

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



This weekend at the 11:30 Mass we will be having a Baptism and Confirmation of a catechumen and candidate who have completed their preparations and will be received into the Church. Both went through the RCIA in previous years. We are excited that they are now in a position to be able to enter in fully to the sacraments of the Church. Mr. Wes Thompson will be baptized, confirmed and receive his First Holy Eucharist. Mr. Mike Gumm, having already been baptized in a Protestant denomination, will make a Profession of Faith, be confirmed, and receive his First Holy Eucharist. On Gaudate Sunday (Rejoice Sunday) we have an extra reason to rejoice – rejoicing at the approach of Our Lord's Birth at Christmas as well as rejoicing that these two men will now be able to receive Him fully, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the Holy Eucharist. Please pray for these new members plus the 15+ others who are presently in various stages of preparing to enter the Church in our parish. God is blessing us with a large number of people seeking Him more fully in the life of His Church.

Also, during my sermon on the fourth of the cardinal virtues, Temperance, I referred to a program of asceticism that helps lead people into freedom. As I mentioned this program was originally developed to help men who are fighting pornography addiction but has quickly become used for many other battles with our fallen nature (like anger, gluttony, excessive drinking, media addiction, etc.). It is called Exodus 90 and you can learn more at [www.exodus90.com](http://www.exodus90.com)

In Christ,  
Fr. Hahn



Altar Flowers for Gaudate Sunday have been donated in honor of Jesus in the Eucharist by Bill & Iona Cunningham

Prior to the Sunday Masses this weekend, the schola and cantors will sing several verses of "Veni, Veni Emmanuel," which is based on the seven "O Antiphons", prayers that come from the Breviary's Vespers during the Octave before Christmas Eve. Each Antiphon begins with "O" and invokes the coming of the Messiah, addressing Jesus with a unique title found in the prophecies. You are familiar with the English translation, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," #652 in the St. Michael Hymnal, which everyone will sing in the final week of Advent next Sunday.

#### CHANGES IN MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24



Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 24 will be Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 24 at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. – **NO 11:30 A.M. MASS**

Please note too... **Confessions on Saturday, December 23** will be from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in church.

***The Parish Office will be closed from noon on Friday, December 22 through Tuesday December 26. It will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27. If there would be a sacramental emergency, please call the office at 740-774-1407 and press 9.***

**Carpenter Wanted.** We are in need of a carpenter for our Infant of Prague Perpetual Adoration Chapel. We are looking to construct a statue shelf for the Infant of Prague. If you will be interested in this project, please contact Fr. Dooley at (740) 774-1407, ext. 5 or [sdooley@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:sdooley@columbuscatholic.org). Thank you!

***Sign-up sheets for the Christmas Masses are located on the table in the back of church. (call the office if you are a youth/parent wishing to help at the Children's Mass)...*** December 24th is the 4th Sunday of Advent with it also being Christmas Eve. The Mass schedule for the Sunday has been adjusted to allow for the decorating of church. The weekend Masses, for the 4th Sunday of Advent, will be 5:00 Saturday Vigil, and 8:00 a.m. and **10:00 a.m.** on Sunday. Christmas Masses will be Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. for the Children's Mass (this does NOT meet your Sunday Obligation), Midnight Mass, and 10:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day. This year's Christmas Holiday is a little "screwy" with Christmas falling on Monday and the 4th Sunday of Advent falling on Christmas Eve. Thus it is necessary for you to fulfill the obligation of Sunday Mass as well as Christmas' Holy Day of Obligation. Just an opportunity to become more holy!

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday, December 16**

5:00 p.m. Lyle Schumacher – Julie Schumacher

#### **Sunday, December 17**

*Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*

8:00 a.m. For the People

11:30 a.m. Christin Campbell Gaston – Judy Kight

#### **Monday, December 18**

*Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25*

5:30 p.m. Barb Manegold – Chris Manegold

#### **Tuesday, December 19**

*Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25*

8:30 a.m. Gertrude Purpero –  
Geary & Janet Griffith

#### **Wednesday, December 20**

*Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38*

8:30 a.m. Susan Schneider –  
Dan & Mary Jane Rogers

#### **Thursday, December 21**

*Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45*

5:30 p.m. Eva States –  
Catholic Central Class of 1958

#### **Friday, December 22**

*1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Lk 1:46-56*

8:30 a.m. John Herlihy, Jr. –  
St. Peter Military Ministry

#### **Saturday, December 23**

*Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66*

5:00 p.m. Phillipp Fisher –  
Dan & Mary Jane Rogers

#### **Sunday, December 24**

*2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27;  
Lk 1:26-38*

8:00 a.m. Nancy Kight – Kight Family

10:00 a.m. For the People

5:00 p.m. Jennifer Diehl – Scott & Lisa Diehl

**Help send the Miryante Orphanage children on a Christmas trip to the Nile River!** The children at Miryante rarely get to travel and see a lot of the attractions that tourists see when they visit Uganda. Donations can be made directly through the website via the 'management fund' section. If you would like to send a donation through St. Peter's offertory, please place in an envelope marked "Miryante Christmas Trip" and put on any check as well. The cost of the trip is \$580.00, which includes renting a bus, meals for the day, entrance to see the source of the Nile, and a short boat ride. Any questions, contact the parish office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

#### **Saturday, December 16**

12:00 p.m. Wreaths Across America –  
St. Margaret Cemetery

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry – Church

#### **Sunday, December 17**

##### **9:00-11:00 a.m. – Parish Office Open**

9:00 a.m. K of C Breakfast– Parish Hall

9:00 a.m. Prayer Ministry – Church

9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure checks –  
Office Conference Room

9:15 a.m. PSR – Second Floor Parish Center

9:15 a.m. David – Bible Study –  
Holy Family Library

12:30 p.m. K of C Breakfast– Parish Hall

12:30 p.m. Prayer Ministry – Church

12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure checks –  
Office Conference Room

#### **Monday, December 18**

5:00 p.m. Confessions – Church

6:15 p.m. Right to Life Committee –  
Holy Family Library

#### **Tuesday, December 19**

6:00 a.m.-Midnight – Adoration – Adoration Chapel

9:30-10:30 a.m. Food Pantry –  
St. Vincent de Paul Room

7:00 p.m. RCIA – "the Incarnation" –  
Holy Family Library

7:00 p.m. RCIA 2 –  
Mezzanine Conference Room

#### **Wednesday, December 20**

Midnight-Midnight – Adoration – Adoration Chapel

6:00 p.m. Unlocking Mysteries of Bible Study  
Holy Family Library

7:00 p.m. Choir – Church

7:00 p.m. Sisterhood of Frogged Stitches –  
Mezzanine

#### **Thursday, December 21**

Midnight-5:00 p.m. – Adoration – Adoration Chapel

5:00 p.m. Confessions – Church

6:00-9:00 p.m. Adoration – Church

#### **Friday, December 22**

8:30 a.m. Mass – Church

1:30 p.m. Food Pantry –  
St. Vincent de Paul Room

#### **Saturday, December 23**

3:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions – Church

#### **Sunday, December 24**

9:00-11:00 a.m. – Parish Office Closed



### Reverse Advent Calendar Participation Encouraged!

Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a 28 Days of Advent: a Reverse Advent Calendar project... As most Advent Calendars countdown to Christmas, this project is a count up to Christmas using nonperishable food items. All

donations will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Donations can be brought to church and placed in the tub provided by Knights or to the parish office. Those needing their donations picked up before or after Christmas, please contact Joe Zupi at (home) 740-773-4707, (work) 740-772-4759 or by email at [jzupi2002@yahoo.com](mailto:jzupi2002@yahoo.com) and he will make arrangements for a Knight to pick up and deliver to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. You may also contact Joe for any questions regarding the project.

**2018 Uganda Mission Trip...** There will be a meeting for anyone interested in going on the 2018 Mission Trip to Uganda on Sunday, December 31 from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. in the Holy Family Library. Laura Corcoran will be available to answer questions you might have. Call Diane Corcoran for more information: [740-703-2196](tel:740-703-2196).

**Attention, Young Adults (aged 18-30)** – A murder mystery/masquerade dinner is being planned for Saturday, January 13, 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Library. Put on your old tux and prom dress and join other young adults for an evening of fun. Prize for the best mask! To RSVP by January 6 or for additional information, contact Nick French at 740-701-5380. You won't want to miss this who done it kind of night!

**Young people in families who are going to celebrate Christmas at the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve are invited to sing in the youth choir!** The music will start at 4:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m.. (Children need to be in the choir loft by 4:15 that day.) Children can sing the music before the Mass begins and then go down to sit with their families during the Mass if they prefer, or they are welcome to stay in the choir loft for the entire Mass. Please consider joining us! There will be a practice this Sunday, December 17th, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the choir loft. Questions? Call Diane Corcoran at [740-703-2196](tel:740-703-2196). *All Children are also reminded to bring bells to ring during the Gloria at the Children's Christmas Eve Mass.*

**March For Life 2018!** If you haven't already registered to travel to Washington DC for the 45th March for Life, January 18-20th, please contact the parish office! If you can't attend but can financially sponsor a traveler, fill out the enclosed flyer and return to Jenny or Judy at the parish office. **We thank you for your generosity!**

**New in January 2018!** The Local Ross County Right to Life is holding a first ever March for Life in Chillicothe on January 22, 2018 at noon. The Marchers will begin at the Water Street main entrance of the city park and will march down Paint Street to the Ross County Court House. There will be speakers, music, food and friendship. Please contact Judy Harness [740-774-1407](tel:740-774-1407) or Joe Herlihy at [rossco.righttolife@gmail.com](mailto:rossco.righttolife@gmail.com) for more information or please join us at our next meeting, **December 18th at 6:15 p.m. in the Holy Family Library, St. Peter Parish Center.**

### PRAYER LIST



*If there is someone in need of being on this prayer list, please call Jenny at the parish office – 740-774-1407. Please pray for the following members of God's family:*

Amy & Rich Adams, Peggy Bechie, Dinese Carmen, Rosemarie Cox, Roy Crawford, Angie Currier, Don Davis, Kathy Dye, Amy Carroll Fields, Lib Fisher, Beth Flynn, Albert Geimer, Veronica Geimer, Dan & Jane Harness, Brookie & Larry Heightsman, Brian Moore, Dave Neal, Dan Rogers, Paula Romans, Joe Schumann, John Slagle, Richard Stadtfeld, Helen Stanton, Colleen Sulzer, Cindy Strausbaugh, Mary Wachter, Roger Wilburn, Debbie Winneger



**Teens and adult leaders wish to thank** all those who donated or bought cinnamon rolls/T-shirts to help fund their trip to NCYC this past November. From one of our teens "It was a beautiful time and truly an amazing experience to see all the youth in the church just like me." And another teen says "I think I speak for everyone who went on the NCYC trip when I say it was an amazing event. The trip has renewed my love for the Catholic faith and made me realize that the Church has a bright future. Thank you so much for donating money, allowing our parish to participate in such a special event. I can't tell you how much it means to me and everyone who went!" *Your support of our youth and helping them increase and strengthen their faith is greatly appreciated!*



**5th Sunday Collection:** Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the church doors after Masses Saturday and Sunday, December 30 and December 31, 2017. Your generous contributions will continue to support their ongoing works of charity for the poor and disadvantaged.



**WAYS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED THAT ARE SERVICED BY THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** – *Items can be dropped off at the parish office during regular business hours or placed in the baskets in the vestibule of church.*

#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

**Volunteers ask that if all possible, please do not send item in glass containers**

Cereal; Soup; Tuna; Ramen Noodles; Spaghetti Sauce; Pasta; Mac & Cheese; Peanut Butter; Canned fruit; Boxed potatoes; Rice pouches

#### **Personal care items:**

toilet paper; shampoo; Dish Liquid; Feminine hygiene products

**Do you donate clothes to Goodwill?** At St. Vincent de Paul we sometimes have clients who need new clothes, and we are able to give them vouchers to buy them at Goodwill. If you or anyone you know donates a large bag of clothing to Goodwill, and fills out the donation form with our name on it (St. Peters St. Vincent de Paul), we will get a credit toward the vouchers that we give out. Your donation to Goodwill helps that organization, and in this way it will also help our own St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for considering this.



#### **PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHEDULE**

**December 10-16** – Turner Family

**December 17-30** – Althouse Family

**December 31-January 6** – Cynthia Strausbaugh

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES:** St. Peter Parish Family extends congratulations and many blessings to the following on their “special” birthdays:

December 14, Dorothy Hagerty, 771 Buckeye Street

December 19, Dona Schumacher, 405 Robin Road, Waverly

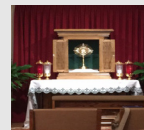


#### **Adorers needed for Perpetual Adoration:**

We are in need of Adorers for the following days and times:

**11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on Tuesday** – need one Adorer (*help is especially needed during the tax season coming up.*) **8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays** – need one Adorer

If you are interested in becoming an adorer, please contact Fr. Dooley at (740) 774-1407, ext. 5 or by email at [sdooley@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:sdooley@columbuscatholic.org).



**Adoration Chapel Intention for the week of December 17, 2017:  
Special Intention of  
Bill & Ellen Clark**

#### **Infant of Prague Adoration Chapel Schedule for Christmas and New Year's**

Week of December 24th: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, December 26th. We will resume Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday December 27th at 6:00 a.m.

Week of December 31st: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, January 2nd. We will resume Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:00 a.m.

Our Eucharistic Adoration Schedule will resume at its normal time on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 a.m..

Thank you for your attention to this matter.-- Fr. Dooley

**Adoration Chapel Candles** sponsorship has dates available for 2018. Contact Jenny at the parish office to sponsor the candles in honor of loved one, in thanksgiving for blessings received, or any intention.

**The Catholic Women's Bible Study** that meets on Wednesday evenings will not meet during the holiday season. It will begin after the first of the year in January 2018.

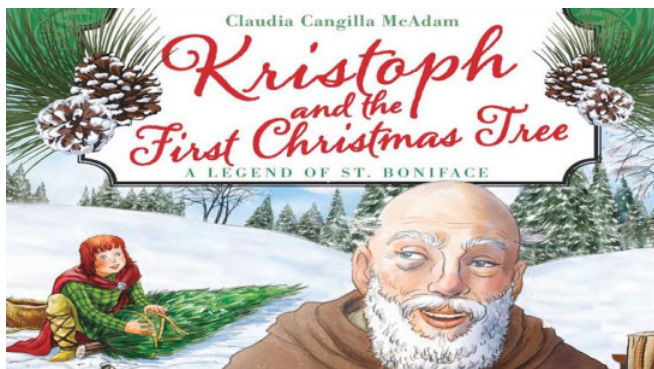
**The Sunday Morning Bible Study** is finishing up David. On Sunday, January 7, the Bible Study Wisdom will begin for 8 weeks. If you are interested in joining this study, contact Thecla Hauser at 740-775-1835. Books are \$20.00, with scholarships available.



**Christmas Flower Memorial Fund Envelopes** are located in the pews. Place envelopes in the collection basket or drop off at the church office. What more wonderful way to honor a loved one than to help us beautify the altar for Christmas. The List of names will be printed in the church bulletin over a couple of week's span due to the printing deadlines.

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**PICK OF THE WEEK,  
December 17, 2017**

Based on an ancient legend, *Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree* is a video production drawn from the family-friendly story written by children's author Claudia Cangilla McAdam and illustrated by Dave Hill. It's Christmas Eve in the year 722, and the young orphan Kristoph is accompanying the missionary priest Boniface through the German countryside on their way to the first Christmas the boy will celebrate outside the orphanage. They are hurrying to reach the next village by nightfall when they come upon a group of men worshipping a sacred oak tree and preparing to sacrifice the son of the village chieftain. What happens next recalls the legend of how evergreen trees became part of the celebration of Christmas. This story beautifully retells an incident from the life of St. Boniface, the martyr who became the patron saint of Germany. Find this and more in the movie section on the formed website. ([www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)) Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!

# Teen Space

**High School Youth Events – open to teens and their friends in grade 9-12...** Join us each or any Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Bosco Room in the basement of the parish center (unless other announced). Come when you can or to the sessions that are of interest to you.

December 21 & 28 – No Meetings

January 4 – Social

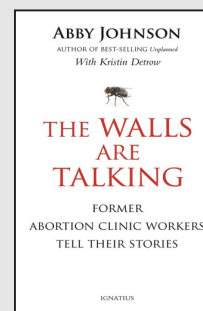
January 11 – Dead Theologians Society

**As we prepare to March for Life on January 19, 2018 – read this book... find out why we march! If you have not signed up to go on the March, please contact Jenny French or Judy Harness ASAP.**

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**Teen Pick of the Week of December 17, 2017**



This book narrates the harrowing and life-changing experiences of former abortion clinic workers, including those of the author, who once directed abortion services at a large Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas. These individuals, whose names have been changed to protect their identities, left their jobs in the abortion industry after experiencing a change of heart. They have come forward with their stories, not for fame or notoriety, but to shed light on the reality of abortion. They want their stories to change the lives of others for the better.

These stories are difficult to read, because abortion is an act of violence, harming not only the obvious victim—the unborn child—but also the mother, the father, the doctor, and everyone else involved. But these stories also offer hope, for they show that anyone, no matter what part the person has played in an abortion, can start anew and make amends. They demonstrate that the first step on that journey is telling the truth, as these courageous individuals do in these pages.

Find this and more in the book section on the formed website ([www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)). Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!

All of the people in today's readings — the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist — seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?."

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| <b>Budgeted Expenses – December 10, 2017</b> | \$8,815.60 | \$211,574.70   |
| <b>Actual Offertory – December 10, 2017</b>  | \$6,420.57 |                |
| <b>Online Giving</b>                         | \$2,579.00 | \$201,051.21   |
| <b>Difference</b>                            | \$ 183.97  | (\$ 10,523.49) |
| <b>Improvement Fund</b>                      | \$ 610.00  | \$ 2,467.00    |

**Consider Making a Year-End Gift to St. Peter's.** As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to St. Peter's. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. There are many different ways of contributing a gift. However, two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts. **You may also consider becoming a Sister Guardian as we are still in need of these. For more information, visit the parish website at [www.stpeterchillicothe.com](http://www.stpeterchillicothe.com) or discuss with Fr. Hahn.** Any donations to be included on the 2017 offertory statements need to be into the parish office by Friday, December 29, 2017.

### LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

|                  | <b>December 23, 5:00 p.m.<br/>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>                          | <b>December 24, 8:00 a.m.<br/>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>                   | <b>December 24, 10:00 a.m.<br/>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>                      |
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| <b>Eucharist</b> | Mary Brown – EM1 (1)<br>Donna Weisenberger –<br>EM2 – J<br>Deacon Hauser – EM3 – M | Roger Cenci – EM1 (1)<br>Vicky Palisbo – EM2 – J<br>Deacon Hauser – EM3 – M | Mary McCord – EM1 (1)<br>Sr. Ruhitha Mary – EM2 – J<br>Sr. Saima Mary – EM3 – M |
| <b>Lector</b>    | Joe Zupi – 1<br>Derick Tormolen – 2  | Melissa Huggins – 1<br>Jim Maimone – 2                                      | Jess Hamm – 1<br>Dominique Smith – 2  |
| <b>Server</b>    | Isaac Herlihy<br>Gabe Roy  | Jack Huggins<br>Audrey Huggins<br>Simon Brown                               | Dominic Barron<br>Danny Bentley<br>Brigham McDaniel                             |
| <b>Greeter</b>   | Judy Kight<br>Kelly Thompson   | Anne Maimone<br>Isaac Maimone<br>Mollie Maimone                             | Barbara Sherwood<br>Nanette Stanton   |
| <b>Offertory</b> | Joe Herlihy  | Aaron Brown Family  | Steve Neal  |
| <b>Usher</b>     | Mary Anne Brown<br>Lisa Diehl<br>Sandra Haas<br>Thomas Zuber                       | James Burgess<br>Doug Corcoran<br>Maralee Scheeler<br>Tim Scheeler          | John Crowe<br>Ken Miller<br>Frank Nunziato<br>Bret Reisinger                    |

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| <b>Church Cleaning</b> | <b>Team #1: Maimone Family</b> | <b>Linens for the Month of December: Laura Lewis</b> |
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