

St. Mary Catholic Church

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St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Facebook

December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent



ACTIVE WEEKS AHEAD!!

We have a LOT going on in the next few weeks. Here's the rundown:

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Sunday December 10th 5 PM Parish Hall

Volunteers are needed to help with meat preparation and kitchen cleanup and serving. Jackie Beatty is coordinating. Bring something yummy and join us!

COOKIE WALK

**Saturday December 16th
8AM -12PM**

CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS!

Dust off your favorite Christmas cookie recipes, fire up the oven, and bring 5 dozen to the Parish Hall on Friday December 15th from 5-7 PM or by 7:30 Saturday morning. The more cookies and the more varieties we have, the more successful the sale will be! Volunteers are also needed to help with the sale. Contact Susan Sherwin.

BELL RINGERS WANTED

We still have some openings for December 10 and December 17, 12PM to 5 PM at WalMart. The bell ringing campaign benefits the Union County Alliance of Churches, with proceeds going to meet the needs of disadvantaged families in Union County.



MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM 10 AM St. Joseph, Cobden

Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM

Holy Rosary before each Mass

Reconciliation by Appointment

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40: 1-5; 9-11; Psalm 85:9-14

2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-18

Loneliness and longing let us touch, through desire, God's ultimate design for us. In our longing, the mystics tell us, we intuit the kingdom of God.

Scripture tells us that the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, of simple bodily pleasure, but a coming together in justice, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, that is what we ache for in our loneliness and longing: consummation, oneness, intimacy, completeness, harmony, peace, and justice.

Sometimes, of course, in our fantasies and daydreams, that isn't so evident. God's kingdom seems something much loftier and more holy than what we often long for—sex, revenge, fame, power, glory, pleasure. However even in these fantasies, be they ever so crass, there is present always a deeper desire, for justice, for peace, for joy, for oneness in Christ.



VOCATION CORNER



Our vocation starts as an indwelling, with the quiet whisper of God's pull on our heart. It's often personal and difficult to describe to others and often takes much prayer and discernment to see clearly. Are we to become another John the Baptist - that 'voice of one crying out in the desert'? St. Frances de Sales reflected on this individual nature of our call, "We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish."



FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting food through Sunday, December 17th for the Cobden Elementary School Food Pantry.

Donations of nonperishable food items may be dropped off at the entrance of Church or in the Faith Formation hallway, or at the office during office hours.



ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Please be sure to have your wrapped gifts at Church by **9 AM Saturday December 16**. They can be dropped off at the church office during office hours.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 9: Jack Sherwin
Sunday December 10: Ted & Helen Casey
Tuesday December 12: Mary Kula
Saturday December 16: Lena Klages
Sunday December 17: Jacob Guyon



WORD OF LIFE



"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how at respectlife.org/support-her. *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"*

Intercession:

May God help us prepare the way of the Lord by acting with tenderness and compassion, especially toward the most vulnerable among us;

We pray to the Lord

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Lectors:

Saturday December 16: Jackie Beatty
Sunday December 17: Jim Poletti

Servers: Liam Hale, Mia Kell, Maeve Kell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday December 16: Paul Cairatti, Joe Wendling, Susan Sherwin
Sunday December 17: Mary Ellen Ecker, Jordan Jansen, Ellen Quertermous

Thank You to all who have donated, volunteered, coordinated, or participated in our Christmas activities!!!