

**MASS SCHEDULE****Saturday, November 29:****Vigil: First Sunday of Advent –**

5:00 p.m. Jim Capretta  
(Paul and Janet  
Kerscher)

**Sunday, November 30:****First Sunday of Advent –**

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
9:30 a.m. Marilyn Griffin (Ted and Trudy Lingnau)  
12:00 noon Diane Martin (The Salvatore Family)

**Monday, December 1:****Advent Weekday –**

8:15 a.m. Helen Brahler (Jasper Family)

**Tuesday, December 2:****Advent Weekday –**

8:15 a.m. Robert Kelly (Manon Walton)

**Wednesday, December 3:****Francis Xavier, priest –**

9:30 a.m. Andrew Swaneck  
(Michael and Barbara Cunningham)

**Thursday, December 4:****John of Damascus, priest, doctor –**

8:15 a.m. Maurice Dodge (Jane Dodge and Family)

**Friday, December 5:****Advent Weekday –**

8:15 a.m. Ralph and Betty Kelley  
(Ken and Sharon Maykowski)

**Saturday, December 6:****Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent –**

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Stephens  
and Nadalin Families (Jayne Nadalin)

**Sunday, December 7:****Second Sunday of Advent –**

7:30 a.m. Pete Fledderman (Judith Federowicz)  
9:30 a.m. Joe and Ann Grantonic, Sr.  
(Joe and Lee Grantonic, Jr.)

12:00 noon People of the Parish

- The Rosary is prayed daily before Mass. On Mondays and Fridays, the Rosary is prayed at 7:50 a.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Rosary begins at 7:30 a.m., with Morning Prayer at 7:55 a.m. On Wednesdays, the Rosary is prayed at 9:00 a.m.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE****Monday and Tuesday, December 1 & 2**

8:15 a.m. K. Keyes and M. Sullivan

**Thursday and Friday, December 4 & 5**

8:15 a.m. G. Budd and J. Kuri

**Saturday, December 6**

5:00 p.m. J. Kuri, J. Mullen, B. Ringel and  
H. Ringel

**Sunday, December 7**

7:30 a.m. K. Chaney and H. Taylor  
9:30 a.m. M. Eberts, J. Hanley, A. Larkin and  
B. Stout  
12:00 noon L. Lancaster, C. Noonan, G. Shouse  
and J. Wilson II

**THIS WEEK AT ST. CECILIA****Sunday, November 30:**

After all Masses – St. Vincent de Paul Society  
“Fifth Sunday” Collection, Gathering Space \*  
After all Masses – Ticket Sales for Christmas Quilt,  
Gathering Space\*

7:00 p.m. Bingo, School Hall

**Monday, December 1:**

Deadline for Confirmation Name Forms \*

1:00 p.m. 50+ Club, Meeting Room B\*

3:30 p.m. 2nd & 3rd Grade Brownies,  
School Hall

3:45 p.m. Market Day Pick-up, School Hall

4:30 p.m. Basketball, Parish Center

7:00 p.m. RCIA, Meeting Rooms A & B

**Tuesday, December 2:**

4:30 p.m. Basketball, Parish Center

7:00 p.m. Bingo, School Hall

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting,  
Meeting Rooms A & B

**Wednesday, December 3:**

10:30 a.m. Funeral Choir Practice,  
Liturgical Music Room

11:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer, Day Chapel

4:30 p.m. Basketball, Parish Center

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice, Church

6:30 p.m. P.S.D., Meeting Rooms A & B and  
Kindergarten and Preschool Rooms

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice, Church

8:00 p.m. AA, School Hall

**Thursday, December 4:**

4:30 p.m. Basketball, Parish Center

7:00 p.m. PTO, Meeting Room A

**Friday, December 5:**

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Day Chapel \*

**Saturday, December 6:**

8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Santa, Parish Center  
Until 4:40 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament, Day Chapel \*

After 5:00 p.m. Mass – Food Pantry Collection,  
Gathering Space \*

At Breakfast with Santa and after 5:00 p.m.  
Mass – Cookie Tray Sale, Gathering Space \*

**Sunday, December 7:**

Giving Tree Presents due \*

After all Masses – Food Pantry Collection,  
Gathering Space \*

After all Masses – Cookie Tray Sale,  
Gathering Space \*

During 9:30 a.m. Mass – Children’s Liturgy of the  
Word, Parish Center \*

9:15 a.m. Sunday Childcare, Preschool Room \*

9:30 a.m. Preschool and Kindergarten PSR  
Classes, Classrooms \*

9:30 a.m. Break Open the Word,  
Meeting Rooms A & B

10:45 a.m. Grades 1-8 PSR Classes, Classrooms \*

7:00 p.m. Bingo, School Hall

\*Please see bulletin announcement for more  
details.

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## TRIP PROGRAM

This month, we expanded the TRIP Program to the parish as a whole. There will be an opportunity for you to purchase gift cards or just get more information after the 5:00 p.m., 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon Masses. Are you aware that you may use one of the Kroger reloadable gift cards to designate the rebate to groups in the parish such as the Bereavement Committee, the PSR Program, the Youth Group or many others? This is a great way to benefit our parish without spending any extra money. Stop by to check us out!

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During this Advent and Christmas Season, don't forget to give yourselves a gift! The gifts of the Lord's peace and pardon are waiting for all who ask in sacramental confession.

One option offered in our parish is the *Parish Penance Service*, which will be held in the church on **Monday, December 15th**, at 7:00 p.m. Individual confessions will be heard.

Confessions are also heard here on Saturdays in the Reconciliation Room (inside the door of the Day Chapel), starting at 4:00 p.m.

## 50+ CLUB

December 1 Meeting & Cards  
December 8 Club Christmas Party  
December 15 Cards

## AROUND TOWN

**The Westland Band Boosters thanks you in advance for your support –**

**How:** Purchase your Christmas tree at the WBB Annual Christmas Tree Sale

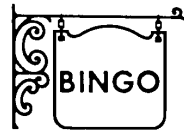
**Where:** Kroger parking lot (corner of Galloway Road and West Broad Street)

**When:** Beginning November 28th – until all trees are sold (starting at \$40.00).

**Divorce Workshop –** The next eight-week workshop will be held Thursday evenings, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., for the following dates: January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, March 12, 2009, at the Catholic Center, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus. The fee is \$40.00 and scholarships are available. For additional information, call the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or go to [www.familylife.coldsdioc.org](http://www.familylife.coldsdioc.org) and click on the Hurting Families link, to print a brochure and registration form.

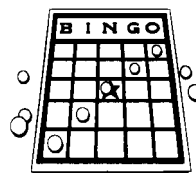
**St. Charles Drama Department** will present a special holiday double-bill, the national high school premiere of the exciting new musical, *Striking 12*, and the Central Ohio premiere of Joe Landry's *It's a Wonderful Life – A Live Radio Play*, on Thursday, December 4 through Sunday, December 7. Adults, \$10.00; students, \$5.00. Call 252-6714 for reservations.

**Applause! Applause!** A round of applause to the four parishioners who participated in the fall theatre production of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* at Bishop Ready High School: Junior Albert Rozman and sophomores Ryleigh Kirby and Jake Hanley were in the cast of the production and junior Evan Hutton was an all-important crew member.



## BINGO WORKER THANKS

Many thanks to our workers who recently helped at our Bingo Games: **Tuesday, November 18: Managers:** Steve Lelonek, Kurt Weldy; **Regular:** Hal O'Harra; **Instant:** Wendy Chriszt, Andy Hill, Brian McCann, Bill Ogden; **Kitchen:** Nikki Budd, Betty Munk, Dawn Wilson; **Bakers:** Olivia Hill, Janet Sheehan, Tammy Schwendeman, Laura Tobergte.



## BINGO TEAMS

November 30	December 2	December 7	December 9
5 – SUNDAY	5 – TUESDAY	1 – SUNDAY	1 – TUESDAY
<b>REGULAR</b> Manager – Roland Couture Caller – Ted Leidinger Russ or Carrie Morrow Brian Carr	<b>REGULAR</b> Manager – Roland Couture Caller – Joe Nightwine Karen Jansen William Ogden	<b>REGULAR</b> Manager – Mike Silva Caller – Nicole Schlosser Tracy/Craig Stephenson <b>Need a regular worker</b>	<b>REGULAR</b> Manager – Mike Silva Caller – Alexis Vaughn Rodd Carmean <b>Need a regular worker</b>
<b>INSTANT</b> Kelley Eramo Glen or Lori Huffman Paul Ringel Mike Silva	<b>INSTANT</b> Dan or Judy Fleshman Robyn Inks John or Mary Nininger Carol Waldo Matthew Stynchula	<b>INSTANT</b> Mark or Enith Sexton Virginia Allen Brian/Erin Bell Eric Braddock	<b>INSTANT</b> Mary Beth Culbertson Janice Hutton Russell Scott Carmen Pignatelli Brian or Tiffany Thimling Amy Berry
<b>KITCHEN</b> Julia Boop Maureen Hamby Linda Kaufman Raimonda Braddock	<b>KITCHEN</b> Sue Hamilton Amy Silva Chris Sullivan	<b>KITCHEN</b> Jason Burns Richard Emanuel Frank Gattas Mark Hunter Mark O'Loughlin	<b>KITCHEN</b> Mary Hermosilla Loreta Pignatelli Amanda Russell
<b>BAKERS</b> Rita Crissinger Tina-Marie Pagan Marty Smith Jennifer Granville Phim or Florence Biliran	<b>BAKERS</b> Adele Mulholland Mary Nininger Kathy Ogden Anne Williams	<b>BAKERS</b> Joyce Castorano Gretchen Tracy Susan Morales	<b>BAKERS</b> Renee Hunter Nancy Mullen Kim Kowal



## SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS FOR ALL!!

Your holiday season will be brighter for having shared your spirit of Christmas with others in our local community in one or more of the following ways:

## ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our Advent Giving Tree Program is in full swing. If you were unable to select an ornament last weekend, please visit our trees and select one or more ornaments. Most adult tags will have two items from which you can choose. Please purchase one of the items or you may purchase both. This is your choice. The children's tags will have one item listed. Please purchase only the one item listed and not any additional item, unless you wrap them in one package. Many have siblings who may only receive one gift and multiple presents to one sibling causes hurt feelings.

Please keep in mind that these gifts are moved between 7-10 times prior to making it to their final destination. We do appreciate the lovely decorations attached to the gifts but these items would be best placed **inside** the wrapped package. Wrap the gift and securely tape the tag to the package with the name of the recipient showing. **Gifts need to be returned next weekend, December 6/7, as our program will come to a close for 2008.** If you have any questions, please call Brenda Case at 361-3918.

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

**FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION:** After all Masses on November 29th and 30th, your St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting funds for those who are less fortunate. We only collect in the months which have five Sundays. This will be our last collection until the end of March and must last us through the winter.

**TOILETRY COLLECTION:** We are also collecting toiletries and personal care items for the homeless. The items needed are: body wash, bar soap, socks, gloves, hats, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotions, perfume or after shave. All sizes are acceptable. **Please note:** We cannot use any item containing alcohol (often found in mouthwash and sometimes found in other items like perfume and shampoo). There are collection boxes in the church's Gathering Space. Your donations may be made through Sunday, December 14th.

**CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM VOLUNTEER REQUESTS:** To assist with the Christmas Basket Program, we need approximately 35 drivers, a delivery assistant for each driver and as many basket preparers as possible. Basket preparers need only show up in the Parish Center at 6:00 p.m. or later on Friday, December 19th.

Drivers and delivery assistants should report by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 20th, for deliveries to begin at 10:00 a.m. Each driver will make approximately three to four deliveries and will be provided with a map for each delivery. The families to be delivered to will have been called in advance to make certain that they are home.

The only thing you need to qualify is a car, a willingness to pay for your own gas and a kind and generous nature that will be immeasurably repaid by experiencing the true gift of Christmas giving.

Please e-mail [cunningf@strsoh.org](mailto:cunningf@strsoh.org) or call Michael Cunningham at 614-878-3607 if you have any interest. We would love to have you join us. This is a good way to earn Service Hours!

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our next collection for the Westland Ministerial Association Food Pantry will be held on December 6 and 7. The pantry is in particular need of jelly, canned fruit, and Jell-O. Thank you for considering us when out shopping!

## IS HOLIDAY HELP NEEDED?

If you are aware of any Saint Cecilia parishioner who is in need of a Christmas basket, please call Jackie or Barb at the Parish Office (878-5353) with the name, address and phone number by December 5th. Information is strictly confidential. Thank you!

*Thank You For  
Helping*

## Readings for next Sunday, December 7

### Second Sunday in Advent

Reading I – Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Reading II – 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel – Mark 1:1-8

### LIFE FOCUS QUESTIONS

- What I need to make straight in my life to prepare the way of the Lord is...
- I have already experienced “a new heavens and a new earth” in...
- One example of the ongoing promise of the Gospel in my life is...

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

**Parent Baptism Class** – To have a child baptized at St. Cecilia, the parents of the child need to attend one of our Parent Baptism Classes. Preregistration for the class is required. Our next Baptism Class will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 14, in Meeting Room A of the Parish Center. If interested in this class, please call 878-5353. Arrangements for Baptisms are made after the class is attended and are confirmed through the Parish Office.

**Confirmation Candidates** are reminded that your Name Forms and (if needed) copies of Baptismal Certificates are due by Monday, December 1. We also remind you that December has lots of Service Hour opportunities in both the personal and community areas! If you need some time for parish service, consider Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6; helping with the Christmas Food Baskets on Friday and Saturday, December 19 and 20; or helping to decorate the church for Christmas.

**First Reconciliation** – As part of the preparation for this sacrament, Father Brosmer visited the second grade classrooms. The Penance Service for First Reconciliation will be held on Thursday, December 11, starting at 7:00 p.m. Families should sit together for the service. Parents are encouraged to precede their children in the celebration of the sacrament.

## VOCATION VIEWS

### FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait; be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be willing to be surprised.

## RCIA

Adults who are in the RCIA program are about to complete the first period (Evangelization and Precatechumenate). On Sunday, December 7, they will declare publicly their desire to follow Christ through the Catholic Church. Please pray for them and those who are assisting them in their journey – that these inquirers will hear and heed God’s will for them.

## FINANCES

Due to the early bulletin deadline, the collection for November 22 and 23 will appear in next week’s bulletin.

## COLLECTION COUNTERS

This Monday, December 1

Rita Crissinger and Eileen Fike

Next Monday, December 8

Patty Bond and David Gahn

## ALTAR LINEN CLEANING

December 2008 – Karen Mack

## VOCATIONS CHALICE

As a reminder to pray for vocations, the Vocations Chalice will be in the home of Mike and Mary Herмосilla this week. Parish members who wish to participate as hosts may sign up in the Gathering Space or call Tom and Tammy Bergman (801-1967).

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In this Season of Advent, don’t forget to thank the Lord for His gifts to us. One way to accomplish this is to spend some prayer time with the Blessed Sacrament. We invite you to attend our next parish Eucharistic Adoration Vigil in our Day Chapel, from 9:00 a.m. Friday, December 5, through just before the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 6. This month, our special prayer intention is for all those who are alone this holiday season. There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space for those who wish to commit to a particular time.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



This is the Patronal Feast of our nation and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at Saint Cecilia will be Monday, December 8, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## PARISH RECYCLING

The paper recycling has been so successful here that our parish has two bins for your use! If you are being buried in gift catalogues and other sales advertising, put it to good use by bringing the items here to be recycled! Junk mail, computer paper, copy paper and envelopes are welcome. Please remember, paper items only – no cardboard, wax paper, phone books, metal, plastics or glass. Thanks!

**Wednesday – 11:30 a.m.**  
**Join us in the Day Chapel to pray for**  
**ADVENT BLESSINGS**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 2008

5:00 p.m.

Word: Clare Bochy, Bob Bochy  
Eucharist: Barb Bochy, Mary Beth Culbertson, Anne Gordon, Darleen Hren #, Teresa Macioce \*\*, Dale/Nancy Mullen, Jane O’Loughlin #, Mark O’Loughlin #, Anita Ritter, Anne Williams, Phyliss Wuebold

Hospitality: Chris Beale, Jane Beale, Meredith Byron, Scott Shane, JoAnn Swaneck \*\*\*, Rusty Wuebold

Sacristan: Mark O’Loughlin

7:30 a.m.

Word: Valerie Edwards, Margie Wiltshire  
Eucharist: Karen Mack \*\*, Kathy Ogden #, Rita Stepka #, Bev Wiltshire, Dan Wiltshire

Hospitality: Jim Armstrong \*\*\*, Gloria Basobas, Joe Butts, Joyce Castorano, Rita Crissinger, Terry Edwards, Frank Gattas, Toni Miller, Chuck Morrissey, Bill Ogden, James Reed

Sacristan: Rita Stepka

9:30 a.m.

Word: Tony Stout, Emily Jones  
Eucharist: Holly Beardsley, Tom Beardsley, Vicky Chapman, Ray Good #, Dan Goodwin, Carlene Hamilton, Rose O’Connell, Thomas O’Connell, Marylou Sizemore #, Corinne Vaughn #, Mark Williams \*\*

Hospitality: Mike Biggs, Jacob Chapman, Cindy Cullen, David Dickson \*\*\*, Eric Fike, Bill Melville, Dave Peters, Bob Voigt, Nathan Voigt

Sacristan: Corinne Vaughn

12:00 noon

Word: David Dubiel, Mary Gibbons  
Eucharist: Charlotte Buerkle \*\*, Fred Buerkle, Rich Emanuel, Roberta Emanuel, Kathy Fiets, Glenn/Rita Law, Jim Martin #, Joanne Martin #, Christina McGilton #, Julie Morgan, Kelly Morgan

Hospitality: Adam Dixon, Joe Dixon \*\*\*, Bob Froelich, Craig Smith, James Smith

Sacristan: Jim Martin

# = Minister of the Host

\*\* = Eucharistic Minister Coordinator

\*\*\* = Hospitality Coordinator

## ALTAR SERVERS

Families of active altar servers were sent information on the Christmas holiday schedule. We ask that you consider which Mass dates and times will work with your family schedule and let us know of your availability (or lack thereof) by Wednesday, December 3rd. Thank you!

## JUST A REMINDER

Our Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Sunday childcare and P.S.R. classes are on their Thanksgiving Break this Sunday and Monday, November 30 and December 1.

# ADVENT

## Advent is a time to STAY AWAKE

*In the darkness of winter, we wait for the light to come – the LIGHT of the world, Jesus Christ. We keep our eyes open to that which has already been given to us and anticipate the one to come: Emmanuel. Provided by the Marriage and Family Life Office, Diocese of Columbus.*

## ST. CECILIA EARLY CHILDHOOD AND CHILDCARE COOKIE TRAY SALE

You can purchase delicious Christmas cookie trays at Breakfast with Santa on December 6th and after the Masses on the weekend of December 6th and 7th. The small trays are \$10.00; large trays are \$20.00. We will also have gourmet candy apples, buckeyes and pizzelles available for sale. The annual sale benefits St. Cecilia’s Early Childhood and Childcare Programs!

## ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

The Advent and Christmas edition of “One Bread, One Body,” a devotional booklet, is now available at the pamphlet rack below the bulletin board. A donation of \$1.00 is suggested.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Our annual Advent Service of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 14th, at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Please join the choir in the church for a beautiful concert of seasonal music of reflection and meditation. Give yourself the gift of beauty and peace in the midst of a busy season.

## PLEASE NOTE

**Early deadlines:** Due to holiday and vacation schedules, the deadline for the January *News from the Pews* is Friday, December 5th.

The deadline for the Sunday, December 28th bulletin will be 12:00 noon on Friday, December 19th; for January 4, 2009, the deadline is 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 23rd.

## CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE

Don’t miss the chance to take a chance on a beautiful handmade Christmas Quilt being raffled off by the Saint Cecilia Quilt Group. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all the Masses Saturday and Sunday, November 29th and 30th. Chances are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. The drawing will be held the next weekend.