

The Torch



"Generations Growing in Faith for more than 90 years!"

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

December 2024

From Fr. Jim

Advent is upon us! We are in preparation for the great feast of Christmas as we remember that Jesus Christ is coming again in glory! Signs of Advent here at St. Dominic are the Advent wreath, the liturgical readings about John the Baptist and from the prophet Isaiah, the liturgical songs, the purple banners in the Gathering Place and the purple vestments at Mass. We also know it is Advent because the Giving Trees have been out. We will be gathering the gifts on the weekend of December 14 and 15 this year, the Third Sunday of Advent.

Once again, we will be having a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening, December 3; beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas. Come join the rest of us sinners as we celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness.

Mike Davis will offer his Advent evening of prayer, Scripture, and music on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. in church. This is an excellent way to get into the true Christmas spirit!

We will begin our celebration of Christmas on Christmas Eve with our Masses at 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. Members of the Klug, White and Hillgrove families will again provide the music at the 3:00 p.m. Mass. Once again, this year, our final Christmas Eve Mass begins at 10:00 p.m. with carols by our choir beginning at 9:30 p.m. Christmas Day Masses are at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. There will be no 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas.

For the Holy Day Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, we will have a 4:30 p.m. Mass on New Year's Eve, and a 9:00 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day.

The Wise Men have already left from the East! They are on their way! It will take them a month to get here! Can you believe the season is already upon us! God bless you and have a faith-filled Advent and Christmas Season!

Fr. Jim

May They Rest in the Peace of the Lord

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the following parishioners, as they have entered eternal life.

Ron Kruse, father of Karen (Craig) Melvin and Kim Kruse.

Nancy Feller, mother of Richard (Brenda) Feller, Steven (Lisa) Feller, and Jeffrey (Kathy) Feller.

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.

Las Vegas Night 2025

The parish Las Vegas Night for capital improvements will be held in the gym on Saturday, February 22, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Mark your calendars and plan on being there or volunteer to work. More information will be in the January *Torch*.

Parish Office Holiday Hours and Inclement Weather Hours

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 23-Wednesday, January 1. We will be open Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. We will resume our regular hours on Monday, January 6.

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.*

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.**

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.

From Fr. Ben

My Dear Friends,

I am sorry to tell you that beginning in January 2025 we will have a slight change to the Friday Daily Mass Schedule. Beginning on January 3, we will have Mass at 8:15 a.m. **only**. There will be no 7:30 a.m. Mass on Friday mornings. The last 7:30 a.m. Mass on Friday will be December 27. The 8:15 a.m. Mass will be the permanent daily Mass time on Friday, and during the school year, this will be the school and parish Mass. There will still be a 6:10 a.m. Communion Service Monday-Friday.

Beginning January 1, 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

Thanks for your support and prayers.

Fr. Ben



St. Dominic School Alumni Open House

Calling all Blackhawks, young and young of heart:

Please join us at our Alumni Open House on Sunday, January 26 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. We invite all alums to come tour the school and see how it has changed over the years. You are sure to run into some classmates you haven't seen in a while, and memories from old are sure to abound. Be a part of the celebration as we reminisce about those students and faculty who came before us and share words of encouragement and wisdom with those still to come.

Once a Blackhawk, always a Blackhawk! Hope to see you then!



Holiday Community Dinner

Wednesday, December 4.

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!

Advent Concert

Mike Davis' Advent Concert
with Scripture and Prayer
Wednesday, December 18
7:00 p.m. in the church
PLEASE JOIN US



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. Donations can be made online through WeShare. Visit our website at www.stdominicdelhi.org and click the "Online Giving" link on the left side (scroll down to Giving Tree).

Contributions can also be mailed to the Parish Office or placed in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and dropped off at the parish or school office. Thank you.

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 the 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.

Wedding Anniversaries

On Sunday, October 20, St. Dominic Parish honored parishioners celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th and 70th Wedding Anniversary in 2024. Our anniversary couples, joined by family and friends, were recognized and received a special blessing during the 9:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim. A reception followed in O'Connor Hall. Each couple was presented with a certificate congratulating them on their years of marital commitment.

St. Dominic Parish would like to congratulate the following couples. May God Bless you and smile upon your holy union.

70TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Ed and Sylvia Cole

John and Charlotte Lewinski

65TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Jim and Arlene Martin

60TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Ralph and Joyce Bischoff
 Jim and Bonnie Forbeck
 Tom and Fran Heyob
 Edward and Annette Kramer

Jerry and Kay Link
 Jim and Chris Logan
 Larry and Maruska Marcheschi
 Paul and Fran Rappoport

55TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Ray and Linda Barber
 Bob and Mary Lee Busam
 Curt and Cynthia McLane
 Ray and Linda Meyer

Mick and Jeanne Molloy
 Frank and Marie Salem
 Chris and Diane Williams

50TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Bob and Karen Braun
 Harry and Melinda Burg
 Michael and Mary Burke
 Michael & Mary Beth Espel
 Terry and Kathy Finkelmeier
 Harold and Nancy Hendrickson
 Skip and Paula Keller

Mike and Mary Jo Neumann
 Ralph and Micki Priestle
 Roger and Karen Rosen
 Paul and Peggy Schenke
 Joe and Judith Vitucci
 Pete and Sue Wilson
 Greg and Kathy Wright

40TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Terry and Denise Allgeyer
 Keith and Julie Combs
 Jeff and Mary Coorey
 Bob and Diane Davis
 Bob and Peggy Dietrich

Joe and Mary Lynn Knochelman
 Rick and Joyce Lockwood
 B.J. and Kathy Mueller
 Bob and Julie Zieverink

25TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Paul and Kimberly Daria
 Gerry and Andrea Grimmelman
 Terry and Kimberley Lane
 Charlie and Michele Lipps
 Nicholas and Melissa Naber

Tony and Kelly Tedesco
 Ngok and Lori Thai
 Steve and Amy Walter
 Jeff and Julie Yorgovan



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.stdominicedelhi.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. 0. *The bricks are ordered twice a year, once in January and once in July.*



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.stdominicedelhi.org and click the green "Online Giving" link on the left side. Please submit all donations by Friday, December 13.

Name _____

Amount _____

In Memory of _____

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

I prefer that my donation remain anonymous

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HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

<p>CHRISTMAS EVE Tuesday, December 24 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. – Final Mass on Christmas Eve (Carols begin at 9:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday, December 25 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. NO 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day</p>
<p>SOLEMNITY OF MARY</p>	
<p>Tuesday, December 31 No 7:30 a.m. Mass 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 1 9:00 a.m.</p>

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