



The Catholic Community of Christ the Servant

To the Beloved of Christ the Servant,
 Last year at Christmas I had a wish list that I shared with you. The first wish this year is once again that our celebration remembering Christ's birth will renew in you the deep and personal recognition that you are God's Beloved. You do not have to buy or earn this recognition – it is just freely given. What a wonderful Christmas gift. May this recognition and acceptance of this belief bring you new life, healing, and peace, now and in the coming New Year of 2021. You will be remembered in our Masses on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and on the Weekend this year; on the Feast of the Holy Family. **May we live as God's Beloved.**

My second wish is that we as Christ the Servant Parish will continue to be faithful to the mission of Christ. Defining ourselves as the servants of Christ is a noble endeavor, carrying with it awesome responsibilities. May the Spirit of Christ overshadow our community, allowing us to be guided in our everyday life in faithfulness to Jesus' way of life, especially to the least and the lost among us. **May we live as faithful servants of Christ.**

My third wish is that we continue as God's people to allow the Spirit of Christ to be reflected in our generosity as a parish. The crucifix is a sign of self-giving love and we know the implications that the cross has for our lives. May the three gifts of time, talent and treasure be used for the good that continues to be accomplished in our world, our community, and our families through the work of the Church. **May we live with the same generosity as Jesus.**

My fourth wish is that the ministry and mission of Christ the Servant Parish will be renewed now and in the new year. Only the attitude of Christ the Servant will enable this to happen. Jesus said in the Gospel of Luke 5:33-39, it is the Spirit of Christ that will enable us "to pour new wine into new wineskins." The future is entrusted to us and what we do with it will determine what we hand over to our children and grandchildren. **May we live with the vision of Christ the Servant.**

My fifth wish is that we will continue to operate with a balanced budget. As of the end of October – Christ the Servant Parish and Our Lady of Peace School are operating cost effectively. I can put all the mechanisms into operation, however only you have the means to allow your stewardship of treasure to sustain these endeavors. I ask you to renew your stewardship pledge of treasure, and to be as generous as you are able in the Christmas collections. Please remember that Christmas this year comes during a very challenging time in our lives with the pandemic – so we are dependent on your stewardship for your Christmas Sacrificial Giving. **May we live in an attitude of thankfulness.**

Finally, my sixth wish is that you pray for me. Ask the Lord to strengthen me to remain faithful as a servant with you. **May we together shepherd this acre of God's world – Christ the Servant Parish with love.**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
 Rev. Msgr. Lewis F. Gaetano, D.Min.
 Pastor of Christ the Servant Parish

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics in the diocese and especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Easter Duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter Season 2020.

Liturgy

“As Servants of Christ, through the various Liturgical Ministries, we offer our gifts to one another with the mutual kindness and respect, providing and enhancing opportunities for prayerful worship and celebration.” **Liturgy Pastoral Secretary:** PJ Chavez pchavez@walsh.edu or Mike Reed mreed@christtheservantparish.org

Mass Intentions

Tuesday December 15

9AM –Theora Beatty by Christine Bartels
Geraldine German by Gronow Family

Wednesday December 16

****SCHOOL MASS- STUDENTS ONLY****
10AM– Catherine Dollive by Vincent Dollive

Thursday December 17

9 AM-James Kendall by Mary Anne Casper
Dominic and Clara Fasano by Carol & Dave Fasano

Friday December 18

9AM-Virginia Lanzi by Robert Lanzi
Julia and Tony Leno by Carol & Dave Fasano

Saturday December 19

4:30 PM–Joe Hawkins by Family
David Hussar by Larry & Phyllis Leno

Sunday December 20

9 AM– Wilbur Adams by Adams Family
William J. Bluman by Hilda Bluman and Family
11 AM– Edward McGraw by Kathy Moore
Joe Hawkins by Family

Masses that were scheduled during our closure due to COVID-19 will be rescheduled when there are openings. If you would like a specific date please call the office 330.492.0757.

Please continue to pray for Msgr. Lew as he recovers from COVID-19.



The March for Life in Washington D.C. is expected to proceed as scheduled on Friday, January 29, and this year's theme is "Together Strong, Life Unites!" HOWEVER, the COVID-19 guidelines authored by the Department of Pastoral and Educational Services of the Diocese of Youngstown stipulate that "overnight and offsite trips (activities not on parish grounds) are prohibited until further notice." EWTN will be televising the March for Life including the PreRally Concert, the Rally Program as well as the March itself. For more information go to <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>.

12/6/2020 \$10,766.00

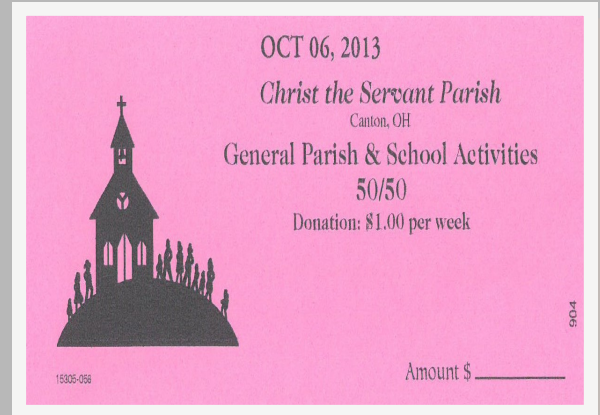
**For stewardship or any other donations to the parish or school, please make checks payable to Christ the Servant Parish–
Thank you**

Stark Federal Credit Union

**General Parish and School
Activities 50/50**

Every Monday a winner will be drawn the winner will be posted in the following weeks bulletin.

Put a dollar in the envelope to participate.
The envelopes are found in your
Stewardship Packets.



Correction from September #384 did play and won

10/4 #61420 \$53.50

10/11/20 #84 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$72.00

10/18/20 #60720 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$92.00

10/25/20 #19300 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$141.50

11/1/20 #361 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$186.00

11/8/20 #37820 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$231.00

11/15/20 #235 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$275.00

11/22/20 #60130 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$312.00

11/29/20 #45950 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$354.00

Prayers for Advent

Third Week

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Fourth Week

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FAITH FORMATION THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we continue this Advent journey, we remember that this third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. As we hear more about John the Baptist, let us remember all the people around us who help us recognize Jesus – those people in our lives who teach through word, example and by their faith and love.

**Gospel Reading**

John 1:6-8,19-28

John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

Family Connection

In family life, we learn to trust other people for protection and care. This experience of trust within the family enables children to believe us when we testify about our faith in Jesus. John the Baptist was believed by those who heard him because he helped them to recognize Jesus in their midst. In our family life, we hope and pray that we lead one another to recognize Jesus' presence in our world.

As you gather as a family, recall that during the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of Jesus' presence in our world. Consider some of the signs of Jesus' presence that you have experienced. During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Read together today's Gospel, John 1:6-8,19-28. Discuss the signs of Jesus' presence in our world that you named and explain what these signs tell us about God and God's love for us. Pray together that your family will be led to recognize that Jesus is present among us. Read and pray together the psalm for today's Mass, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). - Loyola Press

ADVENT RESOURCES**PARENTS WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN**

Advent for Kids LINK: youtu.be/6pxPAIw2abo

USCCB ADVENT HOME PAGE

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/advent>

IGNATIAN ADVENT RESOURCES

<http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/>

DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

<https://youtu.be/KlKotnIVDng>

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/advent>

