

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, ST. PETER CANISIUS**

- 6:15 AM Communion Service  
9:00 AM Mass for Karen Sczesny

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

- 6:15 AM Communion Service  
9:00 AM Mass for Clyde Hammer  
2:45 PM **NO** Jubilant Ringers (Church)  
6:30 PM Adult Ringers (Church)  
7:00 PM R.C.I.A. (Emmaus Room)  
7:00 PM AA Men's Meeting (Upper Room)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, ST. JOHN OF KANTY**

- 6:15 AM Communion Service  
9:00 AM Mass for Herman Schreiner  
5:00 PM Mass for Liv./dec. members of Alice Lee Family  
5:45 PM Youth Choir Practice (Church)  
6:45 PM **NO** Rel. Ed. Classes  
7:00 PM Parish Choir with Brass Ensemble (Church)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**

- 6:15 AM Communion Service  
9:00 AM **NO MASS**  
**4:30 PM** Mass for Lupe Lopez Family; Bernard Droll; John Herrig (Anniv.); Sandy Walker; Howard Schreiner Family; Jean & Emma Beeson; Paul & Mary Kintz; Fred & Fayette Howard  
**Servers:** Andrew Cockie, Lucas Holman, Justin Hammer, Patrick McNinch, Meagan McNinch  
**Gift Bearers:** Erik & Kim Fillhart  
**YOUTH CHOIR/JUBILANT RINGERS**  
9:30 AM Private Adoration only (Eucharistic Chapel)  
**6:30 PM** Mass for Clark/Sherrard Families; Liv./dec. members of St. Wendelin Parish  
**Servers:** Chase Beam, Cookie Geroski, James Mortimer, Kellie Buczek, Katelyn Schiefer  
**Cantor:** Vicki Baker **Gift Bearers:**  
**SPANISH CHOIR**

- 12:00 AM** Mass for Jane Gerritsen; Carl Droll; Lester & Helen Nye; Lucian Kinn Family **Servers:** Morgan Brant, Tara Emerine, Adrienne Emerine, Lexie Valachovic, Veronica Peters  
**Gift Bearers:** Fred & Lucy Macias  
**PARISH CHOIR/BRASS ENSEMBLE**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

- 6:15 AM **NO Communion Service**  
**9:00 AM** Mass for Betty Howard; Dr. Rosario Bello; Mary Dell; Carol Marsh; Linus & Berneda Schalk; Liv./dec. members of Lind & Wiktorski Families; Liv./dec. members of Joe Gehring Family  
**Servers:** Cory Baker, Nash Baker, Dylan Kitchen, Georgia Kitchen, Noah Kitchen  
**Cantor:** Karrie Ward **Gift Bearers:** Clarence & Shirley Podach **ADULT RINGERS**  
9:30 AM Private Adoration only (Eucharistic Chapel)  
**11:00 AM** Mass at Fr. Bill Bodart; Ruth Coughlin; Charles Williams; John Tobin (30-Day); Ralph & Florence Brant; Leonard & Kathryn Frias  
**Servers:** Ryan Kinn, Josh Kinn, Courtney Whitta, Brittany Whitta, Taylor Bishop

- 11:00 AM **Gift Bearers:** Laszlo & Piroska Papp  
**CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26**

- 10:00 AM **NO** Charismatic Prayer Group  
4:30 PM Mass for Randy Holman; John Shaull; Berneda Moes; Joseph Baker; Susan J. Tiell; Ruth Volkmer; Liv./dec. members of Babb & Breidenbach Families **Servers:** Colton Feathers, Jacob Fretz, Brenda Gillig, Jenny Gillig **Lector:** Dolores Kinn **Cantor:** Chuck Frankart **Gift Bearers:** Norm & Nancy Boes

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
NO Fellowship**

Vocation Cup: Mildred Weidner

- 7:30 AM Mass for Howard Schreiner (Anniv.); Peter DiCesare, Sr., Gilbert & Corrine Williams; Liv./dec. members of Charles & Bernadette Karcher Family **Servers:** Hannah Heckathorn, Bayley Heckathorn **Lector:** Doris Ann Norris  
**Cantor:** Vicki Sulken & Patrick Sulken  
**Gift Bearers:** Ken & Vicki Walliser  
9:00 AM **NO** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)  
9:00 AM Mass for Jack Kirian; Dorothy Filiater; Cyril (Cy) Kuhn; Ray Bodart; Clarence & Hilda Kelbley; Dick & Vicki Mann; Lupe Lopez Family  
**Servers:** Ben Bodart, Ethan Droll, Alex Galvan, Alexa Hallman **Lector:** Don Rogier **Cantor:** Vicki Baker **Gift Bearers:** Don & Shirley Rogier  
11:00 AM **NO** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)  
11:00 AM Bilingual Mass for Liv./dec. members of St. Wendelin Parish **Servers:** Maddie Statham, Katie Statham, Jocelyn Reinhart, Meghan Reiter  
**Lector:** Linda Hernandez **Gift Bearers:** Harry & Amy Peters **SPANISH CHOIR**

**Extraordinary Ministers  
of Holy Communion**

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11:00 AM 12/27 B

**Readings for the Week of December 20, 2009**

- Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45  
Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56  
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66  
Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Lk 1:67-79  
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Friday: Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



Welcome! Put up your feet and stay awhile!

Well, maybe not in the church building (i.e. put up your feet) itself while worshipping with us, but, certainly, make yourself at home. We are glad you are here! This goes for the regulars, the visitors, and those who are afraid that the roof might collapse while they are here.

From the simple shepherds to the richly endowed wise men or kings, all are welcome. We are here to see the child. We are not here to impress anyone, we are not here to show off, we are here because of our common link to this Savior, who comes in such a simple disguise. We might be tempted to look for someone else, someone more impressive, and someone who will appear in some expensive home. Perhaps, we are looking for the wonder worker, the one who will make us rich and popular, the one who will cure all our relationships. Instead, we find a child, totally dependent on a young couple who are far from home. They have no house; they have no room, no family to help them at this critical time. It is a message that resounds through history. God is dependent on us. He needs our hands, our voices, our eyes and ears in order to be known at this time in history. This is a personal need and responsibility given to each us.

In the glow of Christmas, we will recognize our brothers and sisters. In the child reaching out to us, we will embrace one another as family. In Mary and Joseph, we see the ideal husband and wife in love and care. In the angels, we see our need to praise God, in the Shepherds, we see our need to accept our poverty, and in the wise men, our need to bend in worship. We pray that this Christmas is not just a phase in our life but is the ongoing response, given every day!

Come, let us worship. Come, let us adore. Ven adorar! Ven Señor Jesús!

Fr. Nicholas Weibl

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## Immigration Laws...You can help!

Our family in Christ needs us to support humane reform of immigration laws. Thousands of postcards to our US Senators and Representatives + God's grace= **JUSTICE**. Get cards that need no postage from the gathering space and return them in the basket.

Sr. Kerstin

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## SENECA COUNTY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Where will you be on Christmas Day? At home alone? Hungry? Lonely? Single Parent? Senior Citizen? Divorced? Widowed? Unemployed? No one to enjoy the holiday with? If so, then please join us at Camden Falls—2460 S SR 231-Tiffin on December 25th for a FREE Community Christmas Day Dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. FOR RESERVATIONS please call 419-448-0357.



## SHARING KITCHEN OF FOSTORIA, INC.

THANK YOU wonderful people of St. Wendelin Parish and Schools for your THANKSGIVING contribution of can goods and \$661.00. In the month of November the Parish contribution of \$2,209.00 to help the needy at the Sharing Kitchen was so generous and greatly appreciated. Thanks to all from St. Wendelin that donate their time each day to help serve and all those who help out every month with a monetary gift.

Phyllis Hulderman, Director

## COMMUNITY WIDE STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

On Friday, December 25, at 12:05 PM, stop and pray that people of all faiths focus on their shared belief in God.

## David Appalachian Craft Show

Thank you for hosting the Craft Show at your Parish Hall. Everyone was so hospitable and friendly. The sales and donations came to a grand total of \$3,343.20 which will greatly benefit the crafters we represent!

Sr. Kathleen Weigand, OSB

The Kentucky Mission Volunteers would like to thank everyone who supported the David Appalachian Craft Show and the meals our group served on Saturday and Sunday. The response to both was wonderful. Sr. Kathleen and Sr. Ruthann reported sales of \$3343.20 and would like us to extend their appreciation and that of the crafters who made the items. It will benefit them greatly. Our volunteer group will always be eternally grateful for the kindness and support our parish has shown to us at each of our fund-raisers. Please pray for the success of our next mission scheduled for July, 2010. May God bless you and your families this Christmas season and during the year to come.

The Kentucky Mission Volunteers

## "Get to know your Saints" Corner

December 23 – The optional memorial day of John of Kanty, Priest (1390-1473)

John was a country boy born in the small town of Kanty in Poland. His parents sent him to study in Kraków, where he received his degree when he was only 19. He was ordained a priest and became a professor of theology and lecturer at the university.

John spent most of his life at the university teaching the scriptures. He was a serious man, and humble, but known to all the poor of Kraków for his kindness. He lived very simply. His possessions and his money were always at their disposal. The old breviary included this story about John: John of Kanty was once accosted by robbers, who took his money. They asked if he had any more, and he replied that he didn't. When they had gone, he discovered some coins sewn in his cloak. He ran after the robbers, shouted for them to stop and gave them the coins. They were so amazed that they gave back what they had taken.

John kept only the money and the clothes needed to support himself. He slept little, usually on the floor, ate sparingly, and took no meat. On one occasion when he went to dine with rich people, the servants turned him away because his cassock was old and patched. John made one pilgrimage to Jerusalem and four journeys to Rome, alone, on foot, carrying his luggage on his back.

One Christmas Eve the whole town of Kraków went into mourning when news got around that John was dying. He died at the age of 83. He is the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania.

Taken from the book *Companion to the Calendar, A Guide to the Saints and Mysteries of the Christian Calendar*, by Mary Ellen Hynes. Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago IL.

**WHAT'S GOING ON ...**

► **Mon., Dec. 21-Sun., Jan. 3 – NO SCHOOL**

**SHARING THE LIGHT**

► The students of St. Wendelin Elementary have been busy these past weeks getting ready for the coming of Jesus. The Collection of toiletries and the gifts shared on the Mitten Tree for the Bureau of Concern, will benefit those less fortunate. Thank you for your generosity and for teaching your children to share gifts with others in outreach to the greater community.

On Friday, Dec. 17, the children participated in the Advent Retreat, "Lighting Our Way to Christmas." The four sessions focused on the light of Christ that we share with others through Hope, Love, Peace and Joy. It's the light of Christ that we wish for all of you this Christmas Season. May His light burn bright in your hearts this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

An Annulment?

Bah! Humbug!

At this festive season the mere mention of the annulment process may make some of us think as did Mr. Scrooge, "Bah! Humbug!" Yet as we approach the celebration of Christ's coming among us as one of us, there are many families which cannot truly keep festival with the Lord. Husbands and wives who are estranged, children who feel abandoned and lost even as the Church calls upon the dignity of holy families, parents and grandparents who wonder what went wrong. All of us have heard stories of empty houses, nothing under the tree and little sense of hope.

The Catholic annulment process exists to bring, where possible, the element of honest reflection and an objective examination of facts, histories and the lives of people who may well have made a tragic mistake and who need the healing touch of Jesus the Christ now more than ever.

An annulment is a statement by the Church that two people, for some identifiable reason which may well escape either of the parties to an act of consent, failed to exercise the proper steps toward forming both their mind and soul to accept the fullness of what it takes to be sacramentally or naturally married. It calls for honesty and objectivity, and an admission that any of us is human and subject to the human weaknesses that lead us to undertake actions for which we are ill-prepared, actions we don't want in our hearts, or actions which lead to consequences we just cannot handle.

Want to know more? St. Wendelin Parish is sponsoring an evening of information, witness and perhaps even the beginning of healing on January 14, presented by Fr. Chris Vasko and some of our own parishioners.

**WHAT'S GOING ON ...**

► **Friday, Dec. 18 --Christmas vacation begins!**

► **Monday, Dec. 21** -- FGBK 5:00 pm vs. Lakota @ home; JHBBK 5:00 pm @ Tiffin Calvert; JHGBK 5:00 pm vs. Tiffin Calvert @ home

► **Tuesday, Dec. 22** -- SW 5:00 pm @ Port Clinton; FRBBK 5:00 pm vs. Tiffin Calvert @ home; GBK 6:00 pm @ Tiffin Calvert

**WINTER SPORTS PASSES**

► Family passes for basketball are available for \$200.00, \$75.00 for Adults and \$50.00 for students. Prices at the door will be \$5.00 for HS events and \$3.00 for JH events for adults and students. Order forms are available in the HS main office.

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

► Please take time this holiday season to turn off the TV, phones, and other electronic devices. Get some hot chocolate and cookies and sit down with the family, turn on your Christmas lights and just enjoy each other's company. Share with each other what you are grateful for, and give thanks to God as we prepare for the coming of His son, Jesus.

I, and the staff of St. Wendelin, wish you a peaceful, restful and Merry Christmas!

*United in Christ, Ms. J*

**FRUIT SALE SUCCESS**

► With 62% participation from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, junior high and high school bands, the 2009 fruit sale was a success!! Combined, all ensembles sold 352 units of fruit, totaling over \$9,000 in sales.

Thank you to all students and parents who participated in this year's fruit sale, and thank you to all customers who purchased fruit this year. It is with your help and support that we are able to continue to fund the needs of the music programs at St. Wendelin Schools.

**Religious Education**

NO ATRIUM for Catechist of the Good Shepherd on Sunday, December 27.

There will be **no** Religious Education classes on December 23rd and December 30th. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

**St. Wendelin Prayer Shawl Ministry News**

"You created every part of me, knitting me in my Mother's womb. For such handiwork, I praise you. Awesome, this great wonder!" Psalm 139:13-14

We would like to thank everyone who stopped by last month for fellowship and to see our display in the Parish Hall. The many donations received were greatly appreciated and will be spent on growing our fledgling ministry.

Please contact either Cecilia Smith (419)435-4321 or Millie Williams (419)457-3135 if you know of someone who needs the comfort of a prayer shawl or lap robe, for example, someone going through a serious illness, someone experiencing a loss or during bereavement.

Merry Christmas!

The St. Wendelin Prayer Shawl Ministry

