

MASS INTENTIONS

January 20-26

- MONDAY, 20 8:30 a.m. Clarence Vonderhaar
- TUESDAY, 21 8:30 a.m. Nick Yolla (Mucci Family)
- WEDNESDAY, 22 7:00 p.m. Ed and Minnie Jackson
(Mike and Karen Jackson)
- THURSDAY, 23 8:30 a.m. Alice Broering
(Jim and Janice Sommer)
- FRIDAY, 24 8:30 a.m. **Communion Service**
- SATURDAY, 25 5:00 p.m. **For the Parish**
- SUNDAY, 26 8:00 a.m. Jim Haley (Tim and Mindy Drake)
10:30 a.m. David Fallet (Judie McKitrick)

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

USHERS

- SATURDAY
 - 5:00 p.m. Karen Jackson, Mike Jackson, Todd Rook, Craig Brackman
- SUNDAY
 - 8:00 a.m. Rick Monnier, Scott Vagades, Dale Voisard, Charles Skira
 - 10:30 a.m. Jim Sommer, Tom Enders, Steve Lehmkuhl, Guy Monnin

SERVERS

- SATURDAY
 - 5:00 p.m. Josie and Monet DesAutels, Brooklyn Spatz
- SUNDAY
 - 8:00 a.m. Adam and Alissa Buynak
 - 10:30 a.m. Frankie and Jake Catrone, Sam Fairbanks

LECTORS

- SATURDAY
 - 5:00 p.m. Ed Cubick
- SUNDAY
 - 8:00 a.m. Bruce Batty
 - 10:30 a.m. Jenny Swigart, Phil Cox

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- SATURDAY
 - 5:00 p.m. 7 volunteers needed
- SUNDAY
 - 8:00 a.m. 7 volunteers needed
 - 10:30 a.m. 7 volunteers needed

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading..... Isaiah 8:23-9:3
 Second Reading..... 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
 Gospel..... Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Adult	\$ 6,317.00
Loose Checks & Currency	\$ 981.00
Total	\$ 7,298.00
St. Vincent Outreach	\$ 291.00
Major Repair Fund Total	\$48,678.19

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. & 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 23rd Thursday 9:15 a.m. Meeting in Room 107 with Babysitters
- February 6th Thursday 6:30 p.m. Mom's Night Out
- February 13th Thursday 9:30 a.m. Kids Valentine Party
- February 15th Saturday 7:00 p.m. Craft Night
- February 27th Thursday 9:15 a.m. Meeting in Room 107 with Babysitters



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.

Travel Ministry – The Best of Ireland – an 11-day pilgrimage: Fr. Chris Coleman leads a pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle from April 22 to May 2, 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.

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 SpringMeade 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. until 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, grab your Mom, and join us on the 31st!!!

 **MANY THANKS** to everyone who participated in our Advent Giving Wreath, the response was wonderful. The St. John Parish family touched the lives of many people and surely brightened and brought the hope of Christ to others during this Christmas season. Please keep those whom you bought a gift for in your prayers throughout the year. Many blessings in this New Year, may it bring you much peace and joy.

 **Parish Mission:** Please keep our Parish Mission in your prayers! “Time for God in a Busy World” is the title of our Parish Mission. Our faith family will celebrate the mission beginning Sunday, February 23, Monday, February 24, Tuesday, February 25 and Wednesday, February 26. Each evening the mission will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Father John Graden will lead us to understand how reflection of our past, present and future leads us to an enriching spiritual relationship with God as well as uniting us in communion with one another. Father Graden has a special affection for third-world Missions and will provide us the opportunity to learn more about the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA), which is a Mission close to his heart.

NICE DAY TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2014, at St. Christopher Church. Please come to celebrate your marriage and have a fun relaxing evening! The program begins after the 5:00 p.m. Mass with a delicious candlelight dinner. After dinner it’s humor and laughter when we play the now famous Marriage Game. Our featured speakers are John and Colleen Gerke. Colleen is the Director of Family Life Office for the Archdiocese, she and her husband John regularly speak on family and marriage related topics. Come as they share their experiences, it is sure to be an uplifting evening. The program will close with a prayer service including couple reconciliation, recommitment to your marriage, and a special blessing. The cost is only \$40.00 per couple. Please complete the form below and return it to St. Christopher Parish Offices by January 24th. We ask for payment to accompany your reservation.

Reservations & fee due by January 24, 2014.

Names: _____
(husband and wife)

Address: _____

Phone: _____


Email: _____

“Since the Holy Spirit is the union of the Father and the Son, the life which we have freely undertaken must be lived in this great union of hearts.” St. Louise de Marillac

In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist offers a Trinitarian formula for our own lives of faith. He indicates that he actively listens to God, first responding to the call to baptize with water and then accepting the revelation of the coming of the Lamb of God. John allows God’s Spirit to guide him into the desert; then gaining celebrity as the neighborhood prophet, he deflects attention from himself, pointing to Jesus instead. John’s humble obedience models for us what it is to be grounded in the Trinity. He is formed, guided and sustained by Creator, Savior and Comforter; he devotes himself entirely to following God’s will, even when it means yielding position and followers. In short, he not only prepares the way for the Lamb of God, but also, without ever having been a disciple of Jesus, shows us how to live according to core Christian principles. *May we, like John the Baptist, attend to your voice, O God.* (Excerpts from “Living With Christ” January 2014)

CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTAVE: January 18-25 each year is the Christian Unity Octave. This week, during this 8-day period we are asked to pray for the unity of all Christians as Christ intended.

One Rose for life: The one rose for life will be held in area churches on Saturday, January 25-26. Artificial roses will be available. Donations for Miami County Right to Life will be accepted at that time.

 **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 video, 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 7:30-9:15 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!!!