay function at your local bank. Thank you for being so supportive of St. Mary's Church.

THE ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIRS have been waiting for you! The Youth Choir (Grades 3-12) sings at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass with practices on Tuesdays at 3:45-4:45 p.m. starting December 1. The Adult Choir (Grades 10 and beyond) sings at the 10:00 p.m. Midnight Mass with practices on Tuesdays at 5:00-6:00 p.m. starting December 1. Come join us and bring a friend or two!

– Ministry Schedule –

Schedule available on our website at nwv.church or scan the QR code

– Saint Mary School –

GOOD MORNING!

It's been a FAST-moving November, hasn't it? Wow!

Each year, our Student Council sponsors "Out-of-Dress-Code" days to either raise funds or collect items to help out a non-profit organization. Periodically, that includes our school! The students love and frequently use the outdoor picnic tables for recess, outdoor classes when it's nice, field day, etc. Well, it gets pretty darn HOT out there! The council voted to raise funds to purchase umbrellas with bases to help out the students! It was almost a UNANIMOUS vote! They were very excited to do some upgrades for their beloved school!

Once the decision was made and approval was received, they had to vote on what theme to have. This decision was also almost unanimous! They chose "Dress Like a St. Mary's Teacher (or any teacher honestly)! I have some great pictures of a few that went all out! There are a few here and more to come! It was great! AND – we were able to raise half of what we needed for the umbrellas already! I am hoping that we raise enough by January or February so that we can get them ordered in time for the spring weather! I want to THANK YOU for supporting this fundraiser to improve our school!

If you would like to see more pictures of all the happenings around here, check out our Facebook page or Twitter!

Have a great week!



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MADE EASY! Don't forget to gift yourself a little ease! Make your to-do list feel effortless with quick and easy one stop shopping! Your gift card purchases give back to the school (4%-20%) without any cost to you! Check out raiseright.com for a list of the hundreds of available options or contact Amy Hadden at 937-548-2345 or ahadden@smsgvl.com to place your order. Then just kick back and enjoy the season!

GIVING BACK! Did you know that you could give back to the school (at NO COST to you!) by linking your KROGER card? Just follow the steps below and then each time you shop at Kroger, a portion of what you spend goes to the school! Go to Kroger's account online.

1. Select "My Account,"
2. Select "Community Rewards," search for "StMary's Parish-School" or #TT245,
3. Select "ENROLL." THANK YOU!

SGO! (SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION) Do you pay Ohio Income Tax? Would you like to direct your tax money to Catholic education? There is a program called Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) where you can donate through the archdiocese and select St. Mary's School (Greenville) (CO1885) as your designated school. By donating this way, you can receive an Ohio tax credit of up to $750.00 individual or $1,500.00 joint filing. To donate, visit catholicbestchoice.org/sgo/. When you make your donation, REMEMBER TO DESIGNATE ST. MARY'S SCHOOL (GREENVILLE) (CO1885). Scan the QR code







– Saint Remy –

Mass, Confession and Adoration Schedule for the Week of November 29, 2026

Saturday, November 28
3:30 p.m. Confession (ending at 4:15 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Ora, Gertrude, & Donna Armstrong

Sunday, November 29
8:00 a.m. Confession (ending at 8:45 a.m.)
9:00 a.m. Bill Francis
11:00 a.m. The Jim & Diane Grillot Family (50th Wedding Anniversary)

Monday, November 30
8:15 a.m. Feast of St. Andrew – Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, December 2
7:00 a.m. Linus, Rita, Doug, & Jack Monnin

Thursday, December 3
7:00 a.m. Vocations/Bob Schaub, Nancy Wood, & the Living & Deceased Members of the Schaub Family
9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 4:00 p.m.)
3:10 p.m. Children's Eucharistic Adoration (ending at 4:15 p.m.)
7:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 8:20 p.m.)
8:30 p.m. Benediction

Friday, December 4
6:45 a.m. **RORATE MASS** – Living & Deceased Members of the Al & Mary Lou Schulze Family

Saturday, December 5
3:30 p.m. Confession (ending at 4:15 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Paul, Cecelia, & Guy Borchers & Family

Sunday, December 6
8:00 a.m. Confession (ending at 8:45 a.m.)
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Vern & Norma Phlipot Family
11:00 a.m. Bill & Mary (Birthday) Freisthler

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Leadership Team for juniors and seniors on Wednesday, December 2 from 8:00-9:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Village Centre
- Breakfast for junior high and high school students following the 6:45 a.m. Rorate Candlelight Mass on Friday, December 4

HAITI SISTER PARISH UPDATE: Our Haiti Mission Committee is happy to share that your past donations to our sister parish, Our Lady of Victory in Balan, Haiti, have proven to be very fruitful. The committee encourages you to participate in our annual fall donation drive. Envelopes can be found in the back of church.

– Events/News –



OUR ANNUAL RORATE CANDLELIGHT MASS will be celebrated on Friday, December 4 at 6:45 a.m. Please note the earlier time. The Rorate Mass is a votive Mass honoring the Blessed Mother, celebrated in the dark by candlelight before the sun rises. The transition from darkness to light beautifully expresses what the Advent Season is about: the Light of the World coming into the darkness of a sin-oppressed world, thanks to the mighty "Fiat" of Our Lady. All are encouraged to participate in this beautiful Mass.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR ANNUAL FLOWER FUND in memory of your deceased loved ones. Donations to this fund will be used to purchase flowers for the altar throughout the year. Names of donors and their loved ones will be published in a special bulletin insert on December 27. An envelope for this purpose can be found in your packet of collection envelopes; you may also write your name and the names of those you would like to remember through your donation on a piece of paper and insert it in an envelope marked "Flower Fund." Please drop your envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, December 13, or turn it in at the parish office by Wednesday, December 16.

THE ST. REMY GIVING TREE MINISTRY will be serving people from our area who are in need during the upcoming Christmas season. If you wish to participate, please select a card from the back of the church. All gifts will need to be returned by December 13. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Tebbe at 937-638-2525 or Cindy Goubeaux at 937-726-7498.

IF YOU WISH TO ENTER YOUR KINDERGARTNER OR FIRST GRADER IN A DRAWING to determine who will present Baby Jesus in the manger immediately before Midnight Mass on Christmas morning, please contact Maria at the parish office at stremy@roadrunner.com or 937-526-3437 by noon on Wednesday, December 16. A boy and a girl will be selected. Participants must be children of parents who are registered at St. Remy Parish.

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING ADVENT

To allow more people to participate in the Holy Mass during Advent, Mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during Advent will begin at 7:00 a.m. There are two exceptions: a Mass is being added to the schedule on Monday, November 30 to celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew, and this Mass will begin at 8:15 a.m.; Mass on Friday, December 4 is our Annual Rorate Mass and will begin at 6:45 a.m.

– Ministry Schedule –

Available for viewing on our website nwv.church or scan the QR code

– Saint Louis & Saint Nicholas –

ST. LOUIS CEMETERY is looking for someone to cut grass at the cemetery starting in 2027. The job would involve mowing, trimming and general cleanup. Contact Mark Barga at 419-336-5004.

THE MARION LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON will be held on Friday, December 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the High School Gym. This is free to all residents of the Marion Local School District who are 62 years of age or older. Please call the High School at 419-925-4597 to RSVP.

WANT TO DONATE A POINSETTIA in memory of a loved one or in your family's name to help decorate your church at Christmas? You can do so by putting $10.00 in an envelope and dropping it in the collection or mailing it to the parish office by December 15. Include your loved one's name or family name and your parish.

JOIN US FOR SOLEMN VESPERS this Advent! Looking for a way to prepare yourself for Christmas? Join us at St. Louis Church on Sunday nights for Solemn Vespers, which is the evening prayer of the church, at 7:00 p.m. Vespers takes about 20 minutes to pray, and during Advent, there will be refreshments and fellowship in the basement afterwards. If interested in helping out, sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/Vespers2027.

2027 MASS INTENTION REQUESTS will be taken during November. There are forms at the entrances of the churches for your requests. Please limit your intentions to two per family. You can return the forms along with your payment in the collection basket or mail them to: PO Box 9, Osgood, OH 45351.

CCD NEWS

- **St. Louis First Reconciliation** will be held on Saturday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m.
- **St. Nicholas First Reconciliation** will be held on Saturday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m.



– Saint Remy –

TODAY THE CHURCH BEGINS A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

This is meant to be a time of silent waiting. The Scriptures and liturgical prayers of these four weeks invite us to cultivate a deep desire for God. This desire comes from our ancestors, who waited for the Messiah. Advent invites us into silent waiting and prayerful anticipation of the Savior. The grace of the season is given to us who believe that Christmas continues in our world; it is not an event that happened only centuries ago. In other words, Jesus Christ is still being born in our hearts, still revealing the love and compassion of God the Father.

Christ wants our attention. Advent beckons our hearts; it demands our awareness, our responsiveness, our concentration. Our new liturgical year begins not just on the Church calendar, but within our hearts and souls. Advent scrapes away at our doubt, our indifference, and our lack of attention to uncover in our hearts our deepest longings for love, for hope, and for mercy. Advent is a call from within to change our approach to life to find the fidelity of God's incarnate love. Advent is not just a reordering of our interior lives, but a gesture of hope in the absolute darkness of injustice, wrongdoing, and infidelity. Advent claims our conscience if we allow the passionate Scriptures to capture our hearts and our lives. Advent shatters our small expectations of life. Advent preparation goes further than baking cookies for guests or wrapping gifts in secret for our loved ones. Advent cannot be ordered from Amazon or packaged neatly under a tree.

Now is the time to reimagine Advent. Now is the time to carve out time for quiet in the busiest season of the year. Let us consider the example of John the Baptist, who reminds us that we do not wait for a baby to be born this Advent, as our ancestors did that many years ago. Instead, John points his heart, his mind, and his body in the direction of the Kingdom of God. Our entire orientation of faith must be lived in the direction of Jesus Christ and our ultimate place in Heaven. Christ is to be the center of our lives. We must allow Him to show us how to repent and how to live. Christ must be at the center of our attention and our decision-making. He must reign within us, as He is our King and our God.





WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, November 29, 2026
The First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

Monday, November 30, 2026
Saint Andrew, Apostle
Romans 10:9-18
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Matthew 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1, 2026
Weekday
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2, 2026
Weekday
Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3, 2026
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Isaiah 26:1-6
Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 4, 2026
Weekday
Isaiah 29:17-24
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 5, 2026
Weekday
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

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