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OUR VISION

We are a people of God, nourished by sacred Scripture and Sacrament. We believe in and are experiencing the mystery of God's unconditional love for us. Through Jesus Christ — and with the help of the Holy Spirit — we work to build God's Kingdom on earth. Our efforts within our parish will focus on: our fuller union with God, our strengthened relationships with each other and our caring service to others.

Dec. 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PASTOR

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LITURGY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday – Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday – Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday – Son of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

Thursday – 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

Friday – Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Saturday – 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79

Sunday – Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

LITURGIES THIS WEEK: (Dec. 20-25)

Tues. St. Patrick 8:00 a.m.

Wed. St. Louis 9:15 a.m.

Thurs. St. Patrick 8:00 a.m.

Fri. St. Louis NO MASS

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Sat. St. Louis 4:00 p.m.

Sat. St. Patrick 4:30 p.m. – (Debbie Kendall)

Sat. St. Louis 10:00 p.m.

Sat. St. Patrick 12:00 a.m. – (Wilma Ott)

Sun. St. Patrick 9:00 a.m. – (Theresa & Dale Hofbauer)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." – that the promise finds fulfillment.

We are part of St. Luke Deanery with Lial School and convent, Lourdes University and convent, parishes of St. Joseph (Sylvania), Holy Trinity (Assumption), St. Richard (Swanton), Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Flower, St. Joseph (Maumee) and St. Louis (Custar).

Liturgies

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday, 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

or call Fr. Dave, 832-2414 for appt.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

Call pastor anytime (832-5215 (O); 832-2414 (H))

Marriages

Notify pastor at least six months before your tentative wedding date.

Baptisms

Meeting with parents is needed before liturgy.

Parish Membership

New members are most welcome!

To join, call our office or speak with pastor.

If planning to leave parish, please notify office.

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Dec. 24-25

Readers: 4:30 p.m. M. Gearig, L Ellinwood,
H. Zbierajewski
12:00 a.m. Tony Kleis,

9:00 a.m. B. & C. Taylor,
P. Weimer

Ministers of Communion: 4:30 p.m. K. Hertzfeld,
S. Hannewald, N. Bump,
J. & E. Collins
12:00 a.m. C. & C. Stoepfel, R. Guyer
9:00 a.m. J. & R. Tipton

Servers: 4:30 p.m. L. Echler, E. Bump,
R. Sanchez
12:00 a.m. B. & A. Potter, M. Wolfram
9:00 a.m. Servers needed!!!!

Lectors: There are a few workbooks in the hall. If you have not picked up your book yet they are on a table in the hall.



Please pray for the following housebound and sick:

Evan Simon Tom Bigley
Patricia Cook Ed Bump
Lucy McCready Max Chamberlain
John Wolfram Bob Kingsley
Marcy Dick Ruth Hurd
Margaret Mockenstrum Norm Liebrecht
Mary Frazer Steve Hertzfeld
Deborah Page Kim Kempf
Jason Henderson Debbie Athanitis
Larry Hertzfeld Susan Ammon
Mary Ann Kowalik Eugene Williams
Kaden Michaelis Marguerite Kertes
Beverly Bigley Jamee Bernthisel
Joe Boyle, Jr. Corey Longenecker
Bob Hertzfeld Bryan Kummerer
Brent Bogel Kaylee Mae Fish
Tony Biesiot Rosemary Biesiot

If there is anyone who needs to be removed from this list please call the parish office (419-832-5215).

**We give what we have been given:
Sunday Offertory (12/11/11)**

Offertory Adult Envelopes (98)	\$ 3,012.00
Loose	\$ 253.00
Total	\$ 3,265.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 67.91
Immaculate Conception	\$ 220.00
Stipends	\$ 35.00
Stole Fee	\$ 50.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 695.00
Offertory Received to Date (24 wks.)	\$84,103.00
Average	\$ 3,504.00

NO MASS: There will be no masses at St. Louis on Dec. 23 and 30.

From Grace and Max Chamberlain:

“Thank you to those who came caroling to our home last Sunday. It was wonderful hearing you sing. It brightened our holiday season. We really enjoyed it.”

2012 Calendars: calendars for 2012 are available at the main door in church and in the hall. Help yourselves.

Lectors, Ministers of Communion and Servers!!!

Please sign up for one of the Christmas liturgies.

We are in need of a Lector and Commentator for Midnight Mass and a Host distributor and servers for 9:00 a.m. Mass. If you are available please sign up.

The office will be closed Dec. 23 and 26 for the holiday.

Messages may be left on the answering machine.

Individual Opportunities for Reconciliation:

St. Patrick-Providence: Monday
December 19th 11am, 1pm, 4pm,
7pm
(Until all are heard)

St. Louis-Custar: Wednesday December
21st 11am 1pm 4pm 7pm
(Until all are heard)

Offertory envelopes are available in the hall on the counter. If you don't see your name, please call the parish office and envelopes will be provided for you.

Live Nativity: The high school religious education classes gave a prayerful reenactment, narration and songs of the Nativity on Wednesday December 14th. Thanks for sharing with the parish. It helped in setting the mood for the season.

Christmas & New Year's Day Schedule:

Sat. December 24th, Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m., St. Louis – Fr. Dave
4:30 p.m., St. Pat's – Fr. Kwiatkowski
10:00 p.m., St. Louis – Fr. Dave
12:00 midnight, St. Pat's – Fr. Dave

Sunday December 25th, Christmas Morning
9:00 a.m., St. Pat's – Fr. Dave

Sat. Dec. 31, New Year's Eve,
World Day of Prayer
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30 p.m., St. Pat's
6:00 p.m., St. Louis

Sun. January 1st, Mass for Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

8:00 a.m., St. Pat's
9:30 a.m., St. Louis
11:00 a.m., St. Pat's



Would you like to donate for Christmas flowers?

This year we will be accepting donations in memory of/in honor of someone for the Christmas flowers. The average price of the flowers is \$8.50. You may put the money and who it is in memory of in an envelope and mark it "Christmas Flowers" and put it in the offertory basket. Any amount of donation is acceptable.

Baptisms: We welcome to our parish family, thru the Waters of Baptism, the triplets Adrie Jo, Brynn Attison, Mia Lynn, daughters of Joe & Kristi Gyurasics were baptized at St Patrick-Providence by Fr. Adam Hertzfeld on Sunday December 11th. God Bless You All!!! Yes, three baby girls. What a precious gift. Mom and Dad are doing good.

Thank You: My sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation to all who contributed money, food, toys, gloves, hats, etc., or helped sort and/or distributed the Otsego Christmas Baskets. The recipients are deeply appreciative. May God bless your generosity. St. Patrick's always comes thru to help those in need. Thanks!!!!

Rest In Peace: Our prayers and sympathy to Gertrude Wenzlick on the death of her sister Sister Mary Johnita Elwer, S.N.D. May Sr. Johnita receive the rewards of a good life serving God. Rest in Peace Sr. Johnita.

Married couples, why not give your spouse the perfect Christmas gift? ...a gift of yourself. Give your spouse a weekend away with you. Get time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Have a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. This is a great opportunity to enrich your marriage. Make your good marriage a great one! If this sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information, or to register for a weekend, contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or bschroeder@bright.net . The next weekend in the Toledo Diocese is January 13-15, 2012 at Sauder's Heritage Inn in Archbold, OH.

NO RE classes:

Dec. 21, 25, 28 & Jan. 1. Classes will resume Jan. 4 for grades 6-12 and Jan. 8 for grades K-5.

Thank you

"Bob and I want to thank all of you for your prayers and also, those who were involved with the comforting shawl. Your kindness and prayers were/are greatly appreciated. So far, they have worked. It will be 2 years in April that Bob had surgery for throat cancer. The doctor is pleased with his progress. We know he is not completely out of the woods, but we feel he is well on his way to a complete recovery. Again, thank you so very, very much." Sincerely, Bob and Shirlee Suter

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. A Benedictine nun writes: "We ask God to bless the faithful who made contributions in order to help us in our retirement." Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

