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Baptism
Baptismal instructions for parents are required. Call the parish center office to schedule.

Reconciliation
Saturday from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. or by appoint. Communal celebrations are held during Advent and Lent.

Marriage
Call the parish center office at least six months in advance to begin the required steps of the Marriage Preparation program.

Parish School of Religion
Grades 1-8: Sunday 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
School year: September thru April only.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults- R.C.I.A.
An instructional program for adults interested in the Church. Contact Anne Etue.

Babysitting available during 9:30 mass every week in the basement.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate Epiphany, God's self revelation to the world in and through Jesus Christ. The greatest truth that Jesus taught us was that God is love and that God loves us with an abundant and unconditional love. God in turn asks that we love as well. You may recall the occasion when a man asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment of the Law. Jesus told him that the greatest was to love God with our whole heart and our whole soul and that the second was to love our neighbor as ourselves. But then we all know this. The question is, do we do it? Epiphany is not over. Many still do not know who God really is nor do they know of God's love. That's our job! We are called to continue Epiphany, to continue revealing to others that God is love and we do this by loving one another. By our patience, by our willingness to forgive, by our putting the needs of others first, and by many other little things we do each day, we send a clear message of just what we believe about our God and God's revelation in Jesus Christ. As we seek to welcome back inactive Catholics to our parish family (and I hope you are getting the word out), the degree of our credibility will be in proportion to the love and respect we show for one another. If you recall, early converts to Christianity were drawn to Jesus by the love they witnessed in his disciples: "See these Christians. How they love one another!" Let us do this and we will have Epiphany year round.

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Bulletin Board**Mass Schedule Changes**

Just a reminder that Mass on Thursdays will now be held at 5:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard beginning at 5:00 p.m. First Friday Masses will continue at 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. with Confessions available one half hour before each Mass.

Catholics Returning Home

St. Pius X Parish will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning Thursday, January 10, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call the parish office at 419-535-7672 or email John at jschwab@bex.net.

Save Your Cancelled Stamps

Please save the cancelled postage stamps from your Christmas cards and bring them to the box in the narthex of the Church. Along with Hampton Park Christian Church we save the stamps and they clean them to be sold in stamp shows. Proceeds go to Heifer Project International which is a wonderful outreach to people who live in poverty. Thank you for helping us with this project.

Ushers for January

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	M. O'Connor, T. Mack, M. Nolte, F. Hvizdos, J. Pickard
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	C. Stoll, K. Kennedy
	9:30 a.m.	B. & C. Leedy
	11:30 a.m.	T. Periat, T. Aukerman

Blood Pressure will be next weekend

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Youth Group:

(Grades 8-12)

Sunday, January 6: Epiphany Party-6-8 in the youth group room. Bring a snack to share (to make up for missing our Christmas party).

Starting in January, 8th Graders are now welcome to join!!!!



**Give Blood.
Give Life.**

St. Pius X Blood Drive

The next St. Pius X Blood Drive will be held January 11, 2008, **from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Donors and volunteers are needed. Please contact Chris Aukerman at 419-885-8456 or cell 419-376-4778. Thanks for giving the gift of LIFE this holiday season!

Prayer Vigil for Life

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants invite everyone to a Prayer Vigil for Life on Thursday January 17, 2008. This will serve to mark the 35th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision which made abortion legal in the United States. Mass will be celebrated at Rosary Cathedral at 6:00 p.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We will then drive to the Ashland Baptist Church parking lot and from there proceed to the Center for Choice abortion clinic. After praying the rosary until approximately 8 p.m., the group will return to the Cathedral for Benediction and refreshments. For more information contact Mary at 419-878-0486. If you can't make it to Washington D.C. for the National March for Life Jan. 21 & 22, this would be an excellent way to show your support for the pro-life cause.

St. Vincent's Day of Reflection

St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center is offering it's 9th Annual Day of Reflection Monday, January 21, 2008 from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rev. Robert Wilhelm will be speaking on "The Prophetic Voice of Older Catholic Christians". The registration fee of \$10 includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials. The deadline is January 14. Pamphlets to register can be found in the magazine rack of the church narthex.

Parish Calendar for the week of January 6th

Sun. Jan. 6	Hospitality Sunday in FLC
Mon. Jan 7	St. Louis Kitchen 7:00 p.m. Women's CRHP in PC 7:00 p.m. Folk Group in CH
Tues, Jan. 8	7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting in PC
Wed. Jan. 9	7:00 p.m. RCIA in PC 7:00 p.m. Choir in CH
Thurs. Jan. 10	7:00 p.m. Returning Catholics Program begins in PC
Fri. Jan. 11	1-6 p.m. Blood Drive in FLC
Sat. Jan. 12	8:30-3 pm CYO Basketball Games in FLC

Young Adult Event

The annual "**Night of Wisdom**" for young adults (in their 20's and 30's, single or married) will take place at the St. Wendelin Parish Center, 323 N. Wood St., Fostoria, OH, on Friday, February 1, 2008, from 7:00-10:30 pm. The featured performer is the nationally known Catholic song writer, **JESSE MANIBUSAN**. Cost: \$7.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple (pay at the door). Everyone is asked to bring one of the following to share: bread, soup or dessert. Register by contacting Sr. Rita Marie Schroeder at rschroeder@toledodiocese.org or 419-244-6711 ext. 332; give name(s) and choice of food you are bringing.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY January 7	8:00 a.m.	
TUESDAY-January 8	8:00 a.m.	
WEDNESDAY January 9	8:45 a.m.	St. Pius X Parishioners
THURSDAY January 10	5:30 p.m.	
FRIDAY-January 11	8:00 a.m.	
SATURDAY-January 12	4:00 p.m.	Gerald Jaskowski
SUNDAY-January 13	8:00 a.m.	Marguerite DeClercq
	9:30 a.m.	Kelly McComis
	11:30 a.m.	Kay Dietrick

PARISH SUPPORT

WEEKLY BUDGET	\$9,730
Automatic	\$ 203
School Collection	\$ 89
12/23/07 Collection	<u>\$13,307</u>
Total	\$13,599

Christmas Collection \$20,544

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY-January 12	4:00 p.m.	S. Baumann, A. Weber
SUNDAY-January 13	8:00 a.m.	K. Kurtz
	9:30 a.m.	M. Lawrence, H. Kochendoerfer, M. Hack
	11:30 a.m.	M. Conway, J. Aukerman, K. Murrell

LECTORS

SATURDAY-January 12	4:00 p.m.	J. & S. Meyers
SUNDAY-January 13	8:00 a.m.	T. Hamilton, E. Nussel
	9:30 a.m.	J. & A. Meyers
	11:30 a.m.	L. Jones, A. Durfey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

SATURDAY January 12	4:00 p.m.	J. Meyers (H), S. Meyers, G. Streicher, F. Hvizdos, D. Kopinski
SUNDAY January 13	8:00 a.m.	C. Granata (H), A. Granata, J. Grayczyk
	9:30 a.m.	A. Meyers (H), Sr. E. Siebenaler, Y. Normand, G. Clark, J. Ziegelhofer
	11:30 a.m.	B. Daiber (H), M. Canary, J. Sagert, M. & J. Sauer

READINGS

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah	42: 1-4, 6-7
Acts	10: 34-38
Matthew	3: 13-17

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you.

