

**Mass Intentions This Week****Saturday, December 15, 2018**

4:00 PM †Frank & Angie Dinovo—Their Children  
**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)  
 12:00 PM Spanish Mass— Jeanne Vicario-Diana & Vicki  
**Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

8:00 AM †Mary Kay Purcell Allen-Julie Kennedy  
**Thursday, December 20, 2018**

6:15 PM †Fran,Betty,Stevens Hutchins-Jon & Vicki Hutchins  
 6:45 PM Adoration and Confession  
**Saturday, December 22, 2018**

4:00 PM †Angie Dinovo-Theresa & Brant Dunn  
**Sunday, December 23, 2018-Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

*Additional Masses at St Mary of Woods:* Saturday, 6:00 pm and Sunday, 8:00 am; Wed. 8:00 am, Thurs, 6:15 pm, second and fourth Thursday of the month, Fri., 8:00 am, beginning Sunday, 27 May 10:00 am Mass

Weekend Mass Attendance: 5 Dec 2016: 405

**Parish Offering Weekend: 1 and 2 December 2018**

Sunday Offering	\$7,537.52
Improvement Fund	\$ 410.00
Assessment	\$ 86.00
Human Development	\$ 6.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Advent	\$1,157.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$9,206.52</b>

**December, 2018 Lay Ministry****Sat Dec 22, 4:00 p.m.**

Mus/Cant: Judy Wells, Tim Smith  
 Serv: Cameron & Cale Kline, Jay Tuttle, A. Marcelli  
 Lect: Bill O'Connor, Sharon Hess  
 Min: Liz Marchal, Mary Smith, Anthony Marcelli

**Sat Dec 23, 10:00 a.m.**

Mus/Cant: Leanna/Adult Choir, Mary Foust, John Vicario  
 Serv: Spencer & Sloan Stolly, Utah Coleman, A. Marcelli  
 Lect: Eric Tom, Kelsey Baughman  
 Min: Becky Meyer, Bill O'Connor, Anthony Marcelli

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE****Monday, Dec 24 4:00p.m.**

Mus/Cant: Tammy/Keith, Saul Bauer, Kathy LeVan  
 Serv: Kevin, Brenden, Connor, Ruth Eckstein  
 Lect: Anne Reames, Keith LeVan  
 Min: Theresa & Brant Dunn Anthony Maracelli

**Monday, Dec 24, 11:00 p.m..**

Mus/Cant: Tammy & Keith, Saul Bauer, Kathy LeVan  
 Serv: James & Megan Dillon, Fiona & Liam Sweeney  
 Lect: Lisa Brandel, Sean Coakley  
 Min: Rose Lyons, Wendy Miller, Anthony Marcelli

**Tuesday, Dec 25, 10:00 a.m.**

Mus/Cant: Judy Wells, John Vicario  
 Serv: Cameron & Cale Kline, Anthony Marcelli  
 Lect: Mindy Bailey, Bonnie Verseles  
 Min: Jennifer & Patrick Tynan, Anthony Marcelli

***Third Week***

We beseech Thee to listen to our prayers, O Lord, and by the grace of thy coming enlighten our darkened minds: Thou who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

On the third Sunday in Advent, Gaudete Sunday, the Church can no longer contain her joyful longing for the coming of the Savior. We light the rose candle and rejoice that our redemption is so close at hand. Gaudete comes from the Latin Antiphon, which begins, "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete .. " [Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice ... ].

**NATIVITY SCENE**

The tradition of having a nativity scene or "crèche" was made popular by St. Francis of Assisi. It is a reproduction of the cave in Bethlehem with Mary, Joseph, the infant Jesus in a manger, shepherds, angels, and animals. Each night during Advent, children are encouraged to place in the manger one piece of straw for each good deed done that day by a family member. This Advent tradition combines the spirit of conversion and the coming of Jesus. There is a blessing ceremony provided by the Church in the Book of Blessings for the crèche.

**The bulletins and calendars can be read on line**

St Patrick Church: [www.catholicbellefontaine.org](http://www.catholicbellefontaine.org)

St Mary of the Woods: [www.saintmaryofthewoods.com](http://www.saintmaryofthewoods.com)

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (592.9455)**

Hours: 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday; 5:00 pm, Wednesday

Dates: 27,28 & 29 Nov, Money spent: \$1,015.00

Need laundry detergent, tuna men's & women's deodorant **THANK YOU!!**

**ANGEL OF GOD, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen**

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**  
**Intention:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Offered by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date requested:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mass requested:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**We will make every attempt to get them on the date you Request, however, funerals, prior requests and other events may prevent this.**



**COMING UP—SAVE THE DATE**

**Dec 30, K of C Breakfast** (after 10 am Mass)

**Jan 7, 7:00-9:00 pm (RCIA Rm) Bible Study Begins**

**Jan 11, The Retrouvaille Program helps couples restores & rebuild a loving relationship it is for couples struggling, not communicating well, who are considering separation or divorce. For more info: [www.cincyretrouvaille.org](http://www.cincyretrouvaille.org) or call 1.513.456.5413**

**Rest in the Peace of Christ: Mr. Dan Wells**

***Schedule of Christmas Masses***

**December 24**

**4:00 pm Mass St Patrick Church**  
**6:00 pm Mass at Saint Mary of Woods**  
**11:00 pm Mass St Patrick Church**

**December 25**

**8:00 am Mass at Saint Mary of Woods**  
**10:00 am Mass at St Patrick Church**

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:**

***Distributors to the sick and home-bound ...your parish is in need of help to perform this minister. Please call the office 592-1656 to make arrangements to perform this ministry.***



**Preparing for the True Meaning of Christmas**

"In Advent, Christians relive a dual impulse of the spirit: on the one hand, they raise their eyes towards the final destination of their pilgrimage through history, which is the glorious return of the Lord Jesus; on the other, remembering with emotion his birth in Bethlehem, they kneel before the Crib.

The hope of Christians is turned to the future but remains firmly rooted in an event of the past. In the fullness of time, the Son of God was born of the Virgin Mary: "Born of a woman, born under the law", as the Apostle Paul writes (Gal4:4).

*Pope Benedict XVI, -First Sunday of Advent*

During the Season of Advent we join the thousand-year expectation for the Messiah on the part of God's people of the Old Covenant, and look forward to His coming at Christmas. The Messianic hope was kept alive by the Prophets like Micah, who prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Our prayer should be filled with the hope of Israel and its thousand-year expectation in order to prepare us to hear the tidings of great joy announced by the Angels at Christmas.

We are encouraged by the Church to pray with the three greatest figures who originally prepared for Christ's coming in the flesh: the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Mary the Mother of God. By concentrating on them, we can benefit from His coming to us in Mystery at Christmas and in Majesty at the end of the world.

Each of these three can show us the virtues we should have in preparing for Christmas and bringing Christ into our lives and to the world. Among these virtues are listening to God's Word without preconception, understanding it without pretense, and responding to it without reserve. The most important virtue is to put God first in our lives, to carry out His will, and to lead others to Christ.

By preparing for the Lord's coming time and again at Christmas, we prepare for His final coming when He will establish the Kingdom of God, His Father, and be glorified in all those who have believed in Him

**—ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE MASSES: SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM, SATURDAYS AT 3:30 PM, AND TUESDAYS AT 7:30 AM!!!**