

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 2, St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church

4:30 PM Glen Heminger; Christine Powell; Liv. & Dec'd Joseph & Assunta Durso Fam.; James & Maria Loparo & Fam.

6:30 PM Theresa Martorana & Fam.

Sunday, January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM St. Mary Parish Family

10:00 AM Bernard Depinet; Barb Schindler; John Grieselding; Joe Bookmyer, Jr.

11:30 AM Lois Traunero

Monday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

8:30 AM Hubert & Dorothy Elchert

12:00 AM *Eucharistic Adoration Begins*

Tuesday, January 5, St. John Neumann, bishop

6:30 AM Communion Service

8:30 AM Maurice Lupica

12:00 AM *Eucharistic Adoration Ends*

Wednesday, January 6, Christmas Weekday

8:30 AM Martha Wagner

Thursday, January 7, Christmas Weekday

6:30 AM Communion Service

8:30 AM Vivian Burke

Friday, January 8, Christmas Weekday

8:30 AM Fr. Richard Dunn

Saturday, January 9, Christmas Weekday

4:30 PM Vi Ardner; Dolores Dorman; Edward Brown;

John & Catherina Gaietto

6:30 PM Hohman-Zoll Special Int.

Sunday, January 10, The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Dave Lauer

10:00 AM Kate Durso; Mildred Comer; Dec'd of Luke Clouse Fam.; John Borer

11:30 AM St. Mary Parish Family



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Stars are amazing-not the people who claim star-status because of their work in sports or entertainment-but the stars that populate the universe. Most are between one and ten billion years old, a time span impossible to comprehend. Other than the sun, the closest star to Earth is Proxima Centauri, about twenty-five trillion miles away, another calculation that is impossible to comprehend. The exponential numbers scientists use when working with stars, whether it is age, distance, weight, composition, luminosity, or any other characteristic, race beyond our everyday calculations of hundreds and thousands. Stars are just too big for us humans.

No wonder Matthew's infancy narrative included a star as the sign for the newborn king. Everything about this child's birth seemed unimportant: born in Bethlehem instead of the big city, Jerusalem; unknown to the important people of the day; the pregnant woman taken into Joseph's home quietly so as not to cause scandal; a quiet, unremarkable birth in an unimportant country in the empire.



But then there's that star! Big, shining, revealing that there is more to this event than meets the eye. Visitors come from afar, and upset the balance of power as they seek the child who would be king. Epiphany is the manifestation of Christ to the world. And the star shows him to be who he really is-king of the universe and Lord of all. So it shouldn't seem so strange to us that Matthew would point out one of those incomprehensible entities in the night sky as the signifier of the One who is beyond all human understanding. What is remarkable is that that One came to be one of us so that we could understand him. ©2009 Liturgical Publications Inc

EVERYONE IS WELCOME for coffee, rolls and socializing after the 8:30 Mass on Tuesdays.

OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY and prayers for the family and friends of *William (Bill) A. Booth (78), Mary S. Miller (89), Ann E. Bugert (95), and Michael Bonham (64)*. We pray that the Lord will help them find solace and peace.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY baptized: *Carly Jo Bagent*~ parents are Brian and Margo Bagent. We welcome her into our Catholic faith and parish community.



December 24, 25, 26 & 27, 2009

Sunday Offering	\$ Total	Env
Christmas	\$ NA	NA
Immaculate Conception Masses	\$	
Solemnity of Mary	\$	
Repair and Maintenance	\$	
Retirement for Religious	\$	
Youth Offering	\$	
Total Sunday, 2009		
Total Sunday, 2008		

Thank YOU

THE END OF THE 2009 YEAR is coming soon, along with tax statements. All contributions of \$250 or more for 2009 will be mailed out during the month of January.

IF YOU ARE ENTERING TIFFIN MERCY HOSPITAL, and would like a visit from Fr. Gary or Fr. Eric, please be sure that upon admission, you or a family member, inform the hospital that you are Catholic and a member of St. Mary Parish. Otherwise, without this documentation, the priests will not be able to visit you. You can also call the parish office and the priests will be notified that way.

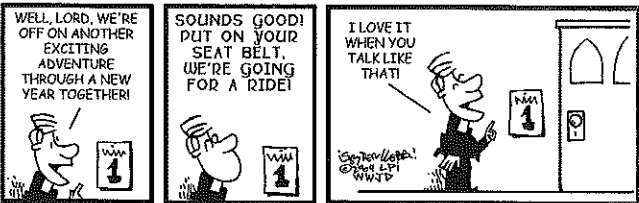
ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

March for Life: Taking place Jan 21-23, 2010. Total cost is \$100.00. Contact the Jen Sanders at 419-217-0378 for more information.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP IS AVAILABLE to anyone who is suffering from the grief of abortion. There are people with whom you can talk in confidence about your experience. **Project Rachel** offers lay counselors and trained clergy ready to help you find peace and healing. If you feel ready to talk with someone, we invite you to call the confidential help line at **419-260-5811**.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD someone to the prayer list, you can now do it from our website, www.stmarychurch.com or by calling the parish office at 447-2087.

NEW YEAR #1



ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION will be next weekend before all Masses. Clean out your garage and help out the Boy Scouts. Thank you.

NEW AND GENTLY USED BABY ITEMS NEEDED: Heartbeat of Toledo, a pro-life pregnancy support center, is in need of new and gently used baby items for their littlest clients. Of particular need at this time of year are crib and receiving blankets, afghans, quilts, hooded bath towels, newborn clothes 0-3 months, size 2 and 2T boys clothes, diapers—newborn through size 6, and powdered formula (Isomil and Similac). Please call Heartbeat at 419-241-9131 if you can help.



VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK will be Sunday, January 10-17. The Tiffin Serra Club will host a free appreciation Pancake and Sausage Breakfast in conjunction with Vocation Awareness Week. On Sunday, January 10 at 8:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Cafeteria. All are welcome.

Happy Birthday Fr. Gary!

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE commemorating the 37th anniversary of Roe vs Wade will be held Thursday, January 14 at Rosary Cathedral at 6:00 p.m. Mass begins at 6:00 p.m followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. After that will be the one block pilgrimage to the Center of Choice abortion clinic where the rosary will be prayed. Benediction will follow back at the Cathedral. For more information contact Mary Kay at 419-878-0486.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WITHOUT VOICES, a memorial service for babies lost to us through abortion, will be held **Sunday, January 10 at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Patrick of Heatherdowns, 4201 Heatherdowns Blvd. Toledo. Jan Kahle, Respect Life Coordinator for Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, will be the featured speaker. For more information, please contact Jeanne Karpanty at 419-385-7227.



"52" CLUB WINNERS 12-22-2009


- 1st** Mr. Richard Seislove
- 2nd** Matthew J. Scarr
- 3rd** Chad Loesser
- 4th** Kelly Zoeller
- 5th** Ken Kuhn

WHAT DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH teach about divorce, annulments, and remarriage? Fr. Chris Vasko from the Diocese of Toledo will present on the practical aspects of the teachings of the Catholic Church on divorce, annulments, civil marriage and remarriage. Following his presentation, Fr. Chris and annulment advocates will be present to answer questions. All are welcome to attend this free presentation on Thursday January 14, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Wendelin Hall, 313 North Wood St., Fostoria. For more information on this event please contact Phil Smith at 419-435-6692 or phil.smith@stwendelin.org

DIVORCED & SEPARATED RETREAT, "Caution-Lives Under Construction" will be held February 5-7 at Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House, Carey. Come take a detour for Sabbath, Sanity & Social Graces. Rev. Marty Nassr and Debi Fox, retreat directors, will be bringing their experience for a team approach to this weekend. For information contact Catholic Charities, at 419-244-6711 Ext. 404.


SCAT DRIVERS for January 10 are Ken and Ann Jones.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS, 2009

<p>Donor Sullivan, Anna Marie Moyer, M/M Daryl Lepouttre, Mrs. Frances Bour, M/M Hugo Kirchner, Keith & Maureen</p>		<p>In Memory Sam Sullivan Donation Albert & Victor Lepouttre Charles & Kerstin Bour Otto & Gace Snyder Holmes/Kirchner Families</p>
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ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY at Tiffin K of C Lodge will be Friday, January 22 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Carry-outs will be available. Members and guests welcome!

January 9 & 10, 2010

<p>Mass Coordinators: 4:30 p.m. Barb Borer 6:30 p.m. Sheila Jeffrey 8:00 a.m. Cindy Kin 10:00 a.m. Mark Zimmerman 11:30 a.m. Jeanne Tackett</p>	<p>Eucharistic Ministers: 4:30 p.m. Barb Bush, Tammy Gaietto, Marilyn Mangano, Ann & Don Hutzel, Bob & Michelle Smith. 6:30 p.m. Rose Gaietto, Emily Hammer, Len Illig, Sr. Edna Michel, Steve & Jan Panuto, Chris Rubeck. 8:00 a.m. Joanne Brickner, Brian Coleman, Pat Depinet, Pat Schilling, Bernie & John Willman. 10:00 a.m. Chris Hasley, Bernard & Martha Hohman, Paul Lapczenski, Chris Rubeck, Nancy & Ron Ruffing, Bernie Steinmetz. 11:30 a.m. Angie Boes, Julie Brickner, Connie Saxton, Peg Shock, Barb Sprau.</p>
<p>Servers: 4:30 p.m. Team C 6:30 p.m. Team G 8:00 a.m. Team J 10:00 a.m. Team N 11:30 a.m. Team Y</p>	<p>Student Lectors: 4:30 p.m. A. McClenathan 6:30 p.m. Keffi Weinger 8:00 a.m. Beca Kimmet 10:00 a.m. Zach Felton 11:30 a.m. Erica Shultz</p>
<p>Lectors: 4:30 p.m. Bernie Steinmetz 6:30 p.m. Sr. Janet Hay 8:00 a.m. Marge Fisher 10:00 a.m. Ron Ruffing 11:30 a.m. Joe Hartzell</p>	<p><i>Thank you to our Sponsor of the Week!</i></p> <p>REINO'S Pizza & Pasta Catering 73 E Market St 447-5891</p> 

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: A person cannot discover a new ocean unless he or she has the courage to lose sight of the shore.