



**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 2, 2018**

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**10932 ST. CLAIR AVENUE  
CLEVELAND, OH 44108-1939**  
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 Office Hours: 8:00am-1:00pm (weekdays)  
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 Please call Parish House to include prayer intentions or announcements in Sunday Liturgy

**St. Aloysius—St. Agatha School**  
 640 Lakeview Road Cleveland, Ohio 44108  
 Phone: 216-451-2050 • Fax: 216-541-1601  
 Monday thru Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm



Catechumens: Addie Davis, Judy Rapp, Nevaeh Davis

**MISSION OF THE PARISH**

We are a welcoming Catholic Parish  
 Embracing its African American culture,  
 Empowering its members,  
 And sharing its love of Christ  
 Through service to the community.

**Pastoral Staff**  
 Rev. J. Mark Hobson, DMin..... Pastor  
 Email: hobsonjmark@gmail.com  
 Sr. Mary Jean Raymond OSU.....Pastoral Assoc.  
 Deacon James Paul, Jr.....Deacon  
 Mr. Dennis Kless.....St. Aloysius—St. Agatha School Principal  
 Ms. Pam Petty.....Catechetical Leader  
 Carol Bunn.....Hunger Center Director  
 Andrea Wasdovich-Duftner..... Project H.O.P.E.

**Parish Leadership**  
 Karen Clifford..... Pastoral Council  
 E. Yvonne Harris..... Finance Council  
 Belinda Sims.....Liturgy-Spiritual Life Commission  
 Margaret Holmes..... St. Vincent dePaul Society  
 Charlotte Perkins.....Ladies Guild President  
 Marguerite Strickland.....Choir Representative  
 Pam Petty.....Youth Group Leader  
 Chris Sledge.....Men's Club President  
 Beverly Berry .....Evangelization

**Eucharistic Celebration**  
 Sunday Mass:.....10 :00am  
 Weekday Masses (Monday, & Wednesday):  
 7:00am (during school year);  
 7:30am (June, July, Aug)

**Reconciliation:** Before Sunday Mass or by appt.  
**Marriages:** Arrangements made at the Parish House at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding.  
**Baptisms:** Contact the Parish House.  
**First Communion, First Reconciliation:** Contact the Parish House.  
**Anointing of the sick and Hospital Visits:** Contact the Parish House.  
**Funerals:** All arrangements must be made at the Parish House before publication in Newspapers.  
**Registration:** Everyone should be properly registered in the Parish. New parishioners should contact the Parish House. Those moving in or out of the Parish are asked to notify the Parish House.  
**Interested in Becoming Catholic?** Contact Fr. Mark or Pam Petty to register for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

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## Markings

*Questions, Quotations and Exclamations from Fr. Mark*

Today we begin the new year of grace and enter into a new liturgical season – the Season of Advent. Like the sky just before dawn, the purples and pinks of our liturgical vesture and our Advent wreath are intended to convey a sense of hope. Something new is beginning. Something wonderful is just around the corner. Something joyful is about to happen. Something believed to be impossible is about ready to become a reality!

Advent is about remembering. It recalls the centuries of waiting that marked the experience of ancient Israel as they awaited the coming of the Messiah and their freedom from political domination, economic oppression, and sin. Advent recalls the words and deeds of ancient saints and prophets who proclaimed hope in the midst of danger, struggle, and loss. Advent also recalls the moments of fulfillment, when the Messiah's coming was at last announced and final preparations were made for his birth.

Advent is also about observing. God's grace is alive and active in our world today. God is changing ideas and demographics and politics. Are you paying attention? God is purifying and revitalizing our Church. Have you noticed? God is opening a new market on St. Clair and East 105<sup>th</sup> Street, fixing the crumbling steps into our Parish Center, plugging the leaks in our Church roof, writing encouraging words about us in the local Catholic Magazine, and adding to our number – three catechumens (Judy Rapp, Nevaeh Davis, Addie Davis) at a time! Are you celebrating it?

And Advent is about getting ready. For Christmas? Yes, but for so much more. Advent is about preparing for a new world and a new way of life. How is your world brightening this Advent? What is God's grace doing in your life, and in your world? Advent calls us to celebrate all that is about to happen and to renew our faith in a God who will not rest until we have seen all the light we cannot see.

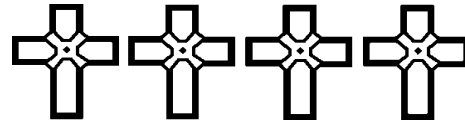
Come, Lord Jesus!

## MASS INTENTIONS DEC 2—9, 2018

Sunday	10 am	Walter Brewster Jr
Monday	8 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	8 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10 am	Deana Potts

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS WEEK OF DEC 9, 2018

READERS	
10:00 AM Noel Egensperger	10:00 AM Steve Pevec
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Pam Petty Darlene Paul	Linda Jordan Letitia Jackson
COUNTERS	TEAM 2
Dana Baker Mary McCombs	Madelyn Harland



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Please call the Parish House if you would like the Parish Community to pray for any special intentions*

- + For **Ronald Redmond** (son of **Velma Smith**)
- + For **Deacon Carl Varga**
- + For **Henrietta Broadus** (sister-in-law **Marguerite Strickland**)
- + For **Barbara Williams**
- For **Maceo Smith**
- + For **Marlene James**
- + For **Janice Beck**
- + For **Michelle Triska**
- + For **Miles Frierson**
- For **John Berry**
- For **Krystal Lacey**
- For **Jermaine Harland**

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND AND THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Art & Mary Ann Melton  
Margaret Atwell  
Donna Beard  
Colleen Holt  
Helen Crenshaw  
Evelyn Davis

Dick & Rosemary McKeon  
Leanna Wysinger  
Ruby Gibson  
Jackie Reese  
Kevin Strickland  
Francis McKinnon

## OTHERS

Barbara Adams  
Luther Anderson  
Tara Boyd

Ron Howard  
Ruth Gage

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	Dec 2	<b>10:00 AM</b> <b>RCIA Meeting</b> <b>Ladies Guild Annual Soup &amp; Salad</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Dec 3	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dec 4	5-6 PM Community Meal
<b>Wednes- day</b>	Dec 5	
<b>Thursday</b>	Dec 6	<b>6 PM Scripture Study</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Dec 7	
<b>Saturday</b>	Dec 8	
<b>Sunday</b>	Dec 9	<b>10 AM Mass</b> <b>RCIA Meeting</b> <b>Black History Bake Sale</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**Attention Lectors**—Please pick up your Lector Workbook for the new Liturgical Season this weekend in the sacristy.

**Live Nativity**—Mark your calendars for the Live Nativity on Thursday evening, December 20 from 6-8 PM. Live animals, costumed characters, music and refreshment will all help to proclaim to the neighborhood the Good News of Christ's birth.

**Homeless Stand Down**—The annual Homeless Stand Down will take place on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Public Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Services provided include Bus Passes, Health Screenings, Podiatry, Dental Information, Children's Dental Screenings, Respite from the Cold, Social Services, Legal Services, Haircuts, Portraits, and Breakfast & Lunch. Anticipated Services include: Housing Information, Outreach Services, Hygiene Items, Fellowship Bagged Lunch to Go. For more information call NEOCH at (216) 432-0540.

**Gospel Choir Concert**—Delivered Ministry, an Akron area gospel choir, will perform spiritual hymns and sacred songs at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, 2018, at the Akron Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, located at 1230 W. Market St., Akron OH. The concert is another event in the ongoing *Building Racial Harmony* series, hosted by the Northeast Ohio Racial Justice Committee of the Dominican Sisters of Peace and Associates. A freewill offering will be accepted.

**Christmas Collection for NERC**—The Evangelization Committee is sponsoring a collection of sample-size toiletries to be distributed to the women at the Northeast Reintegration Center (NERC). NERC is a facility whose purpose is to ready women who have been incarcerated for re-entry into society. Please place donations in the basket provided on the literature table in the church. Please, no mouthwash.

## COLLECTION FOR 11//25/18

Offertory	\$1272.50
Renovations	\$87.00
Other	\$120.00
Target	\$36,351
Year to Date Total	\$32,544
Difference	below target \$3,807

## SUNDAY READINGS

**1st Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16** God's promise for justice will be fulfilled.  
**2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2** Paul offers hope to the waiting people  
**Gospel Luke 21:25-28,34-35** Stand ready at all times; redemption is at hand.

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Dec 3 Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11  
 Tues Dec 4 Isaiah 1:1-10; Luke 10:21-24  
 Wed Dec 5 Isaiah 25:6-10; Matthew 15:29-37  
 Thurs Dec 6 Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27  
 Fri Dec 7 Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31  
 Sat Dec 8 Genesis 3:9-15,20;  
 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38  
 Sun Dec 9 Baruch 5:1-9;  
 Philippians 1:4-6,8-11; Luke 3:1-6

## Family Perspective

At this time of the year we become more conscious of our family as we make preparations for cards, gifts, and visits. Today's gospel warns us not to get "weighted down" by activity. "Take heed to yourselves" during this Advent and devote yourself to appreciating the gift of those who are already such an important part of your life. The greatest gift this season might be the true appreciation of Christ in others.

## Retirement Fund for Religious—

Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. Many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. By 2028, retired religious are projected to outnumber wage-earners by more than three to one. We will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious next Sunday. Envelopes are available on the literature table.