

# C.O.O.L. NEWS

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter

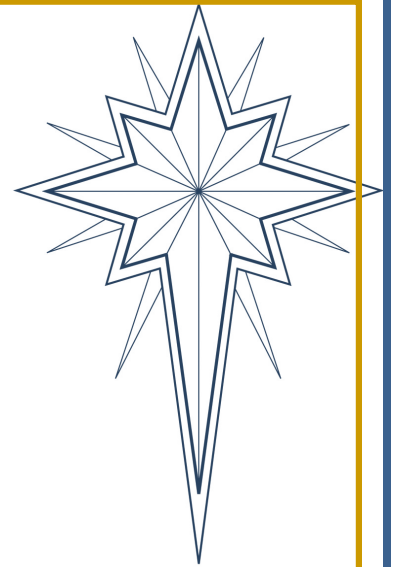
## HOLIEST NIGHT

- A Traditional German Carol

Holiest night! Holiest night!  
 Darkness receding from Bethlehem's regions  
 Hails a bright light from the heavenly choir;  
 Angels appearing in numberless legions  
 Bring joyful tidings our hearts to inspire.  
 Glory to God and on Earth peace to men!  
 Hasten, ye shepherds, to blest Bethlehem;  
 He whom God manifold  
 To prophets has foretold  
 Lies there a Child, lies there a Child.

Godliest Child! Godliest Child!  
 Leaving high heavens throne to Earth descending  
 For love of man to redeem him from sin;  
 Bitterness, sufferings, death Thee impending,  
 Seekest the hearts Thou has made, back to win.  
 So to Thy crib hasten we to adore,  
 Love and forgiveness we humbly implore,  
 We give our hearts to Thee;  
 Now and eternally  
 May they be Thine, may they be Thine.

<https://youtu.be/W3w4ZJNn62w>



### CHRISTMAS MASSES AT CHURCH OF OUR LADY

Saturday, December 24<sup>TH</sup> at 4:00<sup>PM</sup> and  
11:00<sup>PM</sup> with Carols beginning at 10:40<sup>PM</sup>

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00<sup>AM</sup>  
and 1:30<sup>PM</sup> French Mass

### NEW YEAR'S SOLEMNITY MASSES

Saturday, December 31<sup>ST</sup> at 4:00<sup>PM</sup> and  
7:00<sup>PM</sup> with  
Praise & Worship beginning at 6:00<sup>PM</sup>

Sunday, January 1, 2023 at  
10:00<sup>AM</sup>



**ADORATION  
AT CHURCH OF OUR LADY**  
**First Friday, December 2, 2022**  
**From 9:45 to Noon**  
**All other Fridays**  
**From 9:45 to 10:30am**



**Feast Days in December**

- December 2 - **First Friday** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- December 3 - **First Saturday** & St. Francis Xavier
- December 4 - St. John of Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
- December 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop
- December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Thursday, December 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** (Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America) **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - Masses 9AM & 7PM**
- December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, Hermit
- December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto
- December 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope
- December 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - EMPRESS OF THE AMERICAS - Mass 9AM**
- December 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin Martyr & St. Odilia
- December 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
- December 18 through December 26 - Jewish Feast of Chanukah**
- December 20 - Feast of the Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac & Jacob**
- December 21 - St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church
- December 23 - St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Sunday, December 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
- December 26 - St. Stephen, First Martyr - Mass 9:00AM
- December 27 - St. John the Apostle**
- December 28 - Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- December 29 - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr
- December 30 - **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
- December 31 - St. Sylvester I, Pope
- Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 - **SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL  
MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS:

**ADVENT**

*Lessons and Carols*

**17<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

**SERVICE BEGINS AT 2:30PM  
AND IS FOLLOWED BY A SHORT RECEPTION AND  
MASS AT 4PM**

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**Real Presence Real Future**

**T**o increase reverence for the Holy Eucharist, His Holiness, Pope Pius X, on May 18, 1907, granted an indulgence of seven (7) years and seven (7) quarantines\*, to all the faithful, who, at the Elevation during Mass, or at public exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, look at the Sacred Host and devoutly say: **"My Lord and My God!"**

\*"Quarantines" is an expression frequently used in the grants of indulgences, and signifies a strict ecclesiastical penance of forty days, performed according to the practice of the early Church. Hence an indulgence of seven quarantines, for instance, implies the remission of as much temporal punishment as would be blotted out by the corresponding amount of ecclesiastical penance.

Source: <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12593a.htm>

**ADULT ED NEWS!**

**Join us for Sunday Morning Bible Study this Advent. We are focusing on getting to know St. Joseph and Mary more deeply:**

**Sunday, November 27 - Joseph: The Most Chaste Spouse**

**Sunday, December 4 - Joseph: The Shadow of the Father**

**Sunday, December 11 - Mary, The Mother of the Messiah**

**Sunday, December 18 - The Christmas Star!**

**FAMILY RECONCILIATION SERVICE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT 7:00PM**



*Submitted by Joanne Farrell*

## Prayer Entrusting the US to Mary Immaculate



Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that She may present the country to You. Through Her we wish to thank You for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor.

Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners--on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother Patroness of our land, we praise You and honor You and give ourselves to You. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us,, that acting always according to Amen.

*(Excerpt from a prayer attributed to Archbishop John Carroll first bishop of the United States)*

### *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

*December 8, 2022*

*Masses at 9:00<sup>AM</sup> & 7:00<sup>PM</sup>*



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In 1792, the first bishop of the United States, John Carroll, consecrated the nation to Mary under Her title, "The Immaculate Conception." In 1846, the U.S. bishops unanimously chose Mary under that title as Patroness, a request approved by Bl. Pope Pius IX in 1847.

Submitted by Mary Bishel

### **Prayer Line Tidbit**

A few days ago, I was skimming through a catalog I received in the mail. I came across an advertisement of a pillow with the Bible quote: "Don't worry about anything, Instead pray about everything, and thank Him for His answers." Phil 4:6

How a simple pillow with a few words can sum up so much. The worries and cares of life can overwhelm us at times, but when we bring our worries to God in prayer, His peace guards our hearts and minds.

We are very blessed to have an active prayer line here at COOL. Once that prayer request is sent out, prayers start for the intention. Simply put, we storm Heaven. And it is exciting to receive a praise report. God is so good! This ministry is so rewarding to all the prayer warriors of the prayer line.

Now I have rambled on enough. Please feel free to email [office@churchofourladycolumbus.org](mailto:office@churchofourladycolumbus.org) to submit prayer requests, or to become a participant. Questions? Please call Sandy Trammer at 614.570.4196.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

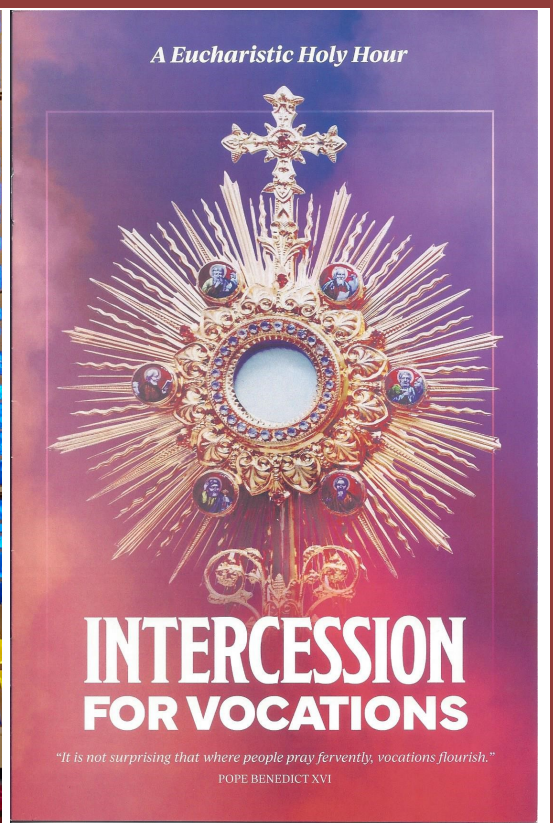
Holy Mother Church provides for Her children at all stages of our lives. The sacraments meet us where we are in our times of need to help us spiritually and physically so that we can have life and live it abundantly.

We have the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) to bring us fully into the Catholic community. We have the Sacraments of Vocation/Service to support the priesthood and marriage. And we have the Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation or Penance) for our daily missteps and (Anointing of the Sick) when we need God's special grace to help us live our serious health challenges.

**Fr. Coleman will conduct a special Anointing of the Sick Service on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> FOLLOWING THE 4:00<sup>PM</sup> MASS!**



Photos courtesy of Chery1 Shroyer



**First Friday, November 2, 2022, Fr. Coleman led the prayers for the Holy Hour in Intercession for Vocations**

## THE MANGER

We've all sung *Away In A Manger*... but does the animal feeding trough where Jesus Christ "lay down His sweet head" still exist?

The relics of the crib that are preserved at the Basilica of St. Mary Major's in Rome were probably brought from the Holy Land during the pontificate of Pope Theodore (640-649), who was himself a native of Palestine, and who was well aware of the dangers of plunder and pillage to which they were exposed at the hands of the Muslims and other marauders.

We find at all events that the basilica erected by Pope [Liberius](#) (352-366) on the Esquiline Hill first received the name of *Sancta Maria ad Praesepe* under Pope Theodore. During the pontificate of Hadrian I the first Altar was erected in the Basilica; in the course of succeeding centuries the place where the relics are preserved came to be visited by the devout faithful from all parts of the Christian world.



**Crypt of the Reliquary of the Crib of Jesus**

At the present time the remains of the crib preserved at the Basilica of St. Mary Major's consist of five pieces of board which, as a result of the investigation conducted by Father Lais, sub-director of the [Vatican Observatory](#), during the restorations of 1893 were found to be taken from a sycamore tree of which there are several varieties in the Holy Land. Two of the pieces, which like the other three, must have been originally much longer than they are at present, stood upright in the form of an X, upon which three other pieces rested, supported by a sixth piece, which, however, is missing, placed across the base of the upper angle of the X. We may conclude from this that these pieces of wood were properly speaking mere supports for the manger itself, which was probably made from the soft limestone of which the cave was formed. The rich reliquary, adorned with bas-reliefs (sculpture executed upon and attached to a flat surface) and statuettes, which at present contains the relics of the crib was presented by the Duchess of Villa Hermosa in 1830. Pius IV (1559-65) restored the high Altar upon which the relics are solemnly exposed for the veneration of the faithful yearly on the Eve of Christmas.

source: <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04488c.htm>





The November youth group meeting, took place on Saturday, November 5, 2022. The Stations of the Cross were prayed with Fr. Coleman and afterward the group enjoyed a bonfire.



Photos courtesy of Cheryl Shroyer

The next youth group session will be on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15pm.

## The 2022 Giving Tree



With the arrival of Thanksgiving and Advent it is once again time for Our Lady's Annual "Giving Tree!"

Our tradition is to set the up tree Thanksgiving weekend and decorate it with gift tags.

We ask you to simply pick a tag/s (one or more - there is no limit!), buy the gift/s identified on the tag. Then bring the gift/s back by the 10:00<sup>am</sup> Mass on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Place the gift (unwrapped) (with the tag as a label) in a bag. The agencies have specifically requested that we do not wrap the gift/s as the workers need to see all the gifts to identify where they are most needed.

The bare tree will remain on the Altar and on December 12<sup>th</sup> we ask that you start decorating the tree with hats, gloves and scarves to be donated. The Giving Tree will be moved to the east lobby over Christmas where you can continue to add items through the season into January 2023. These winter items go to a separate charity.

The three agencies that have been selected thus far are:

- 1) Bishop Griffin Center
- 2) PDHC
- 3) Women's Care Center

If you have an organization that you would like to add let me know and we can discuss. You would be responsible for helping sort the gifts and delivery.

Thank you to all who participate. Each agency is so excited to receive the gifts. And appreciate all that you do.

*Blessings, Mary Bishel*

### VETERANS' RECOGNITION



Saturday evening, by Mary Bishel



Sunday morning, by Elaine Sturm

After the Masses on the weekend of November 12 & 13, Fr. Coleman and Church of Our Lady recognized our veterans for their service to our country. We owe this special debt of gratitude to all who have given of their lives and families for our country.



## CHANUKAH

This year the Jewish Feast of Chanukah (begins on Sunday, December 18 and ends Monday, December 26) overlays Christmas Day. So what is Chanukah or Hanukkah? In the New Testament it is referred to as the Feast of the Dedication:

### Feast of the Dedication (Scriptural)

Also called the Feast of the Maccabees' and Feast of Lights (Josephus and Talmudic writings), mentioned in the Old Testament (1 Maccabees 4:56), and in the New (John 10:22). It was instituted by Judas Maccabeus (164 B.C.) to be celebrated yearly on the 25th day of the month Kislev and during its octave, in commemoration of the purification of the Temple of Jerusalem which had been polluted by Antiochus Epiphanes on that same day three years previously (1 Maccabees 4:41-64; 2 Maccabees 6:2).

This was the time in Israel during the Hellenistic oppression called *golus Yavan*. This third exile lasted 180 years, and was dubbed *the exile of darkness* because the Greeks made every effort to make Jews see and understand the world in a way which was alien to the Torah. Darkness, because nothing is as dark as the enslavement of the human mind. The *golus Yavan* is always referred to as *darkness* because it took away the *light* of Torah.\*\*\*

Unlike the great Hebrew annual feasts, it could be celebrated not only in the Temple at Jerusalem, but also in the synagogues of all places. It was observed with manifestations of joy such as

accompanied the Feast of Tabernacles, during the celebration of which the dedication of the first Temple, built by Solomon, had taken place. During the celebration of the feast, mourning and fasting were not allowed to begin. The Jews assembled in the Temple and synagogues bearing branches of trees and palms and singing Psalms; the Hallel (Psalms 113-118) being sung every day. The joyful character of the feast was also manifested by illuminations, which may have been suggested by the "lighting of the lamps of the candlestick" when the Temple service was first restored (1 Maccabees 4:50-51), or, according to very early Midrashim, by the miraculous burning throughout the first celebration of the feast of a vial of oil found in the Temple.

Since the first century a general illumination of Hebrew houses has been customary, every house having at least one light, and some, according to the school of the rabbis, having one light for each person in the house on the first night and twice the number on each succeeding night; others again, having eight lights the first night and a lesser number each night thereafter. Some modern Hebrews keep the feast on 12 December, with strictness, but do not forbid servile work. At the daily morning prayer a different portion of Numbers 7 is read in the synagogue.

Sources: \*\*LIGHTFOOT, *Horæ Hebraicæ* (Oxford, 1859), s.v.; *The Jewish Encyclopedia*, s.v. *Hanukkah*, the Hebrew name of the feast; SCHÜRER, *A Hist. of the Jewish People, etc.*, 2nd ed. of Eng. tr., I, 217, for complete bibliography.

Editor's Note: The miracle of the oil, (That one vial of oil lasted eight days - the time required to prepare new oil for the lamp.) which is the basis of the feast today, is not in the Jewish Scripture that is part of the Old Testament. The dedication is mentioned in both Books of Maccabees but not the miracle; that information is found in the Talmud: Megillat Ta'anit, Kislev 7-8.

\*\*source: <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04673b.htm>

\*\*\*source: [https://ohr.edu/holidays/chanukah/deeper\\_insights/1307](https://ohr.edu/holidays/chanukah/deeper_insights/1307)

## RCIA



Please keep our candidate, Jason Peters in your prayers as he continues his faith journey.

## EVANGELIZATION LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

On Saturday, November 12, a number of parishioners from Church of Our Lady attended the day long conference.



We were delighted to hear Bishop Earl Fernandes give us the diocesan view of Real Presence Real Future and an outline of the Evangelization Process that he would like to see implemented in our diocese.

We will have more information to share on this in next month's newsletter.

Submitted by Elaine Sturm



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*Merry Christmas*

*The membership of the Knights of Columbus, Council #11188, sincerely hope that everyone has a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless.*



### 2023 KNIGHTS' FREETHROW CONTEST

The Annual KofC Freethrow Contest will return in January of 2023 at the Groveport Recreation Center.

Watch the January COOL News for further details. The contest is open to girls and boys, ages 9 to 14. Trophies are awarded to the person in each age/gender group that makes the most free-throws out of 15 shots.

The program is designed to offer fun, physical competition and there is no cost to participate.

### **Knights announce a change in the aluminum can collection distribution:**

The Knights have decided that the proceeds from the collection of aluminum cans by the parishioners of the Church of Our Lady will be switched from the Squires to the Knights of Columbus, Council #11188, going forward and retroactive to the beginning of 2020.

The aluminum can recycling program has supported the Squires at COOL for many years. Columbian Squires Circle #4624 has not been active for the past few years due to declining membership and it was determined that the funds could be put to better use by the Knights, in support of parish activities.

At such time in the future should the Squires Circle #4624 resume active status, the proceeds from aluminum can collection will be redirected to the Squires.

The Council is asking that parishioners continue to bring their bagged aluminum beverage cans to the trailer located on the other side of the fence at the southeast corner of the church building. The trailer can be easily accessed by car

using the east parking lot. Just toss the bags of cans over the fence and into the trailer. All aluminum beverage can donations are greatly appreciated.

Aluminum can recycling at

COOL generated nearly \$1000 in cash



**Saturday, December 31**

## **Columbus Catholic Renewal**

Invites you to a New Year's Eve Mass  
and Adoration

Dr Stephen Kebe Worship Leader

## **Praise in the New Year with Jesus!**

6:00 pm Adoration

Mass at 7:00 pm

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

5225 Refugee Road

Columbus, Ohio

Please bring a dish to share for fellowship!

Sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal  
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# Fr. Coleman's Calendar