

Those who sow in tears will  
reap with cries of joy.

Ps 126:5





*Baruch 5:1-9*  
*Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11*  
*Luke 3:1-6*

Paul, writing to the Philippians, makes his prayer for them that they “may learn to value the things that really matter.” When we begin to understand that God loves us so much that he would level mountains and valleys for our safe passage we can begin to understand our own call to generosity. We have nothing to fear. We will have enough resources to accomplish God’s work if only because it is God himself who will “carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus.” If fear has caused you to hedge your generosity, fear not! God is leading his people. We have only to follow in his steps.



**PRAYER REQUEST HOTLINE**

The Prayer Request Hotline is in service. **The number is 533-5500 ext. 5770.** For anyone who is in need of prayer, or if you know someone who is in need of prayer, call and leave your prayer request on the message system. Questions, or if you would like to be a prayer partner, please call **Marlene Berning (321-7911).**



**Advent Communal Penance Service**

*Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.*

There will be several priests and individual absolution. Let’s prepare our hearts for the Lord’s coming.

May They Rest In Peace  
 JOHN (JACK) C. FELLERS  
 ELSIE N. RILEY

**masses**

- Monday, December 7 Vigil of Immaculate Conception**  
7:30 p.m. For the People of the Parish
- Tuesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception**  
9:00 a.m. Joyce Santangelo - Family
- Wednesday, December 9**  
9:00 a.m. Dino Santangelo - Family
- Thursday, December 10**  
7:30 a.m. Antonetta Cipollone – Pasqula Asalone
- Friday, December 11**  
9:00 a.m. Wally Cotton – Salomon/Hickert Family
- Saturday, December 12**  
9:00 a.m. Frank Fisher – Jim & Beth Frey  
4:00 p.m. Audrey Grace
- Sunday, December 13**  
8:00a.m. Mary Anne Davis - Family  
9:30a.m. Denny Osborne – Marti & John Frey  
11:30a.m. For the People of the Parish

**servers**

- Saturday, December 12**  
9:00 a.m. Jack Brower, Hannah Schroeder  
4:00 p.m. Carlile Willett, Jimmy Frank, Jack Elsbrock
- Sunday, December 13**  
8:00 a.m. Zoe & Ryan Schack, Sophie Fain  
9:30 a.m. Chandler Robinson, Parker Rogers, Patrick McFadden  
11:30 a.m. Rachel Hunt, Madeleine Rogers, Alex Sherlock

**readings**

**For next Sunday, December 13**

- Zephaniah 3:14-18a*
- Philippians 4:4-7*
- Luke 3:10-18*

**Our parish gives 2% of our collection to Christian Outreach.** Recently, we gave \$1500 to the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati to help in their mission to assist the homeless in the area.

<b>Collection, Sunday, November 29.....</b>	<b>14,619.00</b>
<b>Projected weekly Collection .....</b>	<b>19,803.92</b>
<b>Collection under budget, Nov. 29 .....</b>	<b>5,184.92</b>
<b>10 Children’s envelopes.....</b>	<b>6.03</b>

Want to write fewer checks? Sign up for *Electronic Fund Transfer*. To enroll pick up the peach enrollment form found in the vestibule or go to our website [www.saintmaryhydepark.org](http://www.saintmaryhydepark.org) and click on Donate with Pledge Connect button. Any questions? **Call Angie Pfaller (321-1207 ext 5502).**

**weekly collection**

## From the desk of Fr. Ken,

For years the backbone of our parochial schools and Catholic hospitals were the men and women religious. They gave us countless hours of their time to instill in us the education of our Catholic Faith and to give us care when we were sick. Now it is our turn to help them. Next weekend is the annual Collection for their Retirement. Please be generous to them as they were for us.

Don't forget this Tuesday, December 8, is a holyday of obligation. We celebrate the Immaculate Conception the mass times are Monday at 7:30 pm and Tuesday at 9 am.

*Fr. Ken Schopf*

## Brunch for a Cause (or 2)!

Come join us for *Gourmet* Pancakes (thanks to Rose Lytle's culinary skills) and "all the fixin's" on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, after all the masses. Micah's Path and The Christian Outreach will be jointly sponsoring this event full of good food, relaxing fellowship and activities for kids. In the spirit of the approaching Christmas season, we will be seeking to raise money for the **St. Vincent DePaul society** and for **Burundian Refugees** we came to know when visiting St. Leo Church earlier this year. We are asking for a donation of \$6.00 per person or \$25.00 for a family. So come and enjoy...and know you are helping to make another person's holiday a little better. If questions, please call Rose at 321-2641 or Paul at 321-3588

## New Stock Donation Procedures

Please follow these new procedures to ensure that St. Mary, Hyde Park receives your stock transfers in a timely manner.

Here are the specific location information and delivery instructions:

Company Name: Fifth Third Bank  
 DTC Number: 2116  
 Account Number: 0104471751CG  
 Account Name: St. Mary, Hyde Park

Please note that it is IMPERATIVE THAT THE DONOR'S BROKER IDENTITY AND THE DONOR NAME BE PLACED IN THE DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS OR THE TRANSFER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

## Holyday Mass Schedule

The Mass schedule for the *feast of the Immaculate Conception* will be:

Vigil Mass: **Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.**  
 Holyday: **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>-9 a.m.**

**Cincinnati Boy Choir** will make a special appearance at St. Mary's Church for their Christmas Concert, next Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 pm. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. Don't miss this very special concert by one of Cincinnati's Premier Choral Societies.

## Time, Talent & Treasure 2009

Thank you to those who have returned their Intent Cards.

**Out of 1425 parish families only 306 cards, 21%, have been returned.**

Please let us hear from you. A mailing or email was sent the week of November 9th to those who have not responded.

Any questions, please call Angie Pfaller, parish business manager, at 321-107 ext. 5502 or email:

[apfall@hotmail.com](mailto:apfall@hotmail.com)

## sms school news



### FROM OUR PRINCIPAL SUZY MCBRAYER

Through the generosity of Mr. Eugene T. Wieland, students at St. Mary School had an opportunity this fall to apply for a tuition scholarship for this current school year. Mr. Wieland established this scholarship in 2002 in loving memory of his wife Florence Poland Wieland, who was a 1938 graduate of St. Mary School. Only current Catholic students who work diligently to learn, strive generously to serve, and live consistently the motto of our school "Love Spoken Here" were eligible for recommendation. It is an honor to be nominated. Congratulations to this year's nominees and recipients. Those receiving the scholarship are Nick Mannix, Briana Kennedy, Josh Wiles and Luke Frey. **(Look for SMS information and photos 24/7 on web site: [www.smshp.com](http://www.smshp.com))**

## Joseph-Beth Bookfair this Weekend!

Join us at Joseph-Beth Bookfair for some Christmas shopping this weekend Dec. 5-6. Enjoy the SMS choir performance on Sunday from 12:15-1:00 PM. Download a coupon from [www.smshp.com](http://www.smshp.com) and 20% of your purchase will be credited to St Mary School.

### The St. Mary School Strategic Planning Committee

invites parishioners to participate in our strategic planning process. The St Mary School strategic planning process will result in a set of recommendations that will feed the parish long range strategic plan.

### Young couples and parents of pre-schoolers.....

We invite you to participate in a focus group on **Tuesday, December 15 (please note the change in date)** from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Seton Center.

### Parents of elementary aged children who do not attend St Mary School...

We invite you to participate in a focus group on Thursday, December 10 from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Seton Center.

**We need and value your input...** please RSVP to the school office at 321-0703 or [bmock@smshp.com](mailto:bmock@smshp.com).

# micah's path

Faith Formation is happening!

*"Adult Faith formation, by which people consciously grow in the life of Christ through experience, reflection, prayer and study, must be the central task in this catechetical enterprise..." (Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us)*

The spirit of Christmas is a spirit of generosity. This year there are many people in great need, so the parish's generosity in

supporting the Jesse Tree, the food collection, St Vincent de Paul, and the parish is particularly important.

## Soul Survivor: Sharing the Fire,

March 1-3, 2010. **How's your eternal flame?** At baptism you received a candle and were instructed to keep it burning. Is your flame dim or is it burning brightly? Rekindle the flame of your faith. Mark your calendar now for "Soul Survivor: Sharing the Fire" on March 1-2 from 7-8:30 p.m.

## Respect Life Committee News

This Tuesday, December 8, in Seton Center will be the next meeting of St. Mary's Respect Life Committee. The meeting will begin at 7:30PM. Anyone who is interested in the work of this committee is welcome to attend. Questions may be directed to Karol Hellman at 871-5630. Email contact is [leonardi.susan@gmail.com](mailto:leonardi.susan@gmail.com)

The monthly **Rosary for Life** will take place on Sunday, December 20, at 11:00AM at St. Mary Church.

*Did you know?* Abortions have reached an all-time low in Ohio, according to a report released by the Ohio Dept. of Health. The *2008 Report on Induced Abortions in Ohio* shows a significant downward trend in the total number of abortions performed. The report shows 29,613 abortions were performed in 2008....Since 1976, when the statistic was first recorded, abortions have decreased by 23% in Ohio. This report is available in its entirety at [www.ohiolife.org](http://www.ohiolife.org)

"We are winning the fight against those who push abortion as the first and sometimes only choice for women in crisis," according to Ohio Right to Life Executive Director Mike Gonidakis. "While we take great joy that the collective efforts of Ohio's pro-life community are making significant strides in ending abortions, the total number is staggering."

## Thank You

I want to thank members of St. Mary's for giving me the opportunity to talk at masses on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> about Working In Neighborhoods' foreclosure prevention efforts and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. I appreciated your warm welcome, interest in my message, and support of our work to help families avoid foreclosure and stay in their homes. I wish each of you blessed Advent and Christmas season.  
*Dave Scharfenberger, Working In Neighborhoods.*

# calendar

Please visit [www.saintmaryhydepark.org](http://www.saintmaryhydepark.org) for the most updated calendar

## Dec. 6-13

Monday, December 7

**Vigil Mass, Church, 7:30 pm**

Tuesday, December 8

**Holyday Mass, Church, 9 am**

# youth ministry

Tonight, Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 O'clock Meeting, 7-8:30pm, Red House, and Christmas Party December 13th in the Red House. 7-8:30pm. And Christmas Caroling Monday December 21st, 7pm.

**Want to learn more about St. Mary Youth Ministry check out: [www.saintmaryhydepark.org/smym](http://www.saintmaryhydepark.org/smym) or email keith: [kpfaller@smshp.com](mailto:kpfaller@smshp.com)**

**Coach Needed**-St Mary's is looking for several head coaches for spring baseball. We are looking specifically for the older grades. If you have an interest in coaching & knowledge of baseball, contact Charlie DeSando ( 871-1209).

## 2010-11 Kindergarten/New Students Register Now!

St. Mary parishioners and families with children attending SMS will receive **priority consideration** for **all** available class openings until **Dec. 1**. After Dec. 1 children will be considered on a first come basis from the date of registration until classes reach capacity. Call the school (321-0703) to can arrange a tour and to answer questions.

## Discontinue Monday Communion Services

Beginning with the new liturgical year, St. Mary Church is **no longer holding a communion service on Monday mornings**. On civil holidays that fall on Mondays, such as Memorial Day or Labor Day, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m., as will be announced in the bulletin.

Nearby parishes that have Mass regularly on Mondays are:

Holy Trinity, Norwood 7:45 a.m.

St. Cecilia, Oakley 9:00 a.m.

St. Francis de Sales 12:10 p.m.

St Margaret & St. John Vianney, (St Margaret) 7pm

## *Parishioners called to Military Service*

If you know of a parishioner who is called into, or presently serving in, our country's military forces **please notify the parish secretary at (321-1207). We want to keep these men and women in our prayers. In serving honorably, they contribute to the good of the nation and the preservation of peace (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2310). Please keep the following in your prayers: Nathan Beresford, Karl (Kip) Kadon, Charlie Ketchum, Ewan MacDougall, Michael O'Connor.**

military service

## Will Our Kids Have Faith ? #11

### How do our kids practice their faith?

33% of our Catholic kids pray at least once a day, as compared with 55% of Baptist teens and 49% of conservative Christian teens. *13% of our Catholic kids never pray!*

**The Good News:** *Again remember* the National Study of Youth and Religion found that our kids will follow the example of their parents, us, when it comes to religion and faith. We directly influence our kids' faith—we make the difference!

**Action:** Just before Christmas in 1980, Pope John Paul II addressed 2000 kids in a Roman parish. He asked: "How are you preparing for Christmas?" They shouted, "By praying." The Pope responded, "Very good, by praying, but also go to Confession. You must go to Confession so that you can go to Communion later. Will you do that?" The kids shouted "We will!" The Pope then lowered his voice and whispered, "The Pope will also go to Confession so as to receive the Child Jesus worthily." Let us "clean our homes" and take our families to Confession this Advent.

**Read** *Merry Christmas Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaula, a Classic children's Christmas tale about cleaning your home in preparation for Christmas. Please call Keith with your favorite Advent traditions, and favorite family Christmas books! 321-1207 x5525 or [kpfaller@smshp.com](mailto:kpfaller@smshp.com).

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## 2010 Church Calendars

Are available in the Church vestibule. Please take one calendar per family. The Catholic Art Calendars have been provided by Steve Rohde. *We greatly appreciate his generosity.*

**The Parish Office will be closed** Christmas Day through New Years Day.