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OUR VISION

We are a people of God, nourished by sacred Scripture and Sacrament. We believe in and are experiencing the mystery of God's unconditional love for us. Through Jesus Christ — and with the help of the Holy Spirit — we work to build God's Kingdom on earth. Our efforts within our parish will focus on: our fuller union with God, our strengthened relationships with each other and our caring service to others.

January 1, 2017

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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LITURGY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Tuesday – 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

Wednesday –1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Thursday – 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

Friday – 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11

Saturday – 1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11

Sunday – Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

LITURGIES THIS WEEK: (Jan. 3rd & Jan. 5th)

 Tues.
 St. Patrick
 8:00 a.m.

 Wed.
 St. Louis
 9:00 a.m.

 Thurs.
 St. Patrick
 8:00 a.m.

 Fri.
 St. Louis
 9:15 a.m.

WEEKEND LITURGIES: (Jan. 7th & Jan. 8th)

 Sat.
 St. Patrick
 4:30 p.m.

 Sat.
 St. Louis
 6:00 p.m.

 Sun.
 St. Patrick
 8:00 a.m.

 Sun.
 St. Louis
 9:30 a.m.

Sun. St. Patrick 11:00 a.m. (Biesiot Family)

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the old law and have become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

Liturgies

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Holy Days 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday, 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. or call Fr. Dave, 832-2414 for appt.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

Call pastor anytime (832-5215 (O); 832-2414 (H)

Marriages

Notify pastor at least six months before your wedding date.

Baptisms

Meeting with parents is needed before liturgy.

Parish Membership

New members are most welcome!

To join, call our office or speak with pastor. If planning to leave parish, please notify office.

LITURGY A Weekend Liturgies	4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	NTS: Jan. 7 th & Jan 8 th C. Balusik, M. Gase, J. May T. Ellerbrock, M. Hannewald, J. Krueger T. Kleis, D. Miller, A. Warner
Ministers of Communion:	4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	B. & P. Hertzfeld, K. Kessler, C. Lillevik, R. Herndon J. Hahn, S. Hannewald, J. Sattler, RM. & R. Scherzer J. & E. Collins, N. Bump, A. & J. Coburn
Servers:	4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	D. & A. Gase N. Corpus, K. Maas, C. Sattler C. Atkinson, RJ. Agosti, M. Bailey

We give what we have been given: Sunday Offertory (12/25/16)			
Offertory Adult Envelopes (61) Loose Total	\$ 2,655.75 \$ 272.07 \$ 2,927.82		
Votive Candles Magazines Capital Improvements Christmas (91) Christmas Loose Cemetery Maintenance Immaculate Conception Religious Retirement	\$ 16.00 \$ 9.00 \$ 30.00 \$ 6,421.50 \$ 1,027.46 \$ 265.00 \$ 25.00 \$ 75.00		
Offertory Received to Date (26 wk.) Average	\$ 100,639.92 \$ 3,870.76		

QUIET PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT is available 40 hours each month beginning with the first Friday of the month (4:00 a.m. Friday – 10:00 p.m. Saturday). This is an excellent opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and to listen quietly to God. Many types of prayer aids and other books are available for your use. If you would like to experience this first hand please contact Phil Hertzfeld at (419-878-6811, 419-466-2896) or stop in any time; entrance is by knocking on the south ramp door. It will be Jan. 6th & 7th. Please call if you have a change of phone # or Address in case of an emergency with replacements.

Please pray for the following housebound and sick:

Housen	dunu anu sick	<u>•</u>
**Patric	ia Cook	**Ed Bump
**Marge Hertzfeld		**Mary Ann Weasel
Mark Karmol		**Marcy Dick
Ruth Hurd		Greg Paul
**Margaret Mockenstrum		**Tony Biesiot
**Denise Krabill		**Steve Hertzfeld
Deborah Page		**Kim Kempf
Jason Hend	erson	Julia
**Larry Hertzfeld		Susan Ammon
**Mary Ann Kowalik		**Beverly Liske
Norm Liebi	recht	Michelle Harting
Robert Bow	man	**Jamee Bernthisel
Joe Boyle, .	Jr.	Sister Carmiltia Stinn
Corey Long		**Jerry Hahn
**Bob Hert		Galvin Moore
Marie Thon	nas	**Rich Piasecki
Rita Biesiot	t	Forest Plotts
Tom Auth		**Ethel Sheeley
**David Du	ırham	Theresa Metzger
Brenda Mic	haels	**Jean Burt
Susan Stohl		Janice Wade
Mindy Van	ce	Bob Freeworth
**Evan Sin	non	**Lillian Mertes
Beau & Bri	n Beemer	**Georgia Curtis
Stacey Sny	der	**Bonnie Piasecki
Audrey H.		**Don Westhoven
Jeannine Ga	arrard	Lois Plotts
Nick Fall		Tim Scheer
**Evelyn C	iray	Gaylene McGrath
Mary Rosa		**Malory Beasley
Patrick Cro	ttie	Shannon Jones
Landon Lig		Steve & Sue Hurst
**Rosemar		**Julie Agosti
**Dick Mertes		Dave Brennan
Mark Mackowiak		Claire Zbierajewski
Loretta Murano		Dorthy Brennan
Marshal Ge	iselman	Daryl Chamberlain

** is a member of St. Patrick

If you know of anyone who needs to be removed please contact Cathy in the parish office 419-832-5215.

Snow Emergencies for Religious Ed:

If any of our counties (Lucas, Henry, Fulton, or Wood) declare either a Level 2 or 3 we will cancel. We will attempt to put the cancellation on Channel 11 WTOL and Channel 13 WTVG. However, on the

weekends television stations have short staffs and so the cancellations may not go up on time for our classes.

This is different than the Diocese policy that mass can be cancelled for Level 3. Because our teachers come from a wide area, and road conditions can be different in different counties, we will not wait until a Level 3 to cancel. Any questions call the parish office, 419-832-5215.

<u>FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:</u> Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live 'anyplace', live at HOME!

Religious Education Christmas Break

There will be no classes Jan. 1st. Religious Education classes will resume on Jan. 8 for grades 5-9 and Jan. 15 for grades K-4. Have a Wonderful Winter Break!

<u>The Next Sunshine Committee Meeting</u> is Sunday Jan. 8, 2017 after the 8 a.m. Mass. Everyone is always welcome to come to the meeting.

Heartbeat of Toledo Baby Bottle Campaign 2017

We will kick off our Baby Bottle Campaign the weekend of Jan. 7-8, 2017 and wrap it up on the weekend of Jan. 21-22, 2017. Heartbeat is a life-affirming pregnancy center whose mission is to be the best source of information and support for women facing pregnancies and to help mothers, fathers, and babies in need. Heartbeat offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, options counseling, and prenatal and parenting classes. Please contact Kali Wulff, Development Director at Heartbeat of Toledo 419-241-9131 with any other questions. www.heartbeatoftoledo.org

Ohio Death Penalty Set to Resume Jan 12, 2017

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas urges all Catholics and people of good will to take five steps to abolish the death penalty in the State of Ohio: Pray, Reach Out, Learn, Advocate, and Join us for a Candlelight Prayer Vigil for the abolition of the death penalty, on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Chapel, 501 Cherry St. Toledo OH 43604. For more information, contact Nick Lyster, Justice Ministry Coordinator at nlyster@toledodiocese.org.

TEC Teens Encounter Christ

TEC is a dynamic, life-giving experience based on the Paschal Mystery: the life, death, resurrection, and mission of Jesus Christ. TEC is a Catholic experience in Christian living designed specifically for high school juniors, seniors or those that graduated in the past year. It is about finding God real and believable in your life. For more information please contact Richard Maume at 419-244-6711 or go to rmaume@toledodiocese.org. We also have a flyer located on both our church bulletin boards.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about our January 27-29th Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Lon and Shelly @ 419-841-1116 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed Jan. 2nd. Messages may be left on the recorder. Have a Happy New Year to All!

Happy New Year 2017 !!!

I pray that the New Year will be an opportunity for each of us to grow closer to Jesus and that Peace will be closer to full maturation. A new year of hope and peace. As we reflect upon the past year and give thanks to God for all that has blessed our lives, we also remember the hurts, deaths and tragedies that have occurred. All of it part of our precious lives. I pray that the blessing which the Lord gave to Moses to give to Aaron and his sons will be your blessing today:

"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

In the Gospel of St. Luke for New Year's Day, we read about the shepherds finding Jesus in the stable along with Joseph and Mary, and revealing all that had been told them by the angels. And Mary reflecting upon them in her heart.

May we reflect about the marvels of God in our lives. Thank you very much for the prayerful Christmas liturgies. They were wonderful. The church is beautifully decorated, the choir was superb and it was great to have all of you present and participating. It takes many hands to help things move smoothly.

Our musicians, ushers, lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, and decorators, you are deeply appreciated.

You all deserve a pat on the back for a job well done. Thanks to all our faithful supporters, thanks for your willingness to share your talents, time and treasure. God Bless You All. My thanks and prayers to all who gifted me with Christmas greeting cards, gifts and well wishes. My words cannot express my gratitude and love for all of you. Be assured of my prayers for you.

Love & Prayers, A grateful pastor, Fr. Dave

Cathy's Joke's of the Week!!

-New Year's wishes for each of you: May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs, and your stocks not fall; and may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count, and your mortgage interest not rise. May what you see in the mirror delight you and what others see in you delight them. May the Lord bless you with every joy, good health, peace, and much love in 2017.

-Rev. Harry Mahoney of Dedham, MA, recently attended a wedding where, at the reception, the emcee asked all the married men to get up and stand close to the person who had brought so much joy into their lives. "The bartender was almost crushed to death," Rev. Mahoney reported.

-Sign on the back of a septic tank truck: "Caution. This truck is full of political promises."