



**Saturday, Dec. 17 Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:30 p.m. Dorothy Sweeney (Parish Staff)

**Sunday, Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. Mary Beth Comer (Mary Ann Comer)

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Mon. Dec. 19 Advent Weekday**

6:30 p.m. Catherine Hierholzer (Paul & Sally Simon)

**Tues. Dec. 20 Advent Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Betts Kloecker (Paul & Mary Scales)

**Wed. Dec. 21 St. Peter Canisius**

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls of Purgatory (Jerry McLafferty)

**Thurs. Dec. 22**

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

**Fri. Dec. 23 Advent Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Eileen Schneider (Carol Smith)

**Sat. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols Begin

**Midnight Mass** People of the Parish

**Sunday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day**

8:00 a.m. No Mass

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Holy Cross-Immaculata Parish Ringing of Bells**

Wed. Dec. 21 In Memory of Nicki Smith (Crowley Family)

Effective January 1, 2017, the "Ringing of the Bells" and the daily Mass Intention will be designated for the same person. The tradition of the "ringing of the bells" began years ago as a way of collecting money needed to have the bells repaired. Over the years, the interest in this custom has declined. If you have observed over recent months, there have been very few requests. We will honor any advanced requests we have received by designating that person in the Mass intention for the day.

The suggested stipend for all Mass Intentions will be \$10. The option to request specific songs played during the ringing of the bells will continue.



**SCHEDULE FOR**

**Dec. 24 & 25**

**Saturday 4:30**

**Sacristan:** Dennis Daugherty, Georgia Curran

**Server:** Keith Geissler, Tony Baker, Bob Schroer

**Lector:** Sandy Olliges, Karen Kohrman

**EM:** Dennis Daugherty, Georgia Curran Susan Daugherty, Ann Nickolas

**Midnight Mass**

**Sacristan:**

**Server:** Keith Geissler, Tony Baker, Bob Schroer

**Lector:** Warren Bertsch, M'ellen Horrigan

**EM:** Jim Horrigan, Glenn Graf, Jenny Graff

**Sunday 10:30**

**Sacristan:**

**Server:** Kalyn Obermeyer

**Lector:**

**EM:**

*MERRY CHRISTMAS is the Reason for the Season*  
*Jesus*  
 Unto you is born this day  
*a Savior, which is Christ the Lord,*  
 Luke 2:11  
*Silent Night*

*Peace King of Kings Joy to the World*  
 Joy  
 Hope  
 Love

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, December 24, 2016**

*Nativity of the Lord, Vigil of Christmas*  
 Vigil Mass at 4:30PM

**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

*Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day*

Carols: 11:30 p.m.

Mass at Midnight

Mass during the Day – 10:30 a.m.

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, December 31, 2016**

*Vigil – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, January 1, 2017**

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



**Thank You Volunteers!**

A word of thanks to the volunteers who helped set up and take down the luminaries that lined the steps on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We were blessed with decent weather for early December. The Vespers service was a wonderful way to celebrate the season of Advent and honor the Blessed Mother. We hope that this will become an annual tradition!

**2017 PARISH CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE**

The parish calendars are available by the church exits. You will note that the art work and photographs used are all part of the collection that displays the beauty of our church and unique location on Mount Adams.

**CONGRATULATIONS 2017 MEMBERS OF PARISH COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL**

The newly appointed members of Parish Council will begin their official term of office in January, 2017. New members Warren Bertsch, Georgia Curran, Gregg Herrmann, Susan Miller and Alice Rogers-Uhl will join Laura Connelly (chair), Mike Brill, Steve Nickolas, Amy Obermeyer and Tina Russo. And now that he is back in Cincinnati, Tony Baker will resume his place on the Council. We thank Rich Bova, Korey Edwards and Mary Ritter for their service and to Ray Baker, for filling in for Tony Baker for a few months. The major focus of Parish Council's work beginning January 16 is to begin planning for Good Friday.

Ray Baker will now resume his duties on the Finance Council along with Erin Arnold, Dennis Daugherty, Eric Koren, Kathy Mayer, Bill Moran, Marilyn Ormsbee and Heather Turner. Finance Council will meet on January 9 to begin the process of strategic planning for the future of the parish. Finance Council members have also volunteered to take part in the planning of the Good Friday services. We are hoping that a large percentage of parishioners will also volunteer to help!



**Come.  
Lord Jesus!**

It happens about this time every year.

Amidst all the songs of peace and joy of the season, we can sometimes find ourselves alone in our busyness. Caught in the middle of a long stretch of flurried activity, there is no time to plan or contemplate, just react. We know we need to slow down. The trouble is slowing down can be scary. It can feel like nothing is happening, like we are wasting precious moments of our lives. Letting go of that pace can feel lonely at first. But it is in that stillness that we can finally get quiet enough to truly listen.

**Emmanuel, God is with us.**

Ultimately, the essence of this season is embedded in this good news. Despite this, each day we are bombarded by countless things that distract us and keep us from experiencing the full gift of Advent.

**Emmanuel, God is with us.**

This truth is a daily invitation to engage in good conversation with friends, to tell those in our lives that we love them and allow ourselves to be vulnerable enough to connect with our fellow human beings. In that place, we are invited to meet others with an outstretched hand. In that place, there is a response to the loneliness that exists in our world. In that place, there is hope.

**Emmanuel, God is with us.**

**COLLECTION REPORT**

**December 10th & 11th, 2016**

**Envelopes (92)**

**Sunday Collection \$2,336.00**

**EFT/CreditCard \$1,076.60\***

**Votive \$162.00**

**Other Revenue \$930.00**

**Total Regular Revenue \$4,504.60**

**Retired Religious \$2,486.00**



**Thank You** for your generous support for the Retired Religious Collection. Sister Cookie Crowley sends her love to everyone. Sister Cookie told us that the Archdiocese of Cincinnati often ranks as the #1 diocese in the country in showing support for this collection. We are glad that our parish responds with love to the retired religious sisters, brothers and priests who have served the church.