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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday 7:15 a.m. Sat. 7:30 a.m.
Sept. – May, Friday 8:00 a.m.
Weekend, Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Weekend, Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day, Evening 6:30 p.m.
Holy Day, Day 7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Anytime upon request.

BAPTISM

Sunday after 4th Tuesday
Call Rectory to make arrangements.

WEDDINGS

No date should be set without consulting the Pastor. Call for an appointment at least six months in advance.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Please register by calling the Parish Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday, 4:00 p.m.

PAC NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE: Come celebrate the last day of the 100th year of St. Ann! St. Ann PAC will hold a New Year's Eve Dance on Thursday, December 31st from 7:00 PM - 1:00 AM in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, beer and champagne at midnight will be provided. Space is limited, so purchase your tickets now! Tickets are available at the school office. Feel free to contact Janice Hare for more details at 233-5852 or jmhare@cinci.rr.com.

CRY OUT with JOY and GLADNESS;
for among you is the great and
HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.

What does true repentance look like? This is the topic of the Gospel reading' for the Third Sunday of Advent.

Unlike the Gospel of Mark, the Gospels of Matthew and Luke tie repentance for sins to how one lives. Luke is clear: true repentance will show itself in a righteous life (Luke 3:8). Unlike Matthew, Luke takes pains to give examples of what such a life looks like. It involves sharing one's resources rather than trying unjustly to accumulate more. Thus, in Luke's Gospel John the Baptist tells people to share clothes and food with those who are in need (3:11). He advises tax collectors not to cheat people by collecting more than they should (3:13). The soldiers he enjoins not to use their power for extortion and to be satisfied with your wages" (3:14b); they should not seek to augment their salaries by force.

Significantly, these sayings of John are responses to questions. Only in Luke's Gospel do those who come to be baptized by John ask him specifically what they should do. Different groups do so three times (3:10, 12, 14a). These groups serve as models of seeking for ways in which repentance is made concrete in one's daily activities.

Again, Luke is unique in writing about the great expectations that John engendered in the people (3:15). A sign of this excitement comes right after the Baptist has provided them with concrete advice on how to express a commitment to reform. In this the Baptist provides ministers with an example of how faith energizes people when it reaches them where they live.

The Greek word for repentance is *metanoia*. In the dialogue between John the Baptist and those who come to him to be baptized, Luke portrays repentance as an internal disposition that is revealed in how people use their possessions or desire for increased wealth when there are others who are needy in their midst.

Commentaries by Dennis D. Sylva and Rev. James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R

Readings for the Week of December 13, 2009

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Saint John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Decorating the Church for Christmas - We hope you can come on Tuesday, December 22nd at 6:30 P.M. to help. We need all ages to help hang the wreaths, string the lights, and carry up the manger figures. Please consider making this part of your Christmas preparation. Mark your calendar now and join in preparing the church for the Christmas season.

THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, December 13th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Wednesday, December 16th

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, December 17th

6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Saturday, December 19th

3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, December 20th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Religious face rising costs. Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to today's second collection. www.retiredreligious.org



Badin High School
1st Quarter Honor Roll Students

First Honors 4.00- 3.70 GPA

Grade 9 Lauren Donges, Morgan Parks, Caroline Beckman, Patrick Kelley, Emily Martin, Andrea Schneider.
 Grade 10 Jessican Schellenbach, Martin Carter
 Grade 11 Daniel Wolf, Erin Fontaine, Andrew Groh

Second Honors 3.69 – 3.25 GPA

Grade 9 Paige Bucheit
 Grade 10 Katelyn Kreke, Theresa Salerno
 Grade 11 Morgan Sackenheim, Allison Crossley
 Grade 12 Jacqueline Lamb, Maria Salerno, Brogan Morris, Katelyn Moss, Anna Bowling

Honorable Mention

Grade 9 Samuel Spoerl
 Grade 10 Jacob Spoerl
 Grade 11 Trenton Sackenheim, Jack Bucheit
 Grade 12 Lindsay Gaynor, Chelsea Schindler



La Salle High School
1st Quarter Honor Roll Students

Second Honors

Matthew Wolke



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Sophia Kollstedt, daughter of Matthew and Christina Kollstedt, baptized in St. Ann Church on November 29, 2009.



Saturday, December 12th Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Margaret & William Connaughton (Family)

Sunday, December 13th Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. John Glover (Kathy Michael)
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Monday, December 14th John of the Cross, priest & doctor

7:15 a.m. Jodi Sherlock (Janey Sherlock)

Tuesday, December 15th Advent Weekday

7:15 a.m. Isabella Rose Hopf (Monticello & Hartman Families)

Wednesday, December 16th Advent Weekday

7:15 a.m. For the Intentions of Cindy Moulvi

Thursday, December 17th Late Advent Weekday

7:15 a.m. Communion Service
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, December 18th Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mary Louise Pater – 25th Anniversary

Saturday, December 19th Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Dolores Bach (St. Ann Rosary Society)
 5:00 p.m. Mariann Williams (Family)

Sunday, December 20th Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Shirley Poppel (Family)

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
12/06/2009	\$ 9,075.50
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 277,656.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 211,450.59
Additional CCHD collection	\$ 100.00

St. Ann's CCD/PREP students are having a ham raffle to help defray costs for books and religious items used in classes. The drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the Honey Baked Ham Company will be held on December 18. The cost is \$2 a chance or three chances for \$5. You can buy your raffle tickets after Mass or by contacting Holly Moran at 896-7360.

WANTED – FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSON/PEOPLE
Experience not necessary. All you have to do is follow easy to read instructions. Be willing to make several phone calls in preparation of the big event starting in January. Be willing to have lots of fun meeting new people and sharing stories of the behind-the-scene events leading to the festival. Do it yourselves or gather a group to partake in the planning and execution of this GREAT event!

Past chair people are always willing to give advice when asked and available for any questions that you may have. Please call Susan McAbee at 863-4963.

All Giving tree gifts must be turned in today, Sunday, December 13th. This way we can be sure that each person has their gift by Christmas. Please remember to cut the gift description off the bottom and firmly tape the original tag to the gift. This is our only way of identifying who should receive the gift. Thank you for your generosity.