



# November 25, 2018

## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### Saint Henry Cluster Parishes

*"We are all in this together."*

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St. Aloysius  
Carthage



St. Bernard  
Burkettsville



St. Francis  
Cranberry Prairie



St. Henry  
St. Henry



St. Wendelin  
Wendelin

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**Monday - Thursday**  
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**Friday**  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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- **New Parishioners** - to register for any parish
- **Baptism** - to schedule Baptism. Baptism Preparation class is required.
- **Marriage** - to schedule a date and for more information. Preparation must begin at least 6 months in advance
- **Sick or Homebound** - to receive Holy Communion in the home and for Anointing of the Sick.

*Christ at the Center*



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#### Regular Mass Schedule

**Weekdays** ..... 7:30 a.m. (unless noted)

St. Aloysius ..... Monday  
St. Bernard ..... Tuesday  
St. Francis ..... Wednesday  
St. Henry ..... 7:15 a.m. Thursday  
Gardens at St. Henry ..... 2:00 p.m. Thursday  
St. Wendelin ..... Friday

#### Saturday Mass

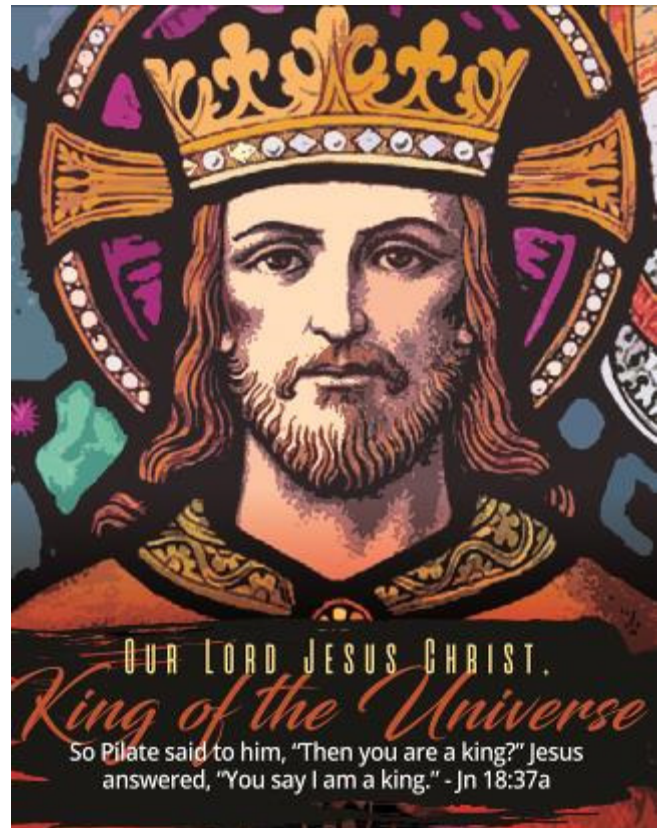
St. Henry ..... 4:30 p.m.  
St. Bernard ..... 7:30 p.m.

#### Sunday Mass

St. Wendelin ..... 7:30 a.m.  
St. Aloysius ..... 8:00 a.m.  
St. Henry ..... 9:00 a.m.  
St. Bernard ..... 9:30 a.m.  
St. Francis ..... 10:30 a.m.  
St. Henry ..... 11:00 a.m.

#### Confession Schedules

Weekdays after the 7:30 a.m. Mass  
Thursday before First Friday 3:00 p.m. at St. Henry  
Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at St. Henry



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## Websites of Interest

St. Marys Deanery – [stmarysdeanery.com](http://stmarysdeanery.com)  
 Sunday & Daily Readings – [uscbb.org/hab](http://uscbb.org/hab)  
 Traveling? - [TheCatholicDirectory.com](http://TheCatholicDirectory.com)

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, November 26**  
 7:30 a.m. St. Aloysius ..... Faithful Departed

**Tuesday, November 27**  
 7:30 a.m. St. Bernard ..... Bill Sommer

**Wednesday, November 28**  
 7:30 a.m. St. Francis ..... Mary Lou Alt

**Thursday, November 29**  
 7:15 a.m. St. Henry ..... Albin & Lucille Kramer & Shirley Kremer  
 2:00 p.m. Gardens ..... Richard Stachler

**Friday, November 30**  
 7:30 a.m. St. Wendelin ..... Al, Marcella & Bill Larger

**Saturday, December 1**  
 4:30 p.m. St. Henry ..... Rosalind Gottes, L/D Ray & Agnes Puthoff Family,  
 Ralph & Mary Tumbusch, Tony Feltz,  
 Gene Drosch, Alice Rose, Brenda Reichert,  
 Pat & Barb Romer

7:30 p.m. St. Bernard ..... Faithful Departed

**Sunday, December 2**  
 7:30 a.m. St. Wendelin ..... Joseph Nieport, Matt Rosenback,  
 Sylvester & Hilda Rosenbeck  
 8:00 a.m. St. Aloysius ..... Roman Evers,  
 L/D Cletus & Florence Hemmelgarn Family  
 9:00 a.m. St. Henry ..... For the People  
 9:30 a.m. St. Bernard ..... Tom & Dolly Hemmelgarn, Phyllis Stachler,  
 Ruth Twaits, Reuben & Lucille Sutter,  
 Eugene & Lorena Rindler

10:30 a.m. St. Francis ..... Faithful Departed  
 11:00 a.m. St. Henry ..... Floyd Niekamp, Deb Buehler,  
 L/D Kahlig-Everman Families, L/D Speck-Sutter Families

- When St. Henry School is delayed/closed due to weather **SCHEDULED DAILY MASS, Exposition & Communion to the homebound are cancelled. Exposition scheduled for that day is also cancelled. People are still welcome to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.**
- Funeral Mass—Daily Mass...** With two priests we are able to make a change effective immediately. **DAILY MASS** at 7:30 AM will be held according to the schedule: (Monday at St. Aloysius, Tuesday at St. Bernard, Wednesday at St. Francis, Thursday at Saint Henry and Friday at Saint Wendelin). The daily mass will only be cancelled at the parish at which the Funeral Mass will be held. People are still welcome to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

## Attendance & Collection - Nov. 11, 2018

**St. Aloysius**  
 Attendance ..... 90  
 Sunday Offering ..... \$  
 Donation ..... \$  
 Cemetery Fund ..... \$

**St. Bernard** (Weekly goal – \$2,150.00)  
 Attendance ..... 163 (7:30pm) 237 (9:30am)  
 Sunday Offering ..... \$  
 (59 env. \$0; loose \$0)

**St. Francis**  
 Attendance ..... 250  
 Sunday Offering ..... \$  
 CCD Tuition ..... \$  
 Candles ..... \$  
 Miscellaneous ..... \$

**St. Henry** (Weekly goal – \$9,260.00)  
 Attendance ..... 436 (4:30pm) 328 (9am) 410 (11am)  
 Sunday Offering ..... \$  
 (196 env. \$0; loose \$0)  
 CCD Tuition ..... \$  
 Candles ..... \$  
 Cemetery Fund ..... \$  
 Miscellaneous ..... \$

**St. Wendelin**  
 Attendance ..... 134  
 Sunday Offering ..... \$  
 (26? env. \$; loose \$0)  
 CCD Tuition ..... \$  
 Candles ..... \$

## Reflection on Today's Readings – November 25, 2018 Christ the King

If you brought your child to the restroom during the Liturgy of the Word, you might walk away with one of two interpretations of Jesus as King. The first and second readings are bold and victorious. We see Christ coming on the clouds for the final judgment of heaven and earth. The Gospel sets a very different tone. Jesus is under arrest and facing death before Pontius Pilate. We know how this story will end. So if Christ is King, what does it mean? Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant? "My kingdom does not belong to this world." Here is the heart of Jesus' reign. He is a king -- and his "subjects" are alive and well on earth -- but, ultimately, Jesus' kingdom transcends our earthly concepts of power. Jesus faced down the temptation of a solely earthly kingship. At the close of his 40 days in the desert, the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world. Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values and worship Satan. The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ are present to us today. Jesus' invitation also endures. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It is important for us to belong to the full truth of Christ's kingdom. First, our own hearts must be transformed. Our own rebellions in favor of selfishness and against holiness must be conquered by God's grace. Second, we must work to transform the world as best we can in our own corner of it. Like Jesus shows us by his life and death, this doesn't mean domination. It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love. Our lives must "testify to the truth" of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his people. That is the true beauty of Christ the King!

**Adults:** What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?

**Kids:** What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?

### Next week's Readings: December 2 – 1st Sunday of Advent

**Reading I:** Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (Restoration of Jerusalem)

**Reading II:** 1 Thess. 3: 12- 4:2 (Plea for growth in holiness)

**Gospel:** Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36 (Coming of the son of man)

# The Seed

Grow where you are planted.

November 25, 2018

Today we celebrate Jesus as our King. But in the gospel, Jesus seems rather uncomfortable with this title. When Pilate says to him, "So then you are a king," Jesus responds, "You say that I am a king." Why is it that Jesus brushes aside the title that Pilate wants to give him? Partially, of course, it is because Pilate's notion of kingship and Jesus' notion are two different things. But I think it goes deeper than that.

Jesus refuses to let Pilate give him a name, because Jesus already knows his name. He is the beloved Son of God. His identity is grounded in his relationship with the Father. His strength and his mission flow from the deep love that Jesus knows God has for him. Jesus is so rooted in that love, that he will not allow Pilate or anyone else to define who he is.

We are called to imitate Jesus in all things. So certainly, here we should also follow his example. At our baptism, we became beloved sons and daughters of God. It is right for us, then, to claim that dignity and live it. We should not accept lesser titles which others may try to give us.

When we allow other people to define us, those definitions often lead to sadness and discouragement. Perhaps it is a parent who we have never been able to please or a brother or sister with whom we are always in competition. Perhaps it is a friend who we love but of whom we are also somewhat jealous. When any of these people criticize us or tease us or ignore us, they are giving us a name, and that name may call us weak, wounded, or worthless. To the extent that we accept that name, we lessen our life. We end up being angry, doubting ourselves and resenting others. We lose the energy that we need to be good spouses, parents and friends. We find that we are never truly happy and without even knowing it, living our lives out as victims.

On this feast of Christ the King Jesus invites us to accept our true name, a name that flows from our relationship with God who made us, and saved us and promised us eternal life. Contrary to other voices that would name us as marginal or useless, Jesus calls us to accept our status that flows from the love of God.

When the Pilates of our lives say to us, "So then, you are this or you are that," we should respond with Jesus, "That is what you say, But I know who I am, I am a beloved child of God no matter what my age or what my story."

**With Thanksgiving and Black Friday behind us**, our society and our lives begin to focus on Christmas as we begin our journey through the Season of Advent. The air is full of Advent and Christmas themes: family, peace shopping, joy, waiting, and a general admonition to be jolly and merry. But the first reading on the first Sunday of Advent from the Book of Jeremiah introduces another theme not ordinarily associated with Christmas but one that lies at its heart, the theme of justice. Jeremiah says, that a day will come when a just shoot will be raised up", someone who will establish what is just and what is right in the land. As Christians we see Jesus as the fulfillment of Jeremiah's promise. Therefore, we can ascribe to Jesus the title that Jeremiah uses, "The Lord, our justice." This title is not normally associated with Christmas. The usual title for this season is "the Prince of Peace." But the two titles work together, Justice and peace are partners. In the famous words of Pope Paul VI, "If you want peace work for justice."

**Happy Advent!**

*Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S.*



# Cluster Information

## Bulletin Deadline

Deadline for bulletin information is Monday of each week at 12:00 noon. **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:** With the Holidays around the corner we have to submit the bulletin early to our printer, LPI. The following is the dates we will need your information so it can be submitted on time.

### Christmas

- † Dec. 23 Bulletin – deadline Wed., Dec. 12 at 12 noon
- † Dec. 30 bulletin – deadline Mon., Dec. 17 at 12 noon

## Address, Phone & Email changes

Please contact your Parish Life Coordinator or the Cluster Office at 419-678-4118 if your address, phone numbers or email has changed so we can keep our records up to date. Thank you!

## Decree on Child Protection/VIRTUS Bulletins

The required monthly bulletins are posted on the first Sunday of each calendar month. To register for VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and choose the yellow "Registration" link in the left hand column. Any questions please call the Cluster Office 419-678-4118.

**Decree on Child Protection:** If you are a volunteer that works with youth or an employee in the St. Henry Cluster and have not yet attended a **VIRTUS CLASS** here is an opportunity:

- **Wed., Nov. 28 - St. Henry CCD Center, 7:00 p.m.**

**You must pre-register online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).** Click on "First-time Registrant"; click on "Begin the registration process"; click on "select your organization & scroll down to "Cincinnati, OH (archdiocese); click "select". You will then need to create a User ID & Password. Then continue on with your registration. **DO NOT** do the Selection.com background check at this time. Contact the cluster office after you have attended the class. Any questions or problems call the cluster office, 419-678-4118.

## Hospital Notification

Please call the cluster office if one of your family members is in any hospital or nursing homes. We do not receive any information from any hospitals or nursing homes due to their privacy laws. Please remember to pray for those who are sick, in the hospital, in nursing homes, and homebound in our cluster parishes.

## In the Military: Please pray for:



Capt. **Matthew Lauber**, National Guard (SA); SSgt. **Adam Wolters**, US Marines (SA); Tech. Sergeant **Mark D. Heitkamp**, USAF (SB); LCPL **David Dennings**; AN **Zachary Miller**, US Navy (SB); SSgt. **Darren J. Siefring** USAF (SB);

Capt. **Daniel & Jackie Stammen**, USAF (SB); CPL **Dylan Bruening**, US Marines (SH); Pvt. **Christina Imel**, National Guard (SH); Sergeant **Klint Hemmelgarn**, National Guard (SH); MSgt. **Danielle Kremer**, USAF (SH); Sgt. **Cory Mescher** National Guard (SH); PV2 **Jake Schlarman**, Army National Guard (SH); Lt. Col. **Charles (Chuck) Whitsett**, US Army (formerly of SH); SrA **Austin Clune**, Air National Guard (SH). *If you would like to add the names of family members who are in the military to this list email [shclusteroffice@hotmail.com](mailto:shclusteroffice@hotmail.com) or call 419-678-4118.*



**LIVING WATERS PRAYER GROUP** meets every Monday, gathering

around 7:30 p.m. in Saint Henry Church basement. It offers a joyful time of praise and worship, listening to the Word of God and open to the charisms and healing gifts of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome ... all ages.

**ROSARY** will be said for world peace on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m., at St. Henry Church.

# Sacraments



## 2nd Sunday of the Month

**During Mass** - St. Aloysius & St. Henry 11 a.m.  
**After Mass** - St. Bernard, 1:00 p.m.

## 3rd Sunday of the Month

**During Mass** - St. Wendelin, St. Francis, St. Bernard  
**After Mass** - St. Henry, 1:00 p.m.

Call the Cluster office in advance to schedule. Baptism Preparation Class is required, and is held every **3 months**. Our next **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS** will be held **Tuesday, December 4, 2018**. If you are expecting a child and did not attend this class in the past, call the Cluster office to register, 419-678-4118.



To schedule a date or for more information contact the Cluster Office. The Saint Henry Cluster requires at least 6 months before the date to begin the wedding process. An initial meeting is required before a date will be scheduled at the church for your wedding.

**Weddings outside our Cluster Parishes:** If you are getting married in a parish outside of our cluster and would like to have your Banns published in the bulletin contact the cluster office (419-678-4118) at least 4 weeks prior to the wedding.

## Banns of Marriage ~ November 25, 2018

### St. Henry:

**Ann I:** Kyle Bruggeman, St. Henry, son of Jerome & Doris Bruggeman - **Robin Buschur**, Holy Trinity, Coldwater, daughter of Joan Buschur & the late Dale Buschur (12/15/18)



**2019 CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation for 2019 will be held on **Saturday, February 23 at St. Bernard Parish at 4:30 p.m. with Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr.**

## 2019 FIRST COMMUNION DATES are as follows:

### Sunday, May 5, 2019

St. Wendelin - 7:30 a.m. Mass  
St. Henry - 11:00 a.m. Mass

### Sunday, May 12, 2019

St. Bernard - 9:30 a.m. Mass  
St. Aloysius - 8:00 a.m. Mass  
St. Francis - 10:30 a.m. Mass



The **ADORATION MINISTRY** can always use new members. Currently St. Aloysius is in need of extra adorers at the 10 am, 1pm, and 2pm hours. If interested, please call Kristie Evers at 419-925-4419. If interested in volunteering at another time or place, please call Sharon Rindler (St. Francis) at 419-925-5207; Sandy Post (St. Bernard) at 419-375-1431; Peg Fullenkamp (St. Henry) at 419-678-8061; or Diana Koesters (St. Wendelin) at 419-375-2383.

Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT!** As a Cluster, the money we raised is to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on "How to Give" on the left.

**D OF I CHRISTMAS PARTY** Tues. Dec 11, starting at 6:00PM at 3Gs, Dinner at 6:30. A \$7.00 charge for dinner. For reservations call Joann Holdheide at 419-6784495 or Marge Lefeld at 419-678-4582 or email at [mblefeld@hotmail.com](mailto:mblefeld@hotmail.com)

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS FUN EVENT** sponsored by the St. Henry K of C at the St. Henry K of C Hall on **Sunday, December 2, noon-2pm**. Lighting and blessing of the Nativity at noon followed by free carriage rides (if weather permits), greetings from Santa Claus, children's Christmas crafts and games, caroling, and refreshments. All are invited.

**CALL FOOD & CLOTHING PANTRY.** Collections boxes are always available at all of our Cluster Parishes. Donations of canned & nonperishable foods and baby items are welcomed. Collection bins are located at each church entrance for food and baby items only. Accepting gently used clothing of all sizes. Please drop them off at their Celina location. The items for the month of **December** are **fruit & boxed food**.



**ADVENT WREATHS AND CANDLES FOR SALE:** Candles (\$4) and the wreaths (\$5) are available in the entranceways of our Cluster Parishes. Envelopes for your payment are provided.

Copies of the **LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT** are available at the church entrances. Pick up a copy to help you grow in faith and prepare for Christmas.

Join us on Sunday, December 9th at St. Francis Parish as the children of St. Aloysius and St. Francis parishes **RETELL THE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN BETHLEHEM**. Doors open at 6:30. Music by the St. Francis choir begins at 6:40 pm with the play starting at 7:00. Refreshments for all served immediately following the play.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENT PACKETS** are due Friday, December 7 to the St. Henry CCD Center. Thank you.



St. Henry church has installed a **T-COIL HEARING SYSTEM** in their church. People who have T-Coil equipped hearing aids or cochlear implants will be able to hear all broadcast sound clearly--sound will be free of distortion and echo. You will just need to activate your T-Coil on your hearing aids--you will need to contact your hearing aid professional if you are not sure if your hearing aid has this feature.

## St. Henry Cluster Mission Group

Helping others locally & globally

### MISSION RAFFLE TICKETS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

Please return your **Mission raffle tickets** in the church collection. It's your chance to win all next year!

You can get additional tickets from Dave Kaiser at 419-678-2569 or any Cluster Mission officer. Please drop into the collection or send to Dave Kaiser, 481 Bernard Ave., St. Henry, OH 45883.

**Mollie B** will be performing on December 13 at Romers. For tickets, please contact Romers at 419-678-8482. Proceeds benefit the St. Henry Cluster Missions.

### Raffle Winners for the month November are

- \$100 - Logan Luthman
- \$50 - Kenneth Schlater
- \$30 - Gary & Elaine Broering
- \$20 - Lester Evers

Congratulations to the Winners.

## Faith Enrichment

**Archdiocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Program now interviewing for Spring Classes:** We offer graduate and non-degree options, spiritual and ministerial formation and the opportunity to grow in faith, knowledge and skills. Saturday classes, flexible components and a great support system allow busy adults to maintain work and family commitments while preparing for new opportunities. Classes are available at Sacred Heart of Jesus for Spring 2019. All lay students receive a 25% tuition reduction this spring. Call Deacon Hal Belcher at 419-305-5486 for information or to set up a personal interview

**DIVORCED OR SEPARATED?** Too many people stay stuck in their pain and don't know how to find their way past the pain of divorce or separation. Our **12-week group begins Mon., Jan. 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** at the Parish Office Center. Cost of \$25 includes materials for 12 weeks. Topics included in the series include shock, denial, fear, anger, depression, loneliness, financial issues, battles in court, custody and visitation, & annulment. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Rose Meyer @ 937-295-2891 or [rosem@nflregion.org](mailto:rosem@nflregion.org) to find out more information or to register.

The **29TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE** will be held at the Spiritual Center chapel, Maria Stein, Ohio starting at 7:00 pm, **Saturday, December 8th** to 11:00 pm. that same night. Four hours of Eucharistic Adoration and prayers of reparation for the sin of abortion will be offered. Each hour will begin with a hymn & prayers including the rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet. This Night of Prayer again will unite over 600 parishes across the nation to end the callous acceptance of abortion in our country and the world. Father Alexander Witt will open with exposition and be available for confession for part of the night. Deacon Greg Bornhorst will close with Benediction. All are welcome and participants may come for all or part of the event. Please note: There is a change in the time of the program: 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. to 1:00 am as in past years

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### October Count Result: (average weekend attendance)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>St. Aloysius</b>	114	108	92
<b>St. Bernard</b>	412	293	262
<b>St. Francis</b>	224	227	215
<b>St. Henry</b>	1180	988	1003
<b>St. Wendelin</b>	134	136	135

# Youth News

**Contact information:** John Schmiesing  
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**FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER** begins at 7 a.m. at St. Henry Church. Please join us in prayer for our high school students, student-athletes in fall sports, and our entire community. Donuts, milk and juice will be served immediately after morning prayer.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** If you would like to volunteer to chaperone, drive, or provide food for youth ministry events, please contact John Schmiesing at [shclusteryouthministry@outlook.com](mailto:shclusteryouthministry@outlook.com) or at 419-678-4118. Thank you for your willingness to serve the youth of the parish.

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT:** All students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join John Schmiesing for a youth night on **November 26**. We will be meeting in the St. Henry Church basement from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. We will have games and free food. Our topic for the evening will be *THE SAINTS*. Students MUST have permission forms, which are available on the cluster website and at the cluster office.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT:** All students in high school are invited to join John Schmiesing for a youth night on **November 28**. We will be meeting in the St. Henry Church basement from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM. We will have games and free food. Our topic for the evening will be *THE SAINTS*. Students MUST have permission forms, which are available on the cluster website and at the cluster office.



**FREE CONCERT AND ADORATION: 177 PROJECT:** The 177 Project is visiting dioceses throughout the U.S. This includes a night of prayer and music at Marion Local High School on December 16. The evening will begin with the praying of the Rosary at 6:45 PM, followed by an hour of adoration. Finally, join artists Taylor Tripodi and Tom Young for uplifting and inspiring music. The evening will

wrap up around 9:30 PM. Tickets are limited so contact John Schmiesing soon to reserve yours. We will be leaving from the St. Henry Church Parking Lot at 6:15 PM and getting back around 9:45 PM.

"For this I was born and for this I  
came into the world,  
to testify to the truth.  
Everyone who belongs to the truth  
listens to my voice."

John 18:37b

# St. Aloysius

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**Porters:**

Dale Pottkotter Nov. 26- Dec. 2  
Dan Hart Dec. 3- Dec. 9

**Priest:** Father Jim Smith - Nov. 26

**Extraordinary Min/Holy Comm.:**

Nov. 26 Bill Koesters- lector  
Dec. 3 Lillian Moorman  
Dan Schmiesing -lector

## Sunday, December 2, 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Priest:** Father Jim Smith

**Servers:** Curtis Puthoff, Henry Puthoff, Ben Franck

**Lector:** Maria Homan

**Ushers:** Dan Wolters, Marvin Evers

**Gift Bearers:** Eric & Kendra Wuebker

**Extraordinary Min/Holy Comm:** Ann Hemmelgarn, Mike Hemmelgarn, Gregg Homan

**Rosary:** Mary Lou Schulze

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:** The yearly church cleaning will begin at 6:00pm on Tues. - November 27 and will be finished up on Wed. - November 28. All men, women, and youth are welcome to help.

If there is **SOMEONE ILL IN YOUR FAMILY** and they would like Father to visit them. Please contact the office at 419-678-4118.

There is a **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** on Tuesday- November 27 at 7:30pm in the St. Francis Church basement.

**ADVENT BEGINS** Sunday, December 2. The Gift Bearers for the weekend during Advent are being asked to light the Candles of the Advent Wreath.

If you would like to donate towards **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**, in memory/ honor of a loved one, there is an envelope in your collection packet for you to use. (marked December 9).

An **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** will be held at St. Aloysius on Tuesday- December 11 at 7:30pm. There will be two priests available for confessions.

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# St. Bernard

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## Tuesday, November 27, 7:30 a.m. Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Jim Smith

**Server:** Art Siefring

**Lector:** Jill Gelhaus

**Extraordinary Min/Holy Comm:** Adelma Siefring & Rita Siefring

## Saturday, December 1, 7:30 p.m. Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Bill O'Donnell

**Sacristan/Mass Assistant:** Lori Boeke

**Servers:** Jacob Barga, Alec, Leah, & Evan Heitkamp

**Lector:** Deb Elking

**Ushers:** Mike Clune, Dan Langenkamp, Nick Siefring

**Gift Bearers:** Brad & Mandy Barga Family

**Extraordinary Min/Holy Comm:** Erin Elking, Dan Evers, Linda Rauh

**Rosary:** Jerome & Fran Siefring

## Sunday, December 2, 9:30 a.m. Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Jim Smith

**Sacristan/Mass Assistant:** Dan & Sarah Niekamp

**Servers:** Lauren & Lydia Hemmelgarn, Wyatt Rose, Alana Siefring

**Lectors:** Aaron Niekamp, Ron Thieman

**Ushers:** Marvin Broering, Paul Clune, Jerry Vogel

**Gift Bearers:** Cody & Jessica Borger Family

**Extraordinary Min/Holy Comm:** Denise Froning, Paul & Joyce Moeller, Keith Rindler, Rita Siefring, Eileen Siefring, Lavern Siefring

**Rosary:** Jason & Stacy Rose

**Distributor to the Shut-Ins:** Rita Siefring

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING:** During Advent we invite the First Holy Communion Students along with their parents to light a candle on the advent wreath. On December 2, the First Sunday of Advent, **Addison Gelhaus**, daughter of Brandon and Amber Gelhaus has the honor of participating in the Advent Lighting.

**SANTA'S COMING TO ST. BERNARD!** The Youth Group will host a visit with SANTA on Sunday, December 1st, following the 9:30 Mass. Youth Group members are asked to donate a dozen cookies, to be brought in that morning. Come and enjoy some Christmas Cheer!

**THE GIVING TREE** is a special project for the residents of the Choosing Life Pregnancy families in need. Parish families can combine with another parish family for the larger items. Diapers are also needed in all sizes. To take part in this project, take a paper ornament off the Christmas tree in the back of church. On the poster beside the tree, sign your name beside the number on the ornament that you have chosen. A price of \$25 seems appropriate. Bring your gift to church on Sunday morning, December 16 or contact Diane Franck at 419-375-4473. Include card with your name on it and the number on the ornament. Gifts will be delivered before Christmas.

**SAVE THE DATE LADIES! The Annual St. Bernard Ladies Guild Christmas Party** is to be celebrated on Monday, December 3 in the church basement. Girls second grade or older are invited. We hope you'll join us in our celebration. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Cocktails begin at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00. Please RSVP by November 25 in the back of church or by contacting Jenny Langenkamp at 419-852-3408.

**HELP NEEDED!** The parish is currently in need of a volunteer (s) to clear and salt sidewalks, paths, & steps at the church and rectory for Saturday Mass, Sunday Mass, Tuesday Morning Mass, and Wednesday evenings for CCD. If you are interested in helping our parish in any of these needs, please contact Matthew Niekamp.

**CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNER CARDS** for each of our Confirmation Candidates are hanging on the bulletin board in the Church entry. We invite parishioners, individually or as a family, to take one and pray for the candidate as they prepare for Confirmation.

**IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT KELLY JO FOR ANY REASON,** please use the following contact information as any other phone number or email is unreliable: (419) 852-9884 call/text or saint.bernard.plc@gmail.com

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** is available following Sunday morning mass to those who are unable to make it to mass. If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to have communion brought to your home, please contact Kelly Jo Siefring at 419-852-9884.

CALL Ministries would like to **THANK YOU** for the recent donation of 88 items. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

## **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

We live in interesting times. Life is constantly changing. While this can be exciting on one hand, change also presents challenges. We live in an age of relativism where people can pick and choose the truths that suit them and build their own system of beliefs. While humans certainly have the freedom to choose, losing sight of long-standing universal truths is not such a healthy course. Jesus Christ our King is our universal truth! He is the God who is nonnegotiable, our non-option! In Christ, we know what truth is. He alone points us to God, our true selves, our proper relationships with one another, and the world in which we live. Christ directs us to the poor and vulnerable and teaches us what God's kingdom is meant to be. Christ is the king who serves others. He gets dirty. He ascends the throne of the cross. We are called to do the same.

# St. Francis

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Jennifer Ungruhn ..... 419-925-6001

## Casseroles of Kindness

Beck Everman ..... 419-925-4322

## Wednesday, November 28, 7:30 a.m. Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Jim Smith

**Server:** Steve Schmitmeyer

**Lector:** Cindy Bruns

**Extraordinary Min/Holy Comm:** Karen Schmitmeyer, Cindy Bruns

## Sunday, December 2, 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Bill O'Donnell

**Servers:** Brandon Broering, Abby Broering, Paige Buschur, Ella Buschur

**Lectors:** Ashley Broering, Sandy Broering

**Ushers:** Jeff Broering, Ron Rindler

**Gift Bearers:** John & Nicole Sonner Family

**Extraordinary Min/Holy Comm:** Mark Hibner, Kathy Watercutter, Angie Kunk

**Rosary:** Scott & Shelly Hartings

During Advent our students, who will be getting confirmed, along with their family will be part of the lighting of the candles on the **ADVENT WREATH**, Emilie Treadway, daughter of Brent and Beth Broering, will be lighting our Advent Wreath next Sunday.

**THANK YOU TO ALL** who helped with our church cleaning. Your help was greatly appreciated.

**SNOW REMOVAL** sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church entrance. Please consider signing up to help our parish out. This would only be for sidewalks, not the parking lot.

The annual "**BIRTHDAY IN BETHLEHEM**" play will be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Francis Parish. Children of St. Aloysius and St. Francis parishes, in grades 3-6 are invited to sign up to participate. Sign up and practice sheets are in the back of church. Practices will be on Tuesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 6 from 6:30-8:00 and Saturday, December 8 from 9:30- 12:30.

**COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED** As we prepare for our annual Christmas play, we are asking for volunteers to bring 2 dozen cookies for the evening celebration. If you can help, please sign up in the back of church. Cookies may be dropped off in the basement of St. Francis church on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, the day of the play or that evening.

The **ST. ALOYSIUS/ST. FRANCIS CYO** will be **DECORATING AND DELIVERING COOKIES** to some elderly members in our parishes on Friday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. We will start with pizza at 6pm in the St. Francis church basement. Please sign up in the back of either church. Please contact a CYO advisor with any questions.

**ANGEL TREE PROGRAM:** Christmas is coming! Angel tree is a wonderful program in Mercer County that connects the people who want to provide gifts for children who need gifts. Pick a tag off of our tree in the back of church and bring your gift back by Dec. 5. If you would like to volunteer on Thursday, Dec. 6 to help set up for the shopping at Celina First Church of God or to help parents shop and to wrap gifts throughout the day on Friday, Dec. 7, call 419-586-3645.

# St. Henry

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Jean Siefing ..... 419-852-9200 / 419-678-8363

## K of C Hall Rental

Ron Clune ..... 419-678-2650

## Thursday, November 29, 7:15 a.m. Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Jim Smith

**Servers:** Mara Muhlenkamp, Jalynn Everman, Katie Seger

**Lector:** Rachel Werling

**Distributors to the Shut-Ins (8:00 am Fri):** Dorothy Borger, Edna Lange

## Saturday, December 1, 4:30 p.m. Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Jim Smith

**Deacon:** Jerry Buschur

**Greeters:** Sandy Bertke (West Wing), Tricia Wendel (East Wing), Mary Lou Guilbault (Main Entrance), Brian Hemmelgarn (East Entrance), Jan Beyke (West Entrance)

**Priest Assistant:** Deacon Jerry Buschur

**Sacristan:** Bob Schmitz

**Servers:** Aiden Brunswick, Abby King, Allison Siefing, Brooke Speck, Hayden Uhlenhake

**Lectors:** Jackie Garman, Cindy Kaup

**Ushers:** Dan Lange, Ed Moorman, James Stachler

**Gift Bearers/ Lighting Advent Wreath:** Andy and Heather Fullenkamp and family

**Extraordinary Min/Holy Comm:** Jan Borgerding, Phil Fullenkamp, John Fullenkamp, Jackie Garman, Cindy Kaup, Bill Rammel, Margaret Schmit, Lisa Siefing, Janice Uhlenhake, Karen Westgerdes

## Sunday, December 2, 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Bill O'Donnell

**Deacon:** Jerry Buschur

**Greeters:** Mary Cahill (West Wing), Matt Cahill (East Wing), Rick Osterholt (Main Entrance), Bo Gast (East Entrance), Jane Gast (West Entrance)

**Priest Assistant:** Deacon Jerry Buschur

**Sacristan:** Paul Hemmelgarn

**Servers:** Bryce Brookhart, Andrew Mescher, Ethan Nietfield, Matthew Rindler, Ben Rindler

**Lectors:** Alan Albers, Pat Stachler

**Ushers:** Bruce Buschur, Matt Lange, Charlie May

**Gift Bearers/ Lighting Advent Wreath:** Neil and Angie



Schmitz and Family

**Extraordinary Min/Holy Comm:** Larry Balster, Pat Balster, Shaun Everman, Gregory Howe, Jim Lefeld, Mike Moeder, Rose Moeder, Marty Schmackers, Marjorie Stachler, Pat Stachler

**Rosary:** Don and Margaret Schmit

**Distributors to the Shut-Ins:** Janice Buschur, Anita Hemmelgarn, Lori Speck, Linda Thieman

### Sunday, December 2, 11:00 a.m. Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Jim Smith

**Deacon:** Jerry Buschur

**Greeters:** Emily Beyke (West Wing), Kristy Borgerding (East Wing), Bill Prenger (Main Entrance), Jodi & Brianna Buschur (East Entrance), Derric Bruns (West Entrance)

**Priest Assistant:** Deacon Jerry Buschur

**Sacristan:** Mark Stammen

**Servers:** Clay Buschur, Tyler Schwieterman, Jared Schwieterman, Caden Schwieterman, Cora Stammen

**Lectors:** Bob Stammen, Esther Beyke

**Ushers:** Nick Gast, Mitch Kremer, Darby Wehrley

**Gift Bearers/ Lighting Advent Wreath:** Craig and Susan Miller

**Extraordinary Min/Holy Comm:** Kent Buschur, Carolyn Hoyng, Angie Imel, Rene Kleinhenz, Sandy Kunkler, Elaine Lefeld, Angie Schmitz, Doug Schmit, Mitch Unrast, Chuck Wendel

**Rosary:** Esther Beyke

**Angel Room:** Rebecca Broering, Adyson Bruggeman, Adam Franck, Robert Howe Mya Knapke

**Adults:** Mindy Luthman, Leslie Steinlage

### Children's Liturgy

**Sunday, December 2, 11:00 a.m.**

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**Homilist:** Jodi Hess

**Presider:** Carmen Beyke

**Music:** Julia Beyke

**FAMILIES ARE NEEDED TO LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLES** during all the advent masses. Please see the Facebook post or email [cbjbeyke@aol.com](mailto:cbjbeyke@aol.com) if you are willing to light the candles and bring up offertory during these masses. There are still plenty of opportunities to participate.

Starting in Advent, the **OFFERTORY PROCESSION WILL PROCESS FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH.** A row will still be reserved for those doing offertory in the same location as in the past. When the usher walks up and starts to distribute the collection baskets, those bringing up offertory should go to the back of church at that time. The wine, bread and basket will be in the back of church for you to bring up to the front. If you are unable to walk that distance, please let the ushers know when they are passing out the basket and they will bring the items up from the back and hand them to you in the first pew for you to give to the priest.

Next week's **TITHE** will go to our sister parish St. Paul in Haiti. These donations are sometimes used to help with costs for day to day church operations. This enables continued parish ministries.

Our **ANNUAL GIVING TREE** is decorated with tags of people in our local nursing homes and those in need this Christmas season. The gifts you purchase must be returned by December 17. Be sure to put the tag on the outside of the gift and place it under the tree.

*"We want to thank Fr. Bill O'Donnell for the wonderful Mass and homily he gave at our anniversary Mass. Thank you to everyone for their blessings and beautiful cards." - Dennis & Dorothy Bills.*

In order to clear up **CONFUSION CONCERNING EUCHARISTIC MINISTER STATIONS**, we are implementing a change. Starting the first week of Advent, there will be a wooden cross stand in front of the pillar near the choir. On this stand, there will be 11 cross necklaces. Each necklace will have a label on the back that corresponds with a Eucharistic Minister station. All assigned Eucharistic Ministers are being asked to take a cross necklace **before** mass begins. Before mass begins, if there are any crosses left on the stand, there will be an announcement at that time for the need of more volunteers.

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### Friday, November 30, 7:30 a.m. Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Jim Smith

**Server:** Dave Meier

**Lector:** Dave Meier

### Sunday, December 2, 7:30 a.m. Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Bill O'Donnell

**Servers:** Kellen Hoyng, Kenseth Hoyng

**Lector:** Ryan Post

**Ushers:** Todd Stammen, Greg Wendel

**Gift Bearers:** Les and Betty Hemmelgarn

**Extraordinary Min/Holy Comm:** Betty Hemmelgarn, Tammy Hoyng, Jim Rosenbeck

**Homebound:** Karen Post

**WE EXTEND OUR SINCEREST APPRECIATION** to Dennis Garke and Sally Post for serving on our St. Wendelin Pastoral Council for the past three years. Their terms will be completed in January 2019. **ELECTION OF TWO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS** will take place next Sunday, December 2. On the election ballot are Dave Brunswick, Sam Will, Diana Koesters and Cheryl Tobe.

**COFFEE, JUICE AND DONUTS** will be served after mass next Sunday, December 2, in the parish hall. A special visitor is also expected to attend this event! All are welcome to share in the food and fellowship!

Due to the November 18 and 25 bulletins having earlier deadlines because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the **WINDOWS PROJECT CONTRIBUTION** total will not be included again until the weekend of December 2.



## Other News

**SENIOR CITIZEN MEALS:** The Gardens of St. Henry will offer a weekly meal every Thursday of every month. Meals will be served at noon in the Community Room. Must call at least 24 hours in advance to reserve a spot. Seating is limited to 20. Call the Gardens at 419-678-9800. Menus are at the entrances of churches within our cluster.

### ST. HENRY LIBRARY NOVEMBER EVENTS:

- **Wednesday November 28** - 9:30am-1:30pm Medicare Part D Comparisons; Call Mercer County Council on Aging at 419-586-1644 to set up an appointment.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, Saturday, December 1** at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Henry High School Commons. \$3.00 tickets can be purchased at Gel's IGA, SH Library & SH Elementary. Must have a ticket to eat and everyone will get to visit with Santa. Sponsored by St. Henry Daughters of Isabella.

**Crescent Players presents...** a "HOLIDAY CABARET" Come enjoy the Sounds & Smells of the Season. **Sunday December 2nd.** HALLS OF HANOVER ~ Minster Two shows: 1PM & 4PM Enjoy music & a gourmet Dessert Bar & Holiday drinks. Tickets : \$10 Adult, \$7 12 & under & 2 & under Free Tickets available by calling 419-305-1480 or 419-953-5861 or email [holidaycabaret18@gmail.com](mailto:holidaycabaret18@gmail.com) Tickets will also be available at the door.

Maria Stein **KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN MONTHLY BREAKFAST BUFFET:** November 18 from 8:30 till 12:30 p.m. All are welcome

Reminder: **COLDWATER VFW AUX. 5135 CHRISTMAS PARTY** on December 5th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Henry Nite Club. If needing ride to party call 419-678-4355.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** at the St. Henry American Legion Hall on **Wed., Nov. 28,** 12:30-6:30 pm.. Please call 800-RedCross or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code "amlegsth" to schedule your blood donation appointment. Sponsored by the St. Henry American Legion Auxiliary. Give more life. Donate blood.

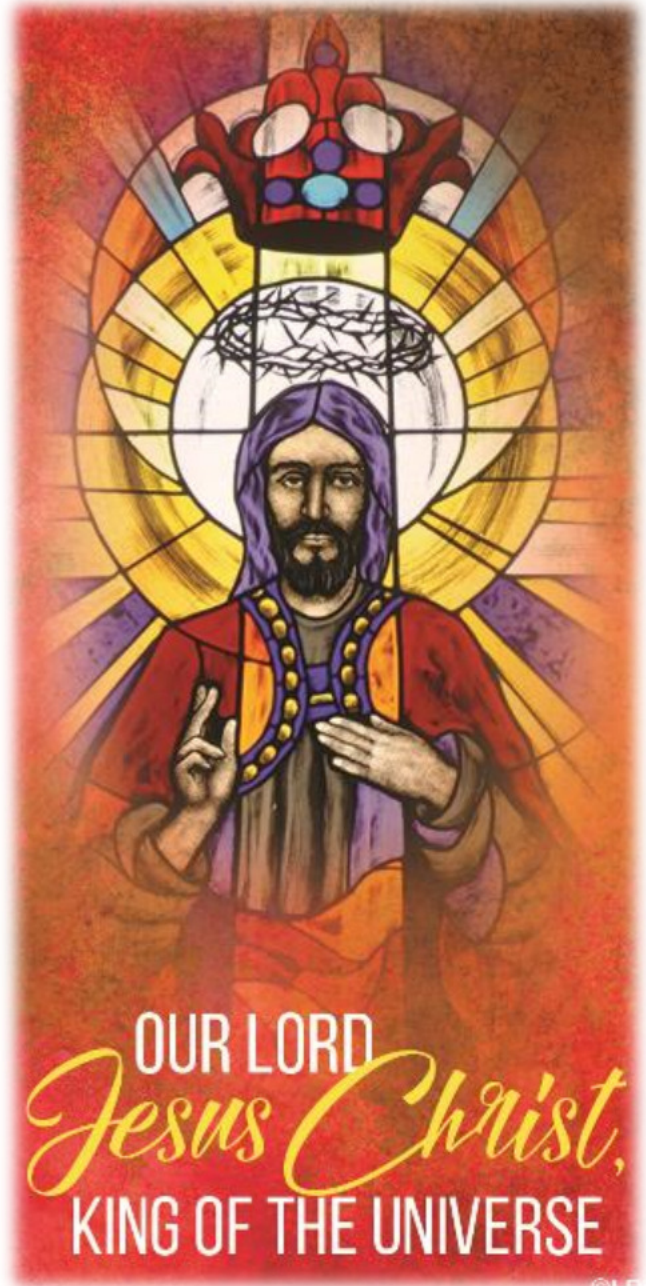
Please join **THE GARDENS AT ST. HENRY** for their **ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS DESSERT BUFFET** on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment: The Koesters Family. Feel free to bring your favorite dessert with the recipe. All are welcome.

**WENDELIN SPORTS CLUB EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** will be held the first Sunday of every month through April 2019. All are welcome.

To commemorate the 46th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion, the **MERCER COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE** Chapter will once again purchase a full-page ad in the Daily Standard. For a \$5.00 donation, your name, along with several hundred others, will be included in the **PRO-LIFE AD**. If you wish to participate in this year's Ad Campaign, please send \$5.00 along with the name or names as you wish it to appear in the newspaper to Pat Pottkotter, 5158 State Route 119, Saint Henry, OH 45883 by January 7, 2019. Make checks out to Mercer County Right to Life. Please don't wait until the last minute to turn in your name. This ad will appear in the newspaper Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

**CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES CLUB EVENTS:** For more information call 419-678-8691

- **Sat., Dec. 8,** Christmas Lights/Supper, Eaton
- **Sun., Dec. 16** - Mass/Lunch/Movies, Celina
- **Mon., Dec. 31** - New Years Eve Party/Meeting, Coldwater



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