Notices/Events Involving the Family

Follow The Star: Christmas at St. Charles

Join your family and friends for the "Follow the Star: Christmas at St. Charles," a celebration in preparation for the feast of Christmas. The residents of St. Charles Senior Living Center are opening their doors to the community from 12:30 to 7 p.m. Dec. 16 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 17 with events for all ages.

Cookies and Milk with St. Nicholas at 1:30 p.m. Hear the story of the real St. Nick.

Hayrides around the property from 1:30 to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m. weather permitting.

Mass at 4 p.m. in Assumption Chapel followed by a glowing procession to the live nativity.

Stations of the Nativity display depicting 14 moments surrounding the birth of Jesus.

Polar Express electric train display with our magical conductor Brother Tim Cahill.

Festival of Trees* presented by local parish youth groups and religious education programs. Visitors vote on favorite tree by dropping \$1, \$5, \$20 or \$100 in the donation box by the group's tree. The winning group will receive prize money to be used for their ministry.

Beautiful decorations created for St. Charles by a host of decorating angels.

Sunday, Dec. 17 will be a day of reflection and prayer from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the Stations of the Nativity at 1 and 2 p.m., and A Festival of Lessons and Carols at 4 p.m. in Assumption Chapel.

St. Charles Center is located at 2860 U.S. Route 127 in Carthagena, Ohio. Watch our Facebook page for more information at Follow the Star: Christmas at St. Charles.

*Trees decorated by Our Lady of Guadalupe CCD, Immaculate Conception School Students, and Immaculate Conception CCD will be in the Festival of Trees. They are working hard on decorating their trees and would love to have our parishioners come out to support them and help their tree win!

Scholarship Donation Credit Individual taxpayers and pass-through entities can claim a credit for monetary donations made to an eligible scholarship granting organization (SGO). The credit equals the lesser of \$750 or the total amount donated to SGOs during the tax year. If you are filing a joint return and both you and your spouse make eligible donations, each of you can claim this credit (up to \$1,500 total). Beginning in tax year 2023, the credit may also be claimed for donations made on or before the unextended return due date, but the same contribution cannot be used to claim the credit in two tax years.

<u>Candle Light Vigil Service</u> Please share with the family of parishes that there will be a candle light vigil service Dec 6 at 7pm at Gethsemane cemetery, St Marys in front of the Angel of Hope memorial. This is an opportunity to gather in community with our Christian brothers and sisters to mourn the loss of a child. All Christians are welcome to attend. Candles will be provided and flowers can be brought by attendees to place at the base of the Angel monument.

Christmas Bazaar News-IC The annual IC Christmas Bazaar is today! 9am-3pm in the PAC. All are welcome

St. Isidore the Farmer, Family of Parishes Christmas Mass Schedule Sunday, Dec. 24th - 4th Sunday of Advent

· 9:00am Holy Rosary w/ Fr. Prashanth

- · 9:00am Immaculate Conception w/ Fr Rob
- · 9:00am Our Lady of Guadalupe w/ Fr John

Sunday, Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve (Vigil)

- · 4:00pm Holy Rosary w/ Fr. John
- · 4:00pm Immaculate Conception w/ Fr Prashanth
- · 4:00pm St. Teresa w/ Fr Rob
- · 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe w/ Fr. Prashanth
- · 10:00pm Holy Rosary w/ Fr. Rob
- · 10:00pm Immaculate Conception w/Fr. John



Monday, Dec 25th - Christmas Day

- · 9:00am Our Lady of Guadalupe w/Fr Tom
- · 9:30am Immaculate Conception w/ Fr Prashanth
- · 9:30am St Patrick w/ Fr John
- · 11:00am Holy Rosary w/ Fr Rob

<u>Family Parishes Church Decorating</u> Advent decorating will happen after morning Masses on Friday, Dec. 1st. All parishes will need to have the blue purple candles for Advent. Christmas Decorating is preferred after Sunday, Dec. 24th 9am Masses but Fr. John is allowing trees, garland, and empty cribs to be in place on Friday Dec.22nd after morning Mass. No Christmas lights should be turned on until Christmas Eve Mass. All statues and poinsettias can be in place after 9am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24. If no Mass at your church, then you can decorate after the last Mass of the week.