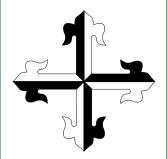
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DECEMBER 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 II:00 a.m.
Daily Masses	Monday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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



OUFFNIOF ALL SAINTS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MONDAY – DECEMBER 2 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 a.m.	Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Mary Malone
6:45 p.m.	Rosary in Church

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 3 – SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

6:10 a.m.	Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Judie DiJaco

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 4 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 a.m.	Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Bonnie and Larry Fehr
8:00 a.mNoon	Adoration

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 5 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 6 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 a.m.	Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Jean Lane
8:15 a.m.	Beth Wittich

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 7 – SAINT AMBROSE

8:15 a.m.	Paul Schnieders
After Mass:	Marian Devotions and
	Apostolate for the Dying
4:30 p.m.	For Our Children and Grandchildren

SUNDAY – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m.	Michael Eagan (BR)
9:30 a.m.	Helen and Larry Miller
11 :30 a.m.	Dominic Bonavita
7:00 p.m.	For Our Parishioners

BULLETIN COVER

St. Dominic School Veterans Day celebration.

FR. BEN'S COLUMN

ADVENT

s you all may know, I am a very impatient priest, and I hate waiting for anything. I've always been that way. Some years ago, it was popular to say that Advent was a time of waiting. We are waiting for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, we are waiting for Christ to come at the end of time and, of course, we are waiting for the Lord to come to each of us at the end of our lives. You would think that Advent, the season of waiting, would be my least favorite time of the Church's year. But I love Advent. Why?

Because Advent is not a time of waiting at all, it is rather, a time of preparation. That's why the expectant Virgin Mary, Our Lady, is the image and model of Advent. I'm the oldest of my siblings, and so I can remember my mother expecting my twin sisters who are five years younger than me. I can certainly recall my sisters being pregnant, not to mention cousins and friends. Now while they were expecting, they weren't passively sitting by "waiting." Advent is like the time when we are waiting for a baby to arrive – how about that – and that's just what we are doing when waiting for the baby Jesus at Christmas.

When my sisters were expecting, they didn't sit by passively waiting for the stork to turn up. They were very actively preparing for the arrival of their child (between them, seven children actually). As well as constant doctors' visits, prenatal checks, ultrasound photos, rooms must be made ready, cots bought, prams, bedding, feeding utensils, food, diapers, clothes, and on, and on. Names must be considered; some people already enroll their children in the schools they hope they will attend. My sisters had to make small pointy hats and brooms and buy small cauldrons and black cats in preparation for their daughters.

Interestingly, family and friends get together and hold "showers" and provide presents in preparation for the arrival of the new child. We get ready for the coming of a child, we prepare, we are "expectant," hopeful, we are full of energy, and we are actively waiting. This is what Advent is supposed to be like for all of us. It is a time of spiritual preparation as we wait to receive Jesus. We prepare to meet Jesus in three ways: first at Christmas, when we remember He came to save us, and we receive Him into our hearts. Secondly, we turn our minds to the end of time, and we remember He will come again, not as a child but as a judge, so we need to get ready. And finally, we remind ourselves to prepare for Him because soon, we will face Him as our days on earth come to an end. Advent reminds us to be ready, to prepare, because Jesus is coming to us.

The Virgin Mary was prepared to receive the Lord into Her body because she had already prepared Her heart to receive Him. That's what Hail Full of Grace means. If grace was God's life in us and Mary was already full of grace, she could have no room for anyone but Jesus. She had no room for sin. And He came to her. She was waiting for Him by preparing for Him. She gave herself to Him completely so that even His flesh is made from her body, her blood flows through His heart. We are called to do the same. To wait for Jesus by preparing for Him.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the souls of Terry Allgeyer and Mary Malone who died this past week. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

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.



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.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

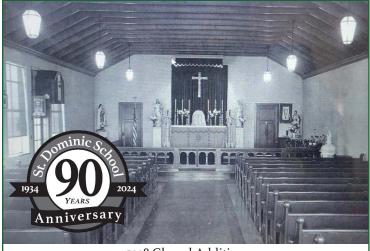
Beginning January I, 2025, the Daily Mass Schedule will be as follows:

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

GIVING TREES

Thank you to all who took a tag from the Giving Tree. Remember to *firmly* attach the tag to your gift before returning it on the weekend of December 14 and 15. Please remove the "suggestion" tag before returning your gifts.

If you were unable to get a tag but would still like to participate in this worthwhile program, a monetary donation is very much appreciated and will allow a member of our team to purchase items on your behalf. You may place your donation in the Sunday Collection, please mark your envelope as "Giving Trees" or bring your donation 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" link on the left side and scroll down to "Giving Tree." Thank you.



1938 Chapel Addition

ST. DOMINIC MEN'S SOCIETY LOTTERY

The tickets have been sold, and now is the time when the winners are drawn! The winning ticket numbers for the final week of November are:

November 25: #631 Joan Buzek November 26: #733 Tina Back November 27: #212 Amy Stevens November 28: #768 Len Hausman November 29: #449 Brandon Thompson November 30: #105 Betty Fraley

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 in December** that we do not have a Mass intention scheduled. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, stop in the parish office, or call 513-471-7741, ext. O

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www. usccb.org/ nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Collection Next Weekend

Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.



A PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Christmas is coming soon! Consider purchasing a Gathering Place paver for the person in your life who is hard to shop for. Pavers are the gift that lets your mother, father, grandparent, child, or spouse know how cherished they are. Order forms are available at the doors of church or in the Parish Office. The 4 x 8 bricks allow 3 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$40.00. The 8 x 8 pavers allow up to 6 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$75.00. You can also order bricks/pavers online through WeShare. Visit our website at www.stdominicdelhi. org and click the "Online Giving" link on the left side (scroll until you see Gathering Place Walkway Bricks). If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. o. The bricks are ordered twice a year, once in January and once in July.



HOLIDAY COMMUNITY DINNER Wednesday, December 4.

This special dinner will replace the November and December dinners.

This special dinner will be served from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in O'Connor Hall.

Take some time out of your Christmas preparations to relax and enjoy a meal with friends, parishioners, and neighbors.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU.

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

ATTENTION ONLINE GIVERS!



The following special collections are taking place in December if you wish to contribute to them via your Online Giving account. December – Capital Improvement December 8 – Immaculate Conception December 8 – Retirement Fund for Religious December 25 – Christmas

ST. DOMINIC NEWS

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, email the parish office at parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org. We will start sending letters out by the end of January.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR – Join us at St. Dominic for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, December 3 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for Adoration and Confession. Pray the Rosary, read the Bible, or just sit and relax and enjoy the peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God. There will also be an opportunity for Confessions with Fr. Jim or Fr. Chris for anyone who is interested.

HOLIDAY SPLIT THE POT – St. Dominic PTO is hosting their annual Holiday Split the Pot. The winner last year took home over \$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

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

Friday, December 6 – St. John Catholic Church, 10010 Carolina Trace Road, Harrison, OH

Tuesday, December 10 – St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 12191 Mill Road

> Friday, December 13 – St. Ignatius 5222 North Bend Road

SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION – Please join us at Our Lady of Victory at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 1 for Eucharistic Benediction.

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 that have been meeting twice monthly and doing exactly that. Our meetings are presently twice monthly on the first and third Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 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 Wednesday, December 4 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.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – The Ladies of Victory (LOV) will host a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Convocation Center. Santa and Mrs. Claus

will be there. There will also be live reindeer and a Secret Santa Shop (All items \$2.00 cash only) The cost is \$10.00 per child and includes food and drink, games, and activities. Preregister using Venmo @olv-ladiesofvictory or scan the QR Code. *No cash or check accepted for entry into the event.*



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 you are part of 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. Go to https://stsimonparish.org/prep/ if you would like to register/sign up for MQAS Youth Group. Mark your calendars for the following meeting dates: December 29, January 26, February 23, March 30 and April 27. (May date TBD.)



WESTSIDE CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP – We invite high school students from across the tri-state area to join us. We are delighted to welcome you to a place where you can be your true authentic self with like-minded and faith-filled peers. Go to www.stteresa-avila.

org/youth-group for more information and to register for the next meeting and join the youth group. Mark your calendars for the following meeting dates: December I, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4.

MISCELLANEOUS

MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING) – The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513-263-6623 or 1-800-686-2724, ext. 6623.

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY – We are a group working the Twelve Steps of recovery from a Catholic and sacramental perspective. We have two support groups for people who suffer from addictions and the family who suffers with them. Family and Friends Support Group – Mondays at 6:00 p.m. General Addiction 12-Step Group – Monday at 7:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist Church, 10010 Carolina Trace Road, Harrison, Ohio 45030. For more information, contact Irvin B. at 812-209-8340 or Jill B. at 812-571-3070.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER I, 2024

LITURGICAL MINISTERS					
	LECTORS	MASS COORDINATORS	SERVERS SCHEDULE	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER CAPTAIN
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Saturday, December 7 4:30 p.m.	Mary Jo Reiners	Martha Queenan	Lillie Thai Hannah Walter	Ed Cappel Judy Luebbe	Louise Shields
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 8 7:30 a.m.	Jim Carroll	John Burns	Tucker Charles Ultan Delaney	Jerry Auer Vi Bronner	Linda Meyer
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 8 9:30 a.m.	Jennie Jacobs	Janice Noble Leni Sullivan	Charlie Gibbs George Goins	Katie Bezold Joey Starkey	Nancy Gibbs
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 8 II:30 a.m.	Paul Brinker	Pat Clark	Sean Homan Mackenzie Stryker	Margie Walter Otto Walter	Beth Weaver
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 8 7:00 p.m.	Christelle Middendorf	Joe Middendorf			John Klopp
FEAST OF THE IMMACUALATE CONCEPTION Monday, December 9 7:00 p.m.	Christelle Middendorf	Joe Middendorf	Tadhg Delaney Ultan Delaney		Joe Middendorf

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