

# Merry Christmas

December 21, 2014 - Fourth Sunday of Advent  
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## Masses for the Week

Monday, Dec 22,	12:00 Noon	Dieringer Family
Tuesday, Dec 23,	12:00 Noon	Mary Troha
Wednesday, Dec 24,	12:00 Noon	Emma Anderson
	4:30 p.m.	Susan Carpe O'Kane
Thursday, Dec 25,	10:00 Noon	Patrick Somers
Friday, Dec 26,	12:00 Noon	Joe Healy
Saturday, Dec 27,	12:00 Noon	Michael Beres
	4:30 p.m.	Steve Kolakowski
Sunday, Dec 28,	10:00 a.m.	Nancy Griffin

**Parish Registration:** Call the rectory Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

**Baptisms:** Call the rectory to schedule

**Weddings:** You must be a registered parish member for six months to set a date. Allow 6 months preparation time.

**Confessions:** Monday thru Saturday 11:30 am until 11:55 am

**Holy Day Mass:** Noon on the Holy day

### St. Joseph Staff

Rev. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S., Pastor  
Rev. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S., Assoc Pastor  
Rita Zimmerman, Business Manager  
Bill Baron, Maintenance

### Finance Council

Jim Bolton  
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Lou Homan  
Jonathan Spowart

### Parish Council

Beth Anderson      John Ludwig  
Steve Byington      Cindy Luzar  
Gary Gregory      Janet Smith  
Michael Landry      Amy Spowart

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## Christmas Decorations

It's time to get out the trees and garland to make our church even more beautiful for the Christmas season. Please plan to come and help decorate the church on Sunday, December 21st at 2:00pm. All our welcome!

## Confession Schedule

December 22nd 11:00 AM St. Joseph Church  
December 22nd 6:30 PM Emmanuel Church  
December 23rd 11:00 AM St. Joseph Church

## Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of Christmas

### December 24th

4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph Church  
5:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity Church  
5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church  
10:00 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church  
12:00 Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity Church

### December 25th

9:00 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church  
10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church  
10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church

## The Mass schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

### December 31st

4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph  
5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel  
6:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity

### January 1, 2015

10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph  
10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel



## Christmas Dinner Prayer

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day.

We are grateful each of those who are gathered around this table.

We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today.

In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives

and pray for those who do not have enough to eat.

We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live.

We remember your challenging message of caring and giving

and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world.

We bless you and give you thanks in your Spirit who brings our hearts to life on Christmas Day and forever.

*(Prayer from "A Catholic Moment")*

## Financial Information

Collection for December 14th \$8690.00

Charity \$172.00

**Thank You!**

## Prayer List

*Please keep the following people in your prayers. Please call the rectory if you would like someone added to the prayer list.*

Dick Antolini

Gene Austin

Patricia Bornhorst

Greg Bowers

Susan Busch

Pamela Cabrera

Fran & Al Dabrowski

Joyce Craig

Nancy Dolan

George Dopf

Rachel Dudley

Earl Evans Jr

Mary Fiste

Joseph Franchina

Darrel Francis

Gail Gaeth

Richard Gill

Jim Hanerty

Dan Hartke

Bennett Hart

Marie Henry

Brittany Keirns

Randy Kramer

Bill Lauber

Chris Luehrs

Lindsey Luehrs

Milo Nickles

Joe Moretto

Robert Morris

Anna Pole

Stephanie Potter

Isaiah Ramsey

Tony Riggs

Gerry Slattery

Ed Sullivan

Betty Wenzel

## *Pastor's Corner*

This Advent season we have been on a journey to deepen our longing for Christ, Our Savior. In the first week we heard the call to be watchful and alert, to recognize the hand of God at work in our lives. The Second week of Advent called us to live justly. Each of us is to be about the work of building a new earth which will have its foundation in justice. Here the scripture readings focused upon several strong images of reversal: the crooked made straight, valleys filled in and the call of John the Baptist to live in simplicity. In week three we heard the call to rejoice and to point the way to Christ the true Light of the world. The fourth week of Advent helps us to appreciate the faithfulness of God's covenant of love revealed through the ages and brought to fulfillment in Christ.

As we make our journey in faith this Advent season we are not just remembering the birth of Christ but we are also anticipating and preparing for the second coming of Christ at the end of time. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." This statement of faith celebrates the truth that God made a home within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and He seeks to make a home in each of our hearts. Through the waters of baptism we become children of God and temples of God's Spirit. As we grow in faith and maturity we come to see that there is a difference between a house and a home. A house is a structure, a building that offers shelter and protection while a home speaks of belonging, where hearts are nurtured and relationships are forged.



In our first reading King David looks at his palace-house and is embarrassed because the Ark of the Covenant, God's dwelling on earth, was kept in a tent. King David wants to build a suitable house for God. Through the prophet Nathan God reminds David that He doesn't need a house in which to live; no earthly structure can contain God. Sometimes, like David, we want to contain God and tell Him how things ought to be. God always avoids being confined by human terms and our faith tradition reminds us that God often works in ways we least expect.

In today's gospel we hear of the angel coming to the house of Mary to make a home for God's son. God had already prepared her to be a temple of the Word Made Flesh by creating her without original sin. Just as the presence of God in the Ark of the Covenant was carried about in a tent, God would continue to be movable by making His home in the womb of Mary.

As we are preparing our earthly houses of wood, brick and vinyl into homes of welcome, warmth and love this Christmas season God's Word is reminding us of the importance of making room in our hearts for Jesus. In the Christmas story God uses the empty womb of Mary, the empty stable of Bethlehem and the empty world sitting in darkness as His dwelling place. In these final days before Christmas we are called to empty our hearts of any baggage or clutter or agendas that would create an environment where God would not be able to dwell. God does not desire to be confined to a building. Rather, God desires to dwell within us and among us in a covenant of love. He has shown us how near he seeks to be with us through the gift of the incarnation we celebrate at Christmas. Lord, come make your home in us!

Have a Blessed Christmas! From Fr. Angelo, Fr. Ken and the Parish Staff

### ***Blood Drive in honor of Bicentennial Year***

Will you share what is most precious? As part of the jubilee/celebration of their 200th anniversary in 2015, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, who minister in the Dayton area, are organizing a blood drive and we hope parishioners of your parish will participate. Our founder, St. Gaspar del Bufalo, once said that he wished he had a thousand tongues to proclaim the Precious Blood of Jesus.

We want to gather a thousand units of blood during our jubilee year as a way to thank God for the blessings he has given us, and to share those blessings with others in need. Our next blood drive will take place on Tuesday, January 6th from 8AM – 5:45PM at the Community Blood Center at 349 S. Main Street, Dayton, Ohio. Their friendly and professional staff will take good care of you—and enable you to take care of others.

Appointments are encouraged. 1-800-388-4483.

[www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com)

### ***SVDP Conference Fish Dinner Fundraiser***

JAN 30th - Mark your calendars.

Volunteers are needed to work the night of the event.

Please contact Holly Stiers at 901-4194.

Baked goods are also needed. Please contact Judy Dalton at 247-5066.

For donations for Silent Auction, please contact Holly Stiers at 901-4194 or Gail Miller at 361-9576.

### ***Are you or anyone in YOUR family DIVORCED?***

There's NO SUCH THING AS CATHOLIC DIVORCE . . . but Catholics DO civilly divorce. Please give someone a copy of this bulletin or invite them to The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide 12-week group which begins on Tuesday Jan. 13th at 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the basement of Emmanuel Church, 149 Franklin St. in Downtown Dayton. Cost of (\$25) per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Sorry, no child care available. To register visit: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/event/catholic-divorce-survival-guide/>. Questions: Call Noreen Wendeln at Family & Respect Life Office 937-222-0227.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79  
Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

### ***Sweetheart Dinner Dance***

Celebrate your marriage at our Sweetheart Dinner Dance hosted by the Saint Joseph, Emmanuel and Holy Trinity parishes Marriage Ministry. The evening includes dinner, prizes, and a dance (including a short lesson).

**Date:** February 13, 6-11 pm

**Location:** Bainbridge Hall, 267 Bainbridge St, Dayton

**Tickets:** \$35 per couple

Call Rachel at 937-554-6208 or purchase tickets after each parish Mass Jan 17th and 18th. Space is limited!

### ***Hope Emergency says Thanks***

I received this note of thanks from Srs. Lucia and Sandy from Hope Emergency in Fayetteville, Ohio for all the household and clothing items donated.

*"We are so grateful for all the wonderful items you collected and sent down to Hope Emergency on November 9th. We are fortunate and blessed having Bill Burkhart and your parishioners supporting our mission. May God continue to bless all you do each year to give hope to those who come through our doors."*

### ***Support religious communities***

Thank you! "We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members," writes a religious brother. Your gift to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

May God bless you for your generosity!  
We collected \$5663 for the retired religious.

### ***Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military***

Gary Eilers	Cody Landers
Greg Marcus	Alex McGarvey
David Musgrove	Jessica Pruitt

***The child to be  
born will be called  
holy, the son of  
God.***

- Luke 1:35



### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Tuesday:	St. John of Kanty
Wednesday:	The Vigil of Christmas
Thursday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Friday:	St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa
Saturday:	St. John