

MASS INTENTIONS

January 13-19

MONDAY, 13	8:30 a.m.	Paul Wenning (Sharon Wint)
TUESDAY, 14	8:30 a.m.	Dominic Petrofes (Coletta Petrofes)
WEDNESDAY, 15	7:00 p.m.	Ada Klosterman (Family)
THURSDAY, 16	8:30 a.m.	Bernie Pleiss (Gaylee & Bill Foley)
FRIDAY, 17	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
SATURDAY, 18	5:00 p.m.	For the Parish
SUNDAY, 19	8:00 a.m.	Virgil King (Marion King)
	10:30 a.m.	David Fallert (Judie McKittrick)

Just a note to let you know when you request a Mass Intention, the schedule may change according to Father's commitments.

USHERS

• SATURDAY

- o **5:00 p.m.** Karen Jackson, Mike Jackson, Todd Rook, Craig Brackman

• SUNDAY

- o **8:00 a.m.** Rick Monnier, Scott Vagades, Dale Voisard, Charles Skira
- o **10:30 a.m.** Jim Sommer, Tom Enders, Steve Lehmkuhl, Guy Monnin

SERVERS

• SATURDAY

- o **5:00 p.m.** Laura Fink, Annie and Meredith Richters

• SUNDAY

- o **8:00 a.m.** Joel and Teresa Reed
- o **10:30 a.m.** Kate Schneider, Andrew Iverson, Aubrey Fairbanks

LECTORS

• SATURDAY

- o **5:00 p.m.** Eileen Rousseau, George Lovett

• SUNDAY

- o **8:00 a.m.** Scott Vagedes
- o **10:30 a.m.** Melissa Stucke, Steve Goubeaux

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

• SATURDAY

- o **5:00 p.m.** 7 volunteers needed

• SUNDAY

- o **8:00 a.m.** 7 volunteers needed
- o **10:30 a.m.** 7 volunteers needed

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading.....	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel.....	John 1:29-34

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

January 4/5 – To be Announced

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December 28/29, 2013

Adult	\$	4752.00
Loose Checks & Currency	\$	698.00
Total	\$	5,450.00
St. Vincent Outreach	\$	175.00
Major Repair Fund Total	\$	48,678.19
Typhoon	\$	2,275.00

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

December 21/22, 2013

Adult	\$	15,052.00
Loose Checks & Currency	\$	1,441.00
Total	\$	16,493.00
St. Vincent Outreach	\$	235.00
Major Repair Fund Total	\$	47,598.19
Typhoon	\$	2,275.00

ST. CHRISTOPHER

435 E. National Road, Vandalia, OH 45377

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. –
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 p.m. – Holy Day: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 (Collection envelopes will be forwarded to the proper Parish.)

Our thoughts and prayers remain with those serving our country at this time and with their loved ones at home. We pray for a safe homecoming and that the world may one day be at peace.



ST. VINCENT HOTEL – Parishioners are reminded the hotel is in constant need of casseroles to serve the homeless guests. Completed casseroles can be placed in the Parish freezer and will be periodically delivered to the hotel by Parish volunteers. For further information, contact Mike Begley at 667-2882 or the Parish Office at 667-3419. **The next opportunity to serve the evening meal to the guests at St. Vincent Hotel will be Sunday, January 26th. Please meet in the north parking lot of the church for a 5:45 p.m. departure if you would like to volunteer.**



St. John's MOM's Group – The St. John's Mom's Group would like to invite all mothers of young children to attend our meetings and/or events. The group meets in Room 107 with the exception of the summer months.

Babysitting is provided in Room 108.

January 18th	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Craft Night
January 23rd	Thursday	9:15 a.m.	Meeting in Room 107 with Babysitters
February 6th	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Mom's Night Out



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: Attendance at a Baptismal Preparation Session is required to have your child baptized. Sessions are in Room 101 at 1:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 2, April 6, June 1, August 3, and October 5. Contact Deacon Chuck Wright at charleswright@woh.rr.com or 667-3419, ext. 203 to RSVP for a session or if you have questions.



ST. JOHN'S E.C.P. OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

– St. John's Early Childhood Program is a developmental preschool for children ages three to five. We provide a nurturing Christian environment with caring teachers who carry out our planned curriculum. Morning sessions are from 8:45-11:15 while afternoon sessions are from 12:30-3:00. The younger children come two days a week, the older children attend three days and the Pre-K class meets four days. **We will have an Open House for prospective families on Sunday, January 12, from 3:00-4:00 p.m., in Rooms 102, 103 and 104. REGISTRATION FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, AT 8:45 A.M. FOR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM.** You may come to Room 100 in the center to put your child's name on the appropriate class list and pick up a registration packet which must be filled out and returned within a week. It is advisable to register as early in the day as possible since some sessions fill up quickly. You may also call and leave a detailed message. However, spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please call Sally Minnich at 667-2629 or go to the Early Childhood Program link on the parish website.



PARISH MISSION: We need help each evening after the mission February 23 through 27, 2014 with some simple tasks. We need someone to staff the book sales table and another to staff the outreach table. Both are simple and require no preparation but are essential to the success of the Mission. Speaking of success with the Mission, it will not be as good as it could be if you are not there, so plan to attend each session! The mission is all about "Making Time for God in a Busy World." I am sure it will be encouragement that we all can use. If you can help, please contact Deacon Chuck Wright at the Parish Office.



Parish Mission: Please continue to pray for the success of our Parish Mission. Father John Graden, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales will lead the mission. Our Parish

Mission "Time for God in a Busy World" will be celebrated on Sunday, February 23, Monday, February 24, Tuesday, February 25 and Wednesday, February 26 each evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Plan to come and seek to enhance the presence of God in your life. If you would like to volunteer to help with our Parish Mission, please contact Deacon Chuck Wright at charleswright@woh.rr.com or by calling 667-3419, ext. 203.



CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP!!!!!! ARE YOU IN GRADES 6-8 AND TOO YOUNG FOR THE SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP

BUT WANT TO DO SERVICE? Well, guess what? There's a trip for YOU, too!!! CMD, the organization that puts on the YNIA mission experience for our Sr. High students every year, has a program for middleschoolers, too!! It's called Just 5 Days and like the title says, it's a Monday through Friday week! This year, our trip is to St. Joseph Michigan, from July 7-11! More information by the Youth News board. Register by January 6 to get in on the fun!!!



MARK HART'S T3 SR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY HAS STARTED BUT YOU CAN STILL JOIN! We

are very excited to offer a Bible Study for our high school students! Mark Hart is a fantastic Catholic "Bible Geek" who relates to teenagers in fabulous ways! This is NOT boring! You'll be shocked at how interesting it is! We will utilize videos, journal books, discussion and much more to walk our way through a Bible timeline! You won't BELIEVE how much you'll learn about your faith by doing this!!! Melissa Sinning will serve as the leader of the study, which will meet 2 Wednesday evenings a month from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Check out the program at <http://biblestudyforcatholics.com/catholic-bible/study-information/95/t3-teen-timeline-mark-hart-materials>. Grab your friends and get ready to dig deep!!! **NEXT NIGHT IS January 15, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 107!**



NO PLACE LIKE HOME! That's the theme for this year's freshman retreat presented by the Jr. and Sr. Small Faith Sharing Group! You won't want to miss out on this super daylong spiritual retreat as we explore our own personal faith journeys. Come and discover how each step you take brings you closer

to God, Our Father. As we search for direction, we will learn that we have everything inside us to make the right choices. All of life boils down to the following: Whom do you follow? By the end of the day, we know that you will understand that there really is "No Place Like Home!" This retreat is scheduled for January 19 and all freshmen are expected to attend. Please complete the food allergies/permission form and enclose payment of \$15.00 (unless you pre-paid with your PSR fees in the fall) to the parish office by January 12.



THAT'S ITALIAN! Our annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on January 18, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Banquet Hall! Spaghetti, meatballs, salad,

breadsticks, applesauce, dessert, lemonade and coffee will all be on the menu! Tickets are only \$7.00 and all proceeds will go to support our summer mission trips! Get your tickets from any YNIA or J5D participant, after Mass in January or at the parish office.

Travel Ministry – The Best of Ireland – an 11-day pilgrimage: Fr. Chris Coleman will lead a pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle from April 22nd to May 2nd, 2014. There, you'll experience the breathtaking countryside of Ireland, the traditions of our faith and the legends of her people. The itinerary includes the Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Croagh Patrick, Kylemore Abbey, Connemara, Knock, Limerick, Dingle, Killarney, Blarney, Cork, Glendalough, Dublin and much, much more. For more information, visit www.pentecosttours.com or contact Pentecost Tours at (800) 713-9800. Brochures for this trip may be found in the Narthex. In them, you'll find more information about prices and a detailed itinerary.

NEW HAND RAILS: Thanks to an anonymous and generous parishioner, we have installed hand rails on both sides of the steps leading up to the altar in church.

2013 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement regarding your financial contributions to the parish for 2013, please complete this section and return it to the parish office. Only contributions received by December 31, 2013 will appear on this statement. Those received after this date will be credited to the 2014 year.

YES, PLEASE SEND MY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION RECORD

NAME _____

ENVELOPE # _____

(Please use number listed on envelopes.)

BIG THANK-YOU to St. John's parishioners from the people at Randall Residence for the gifts they received. They are so appreciative of your thoughtfulness and kindness to them. It meant so much to be remembered during the Christmas season. May God bless you all!

BIG THANK-YOU to St. John's parishioners for all the wonderful gifts sent to Miami County Right-to-Life. The families really appreciate receiving something new for their small children and want to say thanks for your generosity! **Special thanks to Betty Voisard** for organizing the "Shower for Baby Jesus" and for transporting all the gifts to the Right-to-Life office. Many blessings to you and yours!

PRAYER VIGIL: Miami County Right to Life is holding a Prayer Vigil to end abortion on Sunday, January 19, at 2:00 p.m., at the Troy Hayner Cultural Center, 301 W. Main Street.

St. John's Knights of Columbus Council 5129 Weekly Raffle winners for December 2013 – Congratulations to John York, Linda Dean, Lindsey Elsner and Bob Kraft. Thanks again to all who supported this fund raiser in 2013, and Good Luck to our 2014 ticket holders.

THANK YOU: "My mother Charlotte Cekun is in Spring Meade Nursing Home. I wanted to thank you for the great lap blanket. She is always cold so I know she appreciates the softness and kindness. Have wonderful holidays. Sandy Stefanko/daughter"

Women of Spirit Game Night: Hello Ladies! Looking for something fun to do this winter? Join the Women of Spirit for Game Night here at the Parish Banquet Hall on Friday, January 31, from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. We'll have cards, dominos, board games or bring along your favorite game to teach the rest of us. The WOS will provide beverages, cups, plates, napkins and you bring a snack to share. Please contact Kathy McGrath (937-667-4932) or Betsy Koehl (937-573-8767) with any questions. Call your girlfriends, bring your sisters, and grab your Mom and join us on the 31st!!!

"Prayer is the best armor we have: it is the key which opens the heart of God." St. Pio of Pietrelcina

In our Gospel today, we recall how Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan by John. The heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus. As we think of our own baptism we can imagine with awe the Holy Spirit descending upon us. At that moment, we each became a child of God. As we go through our lives it is easy to forget our baptismal promises for we are human. If we ignore our faith, allow evil to lead us and fail to pursue a life of Christian virtue, then we are sleeping through our baptism. At Jesus's baptism, God calls him "beloved Son". How can I thank God for making me a beloved child too?(Excerpts from "Living With Christ" January 2014)