

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday, December 8, 2018

4:00 PM †Frank & Angie Dinovo—Their Children

Sunday, December 9, 2018

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

8:00 AM †Pat & Bill Coate-Regan & Julie Kennedy

Saturday, December 15, 2018

4:00 PM †Betty Lim-Josefina Smith

Sunday, December 16, 2018-Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

12:00 PM Spanish Mass-Jeanne Vicario-Diana and Vicki

Additional Masses at St Mary of Woods: Saturday, 6:00 pm and Sunday, 8:00 am; Wed. 8:00 am, Thurs, 6:15 pm, second and fourth Thursday of the month, Fri., 8:00 am, beginning Sunday, 27 May 10:00 am Mass

Weekend Mass Attendance: 420

Parish Offering Weekend: Nov 24 & 25, 2018

Sunday Offering \$5,463.27

Improvement Fund \$ 25.00

Assessment \$ 383.00

Immaculate Conception \$ 100.00

Retirement for Religious \$ 80.00

TOTAL COLLECTIONS \$6,051.27

OUR GIFTS TO GOD—Many contribute generously. We all need to share the burden of parish support. May God bless your sacrifice for Him!

December, 2018 Lay Ministry

Sat Dec 15, 4:00 pm Mus/Cant: Judy Wells, Mindy Bailey

Serv: Mason, & Trent Marcinko, Tori Miller, A. Marcelli

Lect: Susan Brewer, Julie Quay

Min: Kelly Steggeman, Jack Reser, Anthony Marcelli

Sun Dec 16, 10:00 am

Mus/Cant: Tammy/Folk Group, Saul Bauer, Kathy LeVan

Serv: Trevor Sclesley, James & Megan Dillon, A. Marcelli

Lect: Sharon Traul, Linda Tromblay

Min: Joe Kelly, Eric Tom, Anthony Marcelli

Sun Dec 16, 12:00 pm Spanish Mass

Serv: Anthony Marcelli

Formed.org Parish Subscription: St. Patrick has renewed our subscription to Formed.org. This website has an amazing database of videos, books, movies, and audio talks available for all parishioners. We will be using content from this website as part of our PFF curriculum. The parish access Code is HJ34VZ.

Pastoral Care of the Sick:

Distributors to the sick and homebound ... your parish is in need of help to perform this minister. Please call the office 592-1656 to make arrangements to perform this ministry.

Second Week

Stir up our hearts, a Lord, to prepare the paths of Thine Only-begotten Son: that we may worthily serve Thee with hearts purified by His coming: Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Advent Wreath



The word Advent is from the Latin *adventus* for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Advent always contains four Sundays, beginning on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, (November 30) and continuing until December 24. It blends together a penitential spirit, very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the Second and Final Coming of the Lord, called the Parousia, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event.

Since the 900s Advent has been considered the beginning of the Church year. This does not mean that Advent is the most important time of the year. Easter has always had this honor.

The traditional color of Advent is purple or violet which symbolizes the penitential spirit. Religious traditions associated with Advent express all these themes.

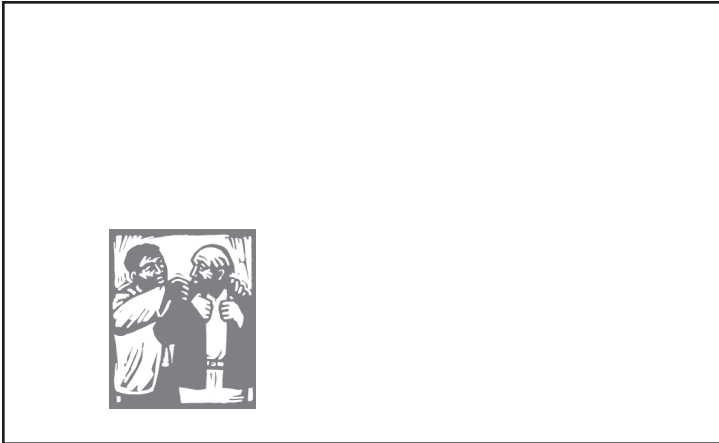
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (592.9455)
Hours: 10:00 am-12:00pm, Tuesday & Thursday;
5:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday
Money Spent: \$965.00 Clients: 69
Things we need: shampoo, soups, tuna
Need: Thank you

The bulletins and calendars can be read on line

St Patrick Church: www.catholicbellefontaine.org
St Mary of the Woods: www.saintmaryofthewoods.com

ANGEL OF GOD, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen

MASS INTENTIONS: Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**
Intention: _____
Offered by: _____
Date requested: _____
Mass requested: _____
We will make every attempt to get them on the date you Request, however, funerals, prior requests and other events may prevent this.



COMING UP—SAVE THE DATE

Dec 13, 6:15 PM Mass (Saint Mary of the Woods) followed by PENANCE SERVICE

Jan 7, 7:00-9:00 pm (RCIA Rm.) Bible Study begins
Jan 11, The Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore & rebuild a loving relationship it is for couples struggling, not communicating well, who are considering separation or divorce. For more info: www.cincyretrovaille.org or call 1-513.456.5413.

Rest in the Peace of Christ: Mr. Dan Wells

Parish Prayer Line: Tammy Bauer 937.441.0645

Schedule of Christmas Masses

December 24
4:00 pm Mass St Patrick Church
6:00 pm Mass at Saint Mary of Woods
11:00 pm Mass St Patrick Church

December 25
8:00 am Mass at Saint Mary of Woods
10:00 am Mass at St Patrick Church



Preparing for the True Meaning of Christmas

"In Advent, Christians relive a dual impulse of the spirit: on the one hand, they raise their eyes towards the final destination of their pilgrimage through history, which is the glorious return of the Lord Jesus; on the other, remembering with emotion his birth in Bethlehem, they kneel before the Crib.

The hope of Christians is turned to the future but remains firmly rooted in an event of the past. In the fullness of time, the Son of God was born of the Virgin Mary: "Born of a woman, born under the law", as the Apostle Paul writes (Gal4:4).

Pope Benedict XVI

During the Season of Advent we join the thousand-year expectation for the Messiah on the part of God's people of the Old Covenant, and look forward to His coming at Christmas. The Messianic hope was kept alive by the Prophets like Micah, who prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Our prayer should be filled with the hope of Israel and its thousand-year expectation in order to prepare us to hear the tidings of great joy announced by the Angels at Christmas.

We are encouraged by the Church to pray with the three greatest figures who originally prepared for Christ's coming in the flesh: the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Mary the Mother of God. By concentrating on them, we can benefit from His coming to us in Mystery at Christmas and in Majesty at the end of the world.

Each of these three can show us the virtues we should have in preparing for Christmas and bringing Christ into our lives and to the world. Among these virtues are listening to God's Word without preconception, understanding it without pretense, and responding to it without reserve. The most important virtue is to put God first in our lives, to carry out His will, and to lead others to Christ.

By preparing for the Lord's coming time and again at Christmas, we prepare for His final coming when He will establish the Kingdom of God, His Father, and be glorified in all those who have believed in Him

—ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE MASSES: SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM, SATURDAYS AT 3:30 PM, AND TUESDAYS AT 7:30 AM!!!