# CHRISTMAS 2023 **PERACUE** ONEARTH

# St. Dominic Parish

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#### CINCINNATI, OHIO

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

or by appointment

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,

11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Monday-Friday: 6:10 a.m.

Saturday: 8:45-9:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.-noon

Friday: 8:15 a.m. when school in session

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# PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New parishioners are invited to contact the Parish Office to register. We ask current members to notify us of any change of address, telephone numbers or other important, relevant information.

# SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is a healing sacrament of the Church. Anyone who is sick or elderly and in need of physical or emotional healing can receive this sacrament. Those who would like to receive the sacrament before a hospital stay or surgery are invited to call the Parish Office to make arrangements. The sacrament is also available to those who may be near death by calling the parish emergency line. Please inform the Parish Office when a member of the parish is hospitalized.

# **CONSIDERING BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

RCIA is the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community. The process provides for different levels of entry. To obtain more information, call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. o.

# ST. DOMINIC

Weekend Masses

**Daily Masses** 

**Communion Service** 

#### **OUR LADY OF VICTORY** Weekend Masses

**Daily Masses** Adoration Confession

ST. AL'S ON THE OHIO

**Daily Masses** Confession

Weekend Masses

#### ST. SIMON THE APOSTLE

Weekend Masses Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday II:00 a.m. Monday & Friday: 8:00 a.m. **Daily Masses** 

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Weekend Masses Saturday 3:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. **Daily Masses** Confession Saturday: 2:00 p.m.

#### **INFANT BAPTISMS**

Attendance at a Parent Pre-Baptism Session is required. Call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. o.

# SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

One of the engaged or his/her parents must be a registered and active parishioner for six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Scheduling must take place at least six months in advance of the wedding. Weddings are not scheduled during Advent or Lenten Seasons. A marriage preparation program is required.

# **COMMUNION FOR THE** SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call the Parish Office to request this service.

# **PUBLICATION DEADLINES**

Bulletin due by noon on Monday The Torch due by the 12th of each month



OUFEN OF ALL SAINTS

Adoration Confession

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Monday-Saturday: 8:30 a.m. Monday: 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday: 7:30-8:00 p.m. Saturday: 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

#### **DECEMBER 24, 2023**

# MASS INTENTIONS

# MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners II:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

# TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 – SAINT STEPHEN

6:10 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 a.m. Kathy Callahan

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 – SAINT JOHN 6:10 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 a.m. Joan Griffin

# THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 – THE HOLY INNOCENTS

6:10 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 a.m. Dick Harding (ANN)

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 – FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

6:10 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 a.m. Kathy Fanning

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 – SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:15 a.m.	Joyce Alessandrini		
After Mass:	Marian Devotions and		
	Apostolate for the Dying		
4:30 p.m.	John Nguyen		

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 a.m. Thelma Maloney 9:30 a.m. Bob Younger 11:30 a.m. Vinh Nguyen 7:00 p.m. NO Mass

#### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Information for the January 7 bulletin must be submitted by Noon on Wednesday, December 27.



**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** We will not have Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, December 27.

# FR. BEN'S COLUMN

#### Christmas Message from Fr. Ben

At my parents' home in Dublin, we have a front room that we rarely use. We only use it when the parish priest comes to visit or for special occasions like weddings, parties, and around Christmas time. Then we light a big fire in the fireplace, put a big Christmas tree up, and we place presents under that tree. On Christmas afternoon, all the family come to visit, my brothers and sisters with their children, and my brother David, an idiot among idiots, in fact king of the idiots, dresses as Santa and distributes the gifts. Except for having to listen to my brother, it's really a great time and the kids love it.

A few years ago, I was able to go home for Christmas, and the first thing I did was investigate the front room. I was amazed to see that one whole side of the room was filled, floor to ceiling, wall to wall, with gifts all decorated in colorful wrapping paper. I was amazed, shocked and a little sad. It was really too much. For children who have everything, this was overboard. Sometimes we can be caught up in the superficial, the passing, and the illusions of this world.

Fortunately, my nieces and nephews, and now great nieces and nephews, have great parents, they want for nothing, and they are surrounded by love and affection. They are also taught to care for each other and for others. They are generous and kind, as well as mischievous and fun loving. They are great kids. This is how they have been raised, this is who they are, because this is who their parents are, and these are their parents' values. Now these values are true gifts. These values will be passed on to their children so they will also grow up in warm, kind, compassionate, generous, and joyful homes. That's a gift from my parents to their children, and a gift from my brothers and sisters to their children, and it will be a gift from my nieces and nephews to their children. These are gifts worth having and they are given from fathers and mothers to their sons and daughters, from generation to generation.

During a recent school Mass, I asked the children "Why do we give gifts to each other at Christmas?" Immediately one of the littlest ones said: "It reminds us that God gave us the gift of Jesus at Christmas." What a wonderful answer from such a tiny little scholar. God gave us the gift of His own Son at Christmas. Now, with that insight reflecting what is in her heart, that little child has been given a great gift from her parents. I'm sure the same is true for all our children. Passing on the values of Jesus into the hearts of our children is a gift that is worth having and it is a gift that will bless generations to come. At Christmas, be sure to pass on the most important gift of all – faith in a little Child born in a manger.

Wishing you all a blessed and happy Christmas and every grace in the New Year.

Fr. Ben

# FROM FR. JIM

For the past two months, or one sixth of the year, our society has been pointing to Christmas. I saw the first Christmas ad at the end of October. There have been Christmas trees and wreaths, lights and tinsel, carols and cookies, Santa Claus and Rudolph, parties and cards, and gifts purchased. In many ways, all of that is the wrapping for the best gift of all: God's gift of self to us in the person of Jesus, born of Mary in Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger!

In the gift of Jesus, God has embraced the human race and human history. Christmas is the celebration of that embrace! And God embraces not just human life,... but my life,... and your life! God embraces not just human history in general,... but my history,... my story,... and your story! The Good News is that God embraces you...God embraces me!

In the midst of all the wrappings this Christmas, don't miss the gift! May you experience God's personal embrace! May that experience bring you joy and peace during the Christmas season and throughout the new year!

- Fr. Jim

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Offering a Mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. Masses are offered for many reasons: In remembrance of someone deceased; A living person who is sick or suffering; A living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or another special moment in their life; In thanksgiving to God (including the Lord Jesus or the Holy Spirit); or a special prayer intention. We have several daily Masses over the next few weeks that we do not have a Mass Intention scheduled. If you would like to schedule a Mass, stop in the parish office, or call 513-471-7741, ext. o.

#### GIVING TREE THANK-YOU



Thank you to everyone who took a tag from our Giving Trees and returned gifts so beautifully wrapped. Through your efforts, you have helped many children and families have a nice Christmas. Special thanks to the team of elves

who wrote out the tags and suggestions. For those who were not able to take a tag - thanks for donating money so the elves were able to shop. May God bless all of you for your generous time, effort, and cash donation in making it a better Christmas for so many people you don't even know.

# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE MARY, QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS

# **ST. DOMINIC**

# 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Saturday, December 23 – 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 24 - 9:30 a.m. CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday, December 24 – 3:00 p.m. | 5:00 p.m. | 10:00 p.m. (Final Mass on Christmas Eve) CHRISTMAS DAY Monday, December 25 – 9:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Saturday, December 30 – 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 31 – 7:30 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. | NO 7:00 p.m. SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Monday, January I – 9:00 a.m. **OUR LADY OF VICTORY** 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Saturday, December 23 – 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 24 – 8:45 a.m. CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday, December 24 – 3:00 p.m. | 5:00 p.m. | 11:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS DAY Monday, December 25 – 10:00 a.m. ST. ALOYSIUS ON THE OHIO 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Saturday, December 23 – 5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 24 - 9:30 a.m. CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday, December 24 – 5:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS DAY Monday, December 25 – 9:00 a.m. ST. SIMON 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Saturday, December 23 – 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 24 – 11:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday, December 24 – II:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS DAY Monday, December 25 – 11:00 a.m. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Saturday, December 23 – 3:00 p.m. | 4:30 p.m.

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Monday, December 25 – 10:00 a.m.



Online Giving is available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.

With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes anytime, day or night. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit https://stdominicdelhi.weshareonline.org/ or visit our parish web site at www.stdominicdelhi.org and click on the green Online Giving icon on the left side of the page. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at 513-471-7741, ext. O.



#### **BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JIM AND FR. CHRIS**

SAVE THE DATE! Join Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris during Lent as they study the Gospel of Mark (Part 2). This is a continuation of the Fall Bible Study, but you did not have to attend in the fall to join during Lent. The sessions will be on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning on February 20 at 7:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. Fr. Chris will be recording each session, and we will send it out to all those on our Word on Fire email list each week. Look for more information in the January bulletins and the February Torch.



# **ATTENTION ONLINE GIVERS!**

The following special collections are taking place in January if you wish to contribute to them via your Online Giving account.

January I – Initial Offering January – Capital Improvement January I4 – Men's Society Dues January 21 – St. Vincent de Paul

# PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER HOUR

The Parish Office is closed until Tuesday, January 2, 2024. If you have an <u>emergency</u>, you can call our Emergency Line at 513-471-7741 and press "9". Non urgent messages can be left at 513-471-7741, ext. o. We will check messages periodically while we are closed.

Please take note that when St. Dominic School is on a two-hour delay, or closed for the day due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time. We feel the need to amend our hours during snow alerts, to ensure the safety of all our employees. We hope that this change in our schedule will not cause any inconvenience. St. Dominic School follows Oak Hills Local School District for delays and closings.

# LOVE YOUR SCHOOL AND WANT AN OHIO TAX CREDIT?

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) has been certified by Ohio as a scholarshipgranting organization (SGO). In keeping with the mission of CEF and the regulations of an SGO, CEF-SGO provides financial-need-based scholarships to students in grades K-I2 within the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Supporting students and their formation through Catholic Education, is a great way to share our blessings and faith with younger generations. The CEF-SGO may now allow for Catholic Education supporters to be able to receive a tax credit for their generosity. If you would like to donate specifically to St. Dominic School, you can earmark the donation in a donation to The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati as "St. Dominic School." Donations can easily be made online at CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO.

Ohio taxpayers who donate to SGOs may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750.00 per donor (up to \$1,500.00 if married and filing jointly). Please consult with your tax advisor to determine your eligibility for the tax credit, its value to you, and the details of your gift.



# OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU.

Please remember St. Dominic in your will and estate planning. Our legal title is St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church.

# **ST. DOMINIC NEWS**

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS – If you wish to receive a statement of your contributions for 2023, please drop the WHITE card found in the November/December envelope mailing in the collection on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office. If you are an online giver and would like a statement of your contributions, you can drop an envelope or note in the collection basket with your name and address. We will start sending letters out by the end of January.

#### ST. DOMINIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BOYS BASEBALL

SIGN-UPS - St. Dominic Boys Baseball pre-K-8 registration is open. Registration for U5 (pre-K-K) and U7 (grades 1-2) will be open until Sunday, February 4. Registration for U9 (grades 3-4), UII (grades 5-6) and UI3 (grades 7-8) will be open until Sunday, January 21. Registration for U15 Baseball (grades 9-10) will be open until after high school tryouts. Please take note of the registration close date ("ends on"). If you wish to register for a sport, please do so before sign-ups close - or risk not being able to play this upcoming season or being assessed a late fee. After the registration period closes, we will review participation levels. If additional players are needed at a particular grade level, we will reopen signups and a \$20.00 late fee will be applied. Not all grade levels are subject to being reopened, so please sign up early! To be eligible, your child must be a St. Dominic student or registered and attending the St. Dominic PSR. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Durban, Boys Baseball Coordinator at mcdurban@ outlook.com or 513-401-3847.

# MARY, QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS NEWS

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND DECLARATION OF NULLITY (ANNULMENT) – Join Fr. Jim and Deacon Mark Bardonaro on Tuesday, January 16, in the Faith Sharing Room of the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. for a discussion on marriage, divorce and annulments. We will examine what the Church says about marriage and what happens when a marriage ends in divorce. We will detail the declaration of nullity process: What is it? When is it necessary? We are offering this evening in an attempt to bring about a deeper understanding of all marriages. Come join us!

**RETIREMENT** – Kathy Wandstrat has retired from the position of Regional Secretary for St. Simon the Apostle and St. Aloysius on the Ohio. Please direct any bulletin information to simonalsbulletin@olv.org. For other needs, please contact Beth Schumacher at 513-941-3656, ext. 3.

SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION is held on the first Sunday of the month at Our Lady of Victory and the third Sunday at St. Al's on the Ohio from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Join us on January 7 at OLV.

MEN'S CRHP – All men of the Mary, Queen of All Saints Family of Parishes are invited to attend the upcoming Men's Christ Renews His Parish weekend retreat. This is a weekend to renew our relationship with Jesus Christ, our family, and the other men in our family of parishes. It will strengthen us to be the husbands, fathers, sons, and evangelists for Christ that we are called to be. The men's retreat will be February 17-18, 2024. Those interested in signing up for the weekend should email Eric Heitz at eheitz75@gmail.com or Charlie Dean at cdean517@outlook.com.

**GOLDENAIRES** – We have changed the dates for our Goldenaires quarterly planning meetings for 2024. The following dates for these small meetings are:

Thursday, January II Thursday, April II Wednesday, July 24 Thursday, October 10

Currently, all the meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in Room 2 of the St. Dominic Parish Center. The meeting location may change dependent on interest and volunteer representation. Anyone over 50 years old is already a member of the Mary, Queen of All Saints Goldenaires. There are no dues, but some events will require a fee. We aim to enlighten, entertain, and inspire our members with events throughout the year. The quarterly planning meetings gather a core group of volunteers who will brainstorm ideas and finalize plans for our events. We hope to include members from all five parishes in our events and feature all parish locations, if possible. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, call, or text Marie Salem at 513-910-3938. Please leave a message with your name and call back number.

**PARENTAL PREPARATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM** – Parents requesting Baptism of their first child are asked to attend a preparation session. During this time, we will look at the history and theology of the sacrament, reflect on our own Baptism, and look at ways to pass the Catholic faith on to our children. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Our next session is scheduled for Sunday, February 4 at 10:30 a.m. (after the 9:30 a.m. Mass) in church. Contact the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0 with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on February 4.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

THE MESSIAH, BY GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL – The St. William Choir and Soloists along with the Cincinnati Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra, conducted by David F. Allen, present the Messiah, an oratorio by George Frederic Handel, Sections I and III. Join them at St. William Church on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. for this free performance. During intermission, a freewill offering will be accepted to help defray costs of the performance. For more information, contact St. William Parish at 513-921-0247.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

Ist Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 30-31							
	LECTORS	MASS COORDINATORS	SERVERS SCHEDULE	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER CAPTAIN		
Saturday, December 30 4:30 p.m.	Bob Busam	Judy Luebbe	Nick Liderbach Andrew Tuemler	Judy Luebbe Amy Stevens	Mary Jo Reiners		
Sunday, December 31 7:30 a.m.	Amy Luken	Amy Luken	Lauren Childs Hayden Gorczyca	Vi Bronner Linda Meyer	Bobbi Honnert		
Sunday, December 31 9:30 a.m.	Sophia Bass	Joan Wichmann	Addilyn Bass Sean Homan	Lizzy Martin Joey Starkey	Jan Bonomini		
Sunday, December 31 11:30 a.m.	Paul Brinker	Tobie Delaney	Tadhg Delaney Ella Kruessel	Jenny Berndsen Jim Lively	Ken Enginger		

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