

January 7, 2024



*Our* LADY of  
PERPETUAL  
HELP

**CELEBRATION  
OF HOLY MASS**

Saturday Vigil | 4 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am, 10:30 am

**DAILY MASS**

Monday – Saturday 8:30 am

**CONFESSIONS**

Monday – Saturday after  
8:30 am Daily Mass

Saturdays 3–3:45 pm

Or anytime by appointment

**ADORATION**

First Fridays 24 hours, 9 am–9 am

Other Fridays 9 am–9 pm

3730 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123  
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# Info Center

## PARISH OFFICE

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## Church Hours

The Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament is open for personal prayer 24/7. Use the southwest door to enter, and use the code \*3322#.

## Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 am to 2 pm. The office is closed for holidays and occasional staff meetings.

## New Members

All are welcome to join our parish! You may register at ourladygc.org/register or by calling 614.875.3322 or emailing parish@ourladygc.org.

## Mass Intentions

Would you like to have a Mass celebrated for yourself or a loved one? Contact the Church Office for more information.

## In Need of Assistance?

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact our local Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter at 614.875.3322, ext 311.

## Baptism

For information, call Karen Cook in the Church Office, 614.875.3322 or visit ourladygc.org/sacraments/baptism/

## Marriage

Please contact the Church Office at least six months in advance. Wedding guidelines are available at the Church Office.

## Bulletin Announcements

### Deadline: noon Thursday

Items should be short and concise. Submit your articles by noon on Thursday, 10 days before you wish to have your item appear, to bulletin@ourladygc.org. All items are subject to the pastor's approval.

# Mass Readings & Intentions

## Sunday, January 7 | The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am	Bob Brokamp by Al Roehrenbeck	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
10:30 am	Our Parish Family	

## Monday, January 8 | The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am	Jim Tupper by Sandy McCormick	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11
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## Tuesday, January 9

8:30 am	Special Living Intention for Jim & Rita Heine by anonymous	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
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## Wednesday, January 10

8:30 am	Souls in Purgatory by Glen Holmes	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/ Mk 1:29-39
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## Thursday, January 11

8:30 am	Thomas B. Powers by Russ & Mary Martin	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
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## Friday, January 12

8:30 am	Special Living Intention for fallen away Catholics to come home by anonymous	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/ Mk 2:1-12
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## Saturday, January 13 | Saint Hilary

8:30 am	Luanne Janusz by The Perlick Family	1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
4:00 pm	Our Parish Family	

## Sunday, January 14 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am	Karen Rohr by Judy Biedenbarn	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
10:30 am	Carol & Ralph Kauffman by The Ruth Family	

Team #2

# Giving Update

Please check out our website at ourladygc.org/about-us/generosity for a complete list of options for supporting our parish community.

	This Week 12.23 to 12.29.2023	Year to Date 7.1.23 to 12.29.2023
Envelopes	\$48,078	
Loose Cash	\$4,765	
Online	\$9,373	
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$62,217</b>	<b>\$707,538</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$26,500</b>	<b>\$689,000</b>

Thank you for your generosity to Our Lady of Perpetual Help! We pray for God's continued blessings upon you.

# The Week Ahead

## Sunday, January 7

9:30 am PSR Classes Various  
 10:30 am Break Open the Word ~~Shepard's~~ Room

## Monday, January 8

9:30 am Spring Bible Study Life Center  
 6:00 pm Vespers Nave  
 7:00 pm Spring Bible Study Life Center

## Tuesday, January 9

6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation for OCIA Life Center  
 6:30 pm Youth Faith Formation for OCIA Basement

## Wednesday, January 10

9:00 am Our Lady Novena Chapel  
~~10:00 am Parish Women's Hat Sorting~~ ~~Life Center~~  
 10:15 am Little Saints Playgroup Shepherds' Room  
 6:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle Shepherds' Room  
 6:00 pm Silver Streaks Meeting Life Center  
 6:30 pm K of C Business Meeting Knight's Room

## Thursday, January 11

9:00 am Patriotic Rosary Chapel  
 6:30 pm Reach More Winter Mission Training Shepherds' Room

## Friday, January 12

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Nave/Chapel

## Saturday, January 13

7:00 am Men's Fellowship and Bible Study Life Center  
 7:00 am Women's Fellowship and Bible Study Shepherds' Room  
 4:00 pm PSR Family Mass Nave  
 7:00 pm Middle School Youth Group Basement East

## Sunday, January 14

10:30 am Break Open the Word Shepard's Room  
 11:30 am Music Ministry Open House Life Center  
 7:30 pm High School Youth Group Basement East

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**January Devotion: The Holy Name of Jesus**  
**1st Friday–Saturday, January 5–6, 9 am–9 am**  
**Fridays: January 12, 19, 26 9 am–9 pm**



What are your plans for new year and what haunts you from last year? St. Padre Pio may help you with that question and allow you to focus on the present. "Lord, I leave the past in Your mercy, the future in Your providential care, and the present moment in Your Love."

The best way to begin this year and every year is with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Sign up for adoration online at [ourladygc.org/adoration](http://ourladygc.org/adoration).

## M – F DAILY EVENTS

7 am—Liturgy of the Hours, Morning Prayers | Chapel  
 7:50 am—Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary | Nave  
 8:30 am—Daily Mass | Nave  
 9 am—Coffee & Conversation | Life Center  
 2:25 pm—Radio Rosary | 101.9FM



Congratulations to couples celebrating anniversaries in January.

**Eric and Ann Lutz**  
**36 years | January 2**

**William and Catherine Palmer**  
**63 years | January 14**

**Bill and Teresa Harris**  
**49 years | January 24**

**Fred & Karen Gunderson**  
**60 years | January 25**

If you would like to have an anniversary recognized in the bulletin, please email the couple's names, date, and number of years married to [bulletin@ourladygc.org](mailto:bulletin@ourladygc.org).



1/15 | No School - MLK Day  
 1/25 | School Open House  
 1/22–26 | School Spirit Week

# PASTOR'S CORNER

BY FATHER JOE YOKUM

*The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.*

The role of faith may be compared to that of the root which fixes the tree to the ground, and by its imperceptible but unceasing work maintains its strength. All the growth of the tree, its whole development, depends on this secret nourishment. Cut the roots and the tree, however splendid and full of life it may be, will perish miserably."

+Blessed Columba Marmion, O.S.B.

## THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8 | FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: Without question, the greatest obstacle to following Christ has been, and continues to be, people's own preconception and self-will. As Blessed Columba Marmion wrote in *Christ, the Life of the Soul*, such persons "make holiness consist in such or such a conception formed by their own intelligence; attached to those purely human ideas they have formed, they go astray; if they make great strides, it is outside the true way marked out by God; they are victims of those illusions against which St. Paul warned the first Christians. In so grave a matter, in so vital a question, we must look at and weigh things as God looks and weighs them. God judges all things in the light, and His judgment is the test of all truth. 'We must not judge according to our own liking,' says St. Francis de Sales, 'but according to God's will.' Divine Wisdom is infinitely above human wisdom; God's thoughts contain possibilities of fruitfulness such as no created thought possesses. That is why God's plan is so wise that it cannot fail to reach its end because of any intrinsic insufficiency, but only through our own fault. If we leave the Divine idea full freedom to operate in us, if we adapt ourselves to it with Love and fidelity, it becomes extremely fruitful and may lead us to the most sublime sanctity." As a new year gets underway, let's contemplate the meaning of our own Baptism into the mystical body of Christ, and ponder the words of Blessed Columba Marmion on lovingly following Christ, embracing His wisdom, and in doing so enjoy the fruits of a life rooted in Christ.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who were pleased to shine forth with new light through the coming of your Only Begotten Son, grant, we pray, that, just as he was pleased to share our bodily form through the childbearing of the Virgin Mary, so we, too, may one day merit to become companions in his kingdom of grace. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Saint Augustine once remarked that the "devils confessed Christ, but lacking charity it availed nothing...They confessed a sort of faith, but without love. Hence they were devils." We must always remember that faith is mighty, but without love faith profits nothing (ref. 1 Corinthians 13). True faith works through love (ref. Galatians 5:6) and abounds in hope (ref. Romans 15:13). That is why faith is both a free gift of God and the free assent of our will to the whole truth that God has revealed. To live, grow, and persevere in the faith to the end, we must nourish it with the word of God. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds that we may grow in his truth and in the knowledge of his great love for each of us. If we approach God's word submissively, with an eagerness to do everything the Lord desires, we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through his word. Are you eager to be taught by the Lord and, once taught by Christ, to conform your life according to the Word of the Lord?

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Prayer: Attend to the pleas of your people with heavenly care, O Lord, we pray, that they may see what must be done and gain strength to do what they have seen. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you allow Jesus to be first in your life? Do you make the Lord and healer number one in your personal life, family, and community, especially in times of trial, challenge, fears and anxiety? Learn to approach Christ with expectant faith. God's healing power restores us not only to health but to active service and care of others. There is no trouble he does not want to help us with and there is no bondage he can't set us free from.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Prayer: Attend to the pleas of your people with heavenly

care, O Lord, we pray, that they may see what must be done and gain strength to do what they have seen. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper; ritual defilement occurred when contact was made. This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. St. Francis of Assisi once said: "Preach the Gospel at all times – if necessary, use words." In other words, our Christ-directed actions speak louder than words in helping others at all times. Talk can be cheap. Do your actions speak louder than your words about how you live your life as a proclaimed disciple of Christ?

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Holy Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who through your Only Begotten Son have made us a new creation for yourself, grant, we pray, that by your grace we may be found in the likeness of him in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Have you ever experienced the great healing power associated with forgiveness? Remember what we pray for each time we pray the "Lord's Prayer" – "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Before we can fully experience God's love and mercy in forgiving us, we must first extend that same level of love and mercy to those who seek our forgiveness. If we

don't we risk placing walls between us and the love and mercy of Christ. The Lord is every ready to bring us healing of body, mind and soul. Do you allow anything to keep you from experiencing the love and mercy and forgiveness of Jesus Christ?

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 | SAINT HILARY OF POITIERS

Holy Gospel: Mark 2:13-17

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may rightly understand and truthfully profess the divinity of your Son, which the Bishop Saint Hilary taught with such constancy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: When the Pharisees challenged his unorthodox behavior in eating with public sinners, Jesus' defense was quite simple. A doctor doesn't need to visit healthy people; instead he goes to those who are sick. Jesus likewise sought out those in the greatest need. A true physician seeks healing of the whole person – body, mind, and spirit. Jesus came as the divine physician and good shepherd to care for his people and to restore them to wholeness of life. The orthodox were so preoccupied with their own practice of religion that they neglected to help the very people who needed care. Their religion was selfish because they didn't want to have anything to do with people not like themselves. Jesus stated his mission in unequivocal terms: "I came not to call the righteous, but to call sinners. Ironically the orthodox were as needy as those they despised. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (ref. Romans 3:23). The Lord fills us with his grace and mercy. And he wants us, in turn, to seek the good of our neighbors, including the unlikeable and the trouble-maker by showing them the same kindness and mercy which we have received. Do you thank the Lord for the great kindness and mercy he has shown to you?"

*Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; prayers are from The Roman Missal, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011; information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture website. frlump:2024*



# LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

There will be a training for anyone who wants to become a new Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

**After the 10:30 am Mass in the Life Center**

This training is for any NEW Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. We will have other upcoming sessions for our current liturgical ministers who may like a "refresher course."



## SILVER STREAKS

Wednesday, January 10  
6 pm | Life Center

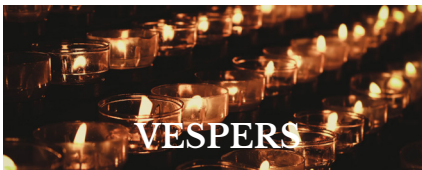
Silver Streaks is hosting our first potluck of the new year! So, come join us as we look back on 2023, and celebrate the wonders that lie ahead of us in 2024! We invite you to bring your favorite New Year's dish to share – main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert! And, even if you can't bring a dish, please bring you – it is your smile and your fellowship that we treasure most!

If you have never been to a Silver Streaks meeting, or you haven't been in a while, now is a good time to start or come back! Everyone, 55 or older (we don't check ID) is welcome. Please come and participate in fun and fellowship with folks who remember a lot of the same things you remember.



## MEN'S ROSARY

The Catholic Men's Ministry hosts a Virtual Rosary on Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 am. Please join men from across our diocese Wednesday morning on January 3 in honoring our Blessed Mother in this powerful prayer. Contact Chris Killian for more information at SpiritofOLPH@gmail.com or you can find the link on the CMM website at www.catholicmensministry.com.



## VESPERS

Join us for communally sung Vespers (Night Prayer) on Mondays at 6 pm in the Nave. Pray with the wider Church in this portion of the Divine Office.

This worship opportunity is sponsored by Creative Ministries.



## EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

It is a long-held Catholic tradition to bless one's home on (or near) the celebration of the Epiphany by using chalk to write a special inscription above the home's entrance. This weekend, we are blessing chalk at Mass for you to take home and participate in this tradition.

If you are unable to attend Mass at Our Lady this weekend, you can bless chalk at home yourself! You can find the blessing to do so on our website at [ourladygc.org/epiphanyhomeblessing](http://ourladygc.org/epiphanyhomeblessing).

The inscription written over the door changes every year. For this year, you should write: "20 + C + M + B + 24."

The Letters C, M, and B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also the first letters of the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The + signs represent the cross, and 2023 is the year.

Below we have included a very family-friendly Epiphany home blessing. There are others available online, and links to these, along with more history about this tradition, can be found at [ourladygc.org/epiphanyhomeblessing](http://ourladygc.org/epiphanyhomeblessing).

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR BLESSING THE HOME

Optional Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-16.

Also optional, you can sprinkle holy water in each room of your house while singing hymns or praying the rosary. Then gather at the front door to your home.

Using the blessed chalk, mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step, or a wall within your home) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 24

saying:

*The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-three years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.*

Then say the following prayer:

*Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.*



## RECYCLING CONVENIENCE CENTER

Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio – SWACO – has opened a new Recycling Convenience Center to aid the public in the recovery of recyclables and other hard-to-recycle materials such as clothing, batteries, electronics and food waste.

The drive-up, self-service center on Jackson Pike will provide a convenient location for central Ohio residents to recycle a wide range of materials, primarily free of charge. Learn more about the hours of operation, materials being accepted and fees at [www.swaco.org/459/Recycling-Convenience-Center](http://www.swaco.org/459/Recycling-Convenience-Center)



### IMAGO DEI HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

#### Upcoming Events:

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
Basement  
January 14, 7–8:30 pm

### VERSO L'ALTO MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

#### Upcoming Events:

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
Basement  
January 6, 7–8:30 pm

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
Basement  
January 13, 7–8:30 pm

For questions, contact Veronica at 614.875.3322, ext. 315, or [vdannemiller@ourladygc.org](mailto:vdannemiller@ourladygc.org).



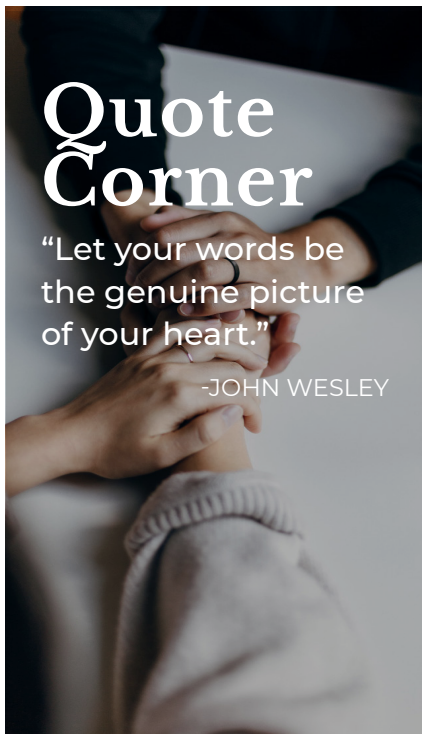
All of our volunteers are invited to this special event, thanking you for your service to Our Lady! This dinner is meant for all volunteers of the parish—liturgical ministers, landscapers, Adorers, choir members, money counters, envelope stuffers, altar servers, Festival volunteers, Atrium catechists and assistants, etc. etc. etc. If you have volunteered in any way over the past year here at the church, we want you at this dinner!

Please RSVP at [ourladygc.org/volunteerdinner](http://ourladygc.org/volunteerdinner) by January 14.



The Knights of Columbus Council #4603 invite everyone to join with us in praying the Rosary, every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

We call Mary the Mother of Jesus “Our Lady of Perpetual Help”, and this is not an empty nickname or an exaggeration. Whether you pray the Rosary daily, whether you haven’t prayed in a while, or whether you’ve never prayed the Rosary at all—this is a great opportunity. You are very welcome to join the Knights of Columbus as we pray!



# Quote Corner

“Let your words be the genuine picture of your heart.”

-JOHN WESLEY



## OPEN HOUSE

January 25, 2024

6-7:30 pm



Our LADY of PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC SCHOOL



### PRAYER CHAIN

We have an ongoing prayer chain for all those who are in need of prayers. To add an intention to our list, or if you would like to join in praying for our intentions, contact Jodi Stage at [tashastage@aol.com](mailto:tashastage@aol.com).



### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We are calling all women to join in fellowship and prayer every Saturday in the Shepherds' Room. We meet at 7 am and will end at or before 8:15 am, so that you can enjoy the rest of your day. We look forward to seeing you there. For additional information, please contact Julie Walker at 614.332.5786 or [julzwalker1108@gmail.com](mailto:julzwalker1108@gmail.com).



## WINTER/SPRING BIBLE STUDY

### TOPIC: THE WILD GOOSE SERIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH FR. DAVE PIVONKA, TOR

“Wild Goose” was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. This is a 14-part series exploring different aspects of the Holy Spirit. It is shot in various locations around the world. If you allow him, the Wild Goose will lead you on an adventure greater than you can imagine. The Spirit will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, peace, and presence. The Holy Spirit has been given to us not as a possession to be tamed or controlled, but rather as a Person that will lead us to the Heart of God. The Wild Goose series will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God's presence and power this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom.

Learn more and sign up at [ourladygc.org/ministries/bible-study](http://ourladygc.org/ministries/bible-study).



# CATHOLIC MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

## REGISTER NOW! THIS WONDROUS GIFT

Register now at [www.columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com) for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 17, 2024, from 8 am–5 pm at the Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, Ohio. \$50 per person/students \$35 Come give thanks and rest in Jesus with Holy Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, inspiring speakers, food and fellowship! Invite family and friends to join you for this amazing one-day retreat to rejoice in This Wondrous Gift! Contact Julie Walker for more information and bus sign up. Email [julzwalker1108@gmail.com](mailto:julzwalker1108@gmail.com) or call/text 614.332.5786



# FREE THROW COMPETITION

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a free throw competition in the Our Lady School gym on January 20 following the Saturday Vigil Mass. This annual event is open to all boys and girls ages 9–14. No charge for admission or participant entry. Winners can advance to district and state competitions. Some years have had age/gender brackets with no competitors, so it could be possible to win a trophy solely by showing up! We hope all will attend.



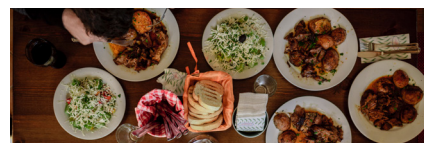
## MINISTRY TO THE POOR

The Sisters at the Holy Family Soup Kitchen and the Staff at the Columbus Open Shelter are so appreciative for the hygiene products that are donated monthly by our parish family and distributed to hundreds of people who are truly in need.

At this time, there is a CRITICAL NEED for the following:

- Small hand towels
- Women's small deodorant
- Men's small deodorant
- Women's sanitary products

Please place all donated items in the compartment located near the south entrance in the gathering space. Thank you so much!



## MEALS NEEDED FOR OCIA

We are seeking ministries and parishioners to provide dinner for our OCIA folks. We need to serve dinner for 45 at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. We are so grateful to all who participated in this ministry of hospitality last year and ask that you would consider providing a meal again. Or perhaps you thought about it last year, but never got around to making it happen. Now is your chance! Contact Karen Cook, 614.875.3322 or [kcook@ourladygc.org](mailto:kcook@ourladygc.org). The meal can be as complex or as simple as you like. Thank you in advance! Meals for 1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/13, 2/20, and 2/27 are still needed!



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## 1ST READING? SAMUEL 17:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was set up in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?' It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you, and I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth."



I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also revealed to you that he will establish a house for you, and when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."



# FLAPPY, FLAPPY, FLAP

## GOSPEL LUKE 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and she was called Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end."



# WELCOME TO THE BABY SHOWER

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



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