

Make known to me your ways, LORD;
teach me your paths.

Ps 25:4





Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

The season of Advent begins the remembrance of the Lord's coming to earth in Bethlehem by recalling that we are awaiting his return at the end of time. What decides the joy or fear we should feel at the prospective return of the Lord is the kind of life we are living while we wait. If we can honestly say we are making the best use of the time, talent and resources which the Lord has given us then we have nothing to fear. It is the steward who is unprepared that should have a care and reform his/her life.

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)**.

It's Bundle Sunday!

Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 28 & 29
 Gently used clothing and small furniture items and appliances are gladly accepted. The truck will be in our Church parking lot at all the masses this weekend.

May He Rest In Peace

GEORGE THOMAS MUEHLENKAMP

masses

Tuesday, December 1

7:30 a.m. Nancy Niklas – Jack & Joan Wenstrup

Wednesday, December 2

9:00 a.m. John Dankenbring – St. Mary School
 Faculty & Staff

Thursday, December 3

7:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Collins Family

Friday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Betty Bates – Craig & Maureen Lintz & Family

Saturday, December 5

9:00 a.m. Barbara Gill - Family
 4:00 p.m. Evan Korte – Karl & Muffy Kadon

Sunday, December 6

8:00a.m. For the People of the Parish
 9:30a.m. Denny Osborne – Edith Mineer
 11:30a.m. Lincoln Mitchell – Terri & Michael Hinckley

servers

Saturday, December 5

9:00 a.m. Charlie Elsbrock, Mary Keegan Berger
 4:00 p.m. Christopher TenEyck, Sarah Doyle, Brock Davin

Sunday, December 6

8:00 a.m. John McCormick, Nick Sweeney, Audrey Flynn
 9:30 a.m. Sarah Snyder, Lily Hofstetter, Rachel Cummings
 11:30 a.m. Claire Schneider, Lucy Norton, Nick Mannix

Monday, December 7, Immaculate Conception

7:30 p.m. Alex Haney, Joseph Kanitz

readings

For next Sunday, December 6

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

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.*

Collection, Sunday, November 22.....	22,271.84
Projected weekly Collection	19,803.92
Collection over budget, Nov. 22.....	2,467.92
8 Children's envelopes.....	6.50

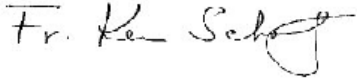
Want to write fewer checks? Sign up for *Electronic Fund Transfer*. To enroll pick up the peach enrollment form found in the vestibule or go to our website www.saintmaryhydepark.org and click on Donate with Pledge Connect button. Any questions? **Call Angie Pfaller (321-1207 ext 5502).**

From the desk of Fr. Ken,

None of us like to wait. Regardless if it is for a table at a restaurant, a ride at Kings Island, or at the cash register at Macys. We don't like to wait.

Today we start Advent which we are awaiting the Solemnity of the Birth of Jesus. Actually we wait for the coming of the Lord – The One we celebrate on Christmas and The One which will happen at a time we know not.

My prayer is that all of us have our souls in order for both.



Holyday Mass Schedule

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

Vigil Mass: **Monday, December 7th, 7:30 p.m.**

Holyday: **Tuesday, December 8th-9 a.m.**

Discontinue Monday Communion Services

Beginning next week with a new liturgical year, St. Mary Church will **no longer hold 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, (at St Margaret)

7:00 p.m.

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.

Christmas Tree Sale

The annual St. Mary Christmas Tree Sale happens December 4-6. As always, low prices, great trees and free delivery! Hours are Friday 5-8; Saturday 9-4; and Sunday 1-4. See you there.

Time, Talent & Treasure 2009

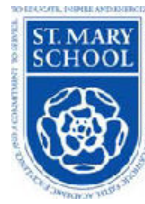
Thank you to those who have returned their Intent Cards. **Out of 1425 parish families only 263 cards, 18%, have been returned.**

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

sms school news



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL SUZY MCBRAYER

Looking for that perfect stocking stuffer? Stop by Joseph-Beth Bookstore in the Rookwood Pavilion on December 5th and 6th for St. Mary Christmas Days. The *St. Mary School 100 Year Celebration Cookbook* will be available along with the many books and audio selections at Joseph Beth. 20% of your bookstore purchases and 10% of purchases in Bronte Bistro will be donated back to SMS. You don't want to miss the St. Mary School choir perform on Sunday from noon – 1:00. Who knows, maybe Mrs. Claus will show up for a book reading or two! Hope to see you there. **(Look for SMS information and photos 24/7 on web site: www.smshp.com)**

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 Wednesday, December 9 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.

2010-11 Kindergarten and 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 at 321-0703 and we can arrange a tour and answer any questions.

micah's path

World AIDS Day, December 1

On Tuesday, December 1, there will be a prayer vigil at 7:00 p.m. in church to remember those who have been touched in some way by the AIDS epidemic. Bring a candle and come to church to pray for an end to this deadly epidemic.

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)

Rosary Making Night Join us on Friday to bead or knot rosaries. Lessons and materials will be provided, as well as some tasty refreshments.

This will be a fun event for all ages! Come to Robisch Hall at 6:30 p.m. on December 4.

Soul Survivor: Sharing the Fire,

March 1-3, 2010. **Jesus survived 40 days in the desert. Can you handle 3 evenings in Church?** Satan isn't invited, so your soul is safe. In fact, you will come out stronger! Mark your calendar now for "Soul Survivor: Sharing the Fire" on March 1-2 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Respect Life Committee News

The Respect Life Committee of St. Mary Parish, guided by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, seeks to promote the sanctity and protection of human life from conception to natural death through education, prayer and pastoral care. The next meeting of this committee will be Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30PM at the Seton Center. Questions about the work of this committee may be directed to Karol Hellman at 871-5630. The email contact is:

leonardi.susan@gmail.com

The monthly **Rosary for Life** will be prayed on Sunday, December 20, at 11:00AM at St. Mary Church. All are welcome to join in this powerful prayer to our Blessed Mother for the protection of all human life.

When a parliamentary or social majority decrees that it is legal, at least under certain conditions, to kill unborn human life, is it not really making a 'tyrannical' decision with regard to the weakest and most defenseless of human beings?...While public authority can sometimes choose not to put a stop to something which---were it prohibited---would cause more serious harm, it can never presume to legitimize as a right of individuals---even if they are the majority of the members of society---an offense against other persons caused by the disregard of so fundamental a right as the right to life. Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae (1995), nos. 70, 71.

calendar

Please visit www.saintmaryhydepark.org for the most updated calendar

Nov. 29-Dec. 6

Thursday, December 3

Baptism Preparation Class, Seton Ctr., 2L, 7:30 pm

Friday, December 4

Advent Rosary Making Night, Robisch Hall, 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 6

Youth Ministry, Red House 7 pm

POPs Christmas Party, Cafeteria, 10:30 am

Worship Commission, Seton Ctr., 2-L, 8 pm

youth ministry

12/6 is the next Sunday 7 O'clock Meeting, 7-8:30pm, Red House, and the October meetings are 12/13 is our Christmas Party And 12/21 we will be going Christmas caroling.

Want to learn more about St. Mary Youth Ministry check out: www.saintmaryhydepark.org/smym or email keith: kpfaller@smshp.com

Will Our Kids Have Faith ? #10

Summary of First Section: What do our kids believe??

*85% of our kids believe in God

*64% believe that God is a personal being involved in their lives

*67% believe in a judgement day

*45% believe definitely in life after death

*58% believe in angels

*55% believe in miracles

*46/48% are open to astrology and

The Good News: Remember the National Study of Youth and Religion found that our kids will follow the example of their parents when it comes to religion and faith. Parents directly influence their kids' faith—parents make the difference—and we can do it!

Action: It's the first Sunday of Advent!!! Set up an Advent wreath and say a prayer together as a family. A suggested family tradition: each family member writes a personal note committing to do a good deed that week for a specific someone and places it in a bowl in the center of wreath. Repeat the next three Sundays of advent picking a new beneficiary of your good deeds each time. On Christmas Eve, each family member shares what these "gifts" were and places them in the Nativity set.

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.**

NOVEMBER 29, 2009 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Attention Lectors

New Lector Workbooks are available at the Parish Office for \$10. All lectors are strongly encouraged to purchase a copy of this guide, which is an excellent source for preparing to proclaim the Word every week. **Contact Rosemary Bosco at rdbosco@earthlink.net or call (871-5032)** to obtain one outside of Parish Office hours.

Coach Needed

Experienced Volunteer Volleyball Coach needed for 5th grade St. Mary School team.

Practices start Dec. 1

Matches from January-March

For info please contact: Julie Langtim
JLangtim@yahoo.com or 871-7003

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Parish Membership & Tuition

Children of St. Mary Parishioners, enrolled at St. Mary School, receive a significant amount of tuition aid from the parish. A St. Mary Parishioner is, at the very least, registered, normally attends Sunday Mass at St. Mary Church, and supports the work of the parish through regular use of parish envelopes.