MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 5th
+2nd Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. St. Bernard Mass for Jack & Lucille Summers from Claude & Nancy Summers
6:00 p.m. St. Rose Mass for Margaret, Charles & Kenny Wiseman from Family

Sunday, December 6th
+2nd Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m. St. Rose Mass for Kathleen Wasilewski from Rita Maxwell
9:00 a.m. Church of the Atonement Mass for the People of God
9:00 a.m. St. Patrick Mass for Leon Blosser from Dave & Gay Finck
10:30 a.m. St. Rose Mass for Faye Epifano from Rosemary, Pam & Jackie

Monday, December 7th
+St. Ambrose
8:00 a.m. Mass for Aunt Rosie Meikle from Martin Wollenberg Family: Lee Wollenberg/ Kayrn/Dennis Baker/Marsha/ Bill Patton/Teresa/Dean Stevenson
+Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception
7:00 p.m. Mass for Emma Printz from Sally Waite **(Please Note Time)**

Tuesday, December 8th
+Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9:00 a.m. **School Mass** for Leon Blosser from Murle & Martha Shriner **(Please Note Time)**
7:00 p.m. Mass for Catherine Koonts from John Koonts **(Please Note Time)**

Wednesday, December 9th
+St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
8:00 a.m. Mass for William & Dolores Fiore from Family

Thursday, December 10th
+Second Thursday in Advent
8:00 a.m. Mass for Aunt Rosie Meikle from Martin Wollenberg Family: Lee Wollenberg/ Kayrn/Dennis Baker/Marsha/Bill Patton/ Teresa/Dean Stevenson

Friday, December 11th
+St. Damasus
9:00 a.m. **School Mass**
Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Caring & Sharing Group

Saturday, December 12th
+3rd Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. St. Bernard Mass for Paul Weiner from Murle & Martha Shriner
6:00 p.m. St. Rose Mass for Theresa Marchetta from Rose Pacino

Sunday, December 13th
+3rd Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m. St. Rose Mass for William (Bill) Fiore from Rose, Nick, Joe & Trish Pacino
9:00 a.m. Church of the Atonement Mass for Irene Harbaugh from Family
9:00 a.m. St. Patrick Mass for Sylvester Gordon from Alice Gilbert
10:30 a.m. St. Rose Mass for Faye Epifano from Marcaluso Family: Bob, Lorrain, Steven & Karen Alongi and Rob

THIS WEEK IN THE CONSORTIUM

Sunday, December 6th
9:15-10:15 a.m. – CCD St. Rose in the school
10:00 a.m. – CCD Church of the Atonement
10:00 a.m. – CCD St. Patrick
2:30 p.m. – Greater Zanesville Singers, St. Rose Church

Monday, December 7th
Secret Santa PCC
7:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th
Secret Santa PCC
9:00 a.m. – School Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Student Retreat after Mass
Noon to 3:00 p.m. (Note Time change) – St. Vincent de Paul Center OPEN
7:00 p.m. – Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 9th
5:15 p.m. – Holy Hour

Thursday, December 10th
5:30-8:30 p.m. – Christmas Caroling with Holy Trinity (Grades 5-8)
7:00 p.m. – RCIA Topic: Retrieving Christmas

Friday, December 11th
9:00 a.m. – School Mass

Saturday, December 12th
5:15 p.m. – Confessions St. Rose until all are heard
Retired Religious Collection

Sunday, December 13th
3rd Sunday of Advent
8:00-11:00 a.m. – Knights of Columbus Breakfast at the Church of the Atonement – fund raiser for Right to Life
Youth Trip January 21st-23rd
Retired Religious Collection
9:00 a.m. – Gift Shop, Church of the Atonement
9:15 a.m. – CCD St. Rose in the school
10:00 a.m. – CCD Church of the Atonement
10:00 a.m. – CCD St. Patrick

Monday, December 14th
(2nd Monday in December – Note date change)
Noon – Over 50, PCC

COMING EVENTS:

December 14th
7:00 p.m. – Penance Service Holy Trinity, Somerset
December 17th
6:30 p.m. – Christmas Program
7:00 p.m. – RCIA: Catholic Creeds and The Lord's Prayer
December 21st-January 1st – Christmas Break –
Last day of school December 18th
January 4th – School Resumes

SCHOOL NEWS, FROM MR. MEDAUGH, PRINCIPAL:

St. Rose School website: www.stroselimaschool.org

Long-term sub needed: We are in need of a long-term substitute for our fourth grade. The position needs to be filled from late February until the end of the school year. This is a self-contained classroom with 16 students. If you can help us with any part of this time frame, please call Jonathan Medaugh at 740-342-3043.

Fund Raisers: Used Printer Cartridges fund raiser goes on all year. Mrs. Denise McCabe is the coordinator for this fund raiser. Used cartridges can be dropped off at the school office.

Home and School: The Poinsettia Sale has been successful its first year. Thank you to all who took part in the sale. We ordered 300 poinsettias. Wow! The Association made $1,500.00 on this project. The money raised will be used to support activities/projects for the students and teachers of St. Rose School.

Winter Sale: Schoolbelles uniforms through January 3, 2016, Items 15-25% off (http://bit.ly/1XyeW8U).

HELP! THE PILE IS GROWING! Ever wonder where your child's sweatshirt, jacket or coat disappeared to? It may be in the student land of "I don't know" or it may be in the school lost and found. We have a stockpile of sweaters, sweatshirts, a few lunch boxes, a few jackets, water bottles...We had all these items available to be claimed by December 4th, after that they went to the "Clothes closet" at the PCC.

SCHOOL LIBRARY: Don't forget to check out the link for our school library on our website. We appreciate all of Ms. Judy Smith's work on the library website and her work with our students, and for Mrs. Mary Dodd's work with our students in the school library as well.

VIRTUS: To be a volunteer a person must have attended the Protecting God's Children workshop and have a BCI/FBI check. To register for a workshop or to view workshops in our areas, go to www.virtusonline.org There is a workshop at Blessed Sacrament in Newark on Saturday, January 16th at 9:00 a.m.

AMAZING ALUMNI: We would like to recognize Gavin LeGrand, Grade 9, who made the merit honor roll at St. Charles. Gavin graduated last year from St. Rose. Way to go, GAVIN!

Mr. Medaugh's LOOKING AHEAD: I want to let you know what is on my mind as 2015 winds down.

First of all, when I finally decided to take the principal's job, I was all in. I always try to do all I can for as long as I can. But I'm at the point where I could really use some help.

As you know, Mrs. Reed, our fourth grade teacher, will be taking a maternity leave beginning in late February. She has been busy preparing lessons and getting things ready. This is extremely hard work trying to teach while at the same time trying to prepare future work.

I started looking for a long-term sub on October 15th and have sent out at least 30 e-mails to potential replacements. I have had three responses to date, and have conducted two interviews.

I am now at the point where I'm stuck. We have three substitutes who are a great help, but none of the subs want to take on a full-time position. I am asking you to think about someone who might be able to take on some of Mrs. Reed's leave and have them contact me so that I can interview them.

I would like Mrs. Reed to be able to take her leave knowing that her class is in good hands.

I have been reading *Story of the Storm: Catholic Elementary Schools from the 1960s to the Present.* It was written by Leonard DiFiore and published by the National Catholic Educational Association. I read this book because I am fascinated by studies such as these. I find it helpful in making a strategic plan for the future to learn how we came to be in the place we are now. In order for me to create a vision for our future, I must look at the history of Catholic education to help me see what hasn't worked in the past and stay away from failed strategies and doom and gloom forecasts.

The book is divided into four parts: Part I deals with two waves of declining enrollment, Part II deals with "The Multiple Whammy Theory," Part III deals with Public Policy, and the last part deals with Policy Initiatives leading toward a more viable future for Catholic Schools.

In 1969, tuition covered 27% of per pupil costs; by 1992 tuition had to cover 51% of the per pupil costs. Parishes struggled to continue to support their schools. Parishes found that raising tuition led to enrollment losses which in turn led to revenue loss.

Eventually, as the twenty-first century approached, the typical Catholic school had evolved financially from a parish-sponsored program to a fiscal entity more costly to operate than the average parish that sponsored it.

A "summit" was held to explore the situation. Everything from bad data to smug attitudes caused the summit to fail to adequately diagnose the problems or develop strategies to address them.

"No one seemed to know the answer. For all the meetings and conferences, Catholic Schools continued to close in alarming numbers."

As a homework assignment, try to remember how many Catholic schools and churches have closed in Perry County from 1964-2009.

The second part of your assignment is to offer a prayer of Thanksgiving that St. Rose Catholic School and Holy Trinity Catholic School have weathered two waves of Mass Catholic school closings and still offer a Catholic education to the children of Perry County.

Next, we will take a look at the second wave of declining enrollment.

PARISH NEWS:

THANKS: Members of the Perry County St. Vincent de Paul Society thank all those parishioners of the Consortium who made our Thanksgiving Project a success. We were given donations from the New Lexington Elks and Lancaster St. Vincent group which helped fund our purchase of 80 turkeys. Many volunteers worked on Sunday and Monday to deliver turkeys and to distribute the food gathered. A special thank you goes to Kari Spring of Perry County MRDD and the other employees and clients who contributed to make this annual project another success for the needy of our county.

CHRISTMAS BELL CHOIR CONCERT: First Methodist Church and Thornville Grace Lutheran Church combined, at the New Lex Senior Center on December 10th at 6:00 p.m. Steak Dinner served, $10.00. Call for reservations at 342-4264.

DEATHS: Our love, prayers, and sympathy to the family and friends of... Laverne Rockwell... Fr. Bernard McClory... May they rest in the arms of our risen Savior!

ST. PATRICK: It's that time of year again when the Junction City Jackson Twp. Food Pantry is planning for the Christmas Food Baskets. The request of St. Patrick this year is for 80 boxes of crackers. The crackers can be left in the back of the Church until Wednesday, December 16th when they need to be delivered to the Community Building between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The food boxes will be packed on Friday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Building and any help our parishioners can offer will be greatly appreciated. The Food Baskets will be distributed on Saturday, December 19th starting at 8:30 a.m. Thank you in advance for your help and continued support for this great mission we do for our community members in need.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, SOMERSET is temporarily closed due to extensive remodeling and painting. The 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass is at Holy Trinity, and all weekday Masses will be celebrated at Holy Trinity at 8:00 p.m. There will be a Penance Service on Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity.

THAT MAN IS YOU is taking a break and will resume on January 2, 2016.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Give a meaningful gift this holiday season: Donate blood. American Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, December 29th...PCC/LL...12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org, sponsor code – St. Rose. Come to give and get a FREE 6" sub card from Subway while supplies last! Free Red Cross long-sleeve T-shirt! Simply come to give blood December 23-January 3 while supplies last!

AROUND THE DIOCESE AND THE WORLD:

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Collection December 12th-13th. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from K-Grade 12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to the collection.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Church of the Atonement: December 13, 2015

LECTOR:	Angela Donaldson
EUCHARIST:	Kathleen/Tim Danielson/ Gemma Bowen
SERVERS:	Makayla/Marissa Staker
USHERS:	George Wilson/Joe Woneymaker

St. Bernard: December 12, 2015

LECTOR:	Mark Siemer
SERVERS:	Jacob McManis/Trey Hettich/ Jace Agriesti
EUCHARIST:	Francis Pompey/Ellen Kader/ Cindy Dew
SACRISTAN:	Cindy Dew

St. Patrick: December 13, 2015

GREETERS:	Ruth/Davo/Ethan Fondale
LECTORS:	Judy Kunkler/Ashley Jones
EUCHARIST:	Harold/Judy Kunkler/Deanna/ Tony Davis/Kelcie Fisher
SERVERS:	Matthew/Morgan/Megan Metzger/ Sierra/Rebecca Kunkler
USHERS:	Jack/Adam Finck/Davo/ Michael Fondale
GIFTS:	Tom/Larain/Mikaela Kunkler

OFFERTORY INFORMATION:

Church of the Atonement
November 22, 2015

Thanksgiving Bingo	**$ 1,018.00**
Lunch	$ 456.00
Donations	$ 153.00
50/50	$ 116.00
Total	$ 1,743.00
50/50 Winner: Cindy Gorius	
Needed to pay bills	**$ 1,776.15**
Offertory	$ 816.00
Human Dev	$ 35.00
27 Envelopes	

November 29, 2015

Offertory	$ 802.10
Candles	$ 5.34
Total	$ 807.44
School Support	$ 15.00
23 Envelopes	

St. Bernard
November 21, 2015

Needed to pay bills	**$ 1,415.64**
Offertory	$ 718.00
Fuel	$ 6.00
All Saints	$ 3.00
Total	$ 727.00
School Support	$ 15.00
Human Dev	$ 25.00
Faith In Our Future	$ 5.00
26 Envelopes	

November 28, 2015

Offertory	$ 929.00
Fuel	$ 20.00
All Saints	$ 20.00
Flowers	$ 60.00
Total	$ 1,029.00
28 Envelopes	

St. Patrick
November 22, 2015

Needed to pay bills	**$ 1,773.48**
Offertory	$ 1,970.00
Repairs	$ 10.00
Flowers	$ 75.00
Total	$ 2,055.00
Faith In Our Future	$ 100.00
Human Dev	$ 187.00
75 Envelopes	

November 29, 2015

Offertory	$ 1,334.00
Candles	$ 17.00
Flowers	$ 190.00
Total	$ 1,541.00
Human Dev	$ 48.00
55 Envelopes	

St. Rose Church
November 21-22, 2015

Offertory	$ 4,723.00
School Support	$ 70.00
Candles	$ 18.00
Flowers	$ 40.00
Average Online Givers	$ 505.00
Total	$ 5,356.00
155 Envelopes	

November 28-29, 2015

Offertory	$ 3,391.00
School Support	$ 123.00
Fuel	$ 5.00
Beautification	$ 10.00
Flowers	$ 453.00
Average Online Givers	$ 505.00
Total	$ 3,982.00
129 Envelopes	

Donations
To St. Rose School
In Memory of Terry Rugg
From:
Dr. Jeffrey & Cherl Haggenjos
Bob & Mary Dodd
John & Susie Elekes
John & Anne Barnett
Bob & Barb Patterson
Henry & Eleanor Hood
Dan & Kathie Foraker
Bill & Debbie Padgett
Park National Bank