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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:00 am– 4:00 pm Closed Saturday and Sunday

LITURGY SCHEDULE

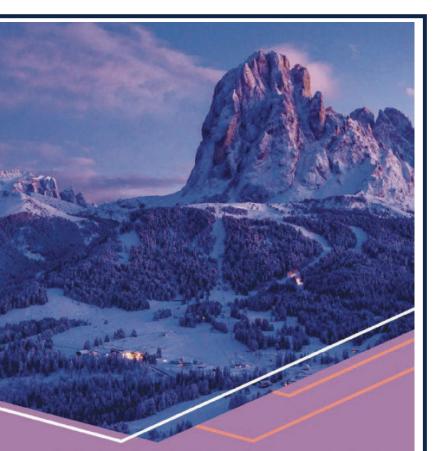
Saturday evening: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am Monday- Friday: 11:00 am Confessions: Saturday 4:00 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

We are the people of St. Christopher Catholic Church, a Eucharistic community of faith dedicated to Welcome, Celebrate, Care, & Grow ... in the image and likeness of Jesus

Catholic Diocese Of Cleveland





3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

he Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.

upts from the Lectionary for Mass 4/2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

January 23, 2022

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Fr. John's Column

Next week is **Catholic Schools Week** throughout our country. It is an opportunity for us to show our support and appreciation for all who make our school such a great asset for our parish and community. Nearly 300 students, from pre-school through 8th grade, are served by an excellent staff of teachers and support personnel under the leadership of our principal, Scott Raiff. This dedicated staff is supported by a host of volunteers who have helped make our school one of the top schools in the diocese. There will be an **Open House in our school next Sunday, January 30th following the 8:30 Mass until 11:30am.**

The invitation is especially extended to families who may be interested in enrolling their children in our school. There is room for new students in all of the grades, K - 8 as well as our pre school. Contact the school office (440 -331-3075) for more information or to register students for the 2022 – 2023 school year. You may also visit the school website www.scsrr.org for more information. Better yet, Come and Visit in person next Sunday!

No mention of Catholic Schools Week would be complete without a **word of thanks to the parishioners of St. Christopher** who help make our school not only possible but also affordable. Your financial support of our parish and school is greatly appreciated. We continue to be in need of donations towards tuition assistance for some of our families. If you would be willing to offer some financial help please contact me or use the pink envelope "Catholic Education" in your monthly supply. Catholic Schools Week also reminds us of the importance of living our own faith in a way that offers good witness and example to all of our young people.

The Centennial Committee is looking for some help identifying some pictures that are part of the parish archives. Some of these pictures will be available in the Gathering Area after the Masses beginning next weekend, January 29-30. If you have a moment, please take a look to see if you can identify the event or people in any of the photos. Even if you do not recognize anyone or anything, you may still enjoy seeing snapshots of our past 100 years.

The entire church has been invited to participate in an upcoming Synod which will focus on the three pillars of a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission. **Parishioners who missed the parish sessions for whatever reason are still able to participate.** The Diocese has established an online portal for individual participants: <u>https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/synod/individual-participation</u>. It will become active starting February 1st and last through March 31st. Talk to you next week...

Mass Intentions Monday, January 24, 2022 11:00 am Mary Ann Vanderveen Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:00 am Jim Marquard Wednesday, January 26, 2022	<u>Prayers for the Sick</u> Ruth Waring, Frances Miller, Charles Hileman, John Andrassy, Mary Kiley, Joan Murtaugh, Mary Kleinert, Diana DeWitt, Darlene Sasz, Joyce Brown, Jim Ockuly, Bunnie Magnani, Katie McNally, Barbara Butler, Victor Boukair, Jeff Love		
 11:00 am Edmund Boukair Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:00 am Jack Sands Friday, January 28, 2022 11:00 am Grace Kustra 	Please remember to support our parish at this time as you are able. Donations can be mailed, dropped off in the parish office mail slot or, to donate online, go to stchrisparish.com/online-giving/ Thank you!		
Saturday, January 29, 2022 5:00 pm Jean & Al Morphy Sunday, January 30, 2022 8:30 am Salvador Santos 10:00 am Priest Intention 11:30 am Mary Jane Kral	PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY Audry Harte, Hanna Lutton, Frank Conroy, Trent Hunton, Christopher Nastal, Sean McClaren, Matthew P. Schroer, Mark Pullar, Jake Young, Joseph Conroy, Tim Mayer, Alec J. Schuerger, Jason Ward, Vanessa Armstrong		
11:30 am Mary Jane Kral			

Thank you for your participation!			
ENTRANCE HYMN	No. 613 Verses 1 and 5		
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	5. Angels, help us to adore him; You behold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before him, In his holy dwelling place. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.		
Gloria		No. 322	
Scripture Readings		No. 1100	
Psalm 19 Lord yo	ou have the words of everlasting life.	No. 31	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	J	No. 328	
COMMUNION HYMN	One Bread, One Body	No. 932	
Recessional	Go Out to the Word	No. 762	
Go Go	out to the world and tell all the good news,		
tell all Go of	the good news of God's end-less love.		

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tell all the good news of God's end - less love.

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Back in 2019, Pope Francis decreed that the Third Sunday of Ordinary time shall be annually commemorated as the Sunday of the Word of God. He did so in order to draw our attention to the importance of the Bible in the life of the Church: "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world," (*Aperuit Illis* n. 2).

A recommended Catholic translation of the Bible in English is the *New American Bible Revised Edition* abbreviated as the NABRE. This the translation which is used at Mass, and it is readily available at bookstores and religious goods stores online and in their brick-and-mortar editions. A family Bible makes a great wedding gift! But most importantly, our Bibles are best not kept nicely on the bookshelf but well worn and used. Today, we are invited to open our Bibles and make an opportunity to hear the voice of God speaking to each of us through the pages of sacred Scripture. As Pope Francis also notes, "Those who draw daily nourishment from God's word become, like Jesus, a contemporary of all those whom they encounter: they are not tempted to fall into sterile nostalgia for the past, or to dream of ethereal utopias yet to come," (*Aperuit Illis* n. 12).

On Tuesday, January 25, we conclude the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; it is also the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Prior to his passion and death, Jesus himself prayed for unity among his disciples: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me," (John 17:20-21). In his 1995 encyclical on Christian unity, Pope St. John Paul II taught us that to build unity among believers "*What is needed is a calm, clear-sighted and truthful vision of things*", a vision enlivened by divine mercy and capable of freeing people's minds and of inspiring in everyone a renewed willingness, precisely with a view to proclaiming the Gospel to the men and women of every people and nation," (*Ut unum sint*, n. 2, italics in original). This certainly is also prescient wisdom for building unity in our sadly divided nation and culture. Amen.

~Father Anthony

LIVESTREAMING MASS

We continue to livestream the **5:00 Mass** every Saturday for those who are unable to come to church. You can watch the Mass live on Saturday at 5:00 or you can watch it later at your convenience. You can access the livestreamed Masses through our website, **stchrisparish.com/parish/online-services** or on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Readings for the Week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

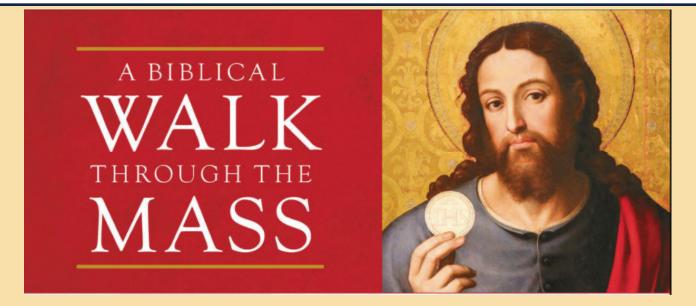
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-3

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 23, 2022



The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Please join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* on Mondays January 31—February 28 at 7 pm. For more information or to register for the study, call the Religious Ed. office at 440-331-6226 or email: stchrisreo@stchrisparish.com If you would like to purchase the workbook for the course, the cost is \$15.

CENTENNIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

You are invited to a walk down memory lane! The Centennial history committee has found several photo collages on posters. Unfortunately, there is little identification on them, so we need help learning about when the photos were taken and what the occasion was. Are we looking at a gathering of the ladies guild? Is this a PTU event?

These posters will be available for several weeks starting **January 29th and 30th** on tables out in the **Gathering Area**. Please stop by after Mass and enjoy a stroll down memory lane! We will supply pencils & sticky notes to place over the pictures. If you see a picture that has not yet been identified, or needs more information, please fill out the sticky note and place it directly on the picture. Because of space constraints we don't need each person identified in group photos, but do need to know WHEN & WHAT. If the photo is of one person, that name might help us.

Also, we still need a St. Christopher medal that was given during the Blessing of the Cars from 1926 to sometime in the 1960's (we believe - does anyone know the last year this tradition occurred?) If you have one of the medals please let us know.

Please contact Kate Ptak (440-409-4690 / ktptak@gmail.com) if you can help us with this or if you have any other artifacts for our display. Thank you!

JANUARY SOCIAL CLUB LUNCH HAS BEEN CANCELED

Please plan to join us on March 25 for our next lunch.



MEN'S WINTER RETREAT Saturday, January 29 | 9:30 am - 4 pm

Centering Space, 14812 Lake Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107 In person with Rev. Tony Clark

In the cold winter months, it is natural to turn inward, and do some deep reflection. Make space to reflect together and to ponder in silence about the newness of the year and how our bodies, minds and spirits connect with the seasons around us. Join us as we connect to one another and the Spirit through spiritual practices of chant, prayer, silence, writing, and play. \$65

For more details and to register, visit our website www.centeringspace.org or call 216-228-7451.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or response services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.



The Ancient Order of Hibernians Boland Berry Division & The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Our Lady of the Rosary Division **Celebration of St. Brigid and St. Patrick**

Saturday February 5 (The evening will start with a Mass at 4:30pm) West Side Irish American Club, 8559 Jennings Rd Olmsted Township. Cost \$65 - Reservations: Mary Jo Rawlins 216-410-6273



THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY –WEST

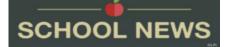
An inter-parish men's group will meet **February 4th** for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$13.

Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, February 1st to make a reservation.

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Congratulations to these SCS students who received the December Steward of the Shield Award!

- K: Lucy Doenkott
- 1: Will Keckan
- 2: Bennett Mueller
- 3: Rhys Chandler
- 4: Coleson Paez
- 5: Rocco Roche

- 6: Nick Yonadi
- 7-113: Avery Juris
- 7-115: Anabelle Watson
- 8-114: Jonathan Ghobrial
 - 8-116: Brooke Haddad

SCS OPEN HOUSE –ALL ARE WELCOME! Sunday, January 30 9:30-11:30 am

Parishioners, families of prospective students, and all community members are invited to the St. Christopher School Open House on Sunday, January 30 to join in our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. The Open House is from 9:30AM to 11:30 AM. Guests are welcome to tour our Blue Ribbon school, visit classrooms, and check out our STEM room and Maker Space. Student artwork will be displayed throughout the halls as part of our school's annual art show. Complimentary coffee and donuts will also be available.

Please contact Scott Raiff at <u>sraiff@scsrr.org</u> or at 440-331-3075, if you have any questions about the Open House.

TO ACCESS YOUR 2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT:

1. Go to www.stchrisparish.com and Click on MySaintChris Login at the top of the page.

*If this is your first time logging in, please click on **Click Here** next to **Need a Login?** (under the blue box)

2. Enter your username or email address and password. Click on **Sign in.** (The email you use to sign in must match the one we have in our system for you.)

- 3. Select **Giving** and choose **My Giving History** from the drop down list. Choose the year 2021.
- 4. Click on the blue box **PDF Tax Statement** and print.

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES CHARISMATIC MASS

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a Charismatic Mass on **Friday**, **January 28th**, **at 7:00 p.m.**, **at St. Peter Parish**, **35777 Center Ridge Rd.**, **North Ridgeville 44039.** Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 and the liturgy will start at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after Mass.

For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend! This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.



If a warm island vibe sounds like a welcome change to the winter cold, mark your calendar for "Hawaiian Knights" on **Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 6:30 – 11pm.** This is the annual parish-wide fundraiser held by PATHS (Parents and Teachers Helping Students). Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join.

PATHS is thrilled to hold the annual fundraiser once again after a year off. The Parish Center will be transformed into a tropical paradise for an evening of food, open bar and themed drinks, a premier silent and live auction, raffles, music, and entertainment. Come attired in your best tropical gear. All event proceeds provide direct support to our school and students. Funds raised will be used to:

- Update school technology (iPads, Chromebooks, STREAM coursework, and robotics program)
- Support Teachers (Art and music supplies, teacher-requested items and teacher wish lists)
- Support Students (Extracurricular school-sponsored clubs, field trips, and recess supplies)
- Enhance our newly built outdoor campus, Centennial Park, which is comprised of a playground, outdoor classroom, and prayer garden - enjoyed by our school children, parish and community

Capacity will be capped at 300 so be sure to order your tickets (\$75 each) today by visiting https://cbo.io/ tickets/scs/HawaiianKnights. There are still Corporate Sponsorships (\$750) and Family Sponsors (\$250) available, which provide great exposure within our vibrant community and are a wonderful way to support our school.

Any questions about the sponsorships or the event can be sent to event co-chairs Christina Mueller (<u>ccmuellerdds@gmail.com</u>) or Emily Szy (<u>Emily.G.Vandevelde@gmail.com</u>).

Join us this February to support quality education at St. Christopher and enjoy a getaway to "Hawaiian Knights"!

CENTENNIAL TRIVIA

See how much you know about St. Chris history!

Question: What decade saw the purchase of two pieces of property that expanded our campus to its size today? 1940's, 1950's, 1960's?

(answer in next week's bulletin)

Last week's question: What was one reason why The Traveler (a CYO group newsletter) was published?

Answer: One reason *The Traveler* was published was to keep track of the parish's fighting men during World War II.

ST. CHRISTOPHER

THE WEEK AHEAD For the most up-to-date calendar, go to <u>stchrisparish.com</u>

Monday, January 24 No School– Teacher Records Day 4:30 pm CYO Basketball—G 7:00 pm RCIA —A

Tuesday, January 25 2:45 pm Drama Club—PC 4;00 pm 8th grade PSR—A 4:30 pm CYO Basketball—G 6:00 pm Women's & Men's AA—M 8:00 pm Men's AA Group—M

Wednesday, January 26 10:30 am Rosary—C 10:45 am Young Families Ministry—M 2:45 pm Announcement Club—AR 2:45 pm Youth Choir—C 3:00 pm Ski Club—off site 4:30 pm CYO Basketball—G 6:30 pm Music Rehearsal—C 7:00 pm Pack 390 Meeting—PC 8:00 pm AA Men's Group—M

Thursday, January 27 8:00 am Drop the Rock—M 2:45 pm Tutoring Club—A 4:30 pm CYO Basketball—G 7:00 pm Troop 605 Meeting—M

Friday, January 28 6:00 pm CYO Basketball 8:00 pm AA Young Adults' Group –M

Saturday, January 29 7:00 am Men's AA Group—M 9:00 am CYO Basketball—G

Sunday, January 30 8:30 & 10:00 am PSR grades K-8—SC 9:30 am School Open House—SC 10:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word—PR 12:30 Baptism—C

> C=Church G=Gym M=Mary's Room CY=Courtyard GA=Gathering Area RC=Rectory Conference Room CP=Centennial Park A=Atrium MC=Media Center PR=Prayer Room PC=Parish Center SC=School Conference Room P1-4=Parish Center Meeting Rooms CR=Computer Room L=Library PL= Parking Lot

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:00 PM in the church and any time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should be members of our parish and need to attend a pre-Baptism Class if they have not already done so. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays beginning at 12:30 PM and other times by arrangement. Call the parish office to arrange all Baptisms.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Available to those in 8th grade or older. Contact the Religious Ed. Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: In keeping with Diocesan regulations, arrangements must be made with a parish priest at least 6 months before the date selected to allow for the necessary preparation.

RCIA: Adults interested in the Catholic faith are invited to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Meetings are Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM beginning in the Fall and continuing through Easter. Call the parish office for details.

MINISTRY WITH THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: We are happy to bring the Eucharist or to provide the Anointing of the Sick to the homebound. Please contact the office.

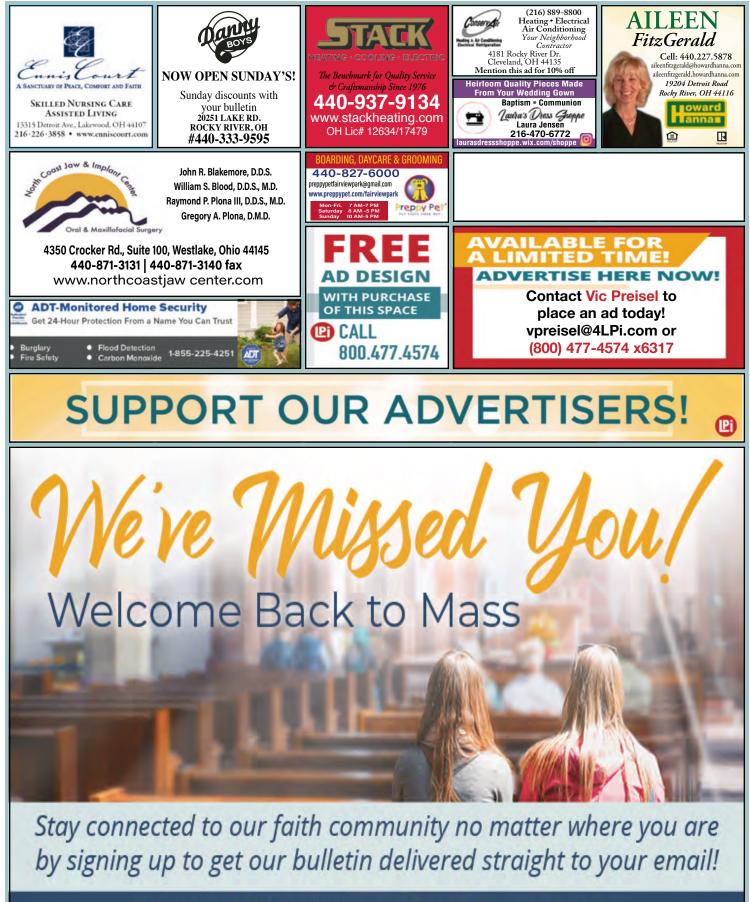
FUNERALS: Arrangements are made with the help of a Funeral Director. They will assist in contacting the parish office to arrange a time for a Funeral Mass before any notice is placed online or in the newspaper.



PARISH REGISTRATION: New Parishioners are asked to call 440-331-4255 to set up an appointment for registration. Parishioners who are moving are also asked to notify the parish office.

PSR CLASSES: K through Grade 8: Sundays 8:30-9:30 AM and 10:00-11:00 AM. For information/ registration call the Religious Ed. Office.

CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW), offered during 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays, gives children ages 5 to 10 the opportunity to hear and discuss the Scripture readings at their level. Offered Sept.—April.



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