

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

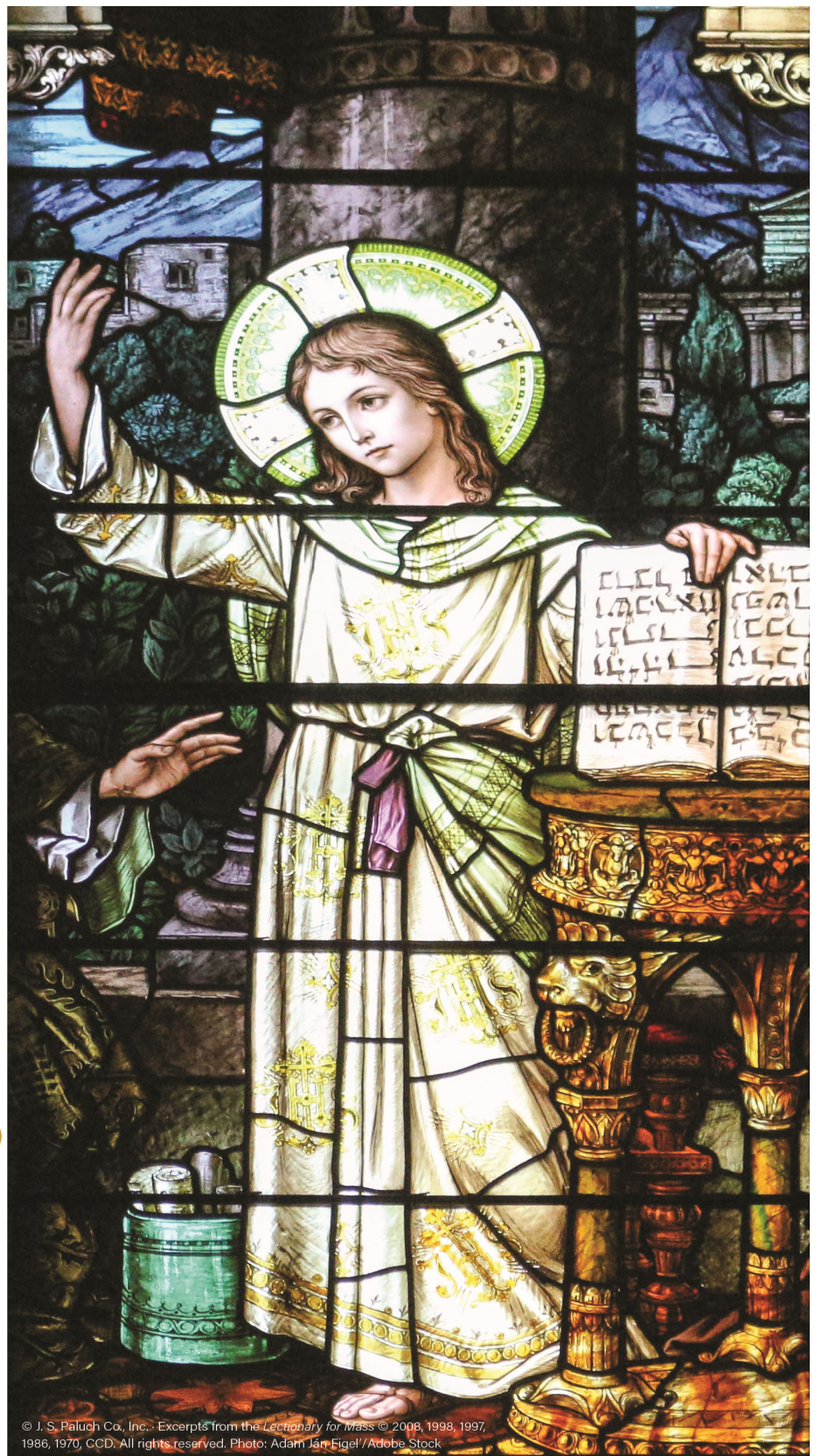
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JESUS SAID
TO HIS PARENTS,
“WHY WERE YOU
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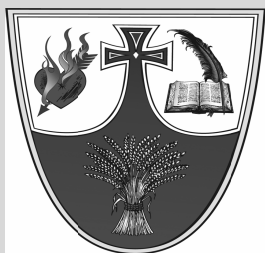
LUKE 2:49

THE HOLY
FAMILY
of JESUS,
MARY AND
JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021



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Established 1845

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH is handicap accessible.

STAFF

Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

Office Hours: Wed & Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB,

Weekend Associate

Debbie Wehler, Sue DiVaccaro,

Secretaries

Lou Varos, Finance Council Chairperson

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those advanced in age, sick, or undergoing surgery. Administered upon request. Contact the Rectory.

PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Arrangements should be made shortly before or after the birth of the child.

COMMUNION CALLS: Please call the Rectory to schedule.

MATRIMONY: At least one member must be a parishioner and be active for at least six months prior to calling. Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. No date may be reserved until discussed with the priest of the parish.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Call the Rectory to register.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Call the Rectory for more information.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 26, 2021

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
— 1 John 3:2a

Saturday, December 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m. Kordich grandchildren by Rose Kordich

Sunday, December 26 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:30 a.m. +Roy L. Schneider by children

11:00 a.m. +Stephen E. Pigott by Bob Nelson

Monday, December 27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 29 Fifth Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

NO MASS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, December 30 Sixth Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

NO MASS

Friday, December 31 Seventh Day in Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

NO MASS

Saturday, January 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

4:30 p.m. deceased Veterans of St. Teresa Parish by Mike Gall

Sunday, January 2 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m. +Harry & Renee Decker by Bruce & Sue

11:00 a.m. +Dorothy Tomshe by Ella Riegel



Weekly Offering

Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
December 12	\$4,469.00
Children's	\$10.00

Please keep St. Teresa Parish in mind when making out your will.

We thank our parishioners for their continued, generous support of the Parish!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1

This year, this is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation



Masses

Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

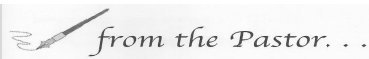
Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays - Watch Bulletin

Confessions

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30 - 4:00 PM or by appointment.

CONTACT US

Rectory Office.....(440) 934-4227 Office Hours.....Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 Fax.....(440) 934-4500 E-mailsdebbie@stteresaparish.com and sue@stteresaparish.com
 Website..... www.stteresaparish.com



The Sunday after Christmas is usually reserved for reflection on the Holy Family. There is a funny remark I heard that said that the reason why St. Joseph died early was because it was very difficult to live with two sinless people: Jesus and Mary.

I personally think that St. Joseph is the silent hero of these days. Not only did he save Mary and Jesus from the cruelty of King Herod, but he provided a home for them and taught Jesus all about his Jewish faith and how to be a good and holy man. It is interesting that the name Jesus used for God His Father was 'Abba' which literally is translated Daddy or Papa. No doubt Jesus, growing up, used that same word for Joseph! He taught Jesus how to work and how to take care of a family, how to pray and how to be a manly and courageous person, preparing him to deal with all the later opposition that Jesus would experience.

St. Joseph has always been the Patron of a Happy Death because legend says that he died in the arms of Jesus and Mary. If only we all could have such a beautiful death!

In a world where there are so many people living in dysfunctional families, the Holy Family is certainly a breath of fresh air. We can clearly see what a gift it is to have a spiritually alive family that is both functional and prophetic.

Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS OR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
AND NO MASS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021.**

**The Parish Office will be closed on the following days for the
New Year's Holiday
December 31 & January 3, 2022**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

UPCOMING EVENTS

NO Mass	Wed, Dec 29 & 31	No Mass
NO Adoration	Wed, Dec 29	No Adoration
Office Closed	Dec 31	
Confession	Sat, Jan 1	3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Church
Office Closed	Mon, Jan 3	

TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...

Eleanor Rieth, Fran Röttman
 Loretta Forthofer, Elvira Quester
 Marianne Rieth, Chris Ughrin
 Jarmila Kos, JoAnne Wisnieski
 Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph
 Patricia Welsh, Larry Sheets
 Marty Lima, William Wisnieski
 Vickie Aring, Michael Wisnieski
 Patrick O'Toole, Judy Williamson
 Gina Ackerman; Lloyd Canterbury



**FAMILY AND FRIENDS
SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

Charles Godles, Christopher Barnhart,
 Jason Bender, Thomas Daley, Major
 Richard Robinson, Tom Fisher, Anthony
 Burns, Michael Naughton, Allen Fish,
 2nd Lt. Louis Rios, Justin Callison,
 Quinn Rambo, Capt. Shelby Stratton,
 Grant Bartlett, Sgt. Tyler Corwin, John
 McGlynn, Cpl. Andrew Edwards,
 1st Sgt. Derek Lisowski, Darrin Kirchner
 SSgt. Leo Ostrolencki, Ken D.
 Dustin Moorman
 To add names call 934-4227.

HOSPITAL CALLS

Please request the services of the Catholic Chaplain at the hospital for a patient. Notify the parish office so that the sick will be remembered in our prayers and Masses.



**ST. TERESA OF AVILA
Pray for Us!**

**"However long it lasts, it lasts
but a moment in comparison
with eternity."
St. Teresa of Avila**



**Remember
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING**



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



EWTN “Venerable Jerome Lejeune: To the Least of These My Brothers and Sisters” January 21 at 4:30 p.m. A documentary on the French pediatrician and geneticist known for opposing prenatal diagnosis and abortion. Colleagues, family and religious leaders recall this Servant of God, declared Venerable by Pope Francis.

PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS ON THE ROSARY

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery – The Crucifixion For an end to the death penalty and for the release of all prisoners of conscience and all who have been wrongfully convicted.
For pro-life novenas visit Priests for Life at PrayerCampaign.org

**There will be NO
Eucharistic
Adoration on
Wednesday,
December 29, 2021.
(Will resume on
Wednesday,
January 5, 2022.)**

Come pray from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
on Wednesdays.**
“..seek first the kingdom of God”
(Matthew 6:33).
Call the church office if you are
interested (440-934-4227).

**CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
FOR THE SICK**

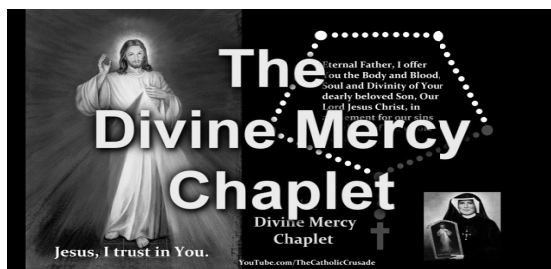
Call the church office if a family member is sick or hospitalized. Their name can be put in the bulletin for prayers.
Not all hospitals in the area notify churches that a parishioner has been admitted.

**POPE FRANCIS'
PRAYER INTENTION -
DECEMBER**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022



JESUS' DIVINE MERCY

To St. Faustina: **“My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of My goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed Myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give Me pleasure if you hand over to Me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace.”** (Diary, 1485).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface*

PARISH NEWS

Visit Our Website! www.stteresaparish.com

Read the *Bulletin* and find current events in "Announcements" (top of home page) or scroll to the bottom.

Parish Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is welcome!

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
the St. John Room
January 6 & 20



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION at St. Teresa Parish

Call the Parish Office if you have a child in Second grade. Classes will begin in March 2022.



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Mass

Sunday, January 9, 2022
Rosary at 8:00 a.m.
Mass at 8:30 a.m.

The Altar & Rosary Society would be happy to pray the Rosary at the funeral home for the deceased of our Parish. The Family is invited to call the Parish Office at 440-934-4227 and ask for this gift of the heart!



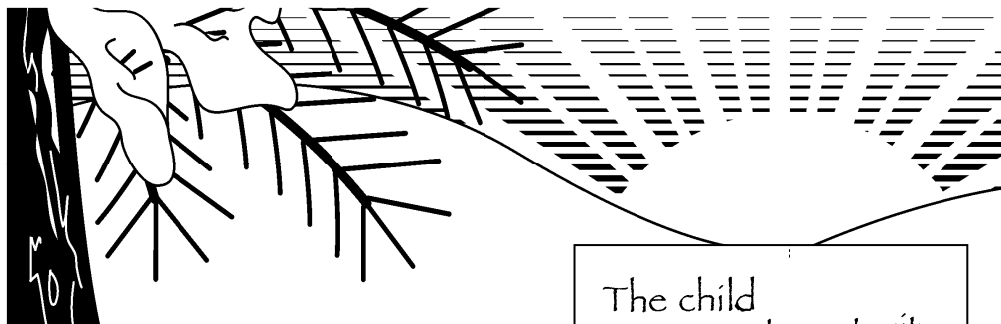
"Helping Hands" for Parishioners

This is a fund set up by the Social Concerns Committee that may provide help with groceries, medicine, and utility bills for those parishioners in need during this difficult time, "Helping Hands Fund"

Please contact the parish office at 934-4227

Monday through Friday between 9a.m. – 3p.m.

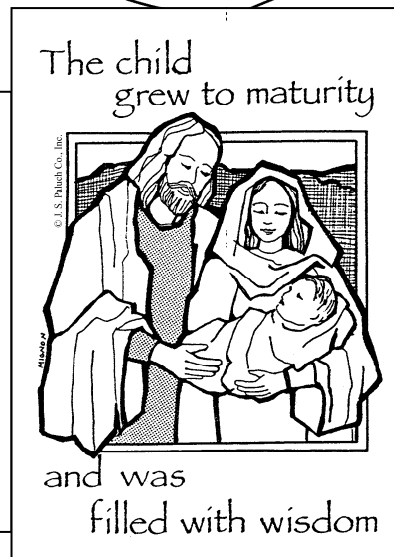
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SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN

We are there! "Our babies" were saved throughout this year through our prayers to the Holy Family and our trust in the power and goodness of God our Father!

At Christmas we end this year's Spiritual Adoption and welcome *new life* in the babies that were born and *new life* in the hearts of us all through the Birth of Jesus Christ our Savior!



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you for your donations to Birthright of Lorain County

So much generosity was shown during the "Gifts for Baby Jesus" collection! We thank you and will update you on what was donated after all items are delivered.

Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

The next food pantry collection will be January 1 & 2, 2022

Suggested food donations: boxed stuffing, spaghetti, taco kits, boxed mashed potatoes, pancake syrup, peanut butter/jelly, Ramen noodle soup, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna fish, coffee, hominy beans, Hispanic foods, bottled water, and cooking oil. **Please - NO non-food donations.**

We only accept donations of unused & unopened non-perishable food items.



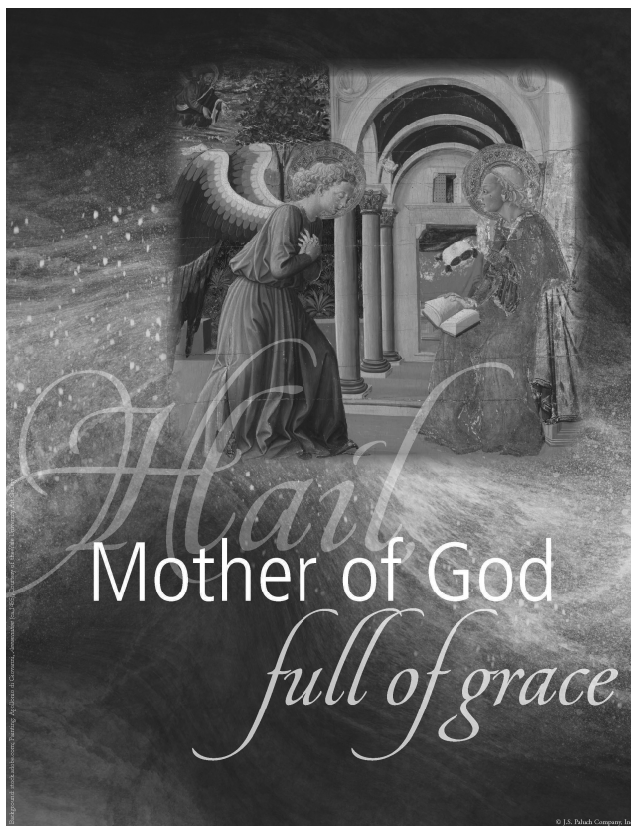
Feed the Hungry

MASS ON TV, ONLINE AND RADIO

The weekly television Mass produced by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is now on Sundays at 10 a.m. on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43. Viewers are invited to take part in the weekly celebration of the Mass at a more convenient time, and, is an over-the-air station, that is, accessible even to those without cable TV.

Also watch the Mass at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass OR at: <http://www.catholictv.org> OR <https://www.ewtn.com/tv>, and www.HeartoftheNation.org.

Listen to Mass on AM 1260 The Rock at 4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.



PLEASE HELP US KEEP "UP TO DATE"

If you've recently had a child, and the baptism took place at another parish, please let us know so we can update our records.

If you are a young adult, supporting yourself, living on your own or with your parents, you should be independently registered in our parish.

If your son/daughter got married, at another parish but was baptized at St. Teresa, please let us know so we can make the notation in our records.

If you have changed your address, email or phone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

Contact us by calling 440-934-4227 or email at st.teresa.office@neohio.twcbc.com.

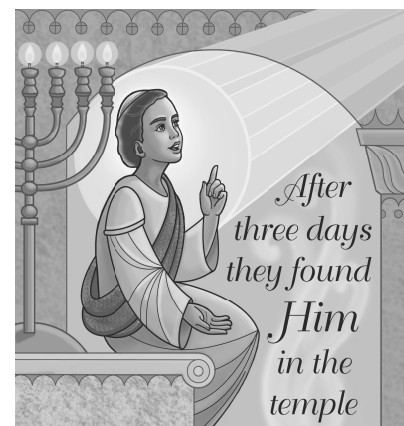
DID YOU NOT KNOW?

A child's first words are usually a source of excitement and joy for family members. Today we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke. And they are challenging ones. "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" The words *astounded*, *astonished*, and *great anxiety* are used to describe Jesus' extended visit to the Temple. How familiar those emotions are to most parents! Had Jesus' parents forgotten the angel Gabriel's words or the prophecy of Simeon? In Luke's Gospel this passage foreshadows Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where he will experience his own Passover and again be "lost" for three days. The story of Hannah in the first reading confirms the need and nature of trusting in God's activity in our lives. It seems clear that faithful attention to a family's spiritual life is no guarantee that life will be free from hardship.

Could Tolstoy have gotten it wrong when he wrote that all happy families are alike and that unhappy families are each unhappy in their own way? It seems that the opposite is equally true. Because happy families foster the unique talents and interests of each member, each person shines according to their own lights. A happy family's faith, goals, and challenges will be uniquely their own. Unhappy families, on the other hand, might look very similar in their woundedness, their fears and confrontations, and their tendency to give negative interpretations to another's actions.

It is tempting to conclude that family life today is more problematic than ever. It might be reassuring to learn that the feast of the Holy Family was added to the Church's universal calendar because of Pope Leo XIII's concern for the state of family life—one hundred years ago! During this season of Christmas when families are everywhere, we welcome Emmanuel—the God who has pitched his tent among us.

Today's Readings: 1 Sam 1:20–22, 24–28; Ps 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10; 1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24; Lk 2:41–52



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Dec 25 8:30 a.m. Ann Glime (Bistak**)	Sun, Dec 26 8:30 a.m. Bill Bistak **	Sun, Dec 26 11:00 a.m. Trish MacDonald
Sat Jan 1 4:30 p.m. Tom Pienoski (Wehler**) Ann Glime	Sun, Jan 2 8:30 a.m. Bill Bistak **	Sun, Jan 2 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright

Lectors

Sat Dec 25 8:30 a.m. Bruce DiVaccaro	Sun, Dec 26 8:30 a.m. Frank Lanza	Sun, Dec 26 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright
Sat, Jan 1 4:30 p.m. Larry Durica	Sun, Jan 2 8:30 a.m. Bruce DiVaccaro	Sun, Jan 2 11:00 a.m. Gene Welsh

Servers

Sat, Dec 25 8:30 a.m. Brock	Sat, Jan 1 4:30 p.m. Fitzwater
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“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” MAGNETS

Father Ragan Council #3269 is selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" Magnets for \$5.00 each. Magnets are great stocking stuffers and look great on the back of your vehicle or on your refrigerator. If interested in purchasing Magnets (or selling them), please contact Previous Grand Knight Greg at gregpalichleb.koc@gmail.com or 440-865-5883. (4 ½ X 7 inches)



Around the Town

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC WAY OF LIFE? TRY RCIA

Follow your heart and join us at St. Vincent de Paul Church on the journey of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian community, or were baptized Catholic and have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, this journey is for you. The journey involves learning about the teachings and traditions of the Church. If interested, please call or email Jackie at 440-242-0195 or jackiesvdp@gmail.com.

MATTHEW 25:36 “FOR...I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME.”

The Eucharistic Ministry team of University Hospital in Elyria is looking for volunteers. Consider helping 60-90 minutes, once-a-week or every-other-week, and bring Holy Communion and prayerful support to Catholic patients. You can choose to help either on a weekday or weekend morning. Volunteers must be commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister, be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 (although we do not visit any Covid patient rooms) and also have proof of this year’s flu shot. Hospital orientation and training provided. Interested in learning more? Contact Mary Anne Cunningham at (440) 759-7459 or maryanne116@msn.com.

ST AUGUSTINE HEALTH MINISTRIES - HOLY FAMILY HOSPICE AND HOME CARE - FREE GRIEF AND HEALING SUPPORT GROUP (Virtual)

Members will meet others who have suffered a loss, explore their individual grief process & gain knowledge & insight of useful grief coping skills to help them begin to heal. These sessions will take place **Tuesday Afternoons January 11 – February 15 from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm via Zoom**. Contact Erin Hout: (440) 545.7032 or ehout@holyfamilyhome.com by Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 to register.”

“HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND YOU”

Human Trafficking is in the movies and in the news, but it also happens right here in our local communities. It is among the top three international crimes along with drug and weapons trafficking. What can you do to stop it, and to help those who have been affected by it? January has Presidential recognition as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Learn what it is, how to identify it, and how to address it in an introductory presentation on **January 20th at 7:30 PM sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #3269 in Fr. Ragan Hall at 1783 Moore Rd. Avon, OH 44011**. Speaker Joan Clark is the Chair of West Shore Allies Against Human Trafficking based at Rocky River Unitarian Universalist Church, a speaker for the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, and a Board Member of the Renee Jones Empowerment Center in Cleveland. *Please RSVP by January 14th with your name(s), the number attending, your phone number and email address to either (440) 930-0251, fatherragan@gmail.com or mail to Human Trafficking Meeting at the above address. The seminar is free and all are welcome. Snacks and beverages will be provided.*