

**DECEMBER 30, 2018
THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**MONDAY – DECEMBER 31 – SEVENTH DAY WITHIN
THE OCTAVE OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

4:30 P.M. Intentions of Gloria Mueller

**TUESDAY – JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00 A.M. Tom Kostopoulos

**WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 2 – SAINT BASIL THE GREAT
AND SAINT GREGORY**

6:10 A.M. Communion Service

7:30 A.M. Joseph Oliverio

8:00 A.M.-NOON Adoration

THURSDAY – JANUARY 3 – CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service

7:30 A.M. Helen Cerchio (ANN)

FRIDAY – JANUARY 4 – SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

6:10 A.M. Communion Service

7:30 A.M. Elaine McElroy

8:15 A.M. Tom Nastold

SATURDAY – JANUARY 5 – SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

6:10 A.M. Communion Service

8:15 A.M. Cyril Jansing

After Mass: Marian Devotions and
Apostolate for the Dying

4:30 P.M. Bill Rasmussen

SUNDAY – JANUARY 6 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 A.M. Wilbur Wink

9:30 A.M. Intentions of the Kiwanis and Families

11:30 A.M. George and Kay Winstel
and Irwin Pessler

7:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will have reduced hours during the holiday season. Please note these times so you can plan your business accordingly.

Monday, December 31 – 8:00 a.m.-Noon

Tuesday, January 1 – Closed

PASTOR'S DESK

Christmas began to be celebrated on December 25 in the fourth century to correspond to the winter solstice (the days begin to get longer as there is more light each day than darkness). But Christmas doesn't just occur on December 25. Christmas is a miracle that happens whenever love and hope are brought into the world. It happened for me in the kind words and gifts made to charities in my name for my 50th anniversary of ordination and your Christmas gifts and well wishes. Remember, Christmas can happen any day of the year. It can happen over coffee with a friend or at a Labor Day picnic, or in the quiet of a hospital room. It happened in August for little two-year old Brody Allen. You remember the story of little Brody who had cancer and whose parents knew he would not live to see Christmas this year. So the whole township turned out to give Brody Christmas in August with lights and gifts and even a Christmas parade! Love coming into the world is what Christmas is all about, and it can happen any day of the year! May you experience Christmas blessings throughout this new year!

Fr. Jim

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY
(Holy Day of Obligation)
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31
4:30 p.m.**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

**SIGN OF PEACE AND
COMMUNION FROM THE CUP
DURING FLU SEASON**

With the flu season upon us, it would be helpful for each of us to take precautions in order to reduce the risk of passing on the flu. If you are sick, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. If you are not feeling well, but choose to participate in the Sunday liturgy, please refrain from drinking from the cup to protect others from illness. Additionally, offering the Sign of Peace may be done in the form of a nod of the head and simply saying, "Peace be with you." Washing hands thoroughly before attending Mass is another very helpful precaution. It is important that children also take these same precautions.

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 Bardonaro at 471-7741.

Infant Baptisms

Attendance at a Parent Pre-Baptism Session is required. Call Theresa Eagan at 471-7741, ext. 481.

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.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Attention PSR Families: There will be NO CLASSES for students in Grades 1-5 on Sunday, December 30. Classes resume on January 6 at 10:30 a.m. Students in Grades 6-8 will not have class on Tuesday, January 1. Classes resume Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. Thanks for your support of our PSR Program. The PSR Staff wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year.

PARENTAL PREPARATION FOR THEIR INFANT'S BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the first two Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m. 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 6 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in church. Please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 411, with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on January 6.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER



Please take note that when St. Dominic School is on a two-hour delay, or closed for the day due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will modify its hours of operation. We will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time of 4:00 p.m. We felt the need to amend our hours during snow alerts, to ensure the safety of 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.**

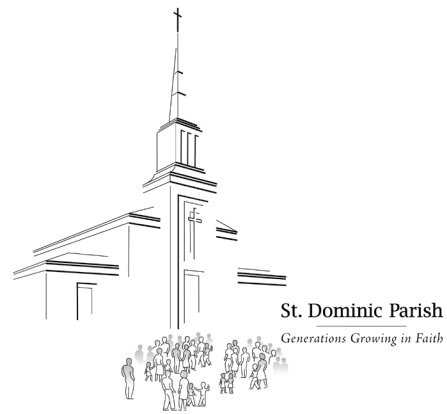
VOTIVE LIGHTS

Envelopes for requesting a Votive Light are on the Communion railing near the Blessed Virgin altar and close to the door as you exit by the Infant of Prague statue. On the envelope you can designate an intention. The usual donation is \$2 to cover the cost of the candle. Candles are lit on Thursday for the week. Envelopes may be put in the collection basket on the weekend or brought to the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please call 471-7741, ext. 0.

HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

The local hospitals want to support you spiritually when you are admitted into the hospital. Below are some reminders to help make this process easier.

1. Upon admission, let them know you are Catholic.
2. **Notify the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0 if you are in the hospital. (Hospitals no longer make the call.)**
3. If you are scheduled for surgery, call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0 for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick **BEFORE** you go to the hospital.
4. Ask your nurse to call a hospital chaplain to offer spiritual care, help answer questions, provide communion and help contact your parish.



Our future depends on you.

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

ST. DOMINIC NEWS

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS – If you wish to receive a statement of your contributions for 2018, please drop the green card from the back of your 2018 envelopes in the collection on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office. Statements will begin to be mailed out after all postings are finished for 2018.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2018 – Please remember that contributions for the 2018 tax year must be received in the Parish Office by Monday, December 31, 2018, for them to be deductible for this tax year. We thank you for your ongoing support!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR – The application process for applying for financial assistance for the 2019-2020 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 (2018-2019), 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 2019. St. Dominic will announce Parish awards in the Spring of 2019. **The deadline to apply for assistance is January 31, 2019 for CEF and St. Dominic Parish Awards. No exceptions can be made!** You will need your 2017 tax return information. You will also have to upload pages 1 and 2 from your 2017 tax return as well as copies of any 2017 W-2s.

PRAYER BLANKETS – We have many prayer blankets blessed and sewn with love and prayers for those who will receive them. It is a symbol of our faith community's covering of prayer for the individual who receives it. This simple labor of love touches the lives of those who are going through difficult times. Prayer blankets can be picked up in the Parish Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

ST. DOMINIC TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM – The Kroger Community Rewards Program was designed to support organizations by simply using your Kroger Plus Card! If you are not already enrolled, sign up right away to start earning rewards for the St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program.

- 1.) Sign in or create an account at krogercommunityrewards.com.
- 2.) Click on *Enroll Now*
- 3.) Under "Find Your Organization" enter 80206 (St. Dominic R. C. Parish School)
- 4.) Click on *school name*.
- 5.) You'll receive confirmation that you've enrolled.

Your purchases will begin earning rewards within 7-10 business days after registering your Kroger Plus Card. If you have any questions or need help registering, contact Rachel Lahni at 310-0045 at rachel@lahni.com.

EXCITING NEWS! – As we announced earlier, we are working on a new pictorial church directory for 2019. We will begin to schedule early in the new year for photography appointments in March and April. Look for more information in the January and February bulletins and the February *Torch* about how to schedule a photography appointment. We would also like to invite you to take candid photos of parish activities, liturgies and sacraments and email them to us for possible inclusion in our directory. Photos can be mailed to parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

WORLD DAY OF PEACE MASS – The Archdiocese will again celebrate two Masses on the Solemnity of Mary (January 1, 2019) in commemoration of the World Day of Peace on New Year's Day. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will preside at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains at 11:00 a.m. and Bishop Joseph Binzer will preside at St. Charles Borromeo (4500 Ackerman Boulevard, Kettering, OH 45429) at 11:00 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for life, dignity, creation and peace in our world!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 5 & 6

	SERVERS SCHEDULE	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains' names are listed first.)
8:15 a.m. Saturday	Emma Walter Carter Sokolis			
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Gabrielle White	Ray and Pat Cruse	Rebecca Ochs	Bob Busam, Pat Cusick, Judy Luebbe, Maruska Marcheschi, Martha Queenan, Mike Queenan, Mary Jo Reiners
7:30 a.m. Sunday	Nicholas Gutzwiller Charlie Baker	Brenda Fields	Karen Holtgreffe	Grant Honnert, Amy Luken, Linda Meyer, Joanne Neidich, Roger Witsken
9:30 a.m. Sunday	Andrew Rolfes Ethan Lipps	Robert and Elaine Murphy	Carolyn Davis	Jerry Luebbering, Andrea Moeder, Bob Murphy, Elaine Murphy, Janice Noble, Jim Noble, Jerry Krumpelbeck
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Margie Roedersheimer	John and Margaret Klopp	Micki Priestle	Jenny Berndsen, Joan Buzek, Dan Clark, Pat Clark, Joe Crabb, Jen Dugan, Ken Enginger
7:00 p.m. Sunday			Ione Klekamp	Elena DelaCalzada



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

The CRHP women's team is preparing to offer to the women of the parish the gift of a renewal weekend on March 23-24. It is a blessing to see the effects of the renewal that Jesus Christ brings about in His people. We don't have to go somewhere else for our spiritual renewal. Ongoing spiritual renewal is the reason we organized parishes in the first place. Come join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal. Experience the Good News of Jesus Christ. This process is at the core of what we are about as a parish community. Take a risk and call and make a reservation to join us. Call Fr. Jim or Carole at 471-7741.