

“And the
Word
became flesh and
dwelt
among us.”

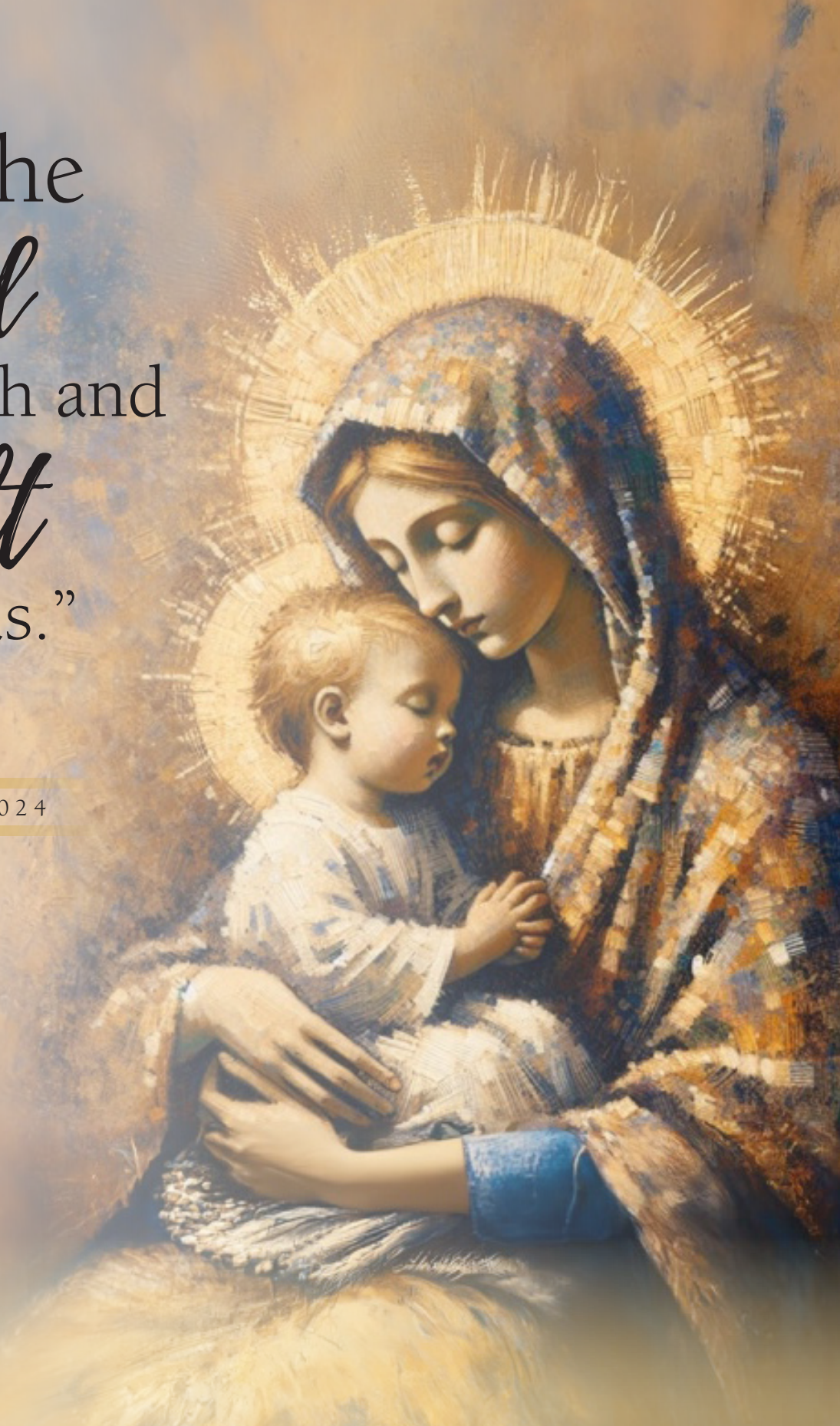
- John 1:14

CHRISTMAS 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 7th
St. Raymond of Penafort
8:00 a.m. † Peggy Sue Brennan

Wednesday, January 8th
Christmas Weekday
5:30 p.m. † Bev Stegman

Thursday, January 9th
Christmas Weekday
8:00 a.m. † Bill McCarthy

Friday, January 10th
Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. † Ruth Beck

Saturday, January 11th
Christmas Weekday
8:00 a.m. † Ron Meyer
4:30 p.m. † Leonard Geiger

Sunday, January 12th
The Baptism of the Lord
10:00 a.m. Members of the Parish

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION
January 11th & 12th**

4:30 p.m. Host: Joliene Garlich

Cup: Sarah Meisenhelder, Gina New, Tom New, Lois Roell

10:00 a.m. Host: Kelly Johnson, Dana Ruwe, Noah Shaefer

Cup: Betsy Stegner, Kathy Woltermann, Peggy Birkenhauer,
Pat Desmond

**LECTORS
January 11th & 12th**

4:30 p.m. Debbie Rolf
10:00 a.m. David Sower

**SERVER SCHEDULE
January 7th-12th**

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday
Owen Marx, Silas West

5:30 p.m. – Wednesday
Caroline Holbrook, Connor Stacey

8:00 a.m. – Thursday
Michael Hicks, Brooklyn Burkart

8:30 a.m. – Friday
Ava Hamberg, Rachel Burkart, McKenzie Collopy

8:00 a.m. – Saturday
George Josten, James Josten

4:30 p.m. – Saturday
Addie Hess, Marley Hess, Adeline Bozeman, Carden Bozeman

10:00 a.m. – Sunday
Colin Desmond, Grant Desmond, McKenna Desmond,
Reese Desmond

**GREETERS SCHEDULE
January 11th & 12th**

4:30 p.m. Dee Macke
10:00 a.m. Bob & Elise Rulli, Rick Schmidt

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	<u>12/15/2024</u>	<u>12/17/2023</u>
Weekly Offering	\$27,168	\$25,940
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$353,521	\$372,673
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$429,327	\$585,271
Fiscal Annual Budget 2024/25	\$950,000	\$1,260,000
Number of registered families	334	371
Tuition Assistance awarded for 2024/25	\$0	\$0
Tuition Assistance donations FYD	\$331	\$277
School Registration for 2024-25	106	
School Registration for 2023-24		116
DPAA 2024	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>
	\$71,000	\$91,290
		<u>Over</u>
		\$20,290

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

THIS WEEK**MONDAY**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Mass 8:00 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 a.m.

Confessions, 5:30 p.m.

Benediction, 6:45 p.m.

Rosary, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Catholic Education, 7:00 p.m., PCMR

WEDNESDAY

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3:30

Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Loreto, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3:30

Choir, 6:30 p.m., Church

Boosters, 7:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

FRIDAY

Mass, 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Confessions immediately following Mass

Mass 4:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

Mass, 10:00 a.m.

School Open House, 11:00 a.m.

Small Faith Group Kickoff Event, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

Please Pray for Our Sick

Doug Powrie, Tom & Mary Ann Ferring, Sherry Milleck, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Ann Basham, Bob Rulli, Cris Bear, Larry Beiting, David Garner & Gabby Thomas. Also, remember all our parishioners in nursing homes as well as those confined to their homes in your prayers.

Please Pray for the Following Soldiers Serving Our Country

William Pikar, Luke Norman, Jay Blinn, Michael Beiting, Joe Fitzgerald, Brian Clayton, Michael Dunn, Trent Moeves, James Taft III, Drew Cecil, Zack Hehman, Adam Kramer, Wolfgang Davis, Clint & Sarah Brandt, Mark Marten, Zachary Dunn and Fr. Bill Appel.

IN OUR PARISH

NEWS FROM IGNITING OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH!

By now you should have received the 2025 Stewardship pledge card asking you to consider how you can support the parish financially with a commitment of your treasure. In conjunction with the financial campaign, we have also developed a survey to focus on how you give your time and talent. The survey displays all the ways to be involved in our parish and allows parishioners to indicate both current involvement and areas of interest in 2025. We ask all parishioners to complete both the Stewardship Commitment pledge card and the Time & Talent survey by January 10, 2025. Please complete one survey per adult member of your household. You can submit your pledge card as well as the time and talent survey online at our website, www.stcky.org or if you prefer a paper copy, they will be available at the back of church or in the Parish Office.

– **1 Peter 4:10** *“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”*

BUSINESS MANAGER OPENING – Our current Business Manager, Dennis Hicks, has decided to retire for a second time. He will continue in the role until a replacement is on board. We are grateful for the work he’s done and for his commitment to ensuring a smooth transition. This part-time position (approximately 20 hours) reports to the pastor regarding all financial and other business-related activities of the parish. Candidates will have at least a high school diploma or equivalent, have previous accounting/bookkeeping/business experience, preferably in a Catholic parish or school. Must be skilled in current software and online applications, be organized, and able to work without direct supervision. Must pass a background check. Candidates need not be Roman Catholic, but must be living a life consistent with Catholic values and be supportive of the Catholic mission. Interested candidates should send a resume to Fr. Stef at sbankemper@stcky.org.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

The winner for the week of December 23rd was Rob Roberts.

Congratulations!

If you haven’t purchased your tickets yet, it’s not too late!

Stop by the Parish Office and get in on the chance to win \$100.00 a week!



SMALL FAITH GROUPS EVENT NEXT SUNDAY!

As most of you know, St. Catherine has the tradition of hosting small faith groups where small groups of 4 to 10 or 12 adults read, watch or listen to something pertaining to an aspect of our faith, then come together for a discussion. These small faith groups offer adults an opportunity to form lasting relationships with other parishioners, grow and learn about our rich and beautiful Catholic faith, and deepen their spiritual life.

Whether you are currently in a small faith group or would just like to find out more about them, we ask you to join us at our January 12th social to enjoy some light refreshments, learn more about the topic for the next session and, if needed, find a group to join. In the meantime, look around at Mass or during school drop-off/pickup for others you could ask to join you.

You need not be a theologian to facilitate or join a group! The intention is to grow and learn together, hearing God speak to you through others is a powerful way to strengthen your faith life!

Let the Holy Spirit set our hearts on fire within small groups as we Gather in Faith, Share in Hope and Grow in love.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR PARISH MISSION!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the evenings of February 2nd, 3rd and 4th for our Parish Mission. Fr. Kevin Scalf from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be our presenter. More information about the event will follow, but for now, mark those dates and plan to attend!

SMALL FAITH GROUPS
KICKOFF
Event

SUNDAY • JAN 12TH • 6:30 P.M.
MCCRYSTAL HALL

**COME AND ENJOY SOME LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS AND LEARN ABOUT
THE TOPIC FOR THE UPCOMING
SMALL FAITH GROUP SESSION.**

**WHETHER YOU ARE CURRENTLY
IN A SMALL FAITH GROUP,
ARE LOOKING FOR A GROUP TO JOIN
OR WOULD JUST LIKE TO FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT THEM,
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



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**JOIN US FOR SHAKEN NOT STIRRED...
AN EVENING OF MYSTERY AND INTRIGUE!**

The event will be held at the Fort Thomas Mess Hall on Saturday, January 25th from 7:00-11:00 p.m. and will take you on a trip down memory lane, celebrating 50 years of James Bond, and includes a catered buffet dinner, martini-themed bars, live jazz music and top-secret games. The major raffle Grand Prize is a vacation package for two. This seven-day adventure includes six-nights lodging with visits to Bond movie locations including Amsterdam, Rome, and London. Also provided are James Bond tours in each city and airfare! Second Prize is admission for two to the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., along with a \$500.00 Marriott Hotels gift card. Third Prize is our “Casino Royal Package,” including a poker chip and card set, a poker table-top cover, and a martini cocktail service set, along with starter supplies. Other separate raffle items will include an assortment of bourbons, an assortment of martini spirits, and the full collection of James Bond movies on Blu-Ray. There will also be a silent auction, featuring a variety of gift baskets. We encourage individuals and/or any parish groups to consider donating baskets/prize packages. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in doing this. Tickets for the dinner party are \$70.00 per guest and Raffle Tickets are \$50.00 each. Both can be purchased online on our website or in the Parish Office.

WORD OF LIFE “Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united Himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with Him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect His glory in the world.”

– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”

ST. BERNARD PANTRY – The pantry is always in need of any nonperishable food items, (peanut butter, cereal, pasta and sauce, canned soup, beans, etc.) paper products and hygiene items for their clients. Additionally, they need clean, plastic bags for food distribution purposes to their clients. All donations are gratefully accepted and can be dropped off in the box at the Rossford entrance or Parish Office. Please be mindful of the Expiration Date or the Best Used by Date when considering your donation. If each family donated just one food item per month, what a difference we could make!

IN OUR DIOCESE

MEN’S STAG – Newport Central Catholic is hosting a Men’s Stag on Saturday, January 11th from 7:00-11:00 p.m. in the school gym. The cost is \$20.00, \$10.00 Seniors (65+) cash at the door. Come enjoy the fellowship while watching the NFL Wild Card game and UK basketball game on the big screens. Admission will include beer, soft drinks and coney. There will be Split-the-Pot, a bourbon raffle and other raffle items. We hope you can join us.

ELSEWHERE

IRENA’S VOW – CATHOLIC CULTURE AT THE ARONOFF! Step into the shadows of Nazi-occupied Poland and witness the gripping, true story of Irena Gut Opdyke, a young Catholic housemaid who risked her life to shelter over a dozen Jews in the home of a German officer. Presented by The Angelico Project, this is more than theater – it’s a chance to support local Catholic culture and invite friends and family to encounter Truth, Goodness, and Beauty! Learn more by visiting AngelicoProject.org. Showtimes are Friday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 18th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Location: Jarson-Kaplan Theater, Aronoff Center. Tickets: CincinnatiArts.ORG or call 513-621-2787 (ARTS)

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