



### **Liturgical Appointments for January 3/4**

	Ministers of Altar	Ministers of Hospitality	Ministers of Word	Ministers of Holy Communion
5:30 p.m.	Jeff Beery	Jennifer Link	Charles Kelso	Shannon Tise
	Charles Kelso			Joan Wright
				Carol Chambers
8:00 a.m.	Gabriel Tamborski	John Turner	Jim Winner	Mike Moses
	Lizzie Tamborski	Dennis Lafferty		Marilyn Rosselott
				Jane Cadwallader
10:00 a.m.	Brogen Priest	Shawn Conlin	Tim Koehl	Debbie Koehl
	Brennen Priest	Jim Hehl		Cathy Breckel
				Ana Lopez



#### Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m. Ernie Blankenship (Rita Blankenship) 10:00 a.m. Jack Boler Birthday, December 29th

(Cookie Boler)

Anniv. of Heaven for Mia Otey (Kevin & Marco Otey)

### Tuesday, December 30

9:15 a.m. No Mass

#### Wednesday, December 31

6:00 p.m. HOLY DAY MOTHER OF GOD

Healing for John Broerman, Recipient of the Purple Heart for Valor at the Battle of the Bulge, December 16, 1945

#### Thursday, January 1

11:00 a.m. HOLY DAY MOTHER OF GOD

Al Rumpke (Albert & Brian Rumpke)

#### Saturday, January 3

9:00 a.m. No Mass

5:30 p.m. Healing for Betty Addington (Pat Kinder)

Healing for Shirley Amshoff (Betty Addington)

#### Sunday, January 4

8:00 a.m. Mary Moran (Kelly Wehrung and Family) 10:00 a.m. Karla Murray (James & Phyllis Martin)



BENEDICTION EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 p.m.



## **Sacrificial Givina**

Weekly Need ......\$4,500.00

**Collection December 20/21** 

Envelopes & Loose ......\$5,400.00 Variance ......+\$ 900.00 (9 000000000)

School Support: \$45.00 ... Building Fund: \$65.00 ... St. Vincent de Paul: \$380.00 ... Votives: \$48.00 ... Buck a Month: \$0.00 ... Stipends: \$135.00 ...

Retirement Religious: \$35.00



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YTD NEED STARTING 7/5/14 YTD COLLECTED **VARIANCE** 

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\$103,500.00 \$103,827.91 327.91

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\$315,430.90 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall

# HappyBirthday



December 21.. Ishmael Ali (son of Karla Ronneberg)

December 29.. Jane Horne, Tom Miller

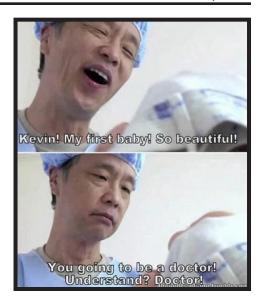
December 30.. Joyce Baker, Tara Beery

December 31.. Sheri Barton, Sophie Page, Karla Ronneberg

January 3...... D.J. Barber, Norma Butsch January 4...... LaRaya Brewer, Clem Moenster



Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing. ~ Phyllis Diller























## FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

It is difficult for me to talk about family life because I have little experience of what it means to live in a family. I am not married. I have no children. And I left home at 14 when I entered the seminary. I have known some really good families, but only as an observer. Sort of like a hungry guy who presses his face against the glass of a restaurant dreaming about all the good food others are eating. But I am happy to say my hunger has been more than filled by you - my loving families of St. Mary and St. Benignus. When I am with you, especially at Mass, I no longer feel like an outsider looking in. That's why I find it so important to talk with you in the pew before the Mass starts. I really enjoy seeing you again after missing you for a whole week. Forgive me for starting the service late because of this, but you make me feel like I belong which energizes me with profound joy.

- I want to share with you my observations from 33 years as a priest of what I think a good family looks like. A good family is...
- A mom and dad gave up everything to be with their cancer stricken daughter at Cincinnati Children's
  Hospital. They sold their home in a far-away city so they could be close to their daughter, giving
  her love and hope. They sold their business to pay for her mounting hospital bills. Their daughter
  eventually went to Heaven, but those parents told me their daughter meant so much more than a
  house or money. If need be, they would do it again.
- A son comes out to his parents that he loves differently than what the parents think is normal.
  They don't understand. They are hurt. Yet the father arose from his chair, walked over to his son,
  embraced him, and said "You're my son no matter what." The son's cold fear of rejection melted in
  the warm arms of his mom and dad's loving hug.
- A wife who suffered for 10 years as she watched her husband sink into the abyss of alcohol. When
  he found recovery, he thanked his wife for her support by saying, "You loved me when no one else
  did, even when I couldn't love myself."
- A family that ate together at supper to talk about their day. Everyone respected and listened to each other.
- A woman in her twenties who thought when she was a teenager that her mother was so old fashioned, so behind the times and so "uncool." But after she married and had her first child, she realized mom knew so much. Now she calls mom frequently for advice. The daughter said, "I was so mean to her. But she was patient with me."
- If a normal, perfect family means there are no hurts, nor fights, nor misunderstandings, nor disappointments, nor failures, nor "you have plucked my last good nerve" moments, then I don't think a normal, perfect family exists. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph experienced these things, too.
- But what makes a family "holy" is that they "wholly love", "wholly forgive" and "wholly give" when a family member is sick, or lost, or acting stupid, or in need or in trouble.

I will now reveal my best observation of a good family. A good family prays together. A man once told me, "I make my kids go to Church. I know they get angry with me for this. But I have to share my faith in God with them because in the world they will face, even my love might not be enough. Only God will see them through." That guy really loved his kids. Merry Christmas.