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DECEMBER 3, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

or by appointment

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,

11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Monday-Friday: 6:10 a.m.

Saturday: 8:45-9:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.-noon

Friday: 8:15 a.m. when school in session

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New parishioners are invited to contact the Parish Office to register. We ask current members to notify us of any change of address, telephone numbers or other important, relevant information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is a healing sacrament of the Church. Anyone who is sick or elderly and in need of physical or emotional healing can receive this sacrament. Those who would like to receive the sacrament before a hospital stay or surgery are invited to call the Parish Office to make arrangements. The sacrament is also available to those who may be near death by calling the parish emergency line. Please inform the Parish Office when a member of the parish is hospitalized.

CONSIDERING BECOMING CATHOLIC?

RCIA is the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community. The process provides for different levels of entry. To obtain more information, call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. o.

ST. DOMINIC

Weekend Masses

Daily Masses

Communion Service

OUR LADY OF VICTORY Weekend Masses

Daily Masses Adoration Confession

ST. AL'S ON THE OHIO

Daily Masses Confession

Weekend Masses

ST. SIMON THE APOSTLE

Weekend Masses Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday II:00 a.m. Monday & Friday: 8:00 a.m. **Daily Masses**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Weekend Masses Saturday 3:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. **Daily Masses** Confession Saturday: 2:00 p.m.

INFANT BAPTISMS

Attendance at a Parent Pre-Baptism Session is required. Call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. o.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

One of the engaged or his/her parents must be a registered and active parishioner for six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Scheduling must take place at least six months in advance of the wedding. Weddings are not scheduled during Advent or Lenten Seasons. A marriage preparation program is required.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call the Parish Office to request this service.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Bulletin due by noon on Monday The Torch due by the 12th of each month



OUFEN OF ALL SAINTS

Adoration Confession

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Monday-Saturday: 8:30 a.m. Monday: 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday: 7:30-8:00 p.m. Saturday: 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 a.m.	Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Mary Kay Schaefer
6:45 p.m.	Rosary in Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 a.m.	Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Claire Donovan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 a.m.	Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Jean Lane
8:00 a.mNoon	Adoration

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 – SAINT AMBROSE

6:10 a.m.	Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Vinh Nguyen
4:30 p.m.	Gertrude Colby (ANN)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:10 a.m.	NO Communion Service
7:30 a.m.	Michael Eagan
8:15 a.m.	Deceased Members of the
	Lack Family
7:00 p.m.	Thelma Maloney

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

	Bob Sahnd Marian Devotions and
4:30 p.m.	Apostolate for the Dying Marie Absher

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m.	Patrick Eagan (BR)
9:30 a.m.	Jim Wohlfrom and
	Mary Branigan
11:30 a.m.	Billie Dellbrugge
7:00 p.m.	For Our Parishioners

EARLY BULLETIN AND TORCH DEADLINES

Information for the January *Torch* must be submitted by Wednesday, December 6. December 24 bulletin information must be submitted by noon on Wednesday, December 13.

DECEMBER 3, 2023

FR. BEN'S COLUMN

Stars

One of the major images of the Christmas story is the "Star of Bethlehem." For centuries, people navigated by looking at the stars. The adventurous and the ordinary traveler looked to the sky in order to find their way. At Christmas, a star figures prominently in the story of the birth of Jesus. The Magi follow their star and it leads them to the meaning of their journey – not a king, or an emperor, not the powerful or the rich, but a child, a poor child, a humble, little child. Yet, this child was their treasure. Shepherds also saw the star and found their way to a stable – and the comfort of knowing God had come to be with them.

I have always been struck by the engagement of families in the life of the schools here at St. Dominic and Victory. When I was a child, we didn't have that back home in Ireland. Typically, except for infants, children found their way to school and back home in the afternoon. There were no pageants at Christmas and Easter, there were no Grandparents' Days, and no Open House. School was school and that was all. Today, for my nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews, it is different.

I am privileged to witness something very special here at our schools. It's amazing to see the joy that parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, and families, have in participating in the life and events of their children and grandchildren. And to be honest, as I stand back and observe as a privileged witness, it's even more wonderful to see the joy on the faces, and in the hearts, of our children when they see their parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, families. You can see the children's deep sense of gratitude, excitement, joy, and love. Your children love you and they love to be with you, and they love when you are here with them. They look at you and you can see their absolute conviction that you are theirs and they are yours. They love to be with you. You are their life, their treasure.

You are their stars and for them you shine out and show them the way. They want to be you, they want to be like you, and they want to follow you. I wonder if you know that, I wonder if they know how important you are to them. Without the star no one would have found their way to Bethlehem. The star pointed the way and guided the kings and shepherds to the Baby Jesus. God has sent you into the world to shine for them. God sent you into the world to show them the way. You are the star that will lead them to Jesus, the child of Bethlehem.

Children need stars to follow, and you are the most important stars in their lives. Children follow where you go, you show the way. You show them how to live, how to love, how to be a good loving husband or wife, a loving mother or father, a loving son or daughter, a good person, a kind person, a courageous and compassionate person. Who you are, they will become; where you lead, they will follow; what you do, they will copy. Children need stars to follow, and they need those stars to lead to a life worth living, values worth having, a character well formed in love. Most of all they need to follow you, their star, to the same Child, the same God, that the original star led kings and shepherds to find in Bethlehem. They need you to lead them to God – who is life – the only life worth having and the only life worth living.

God sent you into their lives to be a star. Shine for them!

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the souls of Thelma Maloney, Margaret Schrimpf, Joan Lonnemann, and Betty Eisen who died this past week. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass Schedule Thursday, December 7, 2023 4:30 p.m. Friday, December 8, 2023 NO 6:10 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 8 in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

ST. DOMINIC MEN'S SOCIETY LOTTERY

The tickets have been sold, and now is the time when the winners are drawn! The winning ticket numbers for the fourth week of November are:

November 27 – #223 Juliet Perrino November 28 – #204 Not returned November 29 – #629 Not returned November 30 – #897 Dave Stanger

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Special Collection December 9 & 10

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR

Join us on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in church for Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction. Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris will also be hearing Confessions during this time. Come to our Community Dinner and then join us in church and spend an hour in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH OFFICE INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHEDULE

Please take note that when St. Dominic School is on a twohour delay, or closed for the day due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time. We feel the need to amend our hours during snow alerts, to ensure the safety of all our employees. We hope that this change in our schedule will not cause any inconvenience. *St. Dominic School follows Oak Hills Local School District for delays and closings.*



CHRISTMAS FLORAL DONATIONS

This Christmas Season, we are accepting donations to help offset the cost of decorating the church. Please consider honoring your special loved ones by helping us to prepare a fitting and very beautiful place to welcome the Lord.

Donors and their loved ones will be listed in the bulletin and *The Torch* soon after Christmas.

You may place your donations in the Sunday Collection, please mark your envelope as "Christmas Flower Donation" or bring your gift to the Parish Office. You can also make your donation through WeShare. Visit our website at www.stdominicdelhi.org and click the green "Online Giving" button on the left side. Scroll until you see "Christmas Flowers." Please submit all donations by Friday, December 8.

Your Name: _____

Amount: _____

In Memory of: _____

_____ I wish to have my gift noted in the bulletin and *The Torch*.

____ I prefer my donation to remain anonymous.



Join us for a special Holiday Community Dinner of Pork Loin or Turkey with all the sides Wednesday, December 6 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Take some time out of your Christmas planning to relax and enjoy a meal with friends, parishioners, and neighbors.

We hope to see you there!

(This takes the place of the Community Dinner usually held on the third Wednesday of the month.)



GIVING TREES

Gifts need to be returned NEXT Saturday or Sunday! Thank you to all who took a tag from one of our Giving Trees. All 289 tags were gone in one weekend. Thank you, also, to those who cut out the tags, especially Cheryl and Tammy, as well as Tina, Stephanie, Kathy, Joey, and another Kathy who wrote names and suggestions. If you were not able to get a tag, you can still make a monetary donation. Contributions can be mailed to the Parish Office, placed in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office and we will purchase gifts for you. Checks should be made out to St. Dominic Parish with "Giving Tree" written on the memo line. Donations can also be made through WeShare by going to our website (www.stdominicdelhi.org) and clicking on the green "Online Giving" button on the left side of the home page. Scroll until you see Giving Tree. The wrapped gifts need to be returned on December 9 or before the II:30 a.m. Mass on December 10. Please return your gifts with the nametag FIRMLY attached and the gold "suggestion/request" tag removed. If you have any questions, please call Joan at 513-922-6993.



A PERFECT GIFT

Christmas is coming soon! Consider purchasing a Gathering Place paver for the person in your life who is hard to shop for. Pavers are the gift that lets your mother, father, grandparent, child, or spouse know how cherished they are. You can place an order online by going to our website at www.stdominicdelhi.org and clicking on the green "Online Giving" button on the left-hand side. Scroll down until you see "Gathering Place Walkway Bricks." Order forms are available on our website under Resources or at the doors of the church. You can also stop in the Parish Office to order a paver.

- The 4 x 8 bricks allow three lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$40.00.
- The 8 x 8 pavers allow up to six lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$75.00.

If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. o. *All brick/paver orders will be placed twice each year; once in January and once in July.*



Online Giving is available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.

With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit https://stdominicdelhi.weshareonline.org/ or visit our parish web site at www.stdominicdelhi.org and click on the green Online Giving icon on the left side of the page. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0.

ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT ST. DOMINIC

Are you required by the IRS to take annual distributions from your IRA account, also known as Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)? If so, you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA account directly to St. Dominic Parish. QCD's will satisfy your annual distribution requirement (RMD), and will not be included in your taxable income for the year. This could be a great way to save taxes and financially support St. Dominic Parish. For more details on Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA account, please contact your investment advisor and/or your tax advisor as we cannot give specific tax advice.



ATTENTION, ONLINE GIVERS!

The following special collections are taking place in December if you wish to contribute to them via your Online Giving account.

December – Capital Improvement December 8 – Immaculate Conception December 10 – Retirement Fund for Religious December 25 – Christmas

OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU.

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Please remember St. Dominic in your will and estate planning. Our legal title is St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

		<u>2023-2024</u>
II/I9/23	\$	12,690.75
Year to Date (21 Sundays)	\$	362,691.85
	Current Y	ear to Date
Actual	\$	362,691.85
Budget	<u>\$</u>	369,496.64
Variance to Budget	\$	(6,804.79)

<u>2023-2024</u>

II/26/23	\$	13,604.16
Year to Date (21 Sundays)	\$	376,296.01
	Current Y	ear to Date
Actual	\$	376,296.01
Budget	<u>\$</u>	388,496.64
Variance to Budget	\$	(12,200.63)

Thank you for your support of our Parish. May the Lord continue to bless you in your generosity!

ST. DOMINIC NEWS

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS – If you wish to receive a statement of your contributions for 2023, please drop the WHITE card found in the November/December envelope mailing in the collection on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office. We will start sending letters out by the end of January.



ADVENT CONCERT – Join us for Mike Davis' Advent Concert with Scripture and Prayer on Monday, December II at 7:00 p.m. in Church.

SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION is held on the first Sunday of the month at Our Lady of Victory and the third Sunday at St. Al's on the Ohio from 3:00-3:30 p.m.

MEN'S CRHP – All men of the Mary Queen of All Saints Family of Parishes are invited to attend the upcoming Men's Christ Renews His Parish weekend retreat. This is a weekend to renew our relationship with Jesus Christ, our family, and the other men in our family of parishes. It will strengthen us to be the husbands, fathers, sons, and evangelists for Christ that we are called to be. The men's retreat will be February 17-18, 2024. Those interested in signing up for the weekend should email Eric Heitz at eheitz75@gmail.com or Charlie Dean at cdean517@outlook.com.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – The Ladies of Victory will host a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory in the Convocation Center. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there! \$10.00 per child includes: games, donuts, crafts, live Reindeer, and letters to Santa. Secret Santa Gift Shop for kids only. Gifts \$2.00 each (cash only). For more information and registration, go to olv.org.

PENANCE SERVICE – December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Simon Church. All are welcome to attend.

POSTER CONTEST - The St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus are once again holding a Poster Contest for the students of Mary, Queen of All Saints Family of Parishes. The theme of this contest is "Keep Christ in Christmas." Each poster must reflect the "Keep Christ in Christmas" message with a visual image. The contest is open to all young people in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Contest entrants compete in one of five grade level groups: Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, and Grades 7-8. Rules: Entry forms and 11" X 17" paper are available in the school offices or by emailing a request to stdominicdelhi. kofc@yahoo.com. Please pick these up as soon as possible to begin working on your poster. Entries are due back by Wednesday, December 20. The posters will then be judged by members of the Knights of Columbus and five winners will be chosen, one in each grade level group. The winners will receive a certificate and a \$25.00 prize, and their poster will be sent on for possible State and National prizes. If you have any questions, contact Ken Gardner at 513-484-4714 or at kpgardner@fuse.net.

SOULCORE – There will be two SoulCore offerings this Advent season. Mark your calendar for these upcoming sessions at St. Simon's Plagge Hall: Wednesday, December 6 (Feast of St. Nicholas) at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. Each prayer of the Rosary will be paired with a stretch or functional exercise. You do not need to know how to say the Rosary to participate. Modifications will be given for those standing or sitting. Bring an exercise mat or towel if you plan to sit on the floor. Chairs are provided. Light hand weights can be incorporated if you want to bring them, but they are not necessary. Please contact Michele at 513-706-1324 or mvollmer365@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

MISCELLANEOUS

MASS WITH HEALING SERVICE AND BENEDICTION – Jesus still heals today! Come and celebrate Mass and receive personal prayer ministry for healing at a Healing Service on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Ignatius Church. Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more information, visit our website at www.LRCI.org or call 513-471-5483. CHRISTMAS FROM NOTRE DAME – The University of Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra and the University of Notre Dame Glee Club present *Christmas from Notre Dame* on Sunday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Walnut Hills High School Auditorium (1301 Blair Avenue). \$15.00 General Admission/\$5.00 Student Tickets. Tickets are available at http://cincinnati. undclub.org/events/66196.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Ist Reading: Isaiah 40:I-5, 9-II 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-I4 Gospel: Mark I:I-8

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 7, 8, 9, 10					
	LECTORS	MASS COORDINATORS	SERVERS SCHEDULE	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER CAPTAIN
Thursday, December 7 4:30 p.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Mary Jo Reiners	Janice Noble	Gianna Servizzi Hannah Walter		Janice Noble
Friday, December 8 7:00 p.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Jerry Auer	Christelle Middendorf	Ella Kruessel Morgan Remmel		Michelle Whisman
Saturday, December 9 4:30 p.m.	Jerry Krumpelbeck	Fred Redder	Will Fettig Nick Fettig	Peggy Cappel Mary Jo Reiners	Louise Shields
Sunday, December 10 7:30 a.m.	John Trokan	Amy Luken	Elliot Durban Wesley Durban	Amy Luken Linda Meyer	Clinton Backscheider
Sunday, December 10 9:30 a.m.	Jennie Jacobs	Joan Wichmann	Joshua Smith Abigail Williams	Rob Smith Joey Starkey	Peter Gibbs
Sunday, December 10 11:30 a.m.	Rose Stertz	Joe Kruessel	Luke Bizaillon Ultan Delaney	Margie Walter Otto Walter	Meg Morris
Sunday, December 10 7:00 p.m.	Ione Klekamp	Jim Gerdes			Jim Gerdes

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