

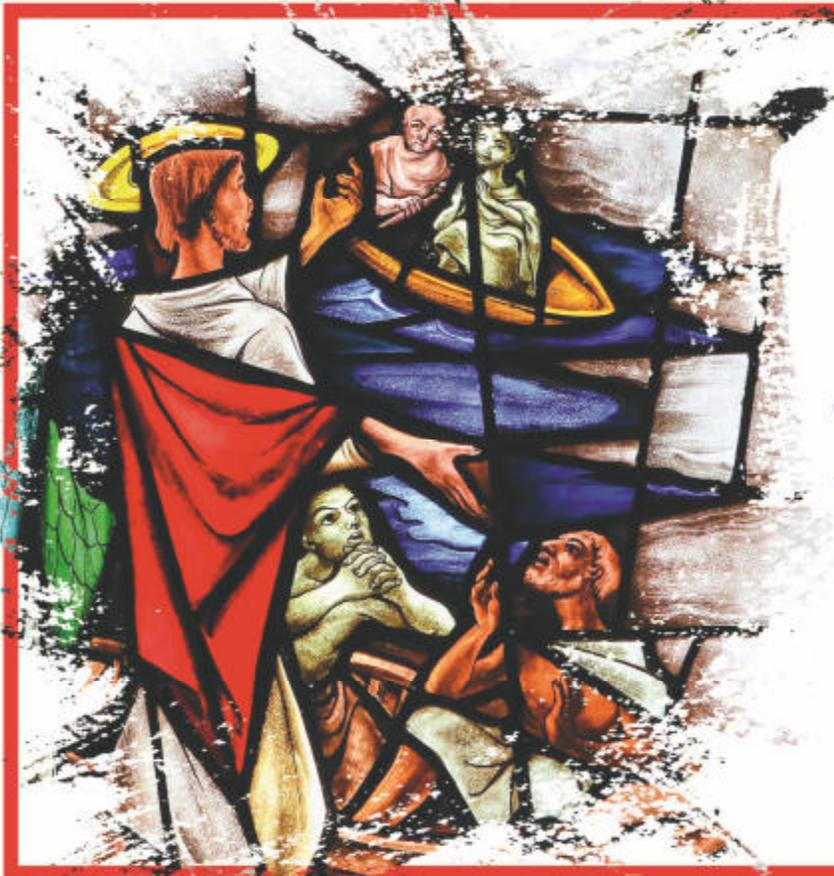
Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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January 24, 2021

THEY LEFT THEIR
FATHER ZEBEDEE IN
THE BOAT ALONG
WITH THE HIRED MEN
AND FOLLOWED HIM.
- MK 1:20

3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon
M, T, TH, F 8:30 a.m. Church
Holy Day 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Holiday 9:00 a.m. (Consult Bulletin)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Hall)

New Parishioners

New parishioners are most welcome
at Holy Spirit Parish.

Please register by calling the office at 440-933-3777.

Parish School of Religion Classes (P.S.R.)

Pre-school, Kindergarten through Grade 8
(Contact Terri Pastura)

Youth Groups

Jr. High (Grades 6, 7, 8)
Sunday 6:00 p.m. (St. Joseph Parish)
Sr. High (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)
Sunday 7:30 p.m. (Holy Spirit Parish)

Confirmation Preparation

Grades 9-12 (Contact Sarah Hamski)

Parish Staff

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 P.S.R. / Youth Ministry440-933-8818
 Catholic Credit Union440-933-2524

Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Baptism:

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Pre-Baptism instructions are required.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Pre-Cana Program and Couples Ministry are required. Please contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communal celebration yearly. Please call the office to arrange for visitation of the sick on Sundays and First Fridays at home or to advise of those in the hospital.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.):

We welcome any adult interested in learning about the Catholic faith to call the parish office.

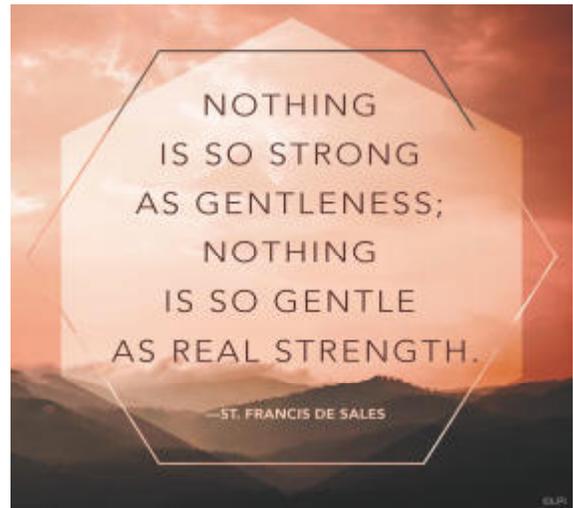
Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday, 2:00–4:00 p.m. (*Chapel of the Holy Family*)

Rosary:

~~Recited each weekday at 8:00 a.m. before Mass.~~

Watch the bulletin for updates on when Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary prayers will resume.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Our Parish Life—Holy Spirit Parish celebrates and remembers the events of our parish family. Please keep the following people in your prayers as we are all called to be brothers and sisters in Christ.

Holy Spirit Remembers: Our prayers are with the family and friends of *Margaret Hirz*. May the gift of eternal life be hers.

Prayers for the Sick: Please pray for: Aaron Evilsizor, Nora Lally, Richard Stofear, Lucy Janoush, Susan Beckett, Jake Olsavsky, Ann Grossman, Rob Noland, Steve Zgurich, Glenna Reno, Terry Fleming, Tim Matsik, Jim Strickland, Thomas Schneider, Dorothy Boehnlein, Bill and Kay Pirnat, Rosa Maria Santos, Meredith McCartney Singer, David Kohl, Elayne Lewis, Linda and Doug Biesterveld, Grace Slarsgarten, Daniel John Zimmerman, Holland Neifer, Grace Penkala, Viola Free, Joanne Jubach, Vanessa Scott, Patricia Flynn, Alex Noland, Kathy Graham, Liz Elliott, Kevin Graham, Brian Grace, Paul Mitchell, Robert Sanson, Richard Hepp, Jim Novak, Pam Bouffard, Lois Woodward, Tina Morbito, Vera Snell, Fletcher Rollinson, Scott Pugh, George Shepherd, Jim Bizjak, Marilyn Brodke, Melissa Goode, Jack and Susan Storm, Susan Fain, Lisa and Mark Rose, Peggy Montgomery Hedgpeth, Barbara Moody, Kate Slack, Kelley Rybarczyk, William Arkey, Leah Templeton, Ann Valerio, Dolly Keberle, and all the sick.

From the Pastor

"The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself." -Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Parishioners,

This is a most unusual year. I know, no one is surprised by that statement. But it has affected a lot of things. One is the annual *March For Life*, you know, the annual peaceful demonstration of support for life, which if it is noted by the media (other than by showing the pro-abortion counter-protestors), is reported as attracting "thousands of people," which technically is true, but the numbers are really in the tens of thousands. This year, the *March For Life* will be virtual. The March for Life website reports:

The protection of all of those who participate in the annual March, as well as the many law enforcement personnel and others who work tirelessly each year to ensure a safe and peaceful event, is a top priority of the March for Life. In light of the fact that we are in the midst of a pandemic which may be peaking, and in view of the heightened pressures that law enforcement officers and others are currently facing in and around the Capitol, this year's March for Life will look different.

The annual rally will take place virtually and we are asking all participants to stay home and to join the March virtually. We will invite a small group of pro-life leaders from across the country to march in Washington, DC this year. These leaders will represent pro-life Americans everywhere who, each in their own unique ways, work to make abortion unthinkable and build a culture where every human life is valued and protected.

We are profoundly grateful for the countless women, men, and families who sacrifice to come out in such great numbers each year as a witness for life – and we look forward to being together in person next year.

Due to inaugural events and concerns, the March will not be around January 22, the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, and now in the Church in the United States, *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*, but will be a week later on January 29. The downside is there will be no public manifestation of our support for life at all stages. The upside is that it allows more people to participate. Please see <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/> for more info.

See our website and daily emails for information about the *Novena For Life*. I know you are reading this on or after the weekend of January 23/24, it isn't too late to start it. See <https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-2021-print-eng.pdf>.

Again, it is my prayer that all innocent life from conception until natural death be respected. I look forward to a time when Roe v. Wade is looked upon in the same way as the Dredd Scott decision is looked upon today. Please join me in this prayer.

Sincerely,

Rev. Charles F. Strebler

Rev. Charles F. Strebler, Pastor

Worship and Music at Holy Spirit Parish

In 2007 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a document entitled, "Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship." This important statement addresses many aspects of Catholic Church Music. It has this to say about organs in churches:

"Among all other instruments which are suitable for divine worship, the organ is 'accorded pride of place' because of its capacity to sustain the singing of a large gathered assembly, due to both its size and its ability to give 'resonance to the fullness of human sentiments, from joy to sadness, from praise to lamentation.' Likewise, 'the manifold possibilities of the organ in some way remind us of the immensity and the magnificence of God. In addition to its ability to lead and sustain congregational singing, the sound of the pipe organ is most suited for solo playing of sacred music in the Liturgy at appropriate moments. Pipe organs also play an important evangelical role in the church's outreach to the wider community in sacred concerts, music series and other musical and cultural programs. For all of these reasons, the place of the organ should be taken into account from the outset in planning process for the building or renovation of churches'."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops makes several important observations in this statement. Perhaps the most important is the reference to the organ's ability to lead congregational singing. This is the organ's primary role in the liturgy, and is the most effective instrument for this purpose, since a pipe organ is a wind instrument, just like the human voice is. Electronic and digital organs mimic the sounds of a pipe organ but are essentially samples or recordings of pipe organs and not the "real" thing, and are obviously not wind-blown as a pipe organ is. Organ pipes are designed to mimic many sounds. "Trumpets," "oboes," "strings," and "flutes" are all literally at one person's finger tips, but it is the "principal" sounds of the organ, also known as "Diapason," "Montre," or "Prestant" that are designed to support the human voice. What better way to lead people in song than with pipes designed to support and blend with their voices? It is the clarity and intensity of the principal chorus sound generated without electronic amplification that effectively inspires song. Rather than amplified sound coming at the congregation through speakers, the pipe organ provides ample surround sound via air moving through pipes, just like the human voice. Praise Bands, folk groups, and a solo cantor or choir with piano have their place in worship, but our Church stresses the importance of congregational participation. When we gather on Sunday we don't only listen to hymns as prayer, we generate the prayer with the songs we sing. Given the size of our congregation and worship space, the organ is an invaluable tool needed to support and inspire our prayer.

Nathan Hetrick, Director of Worship and Music

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)



PSALM

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)



SECOND READING

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)



GOSPEL

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mk 1:15)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

GIVE UNTIL IT HURTS

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by

myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

DO CATHOLICS ALWAYS NEED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION IN WAFER FORM, OR CAN IT BE DIFFERENT KINDS OF BREAD?

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.





From February 17 – March 28, you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or **Family Planning** – 462 Chardon St, Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church gymnasium on Sunday, February 14 at 2 p.m. For more information contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744.

WEBSITES:

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland.

**“A Closer Walk With Thee”
CCA Monthly Grief Support
E-Newsletter**

Don't forget to subscribe to the Catholic Cemeteries Association's monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk with Thee." This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, visit [the Bereavement page on our website](#) and click the brown signup box on the right side, contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866. You can also click this link and go directly to the signup <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin>.



**AM 1260 The Rock—Beloved and
Blessed with Kimberly Hahn**

Kimberly Hahn, wife, mother, grandmother, author, and speaker offers experience, hope and strength for women in all walks of life. Her new program, "Beloved and Blessed" airs on Sundays at 9:00 p.m. on AM 1260 The Rock and her focus is trust in God. Couldn't we all use a little hope and trust in God during these tumultuous times! Please tune in to AM1260 The Rock, download our app or listen online at www.am1260therock.com <<http://www.am1260therock.com/>> for Kimberly's program.



Knights of Columbus

Baked Chicken Dinner To Go:

On Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 4 to 7 p.m., the Knights of Columbus Father Ragan Council will be preparing Baked Chicken Dinners for takeout. The dinner will include a half chicken (baked), baked potato, a vegetable, salad, rolls and dessert. The meals can be picked up at Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Road (next to B.J.'s). Cost is \$10 per meal, cash or check to Father Ragan Charitable Foundation. There will be a drive-through pickup and the meals will be delivered to your car. It is preferred that you reserve meals in advance by January 25, 7 p.m., however, impromptu pickups are acceptable. For advanced orders or questions please contact Jim at 440-865-9668/sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com or John at 440-725-7369/john.pabin@gmail.com.

**Knights of Columbus Seminar on The LCADA
Way: Addiction in Lorain County**

President and CEO of The LCADA Way (<https://www.thelcadaway.org/>) Mr. Dan Haight will give a presentation on Thursday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Council #3269, Fr. Ragan Hall at 1783 Moore Rd. in Avon, OH 44011. Mr. Haight will discuss a variety of addictions, The LCADA Way's support services and their role in the counties of Lorain, Erie, Medina for clients and their families. Since 1981, LCADA (Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Inc.) has been a leading, non-profit corporation that is primarily dedicated to improving the lives of clients suffering from substance addiction and mental health issues, e.g. gambling with compassion, care and understanding. Furthermore, LCADA is a Center of Clinical Excellence for education, prevention and treatment of addiction and is certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and The Joint Commission.

Mr. Haight has over twenty years of executive level management experience in behavioral health organizations as well as all other aspects of this LCADA's functions. Prior to this, Mr. Haight spent twelve years in multiple roles at The Nord Center and has also served in the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office and the City of Lorain. Brother Jim Teubl will also briefly describe the benefits of being a Knight as part of our membership drive to potential new members in the audience.

Please RSVP by February 12th with your name(s), the number attending, your phone number and email address to either (440) 930-0251, fatherragan@gmail.com or mail to The LACADA Way Meeting at the above address. Facial coverings and social distancing are required during the seminar. The seminar is free and all are welcome. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

The Catholic Credit Union Inc. (located at St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake) is looking for volunteers for its Supervisory Committee. It requires approximately one to three hours per month—every second Tuesday of the month at 3:30 in the afternoon. A background in finance or accounting would be appreciated but not necessary! If you are interested, call Laury at 440-225-1892.

YOUTH MINISTRY

2021 Thoughts:
If you're reading this, you've made it through Midterms. Congrats!

JR. HIGH (SALT LITE):

We welcome anyone in grades 6-8, from any city, parish, or no parish at all. No registration, no cost, just show up!:)

LITE NIGHTS

Every other Sunday 6:00p to 7:30!
Anyone grades 6-8 is welcome to join us for
Food, Friends, & Fun!

Next Meeting: January 31st

The plan is to be **IN PERSON** but best to check the website closer to!

SALT LITE AND SALT-WIDE GAME OF MAFIA

Our 7th round of GroupMe Mafia is about to start! Last round we had a Rock [...it was a Rock Lobster] and the first use of the new role that can bring one person back from the dead...well the dead chat. More are always welcome-See website for link to join!

HIGH SCHOOL (SALT):

We welcome anyone in High School from any city, parish, or no parish at all. No registration, no cost, just show up!:)

INSIGHT NIGHT: Sundays 7:30-9:30pm (*IN PERSON and hybrid in Fr. Mosovsky Hall!*)

What is Insight Night? Discussing what is important to YOU (and a touch of chaos if we're honest)

1/24: Hello, Hoo-Man

1/31: In-person Cabin Fever Paint Night!

DROP-IN

Wednesdays 3:30-5pm in the Hall (though some times we go hiking-check Remind!) It's Insight Night without...well...the insight. Join us for skibblio, Jackbox games, impromptu concerts, and general ridiculousness.

JOIN OUR REMIND LIST FOR...REMINDERS...TEXT 81010 TO @88GEF8



@holyspiritymavonlake

Lifelong Learning

We're Tired of Hearing About It!

I know that we are all tired of Covid-19 news. All of us on the staff are concerned about you. We pray for you every day.

I know that you are keeping on top of information on the vaccine and all of the physical things that you need to do to help keep you safe. But I have included the graphic on this page to remind us to take care of our spiritual needs as well.

Things are hectic, challenging and, admit it, downright depressing sometimes. We need the Lord every day. Whatever your personal prayer routine, stick to it. Don't have one, now is a great time to start. Try something familiar like the rosary or a venture into Lectio Divina. Use our Formed.org membership (see info below) for all kinds of materials.

Check out our webpage, www.hspal.org. You can connect to our livestreamed Masses there. You can find our daily spiritual newsletter there or we can email it directly to you. If there is something else we can provide, please don't hesitate to ask!

Terri Pastura tpastura@hspal.org Extension 211

Rx for Body and Spirit

For Your Body	For Your Spirit
Wash your hands often.	Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.
Avoid close contact with other people.	Pray the Rosary.
Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.	Participate in a televised or live-streamed Mass.
Stay home if you're sick (except to get medical care).	Take time for family prayer.
Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.	Practice Lectio Divina.
	Don't forget to help your parish with donations.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 24, 2021

WATCH

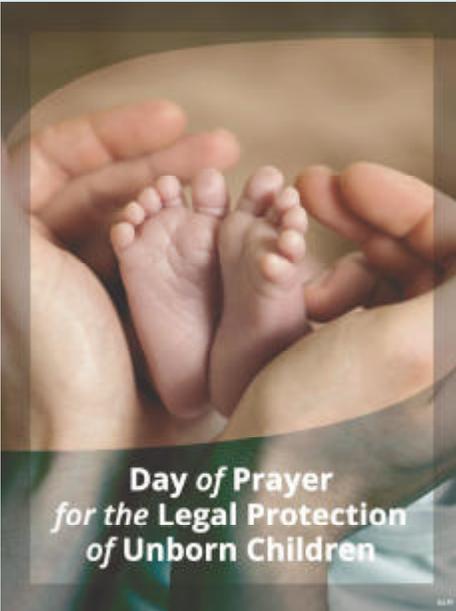
THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures portrays this great missionary saint!



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



Catholics across the country are encouraged to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 28 to Friday, Jan. 29, marking the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions legalizing abortion through nine months of pregnancy. Since those decisions, more than 60 million abortions have been performed legally in the United States.

Each January, the National Prayer Vigil for Life is hosted by the [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops'](#) Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and The Catholic University of America's Office of Campus Ministry to pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life.

Typically, thousands of pilgrims attend the vigil in person each year. However, because of the coronavirus pandemic, the basilica will not be open to the public for the 2021 vigil. In response, this year—for the first time—in addition to the televised Mass, bishops in dioceses across the country will be taking turns leading livestreamed holy hours every hour on the hour throughout the all-night vigil.

The vigil will begin with a live broadcast at 8 p.m. on January 28 from the [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#) in Washington, D.C. with a rosary, followed by Mass opening the National Prayer Vigil for Life. The principal celebrant and homilist for the opening Mass will be Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, who is chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities. After the Mass and throughout the night, holy hours led by bishops from various dioceses around the country will be broadcast on the USCCB's website. The vigil concludes at 8 a.m. on January 29 with Mass celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore.

"Now, more than ever, our nation is in need of prayer for the protection of the unborn and the dignity of all human life," said Archbishop Naumann. "I am happy to be joined by bishops in dioceses across the country who are hosting pro-life prayer events, including during the overnight hours of Eucharistic adoration. I invite all Catholics to spend time with Our Lord and join in this nationwide vigil for life."

Below is the schedule of the 2021 National Prayer Vigil for Life. All times are in Eastern Time.

Thursday, January 28

- 8 p.m. -- National Rosary for Life
- 8:30 p.m. -- Opening Mass with Archbishop Naumann
- 9:45 p.m. -- Holy Hour for Life
- 11 p.m. -- Livestream of holy hours throughout the night

Friday, January 29

- About 8 a.m. -- Closing Mass with Archbishop Lori

The live television broadcasts 8-11 p.m. on January 28 and 8-9 a.m. January 29 will be provided by the Eternal Word Television Network and will also be available via livestream on the Basilica's [website](#). Livestreaming information for the overnight bishop-led holy hours from various dioceses will be provided on the USCCB's [website](#).

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Good and gracious God,
You blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
You are the One to Whom we owe our very
existence.

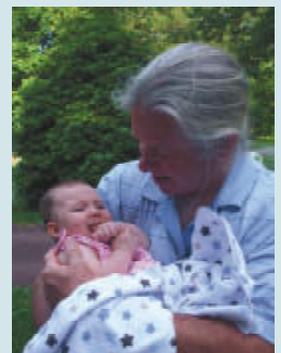
Give us the courage to take that unpopular position
of protecting those who have no voice,
the unborn child in the womb
to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life You have given us is a gift beyond
measure.

Embolden us to speak the truth
about protecting the child, the
elderly,
and the one without a voice in
the public square.

With thankful hearts,
we ask all this of the One God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” Luke 6:38

Each parish is part of the Church Universal; it is the Catholic Church in a particular place. The bishops of the United States created the national collections so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out our mission as Catholics. Each of these important collections is worthy of your support. Each collection represents our community of faith at work in the world, saving souls and improving lives.

The bishops encourage us to view the national collections in the light of stewardship and of sharing. God has given us our light and our prosperity, all we need and more. It is right and just that we give something back through these collections, helping people in our own country and around the world to live better and to grow in the love of Jesus.

One Church. One Mission. Real Lives.



**Share Your Faith:
Support the Collection for the
Church in Latin America**

For over 50 years, Catholics in the United States have participated in the Collection for the Church in Latin America as a concrete expression of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the region. This year the needs of the Church in Latin America are even greater in the wake of the COVID pandemic. Your contribution to the collection on the weekend of January 23-24, is a chance for you to support religious education, evangelization, and the formation of priests and religious sisters and brothers throughout the Americas.

Contribution Report

January 17, 2021	\$	7,223.00	120 envelopes used
Direct Debit Donations (month/week)	\$	5,657.50	61 Donations
Repairs & Improvements		\$296.00	7 envelopes used
Christmas (extra)		\$590.00	5 envelopes used
Catholic University		\$350.00	15 envelopes used

We are now building up our fund total: the current R & I project total is now \$73,169. Thank you for the generosity of so many!

Thank you to all who contribute in both large and small ways to Holy Spirit Parish. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Pre-Baptism Classes

Parents wishing to have their child baptized in the Catholic Church must attend a Pre-Baptism class. Holy Spirit Parish shares the responsibility of these classes with other parishes in our area. Following is a list of each class with time and place each will be held. To register for a class, please call the hosting parish:

Holy Spirit—440-933-3777 St. Joseph—440-933-3152
St. Mary—440-934-4212 St. Thomas—440-949-7744

Thursday	7:30 p.m.	February 18, 2021	Holy Spirit
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	March 16, 2021	St. Joseph
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	April 18, 2021	St. Thomas
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	May 18, 2021	St. Mary
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	June 17, 2021	Holy Spirit
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	July 13, 2021	St. Joseph
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	August 15, 2021	St. Thomas
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	September 14, 2021	St. Mary
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	October 14, 2021	Holy Spirit
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	November 16, 2021	St. Joseph

NO CLASS IN DECEMBER

Baptisms are celebrated at Holy Spirit Parish by appointment only. Call the Parish Office at 440-933-3777 for information.



Prayer for Our Country

Good and gracious Father,
You created the human race as one human family,
yet formed a special people for Your own.
God of Abraham the Patriarch, God of King David,
watch over our nation!
May our government leaders be blessed with wisdom,
counsel, and prudent discernment
in creating just laws for our land.
May all service men and women be protected
as they defend our freedom and way of life.
May all citizens work together for the common good
and the protection of the least among us.
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, it is in
Your coming kingdom that we place our trust.
Give us the grace here and now to love as You love
and to serve as You served.
Holy Spirit, inspire us to transform our communities
on earth as it is in heaven.
Amen.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY **JANUARY 23 / St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr**
 5:00 p.m. Marian M. Dye (Ann Flaherty)

SUNDAY **JANUARY 24 / Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 a.m. Ella Gaul (Mike and Patricia Sweeney)
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish
 12:00 p.m. Thomas and Christine Machar (Bob and Kathy Mayer)

MONDAY **JANUARY 25 / Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**
 8:30 a.m. Rev. James Mosovsky (Anniversary) (Holy Spirit Parish)

TUESDAY **JANUARY 26 / Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**
 8:30 a.m. Celsa Morales (Maryanne, Joey, Kim Latsko)

WEDNESDAY **JANUARY 27 / St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder**
 8:30 a.m. No Mass

THURSDAY **JANUARY 28 / St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
 8:30 a.m. Scott Scherler (Friend)

FRIDAY **JANUARY 29 / Weekday**
 8:30 a.m. Mary Bergamin (Sandy and Bob DelQuadri)

SATURDAY **JANUARY 30 / Blessed Virgin Mary**
 5:00 p.m. Joseph and Albina Abram (Family)

SUNDAY **JANUARY 31 / Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 a.m. Richard Fink (Helen and Joe Lowe)
 10:30 a.m. Mercedes Higgins (Ann Nolan)
 12:00 p.m. Parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish

Cluster Parish Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedules

St. Joseph Church—32929 Lake Rd., Avon Lake
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.
 Distribution of Communion in parking lot until 5:45 p.m.
 Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.
 Distribution of Communion in parking lot until 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.
 Distribution of Communion in parking lot until 12:15 p.m.
 Sunday Afternoon Mass: 5:00 p.m. No livestream. No distribution of Communion afterwards.
 Daily Mass: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.—Communion will be offered following Mass for those who attend in person, and under the tent for those who watched from home.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3 to 4 p.m.

St. Raphael Church—525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village
 Daily Mass: Monday through Friday—9:15 a.m.
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday—3:00-4:00 p.m.

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