

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2011

This Week's Mass Schedule (Dec 24, 2011 - Jan 1, 2012)

Saturday, December 24, 2011 ♦ Vigil of Christmas
 5:00 pm For the People of the Parish (Pro Populo)
 11:30 pm Father Sullivan's Intentions

Sunday, December 25, 2011 ♦ The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
 10:00 am †Carlene Justice by Marge McLaughlin

Monday, December 26, 2011 ♦ Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
 NO MASS

Tuesday, December 27, 2011 ♦ Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
 NO MASS

Wednesday, December 28, 2011 ♦ The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 NO MASS

Thursday, December 29, 2011 ♦ Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
 NO MASS

Friday, December 30, 2011 ♦ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 NO MASS

Saturday, December 31, 2011 ♦ Vigil of the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 5:00 pm For the People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Sunday, January 1, 2012 ♦ The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 9:00 am †Martha Garland by Jim and Missy Garland



→ THEY WENT FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM LK 2:4

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SATURDAY, December 24
 7:00 P A.A. Meeting, C.H.

SUNDAY, December 25
Merry Christmas!
 NO COFFEE & DONUTS

MONDAY, December 26
Office Closed

TUESDAY, December 27
Office open 9 am - Noon only
 7:30 P Rosary

WEDNESDAY, December 28
Office open 9 am - Noon only
 11:00 A Rosary
 8:30 P A.A. Meeting, C.H.

THURSDAY, December 29
Office open 9 am - Noon only

FRIDAY, December 30
Office open 9 am - Noon only

SATURDAY, December 31
 7:00 P A.A. Meeting, C.H.

SUNDAY, January 1
 10:15 A Coffee & Donuts, P.H.

C.H.=Colman Hall Y.R.=Youth Room
 P.H.=Parish Hall C.R.=Conference Room

small group of people and animals gathered around a manger in a stable. In the manger is an infant—a baby boy. You see the child's mother, looking down at her child with love. Her husband stands beside her, protective and attentive. Surrounding the Holy Family are shepherds and their sheep, looking on with wonder. You are aware of how bright the light is, yet all you hear is the rustle of hay as the animals move around. The light is still and holy. Imagine picking up the child and holding him, looking down into his sweet face, slowly swaying back and forth with him in your arms. Imagine, then, placing him tenderly back in the manger.

Now see yourself backing away from the stable and turning around to leave. You notice that the dark night is now bright as day. That's because you've just held in your arms the light that "shines in the darkness," that John talks about in today's Gospel: "...the light of the human race."

Living the Word: Gentle Jesus, help us to share you, the Light of the World, with others. Amen.

UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 27 -
Serve dinner at The Well
 4:30 - 6:30 pm
 Signed up: Rebecca Elrich, Emily Brickles, Gerritt Mallow, Scott McCane, Abby & Drew Schwenk.
 Parents are ALWAYS welcome.

Wednesday, December 28 -
"Destination Unknown"
 time & cost TBA

Friday, December 30 -
Semi - Lock-In
 5 pm - Midnight
 Games/Movies/Food/Dance-off
NEED PARENT HELP!

Sunday, January 8 -
Confirmation Class
 6 - 8:30 pm
 "Baptism: Waters of New Life"
 Read Chapter 2

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, December 26
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
 Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday, December 27
 1 John 1:1-4
 John 20:1a & 2-8

Wednesday, December 28
 1 John 1:5 - 2:2
 Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday, December 29
 1 John 2:3-11
 Luke 2:22-35

Friday, December 30
 Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
 or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
 or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
 or Colossians 3:12-21
 Luke 2:22-40

Saturday, December 31
 1 John 2:18-21
 John 1:1-18

Sunday, January 1
 Numbers 6:22-27
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:16-21

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Word: John 1:1-18. Jesus is the light of the human race that we hold in our hearts and share with others. It's Christmas Day! Isn't it awesome! For weeks and weeks, we've looked forward to this day and all its wonderful celebrations. Now is the time for those special traditions that are unique to our family and friends at this time of year.

And now is the time for a prayerful meditation. Get comfortable, close your eyes, and breathe slowly and naturally.

Imagine yourself walking through a dark night, up a hill, toward a small light in the distance. As you walk toward the light, it gets brighter. Then you see a

PARISH COMMUNITY

ST COLMAN SACRIFICIAL GIVING 12/18/11

Fayette Co Food Pantry	\$50.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$50.00
Religious Education	\$100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$140.00
Capital Improvements	\$35.00
Religious Retirement	\$25.00
Last Weekend's Offering	\$4,000.75
Other Operating income	\$41.00

2011-2012 Budget \$269,000.00

Weekly Offertory needed to meet budget \$4,326.92

Thank you for your generosity.
 "Let us give what we cannot keep to gain what we cannot lose."

COUNTER VOLUNTEERS 12/27/11
 Kathy Dean & Mae Johnson

FOR ALL EVENTS please contact Tracie at 333-7115 or tracier@ameritech.net.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

Sunday -
Monday - Noah Mesker
Tuesday - Cliff Smith, Leah Smith
Wednesday - Juanita Shadley, Elizabeth Straathof, Sarah Snyder, Xander Medaris
Thursday - Beth Anderson, Levi O'Neill, Natalie Arnold
Friday - Tayla Mallow
Saturday - Robin Claypool, Greg Pettit, Kimberly Sollars, Katie Bartlett

Christmas Season Schedule	
Saturday, December 31	Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass, 5 pm
Sunday, January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass, 9 am
Sunday, January 8	Epiphany of the Lord, 5 pm & 9 am

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will resume Tuesday, January 10 at 7 pm in the Parish Center Conference Room. The topic will be **"The Mystery of Christ"**. Bring your questions (and a friend) for an evening of sharing, learning, and hospitality.

FROM SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

From November 1 - December 7, your Saint Vincent de Paul Society received 85 calls and referrals: 36 for food; 10 for gasoline; 5 for medicine, etc; 11 for shelter; 18 for utilities; and 5 for other needs (includes clothing, refusals, and no answers on call backs). Amount pledged is \$80, amount paid was \$1,393.76 and outstanding bills are \$490.

CATHOLIC RADIO AM 820 HAS ARRIVED!

St. Gabriel Catholic Radio from Columbus has a new radio station on AM 820 that now serves our area! You will probably not receive the signal in your home but you will receive it on most car radios. AM 820 is an EWTN affiliate that provides inspirational programming to help us know, love, and serve our Lord. So, set AM 820 as your radio preset and enjoy great Catholic programming while driving around town.

"I CONFESS ONE BAPTISM"

Corinna Laughlin and Kristopher Seaman

What does it mean to "confess one Baptism"? To confess is to speak truly, to have faith in something or someone. When we say, in the Nicene Creed, that we "confess one Baptism," we are saying that we believe what the Church teaches about the sacrament of Baptism, the foundational sacrament of the Church. Through Baptism, we receive adoption as sons and daughters of God: we die with Christ, so as to have a share in his Resurrection. We say that Baptism is one both because it can only be received once, and because there is just one Baptism acknowledged by the Church: Baptism "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Christ sent his apostles to baptize all nations; and all the baptized are likewise sent, to bring the Good News to the world.

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VOCATION VIEW

A child is born for us; a son is given to us. Are we willing to proclaim the tidings of great joy to our world? (Isaiah 9:1-6)

<p><i>In observance of Christmas, the Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 26, and open Tuesday - Friday, December 27-30, 9 am - Noon ONLY.</i></p>
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RESTORATION MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES	
Confessional Surround	\$29,000
Tester	\$23,000
Reredos	\$13,000
Riddle Posts	\$5,200
Stained Glass Windows	
Great Pontifical/Hibernian	\$15,000
Pelican/Priest's Hands Celebrating Mass	\$10,000
Mary Magdalene and James the Greater	\$10,000
Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart	\$10,000
Jesus and Mary Sodality Banners	\$10,000
Son	\$4,000
Tower Rondels	\$4,000



125th ANNIVERSARY LIMITED EDITION SUNCATCHER

This 3-D, 24 kt. Gold finished ornament/suncatcher with hand-swirled stained glass, attractively gift boxed, is available in the parish office for **\$20**. **The Saint Colman of Cloyne CAT'S MEOW** is still available for a reduced price of **\$10** in the Parish Office. Both benefit the Restoration loan of our Parish Church.

FAYETTE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

Each month they are requesting help in buying certain food items that help to stock the pantry. These foods are usually the ones they can't get from the Mid Ohio Food Bank. With your help, these contributions cut down on expenses. **Chicken noodle soup and crackers** are the items needed for January. The Pantry has served over 2000 families in the last two months. Monetary donations are always needed. 100% of all donations are used to buy food. Donations may be sent to: Fayette County Food Pantry, First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 217, WCH. Your support is much appreciated!

JANUARY WELL CHALLENGE

The Well at Sunnyside January challenge is for sheets and blankets. They are in high demand and the Well never has enough. So if you have time to go through your linen closet and find some sheets or blankets that you no longer need, they would be glad to help you make more space for other things in your closet! Also, **please pray for the homeless** in our community. Winter is obviously a particularly difficult time of year for them.

They can always use clean, gently used children's clothes, toys and housewares. A drop off basket is in the back of church, or feel free to drop items off any time the Free Store is open (Tuesday & Thursday 9-11 am and Monday 6-8 pm). **Please do not drop off donations when they are closed.** Sadly, many donations cannot be used as they are ruined due to exposure to inclement weather. **The Free Store will be closed the week after Christmas and will re-open to shoppers on January 5, 2012.**

<p>ATTENTION Kroger Shoppers:</p> <p>It's easy to enroll/re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program. This has been an easy, fantastic fund raiser for St Colman and we ask for your continued support. Visit: www.krogercommunityrewards.com. From there you can sign up for a new Kroger.com account or re-en-roll by clicking on "Sign In" and editing your Community Rewards Program. Please note that once you have a Kroger.com account, you need to register your Kroger Plus card number to benefit Saint Colman Catholic Church (81551). (Renewal begins April 1st of each year for the Rewards program year which is May 1 - April 30.)</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: If you do not have access to a computer, stop by or call the parish office for help. Questions? Call JoAnne at 335-5000. Thank you!!</p>
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<p>COMMUNITY CASH IS BACK!!</p> <p>The cash back program Community Markets, Fulmer Community Markets and Great Scot Community Markets is again being offered! Save your register tapes. A box is in the back of church to collect your receipts. Your parish will receive 1% cash back from your purchases. It's that easy!</p>
