

Join Us for Advent!

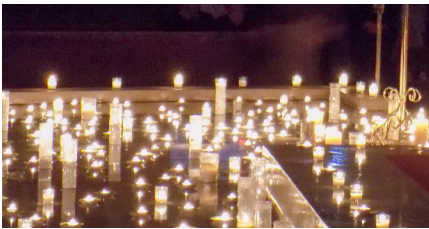
Advent Discipleship Challenge

In our days of uncertainty and division, Advent arrives just in time, inviting us to enter the mystery it holds. Through the liturgical calendar we don't simply retell salvation history. No, we yearn with Israel, longing as they did generation after generation. We ache with the Old Testament saints, Abraham, Sarah, Rahab, Moses, Miriam, and Isaiah, indeed the communion of saints. But to be genuine we must take stock first of the pain, chaos, and danger of the world that they knew and that startlingly reflects our own. The next four Sunday bulletins will feature Advent Discipleship Challenge 2025, a day-by-day guide for doing just that; with reflections written by fellow parishioners. Each day concludes with practical action steps to assist us. You may also receive them as daily emails. Let us prepare for a good Advent this week by making the last verse of the entire Bible our daily mantra: "Maranatha! Our Lord, come!" (Rev 22:20).



Sign up to receive reflections in your email

Advent Events



Advent Taizé Prayer Flyer

Advent Taizé Prayer Service for Peace

Friday, December 5th from 7:00-8:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church (2300 S. Smithville Rd, Dayton, OH 45420)

Our Taizé Prayer Service will be an evening of scripture, chants, petitions, and silent prayer.

In Advent, we await the celebration of Jesus' birth. He is the Prince of Peace—The One who brings justice to the world.

(Sponsored by the Bread of Life Social Justice Ministry)



Men's Advent Retreat: Into the Breach

Saturday, December 6 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Anthony Rectory

The theme for this year's retreat is Into the Breach, an Apostolic Letter written by Bishop Olmsted.

RSVP by contacting Nate Brinkman (brinkmannate@gmail.com).

Men's Advent Retreat Flyer



Advent by Candlelight: Behold Your Mother, Our Lady in the Art of the Infancy Narratives

(Women's Advent retreat)

Sunday, December 7 from 6:00-8:30 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm) in Holy Angels School Gym

An evening of hospitality and reflection through sacred art for women with a special presentation by Cecilia Dorger, PhD.

Open to all women in the Bread of Life Family of Parishes, their friends, family members, high school aged daughters, and women in college.

Reservations required.

Table hostesses wanted and individuals encouraged to sign up as well. See the flyer for more information.

Advent by Candlelight
Flyer and more information

Advent Events continued



Communal Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm at St. Helen

Caring Tree Information

The Christmas Caring Tree is up at St. Mary Church with heart ornaments that have gift information for a child in need to adopt this Christmas.

Please take one or more hearts to assist these children in need this Christmas. You can also contact St. Mary Food Pantry at 937.258.5528 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am to arrange to receive your hearts.

All gifts must be returned to St. Mary Church on or before Sunday, December 7, 2025.

We are also collecting \$10.00 Kroger gift cards for the needy families this Christmas. You can drop your Kroger \$10.00 gift cards in the St. Mary Church collection basket or drop them off at the St. Mary Church Parish office during the week.

We thank you for everything you have done for our past programs and thank you in advance for your support of the 2025 program.



Join Us for Christmas!

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24

4:00 pm at Holy Angels
4:30 pm at Immaculate Conception
5:00 pm at St. Helen
7:00 pm at St. Anthony
7:00 pm at St. Mary
7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception (Spanish)
10:30 pm at St. Anthony

December 25

12:00 am at St. Helen
9:00 am at Immaculate Conception
10:45 am at Holy Angels
12:15 pm at St. Mary (Spanish)

Bread of Life/ Pan de Vida Family of Parishes Locations

St. Anthony: 820 Bowen St, Dayton, OH 45410
St. Helen: 605 Granville Pl, Riverside, OH 45431
Holy Angels: 1322 Brown St, Dayton, OH 45409
Immaculate Conception: 2300 S. Smithville Rd, Dayton, OH 45420
St. Mary: 310 Allen St, Dayton, OH 45410

