

2022: Our 154th Year as Morrow County's Catholic Community



### Parish Staff Fr. Thomas Buffer Pastor

Fr. Seth Keller Parochial Vicar

Tamara Dieter Parish Secretary

Joanne Bower Office Assistant

**D. Jean Endres** Pastoral Minister

### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday	9:30 am1:30 pm
Tuesday	9:30 am1:30 pm
Wednesday	9:30 am1:30 pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:30 am1:30 pm

# Masses

Saturday: 4:30 pm (Sunday Vigil); Sunday: 9:00 am

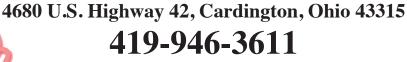
<u>Weekdays</u> Tuesday: 6:00 pm Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:45 am First Saturday: 8:45 am

Holydays of Obligation See bulletin.

> Confession Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm

**Eucharistic Adoration** First Saturday of every month,

9:15 am-3:15 pm



Web site: www.sacredheartschurch.org E-mail: sacredheartschurch@gmail.com In an emergency when there is an immediate need for a priest, please call

# 740-341-5681

### December 10/11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Kallie Dzubak & Trevor Miller Families
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.	People of the Parish † Soul of Barbara
Wednesday, 8:45 a.m.	Weekday Mass
Thursday, 8:45 a.m.	Weekday Mass
Friday, 8:45 a.m.	Weekday Mass

#### LECTORS

Sat. 12/10Roxanne HumphreySun. 12/11Erin KeltySat. 12/17Stephanie ZmudaSun. 12/18Allen Wagner

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. 12/10VolunteerSun. 12/11Josh GoersSat. 12/17VolunteerSun. 12/18A.J. Brehm, Garrett Reeve

#### USHERS

Sat. 12/10Bill Porter, VolunteerSun. 12/11Roger Yoder, VolunteerSat. 12/17Weston Bell, VolunteerSun. 12/18Carl Ferguson, Volunteer

#### SACRISTANS

Sat. 12/10	Julie Blankenship	Sun. 12/11	Joanne Bower
Sat. 12/17	Stephanie Zmuda	Sun. 12/18	Carol Ferguson

#### **COUNTERS**

Sun. 12/11 Greg Goers, Erin Kelty, Dennis Zoulek Sun. 12/18 Carl & Carol Ferguson; Allen & Jackie Wagner

#### Linens for December: Becky Jones

Linens for January: Carol Ferguson

#### OFFERTORY

<u>Actual</u>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Deficit</b>	
November 27	\$2231	\$2367	(-\$136)
December 4	\$2416	\$2367	(-\$0)

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** New Members, please contact Sacred Hearts Church Office at sacredheartschurch@gmail.com or by telephone. Present members, please keep our Office informed of any changes in name, telephone number(s), address and family members. At 5:00 p.m. on Sunday 12/11/2022, Bishop Fernandes will be making his first visit to our parish to preside at Vespers. There will be a reception afterward in Foeller Hall to give everyone the chance to meet our bishop

**REQUESTS FOR YOUR PRAYERS:** Please remember in your prayers the following who have been recommended to our charitable concern: *Ginny Cox, Chuck Large, Deanna Kowalewski, Madison Brehm, Ron Thomas, Frank & Janice Middaugh, Stephan Houser, Mahisha Zoulek, James & Lillian Joering, Marjorie Armbruster, Jennie Lou DePaolo Susi, Johanna Conti, Dalton Sherman, Betty Crum, Walter Olsen, Billy Ervin, Judy Manley, Stephen Karigithe, Sabina Busto, Patricia (Trish) Thomas, Robin Hudson, Cindy Green, Barb Dickason, Deanna Cox, Dawn Barranco, Mary Jo Fetch, Christa Havel, Linda Harvey, Donna Spreng, Kyle Conley, Dave & Ethel Evans, Sam Harding, Walt Bakle, Barb May Wilt, Rose Long, Don Goble, Marian Morgan, Mary Ellen Berg, Doyle Rogers, Kathy Tollison.* 



Please join us every 1st Saturday of the month for Mass and Exposition starting at 8:45 a.m. with open Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 3:15 p.m. ur on the office bulletin or make a stop in to visit our Lord

Sign up for an hour on the office bulletin or make a stop in to visit our Lord in quiet prayer.



SUNDAY, January 1, 2022, Come join us after the 9:00 a.m. Mass for fellowship and refreshments

#### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many thanks to everyone who cooked, served, and cleaned up at the lasagna dinner last week. It was very well attended. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had an equal number of people at Vespers this Sunday, December 11, at 5 p.m.? Our chief shepherd, Bishop Earl Fernandes, will preside at Vespers. This will be his first visit to Sacred Hearts. After Vespers all are invited to a reception in Foeller Hall to meet our bishop. Confessions will also be heard following Vespers.

This Sunday is called "Gaudete" Sunday, from the first word of the traditional entrance procession: Gaudete in Domino semper! The phrase comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." It may strange, or even hurtful, to command someone to feel joy. We can't always control how we feel inside. But the reason Paul speaks this way is explained in the following verse: "The Lord is at hand." Because the Lord is near to His people, especially near to the poor and broken-hearted, those who love and trust and believe in Him can never lose their joy. They will follow Paul's advice to the Philippians: "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:6-7)

This Monday is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. While we do not have a Mass scheduled in our church this Monday, there will be two opportunities to attend Mass at St. Mary in Marion that day. Bishop Fernandes will celebrate a Mass with the school at 8:30 a.m., and another Mass in Spanish at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Sincerely Yours, in Christ, Father Thomas Buffer Pastor

**HOST GUILD:** HOST GUILD MEETING: Just a reminder that our December meeting is Monday the 12th at 6:30 p.m. in Foeller Hall. We will be having a potluck that night. If you can, please bring your favorite appetizer, main dish, veggie or dessert to share. We voted to play the dice game for entertainment. Everyone is asked to bring a couple of unwrapped gifts costing around \$5.00. Hope you will join us on the 12th for a fun evening!

**THANK YOU** to all the parishioners that donated items for our raffle, silent and live auctions as well as ingredients for the lasagna dinner and cookies and cupcakes for dessert. We appreciate everyone that attended the dinner and participated in the live auction. A thank you to the parishioners that volunteered their time to prepare the dinner, serve and clean-up. We do not have a final total of the profit as of yet, but a preliminary estimate is about \$4,500! This would not have been possible without all of your help. Your support of all of our projects is so greatly appreciated. Our profit will be used towards additional items for the church that everyone will benefit from. Again THANK YOU!!

**CHRISTIAN COUNSELING:** Jodi Schermerhorn, LPCC-S is offering to our parish Roman Catholic and nondenominational Christian Counseling. She will offer faith-based professional counseling services to parishioners and as an outreach to our surrounding community. Jodi is licensed by the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board and combines standard clinical counseling practices with the beliefs, practices, and spirituality of our Church to provide a thorough and Christ-centered approach to healing. Areas of focus include children ages 3 up, Marriage Therapy, Anger, Anxiety, Problem Behavior, Body-focused repetitive behaviors, Conflict Resolution, Depression, Family Systems, Parent Child Relationship, Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Contact Jodi directly to ask about insurance and scheduling: Email: Jodi@sopcc.org; Phone: 614-442-7650, ext. 08.



#### KNIGHTS NOTES

We are saying the rosary every Sunday starting at 8:30 a.m. before 9 a.m. Mass. If you are interested in leading the rosary, please contact Dennis Zoulek or any Knights of Columbus member.

#### The next Business meeting is January 4th at 7:00 p.m.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14671

Can you still help? Food still needed for Christmas baskets include peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, cereal, soup, and canned fruit. Also, monetary donations to buy the fresh food items and purchase the hams. Deadline expected until Tuesday, December 13. Food baskets will be packed Friday, December 16, and delivered on Saturday, December 17. Any questions: contact Mauri Jason, 419.946.5344, project coordinator.

The Knights of Columbus had a picture taken by Fr. Tennant of our church's nativity scene made it into 4 foot by 8 foot signs, "Keep Christ in Christmas." We mounted them on a trailer with spotlights and they will be on display until after the Christmas holidays.

I slipped a little bit on keeping up with S O S Savings Our Seminarians. A total of \$125.00 was collected the month of October which brought the total to \$901.00. We will continue to collect after each mass, so if you have any change that you would like to get rid of don't hesitate to drop it in the jug, it makes lots of noise. If you don't want to make a lot of noise, paper money drops in very quietly, either way we appreciate your contributions supporting a very worthwhile cause as we all know there is a shortage of Priest.

By now you have noticed the signs out in front of the rectory Keep Christ in Christmas . We pulled them in the Mt. Gilead Christmas parade December 2nd. We got a lot of thumbs up, Hey we really like your comments through the entire parade route. I am very proud of being a Knight of Columbus and of our signs. We certainly hope that you like them too. Any practicing male catholic age 18 and over can join us in the Knights of Columbus, if you decide to join us before the end of this your dues are paid till December 31, 2023. Get in touch with Carl Ferguson 740-360-4340 or anyone else that you know is a Knight and soon! Our Next Social meeting is December 28th at 7:00 p.m.



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW FOR DECEMBER:

*Saturday, December 24th:* CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 4:30 p.m. *Sunday December 25th:* CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 9:00 a.m.

#### SAVE THE DATE FOR 2023

*Women's Conference:* Saturday, February 18, 2022 at the Ohio Expo Center *Men's Conference:* Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Ohio Expo Center

#### NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2023 CATHOLIC MAN OF

THE YEAR. The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2023 Catholic Man of the Year. The annual award will be presented by Bishop Earl Fernandes on Friday, February 3, 2023, at the Men's Luncheon held at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony. Nominations will be accepted through December 31, 2022. For details, nomination instructions and the required online nomination form, go to https://www.catholicmensministry.com/catholic-man-of-the-year. Submit your nomination and let us know why your parishioner, husband, father, son, uncle, brother, or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!



#### REAP THE MOST TAX BENEFIT WHILE SUPPORTING YOUR

**PARISH:** Maximize your giving dollars before the ball drops on New Year's Eve by using funds in your retirement account to support your parish. The IRA Charitable Rollover allows donors who are 70.5 years or older to transfer up to \$100,000 from a traditional or Roth IRA to a qualified charity like The Catholic Foundation. In doing so, donors keep their IRA distribution from impacting their gross income and possibly avoid being bumped into a higher tax bracket. The IRA charitable rollover can also count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD), which starts at age 72.

All transfers must be made directly from an IRA custodian to The Catholic Foundation by December 15th to qualify as a 2022 rollover and be excluded from the donor's taxable income. If you would like to support your parish through an IRA, please contact Scott Hartman, VP of Development at The Catholic Foundation, at 614-443-8893 or shartman@catholic-foundation. org.

**NATIVITY DISPLAYS AT THE DIOCESAN MUSEUM:** Join us for our annual Nativity display at the diocesan Museum of Catholic Art and History. Come be inspired and see our nearly 500 Nativity sets representing cultures from all over the world. The display will be open from November 25th through January 9th. The museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Adult admission is \$10 and student/ seniors are \$5. The Museum is located in the Catholic Foundation building at 257 E. Broad St., Columbus OH 43215. Call (614) 618-4030 for more information.

### INTRODUCING THE EMMAUS ROAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

The Diocese of Columbus Office of Catholic Schools recently launched the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund, a scholarship granting organization (SGO) of the Diocese of Columbus that was formed to capitalize on a new tax credit passed into law by the Ohio Legislature in late 2021. As dictated by Ohio law, the funds raised by the SGO are to be used primarily for academic scholarships for students to attend K-12 schools and prioritized for low-income families. However, ALL students in Our Catholic Schools have the potential to benefit from these scholarship funds.

How does it work? Donors who make a gift to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund receive a dollar-for-dollar credit (not a deduction) on their Ohio income tax liability – up to \$750 per person, or \$1,500 if married filing jointly – effectively allowing them to make a choice about how their Ohio tax dollars are utilized. Donors can restrict their gift for the benefit of one or more schools of their choosing, or they may direct their dollars to the unrestricted fund which helps the greatest number of students in the diocese.

The Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund creates much-needed scholarship dollars for Our Catholic Schools while giving donors the power to put their tax dollars to work to support Catholic education.

For additional information, visit the fund web site at www. emmausroadscholarship.org or contact OCS Associate Director of Advancement Theresa Vivona at tvivona@columbuscatholic.org.



**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:** There were 43 families who shopped at Kroger between 08/1/2022 and 10/31/2022 and earned \$241.26 in rewards. Visit the Kroger website at www. krogercommunityrewards.com to sign up. The more we shop with Kroger, the more money our church will earn!

