ADVENT: 
A SEASON OF PREPARATION
Waiting

Life is full of waiting. Almost nothing of real value comes to us sud-
denly. All the important things in life are awaited, looked forward to,
given time, hope for. We begin life waiting for our birth. Our parents
wait expectantly for our first step. Soon, we look forward to going to
to school, high school, to college, in time, we look forward to graduating
and beginning a career. We look for-
ward to love and for that one special
love to deepen. We expect various transitions in our life that cannot be
skipped: settling down, parenthood,
maturity, marriage. Then we look for-
ward to retirement. Finally, we re-
habitantly wait for death in hope for
God’s great promise. Waiting in the
law of life, the measure of love.

Some of this waiting is neutral —
waited time: waiting for a bus, or
elevator, waiting in a checkout line
or on the telephone. Just waiting for something — anything
— to happen. Some of our waiting is
filled with suspense or anxiety, like waiting for the doctor’s office for test
results, or for the result of a job
interview. Such also is our wait for a child who has not come home
on schedule. This waiting is a dark
time in which we seek a glimmer of
light or relief.

But some of our waiting is expect-
ant and joyful. It could be the an-
ticipation of a vacation trip, the long
expectancy of a mother awaiting the
birth of her child, or, at this time of
year, a child who can barely contain
the excitement of the impending visit
of Santa Claus. As Catholics, we get special
training on handling the waiting with the annual observance of the
Advent season. The Advent wreath is a beautiful symbol of this waiting in
many ways. Its weekly increase in brilliance as more candles are lit
is a reminder of Christ’s incarna-
tion, which we celebrate at Christ-
mas. The coming of Christ was the culmination of a thousand years of
prophesy for God’s people to see His
plan of salvation revealed in Christ.
As Isaiah expressed, “Oh, that you
would rend the heavens and come
down.” It is very human for us to
expect this anticipation for a unique event which changed all of history.
The wreath is also a symbol of Christ’s coming at the end of time or
at the end of our life. This is the only
time certain in our life: that the end
will come, and that then we are as-
sured of life after death flowing from
Christ’s death and resurrection.

Finally, the wreath, with its in-
creasing brilliance, is a symbol of the
way in which we experience
Christian growth, the way in which
Christian growth has a model, a
concrete human ideal. With Christ,
our human growth has a model, a
cultural masterpiece, an architectural masterpiece
once regarded as the finest church
of Heaven above all things. Thus in 2015 is the Year of Consecrated Life
God, women and men who, having found the pearl of
great price, treasure the Kingdom of
Heaven above all things.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
our Son, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

By David Garick, Editor

In 2013, Pope Francis declared that a Year of Consecrated Life (YCL) be
celebrated throughout the world. YCL will begin on the First Sunday of

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life
O God, who, having found the pearl of
great price, treasure the Kingdom of
Heaven above all things. Your grace
pours its gifts to all the members of Your Church by calling forth sons
and daughters who, having found the pearl of
great price, treasure the Kingdom of
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Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons
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The Catholic Foundation is joining The GivingTuesday movement. This first-of-its-kind effort to combine the power of people, businesses, charities and families to revitalize the way people think and talk about giving sustainably is designed to motivate people to work together to make a difference.

For readers who may be interested in participating in The GivingTuesday movement during Advent, here is an updated list of diocesan Catholic Adoration or exposition places that take up a regular base.

In addition to the activities listed, Advent penance services will be conducted at a number of parishes. Readers are advised to contact parish office for details.

Anyone with additional or corrections can contact Pat Pauly at Catholic Times.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel 10 a.m. on, Dec. 27, and Dec. 31, to 5 p.m.

Columbus Christus King 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Tuesday, Dec. 16, through Thursday, Dec. 18

Columbus Holy Cross – First Friday from end of 7:30 p.m. Mass to 10:15 p.m.

Columbus Holy Name – Exposition: Second Sunday of the month, following 8:15 a.m. Mass in former convent, 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., with Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m., followed by Vespers and Benediction on the Thursdays of Lent.

Columbus Holy Trinity: Adoration: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays in former convent, 5:44-444 P.M. for how to enter. Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Exposition – 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Tuesday, Dec. 16, through Sunday, Dec. 21, following 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m., followed by Vespers and Benediction on the Thursday of Lent.

Columbus St. Mary 9 a.m., Monday to 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 16, to 5 p.m., Monday to 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23, to 5 p.m., Monday to 9 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 30, to 5 p.m.

Columbus St. Vincent de Paul – Holy Hour of Adoration and Confession: 12 noon to 2 p.m., with St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception. Columbus St. Joseph for December, Holy Hour: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. for Friday, ending with Benediction. Columbus Holy Family: Exposition: Thanksgiving and Christmas – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays in former convent; 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the Saturdays of the Christmas season. Columbus Holy Spirit: Adoration: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to 2 p.m., following Thanksgiving; 12 noon to 7 p.m., Tuesday to 12 midnight, Wednesday to 12 midnight. Columbus Holy Spirit: Holy Hour: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays in former convent; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Saturdays of the Christmas season. Columbus St. Lucy, Exposition: Thanksgiving and Christmas – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays in former convent; 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the Saturdays of the Christmas season.

Columbus Immaculate Conception – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week. Exposition: First Saturday of the month, from after 9:30 a.m. Mass to 12:15 a.m., following 12:15 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m. on the Saturdays of the Christmas season. Columbus Our Lady of the Rosary – Exposition: First Friday, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m., Monday to 7 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Peace – Exposition, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. First Friday of each month. Columbus St. Agnes – Exposition: First Sunday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. 8 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. Monday to Sunday.

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Columbus St. Anthony – Exposition: First Friday, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m., Monday to 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Catherine – Holy Hour: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday with exposition, Benediction, and Confession. First Friday after 8 a.m. Mass to 9:30 a.m.

Columbus St. Cecilia – Exposition: First Friday, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m., Monday to 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Christopher – Adoration and prayer ministry Wednesday after 8 a.m. Mass to 4:30 p.m.

Columbus St. Elizabeth – Exposition: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mass to 5 p.m.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Holy Hour of Adoration and Confession: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays in former convent.

Columbus St. Martin – Exposition: First Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with sung Vespers and Benediction on the Thursday of Easter. Columbus St. Mary Magdalen – Exposition: Second Sunday of the month, from after 9:30 a.m. Mass to 4:30 p.m., following 4:30 p.m. Mass to 10 p.m., in the church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Columbus St. Patrick – Adoration: Third and fourth of the month, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., with Holy Hour. Sacred Heart (locked church), called church office for access. Columbus St. Peter – Exposition: First Friday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., all other Fridays. Columbus St. Stephen – Exposition: Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., First Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Columbus, Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Columbus St. Timothy – Exposition: Wednesday, Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to 10:15 p.m.

Danville St. Luke – Exposition: Once a month (date varies), from after 10 a.m. Mass to 8:15 a.m., Tuesday, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 4:30 p.m.

Massillon St. Anthony – Exposition: First Friday, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m.

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PRIVILEGES OF A DEACON; LONGING FOR HEAVEN

QUESTION & ANSWER

By: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

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O ver the past few years, my faith has deepened and I feel Jesus present with me. I walk with him more often, and pray to and read the Scriptures more, in addition to attending Mass and praying the rosary. I am a witness to change. I have been on passing on. The more I consider the promise that Jesus makes to me, “I want I want to live in this assurance that I am not sucical, but my eyes are already set on the final prize.” I know that the Gospel calls us to love and serve others after the example of Jesus, but why should I aspi to living a long time when I am just wait- ing for God to call me? What spiritual message must I be missing? Can you offer some wisdom on rekindling joy for this life? (Prospect, Kentucky)

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Four Diocesan High School Teams Finish First or Second in State

Members of the Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School water polo team celebrate with their state championship trophy after defeating Macon 12-14 in the title match at Ohio Wesleyan University. Team members are (from left) front row: Stuart Duden, Nick Ward, Joey Nimmich, Andrew Alfidi, Sam Stalcup, coach Geoff Gray, Tyler Welty, Jack Lump, Noah Hilfer, Sam Smith, and assistant coach Sam Ruckri; second row, assistant coach Nate Cahoon, Connie Timmers, Anthony Mugnos, James Sullivan, Vincent San, Jon Roller, Bryce Long, David Nguyen, Chad Strong, and Kevin Sisk; third row, coaches Bubba Kabcak, John Lewis, Will Price, Michael Gutman, Ben Sager, Jack Carlin, James Gronsky, Austin Beem, Adam Lusco, Colton Howes, and Ben Munsey.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

Columbus St. Francis DeSales won its fifth state soccer championship, defeating Bay Village 1-0 in overtime in the Division II state soccer championship, defeating Bay Village 1-0 in overtime in the Division II state soccer championship. Team members are (from left) first row, Stuart Duden, Nick Ward, Joey Nimmich, Andrew Alfidi, Sam Stalcup, coach Geoff Gray, Tyler Welty, Jack Lump, Noah Hilfer, Sam Smith, and assistant coach Sam Ruckri; second row, assistant coach Nate Cahoon, Connie Timmers, Anthony Mugnos, James Sullivan, Vincent San, Jon Roller, Bryce Long, David Nguyen, Chad Strong, and Kevin Sisk; third row, coaches Bubba Kabcak, John Lewis, Will Price, Michael Gutman, Ben Sager, Jack Carlin, James Gronsky, Austin Beem, Adam Lusco, Colton Howes, and Ben Munsey.

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Looking back, the son that was born to Leopald and Anna Maria Mozart on a Tuesday evening in late January, to appear with fully formed symphonies bursting from his tiny body, ready to ink and instrument. At age 3, the toddler nicknamed Wolfgang was identifying himself on the clarinet. At 5, he was composing music. How tempting it must have been for Leopald, himself a musician, to lock at his fair-skinned son with those wide, searching eyes and claim the credit. But the devout Catholic cast it upward, not inward. He believed it was a musician, to look at his fair-skinned son with those wide, searching eyes and claim the credit. But the devout Catholic cast it upward, not inward. He believed the divine music cast it upward, not inward. He believed the divine music had a divine origin, describing it as "a miracle which God has allowed to be seen in Salzburg" and insisting on its paternal duty to share it with the world. The God has allowed to be seen in Salzburg" and insisting on its paternal duty to share it with the world.

When Mozart was 14, he visited the Sistine Chapel and heard Miserere Me Deo, a haunting Tenebrae melody commissioned by the Vatican more than a century earlier. It was performed once a year and forbidden to be transcribed or played elsewhere, in order to preserve its mystery. Young Mozart, so the story goes, was so riveted by the music that he went home and wrote out the 12-minute song entirely by ear. That score eventually made its way into the hands of a British historian and into the hands of a young pope. Clement XIV heard what had happened, he met with Mozart. Rather than excommunicate the young poet, the pope praised his talent – and lifted the longtime ban, allowing the song to be enjoyed widely.

Over the years, Leopald often urged his boy to hold onto his Catholic faith. He once wrote to Anna Maria, "I have no reason to think that you and I have a right to impose on you any sort of life, that is not necessary for us, or for me to ask whether Wolfgang is not perhaps getting a little lost about confession? God must come first! – Young people do not like to hear about these things, I know, for I was once young myself." A year later, Mozart offered reassuring words in a letter to his father: "I have always had God before my eyes," he wrote, "I know myself, and I have such a sense of religion that I shall never do anything which I would not do before the whole world." During this month of giving thanks, I’ve been thinking about Mozart’s desire to compose – which feels so distant and grand – and our own desire to create, to seek and celebrate beauty in the world. If we are truly grateful for an artistic gift – or any talent, for that matter – we honor it. To give thanks for creative ability is to grand and mature it.

In St. John Paul II’s 1999 letter to artists – 6,361 words, the pontiff praised his talent – and lifted the longtime ban, allowing the song to be enjoyed widely. “That is why artists,” he wrote, “the more conscious they are of their gift, are led all the more to give thanks for it, to serve the artistic and the whole of creation with eyes capable to contemplate and give thanks, and to raise God to a hymn of praise. This is the only way for them to come to a full understanding of themselves, their vocation and their mission.” I recently interviewed a series of Catholic artists, all but one of whom quoted John Paul II, multiple pointing to his statement to “That is why artists,” he wrote, “the more conscious they are of their gift, are led all the more to give thanks for it, to serve the artistic and the whole of creation with eyes capable to contemplate and give thanks, and to raise God to a hymn of praise. This is the only way for them to come to a full understanding of themselves, their vocation and their mission.”

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Catholic Church and other religious organizations throughout the Diocese of Columbus will be conducting special holiday programs and activities for the parishes and families of the diocese throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons.

In addition to the events listed below, a number of parishes have scheduled penance services at various times throughout the Advent season.

The following is a sampling of seasonal events in the diocese:

**Holy Family of Our Lady – Advent**
- Afternoon of reflection, including Exposure of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, Sunday, Dec. 7, 12:30 to 3 p.m.
- Live Nativity scene with live animals, Friday, Dec. 19, 6 to 8 p.m.

**Church Renovation**
- The renovation of St. Dominic Church in Grove City is complete.
- On a Night Like This – Advent
  - Christmas concert with choirs of the Methodist and St. Matthew Lutheran churches, Thursday, Dec. 4, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
  - Spa “program with Elizabeth and Mark MacKeller, Sunday, Dec. 7, 6 to 8 p.m.

**Community**
- The Spirit of Giving Tree benefit concert with local choirs, guest performers, and chamber orchestra, Sunday, Dec. 14, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Columbus Holy Cross – Advent
  - Benefit concert with local choirs, guest performers, and seasonal music by Ken and Annette Bonacci.

**Church**
- Columbus Holy Cross – Advent
  - “Blue Christmas” Liturgy of Hope for people who may not be feeling joyful during the holidays or may be experiencing life challenges, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
  - Christmas cantata, Sunday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m.; parish mission with Father Jordan Turano, OP, of St. John Vianney Church, Cincinnati.

**Cultural**
- Columbus Holy Cross – Advent
  - Christmas concert with the St. Anthony Southwest Youth Group and the St. Charles Catholic Church Youth Group, Saturday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.
  - Lessons and carols, Wednesday, Dec. 3, 5 to 7 p.m.

**Community**
- Columbus Holy Cross – Advent
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**Church**
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Christmas. Each year at CYSC, featuring stories of individuals and families
who have been changed forever because of
Catholic Youth Summer Camp is spons-
orized for水泥 cementation, flowers and
plants, archery, zip lines, rock climbing, rope
courses, and mountain boarding, with
prizes, seminars, dinners, and art.
other recent additions to our collection include the
windows from the chapel at the old St.
Vincenzo’s Orphanage in Columbus as the largest,
most impressive collection of diversiﬁed Catholic artwork in the
United States. It includes the Nu-
Trinity figures as small as a walnut and as large as three feet
high, which was done by Father Camert. After a
temporary residence in the home of the Jesuit
and enjoying their family’s gatherings.

The program will feature a glimpse into
the youth ministry week performed
each year at CYSC, featuring stories of
individuals and families whose lives have been changed forever because of
what they have discovered in camp.
Camp experiences include daily Mass,
roasting, confession, sacred art, go-karts,
Jet skiing, confession, water tubing,
and it would be a good way for individu-
als and families to continue their celebra-
tions of Jesus’ birth after going to church
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The Weekday Bible Readings

MEDITATION:

MONDAY
Psalms 122:1-5
Psalms 123:1-4

TUESDAY
Isaiah 55:1-10
Psalms 27:2, 7-11, 13-14

WEDNESDAY
Isaiah 26:1-6
Psalms 23:1-6

THURSDAY
Isaiah 26:7-11
Psalms 37:1-7

FRI
Isaiah 29:17-24
Psalms 39:1-7

SATURDAY
Isaiah 30:12-26
Psalms 39:8-11, 16-17

SUNDAY
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus: St. Joseph on Main Street (WOW Channel 34) and from Columbus: St. Joseph of Nazareth Catholic Church (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Psalm 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

DIOCESEAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2014

SUNDAY MASS
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus: St. Joseph on Main Street (WOW Channel 34) and from Columbus: St. Joseph of Nazareth Catholic Church (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass with the Passionists at 7:30 a.m. and from the CW Channel (WOW Channel 34) and from Columbus: St. Joseph of Nazareth Catholic Church (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birminghm, Ala. (Catholic TV) and 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 585, Insight Channel 270, and Dish Channel 270) (Encore at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

DAILY MASS
8 a.m.: Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encore at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight) See EWTN above, and CatholicTV Channel 13 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Muncie and Washington, D.C.; Channel 12 in Newark, Newcornestown and New Philadelphia; Channel 12 in Columbus; Channel 27 in Canton; Channel 34 in Cleveland; Channel 21 in Lorain; Channel 14 in Canton; and at www.1tv.org

We pray Week 1, Season Proper 1 of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Vatican II and the Berlin Wall

History sometimes displays the empty capacity to arrange anniversaries so that one sheds light on another.

On Nov. 21, 1964, Pope Paul VI solemnly promulgated the Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, which began by proclaiming Christ “the light of the nations” and is thus known as Lumen Gentium. Twenty-five years later, on the night of Nov. 9-10, 1989, the Berlin Wall was undermined and the German Democratic Republic in Europe collapsed, rubbed into rubbery paste the divided Germany for decades. Fifty years after Paul VI’s declaration, We are the clay. You have molded us.” Following Jesus’ words, “You are our Father, O Lord, so how can you leave us fatherless?” (Isaiah 40:17-18). Paul VI had spoken of the “sign of the times” as the “light of the nations.”

Not in the way senior Vatican diplomats imagined, however. In the post-cold-war reality of 1989, it seemed that Vatican II’s “reformers” would help facilitate “convergence” between East and West such that the Wall, and the post-revolution of Europe, would eventually melt away. What actually happened was far more complex: “convergence” was not enough. Salvation history, working inside what the world saw as a fascist state, “can bring history in a more human direction.”

Lumen Gentium described the Church as having a sacramental character: the Church is “a sign or instrument of communion with God and of unity among all men.” This means that for Vatican II to have served its purpose, it needed to have collapsed in 1989 without the Pope. Paul VI’s revolution of conscience ignited the flame for the Wall’s collapse, but John Paul II’s revolution of conscience ignited the flame for the Wall’s continued survival. What Paul VI was able to do, John Paul II was able to do better.

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HOLY CROSS CHURCH in downtown Columbus is almost fully furnished with an interior renovation.

During this renovation the long-standing FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION will take place at SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL Every Friday, December 5, beginning with Mass at 7:30 p.m., 

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions heard until 9:30 p.m., Benediction Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

All are invited to this evening of prayer and devotion.

Please park in the cathedral lot; Columbus Police on duty all night.

After Mass entrance to the cathedral will be available only through the Fifth Street side door.

All hand-rasing events (heights, baggage, bag checks, alcohol, bake sales, pizza/subs/sale, candles, t-shirts, etc.) will be placed in the "Fundraising-Grant." An entry into the Grant will be $5.00 for the first six lines, and $2.50 for each additional line. For more information, call David Carrick at 614-225-3735.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL
Friday, December 5

1040 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215

(614) 224-1205 or www.saintjosephcathedral.org

Columbus, Traditional German-Korean celebration of Mary for Feast of the Sacred Heart. Featuring prayer and meditation, adoration and celebration of mass followed by Ansho Korean algae prayer and singing by the Haejeon troupe, followed by a banquet. Service begins at 8 p.m.

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HAP PENINGS

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church.

St. Joseph Church, 496 Custer Rd., Columbus.

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The Columbus Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club will host its annual Christmas celebration at 6 p.m. at St. John Chrysostom Church, 2901 E. Broad St. The event will feature a Christmas concert and refreshments. For more information, call David Garick at 614-761-0905.

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Cain and Abel, by Linus Meldrum

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CSS Portsmouth Office 2131 Hocking Lane, Portsmouth 45662. Phone: 740-353-1185. Attention: Carol Montana. The office is requesting winter coats in sizes 40-50, male and female; gloves; yard and garden supplies; boys and girls gifts and jeans, size 12 months to size 16, brand new, girls, and canned fruit for holiday food baskets; and Wal-mart gift cards, for monetary donations. St. Francis Center 108 W Mill St., Mt. Airy 45651. Phone: (740) 542-5057; extension 102, or (740) 454-9746. Attention: Deserai Dovber or Debi Smith.

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The Columbus band Living Water will be sharing its concert narrative On a Night Like This at several central Ohio churches during the Advent season. Using Scripture, narration, and song, On a Night Like This is an emotional experience of the Christmas journey.

Viewing the timeless story of the birth of Jesus from the perspective of many – Mary, Joseph, the Innkeeper, even God the Father in Heaven – the concert closes with the knowledge of salvation this Only Son brings and a pledge to honor God’s great gift of love in the way we live our lives.

On a Night Like This will be presented six times during Advent. The schedule is:
- **Friday Dec. 12, 7 p.m.**, Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 227 S. New York Ave.
- **Saturday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.**, Oxford United Methodist Church, 14 N. Poplar St., Oxford, Ohio.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.**, Columbus Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad St.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.**, Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Clark State Road, Gahanna.
- **Friday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.**, New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road.
- **Sunday, Dec. 21, 5:30 p.m.**, Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave.

There is no charge for the presentations. A free-will offering will be accepted. The program lasts for an hour and is appropriate for all ages. Consult www.livingwatermusic.org for more information.

Living Water began its unique musical ministry in 2003 and has performed in venues ranging from churches to flatbed trucks, gyms to elegant theaters, and the Ohio State Fairgrounds to the Ohio Reformatory for Women. The band’s mission is “to assist people on their spiritual journey by providing an emotional encounter with God’s Grace.”

Living Water has created four previous concert narratives, but this show has its own story. “We already had a concert narrative for the Christmas season titled In a Different Light, said Katy Wyatt, Living Water’s lead singer and narrator, who is youth minister at the Church of the Resurrection. “It was a lovely story of redemption and the audiences responded strongly to it, but we were concerned that it was the only narrative not based on Scripture.”

“We struggled with the Christmas story,” added singer and rhythm guitarist Greg Gliere, “The passages and story are so familiar, and we wanted to find a presentation that was true to Scripture but had new insights to offer.” “We hit a roadblock and we could not move forward,” said Thom Wyatt, who plays percussion and keyboards in the band and does vocals.

In a dramatic turn of events in the spring of 2013, cello/bass player Robin Coolidge’s wife, Valerie, was rushed to the hospital with a life-threatening medical condition. Through the next weeks when her condition was so tenuous, he was always by her side. In the wee hours of the night when he went home from the hospital, he would post a “Valerie update” for family and friends praying for her recovery. People on social media referred to themselves as “Valerie-oholics” waiting to hear the newest post.

“The nightly ritual of writing updates became necessary. … It gave me a way to decompress, to let the day go; to leave some of the hurt, the exhaustion on the page,” he said. “By posting my feelings, the writing provided a measure of peace. The love, prayers, and understanding that flowed from responses meant that folks were there with us in their daily lives.”

Eventually, in what Valerie unabashedly celebrates as a miracle, she made a complete recovery. Soon, the other members of the band pointed out Robin’s powerful writing talent and encouraged him to tackle the job of writing a Scripture-based concert narrative for the Advent season.

“I hesitated, but realized that this was a call I could not ignore,” he said. “After finally finding the approach, Living Water members helped and supported my many drafts and the selection of the appropriate songs.” The result is On a Night Like This, featuring a variety of music, including two songs from songwriter Sarah Hart of Lancaster.

Living Water hopes On a Night Like This will assist all who want their Advent journey to include more than just tinsel, shopping, and the hustle and bustle of secular Christmas. Consult www.livingwatermusic.org for more information.