

# Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

January 5, 2020

## The Epiphany of the Lord

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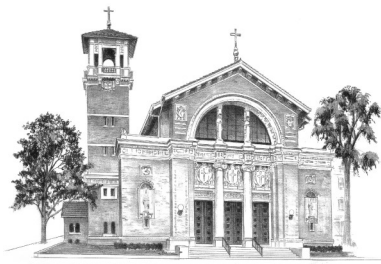
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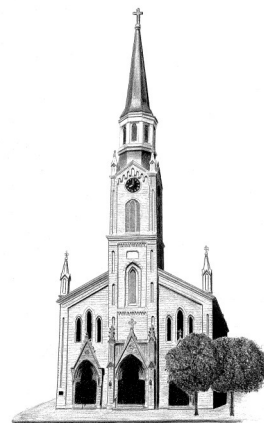
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, January 6

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Messina Family  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Rosalie Caperna

#### Tuesday, January 7

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Deacon Mike Leo  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Steffen & Dalton Families

#### Wednesday, January 8

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Dolores Kappeler  
12:00 AM St. Joseph.....Tony & Sheila Riggs 49th  
Wedding Anniversary

#### Thursday, January 9

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Mary Ann Troutman  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....William Fitz

#### Friday, January 10

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Ferris & Helen Terbay  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Edward Malaky

#### Saturday, January 11

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Larry Wilder  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Bill & Rita Mote  
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners  
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Mary Hartman

#### Sunday, January 12

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners  
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Tom & Kathy Buschur  
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners  
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Tony Lucente

#### Next Week's Readings:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

#### Confessions Schedule:

Emmanuel: Saturday: 4:00-5:00 PM, Sunday: 10:00 AM  
Holy Trinity: Sunday: 8:00 AM  
St. Joseph: Monday-Saturday 11:30 AM; Saturday: 4:00 PM

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**Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction** at Emmanuel on Tuesdays 7:00 PM

**Anointing of the Sick** the first weekend of the month.

**Respect Life Rosary** 2nd Sunday of the month after 8:30 Mass at Holy Trinity.

**To Register for any parish** please contact the parish office

**For Baptisms, Weddings or Ministry to the Homebound** please contact your parish office.

## PASTOR'S PEN

How long has it been since you stopped to look up at the stars in the night sky? Stars have a way of lifting us beyond the restrictions and limits of this world, to contemplate with wonder and awe God's creative plan for our world and for all eternity. Stars have a way of reassuring us that in the midst of darkness and the challenges of life the hand of God is with us holding all things together.

In today's gospel, the Magi follow a star that caught their attention at its rising and their commitment to follow that star led them to Jesus, the true Light of the world. They are the stars of today's feast because they humbled themselves in the presence of the Lord.

Like the people in the time of the Prophet Isaiah, we can get stuck in a rut or become lost in self-pity or depressed by the darkness we experience around us. When this happens, we are focused on what we need to live on rather than focusing on what we live for. What we need to live on means we are concerned with taking care of our physical needs. But, what is most important in life is to know what we live for because this is what gives meaning and purpose to life.

The feast of Epiphany reminds us that God desires for us to live for Him alone. When trying to get our attention God often uses ordinary things in nature to call us to service. Think of Moses and the burning bush or Elijah hearing God in a tiny whispering sound. In the narrative of the nativity, God uses a new star to get the attention of the Magi.

Even though they were foreign gentiles, God was calling the Magi to a journey of conversion. As gentiles they were not familiar with the Jewish scripture or traditions and so it must have come as a surprise to them that the Jewish leaders were not excited about the news of the birth of the new-born King. After giving them the location of his birth, the Jewish leaders showed no interest in joining the search.

When the Magi get to the house of the new-born King of the Jews they prostrate themselves, meaning they fell down in worship. Their response was one of faith and the gifts they offer are highly symbolic. The gift of gold was given because it was the most precious of metals and anticipated the crown of gold that this new-born king would wear. The gift of frankincense is a sweet incense that was used in the temple for worship and sacrifice. It is a gift appropriate for a priest. The word priest comes from the Latin word "pontifex" which literally means "bridge builder." Jesus is the bridge between heaven and earth. The gift of myrrh is an aromatic sap added to oil which was used to anoint kings and to prepare a body for burial. This child who is the Son of God has come into the world to give his life to save us from sin and death.

The Light of Christ has led you to the presence of Jesus in this Eucharist. What is the gift that you want to give to the Christ child? Maybe your gift to Jesus is a commitment to put God first, to be more aware of what you are living for in life. Maybe your gift is working to get rid of a bad habit that leads you into darkness? The gift God desires from us is a gift that comes from the heart, a gift that reflects the Light of Christ in the world.

As we begin this New Year be aware of the stars in your life that God is using to lead you to Jesus, the true Light of the world. Consider how blessed we are to encounter Jesus Christ, not in Bethlehem, but in the gift of the Body and Blood of Jesus that we share today. Look up and see the glory of the Lord. Let His light shine through you like the stars that shine in the sky.

**Epiphany House Blessing.** On the Feast of the Epiphany families are invited to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. We invite Jesus to be a part of our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrow.

## PASTOR'S PEN Continued...

*Let us pray: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. Amen. (Prayer from Catholic Book of Blessings USCCB)*

To mark your home for Christ, you can use chalk to write above the home's entrance or somewhere inside the house using the following markings: 20 + C + M + M + 20. The initials, C, M, B, remind us of the names of the three magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) or the Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".

## REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SVDP Fundraiser:** Our event is only a few weeks away. VOLUNTEERS are needed to work. Please contact Holly at 901-4194. Contact Judy at 247-5066 for baked goods. Tickets will be sold at all Masses at all three parishes on the weekends of Jan. 11, 12, and Jan. 18, 19. You can also purchase tickets by calling Holly. Please plan to join us for a fun evening and successful event.

**Formed Pick of the Week:** Join us in celebrating the Epiphany of our Lord by listening to "The Case for Jesus" by Dr. Brant Pitre on formed.org. Dr. Pitre exposes the problems with and debunks the lies of the many false theories that have resulted in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christianity. To access the FORMED website, go to Formed.org and login using our parish code: FZ4VY9 (All upper-case letters).

**The Dayton Region 7 parishes** will be sponsoring a trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference July 10-12, 2020. This conference is an amazing, faith-filled experience for high school teens. This conference is open to teens that are currently in the 8th Grade through graduating seniors. The cost for conference is \$290 which covers the cost of the conference, lodging, food, transportation, and a t-shirt. We will have fundraising to help offset the cost. A \$40 down payment will reserve your spot. **For details and/or to sign up contact Fr. Matt by January 14th.**

**Winter Exercise Series for Health...** The next Tai Chi/Qigong exercise class series will be held Jan. 20-Feb. 24 from 6-7:30pm at Trinity Center. The series will feature one 90 min. class each week with both beginner and intermediate styles being taught. The fee is \$60.00 for the 6-week class and is payable in full at the first class to Holy Trinity Church. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Jan. 16th. A minimum of 12 people is needed to hold the class and it will close at 22 participants. Contact Sharon Becker to register and for more details at 937-776-2942, or [sharonbecker6@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbecker6@gmail.com).

**January is Poverty Awareness Month.** For more information and tips on getting involved visit [PovertyUSA.org](http://PovertyUSA.org).

**Word of Life Announcement.** "When I meet another parent of a child with Down syndrome, there is usually a moment of instant recognition and understanding. Our eyes meet, and we smile conspiratorially, as if we're in on the same secret: the fundamental truth that every life is a good and perfect gift. ...Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift" ([www.respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift](http://www.respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift))

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

Rebekka Anders	Cody Landers	Diane Nyirasimbi
Yves Benimana	Greg Marcus	Anthony Pelfrey
Michael Borgert	Alex McGarvey	Jessica Pruitt
John Carner	Zachary McIntyre	Aimee Storm
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Matthew Melvin	Susan Varmuza
Gary Eilers	David Musgrove	Justin Williams
Morgan Konsdorf		

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for December 29, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7,980.00	\$ 7,317.00
St. Vincent DePaul		\$ 731.70
YTD excess or (deficit):		<b>\$19,171.00</b>

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Frs. Angelo and Matt*

### Prayer List

Teresa Bond	Craig Hathaway	Michael Mustaine
Daniel Branch	George Hendrix	Brian Napier
Bernard Chachula	Virginia Hicks	Mike Riahle
Michael Dalessio	Jack Hohl	Tony Rocco
Rick Emerick	Thomas Ledinsky	Eric Rosenthal
Annette & John Fohl	Mike McDonald	Randy Rosenthal
Helen & Gene	Patrick McDonald	Molly Schneider
Anita Goulart	Wayne Meny	Jan Timerding

**Recently baptized...** Congratulations to Matthew Scott & Mary Karls on the baptism of their daughter, Katrin Anne.

**Congratulations** to John Muckenthaler & Bonnie Berkemeyer who were married this past weekend.

**9 Days for Life 2020** will take place Tuesday, January 21 - Wednesday, January 29. 9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions and related information. Sign up to receive the novena by email, text message, or an app at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

**Offertory Envelopes...** For those Parishioners using the Emmanuel Offertory Envelopes, please pick up your box in the back of the church. If you would like to begin using envelopes, please contact Brother Matt at 228-2013 or [brothermatt@emmanuelcatholic.com](mailto:brothermatt@emmanuelcatholic.com). These envelopes can serve as reminders for your offerings and will allow the parish to provide you with a year-end statement of your contributions.

### Consider Making Gifts of Stock or Mutual Fund Shares

Donating shares of stock or mutual funds that have increased in value may benefit both your parish and provide personal financial benefits. Depending on your age, it may be beneficial for you to contribute assets directly from a retirement savings plan. For more information on making such gifts please contact Brother Matt at the Parish Office, [brothermatt@emmanuelcatholic.com](mailto:brothermatt@emmanuelcatholic.com).

### Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction

Join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm for the Miraculous Medal Novena, with church doors opening at 6:30pm. During this holy hour we pray the Novena as well as have Exposition, Benediction, Communion and a short homily. Come and spend some quiet time in the presence of God.

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for December 29, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$ 2,631.00
Christmas collection:		\$22,200.00
YTD excess or (deficit):		<b>(\$ 4,607.00)</b>

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### This Winter Grow in Wisdom, Faith and Love.

Faith formation is a vibrant part of our growing and maturing as Christian Catholics. We want to help your family become the best version of itself by participating in the sacramental life of the church.

**Confirmation classes begin this Sunday, January 5 at 9:30 am** on the second floor of the church office. We will meet the first and third Sundays of each month from January 5-May 3, 2020. Confirmation with the bishop will be celebrated Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 5:00pm at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Kettering. Confirmation retreats are Saturday, January 18 or Saturday, February 1 from 1:00-6:00 pm at St. Charles. Students who are in the 7th grade and higher are invited and encouraged to attend. Michelle Trimbur and Lynda Middleton will be our instructors for confirmation.

**F.I.R.E.** continues to meet the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 9:30 am for all families interested in growing in faith and fun together. We meet in Trinity Center for breakfast, sharing, crafts and fun.

**First Communion Classes begin Sunday, January 12 at 9:30 am at Trinity Center.** First Communion classes are the second and fourth Sunday of each month from January 12-May 10, 2020. First Communion will be celebrated June 7, 2020, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. Parents are encouraged to attend the classes. First Communion classes are open to children in the second grade and higher. Kelly and Brad Thobe will be our instructors for First Communion Class.

It's not too late. **The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meets every Sunday** at 12:30 pm in the church office for all those who wish to be confirmed in the Catholic church or are interested in learning more about our faith. Please join us as a variety of presenters lead us in discussions about the history and teachings of our faith.

**Welcome** to our newly registered parishioner, Carleigh Green. We are happy to have you as a member of our Holy Trinity Parish family.

### Mark This Date On Your Calendar and Plan To Be With Us.

Our Lenten Fish Fry is Saturday, February 29 in Trinity Center. As always we welcome your help. Interested? Call TT Gambrell (903-7538) or Tracy Walsh (559-2320).

**The deadline** for submission of articles for our upcoming Newsletter is January 10.

**Thanks to all who are participating in our Kroger Community Rewards Program.** How can you help? Go online to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) and follow the instructions. Use our organization's number – BH841. If you have any trouble registering, please call 1-866-221-4141. Thank you for your participation. It in no way affects your fuel savings or other promotions at Kroger.

### Boiler Fund Update:

**Goal:** \$73,000

**Pledged/collected:** \$67,360.00

We are well on our way, \$5,640.00 to go!

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for December 29, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 9,676.50
Charity:	\$ 950.00
Christmas Collection:	\$10,339.00

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We would like to welcome Kimberly Bailey to our parish family. We're delighted you've decided to join us.



Join us for Coffee and Donuts next Sunday following the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria. All are welcome.

Unfortunately our beautiful Christmas decorations cannot stay up all year. We will take down the Christmas decoration January 13th following the noon Mass. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again be able to offer over \$2 million in tuition assistance grants for the 2020-2021 school year. Families of elementary students (K-8) may apply for needs-based assistance until January 31, 2020. Visit [www.catholicbestchoice.org](http://www.catholicbestchoice.org).

Have you registered? If you attend Mass at St. Joe's but have never registered as a member of the parish, please consider doing so. It's easy...just call the rectory at 228-9272.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.

Cheryl Anderson	Michael Culp	Tony Riggs
Katie Blauser	Catherine DeMange	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Shannon Boyd	Rita Downs	Jim Smith
Bob Bruns	Christine Durr	Karen Thomas
Mooneen Caulfield	Vanessa Padgett	Sharon Wenzel
Kristina Cole	Victors Polovskis	

## Area Activities

### Things Happen When Women Pray!

You are cordially invited to spread the Word and experience The Joy of The Holy Family with Our Lady of The Kitchen and Madonna of The Inexhaustible Cup, Monday mornings, January 6, 13, 20, 27 at Ascension Catholic Church, 2025 Woodman Drive, presented by Francesca Franchina MSE, OCDS; The Wooden Spoon Brigade of Christian Mothers and Daughters of The Immaculate Conception. Mass at 9AM followed by the Learn-In of Intentional Prayer and Praise Setting Out Into The Deep for Peace, Personal and Communal Healing of families, parishes, schools, communities, addictions and your particular intentions from 10 AM till Noon in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. No reservation or admission fee; handicapped accessible ramp available at Mass time and to exit at Noon. Enter left side door when main door is locked; three steps up to narthex.

### Catholic-Sponsored Divorcecare

A 13 week support group, held on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm from Jan. 9 to Apr. 2; 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville. Cost: is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information, or to register, call Marcelle Toma at (937) 312-1157 (Not a texting number) or [mtoma@woh.rr.com](mailto:mtoma@woh.rr.com). You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. You are welcome if you are divorced or separated and may be going through a very difficult time.

Do you want to improve your marriage? Marriage Works! Ohio is hosting a Christian-based marriage class this winter called *Growing Together*. The class is designed to help couples resolve problems and improve communication, leading to stronger relationships. *Growing Together* is a six-week series offered on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The first class starts on January 6, 2020. Please call 937-262-7010 or visit [TrustMarriage.com](http://TrustMarriage.com) for more information or to register.

If Your Marriage Needs Help...Retrouvaille...A Lifeline: Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track?

Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For details about our upcoming weekend, January 10, 11, 12, 2020 call 513-922-6045 or visit one of the following websites:

[www.cincyretrovaille.org](http://www.cincyretrovaille.org), [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

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