

MASS INTENTIONS

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 the 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 the Macaluso Family: Bob, Lorrain,
Steven & Karen Alongi and Rob

Monday, December 14th

+St. John of the Cross

- 8:00 a.m. Mass for Nora & Lee Sulzer
from the Hillis Family

Tuesday, December 15th

+ 3rd Advent Tuesday

- 8:00 a.m. Mass for John & Kathleen Nash from Family

Wednesday, December 16th

+3rd Advent Wednesday

- 8:00 a.m. Mass for William & Dolores Fiore
from the Family

Thursday, December 17th

+3rd Thursday in Advent

- 8:00 a.m. Mass for Bill Finck
from Dan & Carolyn Finck

Friday, December 18th

+3rd Friday in Advent

- 9:00 a.m. **School Mass**
Mass for Sylvester Gordon
from the Redfern Family

Saturday, December 19th

+4th Sunday of Advent

- 4:00 p.m. St. Bernard Mass for the Esselstein Family
from the Family
- 6:00 p.m. St. Rose Mass for Wm. "Bill" Fiore
from Virginia Ellis

Sunday, December 20th

+4th Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. St. Rose Mass for the Deceased Members
of Sagan Family from Idelle Sagan
- 9:00 a.m. Church of the Atonement Mass for
Mike & Tim Goebel from the Family
- 9:00 a.m. St. Patrick Mass for Barbara Gianvito
from Chip & Mary Ryan
- 10:30 a.m. St. Rose Mass for the Deceased Members
of the Lacey & McMillan Families
from the Family

POPE FRANCIS has observed that the contemporary social landscape has changed and "we see the family and marriage undergoing a deep, inner crisis in the countries of the Western world." This has made the family "a new mission field for the Church." The Holy Father calls on families to be witnesses to the world of fidelity, purity, and humble service.



Above all, he says, "We need God – His help, His strength, His blessing, His mercy, His forgiveness. May the Lord give you and your family – the domestic Church – all the grace and strength you need to be witnesses of God's love and mercy to the world."

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families, too, may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic Churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection, and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us one more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

THIS WEEK IN THE CONSORTIUM

Saturday, December 12th

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

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Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

8:00-11:00 a.m. – Knights of Columbus Breakfast at the Church of the Atonement – a fund raiser for the Right to Life Trip, January 21st-23rd

9:00 a.m. – Gift Shop – Church of the Atonement

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

Monday, December 14th

Noon – Over 50 – PCC/LL

7:00 p.m. – Penance Service –
Holy Trinity, Somerset

Tuesday, December 15th

Noon to 3:00 p.m. – St. Vincent de Paul Center
OPEN

THIS WEEK IN THE CONSORTIUM**(continued)****Wednesday, December 16th**

5:15 p.m. – Holy Hour

Thursday, December 17th

10:00 a.m. – St. Bernard needs

volunteers to help clean the Church

6:30 p.m. – School Christmas Program

No RCIA until January 7th

Friday, December 18th

9:00 a.m. – School Mass

Saturday, December 19th

5:15 p.m. Confessions – St. Rose – until all are heard

Sunday, December 20th**4th Sunday of Advent**

Help needed to decorate St. Rose Church for

Christmas – after 10:30 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. – Gift Shop – St. Rose

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

December 21st-January 1st

Christmas Break – Last day of school December 18th

December 29th

12:00-5:00 p.m. – Red Cross Blood Drive

COMING EVENTS:

January 4th – School Resumes

SCHOOL NEWS, FROM:**MR. MEDAUGH, PRINCIPAL:****St. Rose School website:****www.stroselimaschool.org**

The next big project is the Christmas program. I'm hoping you will find it enjoyable.

In regards to volunteer hours, if you are coaching, taking gate money, working the scorer's

table or working the concession stand for St. Rose basketball, please submit those hours to the school office.

Be sure to listen to local radio stations and watch the local TV stations for school closure. School Reach was the call system we used last year. School Reach was bought out by School Messenger. The conversion will be done before Christmas Break. Don't forget, when you receive an automated call, there is a few seconds

delay after you say, "hello" before the recording starts.

We had twenty students complete the Columbus Blue Jackets Book Jackets reading program and I submitted those students' names and their times to the Blue Jackets. Prizes should be awarded in the next three weeks.

St. Rose's registration process will be slightly different this year. On January 11th, we will begin advertising the Open Houses. On February 7th, we will be having an Open House for the entire New Lexington community. Registration information will be available during that Open House. Our official registration will begin on February 16th and end on March 31st. We will have tuition rates available in advance of the registration period. March 15th is the deadline for applying for tuition assistance from the Columbus Diocese. Flyers were sent home about this.

We will also be developing a tuition assistance application on the local level as well. Keep in mind that the Ed-Choice Expansion Program is a possibility for financial aid for students in Grades K-3.

Last week, I wrote about the book *Story of the Storm; Catholic Elementary Schools from the 1960's to the Present*. Oddly, when the 1990's arrived, enrollment and construction increased for Catholic Schools. But with the dawn of the new century, schools began to lose members and many schools closed.

By 2006, the poor economy coupled with the clergy abuse scandal were the two main reasons parents were not sending children to Catholic Elementary schools. The scandal was also causing parishioners to give less and churches were paying more out in legal fees. Clearly, not good news for Catholic schools.

Other issues that impacted the well-being of Catholic Elementary Schools from 1990 to the present day are as follows: Average per pupil cost roughly doubled, average tuition nearly tripled, parishes had to provide more of their budget to cover tuition, and average teacher salaries grew to the point that they consumed nearly 75% of the school budget.

A note about teacher salaries. Anyone who runs a business knows that salary and benefits consume huge portions of the budget. Typically, teachers in Catholic schools make 1/3 less than teachers in the public districts.

The rising costs also affect family budgets. Recent studies indicate that people who could afford to send their children to Catholic schools did so. The poorer segments of our society did not. The downside presents a serious concern to the Church, which justifiably prides itself on its record of educating poor and middle class families over the past century or so, but whose ability to do has diminished.

As a side note, a 2006 study found that parents who attended Catholic schools themselves remained more strongly attached to the Church. Also, parents who attend Mass frequently are more likely to enroll their children in Catholic Schools

A clear relationship appears to persist over time between paternal interest in Catholic schooling for their children and their past and current association with the Church.

Oftentimes at Mass, I hear things for the "first time." Part of our response to the first reading recently was "Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me." It seems to me that those few words express a humility, a sense of humbleness that maybe I'm not as smart as I think I am. That just maybe, God is the master teacher and He has the information I need.

ELKS HOOP SHOOT: 8-9-year-old group winners were: Caroline Dupler and Malakye Thresher; 10-11-year-old group: Malia McClenaghan and Malakai Clark. Patty Wycinski is our new 5-8 math teacher and we are so glad to have her on the staff!

We did not get the Catholic Foundation grant for the back doors, so we will keep working on that funding. The estimate to replace the 3 doors to meet safety standards is \$5,500.00.

We currently have 22 graduates in three Catholic High Schools. This past fall, we had students on the Fisher Catholic state championship golf team, former students playing for soccer regional titles at Rosecrans, with the boys playing in the state semifinals and the girls losing in the regional finals, and we had students playing for Fisher Catholic's regional volleyball runner-up team. And if that isn't enough, we have former students in plays, on quiz teams, holding club leadership positions, and many on the honor rolls.

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.



DEATHS: Our love, prayers, and sympathy to the family and friends of Lawrence Danielson. May he 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's 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.



500 CLUB WINNER: Barb Kelley

AROUND THE DIOCESE

AND THE WORLD:

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Church of the Atonement: December 20, 2015

LECTOR: Barb Ross Wilson

EUCCHARIST: Melissa Marolt/Melissa Smith/
Jim Orecchio

SERVERS: Sophia Marolt/Haleigh Willison/
Carson Miller

USHERS: Shaun Smith/Shawn Marolt

St. Bernard: December 19, 2015

LECTOR: Lisa Fulk
 SERVERS: Jacob/Adam McManis/Rusty Greenwich
 EUCHARIST: Lisa Fulk/Jack/Betty Fuchs
 SACRISTAN: Lisa Fulk

St. Patrick: December 20, 2015

GREETERS: Dan/Carolyn Finck
 LECTORS: Jeremiah Boyden/Judy Kunkler
 EUCHARIST: John Kunkler/Jeremiah Boyden/Susan/
 Alan Hooper/Mikaela Kunkler
 SERVERS: Travis Kunkler/Hunter Rose/Brooke/
 Brittany Wiseman/Myah Boyden
 USHERS: Jack Finck/Matt Paxton/Judd Baker/
 Bill Gilligan
 GIFTS: Bill/Fay Gilligan



OFFERTORY INFORMATION:

Church of the Atonement

December 6, 2015

Needed to Pay Bills: \$ 1,776.15
 Offertory \$ 1,175.00
 Fuel \$ 275.00
 Candles \$ 5.00
 Total \$ 1,455.00
 32 Envelopes
 School Support \$ 10.00

St. Patrick

December 6, 2015

Needed to Pay Bills: \$ 1,773.48
 Offertory \$ 1,732.00
 Repairs \$ 5.00
 Flowers \$ 100.00
 Immaculate Conception \$ 25.00
 Solemnity of Mary \$ 5.00
 Religious Articles \$ 22.00
 Christmas \$ 10.00
 Total \$ 1,899.00
 67 Envelopes
 School Support \$ 353.00
 Retired Religious \$ 5.00
 Diocesan Charities \$ 5.00

St. Bernard

December 5, 2015

Needed to Pay Bills: \$ 1,415.64
 Offertory \$ 1,125.00
 Fuel \$ 10.00
 Flowers \$ 110.00
 Total \$ 1,245.00
 26 Envelopes

St. Rose Church: December 5-6, 2015

Offertory \$ 4,767.00
 School Support \$ 1,342.00
 Fuel \$ 5.00
 Candles \$ 15.00
 Immaculate Conception \$ 52.00
 Christmas \$ 10.00
 Flowers \$ 315.00
 Average Online Givers \$ 505.00
 Total \$ 7,011.00
 147 Envelopes

Donations

To St. Rose School

In Memory of Terry Rugg
 From:
 Scott & Terri Fox
 Deborah Johnston
 Bob & Jill Johnston & Family
 Brian & Michele Aaron & Family
 Kristy & Victor Szemetylo
 Sue Boyle
 Mike & Jane Halaiko
 Bert & Teri Snider

Third Sunday of Advent

