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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.



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Brothers and sisters, on this day of new beginnings, let us join believers all over the world and pray to be like Mary, people who can say yes to God's plan; people who become Christ-bearers to the world.

Today's Readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.

To Prepare for Next Week: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

PRAY FOR THEM 

These people have recently died. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF:

WILLIAM H. IRETON, parishioner and husband of Charlene. His Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, December 16, from St. Charles.

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.

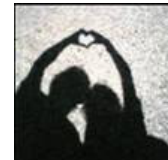
LIBRARY NEWS: Books for Borrowing

Tattoos on the Heart by Gregory Boyle

He distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. These essays about universal kinship and redemption are moving examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair. This book reminds us that no life is less valuable than another.

DID YOU LOOSE A BIKE? A bike was found on the church grounds. If you think it might be your bike, call Chris at 434-6081.

NEW YEAR'S: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2. We wish you a happy and healthy New Year and blessings throughout the year.



AFTER THE WEDDING – A Newly Married Faith Community.

If you were married within the past five 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 11 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.

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.





Mass Intentions

Monday, January 2

6:15 a.m. Donald Houser – Baratta Family
8:30 a.m. Sam Termini – Tom & Marilou Smith

Tuesday, January 3

6:15 a.m. Dick Amann – Mary Dorsten
8:30 a.m. Tom & Norma Horning – 64th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, January 4

6:15 a.m. Renee Cuevas – Canessa Family
8:30 a.m. Dominic Apicella – Family

Thursday, January 5

6:15 a.m. Joe & Joan Beyerle (Living) – Tom & Lynn Schulz
8:30 a.m. Paul Wilkens – Jane & Dave Steiner

Friday, January 6

6:15 a.m. Thomas Long – Elizabeth Long
8:30 a.m. Don Stemley – Pat Stemley

Saturday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Margaret Knobloch Hannaman – Joan Callahan
5:00 p.m. Timothy Topp – Dick & Marcey Topp

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

January 7/8, 2012

5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

Presider: Fr. Ralston
Lectors: T. Kaylor, M. Albers
Servers: P. Reaman, D. Ferrante, C. Golba, C. Gehring
Nursery: Kate Karakolis, Cindy Gillotti

7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Presider: Fr. Ralston
Lectors: W. Pflaum
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Moore
Servers: M. Gross, A. Gross, W. Gross

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Presider: Fr. Ralston
Lectors: T. Hurd, E. Long
Servers: T. Wright, S. Shewhart, I. Jespersen, J. Duke
Nursery: Catherine Mix, Janet VanArsdale

10:45 a.m. Sunday Mass

Presider: Fr. Haemmerle
Lectors: K. Chrystal, B. Jump
Servers: A. Binzer, D. Banford, B. Klosterman, J. Connair
Nursery: Kathy Waker, Margie Morrison

12:15 p.m. Sunday Mass

Presider: Fr. Haemmerle
Lectors: J. Johnson, R. Johnson
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Collins
Servers: C. Rushing, H. Rushing, A. Showalter, N. Lucas



Monday, January 2
Parish Office closed
7:00-8:30 p.m. –
Faith and Light – CBR

Tuesday, January 3
6:45-8:00 a.m. –
Catholic Men's Fellowship – PL
8:30-9:15 a.m. –
All-School Mass – C
4:00-5:15 p.m. – CCD – WHCR
7:00-8:00 p.m. – RCIA – CBR
7:30-9:00 p.m. –
Prayer Group – DC

Wednesday, January 4

Thursday, January 5
9:15-11:00 a.m. –
Chuck Wagon Team Meeting – PL
9:15-11:30 a.m. –
Scripture Study – CR
7:00-8:30 p.m. –
Social Justice – CBR

Friday, January 6

9:00-10:30 a.m. –
Eucharistic Adoration – DC
7:00-8:00 p.m. –
Holy Hour for Vocations – DC

Saturday, January 7

9:00 a.m. – Zumba – WH
5:00-5:15 p.m. –
Blood Pressures – CR/PL

Sunday, January 8

St. Vincent Casserole drop-off
8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon –
Blood Pressures – CR/PL
9:00 a.m. Mass –
Children's Liturgy of the Word – DC
9:00-10:00 a.m. –
RCIA – PL
10:00-11:15 a.m. –
Children's RCIA – BR
10:45 a.m. Mass –
Children's Liturgy of the Word – DC
6:00-8:00 p.m. –
Jr. High CCD – WHCR
7:00-9:00 p.m. –
DOCK – YR

SUNDAY OFFERING INFORMATION

Total contribution for December 25, 2011

\$100,649.00

Thank you for your generosity!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – The St. 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 are 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 602-8001 or edleschansky@att.net to join and become a charter member of the St. Charles Squires Circle.



KOFFEE KLATSCH will take place in the Borromeo Room after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Masses next weekend. All are invited for donuts and beverages!

FAIR TRADE COFFEE will be sold next weekend. Please include fair trade coffee as a regular part of your coffee purchases.



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 any questions or comments to Brenda Tibbits, Pastoral Associate, at 434-6081 or btibbits@stcharles-kettering.org.

HOLY FAMILY

These days everyone is thinking about resolutions for this New Year. Here is a paraphrase of the Prayer of St. Francis that in this parish family we might grow as the instruments of the Lord's presence as part of our New Year's resolutions.

Lord, make our parish the instrument
of Your presence.
Help us to depend not on collections
and committees,
but on a lively faith.
Keep us open to build bridges between
people,
and not isolate into factions.
Guide us to find words that encourage
and affirm rather than criticize or
belittle.
Give us the sensitivity to listen to the
needs and hurts of others and not to
react with cynicism or selfishness.
For we believe that it is ours to build
community where there is isolation,
to proclaim gospel wholeness where
there is brokenness,
And to replace the shallow promises
made by our world with the promise
and the presence of the Risen Lord.
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HANDCRAFTED JUBILEE MEMENTOS –



As we begin to celebrate our Jubilee year, we will be selling handcrafted sun catchers and ornaments, made in Appalachia. They will be our 50-year memento throughout the year. Please look in the atrium for the samples, prices and order forms. All proceeds will go to the Appalachian Mission Center. Orders will be placed the 1st and 15th of each month. Any questions, please call Maggie Collins at 434-4933.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS -
Join us as we pray for Priests and Religious on Friday night, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. We will have a Holy Hour for Vocations in the Day Chapel with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Scripture, preaching and Benediction.

Friday Night Date Nights for Engaged and Married Couples

2012 Marriage Enrichment Series

Sponsored by the
following parishes:

St. Henry, St. Francis, Incarnation, St. Charles, St. Albert, and St. Leonard.

All Evenings begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per couple, per session
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE: Please R.S.V.P. for each session by calling 434-9272 or e-mail dscharf@stcharles-kettering.org.

First Evening – January 13 – St. Charles Borromeo

In It to Win It: Communicating for a Strong Marriage – David and Susan Bodary

Join us for an evening exploring the communication approaches and practices that make a marriage strong. From listening to understand, to negotiating expectations and assumptions, to healthy ways of working through conflict you and your spouse will engage in a fun interactive learning session.

Other Date Nights: January 27 at St. Francis and February 17 at St. Henry.

UPCOMING PARISH RETREATS

Start your new year off right by attending one of our retreats. Registration fee: \$10.00. Call 434-9272 to register/inquire.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

“Resolutions You Can Rely On.” This retreat for young adults ages 18-35 will be held January 14, 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 Mass at 5:00 p.m. Please call 434-9272 with questions or to register. Deadline: January 9.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

OVERCOMING THE ORDINARY LIFE: Blessings Beyond Our Barriers, Presenter: Mary Wlordarski, on February 11, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Includes lunch.

MEN'S RETREAT

FINDING COURAGE AND STRENGTH IN AN AGE OF UNCERTAINTY: Sponsored by the Catholic Men's Fellowship of St. Charles, March 3, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.





2012 GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The 2012 Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries will be held on April 14 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Dayton. Rev. Lawrence Mierenfeld will be the principal celebrant. Couples celebrating their Golden and Silver anniversaries during 2012 should call the Parish Office (434-6081) by **February 11, 2012**. The parish will coordinate the invitations to the Golden Anniversary celebration at Immaculate Conception and distribute the scrolls for couples celebrating special anniversaries.

Mark your calendars for the parish celebration on Sunday, May 20, at the 10:45 a.m. liturgy for couples observing their 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th and 75th anniversaries. All scrolls will be presented at the parish celebration. For questions or concerns, call Sr. JoAnne at 434-6081.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS will take place next weekend after the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass, and on Sunday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, in the Parish Library.

What Do We Mean by DRESSING THE ALTAR?

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 8. If your family or group of friends would like to participate, please call Brenda Tibbits, Pastoral Associate at 434-6081 or e-mail at btibbits@stcharles-kettering.org.

ZUMBA CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 7 IN WALSH HALL!



The Secret to New Year's Resolutions

In order to succeed, every resolution needs a plan.

For instance:

If your promise is to eat a healthier diet, start with one change, such as making fruit your new “fast food” or your afternoon snack. Too many demands at a time sets us up for frustration and failure.

If you plan to get more exercise, add one physical activity to your daily routine, such as doing the stairs at work, or walking for 10 minutes at lunch. Even doing sit-ups or arm exercises while watching TV can make a difference.

If your promise is to strengthen relationships, think about a “game night” with the kids, or “date night” with your spouse. Or, once a month, visit a family member or “long lost” friend.

If you need to nurture yourself for brainpower and motivation, sign up for one class or new activity. You'll have fun, sharpen your skills and give yourself a lot to look forward to – the ultimate goal, right?

ST. VINCENT SIGN-UP is this weekend. Volunteers are needed to prepare meals for the homeless of the Dayton area. Sign up in the atrium after Mass. Drop off all casseroles in the Hospitality Room on January 8.



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.



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, attn. Sr. JoAnne. If you are interested in helping organize the photographs, updating the parish history, or setting up the Jubilee display area, please call 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 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.



SCHOOL NEWS: St. Charles Borromeo School Annual Open House is Sunday, January 29, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring the entire family to explore our school and see the St. Charles difference!

Enter through the 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.

After your tour, join us for our 3rd Annual Mamma DiSalvo's Spaghetti Dinner, 3:00-6:00 p.m., in the cafeteria. For more information, call Maggie Paxson-Collins at 434-4933 or e-mail mcollins@saintcharlesschool.net.



St. Francis of Assisi—
—St. Charles Borromeo
Pastoral Region Information



INACTIVE CATHOLICS – Do you know someone who is away from the Church? In January St. Francis will host a series of *Awakening Faith* gatherings to invite Catholics to return to a more active practice of their faith. Following is the list of topics which will be covered:

- January 4 Spirituality: What's the Buzz?
 - January 11 Who is Jesus?
 - January 18 Do We Need the Spirit?
 - January 25 Can I Accept God's Mercy?
 - February 1 Can Mass Make My Life Meaningful?
 - February 8 The Church and Me
- Sessions are Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Francis. Questions or to register, contact Mary Ellen Singer at 433-0128, ext. 205 or mesinger@sfacc.org.



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

BOOK GROUP: Starting on Wednesday evening, February 1, at 7:00 p.m. and meeting every Wednesday (except Ash Wednesday) until March 7, there will be a book study group that will discuss Dr. Scott Hahn's book *Lamb Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*. Dr. Hahn writes about the Mass in the context of its biblical roots. He writes that every part of the Mass is based in Scripture, especially in the Book of Revelation. The purpose of this book study is to deepen our understanding of the scriptural roots of the Mass, as well as deepen our spiritual growth and participation at the Mass.

Each meeting will be 7:00- 8:30 p.m. Registration required by calling the Office of Faith Formation at 434-9272. You may purchase the book through of Faith Formation for \$17.00.

CYO BASEBALL SIGN-UPS are January 8, 7:00 p.m., in the cafeteria and are open to all St. Charles students and parish members in grades 4-8. Forms are available on the parish web site and may be returned to the School Office by January 15. Fee: \$50.00 and after January 15 fee is \$75.00. Any questions, please contact Jim Sprauer at 438-0525.

OUT OF PARISH NEWS

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

HOUR of PRAISE

The *Hour of Praise* is a unique prayer experience with lively Praise & Worship music – led by Nick Cardilino and Michelle Nehrbase – 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!

Sunday, January 8, 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

NAIM CONFERENCE OF DAYTON: For Catholic widows/widowers to participate in social and religious activities. Join us for new friendships and lots of good fun. Meets the first Monday of each month at St. Helen in the Smith Building. For information about membership, call Wanda Scurlock at 434-5705.



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.

Bishop Fenwick – Area 8th graders are invited to visit Bishop Fenwick High School's Falcon for a Day on Friday, January 6, 2012 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call (513) 428-0525 or visit www.fenwickfalcons.org.

Incarnation Trivia Night 2012: Get your tables of eight together and show your friends what you know (or don't know) for the 10th Annual Trivia Night, Friday, February 3, 7:00-11:00 p.m., at Incarnation Parish Center. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. (game starts at 7:30 p.m.). Each table is \$100.00 and you're encouraged to "dress your theme" for this adults-only evening. Bring your own beverages and snacks and prepare to match wits with your neighbors. Prizes to the best-themed, winning, and losing tables. Deadline for reservations is Friday, January 27. Checks for \$100.00 (entire tables only) made payable to Incarnation PTO may be sent to "ATTN: Trivia Night" to Incarnation School, 45 Williamsburg Lane, Centerville 45459. Include your phone number for confirmation of your reservation. All proceeds benefit the students at Incarnation School. If you have questions, please call Debe at 266-2331 or 439-0162. Also, this is my last year as chair so if you'd like to take over, let me know!