

## ST. JOSEPH – Monroeville

## ST. ALPHONSUS – Peru



June 28, 2008 – June 29, 2009  
**YEAR OF ST. PAUL**  
**The Great Evangelizer**  
**Martyr for the Love of Christ**



**DECEMBER 7, 2008**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF**  
**ADVENT**

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### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CALL THE RECTORY

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

AT LEAST 6 MONTH NOTICE AND  
ATTENDANCE AT ENGAGED  
COUPLES CONFERENCE

### COMMUNION TO THE SICK

CALL THE RECTORY AT 465-4142

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY AT 4 PM AT  
ST. JOSEPH

### FINANCE COMMITTEES

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Dear Friends,

What are the two biggest misconceptions of the Immaculate Conception? First, we are not talking about Jesus' conception by Mary and the Holy Spirit. Second, we are not referring to a football play.

The Immaculate Conception is the dogma that the Blessed Virgin Mary was sinless from the first moment of her existence. Although Mary deserved original sin like all other human beings, she was preserved from it at the moment of her conception. It is the fullness of her grace.

From the earliest times the Church declared that Mary was the Mother of God (officially declared at the Council of Ephesus in 431). But it took a long time to formalize the privilege of her birth. In 1854, Pius IX defined the Immaculate Conception as a dogma (something we must believe as Catholics) of faith. In the history of the Catholic Church, this was the first of two teachings which are said to be infallible. (The second came nearly 100 years later in 1950 when Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption of Mary).

**December 8<sup>th</sup> is always a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States because Mary is the Patroness of the country under her title of the Immaculate Conception.** Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 8:15 AM at St. Joseph's and at 7:00 PM at St. Alphonsus. Please note, there is no 7:00 PM mass on Tuesday night.

Thank you for your response to our recent Stewardship Appeal. Returns of the blue cards are noted elsewhere in the bulletin.

If you wish to make a Christmas contribution to a worthy cause, please consider the St. Joseph School Tuition Assistance Fund. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated in these difficult times.

We have now moved into the second week of our Advent journey. Even though it is a pretty hectic time for most of us, please try to set aside at least a small amount of time for some personal prayer. I have marked out a special time in my day to do this and have found it rewarding.

Have a peace-filled week.

*Fr. Ken Lill*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sat., Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas

5:00 PM (SJ) Charles Fitch  
George McMahon

### Sun., Dec. 7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM (SA) The Reed Family  
10:30 AM (SJ) Duane Lonz  
Richard Fritz, Edna & Alvin Fritz

### Mon., Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception

8:15 AM (SJ) Richard Dreschel  
7:00 PM (SA) Richard Huey

### Tues., Dec. 9 – St. Juan Diego

NO MASS

### Wed., Dec. 10

8:15 AM (SJ) Charles Roeder

### Thurs., Dec. 11 – St. Damasus

8:15 AM (SJ) Clifford Wilhelm

### Fri., Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15 AM (SJ) Theresa Didion

### Sat., Dec. 13 – St. Lucy

5:00 PM (SJ) Edward Corbett  
Margaret Tyler

### Sun., Dec. 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM (SA) Chester Wasiniak  
10:30 AM (SJ) Bernard & Ruby Gravenhorst  
Linda Wilhelm  
Anna Wilhelm

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Is. 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt. 3:8-14/Mk. 1:1-8  
MON-Gn. 3:9-15, 20/Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk. 1:26-38  
TUE-Is. 40:1-11/Mt. 18:12-14  
WED-Is. 40:25-31/Mt. 11:28-30  
THU-Is. 41:13-20/Mt. 11:11-15  
FRI-Zec. 2:14-17/Lk. 1:26-38  
SAT-Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt. 17:9a, 10-13

## CONTRIBUTIONS – NOV 30

**St. Joseph**-Sunday-4,020, Loose-245.61, St. VdeP-10, Holy day-5, 50/50-30, Bldg Fund-5, Children-11.27, School Supp-40, Thanksgiving-1,548, Flowers-170, Human Dev.-80, All Souls-5, Christmas-100.

**St. Alphonsus**-Sunday-3,018, Loose-97.37, Children-5.50, Holy Day-2, Human Dev.-117, Vigil Lights-34, Bell Tower Fund-100, Ladies-5, Flowers-20, Thanksgiving-322.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday, Dec. 13– 5:00 p.m. – St. Joseph

**L** Nancy Alt, Adam Mastroianni  
**U** **Jeff Clark**, Paul Stang, Ron Stieber  
**EM** **Charlene Bauer**, Sheila Meikle, John Miller, Betty Schafer, Shirley Stang  
**S** Kady Gies, Andrew Haughawout, Hayley Kramer

### Sunday, Dec. 14– 8:30 a.m. – St. Alphonsus

**L** Larry Hanneman, Sue Moore  
**U** Tom Brown, Gregg Moore, Tom Smith, Richard Gates  
**EM** Jim & Cheryl Wasiniak, Mike & Diane Wasiniak, Tom Smith  
**S** Ashley Silcox, Jenna Burrow, Courtney Clark  
**G** Amy Rogers, Nancy Reilly

### Sunday, Dec. 14 – 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph

**L** Angie Roth, Jackie Schafer  
**U** **Craig Selka**, Doug Elmlinger, Zachary Schafer  
**EM** **Julie Jarrett**, Diana Brown, Jennifer Meagrow, Sandy Lonz, Geri Myers, Chris Raftery  
**S** Kyle Boehler, Hallie Swanson

## COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

DEC 14 – Sheila Meikle

## COUNTERS – DEC. 8 (after 8:15 Mass)

Mary Dreschel, Barbara Dick, Bette Wolfram, Catherine Raftery, Ann & Fred Roth

## BINGO – DEC. 8

CREW #3: Craig Selka, June Ferguson, Ann Sitterly, Tom Gies, Joe Wilhelm, Krista Smith, Rosemarie Capucini, Michelle Tonelli/Melissa Roeder

FOOD: Tom & Kirsten Schafer

KITCHEN: Carrie Stieber, Jill Watters

BAKERS: Becky Gies, Pat Dahm, Betty Myers

SET UP: Molly Doss

WINDOW: Jill Schafer

## BIRTHDAYS



**DEC 8**-Frank Perl, Mary Welsh **DEC 9**-Steven Bauer, Brittany Clark, Norma Jones, Brett McGinn, Benjamin Millis **DEC 10**-Melana Appeman, Julie Brooks, Kyle Kluding, Jeanette Ott, Shelby Ott, Donald Sitterly, Marvin Smith, Diane Stieber **DEC 11**-Melodie Adelman, Aaron Gates, Keith Gerber, Carol Martin **DEC 12**-Judy Stepanic **DEC 13**-Julie Castle, Holly Elmlinger, Jared Simon **DEC 14**-Emily Lendrum, Robert Sitterly

*Adult children living with parents need to register on their own. Please call the parish office.*

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

**MAKE IT, BAKE IT, TAKE IT DAY** today at St. Alphonsus.

**BINGO** Monday night in the Social Center. Doors open at 5; Bingo starts at 6:45.

**WISDOM PEOPLE** will celebrate Christmas with a potluck on Dec. 10 at noon at UCC. Bring your favorite covered dish.

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL** Christmas Program Wednesday at 1 & 7 p.m.

**PSR** next Sunday from 9-10:15 a.m. at St. Joseph and from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at St. Alphonsus.

**HOLY NAME MEETING** next Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS PLAY & POTLUCK** next Sunday at 5 p.m. at St. Alphonsus.

**AREA PENANCE SERVICE** next Sunday at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph.

## **AREA EVENTS**

**BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE** Dec. 7 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier, Willard. Adults: \$6; Children: \$3. Santa will be available for pictures (\$5) from 9 a.m. – noon.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. – noon at St. Gaspar. Adults: \$6; Children: \$3.

**ANNUAL COOKIE WALK** and Homemade Chocolate Candy - Saturday, December 13, from 10 am – 1 pm. at St. Joseph, Plymouth. Christmas Cookies - \$4.00 lb; Candy - \$6.00 lb. Call 419-687-4611 if you wish to order ahead.



## **DECEMBER CALENDAR**

DEC 7 – Make It, Bake It, Take It Day

DEC 10 – St. Joseph Christmas Program, 1 & 7 p.m.

DEC 14- Holy Name Meeting  
Christmas Play & Potluck, St. Alphonsus,  
3 p.m.

Area Penance Service, St. Joseph, 3 p.m.

DEC 17 – St. Joseph School Advisory Council, 5:30

DEC 21 – No PSR

K of C Breakfast Buffet, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

DEC 22 – Individual Confessions – SA – 1 p.m.,  
SJ – 4 & 7 p.m.

DEC 23 - Individual Confessions – SA – 1 p.m.,  
SJ – 4 & 7 p.m.

DEC 24 – Christmas Eve – Masses – SJ - 4 & 11 p.m.  
SA – 6 p.m.

DEC 25 – Christmas Day – Mass – SA – 8:30 a.m.

DEC 31 – New Year's Eve – Mass – SJ – 5 p.m.

JAN 1 – New Year's Day – Mass – SA – 8:30 a.m.

## **CHRISTMAS SIGN UP SHEETS**

Sign up sheets for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers for Christmas & New Year's Masses at St. Joseph are in the back of church.

## **NORWALK K of C COUNCIL 626**

Christmas trees are available at our 254 W. Main St. Club Lot. We have Blue and White Spruce ranging from 6 ft. to 10 ft. in height.

December 7 at our Club Room we will have the 4th Degree members Christmas Party starting at 6:00 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share with others. We will provide sliced ham and breads. Our charities this year are the Abigail Pregnancy Services and the American Cancer Society-Hope Lodge.

Monday Dec. 8 we will hold our regular 7:30 pm meeting at the Club Room with the 4th Degree meeting to follow.

Keep Christ in Christmas magnets are available for sale. Please see your parish for details.

## **MONROEVILLE K of C**

**200 CLUB WINNERS**

Dec. 2: \$50-Mary Enslinger

\$25- Linda Smith, George Latteman

200 Club Tickets are still available for \$50 each. You have three chances win each week – one \$50 prize and two \$25 prizes. A free appreciation dinner is held each November. Contact Charles Bauer at 419-465-2090 for more information.

## **SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD TO A SOLDIER**

When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.

A Recovering American Soldier  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

## **HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

**(HEAP)** can help low income Ohioans with utility bills. For more information or a HEAP application, call 800-522-5680, ext. 1152.



## **MAY GOD SEND HIS HEALING**

**BLESSINGS** to Bea Feuerstein, Ray and Mary Jane Gerber, Kim Neill, Gary Rasnick, Adam Schafer, & George Stepanic, Tom V.

