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# *The Nativity of the Lord*

December 25, 2019



## Saint Barbara Catholic Church

*I proclaim to you  
good news of great joy:  
today a Savior is born for us,  
Christ the Lord.*

### **SCHEDULE OF MASSES:**

#### **SATURDAY**

4:30 pm

**SUNDAY** 8:00 am, 10:30 am

**HOLYDAY VIGIL** 7:00 pm

**HOLYDAY** 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

#### **WEEKDAY**

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:00 am

Wednesday, 8:20 am

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**SATURDAY** 3:30 pm

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday*

*8:30 am - 4:30 pm*

**BINGO:** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (PLC)

### **PASTOR:**

Rev. Brian Cline

### **SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:**

Marisa Stoll

### **DIR. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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### **YOUTH MINISTER**

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## A Christmas Message To Our Parishioners

The joyful remembrance of Christmas, commemorating the birth of the Savior, creates opportunities for many special gatherings. Our annual family traditions or the memories of Christmases past will fill our hearts. The birth of Jesus—God dwelling among us—gave our fallen and sinful world the hope of redemption. It is a time for us to recognize God's goodness to His beloved. He came among us, shared our human condition, and gave of Himself to us without reserve.

Let the presence of Christ from our parish table be the extension of His love around your table in your home. Let our concern for the poor be in appreciation of the many gifts we have received, and may the glow of the Christmas star radiate in our hearts long after our celebration is over. May God bless you and your family during this season of joy!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Brian Cline and the Parish Staff

## Book Club

Start the new year in 2020 with a renewed sense of hope by joining in reading *Beautiful Hope: Finding Hope Every Day in a Broken World!* This book is divided into four sections: Choosing Hope; Hope in the Church; Hope in Action; and Becoming Hope. The chapters are written by various influential Catholics, including Pope Francis, Matthew Kelly, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and Sister Miriam James Heidland. Book club sessions include prayer and small group discussion in a friendly, non-intimidating environment, or the option to participate in a closed online discussion group. Participants can share as much or as little as they are comfortable during discussions. An evening session will be offered at 6:00PM on Tuesdays, beginning January 21<sup>st</sup> through February 11<sup>th</sup>. A morning session will be offered at 10:00AM on Wednesdays, beginning January 22<sup>nd</sup> through February 12<sup>th</sup>. In-person sessions are expected to last an hour and will be held in the religious education room. The online group discussion will begin posting the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>, and participants can contribute based on their own schedules. Books will be provided.

Please call Amy (330) 833-6898 or email [amy.davis@saintbarbaraparish.com](mailto:amy.davis@saintbarbaraparish.com) to register.

Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to become involved and share your faith with this group, as we become people of hope!

## A Christmas Thank-You

We want to express our Heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for the wonderful Christmas cards, messages and gifts you sent to us, as well as the support and prayers of many others. Be assured of our continued prayers and our wishes to all of you, for a happy and healthy New Year.  
Love in Christ

## DEAR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF ST. BARBARA'S SCHOOL

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO REFLECT UPON THE MANY BLESSINGS WE HAVE AS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY. HERE AT ST. BARBARA'S SCHOOL, WE THRIVE ON BEING A COMMUNITY OF FAITH-FILLED DISCIPLES OF CHRIST AND HIS MISSION FOR US.

IN LINE WITH OUR MISSION, WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THE MANY GIFTS AND TALENTS OF OUR STUDENTS, PARENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES. WE CELEBRATE THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO MAKES UP OUR AMAZING AND ALWAYS EXPANDING COMMUNITY.

OUR STUDENTS EMBODY THE VALUES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR CATHOLIC BELIEFS AND THE FOUR PILLARS OF FAITH, EXCELLENCE, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE. TOGETHER, WE WORK TO BE THE BEST VERSION OF OURSELVES.

IN REFLECTION OF THE YEAR THUS FAR, I CONTINUE TO BE IMPRESSED WITH THE EDUCATION OUR STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING. THE DEDICATION OF THE FACULTY WHO COLLABORATE TO ENSURE THE CURRICULUM AT ST. BARBARA'S MAINTAINS ITS HIGHEST STANDARDS

ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF ST. BARBARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL, I WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR. MAY YOUR HEART AND HOME BE FILLED WITH ALL OF THE JOYS THIS SEASON BRINGS.

GOD'S PEACE,

MARISA STOLL  
PRINCIPAL  
ST. BARBARA SCHOOL

Fr. Brian Cline and the Parish Staff

The Value Traditional Educational Choice (EdChoice)

Parents are the primary educators of their children; and have the right to choose a school for their children that corresponds with their personal convictions and provides the environment they want for them to grow spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically.

St. Barbara's School welcomes families of all faith traditions who share our values and desire the faith-filled environment and academic challenges our school offers.

This October, The Ohio Department of Education released an updated list of those schools who are underperforming. This list has grown considerably.

The following schools in our surrounding area are on this list:

Fairless Local School District:

Fairless Elementary School – grades K-5

Massillon City School District:

Franklin Elementary School – grades K-3

Gorrell Elementary School – K-3

Massillon Junior High School – Grades 7-8

Perry Local School District:

Genoa Elementary School – grades K-4

Lohr Elementary School – grades K-4

Northwest Local School District:

W. S. Stinson Elementary School – grades 3-5

Students who currently live in and attend any of the schools listed above (or any of the schools who meet the criteria for academic concern on the Ohio Department of Education website) are eligible to apply for an EdChoice scholarship

The 2020-2021 Ed Choice Scholarship would award students the opportunity of attending a private school free of charge and keep their scholarship through high school graduation, as long as their family resides continually in the public-school district.

As a Catholic School Leader, I value the importance of providing

parents with educational options. If you reside in a failing school district, I highly encourage you to explore and consider this opportunity for educational choice. I invite you to tour St. Barbara's School and discuss the advantages of what a private school and Catholic education has to offer.

Blessings during this Christmas Season,

Marisa Stoll  
Principal, St. Barbara School

330-833-9510

## Christmas Giving Tree Thank You!

Thank you so much to the entire parish for the overwhelming support of this year's Christmas Angel Tree. The response was incredible, and never in years past have ALL the angels been spoken for!! This parish community has once again outdone itself in providing many wonderful gifts, socks, school supplies, toiletries and food gift certificates for 19 area families in need. These families totaled 71 people of all ages, who greatly appreciated our support. Many smiles, hugs and tears were seen on distribution day! We also supported the Faith in Action organization, so that all could enjoy a wonderful holiday! A heartfelt thank you goes out to the following committee members whose invaluable assistance is appreciated more than they know: John Brenner, Mackenzie Brenner, Camden Brenner, Bob and Mary Kring, Tess Simonetti, Joan Parr, Kate Fisher, Tim Bush, Cathy Saunders, Terry Cox, and Bonnie Pratt. A very special thank you to all the ushers, who so diligently gathered all the gifts from the narthex for us each weekend and to Father Brian who was able to procure the live trees and who assisted our wonderful St. Barbara's school children in stringing the angel yarn and placing the angels on the trees!! It is truly a community effort! God bless you!! And as always, a special thank you to Jennifer, Mary and Sue in the rectory office who help in so many ways!! Until next year, may God continue to keep you in His care.

Karen Cox, Stacie Brenner, and Kim Mitchell (co-chairmen)

*Have a Blessed Christmas*

