

LITURGICAL CALENDARS

2019 Liturgical Calendars, courtesy of Bridges-Stocker-Fraley Funeral Home, are available at the church entrances.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2017/2018 Parish Financial Report is available at the church entrances.

MEIJER "SIMPLY GIVE" PROGRAM

Covington Outreach Association (COA) has been chosen by Meijer-Troy, for the 11th year, to participate in the Simply Give program, which helps stock our food pantry shelves. The program began on November 18th and runs through December 29th. We only have one "double match" day this year, which will be Friday, December 7th. To ensure Simply Give Card purchases/donations work smoothly, please use cash, debit, or credit card. If you prefer to use a check, please write it to COA and drop off at Covington Church of the Brethren office earmarked "Simply Give." We will take it to Meijer for you. This program is very important to our food pantry - we received over \$27,000 last year. Thank you for your participation!

HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at St. Boniface, Piqua. Music begins at 7:15 pm.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

WEEKEND MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

5:00 pm **Sat, December 1** **Sat, December 8**
Comm: Marty Speer -

Lector: Alan Capasso -

Usher: Vern Monnin -

Server: **need volunteer* -

7:30 am **Sun, December 2** **Sun, December 9**
Comm: Denise Otte Jackie Swabb

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Usher August Otte **need volunteer*
 **need volunteer* **need volunteer*

Server: **need volunteer* **need volunteer*
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10:30 am **Sun, December 2** **Sun, December 9**
Comm: Pat Jenkins Duane Bachman
 Amy Meyer Daniel Knapke
 Julie Meyer Peggy Colville
 Dave Tobias Bev Yount
 **need volunteer* **need volunteer*

Lector: Dave Tobias Peggy Colville

Usher: Art Meyer Alex Moore
 Justin Meyer Kevin Rindler

Server: Ben R. Kyle M.
 **need volunteer* **need volunteer*



ST. TERESA
Of The Infant Jesus
CATHOLIC CHURCH
in Covington, Ohio

DECEMBER 2, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

PASTOR: Rev. James Duell 473-2970

SERVICES: Tues, Wed: 8:30 am
 1st & 3rd Sat: 5:00 pm
 Sun: 7:30 am, 10:30 am

BAPTISMS: Contact pastor at 473-2970

WEDDINGS: Contact pastor at least six months in advance of wedding date.

RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday from 5:00 - 6:00 pm
1st & 3rd Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Contact: Michelle Kuether 473-3713

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Contact: Alan Capasso 417-2839

R.C.I.A.: Normally done during the school year.
Contact pastor for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mandy Brumbaugh 308-5561
Rita Mayor 570-6793
Corey Turner 473-5575
Kelly Turner 473-5575

WEBSITE: www.stteresacovington.org



St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus
(Therese of Lisieux)



ST. TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS
Established: 1950

6925 W. U.S. ROUTE 36
COVINGTON, OHIO 45318

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

TUES 12/4 8:30 AM
Marilyn Dennings

WED 12/5 8:30 AM
Jean Meyer

SAT 12/8 8:30 AM
People of the parish

11:00 AM
Deceased of the parish

SUN 12/9 7:30 AM
Evelyn Kuether

10:30 AM
Grant Dennings

SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 25, 2018 \$ 868.00

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Anne Vanderhorst at 473-5497 to activate the prayer chain.

BULLETIN NEWS

Contact Wendy Vanderhorst at stteresa.covington@yahoo.com with bulletin info.

COMMUNITY LIFE

The Community Life Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 15424 will meet on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 pm.

ST. TERESA YOUTH COALITION NEWS

Dec. 2 - Regular meeting.
Dec. 9 - Regular meeting.
Dec. 16 - Christmas Party. We will decorate the church and there will be pizza!
SAVE THE DATE!! June 28 - 30, 2019 is the Steubenville Retreat. 9th - 12th Graders interested in going, please let Alan know ASAP. We need to reserve our spots soon!
All meetings are from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Grades 7 - 12 are welcome. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Big-Church-Youth-Group.
Ongoing Service Project: Our youth have decided that "Jesus deserves better than artificial flowers." If you would like to help, they are looking for any and all donations to keep fresh flowers in the sanctuary. Thank you!

CCD NEWS

Our 2nd Graders will be making their First Reconciliation on December 9th at 2:00 pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

WORD AMONG US

Copies of the Advent edition of Word Among Us are available at the church entrances. These are free - one copy per household, please.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 30th after the 10:30 am Mass.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

A list of the local Communal Penance Services is on the bulletin board and is also available at the church entrances.

FORMED DIGITAL PLATFORM

Here at St. Teresa, you can continue growing in your faith by going to formed.org and using our parish code, **4cb38a**, to set up your own account. Please take advantage of this outstanding free faith formation resource!

BEST ADVENT EVER

Rediscover the joy of Christmas with BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive short inspirational videos, practical tips, and real-life encouraging stories. Go to BestAdventEver.com/AlmostChristmas to sign up and get ready for the best Christmas of your life!

BLESSED STRAW OFFERED

At all the Masses this weekend, as a way to enter into the season of Advent waiting and preparation, the Community Life Committee is offering straw to add to your home Nativity scene or to place under your tablecloth as a sign of welcoming family members, loved ones, and friends who join with us at our holiday season meals. The straw has been blessed and, if placed in the Nativity scene, invites us to spiritually prepare for the one who came simply that first Christmas, but who also came to unite our humanity with his own divinity as an offering to our God and Father. May the straw remind us also of our own efforts to prepare a place for Christ in our hearts and lives by our Advent spiritual preparations of prayer, sacrifice, reconciliation, and charity to others.

From the desk of Father Duell

Advent begins at the end --- the promised return of Christ at the end of time. For the faithful disciple, history is a moving forward, a fulfillment of God's reign, when God's Christ will return as Lord of all. Therefore, we live in a permanent state of Advent: watchfulness, preparation, and perseverance as we await the return of the Holy One who has already come. Jesus calls us to pay attention to the "signs" of God's Advent presence, "to stand erect and raise our heads" to realize God's presence in our midst. God gives us these days in order that we might come to know and discover Him in the love of others, in the goodness of this world in anticipation of the next. (Connections 2018: First Sunday of Advent).

Saturday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 7th, at 7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception, Bradford and Saturday, December 8th, at 8:30 am and 11:00 am here at St. Teresa.

Please remember and pray for the 2nd Grade students of St. Teresa who will make their First Reconciliation on Sunday, December 9th.

Have a good week!

Father Jim Duell

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

Today, many of the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life are elderly and need assistance. Their communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.