

# The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption

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## December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat	5:30 PM - Robert Lazorik
Sun	8:00 AM - Catherine Schneider, 43 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
	10:00 AM - Mary Agnes Augenstein
	12:00 PM - <b>No Mass</b>
	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
	5:00 PM - People of the Parish
	7:30 PM - Dec'd Parishioners of the Basilica
	10:00 PM - Dec'd Pastors of the Basilica
	<b>Christmas Day</b>
Mon	8:00 AM - Needs of Our Diocese
	10:00 AM - Intentions of the Holy Father
Tue	7:45 AM - Liv/dec'd of the Richard & Clare Kremer Family
	12:05 PM - Nancy Spear
Wed	7:45 AM - Jim Archer
	12:05 PM - Deb Lang
Thu	7:45 AM - Lloyd Crum
	12:05 PM - Francis "Junior" Arnold
Fri	7:45 AM - Kevin Sullivan
	12:05 PM - Huck/Milsark Families
Sat	9:00 AM - Jack Rose
	5:30 PM - Kenneth Heiss
Sun	8:00 AM - David Erb
	10:00 AM - David Conley
	12:00 PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY MASSES** - Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM  
**CONFESSIONS** - Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM (or anytime by appointment)  
**BAPTISMS** - Contact Parish Office  
**WEDDINGS** - Contact Parish Office *six months* in advance

Rector - Rev. Msgr. John Michael Campbell ([fatherjmike@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjmike@gmail.com))  
Parochial Vicar - Rev. Edward Maxfield Jr. ([emaxfield@dioceseub.org](mailto:emaxfield@dioceseub.org))  
Permanent Deacon - Rev. Mr. Lee Weisend  
Music Director - Mr. John Ontko (740) 350-4224 ([ontkotb@suddenlink.net](mailto:ontkotb@suddenlink.net))  
St. Mary School - 320 Marion St, (740)-374-8181 ([www.stmaryscatholic.org](http://www.stmaryscatholic.org))  
School Principal - Elizabeth Tokodi ([elizabethtokodi@stmaryscatholic.org](mailto:elizabethtokodi@stmaryscatholic.org))  
K of C Grand Knight - Rusty Nesmith (304) 488-1167  
Parish Council President - Luke Strahler (614) 309-8876  
CWC President - Debbie Lazorik (740) 434-3769  
Hibernians - Mr. William Rathbone (740) 374-5492  
Prayer Line - & Eucharistic Adoration, Mrs. Shelly Medley (740) 525-6360  
Health Ministry - Mrs. Janet Jaeger (740) 374-6768  
Daily Bread Kitchen - Mrs. Carol Henshaw (740) 885-1181  
St. Vincent De Paul - Help Line (740) 376-1334  
Welcoming Committee - Jim Naylor (740) 350-5510  
Divine Mercy Gift Shop - Barb Ritchie (740) 538-4733

*Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Savior of the world will reign over us.*

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40.

### REST IN PEACE:

We extend our condolences to Susan Berry of this parish. Her brother, Daniel "Tim" Reese, passed away on December 14<sup>th</sup>. May God grant him eternal peace and happiness.

### MASS ON JANUARY 1, 2024:

January 1, 2024, The Feast of Mary, Mother of God, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There will be one Mass, at 9:00 AM on Monday, January 1.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The parish office will be closed Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> until 1:00 PM Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** must be in by Noon Wednesday in order to be included in the following weekend's bulletin. They must be in writing; we do not accept announcements by phone.

**VISITORS WELCOME!** We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. Any new parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.

**PARISH OFFICES** are open from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays and from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesday through Friday, with a lunch break from Noon until 1:00 PM each day.

## **MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

WED	8:15 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
FRI	8:15 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
SAT	3:30 PM	-	5:00 PM - Confessions

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### **The Lord Will Never Be Outdone In Generosity!**

Total collection last weekend:           \$ 15,937.50

Amount needed each weekend  
for the parish budget:                   \$ 14,225.00

***God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!***

### **ONLINE GIVING**

Online giving is available at the Basilica. For more information, please visit this website:

<http://www.stmarysmarietta.org> and go to the left side of the web page. Click on the GIVE ONLINE button to see more information or to sign up.

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### **BASILICA FOUNDATION**

A fund has been established by the Marietta Community Foundation for the maintenance and repairs of our Basilica. This fund is separate from the monthly maintenance collection. Our goal is to have One Million Dollars in the fund before using it.

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### **BLANKETS**

Catholic Woman's Club donated 80 blankets to homeless people in Washington County from their Christmas Cookie Walk. Many of the blankets will be used for the new overnight shelter opening in Marietta.

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### **THANK YOU FROM THE CWC**

Thank you to the overwhelming gifts of cookies donated to help support our ministry. A million thanks to our parishioners for all you have done to make life a little easier for those who are less fortunate. May you be blessed a hundred-fold.

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### **CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

The Christmas Memorials are listed on a separate page in this week's bulletin. The flowers and decorations that grace the Basilica this Christmas Season are in memory of those listed.

## **SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

Congratulations to our December Students of the Month who were recognized for the Virtue of Honesty: Evelyn Knab, Cotton Huck, Sullivan Huffman, Jacob Flaherty, Dash Rist, Audrey White, Graham Huffman, Kase Stanley, Maddy Birge, Owen Greenwood and Clara Becker.

Save the date! The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary Catholic School Foundation benefit drawing is scheduled for Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed Christmas break. Students return to school on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## **ST. MARY SCHOOL ALUMNI**

The next reunion has been scheduled for July 13, 2024, so mark your calendars. Also, a reminder about our upcoming sports memorabilia display – if you have any items that you would like to donate, jerseys, numbers, letters, articles, etc., please contact Dave Archer at 740-896-2755 or Ken Strahler at 740-373-4529. Please let us know if you would like to join our committee.

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### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Masses on Christmas Eve will be at 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM and 10:00 PM. The 5:00 PM Mass will be the Childrens' Mass. Masses on Christmas Day will be at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

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### **2023 DIOCESAN PARISH SHARE**

Our parish goal for the 2023 D/PSC was \$115,639. We have received \$129,065. This is 112% of our goal. The amount over our goal - \$13,426 will be returned to our parish. Thank you to those who contributed to the 2023 D/PSC and made this possible. May God bless you for your generosity.

### **A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT**

Our very special commemorative rosary would be the perfect gift for any loved one. This rosary was designed specifically for the Basilica of St. Mary and was inspired by the beauty and history of our church. Rosaries come with either white pearl or black glass beads in a beautiful gift box with a photo of the Basilica. The shop is open after all weekend Masses. If you wish to shop during the week, please call Barb at 740-538-4733.

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### **K of C NEWS**

K of C Meetings are held at the K of C Hall, 312 Franklin Street, Marietta. They are held the first and third Tuesday at 7:30 PM. The rosary will be prayed at 7:00 PM before the third Tuesday meeting.

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### **DAILY BREAD KITCHEN**

Each month the Daily Bread Kitchen has provided 300 meals weekly to those in need in our community. Expenses have been commensurate with increased numbers and rising costs of food and supplies.

Once again, we are asking for your prayers and support. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "DBK" and put it in the collection basket. Thank you and God Bless You.

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### **FREE HELP FOR PARISHIONERS**

If anyone in the parish needs help, such as rides to Mass or appointments, or help running errands, grocery shopping, etc., please call or text Anne-Marie at 609-471-5294. 24 hours' notice would be appreciated but not necessary.

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### **RELIGIOUS CALENDARS**

Our 2024 Religious Calendars are available at all Basilica entrances. They are a gift to us from Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home. We thank them for their very generous gift.

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### **SCHEDULING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Please check with the parish office before scheduling a meeting or event in the Basilica Social Hall, Conference Room, Library, or using the Basilica Kitchen. If you change the time or the date of a previously scheduled meeting, please be sure that the new time and date are available.

**All meetings and events must be put in the Master Book in the parish office.**

### **PRE-CANA**

A Pre-Cana Session is scheduled here at the Basilica for Saturday, March 9, 2024. Couples planning to be married soon should register for this class by calling the parish office at 740-373-3643. Pre-Cana is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.

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### **BASILICA BOOK CLUB UPDATE**

**There will be NO DECEMBER MEETING.**

Come celebrate the new year and third anniversary of the Basilica Book Club!! We will toast the new year with a glass of wine/beer/soda/water along with appetizers. **The next meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM in the Basilica Social Hall.**

Our next book: Your Most Powerful Question: Finding Purpose and Meaning in God's Plan. John Olesnavage PhD.

Your Most Powerful Question offers a practical, simple discernment tool to help Catholics find their purpose and define their role in God's plan. Dr. Olesnavage provides clear, easy-to-follow steps to identify the powerful question embedded in your own life story – no matter where you are on your journey.

The book provides and energizes lens that empowers you to see service as a gift to yourself as well as God. You will find that extraordinary people, including the apostles Peter and Andrew, were called not with a command or request, but rather with a life-changing question: "What do you want?" (John:1-38). This book introduces the reader to faithful Catholics who have found their passion and their purpose through the lens of their finding their most powerful question.

All are welcome. Bring a friend to join the discussion. A summary of the book will be provided. Any questions or information contact Debbie Lazorik at [lazorikd@marietta.edu](mailto:lazorikd@marietta.edu) or 740-434-3769

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### **NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER**

If you have recently moved or dropped your land line and are using a cell phone number, please let the parish office know. We want to keep our parish roster current.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF December 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
<b>Sat:</b>			
<b>5:30</b>	Evelyn Potter (CAPT) Debbie Lazorik (HOST) Karen Schramm (HOST) Irene Cain CHALICE) Not Filled (CHALICE)	Shelly Medley	Connor Bichard Anna Combs Mattie Combs
<b>Sun:</b>			
<b>8:00</b>	Patti Finkel (CAPT) Sharon Loken (HOST) Carol Antill (HOST) Gregg Black (CHALICE) Sherri Black (CHALICE)	Eric Fitch	David Baker Suzanne Baker Joe Flaherty Greg Dickson
<b>10:00</b>	Gary Pitt (CAPT) Joel Erb (HOST) Carol O'Grady (HOST) Gerald Cooke (CHALICE) Ken Schilling(CHALICE)	Khadine Ritter	Owen Krason Aamon Harper Caroline Krason
<b>12:00</b>	Joe Schmidt (CAPT) Stan Vanlandingham (HOST) Jeanette Flowers (HOST) Not Filled Lisa Taylor (CHALICE)	Mary LaBarre	Evan Huffman Grant Huffman Jonathan Schmidt