

A Word From Father Gerry

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Next weekend, December 13 – 14, we will participate, with parishes throughout the country, in the Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). For generations, women and men religious have given a tremendous gift of service and Christian witness to the Church in our country. This year’s theme, *“Give to those who have given a lifetime”*, is most appropriate.

The following Q & A format will explain some details about the RFR and, I hope, inspire your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Gerry Reinersman

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Why do those in vowed religious life receive smaller Social Security benefits than other U.S. citizens?

The FICA (Social Security) payments that religious institutes began to submit in the early 1970’s were based on their members’ low cost of living allowances compatible with their vows of poverty.

Does the Diocese or Catholic Church pay for health care costs of women and men religious?

No. In the United States, religious institutes are managed/ incorporated separately from Diocesan structures.

How do I know that my donations actually assist elderly religious?

Dioceses must submit a portion of donations to the National Religious Retirement Office, which applies approximately 93 cents of every dollar donated to grants that assist with the costs of elderly care at religious institutes. Dioceses also have the option of distributing a portion of their collections to help retired religious living in religious communities in their Dioceses. In the Diocese of Covington, 75% of the Collection is distributed to religious communities in our Diocese, and 25% is forwarded to the National Religious Retirement Office. The total collected within our Diocese for the 2013 appeal was \$161,068. Communities in our Diocese that receive grants from this collection are: Congregation of Sisters of Divine Providence of Kentucky (C.D.P.), Sisters of Notre Dame of Covington (S.N.D.), Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery, (O.S.B.) and the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ (C.P.). The formula for distribution is based upon number of retired sisters and number of working sisters in the Diocese.

If religious institutes are separate, why do the Dioceses co-sponsor this campaign?

Even though they were established separately from the Diocesan structures, religious institutes have given and still give incalculable service to the Church. They educated millions, founded hospitals, and reinvested what they earned in their ministries. They expected that new members would care for aging members. However,

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during the 1960’s, membership began to decline, and it became evident that elderly members would soon far outnumber young, wage-earning members. In gratitude and justice for what religious have so selflessly given, the Bishops in the United States approved the RRF collection so the care of these men and women would be handled with dignity and respect. Please visit www.usccb.org for more information.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Monday, December 8 A Holy Day of Obligation**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is the patronal feast of the United States and so it is a holy day of obligation in our country. This feast commemorates that Mary was conceived without sin and remained sinless throughout her life. That Gabriel named her “full of grace” and “you have found favor with God” (Luke 1:28-30) is the scriptural foundation of this doctrine. Also, from the beginning of the Church, the Blessed Mother was considered to have been untouched by sin.

Today our country is in great need of the protection and inspiration of the Blessed Mother.

Second Sunday of Advent

READINGS FOR WEEK of DECEMBER 7, 2014

Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Monday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feastday of the United States of America Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk1:26-38
Tuesday	Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Advent Weekday Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Saint Damasus I, Pope Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Saturday	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Please Welcome to the St. Joseph Community our
"NEWEST MEMBERS"

*Charlie Edward Aguilar
Jack Robert Hengge*



Weddings Banns

2nd Time: *Caitlin Grothaus & Samuel Willard Ousley II*

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, Dec. 8, 2014

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times: 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

School & Rectory Offices will be closed on Monday.

NOTE FOR ACH MEMBERS

Due to an error in processing, the November 15th ACH deduction for contributions was not processed until December 2nd. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS -

Due to printing deadlines, the 11/23/14 information was not printed in the 11/30/14 bulletin so it is included here.

Registered Families	1902
Number of Envelopes Used	453
Weekly Collection - November 23, 2014	
Our Tithe to God	\$ 20,875.60
Loose	\$ 786.00
Other (Holyday, etc.)	\$ 30.00
Total Contributions	\$ 21,691.60
<i>Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$ 23,250.00</i>
Budget Excess/(Shortfall)	\$ (1,558.40)
Diocesan Collections	\$ 155.00
GROW Fund	
Weekly Contribution Envelopes	\$ 378.00

Registered Families	1902
Number of Envelopes Used	430
Weekly Collection - November 30, 2014	
Our Tithe to God	\$ 21,469.67
Loose	\$ 774.25
Other (Holyday, etc.)	\$ 185.00
Total Contributions	\$ 22,428.92
<i>Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$ 23,250.00</i>
Budget Excess/(Shortfall)	\$ (821.08)
Diocesan Collections	\$ 0.00
GROW Fund	
Weekly Contribution Envelopes	\$ 100.00

Date	Lector	Deacon & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Servers	Mass Intentions
12/13/2014 Saturday 5:00 PM	Mark Schabell	Deacon: Tim Schabell EMC Captain: Pat Brossart EMC: Tara Goetz, Jenna Hunt, Margaret Kaufman, Robert Kaufman, Nick Shoemaker, Larry Uebel, Sylvia Uebel	Evan Brondhaver Evan Franke Jacob Thieman Katie Thieman	Clarence Kelley
12/14/2014 8:00 AM	Ted Schuh	EMC Captain: Roger Keller EMC: Dennis Brennan, Lauren Donnermeyer, Terri Green, Sharon Holtz, Pam Ruschman, Candy Schroder	Zach Hamberg Jonathan Henn Justin Henn Matthew Obert	Rose & Joseph Geiman
9:30 AM	Rocke Saccone	EMC Captain: Barb Teisl EMC: Margaret Braun, ClyDenna Hehman, Norb Hehman, Donna Pickett, Callahan Russell, Meredith Russell, Robyn Schroeder, Mary Short	Cassandra Rinehard Leah Rinehard Sydney Willike Trey Wurtz	Jerry Quitter
11:30 AM	Joe Kraus	Deacon: Stephen Bennett EMC Captain: Maria Geiman EMC: Shirley Berte, Michelle Fischer, Natalie Geiman, Len Grothaus, Joe Tallarigo, Gary Volker, Arthur Wittrock	Ashley Beck Logan Hatfield Kyle Losey Nate Roberts	Kent Kaufman
7:00 PM	Carolyn Corrigan	EMC Captain: Joan Zai EMC: Danielle Natorski, Colleen Smith, Michele Weyman, Brenda Whitford	Colby Bates Dylan Johnson Megan Kramer	Jack Meyer

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec 8 - Holy Day

6:30 a.m. Julia Barth
 8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members
 Of the Vennemann & Greis Family
 7:00 p.m. Frank "Gus" Kuhn

**Tuesday, Dec 9**

6:30 a.m. Lionel Geiman
 8:30 a.m. Virginia Graham

Wednesday, Dec 10

6:30 a.m. Bernice Neltner
 9:00 a.m. Loretta Burkhardt

Thursday, Dec 11

6:30 a.m. Jack Meyer
 8:30 a.m. Marianne Herms Siegel

Friday, Dec 12

6:30 a.m. Bernard Reynolds & Frieda Reynolds Wagner
 9:00 a.m. Elimination of Abortion

Saturday, Dec 13

8:30 a.m. Kelley and Weyer Families

SERVER'S WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Mon. Dec 8 8:30 Zach Hamberg, Maria Klocke,
 Ross Klocke
7:00 p.m. Beth Ampfer, Daniel Vogel,
 Chris Loos
Tues. Dec 9 8:30 Brady Randle, Colin Schuh
Wed. Dec 10 9:00 Emma Scharstein, Briana Seibert,
 Sydney Willike
Thurs. Dec 11 8:30 Jack Piscitello, Brett Rottinghaus
Fri. Dec 12 9:00 School Mass
Sat. Dec 13 8:30 Mary Kruse, Paul Kruse



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Minnesota, my home state, has but two seasons: Winter and Road-Repair. The latter, shorter season prepares Minnesotans for the former, longer one, which we are now enjoying.

The season of Road-Repair teaches us patience and composure and gives new meaning to the phrase "You can't get there from here." During this season, patience is not a virtue, it's a fact of life. One waits—till the pot-holes are filled in, till the bridges are reinforced, till the roads are seal-coated, till the overpasses are repaved. Until all this is done, the way from hither to yon is virtually impassable. We don't necessarily like it, but we know its urgency.

For without the season of Road-Repair, we Minnesotans would not be able to scoff at six-foot snow drifts, look forward to jump-starting the car, thrill to the adventure of slip-sliding our way to work, nor become such experts at the effects of road salt on auto quarter panels. We may not relish the season of Road-Repair, but we know that it's absolutely essential to prepare us for our favorite season.

Although the simile may limp a bit, the season of Advent for Christians is a lot like that of Road-Repair for Minnesotans. Advent is a time of getting ready or preparing the way for our favorite season, Christmastide. It's a time that not only tries, but builds up and reinforces our patience. Likewise, Advent points out that—as far as having Christmas as a goal is concerned—"you can't get there from here" unless we take the time for some lifestyle repair and reconditioning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, Dec 8 - Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
 Rectory Offices Closed
 7:00 p.m. Drama Club - Memorial Hall

Tuesday, Dec 9

7:30 p.m. Baptism Preparation - Library
 7:30 p.m. RCIA - Lower Level Meeting Room

Wednesday, Dec 10

7:00 p.m. Drama Club - Memorial Hall
 7:30 p.m. Board of Education - Lower Level Mtg. Rm

Thursday, Dec 11

5:30 p.m. Seniors - Activity Center
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Collage Rehearsal - Memorial Hall
 8:00 p.m. Boosters - Kelley Hall

Friday, Dec 12

7:30 p.m. Christmas Collage - Memorial Hall

ST. JOSEPH PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

FORESTERS NEWS.... Today is our "Breakfast with Santa" pancake breakfast. The children will have an opportunity to get their picture taken with Santa and receive a treat bag. Breakfasts will be all the pancakes you can eat, eggs, choice of bacon, sausage or Goetta (while it lasts) and beverage. The cost per family is \$22.00 or \$7.00 adult \$3.50 child. Our next meeting will be Tuesday December 16th and will be our Christmas Dinner. Cocktails at 6:30 Dinner at 7:00 with a short meeting to follow. Please RSVP for this to Sharon [859-620-0488](tel:859-620-0488). Thanks to all who supported our Men's Stag by either attending or buying raffle tickets or taking an ad on our poster. It was a successful event.



The St. Mary's Ladies next meeting is our Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 18th in Kelly Hall. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00pm. Be sure to come hungry and bring a **\$5 gift** as we will play the ever so funny Family Right game. We will also collect for the St. Vincent De Paul Society at the door. If you did not attend our last meeting, please RSVP to Rosemary Harrison at [\(859\)-635-2051](tel:859-635-2051) or Christine Ginter at [\(859\) 441-3398](tel:859-441-3398).

All Ladies please remember we are providing cookies for the annual Christmas Choral this year in Memorial Hall on Friday, December 12th. The drop off time is 6:00 – 7:00 pm. We should have a large crowd for cookies this year so please don't forget.

The St. Mary's Ladies wish everyone in the parish a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

SENIORS

Senior Annual Christmas Party

Thursday, December 11th, Activity Center

5:00 P.M. - Social Hour 5:30 P.M. - CATERED Dinner
 Dues Paid Members Dinner is complimentary.
 Members, please bring A-L Desserts, M-Z Appetizers
 Optional: \$10 wrapped gift exchange; Split the Pot - Door Prizes gladly received; Can Goods for St. Vincent DePaul
 RSVP - Jackie Pelgen [859-760-1226](tel:859-760-1226)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"He who does not progress, loses ground."

Around the Area

Come Home: Questions and concerns about returning to the Catholic Church are welcomed in an open and loving environment. Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 at 7 p.m., at the Cathedral Parish Offices, 1101 Madison Ave., Covington, Ky. Call: Benedictine Sister Barbara Woeste, (859) 431-2060 for more information

Top 5 Reasons to Come Home to the Catholic Church

5. We hunger for meaning and purpose in our lives.
4. We need God's forgiveness and healing for our failings and God's mercy to help us become better people.
3. Our families need to be built on a strong foundation of faith and we need to live in community with others.
2. The Catholic Church has the sacraments — and we especially long for the Eucharist.
1. Catholicism is TRUE!

Advent Idea: Try praying part of the Liturgy of the Hours daily during Advent. You can find the prayers for the Liturgy of the Hours at <http://divineoffice.org/>



Saint of the Week

St. Lucy

(d. 304)

Memorial: December 13



Little is known about St. Lucy except that she was a Christian who lived in Sicily in the late 3rd / early 4th century when Christianity was still illegal in the Roman Empire. She was executed in 304 when she refused to marry a pagan suitor because she had made a vow of virginity after the example of other Christian virgin martyrs.

In some countries, especially Italy and Sweden, her feast day holds special significance and carries special traditions for its celebration.

Lucy, whose name means "light" is the patron saint of the blind and those with eye disorders.

The above information was excerpted from "Saint of the Day" at www.americancatholic.org. Visit this site and Click on "Saints" on the banner at the top to learn more about the saints or to subscribe to receive "Saint of the Day" by email.



Christmas Collage
Friday, December 12
7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Memorial Hall

A concert Featuring
St. Joseph Music Ministry
Cantors, Carpenter's Choir, Children's Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, Handbell Choir, St. Joseph Choir, Women's Choir, Newport Central Catholic Church Choir

Reception immediately following provided by
St. Mary's Ladies Society



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

From Mrs. Melissa Holzmacher, School Principal

The season of Advent is a time of preparation. One of the many ways the Church gives us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus is the Jesse Tree. This is a family tree that shows, in pictures, the ancestors of Jesus. Its name comes from one of Jesus' ancestors, Jesse, the father of King David.

This year our school theme focuses on saints - holy ones, who are good role models for us. The Jesse tree shows us many "holy ones" from the Old Testament who came before Jesus' time and who are also good role models for us. Each morning we have been reading a short meditation on one or two of these ancestors of Jesus. On the Jesse tree displayed in the front hallway we are marking the ancestor of the day with a yellow border. This week we have read reflections on Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

SCOREBOARD SPONSORSHIP – Advertising space is available on the St. Joseph Gym Scoreboard. Your name and company logo will be seen by thousands during league games and over 80+ games of the Bluejay Classic. All proceeds benefit Booster sports programs - Please consider being a proud sponsor of Bluejay Sports and advertising on the scoreboard. For more information, contact Marc Cetrulo, cell 513 368-5753, email marcc@hollaender.com.

St. Joseph Federal Credit Union: Please note that the credit union office will remain open through the month of December. Beginning January 1, 2015 all credit union transactions must be completed through COVE Federal Credit Union. COVE Federal Credit Union is located at 577 Dudley Road, Edgewood, KY 41017. The phone number for COVE is [859-292-9000](tel:859-292-9000).

The office at St. Joseph will be open on the following nights: December 1st, 4th, 8th, 11th, 15th, 18th, 22nd, and 29th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thank you for your years of patronage of the St. Joseph Federal Credit Union. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

NOTRE DAME HOUSE UPDATE

I would like to thank the STP Group for their continued help with the house for the Notre Dame Sisters. A big Thank You goes to the Notre Dame House Committee, Jim Pelgen, the St Mary's Ladies Society for the donation of Curtains and Rods. The stove, hood and refrigerator have been donated. The new windows have been installed by Wayne Steffen, Dennis Phirman and Tim Kramer. KenMark has refinished the hardwood floors. The area carpet for the Living room has been ordered from Pfferman Flooring. The shrubbery and landscaping has been installed by Brian Stegman. We have collected about \$2,000 of our goal of \$15,000. Please be as generous as possible. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish with "Service Project" in the memo field. Sister Marla Monahan and Sister Dennise Wagenlander will probably move in the week of Dec 15th.

Thanks Again!
Roger Keller

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Families For Life



The annual **March for Life** will take place in Washington, D.C. on January 22, 2015, marking the 42nd anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision which legalized abortion throughout the U.S. The diocese of Covington will be sponsoring a bus trip to the march, leaving January 21st and returning at 5:30 AM on January 23. For more information, contact Peggy Piccola 859-392-1500 or ppiccola@covdio.org by December 12.

40 Days for Life – Mark your calendar to participate in the interim prayer vigils to be held on Fridays, December 19 and January 16 from 7-8 PM in front of Planned Parenthood on Auburn Avenue, in Cincinnati. The Spring 2015 campaign will begin on February 18!

Did you know? This is a special week of prayer for life. Monday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and we are reminded that God had a plan for Mary even before she was born. Tuesday is the feast day of St. Juan Diego. Our Lady of Guadalupe, visibly pregnant, appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531. As a result, the practice of human sacrifice was ended and millions were converted to Catholicism. Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose feast day is Friday, is honored as Protectress of the Unborn. *Mary, Most Holy Mother, and St. Juan Diego, pray for us!*



CHRISTMAS DINNER: Throughout the year your food donations support the Holy Spirit Parish Outreach Ministry in Newport, KY. There will be specially marked bags at the main and side entrances of the church with a list of food items attached.

These bags will be available the weeks of 12/6 & 12/7. Please make Christmas Dinner your gift to families in need. God Bless.



GIVING TREE

During this Blessed Holy Season, we are asking you to open your hearts, as you have so generously done in the past, and help make someone's Christmas a little brighter by participating in the Giving Tree program.

The Giving Tree will again be located in the side altar area beginning on Friday, November 29, 2014. The tree will contain color coded tags listing a specific item to be purchased. Please return the gifts wrapped and the tag securely attached. It is helpful to indicate on the back of the tag the item purchased. All gifts **MUST** be returned by **Sunday, December 14th** to give us the opportunity to pack and sort the gifts.

Monetary gift envelopes will also be hung on the tree. The funds collected will be used to purchase gifts not returned and other items for the families.

Thank you for your generosity and support. If you should have any questions, please contact Kay Sendelbach, 859-441-2712; Barb Kling, 859-442-0925; or Myra Heck at 859-781-4024.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITY CORNER

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN CAMPBELL COUNTY The Campbell County Life Teen youth group meets at St. Philip Parish Center every Thursday from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and is open to all high school students. Activities of the group include volunteering at the Giving Fields in Melbourne and CareNet in Cold Spring, as well as other community outreach opportunities, mass, adoration, confession, social nights, teachings and more. Feel free to stop in any Thursday evening, new members are always welcome! If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at teenlife@stphilipky.org.

BISHOP BROSSART HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

INTERNATIONAL NATIVITY DISPLAY... Nativity sets from around the world will be on display at Bishop Brossart High School. The display will feature Nativity sets that were made in over 50 different countries. The display is free and open to the public December 7th, 14th and 21st from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Enter at the new main entrance to Bishop Brossart High School. For more information please call the school office at 635-2108.

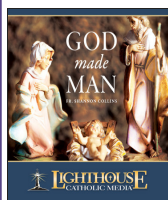
DIOCESAN PLACEMENT EXAM... The Diocesan Placement Exam for incoming freshmen will be held Saturday, DECEMBER 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon in Hegenauer Hall. A \$20.00 registration fee is required. Results of the test serve as the basis for the seven academic merit scholarships to be awarded by BBHS. **VERY IMPORTANT NOTE...** Current diocesan guidelines encourage students to take the exam at any high school they wish. But, they will only be eligible for the academic scholarships from the school where the test was taken. For information please call the BBHS main office at 859-635-2108.

BISHOP BROSSART CHRISTMAS CONCERT... A Christmas Concert featuring students from the Bishop Brossart Chamber Choir and Instrumental Music Classes on Thursday December 11th at 7:00 pm in the Munninghoff Family Performing Arts Center. Admission is one canned good or nonperishable item to benefit our friends at Be Concerned. For more information please call the school office at 635-2108.

A CROONER CHRISTMAS... BBHS basketball announcer Todd Schafer presents "A Crooner Christmas IX" at the Alexandria Community Center on Sunday, December 7th from 3 pm until 5 pm. Todd will be joined by special guests Todd Whitford and Jerry Moore and a special surprise vocal guest. Admission is free with donations accepted.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD of the Week

Make time this Advent to prepare spiritually for Christmas by listening to one of the Advent and Christmas CDs available in the vestibule of the Church. This week we are featuring a brand new CD: God Made Man by Fr. Shannon Collins.



Fr. Collins serves as a preacher of parish missions and retreat master. Fr. Collins has appeared on EWTN and has been stationed at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville Alabama. In this Christmas themed presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful Christmas traditions of the Church.

Second Sunday of Advent

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Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 12:00 p.m. for
the following week's bulletin

PARISH SERVICES

Exposition every Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Sundays by Appointment, 1:00 p.m. Baptismal Preparation Program required. Class held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please call rectory 441-1604 to reserve date.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Call at least 6 months in advance. No date will be set without consulting one of the parish priests.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays, before and after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, Saturday afternoon between 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (unless there is a 3:00 p.m. Wedding) and by appointment.

Rosary: Monday thru Friday at 7:05 a.m. and after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. before Benediction. Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and on Sunday morning before the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Patriotic Rosary every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.



Communion to the sick and/or shut-ins: Call the rectory.



FOOD BASKET IN CHURCH

Your donations of non-perishable food items are appreciated. Please check the expiration date on any food donated. Thank you for your generosity.