

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Austintown, Ohio 44515
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LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil Mass:.....5:00 pm
Sunday Masses.....8:30 am and 11:00 am
Holyday Mass9:00 am and 7:00 pm
Weekdays8:00 am

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Kenneth E. Miller *Pastor*
Deacon Nick Moliterno.....*Permanent Deacon*
Deacon Lee Miles*SJIHM School Principal*
Deacon Nick Moliterno..... *CCD Coordinator*
Mr. Terry Chance..... *Youth Ministry Team*
Anne Baker.....*Youth Ministry Team*
Mr. Pat Wolf..... *RCIA Coordinator/ Leader of Prayer*
Mrs. Susan Garchar..... *Leader of Prayer*
Mr. Robert Gartland..... *Leader of Prayer*
Mr. Paul Frabutt.....*Director of Music*
Mary Ellen Chance..... *Parish Secretary*
Rita Staraitis.....*School Secretary*
Paula Potkonicky..... *Religious Ed. Secretary*
Marilyn D'Eramo.....*Parish Center Secretary*

PARISH TELEPHONES

Rectory793-9988
Rectory Fax799-9269
School.....799-1944
School Fax.....799-0151
Religious Education799-4202
Convent793-5732
Parish Center270-0650
Parish Center Fax270-0734

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Rectory is closed from 12 - 1 p.m. for lunch.

NEW PARISHIONERS

New Parishioners are always welcome. Anyone 18 years or older should be a registered member. Registration packets are available at the Rectory Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

WEDDINGS

Arrangements must be made with the parish priest at least six months in advance. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment.

BAPTISMS

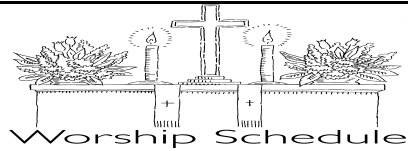
Deacon Nick Moliterno will administer the Sacrament of Baptism on the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month. Fr. Miller will administer Baptisms during Mass.

BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism Class is held on the first Monday of the month in the Religious Education room of the school at 7 p.m. Fr. Miller must approve all persons registering for the class. Please call ahead to register for the class.

MSGR. ANDREW PROKOP PARISH CENTER

Accommodations for 350 in the main room or 100 in the meeting room. All catering is provided by Rachel's. Please call Marilyn D'Eramo for all inquiries or to schedule a booking. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday through Friday.



Sunday Offering

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00 p.m. Christopher Manos—Marie Newhouse

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15—2ND SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

8:30 a.m. Mike Rakocy—Knights of Columbus, #3930

11:00 a.m. Stephen Rushen—Wife, Helen

Monday, January 16—Martin Luther King Day

8:00 a.m. Madeline Puskas—Ann Drapko

Tuesday, January 17—St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 a.m. Janice Leonelli—Family

Wednesday, January 18

8:00 a.m. Doreen Ciccarelli—M/M Stephen Hamrock

Thursday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Edward Garback—Wife, Betty

Friday, January 20—SS. Fabian and Sebastian

8:00 a.m. Eugene Trinkaus—Szabo and Lepore Families

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21—ST. AGNES

5:00 p.m. William Milliron, Sr.—Wife and Children

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22—3RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

8:30 a.m. David Fitz-Patrick—Pat Guthridge and Family

11:00 a.m. Dec. DeToro & Felice Families—Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20



Altar Server Schedule

- Sat., Jan. 21 @ 5 p.m. Kathryn McCarthy
Cory Basista
Eric Basista
- Sun., Jan. 22 @ 8:30 a.m. Tom McGahagan
Robby Marek
Madison Plesea
- Sun., Jan. 22 @ 11 a.m. Leslie Tejada
Zach Kimble
Mariah Rovnak

Sunday Offertory (Jan. 1)	_____	\$12,228.49
Sunday Offertory (Jan. 8)	_____	\$8,641.01
Initial Offering	_____	\$1,483.00
Additional Christmas	_____	\$2,117.00
Candles	_____	\$493.98
Pot of Gold	_____	\$198.00



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Peg Bokesch Darlene Aiello
Tabernacle Louis Miller IHM Parish Family
School Louis Miller SJHM School



Sunday, January 15

No CCD Classes
RCIA Classes
Scrip Sales

5:00 p.m. Winterfest Family Game Night—Parish Center
6:30 p.m. Men's Renewal Meeting—Rectory

Monday, January 16

No School—Martin Luther King Day
7 p.m.—K of C Meeting—Rectory

Thursday, January 19

No Senior Citizens Meeting this month

Sunday, January 22

CCD Classes
RCIA Classes
Scrip Sales

12:15 p.m. Parish Counting Team Mtg.—Parish Center
6:30 p.m. Men's Renewal Meeting—Rectory



PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the souls of **Louis C. Miller, Fr. Miller's father, Ann Ferko, Carl W. Fisher and Joseph Passarelli.** May God grant them eternal rest and May He comfort their families and friends during this time of sorrow and loss.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of IHM,

Last Monday the liturgical Season of Christmas concluded with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. On the day before, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, a large number of persons came to the church to take down our Christmas decorations. Over the Christmas holidays, many parishioners commented on how beautiful the church looked this year. Additionally, many persons were uplifted by our celebrations of Christmas, Mary the Mother of God, and the Epiphany. The excellent music by our choirs and music ministry is the result of hard work and many hours of practice. Attendance at liturgies was very good. Also, our Christmas collection was outstanding- over \$27,000! I commend you for your generosity to IHM. I also thank anyone who contributed to the flower fund for Christmas. Your contribution enabled us to purchase a beautiful variety of Christmas plants and flowers. People were also generous with their time in volunteering for the extra ministers needed for our added Masses. To all of you who helped- THANK YOU!

In the time between the Christmas Season and Lent (which begins on February 22), we celebrate the beginning of Ordinary Time. Our readings shift from the stories of Jesus' infancy and boyhood to the beginning of his active ministry. The primary purpose of these stories is not to help us remember something that happened when Jesus was beginning his ministry. The stories are told so that we can identify our own call to live lives of holiness by serving others. Living the covenant of love into which God calls us requires an active response. The three readings today help illustrate this clearly.

The first reading today from the First Book of Samuel was written before Jesus was born. It is nonetheless an important story to remember. Samuel was to be the person God chose to anoint the first kings of Israel. Up to this point the Israelites were a loose confederation of tribes. Under God's direction, Samuel begins to establish the Jewish monarchy first with Saul and then David, and helps them grow into a great nation. Under the leadership of the great King David, the Temple would be built and many of the ancient writings from the Hebrew Scriptures would be recorded.

In the third reading today from the Gospel According to St. John, Jesus is acknowledged as the Messiah by John the Baptist (you may have noticed during the gospel reading that John the Baptist recites a phrase we use in the Mass, "Behold the Lamb of God!"). Jesus shows his power as Messiah by calling others to follow him...and they respond immediately. Their response over time will begin a Holy Revolution that will change the world. How do we help initiate positive change in the world as people who bear the name of "Christian?" Does it make any difference to others or ourselves that we are baptized members of the body of Christ?

In the second reading today from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminds us of our call to live moral lives. Living morally is required of any disciple of Jesus. Sometimes persons identify the word 'morality' with the word 'sexuality.' Living a moral life certainly includes sexual morality, but it involves much more than just that. Jesus spoke about the need to live chaste lives, but he spoke far more often about the moral obligation we have to the poor, marginalized and oppressed. The immorality extant in many parts of our world today does enormous damage to persons and includes many very serious sins that are not sexual in nature. Many institutions such as governments, religious institutions, economic and military institutions as well, perpetuate immorality generation after generation, by taking advantage of their power, even in so called "Christian" nations.

How can each of us live moral lives as disciples of the Lord?

Fr. Ken Miller

OH NO !!!

Our Church Boiler Needs to be Replaced for \$15K

Over a month ago, our school building had to be evacuated because of natural gas leaking and a build up of carbon monoxide. The culprit was an outdated (and leaky) boiler used to heat the church. We are required to replace the boiler for safety reasons. A new boiler was installed on Monday and Tuesday of this past week. The cost of the new boiler was **\$15,000**. This was an unexpected expense. If you can help defray the cost of this boiler, please put an envelope in the collection, labeled "**Boiler Replacement**," or put a little extra in our Fuel and Heat envelope. Thank you for your help and support.

A NEW IHM REVERSE RAFFLE COMMITTEE has been formed and is looking for members. This is a once a year event that has raised an average of **\$10K** each year in the past. We need members who are willing to help sell tickets and program ads, assist with the Chinese Auction and to help in various capacities on the night of the Raffle. **Current committee members are Fr. Miller, Kathie Habeger, Lori MacLochlan, Guy Martino, Kathryn Miller, Marie Newhouse, Karen and Marty Nypaver, Adeline Suhovecky and Rebecca Velasco.**

Ticket sales for this year's Raffle are underway. The event will be held on **Friday, April 27, 2012**. Cost is **\$60** which includes an entry into the main drawing, appetizers, buffet dinner and open bar. **\$100 Early Bird Drawings** will also be held in the months of **February, March and April**. This is a fun event and a tremendous fund raiser for our parish, so don't miss out. Contact any committee member listed above for ticket information.

Congratulations



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OUR CONGRATULATIONS to the following Pot of Gold winners. For the month of November, **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lettau**, who share was **\$155.50** and for the month of December, **Mr. and Mrs. Jere Anderson**, whose share was **\$151.00**. Thanks to all who donate to this monthly fund raiser. And, remember, it only takes \$1 to win, but the larger the pot—the bigger the draw!

IT'S ONLY JANUARY, but **Festival 2012** will here before you know it! There will be an important first Festival meeting on **Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at 7 p.m.** in the rectory meeting room for all booth chairpersons and any interested parishioners. We need to "brain storm" about this important parish fund raiser and we would like your input. Please join us! Just as it "takes a village" to raise a child, it takes the whole parish to "put on a successful festival this year!"



YOUR PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND BLESSINGS are requested for the following individuals: **William Amendol, Marian Cappitte, Joseph Chance Sr., Lottie Doringo, Mary Jane Englehart, Maria and Thomas Fok, Nancy Gartland, Jim Hanek, Edward Harmicar, Barbara and Evelyn Hlay, Helen Hucko, Caroline Italiano, Raymond Kovach, Brian Kroll, Quentin Laret, Charlotte Leonard, Bill McAndrew, Gregg Melfe, Mary Ellen Monaco, Rose Narducci, Theresa Pupino, Diana Puz, Bill Rigley, Sr., Joseph Rush, Kenny Schreiber, Beverly Sharnek, Chuck and Nadine Wiand, Brent Wilcox, and Donna Yammaguchi.**

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the extensive length of our Prayer List for the Sick in our weekly bulletin, beginning **January 1, our list was updated** and we will be **starting fresh** for the new month. The list will be revised and updated at the beginning of each new month.

ANYONE WANTING THEIR NAME included on the sick list should contact the rectory themselves or have a close family member call with the information. We respect the privacy of our parishioners.

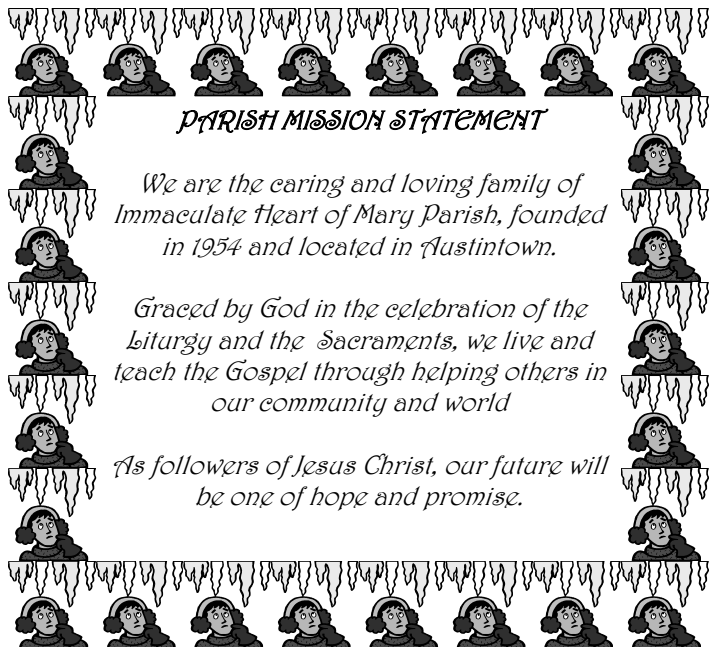
REQUEST FORMS for your **2011 Contribution records** were included with last week's bulletin. If you did not get one, more are available at the church entrances. Please fill it out and return it in person, by mail or through the collection baskets. **All records will be mailed out February 1, 2012.**



BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2012, all students in grades 9 through 12, will have envelopes for church donations. The envelopes have been printed and are ready for pick-up in the Religious Ed room of the school. Any questions, please call **Paula at 330-799-4202.**



WE ARE LOOKING FOR some new faces to help with our **Home Visitation.** Some of our members have left a void within this important ministry of the church and we are in need of a few new people to fill their places. If you have the time and like to visit and chat with folks, this is the perfect opportunity for you. We visit the home bound, elderly and ill of our parish twice monthly. If you are interested, please call either **Kathy or Don Bolash at 330-799-8246.**



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the caring and loving family of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, founded in 1954 and located in Austintown.

Graced by God in the celebration of the Liturgy and the Sacraments, we live and teach the Gospel through helping others in our community and world

As followers of Jesus Christ, our future will be one of hope and promise.

WE HAVE A LOT of dates open for Sanctuary Lamp

Intentions. These candles are located in front of the **Tabernacle** and the **Blessed Mother** in Church and we now have a candle lit in school in front of the Blessed Mother there. The school children pray everyday for that intention. The cost of the vigil lights are **\$10 each** and burn all week long. If you would like to schedule an intention, please call the rectory with your request.

ALL OF YOUR MASS INTENTIONS have been recorded for the year **2012**. We do have a number of open dates for **weekdays** if you would like to have additional Masses said. **There are no weekend Masses available.** If you would like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory.

DIOCESAN CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

All new volunteers and employees who minister with children and youth **are required** to participate in a **“Treasured Gifts from God”** Child Protection In-service. For a schedule of upcoming in-services, contact the Office of Religious Education. The next In-service for our area will be on **Saturday, March 31, 2012, at St. Christine Parish**, from 9-11 a.m. Colleen Boyle will be the facilitator. **Please call to register at 330-793-0544.**

OUR ANNUAL COAT DRIVE, sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee of IHM, will begin on **Saturday, January 14, 2012 through Sunday, January 29, 2012.** We will be accepting clean, gently worn men’s, women’s and children’s coats and jackets, which will be donated to the Needle’s Eye Ministry on Oak Hill Avenue in Youngstown. If you have any questions, **please call Becky at 330-799-7751 or Bea at 330-793-4843.**

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 12, 2012
1-3 p.m.