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DECEMBER 8, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

or by appointment

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 Adoration Confession

OUR LADY OF VICTORY Weekend Masses

Daily Masses Adoration Confession

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:45 a.m. and II: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.

ST. AL'S ON THE OHIO

Weekend Masses	Saturday 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Daily Masses	Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m.
Confession	Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

ST. SIMON THE APOSTLE

Weekend Masses	Saturday 7:00 p.m.
	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Daily Masses	Monday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Saturday 3:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 2:00 p.m.

INFANT BAPTISMS

Baptisms are usually held on the first and second Sunday of each month, except during Lent. 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 5th of each month



OUFEN OF ALL SAINTS



MONDAY – DECEMBER 9 – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:10 a.m.	NO Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Lisa Rinear (ANN)
8:15 a.m.	Chuck Wichmann (BR)
6:45 p.m.	Rosary in Church
7:00 p.m.	Intentions of
-4	Connie Hammond

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 10 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 a.m.	Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Carole Lea Carlton

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER II – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 a.m.	Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Axl Heltman
8:00 a.mNoon	Adoration

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 12 – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

6:10 a.m.	Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Jim Kinnee

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 13 – SAINT LUCY

6:10 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 a.m. Intentions of Janet Venneman

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 14 – SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

Ron Kruse
After Mass: Marian Devotions
and Apostolate for the Dying
Deceased Members of the
Donald Taylor Family

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 15 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m.	Pat Eagan (BR)
9:30 a.m.	Bob Younger
11:30 a.m.	Joe Allen
7:00 p.m.	For Our Parishioners

BULLETIN COVER Goldenaires dinner.

FR. BEN'S COLUMN

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS IS STILL A VOICE FOR GOD

It is never easy to stand up for something that is not popular. What was it like for the lovers of liberty to stand up against the religious intolerance, racism, hate and violence of the fascist regimes before and during the Second World War? And yet, we know, that people did stand up to them and many gave their lives because, even though they may have been afraid, they wanted to stand for something. What was it like for the democrats of Russia and Eastern Europe after the Second World War to stand up to the Communists, Marxists, and Soviets who promised a workers Utopia and delivered a totalitarian hell? And yet, in spite of their fear, many people raised their voices in a call for liberty, freedom, an end to oppression, and political enslavement. Millions were arrested, imprisoned, tortured, executed, and murdered and yet, they were willing to raise their voice. They would not be silent, they would not go quietly, they raised their voice even if it was a cry in the wilderness. What must it be like to be the voice in the wilderness?

John the Baptist is one of the great figures of Advent. The voice in the wilderness condemning the evil of his age and pointing to a new beginning. The new beginning is not a King, not an Emperor, not a general, not even a president or politician. This new beginning is a "lamb." Lambs don't usually grow up to be lions. In John's day, lambs were sacrificed and this is true of the Lamb that John points us too: the Lamb of God. This Lamb will be sacrificed, but some things are worth the sacrifice. This Lamb is the Lion of Judah.

In spite of the crowd, the mob, the bullies of social media, the political elites, there always has been, and there are, many courageous voices raised for goodness, truth, freedom, compassion, life and faith. Brave people who would rather suffer than be silent, would rather give their lives than have them have no meaning or purpose. They are not willing to be content living in fear, in the shadows, living is silence and shame. We are called to be such voices for the Lord. We may be sacrificed like lambs, but at least we will have lived like lions. As we begin Advent, we should ask: What do I stand for? Am I willing to sacrifice for what I believe?

Thanks to the people of our Family of Parishes for all you do to make your voice heard and thanks to God, the source of all blessings and life. May He continue to shed His blessings on us and may the Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of All Saints, smile on us now and lead us to eternal life with the Lamb in heaven.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the soul of William Bohan who died this past week. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

BAPTISMS

Brandon Scott Joseph Berthiaume, son of Brandon and Sandrine Berthiaume. Grace Olivia Crusoe, daughter of Ricardo and Marissa Crusoe. Valentina Rose Torres, daughter of Sergio Torres and Anne Awad.

TORCH DEADLINE CHANGE

The Deadline for submitting articles for the Torch has changed. All articles must be submitted by the **5th of the month** prior to publication. Articles can be mailed to the parish office, placed in the collection basket or emailed to parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Information for the December 29 Bulletin must be submitted by Noon on Wednesday, December 18. Information for the January 5 Bulletin must be submitted by Noon on Thursday, December 26.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning January 1, 2025, the Daily Mass Schedule will be as follows: Holy Mass Communion Service

7:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday 8:15 a.m. Friday-Saturday Communion Service 6:10 a.m. Monday-Friday

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Collection This Weekend

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service – praying, teaching, and caring for those in need – usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.



CHRISTMAS FLORAL DONATIONS

This Christmas Season we are accepting donations to help offset the cost of decorating the church. Please consider honoring your special loved ones by helping us to prepare a fitting and very beautiful place to welcome the Lord.

Donors and their loved ones will be listed in the bulletin and *The Torch* soon after Christmas.

You may place your donations in the Sunday Collection. Please mark your envelope as "Christmas Flower Donation" or bring your gift to the Parish Office. You can also make your donation through WeShare. Visit our website at www. stdominicdelhi.org and click the green "Online Giving" button on the left side. Scroll until you see "Christmas Flowers." Please submit all donations by Friday, December 13.

Your Name: _____

Amount: _____

In Memory of: _____

____ I wish to have my gift noted in the bulletin and *The Torch*.

_ I prefer my donation to remain anonymous.



OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU.

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



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Mass Schedule Monday, December 9 NO 6:10 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9. **Previously**, when the date was transferred it was not a Holy Day of Obligation. The U.S. Bishops received word on Thursday, October 10, that "the feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred." In light of this new directive, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 9, 2024 is to be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 9.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	2024-2025
Week of 11/24/24	\$ 15,014.51
Year to Date (21 Sundays)	\$ 373,011.80
Week of 12/1/24	\$ 29,157.83
Year to Date (22 Sundays)	\$ 402,169.63
Current Year to Date	
Actual	\$ 402,169.63
Budget	\$ 367,700.00
Variance to Budget	\$ 34,469.63

Thank you for your support of our Parish. May the Lord continue to bless you in your generosity!

ST. DOMINIC NEWS

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED – ARE YOU LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? Consider a paid substitute teaching position at St. Dominic School. A substitute teacher provides meaningful service that helps young people, assists educators in their ministry, and is a great way to give back to the St. Dominic community. Teaching is a ministry. A substitute teacher is a valuable asset to every school. You must have patience, tenacity and absolutely love to work with children. You give of yourself selflessly without seeking praise. You will be making a difference in ways you may not fathom. If you hold a high school diploma or higher and are retired and have extra time to serve, consider substitute teaching at St. Dominic School. We pay you \$15.00 an hour, and you get to help shape the future. Contact Jennifer O'Brien, Principal, for more information at 513-251-1276.

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS – If you wish to receive a statement of your contributions for 2024, please drop the WHITE card found in the November/December envelope mailing in the collection on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office. For those giving online you can send an email to the parish office at parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org. We will start sending out letters by the end of January.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLIDAY SPLIT THE POT – St. Dominic PTO is hosting their Annual Holiday Split the Pot. The winner last year took home more than \$1,500.00! Tickets can be purchased via Venmo @Emily-ShappelleMusonza or by sending an envelope to the school office with your name and phone number. Tickets are \$5.00 or six for \$20.00. If you have any questions, call Emily at 513-364-4569 or Amanda at 513-675-6792. The drawing will take place on December 20.

MARY, QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS NEWS

MEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH – Men, reserve your weekend to become closer to God. Join us at the Men's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreat and spend a weekend with Christ and your brothers in Christ. Saturday, February 15 through Sunday, February 16 at St. Simon's Plagge Hall. If you have questions or wish to reserve your spot, contact Joe Schutte at schuttejoe@ yahoo.com/513-919-2831 or Joe Baumbach at baumba7@att.net/909-534-6821. We look forward to hosting you during this wonderful event, helping you strengthen your relationship with God.

ADVENT CONCERT WITH MIKE DAVIS – We invite you to join popular singer and Catholic Educator Mike Davis for his widely popular Annual Advent presentation and rally for our Catholic faith. Enjoy an incredible night of music, prayer, and reflection as you contemplate the joys of the Advent season in anticipation of the coming of the Christ Child. Mike's concerts are free, but freewill donations are always appreciated. God bless your 2024 Advent season and see you at the concert. All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18 – St. Dominic Parish Tuesday, December 10 – St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 12191 Mill Road Friday, December 13 – St. Ignatius, 5222 North Bend Road

MEN FOR CHRIST ADVENT INVITATION – Are you looking for something spiritual for this Advent? Want to sit in on our meeting and learn how your faith relates to today's world? Start your Advent with a renewed desire to know Jesus and share your faith with other men in our Family of Parishes. There is an ongoing group of men who have been meeting twice monthly and doing exactly that. Our meetings are presently twice monthly on the first and third Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We invite you to join us! All men are invited to join AT ANY TIME – NO PREREQUISITES – COME FOR ONE MEETING or COME FOR MANY. For more information, contact Ron Lewis at 513-276-8542 or tereyron@fuse. net or just come up any first or third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Convocation Center Meeting Room at Our Lady of Victory.

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 at St. Dominic on Sunday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. (after the 9:30 a.m. Mass) in church. Contact Julie Vaughn at 513-347-8825 or religioused@mqas.org to let us know that you will be attending the Baptism preparation. To schedule a Baptism at St. Dominic or if you have questions about Baptism at St. Dominic, please call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY FOR MARY QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS MEETING – Our fourth meeting is Monday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Dominic in Room 2 of the Parish Center. At this meeting, we will plan for the upcoming Baby Bottle distribution and Baby Shower after weekend Masses. All ages are invited from high school students, grade school parents up to great grandparents. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Marty Berning at 513-680-0046 or mberning@biccincy.com.

TENDER MERCIES – Need a charitable activity for your group or family to show your Faith in Action? MQAS has a ministry that prepares and serves a dinner for approximately 30 to 40 persons at a Tender Mercies shelter in downtown Cincinnati once per month on the third Wednesday of each month. We need a volunteer group/ family for December 2024 and May and June of 2025. Please help as we continue this charitable service project. If you or a group/family are interested, please email Ron Lewis at tereyron@fuse.net or call him at 513-276-8542.

YOUTH MINISTRY



JR. HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY – The Youth Ministry Program is open to all 7th and 8th grade students from the Mary, Queen of All Saints family of parishes. Once a month, we come together to worship, serve in our community and foster

friendships built on genuine connection, rooted in Christ's unconditional love. Our meetings are held at St. Simon Plagge Hall on the last Sunday of the month, starting with a social hour and dinner from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and meeting from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Each meeting, we focus on a theme with small group discussions as well as reflective activities. Our next meeting is on Sunday, December 29 and the theme is "gifts." Go to https://stsimonparish.org/prep/ if you would like to register/signup for MQAS Youth Group. Mark your calendars for the following meeting dates: January 26, February 23, March 30 and April 27. (May date TBD.)

MISCELLANEOUS

VOCATIONS DIRECTOR – Fr. Michael Willig has been appointed the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. If you think God might be calling you to serve as a priest, please contact Fr. Willig at vocations@catholicaoc.org.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Ist Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3

St. Domini	c Parish	
Financial Report: July 1, 2	023 thru June 30,	, 2024
	2023-24 ACTUAL	2023-24 BUDGET
Church Revenues:		
Sundays & Holydays Collections	1,038,680	1,000,000
1F1H1L / CMA Rebates	91	0
Votive Candles & Masses	18,388	18,350
Interest Earned	18,962	
Fesitval / Raffle	55,822	95,000
PSR, Adult Ed., Youth, DRE, LPM	4,976	
Bequests, Other Donations	170,832	
O'Connor Hall	2,400	
Total:	1,310,151	1,132,600
Church Expenses:		
Payroll, Taxes & Benefits	486,008	534,600
Office Supplies, Insurance, Maintenance,		
Technology, Utilities & Janitorial	194,106	166,900
Assessment	111,550	105,000
Program Outreach	8,131	15,175
PSR, Adult Ed., Youth, DRE, LPM	11,333	17,600
Total:	811,128	839,275
School Revenues:		
Tuition Revenue	2,349,666	2,115,500
State Reimbursement	151,675	155,000
After Care Program	62,693	60,000
Milk Program	404	2,000
Donations / Other	24,673	24,200
Total:	2,589,111	2,356,700
School Expenses:		
Payroll, Taxes & Benefits	2,223,706	2,095,550
Office Supplies, Insurance, Maintenance,		
Technology, Utilities & Janitorial	325,908	299,550
After Care Program	46,394	51,550
Milk Program	9,581	2,100
Total:	2,605,589	2,448,750
Operational Results:	\$482,545	\$201,275
Capital Activity Revenues:		
Fr Grimmelsman	100,179	
Capital Donations	16,671	
LasVegas Night & Major Award	21,603	
School Capital Improvements *		* Includes bequests to school
School Financial Asst. / Ed. Fund, Adopt a Student	56,569	

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

LITURGICAL MINISTERS					
	LECTORS	MASS COORDINATORS	SERVERS SCHEDULE	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER CAPTAIN
FEAST OF THE IMMACUALATE CONCEPTION Monday, December 9 7:00 p.m.	Christelle Middendorf	Joe Middendorf	Tadhg Delaney Ultan Delaney		Joe Middendorf
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Saturday, December 14 4:30 p.m.	Jerry Krumpelbeck	Fred Redder	Will Fettig Nick Fettig	Judy Luebbe Amy Stevens	Connie Ashby
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 15 7:30 a.m.	BC Charles	John Burns	Tucker Charles Emery Charles	Vi Bronner Linda Meyer	Amy Luken
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 15 9:30 a.m.	Debbie Henderer	Nancy Gibbs Joan Wichmann	Addilyn Bass Gianna Servizzi	Jan Bonomini Rebecca Tout	Janice Noble
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 15 11:30 a.m.	Jenny Berndsen	Tobie Delaney	Tadhg Delaney Ultan Delaney	Dale Rhoton Dave Tensing	Nancy Wellbrock
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 15 7:00 p.m.	Marty Berning	Jim Gerdes			Jim Gerdes

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