

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Welcoming Ritual for our Candidates



Generous Donors from St. Raphael Parish

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.



DECEMBER 8, 2024

10932 ST. CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44108-1939

Parish House: 216-451-3262 • Fax: 216-268-3830
Office Hours: 8:00am-1:00pm (weekdays)
Project H.O.P.E.: 216-391-7557
Parish Hall: 216-451-5908
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: 7:30am-3:00pm
St. Aloysius Preschool
Phone: 216-451-4144

Pastoral Staff

Sr Mary Jean Raymond OSI	J Parish Life Coordinator
Fr. Andrew Morkunas	Presbyteral Moderator
K Frank Jones	St. Aloysius School Principal
	Hunger Center Director
Kim James	Preschool Director
D	

Parish Leadership

Gregory Clifford	Pastoral Council
Joe Harbert	Finance Council
Belinda Sims	Liturgy-Spiritual Life Committee
Carol Bunn	St. Vincent dePaul Society
Marguerite Strickland	Choir Representative
Chris Sledge	Men's Club President
Beverly Berry	Evangelization Committee

Community Services

Project HopeAndrea Wasdovoich-Duffner Connecting Seniors to Services......Carol Bunn

Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday Mass:10 am

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.

2N3 SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sr. Mary Jean's Reflection

The season of Advent is the most counter-cultural season of the church year.

At a time of the year when everyone becomes frantic about buying gifts, planning parties, and getting their houses ready for guests,

Advent says, stop, slow down, ponder these things in your heart like Mary did.

At a time of the year when everyone talks about Black Friday and sales and how much consumers are spending,

Advent says, consider the humble surroundings where the Son of God chose to be born and do not be seduced by wealth and material things.

At a time of the year when so many nations are at war around the globe,

Advent says, remember that the year that our Savior was born, both the Scriptures and Roman history testify to the fact that "the whole world was at peace." Our world once again urgently needs Christ's message of peace for our very survival.

At a time of the year when everyone is in such a hurry to get thorough the line in the store quickly, to make the light before it really turns red, to hurry the children along when they want to stop and admire a beautiful decoration.

Advent says, treasure the times when you have to wait – at a red light, in a slow-moving check-out line, at a government office building, for a slow-moving elderly person to cross the street, and turn these small waiting times into moments of prayer.

Ministers for December 15, 2024

LECTORS		
Beverly Berry	Diane Adriano	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
Belinda Sims Greg Clifford	Dana Baker David Woody	
COUNTERS	TEAM 3	
Kevin Ford	Dana Baker	
	China Brown	

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 8-15, 2024

Sunday	10:00 am	Mary Lucas
Wednesday	11:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10:00 am	Delphia Nicholson

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Ronald Redmon	Sterling Uitenham
Toni E Payne	Marlene Jones
Henrietta Broadus	Michelle Triska
Barbara Williams	Miles Frierson
Paulette Jones	Ann White
Keli Harland	Dorene Gantt
Jermaine Harland	Jerri Evans
Jaxon Peck	Jordyn Peck
Clarice & Reginald Rucker	Mary McCombs
Madelyn Harland	Denise Brewster
Cezzanne Whittington	Victoria Harden
Melissa Kennedy	Cleo Nettles
Angela Comedy	Deborah Howard
Vermonte Wright	Rosetta Mackey
Eugene Jones	Eben Anderson Jr
Trudy Payne	Emma Lockhart

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

Mary Ann Melton	Ruby Gibson
August & Jackie Reese	Margaret Atwell
Alvin Payne	Letcher Epps
Evelyn Davis	Vyrdye Hopes
Rosemary McKeon	Andrew Johnson
Colleen Holt	Bernadette Boone

It is with our deepest sorrow to inform you of the death of former St Aloysius student and parishioner William Matlock the brother of Everett Matlock. His funeral was at St. Aloysius on December 7 at 10 AM

DECEMBER 8, 2024

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	Dec 8	10 AM Mass OCIA Meets
Monday	Dec 9	11:30 AM Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass
Tuesday	Dec 10	5-6 PM Community Meal 6:30 Scripture in Guild Room
Wednesday	Dec 11	11:30 AM Mass
Thursday	Dec 12	
Friday	Dec 13	
Saturday	Dec 14	Noon-3PM Christmas Toy Sale
Sunday	Dec 15	10 AM Mass OCIA Meets

Christmas Gift Shop

Purchase Gifts for Your Children!

Saturday, December 14, 2024

St Aloysius Parish Hall 625 East 109th Street

12:00 pm til 3:00 pm (or until all gifts are sold)

- *Gifts for Boys and Girls of All Ages
- *Brand New and Gently Used Items
- *No gifts priced above \$1.00!

All funds will be used to purchases next year's gifts

Live Nativity December 19 6-8 PM

Join us for a re-enactment of the Nativity Story complete with live animals. Enjoy music and friendship in preparation for the Christmas miracle.



COLLECTION FOR 12/1/24

Offertory \$1517.00
Renovations \$211.00
Special Collections \$55.00
Target Year to Date \$40,700.00
Collection Year to Date \$33,721.05

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading Baruch 5:1-9 A message of hope to those in exile.

2nd Reading Philippians 1:4-6,8-11 Paul in prison writes of hope for Christians

Gospel Luke 3:1-6 John the Baptist proclaims hope in the Savior's coming

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Dec 9 Genesis 3:9-15,29; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Tues Dec 10 Isaiah 40:1-11; Matt 18:12-14 Wed Dec 11 Isaiah 40:25-31; Matt 11:28-30 Thurs Dec 12 Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:39-47 Fri Dec 13 Isaiah 48:17-19; Matt 11:16-19 Sat Dec 14 Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Matt 17:9-13 Sun Dec 15 Zephaniah 3:14-28; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

SCHOOL NEWS

Our annual Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Wednesday December 11th from 8:30-10:30am in the cafeteria. We are in need of a few volunteers to help make the event a success and run smoothly. If you are interested in helping, please call the Main Office by December 10th. Thank you for your continued support of our parish school. Go Tigers!

Upcoming Liturgical Celebrations

Dec. 9 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Mass at 11:30 am

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Confessions at 5:30 p.m. Carol Service at 5:30 p.m . Mass at 6:00 pm

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day - Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Candles can be purchased after Mass in the sacristy. Cost is \$5

Now is the time to remember family members with intentions at Mass. Sunday and Wednesday Masses dates are available.. See Sr. Mary Jean for requests.

^{*}Free Gift Wrapping Available