

**St. Columbkille  
Catholic Church**  
Wilmington, Ohio  
**Holy Name Chapel**  
Blanchester, Ohio

JANUARY 1, 2012  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY

**VOCATION VIEW:** The shepherds go in haste to visit the newborn King of the Jews. When God calls, respond at once with joy that, you, too, might praise and glorify God in all things. (Luke 2:16)

**Feasts celebrated this Week:** Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. One of the most outstanding characteristics of Mary is her willingness to know and do God's will.

On Monday, we celebrate the memorial of **Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**. The men became close friends as students in Athens. Together they fought against the Arian heresy (a heresy which denied the full divinity of Christ).

On Tuesday, we celebrate the memorial of the **Most Holy Name of Jesus**. This is another "idea-feast" or "devotion-feast." The 15th century Franciscan St. Bernardine of Siena popularized devotion to the holy name of Jesus, devising the monogram IHS, which represents the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek. The letters also stand for the Latin motto *Iesus Hominum Salvator*, "Jesus, Savior of Humanity."

On Wednesday, we celebrate the memorial of **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** (1774-1821). She is often referred to as Mother Seton and was raised in a faithful Episcopalian family but felt drawn to the Catholic faith. After her conversion, which happened after the death of her husband, she wanted to give her life more fully to God and the education of the poor. She was a woman of many firsts: she is the foundress of the first group of women religious in the United States of America (Sisters of Charity); she started the first Catholic school, ultimately laying the foundation for the American parochial system; and was canonized the first American-born saint.

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**PLEASE READ THIS MESSAGE REGARDING  
HOSPITALIZATION OF PARISHIONERS**

Please let us know if you are going into any hospital for tests or surgery. The hospital will not call us when a parishioner has been admitted or is being treated in the emergency room unless requested by the patient or family member. Likewise, it will be up to the patient or his/her family to notify the Parish Office of a hospitalization. If you are seriously ill and require hospitalization or surgery, you are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick**. Please call Fr. Jim to set up a time for this sacrament of healing.

**Dementia or Just Forgetful?**

A free seminar is being offered on Thursday, January 12, at the Wilmington United Methodist Church (50 E. Locust Street) from 7:00-8:00 p.m. titled Understanding Dementia and Ways to Promote Brain Health and how this diagnosis affects the person and family, given by Laurie Hogue, RN, Cape May Assisted Living Director. *Laurie's 27 years in nursing has been focused on elder care. Previous work has been done with the Alzheimer's Association- Greater Cincinnati Chapter where she offered educational and supportive programs and services to families and individuals affected by Alzheimer's Disease or other dementia-related disorders.* Understand the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. Learn warning signs, risk factors, ways to help families and tips to promote brain health.

Please welcome **Richard Albert Workman** to our Parish Family. Richard made his Profession of Faith and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on Sunday, December 18 at StC.

Please keep in your prayers the family of **Ida Fox**, wife of Robert Fox, who died on December 17, 2011, and was buried on December 22nd. May she rejoice with the angels as they sing *Gloria in excelsis Deo* at the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord.

*Mass Intentions*  
**December 31, 2011-January 8, 2012**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 – Vigil: Mary, Mother of God**

5:00 PM Jack Boler (Doug & Terri Valentine) [StC]

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012 – Mary, Mother of God**

8:00 a.m. Jim Hayes (Yvonne Hayes) [StC]

9:30 a.m. Paul Camp (Gene & Pat Guzzi) [StC]

11:30 a.m. StC & HNC Parish Family [HNC]

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2 – Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

9:00 a.m. Communion Service [HNC]

7:00 p.m. David VanLieshout (VanLieshout Family) [StC]

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

9:00 a.m. Lena Ackels (Shirley Vallee) [StC]

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

9:00 a.m. Bob McCafferty (Sister Cecilia) [HNC]

7:00 p.m. Carolyn Marie Howard (Greg Gray) [StC]

7:30 p.m. Solemn Exposition & Confessions [StC]

Benediction will follow Confessions [StC]

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

9:00 a.m. Mary Lou Morand (Thomas Morand) [StC]

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 – First Friday**

9:00 a.m. Douglas (Skip) Stanley (Cheryl Stanley & family) [StC]

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 – Vigil: Epiphany**

5:00 p.m. Kitty McLaughlin (Parish Staff) [StC]

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 – Epiphany**

8:00 a.m. Margaret Kuhn (Nick & Rita Estell) [StC]

9:30 p.m. Helen Hater (Joyce Wells & Family) [StC]

11:30 a.m. StC & HNC Parish Family [HNC]

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

January 7 & 8, 2012

	<u>5:00 p.m. at StC</u>	<u>8:00 a.m. at StC</u>	<u>9:30 a.m. at StC</u>
<b>S.</b>	Dana Madison Andrew Madison	Sarah Johnson Kyle Miller Hanna Duncan	Meredith Robinson Carrie Robinson Emma Schroeder
<b>L. (A)</b>	Larry Droesch	Carolyn Warner	Ted Kelleher
<b>(B)</b>	Kathleen Madison	Bryan Siebenaller	Joe Noland
<b>G.</b>	Tony Davis Thomas Davis	Mark Baughman Bill Moore	Dan Dettwiller Jesus Muñoz
<b>E.M.</b>	Susan Baker Carol Utrup Bonnie Droesch Bud Lewis Margo Lewis (CL) (CL)	Bob Meyer Terri Thobaben Charlotte Bland Frank Ferguson Kathy Mayer Barbara Baker John Romer	Bob Baker Kathy Havey Patty Ratliff Gretchen Myers Sara Carruthers Kathy Schwab Carol Rack
	<b><u>LOTWWC</u></b>	<b><u>11:30 AM at HNC</u></b>	
<b>Cate.</b>	Lisa Hopkins	<b>S.</b> Timothy Rannels	
<b>Chap.</b>	John Vance Rachel Spurgeon	Mary Handra <b>L.</b> Bob Goodhart	
<b>Rdr. A.</b>	Erin Stroebel	<b>G.</b> Jim Wiederhold	
<b>Rdr. B.</b>	Ali Powers	Tom Handra <b>E.M.</b> Leslie Goodhart Gloria Rannels Jake Steward	

*The first name for EM will have the host and the others will have the cups;  
the first name for CL will have the host.*

**S.** = Server    **L.** = Lector    **G.** = Greeter / Usher  
**E.M.** = Eucharistic Minister    **CL** = Choir Loft

**Were you married in 1937 (75 years), 1942 (70 years), 1952 (60 years), 1962 (50 years) or 1987 (25 years)?** If so, please notify the Parish Office by February 15, 2012, so that we can notify the Archdiocese for your scrolls. Congratulations to all who are celebrating these wedding anniversaries.

**REPORTING ABUSE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI**

– If you know someone who has been abused at any time by an agent of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (priest, deacon, employee or volunteer), the Archdiocese urges you to contact Sandy Keiser, LISW, the Victims' Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, at **513-263-6623** as well as the victim's secular legal authorities.

*Gifts*  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 17 & 18, 2011**

940 Registered Families	
197 Sunday Identified Gifts	\$ 8,381.50
3 Children's Identified Gifts	\$ 3.00
Unidentified Gifts	\$ 482.50
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 8,867.00</b>
TOTAL COLLECTION YEAR TO DATE	\$ 189,652.48
AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY	\$ 7,320.00
<b>AMOUNT NEEDED YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 175,680.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 13,972.48</b>
SVDP Dimes	\$ 10.00
*Poor & Needy:	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 50.00
Hope Emergency	\$ 20.00
Holy Name, Cincinnati	\$ 30.00
All Saints	\$ 50.00
Thanksgiving – WAMA	\$ 5.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 748.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 2.00
Christmas Charities:	
C. C. Adult Day Care	\$ 275.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 210.00
Friends Relief Services	\$ 110.00
	<i>*includes designated collection money</i>

**There are several envelopes for next weekend** – one for the regular Sunday collection; one for the Holy Day; one for Initial Offering to help defray the cost of the envelopes and one for the Sacred Heart Sodality.

Donations were made to the St. Columbkille Memorial Fund in memory of **Kitty McLaughlin** by Andy & Kathy Thompson; and in memory of **Mary Jane Custis** by Edwin Kuehn, Hillsboro School District, Charlotte Bland, Pearl Clement, Mary & Bob Radulski, Sue & Mike Clement, Southern Ohio ESC and Pam Stephens.

Our SVDP is now a part of the **St. Vincent dePaul Society National Vehicle Donation Program**. It is a program that helps people in need with food, shelter, clothing, medication and even help paying their electric bill. Like before, your vehicle goes to help someone by selling the car and receiving money to help with these things or it will be given to someone so they can get to a new job or take a loved one to a doctor's appointment that is far away. When you donated a car or any kind of vehicle it used to go to a large city like Dayton or Cincinnati; now the funds will go to our district council that we are a part of and we can get assistance when we need it. The money will stay in our community; maybe you will even see the car. If you are interested in donating your car or any other type of vehicle like a boat, motorcycle, RV, heavy equipment or an ATV, you can call 1-800-322-8284 or go to [www.svdpusacars.com](http://www.svdpusacars.com). If you would like more information, there are pamphlets in the back of church. Thanks for helping us help others!

**Fr. Jim and the staff would like to thank everyone** for their thoughts, prayers and goodies this holiday season. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

**Scriptural Rosary Group**

There is a new Scriptural Rosary group meeting at StC on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. We are praying for particular needs of the community. If you would like for us to pray for a particular need, but cannot make it to pray the Rosary with us, put your request in an envelope in the collection basket or place the request in the box located on the back radiator. For more information, contact Susan Baker at 937-289-2449.

**The Clinton County Right to Life** will again be asking for signatures and donations for its January 20th Ad showing support for the life of the unborn. Diann Nadeau will be present after all Masses January 14th and 15th at St. Columbkille gathering signatures and donations for the Right to Life. ALSO, the community is invited to join the annual pro-life march around the CC Courthouse on Monday, January 23, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner to follow at St. Columbkille Parish Center. Details on the dinner TBA.

**PSR NEWS**

Margo Lewis – 937-382-1596

**WELCOME BACK!** Faith Formation classes for all grade levels resumes on January 8, 2012. Pre-K through 6 meet from 10:40 a.m.-11:55 a.m., grades 7 & 8 and Life Teen resume meeting at 6:30 p.m. We would like for all students and parents (preK-6) to gather in the Parish Center basement for a welcome back assembly.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Here is a quick look at what is ahead for the New Year.

**March for Life Rally at the Courthouse** – EVERYONE is invited to show their support and respect of life by participating in the march around the courthouse on **January 23, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.!** A spaghetti dinner for the CC Right to Life follows – details forthcoming.

**SATURDAY with PADRE** retreats return: February 4th – grades 5 & 6, March 10th – grades 3 & 4. For grades 7-12, we have the NET Ministries Team presenting a retreat on the 18th of March. Also, grades 5 & 6 will be participating in the ACRE assessment in late January.

**ARCHDIOCESAN SPONSORED RETREAT: Junior High Summer CAMP (Catholic And Mighty Proud).** JH CAMP is a weekend of fun, exciting learning experiences for incoming 7th and 8th graders. JH youth will learn more about God and the Catholic faith through innovative and interactive discovery sessions. Your kids will also have opportunities for fun learning experiences, awesome prayer services, reconciliation and MORE! Mark your calendars for **June 8-10, 2012 at Bergamo Retreat Center.** Details will be forthcoming.

**The Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford** is offering many retreats this winter, including a New Year-New Life Retreat (**January 3-5**), a women's retreat entitled "Nourishing Our Souls" (**January 6-7**), and over a dozen 3-day Ignatian Weekend Retreats. Come away to the beautiful grounds of the Jesuit Spiritual Center for a retreat that fits both your schedule and your needs. For more information or to register, call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or visit [www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com](http://www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com).

**The Christmas Season:** We are in the midst of the Christmas Season. Remain in the Spirit. Continue to celebrate. Wish and greet others, "Merry Christmas." Do not let the season end early. Think about Jesus, the Christ; the Messiah; the Son of God; the Son of Man as a gift that has been opened but has not yet been fully appreciated. We are still getting to know and appreciate the gift. We will be doing so long after the season ends.

**Readings for next week:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**Reflection:** Every life has its defining moments, unique events that seem to separate the past from the future. The birth of Christ is such a moment in the life of the world. Once we looked forward to God's blessing. We listened to God's promises and rejoiced in anticipation of His presence. The waiting is over. The promise is fulfilled. In the promise of this one moment our life is changed. Not only is God with us, but He has proclaimed us His children, His brothers and sisters. We walk with God in a way our ancestors would have never dreamed possible. We look to the future not knowing the miracles Christ will work within us or through us. We know only the moment. God is with us. Rejoice! Our Light has come. He is Emmanuel.

1. Consider ways that Christ has revealed Himself through the events of this Christmas Season.
2. Choose a favorite Christmas symbol to hold or sit with. Ponder your future with Christ.

**Prayer:** *Lord God, we rejoice in the splendor of Your presence. You have placed Your heart in our hands. We are transformed by the touch. May the hands which have touched You be generous as they reach out to touch others. Your presence goes with us, Lord, and with Your presence, Your blessing.*

*Fr. Jim*

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