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2022

And the

became flesh and
made his dwelling
among us, and
we saw his

glory.

John 1:14

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DECEMBER 25, 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MONDAY – DECEMBER 26 – SAINT STEPHEN

6:10 a.m. Communion Service
7:30 a.m. Leroy Robben
6:45 p.m. Rosary in Church

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 27 – SAINT JOHN

6:10 a.m. Communion Service
7:30 a.m. Ted Martin

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 28 – THE HOLY INNOCENTS

6:10 a.m. Communion Service
7:30 a.m. Dick Harding (ANN)
8:00 a.m.-NOON Adoration

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 29 – FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

6:10 a.m. Communion Service
7:30 a.m. Teresa Moreira

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 30 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

6:10 a.m. Communion Service
7:30 a.m. Ed Wissing (BR/ANN)
8:15 a.m. NO Mass

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 31 – SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:15 a.m. Jack Ehrman
After Mass: Marian Devotions and Apostolate for the Dying
4:30 p.m. Intentions of Branigan, Wohlfrom and Schenk Families
6:00 p.m. Awad/Detherage Wedding

SUNDAY – JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. Patricia Kraft
9:30 a.m. Robert Younger
11:30 a.m. Tom Nastold
7:00 p.m. NO Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office closed on Thursday, December 22 and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. If you have an emergency, you will be able to reach us by calling 513-471-7741, ext. 9. All other messages can be left at 513-471-7741, ext. 0. We will be checking messages periodically throughout the week and will return your call.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S "THE MASS"

Archbishop Schnurr has called for an archdiocese-wide study of the Holy Eucharist during the six weeks of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent. The content of the study will be the excellent video series "The Mass" from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire ministries. If you sign up at CatholicAOC.org/theMass, the archbishop will email the 25-minute episode along with his brief insights. Or better yet, come watch it with Fr. Chris and Fr. Jim on Tuesday nights, 7:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall with discussion afterward. It won't take more than an hour. We will start January 10 and end February 21. There will be no session on February 7. Just for your information, this will not eliminate our Tuesdays in Lent Bible Study. We will be using Barron's "Seven Last Words," and the sessions will only last an hour.

ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT ST. DOMINIC

Are you age 72 and 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.

PARISHIONERS FOR LIFE

Spiritual Adoption Program – Baby's 4th Month – "Thank you for praying for me. I'm bigger and stronger now. I'm about 6 inches long and I weigh 4 ounces. When mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat. I hope that one day I will run and play with a friend like you."

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 come to this sacrament which will be communally celebrated annually. 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. Please call the parish emergency line. Someone will respond to your call. Please inform the Parish Office when a member of the parish is hospitalized.

Considering Entering the Catholic Church?

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 Deacon Mark Bardono at 471-7741.

Infant Baptisms

Attendance at a Parent Pre-Baptism Session is required. Call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday, 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., or by appointment.

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.

FR. BEN'S COLUMN**Comfort, Comfort, My People**

For some years, I lived as a member of a monastery in Ireland, and we made our living by keeping a farm. The monastery had a dairy herd for milk, but also a cattle herd and a large flock of sheep. The hardest work was the dairy herd as they needed to be rounded up twice a day, every day, no matter what the weather, to be milked. The cattle were the easiest to maintain as they basically simply moved from field to field eating fresh grass year-round. The sheep were the most delicate to keep as they were susceptible to all kinds of dangers, including other animals, birds of prey, diseases they could pick up from the wetlands and injury due to rough or rocky terrain.

Typically, our sheep gave birth in late December or early January. The days were short, and the nights were long, wet, and very, very cold. It was not unusual for the water to freeze in the pipes in the barn. Members of the community would spend the nights moving along the pipes with blowtorches trying to unfreeze the water so that it would flow, as water was essential for cleaning during lambing. It seemed to me that our sheep only preferred to give birth after midnight. Almost all the lambs in our flock were hand delivered, born with monks as midwives. We delivered lambs by night and sang God's praises by day with a few hours' sleep between dawn and breakfast.

I can't help remembering how delicate these little lambs were and how cold and inhospitable the world was into which they were being born. Yet, as soon as they were born, they had a mother to clean them, nurse them, and who covered them over with her body to keep them warm and safe. They also had fifteen monks for uncles. There are lots of similarities between the delivery of lambs and the birth of Our Lord.

God sent His Son into the world for the sake of salvation. What is true for Jesus is also true for us. God, the author of all life, has sent us into the world. Like Jesus, we have a mission to carry out, and that mission is to build the Kingdom of God on earth. No doubt, we have our work cut out for us but these days, the task falls to us.

However, as true as that is, let's not make the story about us! It is important that we remember that God sent His Son into the world to save us. Today, we recall that God sent His Lamb into the world and, fortunately for that Lamb, He had a mother to clean Him, nurse Him, cover Him over with her body to keep Him warm and reassure Him that He was loved. Mary loved Him first and Mary loved Him always. It is good for us to remember that this Child, this Lamb of God, is a sign of God's love *for us*. Christmas is about the birth of this Child, but it also marks the beginning of our new life. Jesus came to save us, and Christmas is the beginning of that salvation.

Wishing you all a very joyful Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

Fr. Ben

IF YOU LOOK FOR ME AT CHRISTMAS

Author Unknown

If you look for Me at Christmas,
you won't need a special star;
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me
amid the celebrations.
You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.

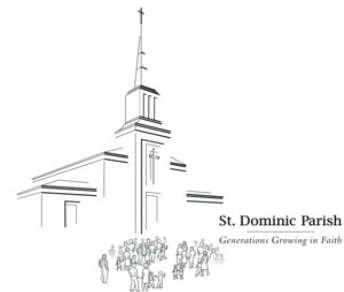
But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do,
and listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came,
and you'll find Me in the stillness,
as I'm whispering your name.

Love, Jesus

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Due to the OVERWHELMING number of gifts made in memory of Joan Sanker made to St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul, we are unable to acknowledge each gift to the individual donor. We, St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul, have notified Bob Sanker and the Sanker Family of each of the individual memorials and will do so for any more memorials that are received. We, St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul, promise to be good stewards of the donations made in Joan's memory and will use all the funds to help our needy neighbors.



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ST. DOMINIC NEWS

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS – If you wish to receive a statement of your contributions for 2022, please drop the WHITE card found in the November/December envelope mailing in the collection on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office. You can also contact the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0 or parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org to request a statement.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR – The application process for applying for financial assistance for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. If you have a high school student next year, and you have applied for assistance through FACTS, you do not have to complete the application for your St. Dominic student as long as you have selected St. Dominic as one of your schools. PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN YOU HAVE SELECTED ST. DOMINIC AS ONE OF YOUR SCHOOLS.

To begin the application process, go to www.factsmgt.com. In the upper left corner of the page, click on “Parent Log In.” If you applied for assistance last year (2022-2023), your login credentials will be the same. If you are utilizing FACTS for tuition payment processing for this current school year, your login credentials are the same. Click on the link, “Apply for Financial Aid.” The instructions for completing the application are relatively intuitive; however, if you experience any issues, please contact FACTS at 866-412-4637.

Awards will first be granted through the Catholic Education Foundation (The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign). CEF awards will be announced in February 2023. St. Dominic will announce Parish awards in the Spring of 2023. **The deadline to apply for assistance is February 3, 2023 for CEF and St. Dominic Parish Awards. No exceptions can be made!** You will need your 2021 tax return information. You will also have to upload pages 1 and 2 from your 2021 tax return as well as copies of any 2021 W-2s.

MARY, QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS NEWS

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND DECLARATION OF NULLITY (ANNULMENT) – Join Fr. Jim and Deacon Mark Bardonaro on Monday, January 23, in the Faith Sharing Room (St. Dominic Parish Center) at 7:00 p.m. for a discussion on marriage, divorce and annulments. We will examine what the Church says about marriage and what happens when a marriage ends in divorce. We will detail the declaration of nullity process: What is it? When is it necessary? We are offering this evening in an attempt to bring about a deeper understanding of all marriages. Come join us!



PARENTAL PREPARATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM – Parents requesting Baptism of their first child are asked to attend a preparation session. During this time, we will look at the history and

theology of the sacrament, reflect on our own Baptism, and look at ways to pass the Catholic faith on to our children. Godparents are encouraged to attend, as well. Our next session is scheduled for Sunday, January 8 at St. Dominic Church after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Contact the St. Dominic Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0 to register for the Baptismal Preparation on January 8.

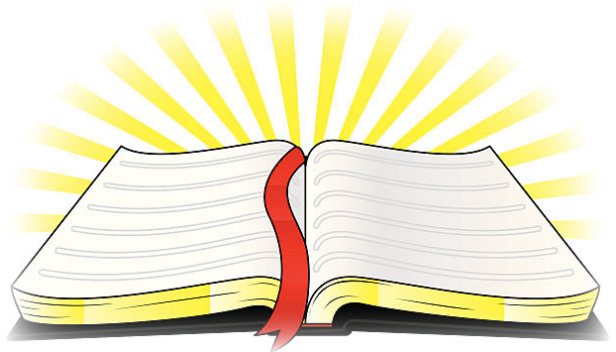


MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY – Saturday, February 18 at St. Dominic Church from 10:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$75.00 per couple. St. Dominic offers this day of preparation as a formational opportunity for engaged couples who are part of our Mary, Queen of All Saints family of parishes. We believe that you will find it to be a day of spiritual growth, as well as a time of practical help as you plan for your wedding. This day of preparation fulfills the formational program component of your marriage prep. If you'd like to register or have any questions, call the St. Dominic Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0.

HOXWORTH BLOOD DRIVE – Hoxworth will be in O'Connor Hall on Friday, January 6 from noon-6:00 p.m. for a blood drive hosted by the Knights of Columbus. To schedule your appointment, go to www.hoxworth.org/groups/stdominickofc or call Hoxworth at 513-451-0910. What a great way to start the New Year!

MISCELLANEOUS

CINCINNATI CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB – Catholic singles are invited to dinner on Friday, December 30 at 5:00 p.m. at Kreimer's Bier Haus, 6052 S.R. 128. Reservations needed. Call Don at 513-574-8575.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1

	SERVERS SCHEDULE	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains names are listed first.)	MASS COORDINATORS
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Kara Lively Courtney Muhlenkamp	Mary Jo Reiners	Martha Queenan Mike Queenan Connie Ashby	Martha Queenan Mike Queenan
7:30 a.m. Sunday	Hayden Gorczyca Elena Sullivan	Jim Carroll	Bobbi Honnert Amy Luken Teagan Charles	John Burns Vi Bronner
9:30 a.m. Sunday	Connor Muhlenkamp Mary Gibbs	Carolyn Davis	Katie Bezold Lori Thai Michelle Whisman	Janice Noble Joe Knochelman
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Grace Awad Joshua Walter	Beth Weaver	Joan Buzek Meg Morris Jenny Berndsen	Tobie Delaney Joe Kruessel
7:00 p.m. Sunday				

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