

within us and from living our baptismal calling of priest, prophet and King influenced by the Holy Spirit.

Have a good week,
Father Jim Duell

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

Since 1994, Project Rachel has ministered to women and men who have lost a child through abortion. Project Rachel comprises several components to help women and men to find hope and healing. See our website, www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel or contact the Project Rachel Helpline at 513-784-0531 for more information.

CRECHE DISPLAYS

The Transfiguration Center on Calumet Road will again be hosting the Creche Displays (Nativity Scenes) from the University of Dayton. They will be on display through January 5th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, Tuesdays and Thursdays until 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. There will be an Open House for the Creche Displays on Sunday, December 17th from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Father Michael will be giving a talk at 6:00 pm that evening regarding Christmas and Christianity in India. Come join us for refreshments, holiday lights and decorations, and a wonderful talk by Father Michael.

MEIJER "SIMPLY GIVE" PROGRAM

The Meijer "Simply Give" Program continues through December 31, 2017. The COA is partnering with Meijer, Troy for the 10th year to help fight hunger in the Covington Community. See the bulletin boards for additional information.

WEEKEND MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

5 pm	Sat, Dec 9	Sat, Dec 16
Comm: -	-	Rita Mayor
Lector: -	-	Joe Speer
Usher: -	-	*need volunteer
Server: -	-	*need volunteer
7:30 am	Sun, Dec 10	Sun, Dec 17
Comm: Jackie Swabb	Jackie Swabb	*need volunteer
Lector: Jackie Swabb	Jackie Swabb	Judy Dammeyer
Usher Steve Bruns *need volunteer	Steve Bruns *need volunteer	August Otte Gene Dammeyer
Server: *need volunteer	*need volunteer	Tom K. *need volunteer
10:30 am	Sun, Dec 10	Sun, Dec 17
Comm: Duane Bachman Jim Hartzell Daniel Knapke Peggy Colville Bev Yount	Duane Bachman Jim Hartzell Daniel Knapke Peggy Colville Bev Yount	Mary Jane Bachman Bob Gengler Kathie Gengler Marian Mikalauskas Dawn Boehringer
Lector: Peggy Colville	Peggy Colville	Bob Gengler
Usher: Alex Moore Kevin Rindler	Alex Moore Kevin Rindler	Duane Bachman Mike Fisher
Server: Kyle M. *need volunteer	Kyle M. *need volunteer	Ryan G. Regina M.

MEMORIAL FLOWER ENVELOPES

Christmas Memorial Flower envelopes are in the back of the church. Please place them in the collection basket by December 17th to be included in the Christmas bulletin. Thank you!



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

DECEMBER 10, 2017
SECOND 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
Tom Grilliot 581-9532
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 12/12 8:30 AM

Marilyn Dennings

WED 12/13 8:30 AM

Evelyn Kuether

SAT 12/16 5:00 PM

People of the parish

SUN 12/17 7:30 AM

Marilyn Dennings

10:30 AM

Elaine Christian

SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 3, 2017 \$ 1,718.00

Cam. for Human Dev. \$ 571.00

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

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

BULLETIN NEWS

Please contact Wendy Vanderhorst at stteresacovington@yahoo.com with bulletin information.

COMMUNITY LIFE

The Community Life Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 15424 will meet on Monday, Dec. 18th at 7:00 pm.

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.

ST. TERESA YOUTH COALITION NEWS

Dec. 10 - Regular meeting.

All meetings are held on Sunday evenings from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Like us on Facebook (Big-Church-Youth-Group).

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 and take advantage of the outstanding faith formation resources. This is available to all parishioners at no cost to you.

CCD NEWS

CCD fees can be sent in with your child or placed in a marked envelope in the collection basket. Fees are: 1 child (\$20), 2 children (\$35), 3 or more children (\$45).

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.

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

The new Lectionary Workbooks for Cycle B Sunday readings can be found in the Priest's Sacristy area. These books are effective the First Sunday of Advent, December 2nd. Please pick up your new workbook and sign that you received it.

LITURGICAL CALENDARS

Liturgical calendars for the 2018 year are available in the church near the confessional, as well as in the Parish Hall near the bulletin board. We thank Stocker-Fraleay Funeral Home for the donation of the calendars. Please, one per family/household.

ADOPT-A-CHILD PROGRAM

A big thank you to the congregation of St. Teresa for helping 114 local families have a very Merry Christmas. We are so proud of being a part of the giving community. God Bless You!

Your COA Representative

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Elderly religious need your help. More than 32,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests live throughout the United States. Through prayer, dedication and love, they helped establish Catholic schools, hospitals, orphanages and more. This weekend, the second collection benefits the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your generous contribution helps religious orders to care for the retired sisters of their order and younger sisters to continue in active ministry. Donations help provide nursing care, medications and more for thousands of senior religious, and ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

From the desk of Father Duell

Sunday afternoon, the children who will receive Jesus in the Eucharist at the time of their First Holy Communion will receive the forgiveness and mercy of Jesus as they celebrate their First Reconciliation. Please keep them, their parents and family members, and their teacher in your prayer intentions. Please remember the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at St. Teresa each Tuesday from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, on the first and third Saturdays before the Sunday Vigil Mass, or by personal appointment.

The Second Sunday of Advent introduces the beginning of the Gospel of St. Mark and immediately presents us with the forerunner, the prophet who comes to prepare the way of the Lord, John the Baptist. Associate Editor of the "[Bible Today](#)" and retired scripture teacher of both college and seminary classes Mary Ann Getty writes, "Mark enjoins us to prepare the Lord's path in a number of ways. We are to be rooted and nourished by the Scriptures. We enter into the mystery of the wilderness not only as a place of testing, but of love renewed. We identify and present Christ as the "stronger one" in a world that seems threatened and threatening. We undertake the path of following Jesus with greater commitment." John the Baptist called people to a baptism of repentance and openness to one who was coming, not only to forgive sin, but empower through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Like those who came to John, may we come humbly, openly, to confess and renounce our sins, to remove the barriers that prevent Jesus from living