

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

WELCOME TO ST. MAX PARISH!

Welcome to the St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish community! If you would like to register in the parish, please pick up a packet in the gathering space and return the registration form. Once registered, you will receive our monthly newsletter and emails. Please know our staff and parish leaders are here to be of service to you. Additional information about our parish can be found on our website, [www.saint-max.org](http://www.saint-max.org).

**Sunday, November 27**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 AM † James Mosher  
 10:00 AM People of the Parish & † William Sullivan  
 NOON † Toma Binh Nguyen and † Betty Staley & † Jeff Zimmerman

**Monday, November 28**

8:00 AM † Mr. Vincent & † All Souls  
 6:00 PM *Mass at St. Susanna, Mason*

**Tuesday, November 29**

8:30 AM † Bill Lewis & † Jackie Garrison  
 7:00 PM *Mass at St. John, West Chester*

**Wednesday, November 30**

**SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE**

8:30 AM † Joseph Long Nguyen & † John Baptist Hien Vu & † Robert Trischler

**Thursday, December 1**

8:30 AM † Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, December 2**

8:30 AM † Patricia & † Barb Romer, † Mike Liette & † Christopher Harman

**Saturday, December 3**

**Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

8:30 AM † Anna Luu Nguyen and Art & Dolores Arand  
 4:30 PM For the intentions of our Worship ministry volunteers & † Long Nguyen

**Sunday, December 4**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 AM † Jonathan Tran Thao & † Danielle Langfield  
 10:00 AM People of the Parish & † Mary Mikos  
 NOON † Bill & † Mary Hinger & † Anna Corkhill

† Deceased

THIS WEEK'S READINGS	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Isaiah 2:1-5	Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalms 122:1-9	Psalms 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Romans 13:11-14	Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 24:37-44	Matthew 3:1-12

**DEVOTIONS** (all in chapel)

**Perpetual Adoration** - Our chapel is open continuously  
**Exposition** - The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after Mass, a Holy Hour begins at 7:00 PM  
**Rosary** - One half hour before all Masses  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet** - After all Masses

*Our sympathy to the families of all those who have died, especially:  
 Ryan Casto, great-nephew of Dale Casto*

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Your healing prayers are requested for Earl Abeln, Grace Basta, Lisa Bingaman, Jerri Bottoms, Bob Bruns, Brian Bruns, Eleanor Budek, Barb Burkett, Scott Burkett, Jennifer Calangi, Maya Collins, Marian Conrad, Cyril Daddieh, Angelique Debets, Henry DeNicola, Shannon Dowling-Schlachter, Jack Easter, Bill Ebben, Jackie Eckles, Cecilia Feltz, Levi Gasner, Robert Ferraro, Jack Finke, Timmy Fischer, Mary Fritz, Chris Giuliano, Karen Gross, Richard Gross, Sol Gross, James Gunselman, Gail Hamilton, Gary Hampton, Al Higgins, Jill Holt, Maureen Imfeld, Kathy Kitts, Ralph Kitts, Jennifer Klenke, Don Klinkhammer, Hank Kluznick, Joey Lakeberg, Michael Lancaster, Pat Langdon, Pam Lawson, Barb Listermann, Beverly Listermann, Tom Lutz, Char McCarthy, Lyla McGlinchey, Andrew Meister, Jacob Meister, Beryl Michael, Judy Michael, Daniel R. Miller, James Moores, Trevor Vincent Munafo, Gene Neltner, Victor Nguyen, George Palmer, Fr. John Porter, Stephanie Pulling, Annie Prather, Agnes Rahman, Kristof Rattermann, Quintin Richardson, Evelyn Robinson, Joseph Romer, James Santos, Kerry Santos, Rose Mary Schaefer, James Schaeper, Julie Schrock, Rose Seibert, Eric Stearman, Debbie Stoeckel, Richard Sunnenberg, Ernestine Tomblin, Tari Torbeck, Kenneth Trimbach, Joan Valentine, George Vesper, Gloria Vesper, Stanley Wadella, Vito Weeda, Kathy Wojciechowski, Charlie Wiedenmann, Christine Zampese, and Annemarie Cannon Zawada.

*Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

**PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY**

Please pray for Scott Archuleta, Daniel Armstrong, Patrick Black, Ben Brink, Nicholas Calangi, Rich Borromeo, Philip DeNicola, Donald Gilbert, David Giuliano, Joseph Hamann, Michael Hazlebeck, Tyler Hollenkamp, Derrick Kamphaus, Stephen Kelczewski, Matthew Koop, Jon Laurin, Derek Morris, Ryan Nikzad, Don Mollis, Jr., Daniel Moore, Alexander J. Pater, Chad Richman, Christopher Richman, Kevin Stetson and Cedric Whitlock.

*Almighty God, we stand before You in supplication, asking Your Divine mercy and protection to envelop with Your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families.*

**HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED AND NURSING HOMES**

To make arrangements to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, Penance and/or visits to the hospitalized or seriously ill parishioners, please call Holly Moran, 777-4322, ext. 116. Please note that if you are in the hospital, privacy regulations prohibit hospital personnel from contacting your parish. Therefore, you or your family members should let us know directly by calling the parish office.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“The dangers to which I am exposed and the tasks I undertake for God are springs of spiritual joy, so much so that these islands are the places in all the world for a man to lose his sight by excess of weeping: but they are tears of joy.”*  
– St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552), Jesuit priest and missionary (feast day, December 3)

## A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Among the foremost of all virtues, i.e. beneficial Christian habits and qualities, the Church has always raised up faith, hope and love as the three most important. These are called the theological virtues since they have God Himself as their “proper object.” As we begin this new liturgical year with the season of Advent, today’s readings in particular speak of *hope*. The eminent French author Alexandre Dumas (author of *The Three Musketeers* and *The Count of Monte Cristo* among others) once wrote, “All human wisdom is summed up in two words: wait and hope.” Wait and hope. Isn’t that what Advent is all about? Isn’t that what Christian life is all about each and every moment as we await that glorious day when we will see our Lord face-to-face? Many people in our world, perhaps even here in our own parish and local community, seem to have a feeling of hopelessness. Worldly thinking sometimes produces hopelessness – spiritual thinking should produce hope, hope in Jesus Christ – the God-man, the Word-made-flesh – who became one of us to redeem us. As we have for the past few years and continue to do now so appropriately, we will be singing the hymn *Jesus, Hope of the World* during our communion procession throughout the Advent season. Let’s do so with more gusto each week as we celebrate this holy season of expectation!

The first of two communal penance services for Advent is this coming Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 AM (*Note: The second Advent communal penance service is Tuesday evening, December 13.*) There will be several priests here to hear individual confessions as part of the service. The service usually lasts for an hour, so please plan to stay for the entire time. An important dynamic of a *communal* penance service is the *community at prayer for each other* while everyone celebrates the Sacrament of Penance. If people who celebrate the Sacrament of Penance “first” leave immediately, there is no one in church praying for those who celebrate the sacrament “last.” And, in addition to our normal weekly confession times, we will extend the Saturday morning confession time to 12:00 PM on Saturday, December 17 and have additional confession times on Monday, December 19 from 4:00-6:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance before Christmas.

A week from this Thursday, December 8, is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, our national patroness and a holyday of obligation. Masses on that day will be at 6:30 & 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM.

As I shared with you last week, and as we look ahead to our Christmas Masses where crowds swell with many guests and visitors present, we need to remember that cordiality to guests and visitors is everyone’s responsibility – in the building and in the parking lot! During the next few weeks, we will be sharing with you some ideas and suggestions on how we as a community can be *inviting*, *welcoming* and *hosting* our holiday guests and visitors. Hopefully, raising up these dynamics of hospitality and welcome here at church will not just be a “Christmas effort” but an ongoing resolve in our community Sunday after Sunday for guests, visitors and new parishioners who are moving into the area. Being hospitable and welcoming are two consistent traits of a Christian individual’s lifestyle and of a Christian community’s “greeting” to everyone who walks through our doors for any liturgy, activity or event because everyone who walks through our doors is “Jesus in disguise.” Next week we will zero-in on *inviting*.

And finally, sincere gratitude to everyone for your generous response to our annual stewardship renewal. Your willingness to spend time in prayer, to share talents through volunteering and to give treasure in financial support of the parish is amazingly generous and inspiring. Please remember that the commitment cards were due two weeks ago already – if you have yet to return yours, please do so as soon as possible.

That’s all for now – God bless one and all!

*Fr. Geoff*

**FIRST THURSDAY HOLY HOUR – December 1, 2016 – 7:00-8:00 PM**

*A Holy Hour for Peace*

## WORSHIP

**WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE**

Our new liturgical year begins with the season of Advent. This preparatory season gives the Church time to reflect on Christ's coming among us. The Church teaches that "Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation." (*General Norms for the Liturgy Year and the Calendar*, #39) During Advent we therefore celebrate the many ways in which Christ comes among us...including His sacramental presence under the forms of bread and wine in the Eucharist we share. "Here we await you, O Master Divine...Jesus, Hope of the World!"

**WAIT FOR THE LORD...WITH THE LORD - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Join us on the Mondays of Advent (November 28, December 5, 12, 19) after the 8:30 AM Mass until 5:00 PM for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel.

Just as we do each Thursday, this liturgy gathers the Church in community to give thanks for the great gift of Christ present in the Eucharist. Including extended periods of silent prayer and punctuated by scripture and prayer, Exposition is a great way to pray for the coming of Christ this Advent.

Because Exposition is a communal liturgy, we need to ensure that all the hours are covered. If you can commit to an hour on each Monday, or even just one Monday, please sign up using the link on the parish website, or e-mail [adoration@saint-max.org](mailto:adoration@saint-max.org) with questions or to get signed up.

As we pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, let us "wait for the Lord whose day is near!"

## OUTREACH

**STEPHEN MINISTRY - THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

We give abundant praise and thanks to our Creator who blesses each of us with unique gifts to build up His Kingdom on earth. Our Stephen Ministry Team prays that the breath of the Holy Spirit infuse each of you with peace. May you remember all that is good and holy in your lives this Thanksgiving Season.



PS. 107: 1-2, 6

*O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.....They cried to the lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.....*

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET - RETURN**

Next Saturday, December 3rd, is the first drop-off date for this year's Christmas food baskets. If the family number on your card is **GREEN**, please bring your labeled and sealed boxes to the church parking lot between 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Thank you for generosity during this busy Christmas season.

**WANTED: NEW CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN, TODDLERS THRU TEENS**

Sister Kathleen and her Glenmary team have reached out to St Max for help with their ministry in West Liberty, located in rural, eastern Kentucky. For their annual pre-Christmas event they would like new clothes for the children (backpacks, jackets, socks, PJs and gloves are popular and anything "cozy" is always welcome). For the folks they visit in nursing homes, they would like to have new blankets and throws. Please bring unwrapped items to the outreach corner in the gathering space after Mass on the weekend of December 10/11.

**HOLIDAY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - FAMILY PROMISE**

Are you looking for a way to serve with your family this holiday season? Family Promise of Butler County provides shelter, meals and support services to families struggling with homelessness. Volunteers can serve at the Day Center during the holidays to play with the children and interact with the families. If you are interested please contact Sharon Bogan, Director at 513-444-2033 or email her at [sbogan@familypromisebutlercounty.com](mailto:sbogan@familypromisebutlercounty.com).

An evening of seasonal music and scripture

Advent

*Lessons &*

*Carols*

**Friday, December 2**

**7:30 PM**

St. John the Evangelist Church

9080 Cincinnati Dayton Rd, West Chester

*Reception to follow*

*Featuring the  
Adult, Children's and Handbell Choirs  
of St. John the Evangelist &  
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parishes*

## OUTREACH

**FAMILY PROMISE INFORMATION AND TRAINING IN DECEMBER**

Did you know that in 2015 over 400 children in Butler County experienced homelessness? Family Promise of Butler County is working to address the needs of these children and their families by providing shelter, meals, and support services. St. Max is one of 14 churches in the county affiliate that are hosting these families one week at a time while they work to find affordable, stable housing and appropriate employment. Our next week to host begins January 1. We are in great need of volunteers to come to the St. Max Complex and spend time with our guests from 6:00 - 9:00 PM and to spend the night from 8:45 PM - 7:00 AM.

**Please attend one of two scheduled information and training sessions:**

**December 6 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in rooms 2 and 3 OR**

**December 14 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in rooms 10 and 11**

Please RSVP to Kathy McGill at [familypromise@saint-max.org](mailto:familypromise@saint-max.org) so we can plan for space. To learn more about this new ministry and to volunteer to serve please visit the Family Promise webpage under Outreach at [saint-max.org](http://saint-max.org).

**ST. MAX - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

We are here for you or your neighbor when a financial crisis arises. Reach us at 513-777-4322 ext. 214 and we will return your call. Thank you for your ongoing financial support and continuing prayers.

**“ADOPT A CHILD” CHRISTMAS PROGRAM****Toys for Children**

**Reach Out Lakota**

Individual unwrapped gifts

Up to \$25.00 per toy

up to 18-years-old



**Please return unwrapped toys to the outreach kiosk in the gathering space by December 4th**

## EVANGELIZATION &amp; CATECHESIS

**GOSPEL FOR ALL AGES****Matthew 24:37-42**

We are told to stay awake and be prepared. But why should we be alert? We should be alert that we are living a good life. Many people prepare for Christmas by shopping for gifts. Matthew reminds us that Jesus was talking only with His disciples and giving them an idea of how to live; by anticipating joy in heaven. Jesus' idea is not about staying awake and being sleep deprived, but rather paying attention to the danger of ignoring God. If our lives do not include preparation for a heavenly reward, then life is hopeless. Rejoice in all the hope that we have!

**The symbols we see during Advent**

Advent is a good time to talk with your children about the differences they will observe in the church building and at Mass during this time of *preparation* for Christmas. Children may wonder about the color changes in particular. The Church stresses the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent with an increase in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, the altar is covered in a purple cloth, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. This exception is intended to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over. The best-known of all Advent symbols is probably the Advent wreath displayed in the church. The four candles of the Advent wreath correspond to the four Sundays of Advent. It's the gradual lighting of each weekly candle that brings the season of Christmas a bit closer. Make or purchase an Advent wreath for your home. Choose a special time each Sunday to light a new candle for Advent. During the coming week simply pray, "Come, O Lord, and be the light of our lives." Anticipate the joy of the coming of our Savior and the joy of heaven

# St. Andrew Deanery - Advent 2016

## Individual Confessions

<b>Mondays</b>	4:00-6:00 pm-St. Maximilian Kolbe (12/19 only) 6:00-6:45 pm-St. Margaret of York 6:00-7:00 pm-All Saints (12/12 only) 6:30-7:30 pm-St. Susanna 7:00pm-St. Gertrude (12/19 only) 7:00-9:00 pm-St. Maximilian Kolbe (12/19 only)	<b>Saturdays</b>	9:00-10:00 am-St. Susanna 9:15-10:00 am-St. Maximilian Kolbe (12/17 until 12:00 noon) 9:30-10:30 am-St. Philip the Apostle 10:30 am-St. Gertrude 2:00-2:45 pm-Sts. Peter and Paul 3:00-4:00 pm-St. Columban, All Saints, St. Saviour, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Philip the Apostle 3:30-4:30 pm-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Vincent Ferrer 3:45-4:30 pm-Our Lady of Sacred Heart 4:00-4:30 pm-St. John the Evangelist, West Chester 4:00 pm-St. John the Evangelist, Deer Park 4:00 pm-St. Gabriel, St. Michael 4:00-5:00 pm-St. Francis de Sales 4:15-5:00 pm-St. Andrew
<b>Tuesdays</b>	12:00-1:00 pm-Good Shepherd 5:30-6:15 pm-Good Shepherd 6:00-7:00 pm-All Saints (12/6 only)		
<b>Wednesdays</b>	7:00-8:00 pm-St. Gertrude 7:00-8:00 pm-Sts. Peter & Paul (12/21 only)		
<b>Thursdays</b>	9:15-10:00 am-St. Maximilian Kolbe 6:00-6:45 pm-St. Maximilian Kolbe 6:30-7:30 pm-St. Philip the Apostle (12/1 only) 7:00 pm-St. Gertrude (12/22 only)		

## Communal Penance Services

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. Advent I

**Friday, December 2**  
7:00pm Our Lady of Sacred Heart  
(with Sts. Peter & Paul)

**Saturday, December 3**  
10:00am St. Maximilian Kolbe

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. Advent II

**Monday, December 5**  
6:00pm St. Vincent Ferrer  
7:00pm St. Columban

**Tuesday, December 6**  
7:00pm St. Susanna

Lord, come and save us. Advent III

**Tuesday, December 13**  
7:00pm Good Shepherd  
7:00pm St. Maximilian Kolbe  
7:00pm St. Michael

**Wednesday, December 14**  
7:00 pm St. Columban  
7:00pm Sts. Peter and Paul  
(with Our Lady of Sacred Heart)  
7:00pm St. Philip the Apostle  
7:00pm St. Saviour  
7:00pm St. Susanna

**Thursday, December 15**  
7:00pm St. Francis de Sales  
7:00pm St. John the Evangelist,  
West Chester

Let the Lord enter, he is king of glory. Advent IV

**Tuesday, December 20**  
7:00pm St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
(with St. Andrew)



## EVANGELIZATION &amp; CATECHESIS

**EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS**

Our last class before Christmas break will be Sunday, December 11. We return in the New Year on January 8. Join us for our Early Childhood Advent celebration... Las Posadas! You will find the Sign Up Genius link for registration on the Early Childhood webpage. Contact Mary Lou at [mbaker@saint-max.org](mailto:mbaker@saint-max.org) with questions.

**RFY GRADES 1 - 8 NEWS**

We will have regular classes through mid-December. Our last classes before Christmas break will be the week of December 11/12. We resume classes in the New Year the week of January 8/9.

**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY EVENTS**

**FRESH** high school youth group meets tonight Sunday, November 27 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the lounge and gym. All are welcome!

**HomeLife** small groups will meet next week, December 4 from 7:00-9:00 PM. Check in with your leader for details.

High School Advent youth study begins this coming Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM. We will meet every Tuesday during Advent (From November 29 - December 20) to study the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus as a way to spiritually prepare for Christmas. Check the parish website to sign up. Any questions, please contact Ally Wheeler [awheeler@saint-max.org](mailto:awheeler@saint-max.org)


*For any questions regarding HS Youth Ministry contact Zack Hinger, [highschool@saint-max.org](mailto:highschool@saint-max.org) or 513-777-4322 ext. 107*

**WEST CHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS**

**Adoration & Applebee's - December 1:** Join us for the last hour of adoration (holy hour). Location: St. Max Church in the chapel @ 7:00 PM. Afterwards meet up at Applebee's at Union Center for some food & socializing – 1st Thur. of each month

*For any questions regarding young adult events, contact Zack Hinger, [zhinger@saint-max.org](mailto:zhinger@saint-max.org) or 513-777-4322 ext. 107*

Coffee, Conversations,  
& Christ  
Young Adult Faith Discussions

Sponsored by 

7:00-9:00 PM  
Wed., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>  
St. Maximilian Kolbe  
Youth Room  
Drinks and Snacks Provided

Scripture

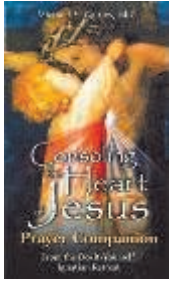
"THE WORDS OF GOD  
IS LIVING AND ACTIVE"



EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

HEARTS AFIRE

Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and discover the peace and freedom from fear that He has to offer? Perhaps you got to know your Blessed Mother Mary in 33 Days to Morning Glory and you would like to know what is next. Then please join us for one of the upcoming studies in the Hearts Afire Program from Fr. Michael Gaitley!



Consoling the Heart of Jesus is a 10-week retreat inspired by the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius, in which we go deeper into the Sacred Heart of Jesus and discover what Divine Mercy is really all about. We will meet on Monday mornings from 9:15-10:45 AM beginning January 9th.

Wisdom and Works of Mercy: The 'One Thing' is Three is a 10-week group study that delves into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing the faith from our heads to our hearts, and out into our lives. We will meet on Friday mornings from 9:15-10:45 AM beginning January 13.



Sign-up in the gathering space on December 17th & 18th after all Masses. Registration closes Wednesday, December 21. Call Stephanie (759-2722) or Jane (755-0625) with questions or to register by phone or email heartsafire@saint-max.org.

TOXIC CHARITY:

HOW CHURCHES AND CHARITIES HURT THOSE THEY HELP, AND HOW TO REVERSE IT

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at St. John, West Chester in rooms D & E from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

Veteran urban activist Robert Lupton reveals the shockingly toxic effects that modern charity has upon the very people meant to benefit from it. Toxic Charity provides proven new models for charitable groups who want to help—not sabotage—those whom they desire to serve. Lupton, the founder of FCS Urban Ministries (Focused Community Strategies) in Atlanta, the voice of the Urban Perspectives newsletter, and the author of Compassion, Justice and the Christian Life, has been at the forefront of urban ministry activism for forty years. Now, in the vein of Jeffrey Sachs's The End of Poverty, Richard Stearns's The Hole in Our Gospel, and Gregory Boyle's Tattoos on the Heart, his groundbreaking Toxic Charity shows us how to start serving needy and impoverished members of our communities in a way that will lead to lasting, real-world change. Order yourself a copy of this book on Amazon! Read the book and join us for a conversation where participants can discuss together the controversial thesis.

PARISH LIFE

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Due to the early bulletin deadline the financial Summary for November will be in the December 4 bulletin.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your commitment card, you still can mail it to the parish or return via the collection basket. Please take this opportunity to express your support for our parish with your time, talent, and treasure!

YOUNG AT HEART

Saturday, December 10 - Christmas party at Houston Inn

Friday, January 6 - Pizza night at Milano's on Tylersville and Cox at 5:00 PM.



Monday, January 9 - Regular Meeting - the speaker will be dermatologist, Dr. Patil

Young at Heart is a social group for parishioners ages 50 and over. Anyone is welcome, single or couples, widow or widower. Contact Tari Torbeck, 513-678-1247 or youngatheart@saint-max.org if you are interested in attending a meeting or joining.

BAKERS NEEDED! LADIES FELLOWSHIP NETWORK BAKE SALE

The Ladies Fellowship Network will host a bake sale in the gathering space on December 3rd and 4th after each Mass. Donations of baked goods (individually wrapped or whole pies/cakes) would be greatly appreciated. Baked goods can be dropped off in the gathering space prior to Mass or contact us and we can arrange to meet with you. Thank you! Please email ladiesfellowship@saint-max.org with any questions.



STEWARDSHIP POINT

"To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own."

- Anne Morrow Lindbergh



## EVENTS OF THE PARISH

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016**

11:00 AM	Youth Room	RCIA
12:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Include Me! Mass
5:00 PM	Lounge	High School Peer Minister Meeting
5:00 PM	Gym	Women's Advent by Candlelight Retreat
6:00 PM	Complex	Religious Formation of Youth Grades 4-8
6:00 PM	Church	RFY Prayer Service
7:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	FRESH - High School Youth Ministry
7:15 PM	Rms 12 & 14	Jr. High Scripture Stars
8:00 PM	Gym	Men's Basketball

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016**

9:00 AM	Chapel	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 AM	Rms 8 & 10	33 Days to Morning Glory
9:45 AM	Youth Room	Mighty Max
9:45 AM	Nursery	Mother's Rosary
10:45 AM	Youth Room	Mighty Max
10:45 AM	Rms 9 & 11	Mighty Max: Parent's Morning In
5:15 PM	Complex	Religious Formation for Youth Grades 1-8
6:45 PM	Complex	Religious Formation for Youth Grades 1-8
7:00 PM	Lounge	Ancora Planning Meeting
7:00 PM	Hosp Rm	Stephen Ministry Network Meeting
7:30 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Baptism Prep Class

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

9:30 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:45 AM	Youth Room	Mighty Max
10:30 AM	Youth Room	Mighty Max
5:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters
5:15 PM	Church	Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM	Rm 6	Family Promise Meeting
6:30 PM	Rm 15	Cub Scouts 944 - Den 9
6:30 PM	Church	Penance Prep Retreat
7:00 PM	Youth Room	High School Advent Scripture Study

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

9:30 AM	Complex	Faith Lessons for Moms
9:30 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Faith Lessons for Women
5:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters
5:15 PM	Church	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
6:45 PM	Church	Music Ministry Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Rm 17	Adult Confirmation
7:00 PM	Rm 6	Light Weigh
8:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Evangelization Information Night

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016**

9:15 AM	Nursery	Mother's Rosary
9:15 AM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
9:30 AM	Chapel	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 AM	Gym	Mighty Max: Moves and Grooves
6:00 PM	Youth Room	RCIA Team Leadership Meeting
6:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
7:00 PM	Gym	Boy Scouts
7:00 PM	Lounge	Cub Scout Pack 944 - Den 1
7:00 PM	Rms 12 & 14	Cub Scout Pack 944 - Den 5
7:00 PM	Church	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Chapel	Holy Hour/Vespers
7:00 PM	Rm 6	Prayer Shawl
7:00 PM	Rms 9 & 11	St. Vincent de Paul
7:00 PM	Rm 7	Welcome Ministry Meeting
8:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016**

5:30 PM	Gym	Knights of Columbus Advent Party
7:30 PM	Off Site	Advent Lessons & Carols at St. John, West Chester

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016**

7:00 AM	Kitchen	Christmas Food Basket Return
7:00 AM	Rm 5	Answer the Call Men's Faith Sharing
10:00 AM	Church	Communal Penance Service
1:00 PM	Gym	High School Outreach Event
3:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016**

8:00 AM	Complex	Early Childhood Classes during the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses
11:00 AM	Youth Room	RCIA
12:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Include Me! Mass
12:00 PM	Church	Mass
1:30 PM	Church	Rite of Baptism
5:30 PM	Lounge	Cub Scouts Pack 944 - Den 6
6:00 PM	Complex	Religious Formation of Youth Grades 4-8
7:00 PM	Complex	High School HomeLife Open Lounge
7:00 PM	Church	Praise & Worship
7:30 PM	Complex	High School HomeLife
7:30 PM	Gym	Men's Basketball

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*Rest in Peace,  
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