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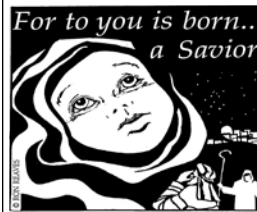
MusiciansMrs. Lisa Singer
Mrs. Barb Sink**Address Changes**

Please notify the Parish Office of a change of address or if moving out of the parish.

Deadlines

Bulletin – Mondays at noon

The Light – One month prior to the printed issue.



Merry Christmas, brothers and sisters! Tonight (today) we join Christians throughout the world who are celebrating the birth of the Savior. Communities large and small gather in cathedrals and chapels, in homes and convents, and, in some cases, on the battlefield – all gather to give thanks for Jesus, our Emmanuel, who promises to be with us always. We add our praise to this great multitude.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

To Prepare for Next Week: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF ST. CHARLES: Diane Butler-Hughes, Michael Macchia, and Pilar Weiss.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ON ACTIVE DUTY SERVING IN THE MILITARY.

Please call the Parish Office at 434-6081 when anyone is sick or confined so the parish may provide for his or her spiritual needs.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – “Resolutions You Can Rely On.” This retreat for young adults ages 18-35 will be January 14th, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at St. Charles. The cost is \$10.00 and includes breakfast and lunch. There will be dynamic speakers and practical tips to be faithful to your New Year's resolutions around faith, family and friends, as well as other areas of your life. You are invited to stay for the Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. Please call 434-9272 with questions or to register. Deadline is January 9th.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and will close at noon on Friday, December 30. We wish you and your families a happy and healthy New Year and many blessings throughout the coming year.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

CLASS – Are you expecting a baby or have you recently had a baby you would like to receive the **Sacrament of Baptism**? Do you have a child under the age of 7 you would like to have baptized? Do you have a first grader you would like to receive their First Communion in 2nd grade, but haven't had them baptized yet? If any of these situations describe you, we invite you to attend our Baptism Preparation Class! It will teach you the meaning and history of the Sacrament so you can help your child grow in the Catholic faith. Our next class will be January 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome! Please call or e-mail Erin Fanning (434-9272 or efanning@stcharles-kettering.org), if you would like to attend. If you can't attend this class, the next one will be on March 12, 2012.



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 26

8:30 a.m. Anita Logan – John Logan

Tuesday, December 27

8:30 a.m. Marge Homan – Family

Wednesday, December 28

8:30 a.m. Richard Hickey – Mary Ann Hickey

Thursday, December 29

8:30 a.m. Larry Ketchum – Family

Friday, December 30

8:30 a.m. Don & Nancy Paul – 50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

8:30 a.m. Jack Sauer – Marie Glass

5:00 p.m. Albert Price – Christine Gates

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

December 31, 2011/January 1, 2012

5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

Presider: Fr. Haemmerle

Lectors: J. Bennett, I. Hibner

Servers: A. Riazzi, P. Riazzi, M. White, A. Grunenwald

Nursery: Closed

7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Presider: Fr. Haemmerle

Lector: B. Hengehold

Servers: M. Kenney, C. Gantt, V. Nyhan, S. Issenman

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Presider: Fr. Haemmerle

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Moore

Lectors: J. Cengia, M. Cengia

Servers: M. Aulner, E. Aulner, N. Balent, R. Balent

Nursery: Closed

10:45 a.m. Sunday Mass

Presider: Fr. Ralston

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Collins

Lectors: D. Schoeff, C. Schoeff

Servers: A. Coleman, N. Coleman, D. Gochenaur, A. Gochenaur

Nursery: Closed

12:15 p.m. Sunday Mass

Presider: Fr. Ralston

Lectors: Sr. Trampiets, B. Davis

Servers: N. Ledford, J. Ledford, L. Ledford

SUNDAY OFFERING INFORMATION

Budget goal for each Sunday	\$ 34,982.00
Total contribution for December 11, 2011	\$ 47,528.00
2011-2012 Sunday Contributions	\$822,886.00
Sunday contribution budget	\$809,598.00
Positive difference of:	\$ 13,288.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Monday, December 26

Parish Office closed

Tuesday, December 27

No CCD/RCIA

7:15-9:00 p.m. –

Catholic Men's Fellowship – PL

7:30-9:00 p.m. –

Recovery – WHCR

Wednesday, December 28

Thursday, December 29

Friday, December 30

Parish Office closes at noon

9:30-11:00 a.m. –

Recovery – PL

**Saturday, December 31 –
Vigil for Mary, Mother of God**

5:00 p.m. –

Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass – C

**Sunday, January 1 –
Mary, Mother of God**

Masses at

7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m.

and 12:15 p.m. – C

NO RCIA

9:00 and 10:45 a.m. –

Mass –

Children's Liturgy of
the Word – DC



LIBRARY NEWS: Books for Borrowing

The Christmas Box by Richard Paul Evans

A touching story of a widow and the young family who moves in with her. Together they discover the first gift of Christmas and learn what Christmas is really about.

We also have wonderful books for children:

Gloria the Christmas Angel by Scott Anthony Asalone

Gloria gives hope to those who seem prone to failure. She reminds us heaven is full of imperfect creatures – specially chosen to work wonders.

The Camel Boy by William Hines
An old shepherd reminisces about the astonishing events 80 years before surrounding the birth of a child born in a Bethlehem inn.

St. Charles Borromeo School Annual Open House is Sunday, January 29th, 2012, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Bring the entire family to explore our school and see the St. Charles Difference!

Please enter through our main lobby to begin your tour and to collect the first clue for our children's scavenger hunt!

Visit our brand new preschool, meet our teachers and enjoy all the activities throughout the school. Afterwards, join us for our 3rd annual Mamma DiSalvo's Spaghetti Dinner from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in our School Cafeteria.

For more information about the open house or the spaghetti dinner, please contact Maggie Paxson-Collins at 434-4933 or mcollins@saintcharlesschool.net.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 813 is very appreciative of our Parish's Knights of Columbus Council 14995 involvement in the scouting program. Their generosity and support enable our scouts to participate in a myriad of scouting activities such as summer camp, which help them grow in character, citizenship and personal fitness.



Liturgical Answers to Questions you might ask!

Look for this column for a short paragraph or two on a liturgical point that you might have wondered about. Please call or e-mail Brenda Tibbits, Pastoral Associate (434-6081, btibbits@stcharles-kettering.org) with any questions or comments.

CHRISTMAS FEAST

Christmas is a feast for the eyes. We hardly know where to look first. The church is alive with all the symbols of Christmas celebration. Even before we enter we see signs of the season at the entrances of the church. The manger scene is a magnet for the children to come and see. The sanctuary is filled with light. All Advent we have been praying for Christ's coming. The candles proclaim Christ, the light of the world. Candles are meant to remind us that Christ is in our midst because we are gathered in his name. The words of the ancient "O come, let us adore Him!" remind us that we are here to give glory to God. Stop, look and listen! The Lord is in our midst! By all means look around and then look within your own heart ... to find an even more profound presence of the God who came to be one with us.

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Crèche Display – In the glass display case in the Gathering Space is a beautiful display of crèches. These unique pieces were graciously loaned to our parish through the generosity of the Marian Library Collection at the University of Dayton. The crèches that we have are from Hungary, Kenya, Peru, West Germany, and Korea. St. Charles would like to thank Virginia Saxton, a St. Charles parishioner and volunteer at the Marian Library. Virginia arranged the loan and transportation of the crèches for our parish.

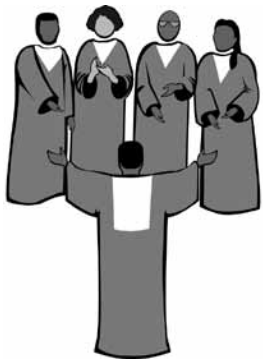


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – The Saint Charles Parish Knights of Columbus Council is recruiting boys between the ages of 10-18 to form a new Columbian Squires Circle. The Columbian Squires is the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus. The benefits of being a squire are learning leadership skills, having fun in group activities, and helping our church and community through service. Scholarships to Catholic High Schools and Universities are available through the K of C for qualified students. While a Columbian Squires Circle is member-governed and driven, it is encouraged, mentored, and advised by adult Knights. Please contact Ed Leschansky at edleschansky@att.net or 602-8001 to join and become a charter member of the St. Charles Squires Circle.




**PARISH JUBILEE:
PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED:**

As we begin to celebrate our Golden Jubilee as a parish, we would like your input. We want to capture your memories on the **Parishioner Memories** forms located in the library and on our web site. We are also seeking photographs of the past fifty years at St. Charles. We are specifically looking for First Communion class pictures prior to 1972. If you have a photograph, please write the date, location, and subject on the back. Then submit the photograph with a completed Parishioner Memories form to the Parish Office, Attention Sr. JoAnne. If you are interested in helping organize the photographs, updating the parish history, or setting up the Jubilee display area, please contact Sr. JoAnne at 434-6081.



The Original Choir of St. Charles Parish is interested in singing as part of the 50th Anniversary celebration at the 12:15 p.m. Mass some time during the year. We would like to hear from all its former members. Please leave your name and telephone number with Charlotte Pernik at 433-7141.

"Yours is the hand..."



**PARISH HEALTH
MINISTRY
OF ST. CHARLES**

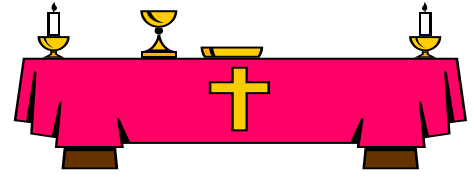
**The beauty of the season
begins with kindness
from the heart.
May you enjoy the beauty
of the season.**

**Merry Christmas from all
who help with the
Parish Health Ministry.
Thank you for
your support!**



They Came Bearing Gifts!

Who picks the people to bring up the gifts? How can my family get chosen? Couples, singles, and families are all welcome to bring up the gifts! Bringing up the gifts is a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a successful surgery or treatment of an illness – even for a great report card! If you would like to take part in the procession bringing the gifts to the altar, please look for the black binder on the Gifts table just inside the doors of our worship space. Within the black binder are sign-up forms. Simply choose the Mass time and date that you wish to bring up the gifts and fill in that form. On the day and time you have indicated please check in with an usher before Mass. The usher will let you know when to come to the back of the worship space to begin the procession.



**What Do We Mean by
Dressing the Altar?**

and

Can My Family Do It, Too?

Dressing the altar happens at the beginning of the Preparation of the Gifts. Two couples, a family, or any group of four to five people will bring forward the altar cloth (the biggest cloth that covers the entire top of the altar – much like a tablecloth at home), corporal (the cloth on top of the altar cloth on which the bread and the wine are placed for consecration), and a purificator (a small cloth that is used to wipe the lip of the cup). The linens are placed and then unfolded on the altar, except for the purificator which remains folded. Explicit directions are on our web site under Worship and then the tab for Dressing the Altar and also in hard copy in the black binder at the Gifts table near the doors to the worship space.

Beginning with Christmas Eve, we would like to have the altar dressed for every Mass of the Christmas Season – ending on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 8th. If your family or group of friends would like to participate, please contact Brenda Tibbits, Pastoral Associate, at 434-6081 or e-mail at btibbits@stcharles-kettering.org.



† Social Justice †

**“If you want peace,
work for justice,”**

There will be no social justice committee meeting in January. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Borromeo Room. All are welcome!

Living the Dream – A Celebration Breakfast

All are invited to attend the annual **Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Breakfast** on Monday, January 16, 2012, at Christ United Methodist Church at 7:30 a.m. This year's featured speaker is Margaret Evelyn Peters, former Dayton Public School teacher and winner of many national, state and local awards for her dedicated work for social justice. Tickets are \$5.00 and available from Amy Schrimpf at 429-3896 or www.komlk.org.



AFTER THE WEDDING – A Newly Married Faith Community. If you were married within the past 5 years, and are looking for a group that explores topics of interest, offers resources, guidance and support for newly married couples, please join us on January 11th for our first meeting. We will meet in the Borromeo Room from 7:00-8:30 p.m. **After the Wedding** will meet twice a month. Because this is our first meeting, we would like you to RSVP by calling 434-9272. It does not mean you have to commit to future meetings. **After the Wedding** will be facilitated by newly married couples who want to foster a supportive community for newlyweds.

OUT OF PARISH NEWS

Divorce Care – A seminar and support group for adults experiencing divorce or separation. Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m., January 12-April 12, at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Call Marcelle Toma at 312-1157 for more information.

Christmas Open House – St. Mary's Church. All are invited Monday, December 26, 1:00-4:00 p.m. and December 27 and December 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

HOUR of PRAISE

The *Hour of Praise* is a unique prayer experience with lively Praise and Worship music – led by Nick Cardilino and Michelle Nehrbass – personal witnesses, and heartfelt prayer meant to touch the lives of those who participate. Come join us as we lift our voices and hearts to our Lord in song and prayer and celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord! **All are welcome.**

**Sunday, January 8th
7:00-8:00 p.m. at
St. Luke Parish
1440 N. Fairfield Road
Beavercreek, OH 45432**

Sponsored by the Dayton Deanery Evangelization Team in conjunction with the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

At the Manger: World Nativity Traditions Series – All new exhibits and programs in the annual exhibit presented by the University of Dayton Libraries. Through January 29. Visit their web site for more information (www.udayton.edu/libraries/manger).

The Dream – A special event celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and what his DREAM means to us today. Monday, January 16, 7:30 a.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church Activity Center.

The Catholic Tour – a 30-year-old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate announces its monthly departures to the Holy Land. Call 1-877-627-4268 or e-mail jlmadair@thecatholictour.com for more information.

Understanding our Catholic Faith – Free series at St. Henry Parish on Springboro Road, January 30th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. “Sacraments: Close encounters With God.”

The Ignatian Way – The Jesuit Spiritual Center will present a 5-part Lenten series *The Ignatian Way* starting in February. Call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10 or visit jesuitspiritualcenter.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME) – Make your good marriage great with a Marriage Encounter weekend. Retreat weekends begin this spring at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. For more details, call Dave and Jan Stockleman at 800-547-1251 or visit www.esharing.org.

St. Joseph Parish – January 1, 2012 will be the last Sunday evening 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish in downtown Dayton.

Mentor a Young Mom – Help us support young, low-income moms nurture their children while you serve as a role model for positive parenting. If you feel the call to be a mentor, call Elaine at the Life Resource Centre at 223-9227 or e-mail ebonner@daytonlife.org.