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Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 21, 2025

WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS, & PRAYER**Schedule & Mass Intentions**

The services below are in English unless otherwise specified. Refer to the other side of the bulletin for Masses and other services in Spanish. Please note that the priest schedule is tentative and subject to change.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20				
4:30 pm	Mass	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	+Rosemary Schneider
5:00 pm	Mass (Reconciliation at 4:00 pm)	Holy Angels	Fr. Satish Joseph	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent				
9:00 am	Mass	St. Anthony	Fr. Terry Schneider	Eldon Amick
9:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	St. Helen	Fr. Len Wenke	+Alice Griffin
9:45 am	Mass (Reconciliation at 9:15 am)	St. Mary	Fr. Tony Geraci	St. Mary Parishioners, Phil Doecker
10:45 am	Mass	Holy Angels	Fr. Len Wenke	Bob Seubert
11:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Anna B. Ferguson
5:00 pm	Mass	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Jim Rice
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	+Jean Knapke
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Anna B. Ferguson
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Hours	St. Anthony		
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24: Christmas Eve				
4:00 pm	Mass (Prelude at 3:30 pm)	Holy Angels	Fr. Len Wenke	
4:30 pm	Mass (Prelude at 4:00 pm)	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	
5:00 pm	Mass (Prelude at 4:45 pm) (incense free)	St. Helen	Fr. Kip Stander	+Mary and Richard Strathearn
7:00 pm	Mass	St. Anthony	Fr. Terry Schneider	Rocco Dvoski
7:00 pm	Mass (Prelude at 6:30 pm)	St. Mary	Fr. Tony Geraci	Saluke-Karst Family, Weimert Family, Dillow Family, Smith-Stoff Families, George & Rodie Brun, Jerald North
10:30 pm	Mass (Prelude at 10:00 pm)	St. Anthony	Fr. Len Wenke	
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)				
12:00 am	Mass (Prelude at 11:30 pm)	St. Helen	Fr. Satish Joseph	
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Terri Rosenthal
10:45 am	Mass	Holy Angels	Fr. Len Wenke	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26: St. Stephen, First Martyr				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	+John Fleet

WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS, & PRAYER**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**

4:30 pm	Mass	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Carl A. Lombard
5:00 pm	Mass (Reconciliation at 4:00 pm)	Holy Angels	Fr. Len Wenke	

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

9:00 am	Mass	St. Anthony	Fr. Len Wenke	JoAnn Kavalasuskas
9:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	St. Helen	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Larry Conners
9:45 am	Mass (Reconciliation at 9:15 am)	St. Mary	Fr. Tony Geraci	Deacon Bill Stevenson, Jr., Dwight Kimball
10:45 am	Mass	Holy Angels	Fr. Len Wenke	Kenneth & Helen Andersen
11:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Larry Anders
1:00 pm	Mass (Kinyarwanda)	IC		
5:00 pm	Mass	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Mounir Abourjeili

Welcome to Bread of Life Family of Parishes

- **Munyeshyaka Family** (IC)
- **Perez Family** (SM)
- **Melgar Hernandez Family** (SM)
- **Castro Arreola Family** (SM)
- **Mayancela Tamay Family** (IC)
- **Sanchez Muñoz Family** (IC)

Baptisms

Congratulations to all those who were baptized recently. May they continue to grow in Christ's love.

- **Thiago Antolinez** (IC)
- **James Hutson** (HA)*
- **Norah Goodale** (HA)*

*Correction from last week's bulletin.

Rest in Peace

Funerals were held recently. Please keep them, their family, & friends in your prayers. May they rest in the eternal embrace of God.

- **Angel Asmal** (IC)
- **Sally Keys** (SM)
- **Stephen Gray** (SH)

Marriages & Convalidations

Wedding Congratulations to those who were united in Holy Matrimony or had their marriage convalidated recently. We wish them all the happiness in the world as they begin their new life together.

- **Annie Weckesser & Brian Dalidowicz** (SA)
- **James DeWall & Mara Beam** (HA)

Requesting Mass Intentions

You may request Masses to be celebrated for deceased loved ones, special intentions, or in thanksgiving. Please send your request at least two weeks before the Mass date. Contact:

- Holy Angels & St. Anthony: Sue Jenkins at sjenkins@stanthonydayton.org
- St. Mary: Anita Wagner at awagner@stmarydayton.org or 937.256.5633
- St. Helen: 937.254.6233
- Immaculate Conception: tinyurl.com/IC-MassIntention or Will Marsh at willmarsh@icparishdayton.org

**Prayer Requests**

You can request prayers and pray for others' intentions on the Prayer Request page on Ite Missa Est, adult faith formation ministry. To go <https://www.itemissaest.org/prayer-center/prayer-requests> to learn more and submit prayer requests.

ADVENT DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

Ite Missa Est Presents: Advent Discipleship Challenge: Week 4

Highlighted this week in both Isaiah and Matthew is “Emmanuel”--- God with us (Is 7:14, Mt 1:23). Each day offers hopeful assurance, but also caution. Matthew’s infancy narratives are violent and dangerous (Mt 2:13-15). Luke tells us that the Holy Family, and in particular a very pregnant Mary, must traverse 90 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem (Lk 2:1-5). Those dusty roads held danger from highway robbers as well as constant fatigue. Matthew writes that they must escape a mad king’s rage as refugees seeking asylum in a foreign land (Mt 1-18). Hope in God holds them. That same hope will hold us, too, when we, like them, encounter disagreeable, unplanned, and unwelcome aspects of life. Written by parishioners, our final five Advent reflections contain hopeful messages and practical means to keep these final days. Come, Lord Jesus!

Sunday, December 21 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Both the first reading and the gospel are tied together in the word, “Emmanuel” (Is 7:14 and Mt 1:23). It is Matthew who gives us the meaning, “God is with us.” Ahaz, the king of Judah, needed this assurance as he confronted his external enemies. But Ahaz did not pay heed. Joseph, on the other hand, had paid heed and took Mary into his house. Thus, he became Jesus’ foster father (Mt 1:24). In all circumstances and situations, “God is with us.” Today, invite God into one complex or difficult area of your life. And become conscious of the reality that our God’s name is “Emmanuel, God with us!”

Monday, December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Luke 1:46-56

Hannah and Mary make unimaginable sacrifices for a parent (1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:26-38). They also sing similar songs. The world they sing of where the lowly are lifted up, where the hungry are fed and the mighty are cast down, the rich sent away empty; will require sacrifice from each and every one of us. Slowly, methodically, reread the praises these women sing (Hannah’s is the responsorial Psalm for today) keeping this question in mind, “What sacrifice must I make so that my soul may magnify the LORD?”

Tuesday, December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Luke 1:57-66

Today’s readings highlight how God sends a messenger to prepare the way (Mal 3:1-4, 23-24). John the Baptist’s birth (Lk 1:57-66) indicates that the time is growing short. In these couple of days before Christmas there is much to be done. In the midst of our business, pause and take just five minutes in quiet prayer contemplating with great hope the coming of Jesus and how he comes to us through time and also within our hearts — God with us.



ADVENT DISCIPLECHIP CHALLENGE

Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Luke 1:67-79

Nativity scenes don't capture the turmoil, heartbreak, and tragedy that are part of the story of Christmas. The Holy Family were forced on difficult journeys because of an emperor's decree and a king's madness (Mt 2:16-18). 2 Samuel says the House of David will last forever (2 Sam 7:8-12, 14, 16). But this didn't result in a life without struggle, even for David, Israel's greatest king. Nor would life be without distress for his descendants, Mary and Joseph. What unwanted journeys have shaped your story or stretched you in unperceivable ways? The mystery of the Incarnation is "Emmanuel," God with us. Contemplate this hopeful message as we enter the great mystery of Christmas.

Thursday, December 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord

As a child, did you ever flop into freshly fallen snow to make a snow angel? It's a little frightening, falling backwards. Whenever angels appear in the Bible the first response is fright — throughout salvation history angels aren't "Hallmarky" but fierce. This was the reaction of the shepherds who watched their flock by night (Lk 2:8). But the "good news of great joy" is that we never need to be afraid again. What fears might you lay down at the foot of Bethlehem's manger? Hear the "great news of great joy" (Lk 1:10) throughout this Christmas season. Sing carols such as "O Come all ye Faithful" throughout the day.

Daily Reflections

Are you interested in delving deeper into the Scripture readings from Mass each day? If so, go to Ite Missa Est's website, itemissaest.org, to read reflections and subscribe to receive reflections in your email.



LOVE IN ACTION

St. Vincent de Paul Shelter Meals

St. Anthony

Because of the upcoming holiday schedule, St. Anthony will not donate meals to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter in November and December. In lieu of donating food, St. Anthony Parish will make a monetary contribution so that the shelter staff can purchase food. We will continue casserole sign-ups in January.



Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, January 6 from 5:00 to 5:30 pm, IC lower level kitchen

Each month we provide casseroles for the guests staying at the St. Vincent DePaul Hotel. The recipe is available on the parish website icparishdayton.org/ministries/SVDP.

You may provide a casserole or canned vegetables or fruit (#10 [large] size can preferred). Casseroles are collected at the parish on the first Tuesday of the month from 5:00 pm – 5:30pm in the lower level kitchen at Immaculate Conception and taken to St. Vincent DePaul's central kitchen facilities. Contact Chip or Diane Meyer at 937.270.2846 with any questions.

Thank you in advance for your help caring for our unhoused sisters and brothers!

Thank You

St. Mary

A BIG THANK YOU to all who purchased gifts for the Caring Tree at St. Mary Church for a child in need this Christmas.



Thanks to you we were able to give many gifts to over 235 children this Christmas.

Also, thank you for purchasing gift cards for the Food Pantry. These gift cards will greatly help so many families in need.

Thank you for your support. we are so grateful and we appreciate you. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and the very best of the New Year from St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Open House at St. Mary*Friday, December 26, 3:00-6:00 pm**Saturday, December 27, 1:00-4:00 pm**Monday, December 29, 4:00-6:00 pm*

For over 100 years, St. Mary Church in Dayton has opened its doors during the holidays for an open house, showcasing its beauty at Christmas. Once again, our doors will be open for everyone to see the largest nativity in the area and tour this stunning National Historic Landmark sacred space. Historians will be available to guide you, and music director Jeff Hecht will be there to play the remarkable 1920 Austin organ and give visitors a rare glimpse inside. Follow the star in the East (East Dayton that is) and see the beautiful and historic St. Mary Church at Christmas time in Dayton at 310 Allen Street, Dayton, OH 45410.

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**

Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity! “Thank you very much for your donations, always,” says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org or resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/consecrated-life/retirement-fund-for-religious.

The Flower and Environment Fund**St. Helen**

Our parish has a long history of having beautiful decorations for holidays, holy days, liturgical seasons, and various feast days.



Many parishioners like to make a contribution to our flower and environment fund as a means of remembering or honoring a loved one or special friend. If you wish to do so, gifts of any size are appreciated.

Contributions received by Monday, January 5, 2026, will be acknowledged in the bulletin. Names will be alphabetical and dollar amounts will not be disclosed. You may also remain anonymous.

You can also make a gift through ParishSoft Giving, either through your account OR as a one-time gift! Call the Parish Office if you have questions.

Holy Angels Fish Fry

Saturday, January 10, 6:00-11:30 pm, Holy Angels School Gym & Cafeteria

Join us for 2026 Holy Angels Boosters Club Fish Fry. Carry-out available from 5:30-6:30 pm. There will be a silent auction, raffle prizes, and games of chance! To purchase your admission tickets and to register for the silent auction, please visit: <https://cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/hafishfry2026> scan the QR code.

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**Thank you****Immaculate Conception**

Thank you for your generous donation to our Falcon Families Cookie Walk. We appreciate the support immensely! We recently hosted Cultural Day at school for the students to learn about and celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thank you! We were able to provide all with a special treat and flowers for them to place at the statue. Your help makes these special occasions possible!

We, Falcon Families, wish you all peace, good health, and a blessed Christmas Season!

Lunch Bunch Ladies!**Immaculate Conception**

Monday, December 29 at 12:30 pm at China Garden Buffet (Woodman & Airway)

Join us for our next lunch! This group is open to all ladies. No need to RSVP, just come! Questions? Contact Shirley at 937.344.1845.



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STEWARDSHIP

With heartfelt thanks, Stewardship of Treasure

Holy Angels

November 2025: \$45,975.52

St. Anthony

November 2025: \$30,860.50

St. Helen

November 2025: \$44,425.64

St. Mary

October 2025: \$36,247.00

Immaculate Conception

October 2025: \$55,928.47

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Holy Angels, St. Anthony, & St. Mary: WeShare Giving

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- St. Anthony: Go to, stanthonydayton.org: Online Giving tab (located on the right of the home page).
- Holy Angels: Go to holyangelschurchdayton.org click on the GIVE tab and then click Sunday collection tab.
- St. Mary's: Go to stmarydayton.org and click on the WeShare icon on the home page.

Donation Envelope Exchange Policy

If you are a member of another parish & attend Mass here, we have an envelope exchange agreement. If you drop your donation envelope in the collection basket, we will see that your home parish receives your donation.



Putting Love into Action

Dec.
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Updates from Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV)

2025 Recap

As 2025 comes to a close, CSSMV would like to thank our neighbors for all your support. We wouldn't be able to help our community in the ways that we do without your unwavering trust in us. This word scramble is a reminder of CSSMV as you enjoy the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

CSSMV Word Scramble!

1. HFIAT _____
2. IHECDSCEARO _____
3. ONN PTOFRI _____
4. CNIOTMUMY _____
5. TLIOACCH _____
6. EVEIRCS _____
7. WBONR RSETTE _____
8. ACOYAVCD _____
9. CSELNIT _____
10. GTTIRAUED _____
11. AOHHISCRBP _____
12. YLEEEMPO _____
13. SOTHU INMA NEUVAE _____
14. GRATOVNIA _____
15. IRTTENGIY _____
16. OATRHECU _____
17. ESTW IRIVWEREV UENVEA _____
18. YTCRIHA _____
19. DITOCDAEIN _____
20. OETWARKM _____

Answers: (1) Faith; (2) Archdiocese; (3) Non profit; (4) Community; (5) Catholic; (6) Service; (7) Brown Street; (8) Advocacy; (9) Clients; (10) Gratitude; (11) Archbishop; (12) Employee; (13) South Main Avenue; (14) Navigator; (15) Integrity; (16) Outreach; (17) West Riveriew Avenue; (18) Charity; (19) Dedication; (20) Teamwork

To learn more about these updates or about Catholic Social Services, visit cssmv.org or contact Hope Gebhart, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, at gebharth@cssmv.org or 937.223.7217 ext.1168



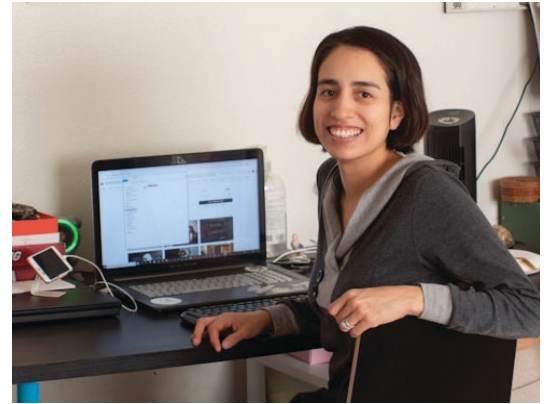
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Highlights of the ministries of
St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dayton District Council

DECEMBER 2025

Keeping Her Home

Brittany needed help. She was behind in her mortgage and energy bill. She was out of work as an Expanded Functions Dental Assistant, as her practice did not have enough work for her. She spent her time attempting to find new employment in her field, but was having trouble finding any work. She switched jobs to work as a home health aide to improve her situation. The position paid less than her previous role, but it was better than continuing without income. However, Brittany still needed help with her bills. She reached out to the Our Lady of the Rosary Conference for assistance. The Conference volunteers listened to Brittany's story, and were able to assist her in paying her mortgage and energy bill to ensure that she didn't lose her home.



With SVdP's help, Brittany was able to keep her home while she focused on finding work.



*Our temporary donation dock is open!
Donations will be accepted Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

CityThrift Donation Dock Construction

Our CityThrift donation dock is receiving a necessary upgrade! Thanks to a special grant, we are able to upgrade our donation dock to better serve you! The donation dock at CityThrift will be closed during construction. A temporary donation dock will be open during construction, as well as our 24/7 donation dock at our Apple St Shelter. Directions to the temporary dock are in the photo to the left. Thanks for your patience and understanding during this time!

Don't forget, when you come to donate your gently used clothing and household goods, check out our great selection of thrifted goods and unique finds! All CityThrift purchases directly support your Dayton neighbors in need.

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