

# Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish, A Member of the St. Juan Diego Deanery

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! I can't seem to say that enough this year. God has been good to our parishes and to me personally, and for that I am very happy and grateful.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. This is the feast when we remember the wise Magi who came to visit our new born savior. Why they came is not as important as the fact that they did come. They were not Jews, just religious men from the East who studied scripture and astronomy. They also knew in their hearts that a great person had come into the world. Their travel to the manger was a "leap of faith!"

We can't always explain away every facet of God's creation or God's activity in our lives, but we can notice them and celebrate those moments! We are challenged to follow in the Magi's footsteps every day. We have to keep watch for our Lord and celebrate those moments when Christ comes into our lives. We also make a "leap of faith" every morning we get out of bed and commit ourselves to being good Catholic Christians.

If you feel inspired to do acts of kindness this week just do them and don't spend too much time trying to figure out why. If the Magi had done that then there would be no Feast of the Epiphany.

Have a blessed week of Christmas!

– Fr. Jim

**FROM THE DIOCESE:** Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a **Level 3 Snow Emergency**, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil or Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy mass via television, radio or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan, parish, or school events in that geographic region are also cancelled.

**WEEKDAY MASSES** will not be celebrated if the Shelby School System has closed for the day due to bad weather. We will celebrate weekday Masses if the schools only remain on a "delay", but please do not venture out onto the roads if it seems too dangerous for you to be driving during a delay.

**POINSETTIAS:** Additional poinsettias have been placed on the altar in memory of Thomas Cyphert, donated by Virginia McKenna; and in memory of Clara McKenna, donated by Bob McKenna

*Lord I have no idea what's going to happen in this New Year but all I pray is that you will guide me, and help me! Please help me to look to you always, and through everything that I do, May I bring praise and glory to Your name, I thank you Lord for another year. Amen.*

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, January 5

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion  
4:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> B-ball Practice—Gym  
6:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> B-ball Practice—Gym

### Tuesday, January 6

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's (Plymouth)  
9:00 a.m. Adoration & Benediction (Plymouth)  
9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion  
5:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game vs. Ashland  
7:00 p.m. Symbolon—Lower Level Meeting Room

### Wednesday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Carol Young  
9:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl—Lower Level Room  
6:00 p.m. CCD grades 1-6  
6:00 p.m. Youth Room Open  
6:30 p.m. RCIA—Lower Level Meeting Room  
7:00 p.m. CCD grades 7-8—Student Session  
7:00 p.m. DEEPER—Youth Room

### Thursday, January 8

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for William & Marjorie Freese  
4:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> B-ball Practice—Gym  
5:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game vs. Crestline  
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour  
7:00 p.m. Disciples of Song

### Friday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Don Branch  
4:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> B-ball Practice—Gym

### Saturday, January 10

11:20 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game at Findlay  
12:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game at Huron  
4:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade B-ball Game at Findlay  
5:00 p.m. Mass—Prayers for Ashley Yetzer, Ernest & Dolores Biglin, Eileen Huggins

### Sunday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's (Plymouth)  
10:30 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Gene Spangler, Theresa Bilka, Fr. Bob Weithman  
7:00 p.m. SLAM—Youth Room

## Daily Scripture Readings

Monday: Memorial of St. John Neumann  
1Jn.3:22-4:6; Ps.2:7bc-8,10-12a;  
Mt.4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday: 1Jn.4:7-10; Ps.72:1-4,7-8; Mk.6:34-44

Wednesday: 1Jn.4:11-18; Ps.72:1-2,10,12-13; Mk.6:45-52

Thursday: 1Jn.4:19-5:4; Ps.72:1-2,14,15bc,17;  
Lk.4:14-22

Friday: 1Jn.5:5-13; Ps.147:12-15,19-20; Lk.5:12-16

Saturday: 1Jn.5:14-21; Ps.149:1-6a,9b; Jn.3:22-30

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Is.42:1-4,6-7; Ps.29:1-4,9-10;  
Acts 10:34-38; Mk.1:7-11

**Snow Days:** If the school is closed due to a snow day the parish office is closed as well.

**Saturday, Jan. 10, 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Lector** Lori McCartney  
**Servers** Jesse & Katie Lauderbaugh, Payton Lindsay  
**Comm.** Mike & Christi Smith, Betty & Jim Yetzer, Toni & Bill Anspach  
**Ushers** Alan Vogt, Brad Wagner, Allan Kempf, Gary Lauderbaugh  
**Greeters** Jeff & JoAnn Peiffer, Kathleen & Bob Schroeder  
**Music** SpiritSong

**Sunday, Jan. 11, 10:30 a.m. Mass**

**Lector** Colton Penwell  
**Servers** Derek Lowe, Adam Niese, Oliver Wagner  
**Comm.** Karen Winters, Angela Yetzer, Dick & Becky Young, Teresa Fitch, Glenda Friebel, Bill Houseworth  
**Ushers** Todd & Tristan Kehres, Adam & AJ Bihl  
**Greeters** Kathy & Clem Kanney, Volunteer  
**Music** Disciples of Song

**SLAM YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

SLAM resumes in 2015 tonight in the youth room from 7-8:30 p.m! Come reconnect with friends before school starts tomorrow and celebrate the new year with us!

DEEPER and CCD resume this Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m! New this year, the youth room will be open every other Wednesday to all 7th-12th graders from 6:00-6:50 p.m. to gather, play games and visit before classes start. Continue to check the bulletin for more details!

Join us next Sunday, January 11th for SLAM in the youth room from 7 - 8:30 p.m!

SLAM will be traveling to Winter Jam in Columbus Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>! More information will be available this week at CCD, SLAM and Deeper. Call Kari for more details.

The Back to Heartland High School Gathering is January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>! Forms are available in the back of church near the bulletin board! Please consider joining us for this wonderful retreat featuring speaker Dr. John Wood! Forms will also be available at SLAM and Deeper this week.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Mandatory Parent Meeting for those parents who have children preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion, the meeting will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 p.m. Mark your calendars now, more details to follow.

**Adoption "Choose Life" License plates:** Renewing your license plate? Select the Ohio Adoption "Choose Life" plate and Catholic Charities' adoption program will receive a portion of the proceeds if you live in Lucas, Wood, Henry, Fulton, Erie, Huron, Crawford, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, or Seneca Counties. Help us promote adoption as a loving option!

**Greetings from St. Mary's School**

*A ministry of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church*

Welcome to 2015! I hope you had a restful Christmas and joyful New Year celebration! Time with family and friends is truly a blessing!

Please save the date for our Catholic Schools Week open house planned for January 25<sup>th</sup> following 10:30 a.m. Mass. More to come!

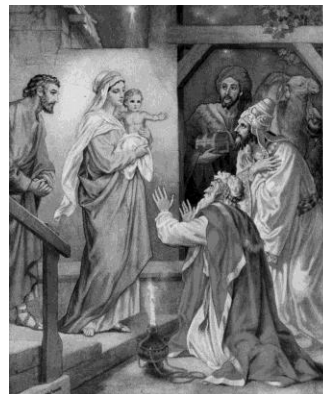
Thank you for continuing to send Box tops, Labels for Education, School Spirit labels (Aunt Millie breads), IGA/Our Family UPC labels into the school! These are all ways we are able to raise money for the school without spending extra money.

If you are cleaning out closets and find you have some khakis and jeans you'd like to donate, we are always happy to find new homes for your donation of gently used kid's clothes! We especially need girls 7-14.

A prayer for the New Year:

*Loving God, thank you for the many blessings you have given us. Thank you for blessing us with time and talents, the blessing of our families, and friends. May we always use our gifts and talents in a way that demonstrates kindness, humility, and compassion. Keep our hearts and minds open to the direction of the Spirit, who calls us to celebrate our gifts by sharing them with others and may we continue to do our part in developing our gifts. Amen*

**We are truly blessed,**  
 Lisa M. Rhodes, Principal



*Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by*

*darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ.*

*Amen*

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