

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, March 2

St. Joseph Parish — 6:30 am, 8 am, 4:30 pm

Holy Spirit Parish — 8:30am, 12 noon, & 7 pm

St. Raphael Parish — 7:30 am, 9:15 am, 4:30 pm, & 7 pm



Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm — also via livestream

Sunday 8:30 am — also via livestream

Sunday 11 am — no livestream

Sunday 5 pm — no livestream

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday — Friday 8 am, also via livestream

Confession Schedule

Saturday 3 - 4 pm

In the confessional

Adoration In the Chapel

Tuesdays 9 am — 8 pm

First Fridays 9 am — Saturday 9 am

February 27, 2022

welcome

Saint Joseph Parish is a Catholic community of Christians in Avon Lake, Ohio who have come together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to give witness to Jesus Christ. We are an active community of 1,900 families located on the beautiful waters of Lake Erie. Just as Jesus welcomes every person with open arms, we at Saint Joseph do the same. We have regular outreach, teen, youth and senior groups. Saint Joseph Parish encourages stewardship as a way of life through growth in faith, justice, love, and service to others. We welcome new members, people searching for a church, and visitors!

Our mission is to celebrate the Eucharist, to proclaim the Good News, to encourage stewardship as a way of life, to form missionary disciples, and to grow in faith, justice, love and service to others.

We Are One Family in Christ who encounters Jesus, accompanies one another, forms community, and is sent forth to live the Gospel.

For all Sacramental Information, please contact the Parish Office at 440-933-3152.

Our parish email system always has the most updated information. We send a weekly email to keep our parish family informed and spiritually fed from a distance. If you would like to receive these emails, please visit **STJOSEPHAVONLAKE.ORG/STAYCONNECTED.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Betty Wojcicki, Parishioner

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Coordinator

Holy Spirit Shared Employee:

Michael Grecol: Youth Ministry

Fr. Ron's Corner

Since Father Ron was away this week, we wanted to provide you with a bit of information regarding Ash Wednesday services: While ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation we encourage you to attend an in-person mass of your choice. If not please take an opportunity at home to pray together at home and to mark yourself with ashes.

Ashes to Ashes: Wednesday, March 2 is Ash Wednesday; there are several ways your family can celebrate this beginning of Lent:

- **Ash Wednesday Mass:** There will be Ash Wednesday Masses with ash distribution both here and at Holy Spirit. See our Parish website or the bulletin for the Mass schedule.
- **DIY Ash Wednesday Service at Home:** Again this year, will offer ashes to take home to your family in the Gathering Area. We will provide a small plastic cup with ashes as well as a bookmark with directions on how to conduct an ash distribution service at home and how to properly dispose of the ashes. It is a blessing that ash distribution is something that can be done by a person with the proper disposition and a priest is not necessary.

“Sacraments” vs. “Sacramentals”: Ashes are a sacramental. One way to think about the difference between sacraments and sacramentals is that they are simply 2 different levels at which we can receive the grace of God in our lives (“grace” meaning the presence of God). The primary way that God wishes to enter our life is through the sacraments, and because of that Jesus himself acts through an ordained Priest who stands in the person of Christ to administer the sacrament. When a sacrament is being performed, you could imagine that it is not the priest who is standing there but Jesus himself! We receive the presence of God in a way that is unique and primary through the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist, Marriage, Holy Orders, or Anointing of the Sick. But we can also receive the presence of God through what are called “sacramentals.”

The key difference is that we are asking God to bless this person, object, or place when we perform some sacramental. As opposed to a sacrament where Jesus is acting through the ordained Priest to confer blessing. They are simply 2 different levels of receiving God's blessing! Sacramentals do flow from sacraments, and then also guide us back to the sacraments. Some examples of other sacramentals are palms, grace before meals, genuflecting, the sign of the cross, incense, a rosary, a crucifix, scapulars, medals, statues, holy cards, and more. This is a great opportunity for you to put into practice your common priesthood of all the baptized!

It is easy to forget that at our baptism we are all anointed as “priest, prophet, and king.” Specific people are called to be ordained Priests, but there is a common priesthood of all Christians that we are called to put into practice! One of the duties of our common priesthood is to offer sacrifice to God and to allow God to bless others through us. One primary way this is done is through blessings which incorporate “sacramentals.” A sacramental normally includes prayers accompanied by a specific physical sign, such as the tracing of ashes on the forehead of a person.

DISPOSAL OF LEFTOVER ASHES

Please remember that any leftover ashes cannot be thrown away in the trash or rinsed down the drain. Simply just dump the remaining ashes into your garden or grass.

Please keep the plastic bag that your ashes came in, and use it to safely return your palms from last year so that they can be burned and used to make ashes for next year. Please return them any time before Palm Sunday in the Gathering Area.

As everyone knows, we have a very busy Lenten season at our parish. While it is meant to be a time of scaling back and simplicity, we invite you to join us for our first Lenten Friday next week! We will have our annual Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross.

We look forward to celebrating the season of Lent with you this year.
May you know God's Blessings!

REPORT ON OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July-January 2022 Offertory Over (Under) Budget	\$ 1,748
February 2022 Budget	\$ 102,500
Total Weekly Collection	
2/6	\$ 38,011
2/13	\$ 15,673
2/20	\$ 25,257
2/27	\$ -
Total February Collection	\$ 78,940
February 2022 Remaining Budget	\$ (23,560)
Year to Date Offertory Remaining Budget	\$ (21,812)
<p><i>Thank you for your continuing support of our Parish.</i></p> <p><i>Fr. Ron</i></p>	

75TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

PLEDGED TO DATE:

\$1,715,249

Total Pledge Payments to Date: \$1,425,955

Total % of Pledge Payments Made: 83%

HEART OF A SHEPHERD

PLEDGED TO DATE:

\$522,193

Total Pledge Payments to Date: \$73,511

Total % of Pledge Payments Made: 14%

Important Message From Our Finance Office

We have been getting calls from parishioners who have noticed that their automatic giving stopped and they don't know why. One of the reasons is if you have signed up for auto-giving via credit card and have a received a new credit card because it was about to expire or it has been reissued, please submit either a new authorization form to St. Joseph or update your giving information on-line. Although the credit card number may have remained the same, the 3-digit CVV number on the back has changed and without that new number your automatic donation can not be processed.

Another is that when you filled out the Authorization form or signed up on-line you chose an end date. If you would like to continue your auto-giving, you can either submit a new Authorization Form with an attached voided check to St. Joseph or you can update your information on-line.

If you have any questions, please give Cheryl Monschein, Contributions and Payables a call at 440-653-5628 or a message at Contribute@stjosephavonlake.org

GOD CALLING Father Ron is a guest on God Calling with Paul Orlousky on am1260therock this Sunday, February 27 at 4:30pm. The show will re-air on Wednesday at 8:30 am. All the shows are available on demand at am1260therock.com. Usually the Sunday program, if not heard live on air or online, will be posted by Monday afternoon.



TUITION ASSISTANCE

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What is Tuition Assistance?

- The Tuition Assistance Fund at Saint Joseph Parish provides funding for students who desire a Catholic education at our school and are in need of financial support.
- This program is need based, and families apply for assistance first through the Diocese of Cleveland. Requests are then passed along to our parish for further consideration from our Tuition Assistance Fund.
- A new application for assistance must be completed each year by the family.
- The kindness and generosity of parishioners is instrumental in making Catholic education a reality for families that otherwise would not be possible.



How can you help?

- Please consider a donation toward the fund by using the collection envelope found in your monthly packet or by contributing online at www.stjosephavonlake.org and clicking the "give now" button and selecting the School Tuition Assistance Fund.
- Since its inception in 2007, the Tuition Assistance Fund has distributed over **\$475,000** to support students.
- Support that is awarded is determined from the application, the number of families applying, and the amount of funds available for distribution.



Eucharistic Adoration – FIRST FRIDAY IS MARCH 4

First Friday will begin after the 8 AM Mass and conclude when the church is locked at 9:00 PM. Adoration will be in either the church at the tabernacle or in the Sacred Heart Chapel, at your choice; we are suggesting the church because of its better ventilation and larger space for social distancing, but it is your choice. We will address this closer as the winter months come to an end.

We need adorers on Tuesdays from 10 – 11am and 11 – 12 pm, and 2 – 3 pm. On First Fridays we need at least one person for each time slot. We prefer to have two adorers for all of the late night and early morning time slots. We have many of those available. We need at least one person on First Fridays from 10-11am, 2 – 3 pm, and 6-7am. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Judy Chargin at 440.610.1147 or jachargin@gmail.com.

Please remember: You can visit the Sacred Heart Chapel anytime, even when adoration is not scheduled. Just slide open the tabernacle doors and close them when you leave. The Gathering Area and Chapel are open from 8 AM to 9 PM Monday thru Friday.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Glen Jenkins, Baby Declan McCarthy, Joel Corba, Robin Trautman Naigle, Marge Carlson, Ray Cromaz, Mary Novotny, Rita Barniak, Monte Mitchell, Maria Mudrak, Jill Snedden, Emily and unborn baby, Wilder Mehaffey, Garrett Murray, Marge Aquino, Nicholas Gamellia, Jim Popiel, Topps Family, Mrs. Pat Novotny, Camille, Louis Pena, John Wynne, The Baker Family, Patricia Schreiner-Kerner, Mary Reigert, Michael English, Donald Kolecke, Barb Klingshirn, John Speck, Dain Morgan, Doreen Evans, Scott, Louise Schrifft, Kevin Murphy, Laura and Jerry, John Spaniol, Ethan Bradley, "Jack", Baby Ashton, Rocco Sisson, Chris Siegrist, Grace, Ruth Corba, Mike McDonough, DeWayne Ashcraft, Don Harrison, Anne Marie, Donna Carlin, John Kruman & family, Louise Ganobsik, Patrick Kerner, Dawn, Rick Lutz, Lynn Wood, Keith Moore, Phyllis Lightfoot, Mary Fergus, Debbie Kephart Miller, Rosemary Warden, Michael Satink, Joseph Sweeney, Barbara Hilt, Kelley Rybarczyk, John A., Ann Haney, Frances Allington, Linda and Gary Vick, Marion Remar, Finn Curry, Jeannie Smith, Tommy Boehm, Andy Hartnett, Lucy Mae, Linda Keller, Vicki Roosen, Eleanor Stasik, Linda Leciejewski, Alice Bradley, April Swatchick, Mary Landmark, Francis Leabu, Tom Boehm, Pat Holler, Katherine Moner, Becki Lightle, Brad Shaft, Brian Crawford, Skyler Gordon, all the ill of the Parish and those with addictions, homeless, in the military, unemployed, lonely or depressed, and caregivers.

If you would like someone added to our bulletin prayer list, please call the Parish Office at 440-933-3152.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you or someone you love interested in becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which those who are unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination come into the Roman Catholic Church. Maybe you have been married to a Catholic for many years and are ready to seriously explore whether Catholicism is for you. Maybe someone you know has been asking you questions about your Catholic faith. Now is the perfect time to learn more for yourself or invite those you love to take the next step! If you would like to learn more about this process and are ready to dive in, or would like more information about the RCIA program or the Catholic faith, please contact Phil Lewandowski at phil@stjosephavonlake.org or (440) 653-5638.

The Avilas

Join the Avilas to pray a Holy Hour for vocations the first Wednesday of each month, both in person and remotely. We begin by attending the 8:00 Mass, either in person or livestreamed, then continue in the Sacred Heart Chapel for those attending in person, and by phone and/or computer (audio only) for those participating remotely. To receive our monthly prayers either via e-mail or printed out, call Ceci McKay at 440-933-3128. We hope you can join us for our next Holy Hour Wednesday, March 2.

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CALLING ALL SMILING FACES!

If you attend Mass regularly in person and are a welcoming, friendly soul, we need you to join our faithful team of Hospitality Ministers! These hospitable friends meet parishioners as they arrive, help to find seats, pass bulletins, receive the offertory collections, and see that the church looks fresh and neat for the next Mass. The time required is about twenty minutes before and after the Mass you would normally attend. And we really need you to continue to let our family and guests know they are truly welcome and valued participants in our weekend liturgies. How do you benefit? You have the confidence of knowing you're doing something beautiful for God, and you're making lots of new friends!

For the first two weekends of March, we are on a recruiting drive for Ministers of Hospitality! Please talk to one of our friendly team who will have a handout for you that highlights the simple but necessary duties this group performs. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact Barry Dore, our head usher, at bdore62@gmail.com or Lorene Coughlin, our pastoral minister, at music@stjosephavonlake.org. Please pray about whether God might be calling you to serve Him and His people in this simple and rewarding way.

SVDP MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND March 5-6

Donation boxes will be in the Gathering Area next weekend. In particular we need toilet paper, paper towel, facial tissue, laundry detergent, bar soap, dishwashing liquid, cleaning supplies, peanut butter, canned tuna, hearty soups, canned fruit, and pasta sauce. Your donations will be appreciated.

Quo Vadis

Are you a young adult looking for community? Are you searching for faith opportunities to learn and grow your relationship with the Lord? Quo Vadis ("Where are you going?") might be the right group for you! Quo Vadis is designed for young adults, to enjoy community, prayer, and engaging talks every week! No sign ups, no obligation, no pressure! If you can't show up one week, feel free to come to the next! Join us for our first session at St. Joseph Avon Lake at 7:00 pm in the social hall. Stay up to date with our GroupMe thread by following the QR code above. Contact QuoVadis.AL@gmail.com if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

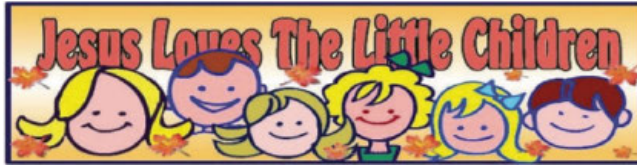
2023 Mass Book – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Once again, we are approaching Ash Wednesday, which is the date our new Mass book will be opened for your requested intentions. At only two months into 2022, our Mass book for the year is totally filled. Therefore, we are instituting the following policy, effective immediately for Mass requests for 2023 and moving forward.

Each parish family may request up to 4 Masses in total for the year. If you wish, you may combine loved ones in one Mass intention. We realize this is difficult for those of you who have been used to requesting numerous Masses for your departed loved ones each year. Please know we may not be able to fulfill the exact dates you request. We are also limiting Masses for a current death to 2 total requested by the family. Our parish has grown, and in order to accommodate upcoming funerals, we need to and will abide by this policy.

If you have additional Masses to request, you may send them to any of the many monasteries that offer this service, or we are happy to send your donations with your requests to a Dominican priory in Denver where many priests need intentions for their daily Masses. You are also invited to send your intentions and stipends (\$10/Mass) directly to:

Fr. Louis Morrone, OP
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2901 Grove Street
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Glory be to God, for He gave us the gift of our children



What a busy day this Sunday, February 27 was in our PSR classes. Students in Grade 2 participated in Craft Class. Students in grade 4 were visited by Mr. Michael Grecol, our Youth Minister. Students in Grade 6 celebrated the Sacrament of Penance. Classes are talking about ways to observe the coming Lenten Season.

The Fifty Plus Ministry is hosting their Lenten Luncheon series of speakers beginning on March 8th and continuing through Lent. We begin at 12noon with Soup and Rolls and the speaker begins at 12:30. The first speaker is Trapper Jack with Mary at the foot of the cross. Marcy 15th is Fr. Dan Schlegel from the Diocese of Cleveland, March 22 is Michael Grecol our youth minister. Watch the bulletin for the rest of the speakers. First you do not need to be Fifty plus, come and enjoy community gathering at St. Joseph Parish. We will gather every Tuesday in Lent beginning on March 8th at 12noon for a simple meal of soup and roll in the social hall. Free will offering. Our first presenter will be Trapper Jack, presenting Mary at the Foot of the Cross. No need to reserve space, unless you want to return your name to this email. The following week will be Father Dan Schlegel from the Diocese of Cleveland. Then our own Michael Grecol Youth Minister will present.

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- Order online beginning the Monday before Fish Fry.
- Select your pickup time to avoid long lines and sold out items.
- Order and pay ahead of time to ensure your food is hot and ready for your designated pick up time.
- Entrance is from Lake Road ONLY. Follow the directional signals in the parking lot to pick up or order food! Exit to Electric Blvd.

***Orders placed after 5pm on Thursday, are subject to limited menu items.
Only orders placed by Thursday at 5pm are guaranteed fulfillment.

JOIN US FOR FISH FRY FRIDAYS!

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8
4:30 to 7 pm

ORDER AHEAD ONLINE DINE IN & DRIVE-THRU at
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You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross with us beginning at 7:30 pm in church or via livestream at stjosephavonlake.org/livestreaming

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send

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY CORNER

Simplify your life

"Live simply, so others may simply live." St. Teresa of Calcutta

St. Teresa's advice is good, particularly for a society like ours that's blessed with so much. Before buying something, ask yourself, "Do I really need this, or do I just want it?" Another step toward a simpler life is to take a look at what you already have and consider those things that maybe you would do better without. Might they benefit someone else who really needs the clothes you seldom wear or those household items that get usually just sit in a drawer or cupboard?

Finally, if you're planning a project or an event that requires a certain tool or item that you'll never use again, instead of buying it try borrowing it. This saves storage space and money while cutting down on waste. By the way, instead of treating yourself with those dollars you saved, donate them to St. Elizabeth Center in Lorain or some other local charity. That will ease the suffering of people who are hungry or homeless and provide for yourself an inexhaustible treasure in heaven (Luke 12: 33).

Living simply gives us peace and gives others sustenance.

YOUTH MINISTRY

"ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS; LET YOUR WORDS TEACH AND YOUR ACTIONS SPEAK." – ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

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 6:00 - 7:30 pm! WE ARE BACK TO OUR NORMAL TIME!!

In-person in the social hall at St. Joes! Anyone grades 6-8 is welcome to join us for Faith, Food, Friends, & Fun!

Next Meetings:

March 6

March 20

April 3

HIGH SCHOOL (SALT):

INSIGHT NIGHT: Every Sunday 7:30-9:30pm (IN PERSON in Fr. Mosovsky Hall!).

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

Insight Night 2/27

Insight Night 3/6

Insight Night 3/13

PAY ATTENTION TO REMIND! TIMES/LOCATION MAY NOT ALWAYS BE THE SAME!

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



@holyspiritymavonlake

this week

UPCOMING EVENTS

2022 diocesan-wide Evening of Confession will take place here in church on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 from 5-8 pm.

The West Shore Chorale will present a concert on Sunday, February 27, at 7:30pm. The program will include the Schubert Mass in G and Handel Coronation Anthem #4 (Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened). The chorale will be accompanied by guest ensemble, The Amethyst Quintet and will be conducted by the Associate Conductor and St. Joseph parishioner, Michael Lisi. A free will offering will be taken to support The West Shore Chorale and Saint Joseph Parish. For further information about the West Shore Chorale, you may visit www.westshorechorale.org.

Saturday Vigil 2/26: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 For Our Parish

Sunday 2/27: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Anniversary of Joan Monschein

by Mike and Cheryl Monschein

11:00 Anniversary of Robert Buck by Marie

5:00 Murph Gelet by Barb Krulik and Sons

Monday 2/28: Weekday

8:00 Anniversary of Father Robert Teknipp

by the Parish

Tuesday 3/1: Weekday

8:00 Ronnie Dimengo by the Avilas Prayer Group

Wednesday 3/2: Ash Wednesday

6:30 Charles Chatlos by family

8:00 Jeanne Jaeger by Karen Brausch and Paul Sedar

4:30 Leon Krulik by Joyce Solderitsch

Thursday 3/3: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 Carolina Bolka by Bill and Donna Eyring

Friday 3/4: Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 Martin and Margaret Hirz

by Ralph and Stephanie Koebel

Saturday Vigil 3/5: First Sunday of Lent

4:30 Mary Seroka by Leon and Barbara Krulik

Sunday 3/6: First Sunday of Lent

8:30 For Our Parish

11:00 Tom McDonough by St. Joseph Choir

5:00 Lucy Scapparotti by Jim and Kim Gamellia

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES Please join us in the Social Hall after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, March 6th. The St Joseph Parish School Girl Scout troops will be celebrating Girl Scout Sunday by sharing our My Promise, My Faith award presentations and collecting donations for Community Resource Services. Girl Scout cookies may be ordered for future delivery.



SPIRITWEAR ORDERS may be placed through March 1st. Please follow this link and order any items you may need for the remainder of the school year. Please note that the open bottom sweatpants are no longer available. We are working toward another option to make available later. Please place your order at: <https://sjsavon2021-4.itemorder.com/>

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Cluster Parish Mass Times

Holy Spirit Parish

410 Lear Road, Avon Lake

440.933.3777

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am, 10:30 am and 12 noon

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525 Dover Center Road, Bay Village


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Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon

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