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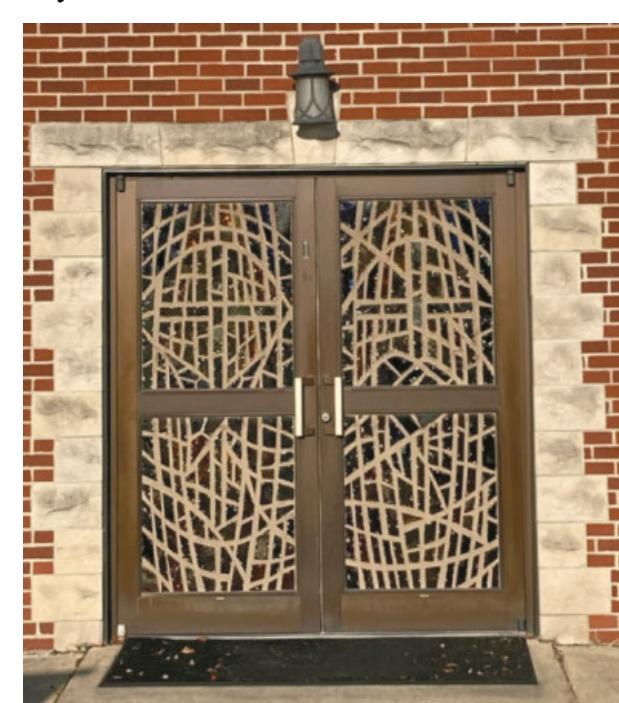


SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### The Power of Listening and Understanding

In today's readings, we are reminded of the importance of truly hearing and understanding one another. In the book of Isaiah, the deaf hear and the blind see. It's a promise of restoration, showing God's deep desire for all to be included in His merciful plan. We live in a world bustling with noise. With the advent of technology, we have countless voices vying for our attention every moment. Yet, how often do we truly listen? How often do we allow ourselves to understand the heart of what someone is saying, rather than forming our next response?



Christ calls us to be people who not only hear but also understand. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a man who is deaf and has a speech impediment. This miracle is more than just physical healing. It's a call for us to open our ears and hearts to those around us, to the cries of the marginalized, and to the whispers of God's voice. As we reflect on these readings, let's commit ourselves to be better listeners. Let's strive to be like Christ, seeking to understand deeply and to bring healing wherever we go.

Have a great week!

Fr. Ryan

~ September 10-17, 2023 ~  
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Sat 6:00 p.m. † DEBIE WHALEN/ Husband  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † MARC VAN HORN/ Margaret Layshock

Mon 8:30 a.m. † NO SERVICE  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † NO SERVICE  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † NO SERVICE  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † NO SERVICE  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † NO SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Sat 6:00 p.m. † GREG MARR/ Barb Marko  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † JOHN M. KOWALCZYK/ Roy Arnold

†= In Memoriam    ‡= Special Intention    ♡=Birthday/Anniversary/Celebration

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ September 17, 2023 ~

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7

*Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.  
The vengeful will suffer...*

Romans 14:7-9

*Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord...*

Matthew 18:21-35

*Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

September 17, 2023



**Lectors**

6:00 p.m. M. Warholic, D. Quinn  
8:30 a.m. L. Blair, S. Battison

**Servers**

6:00 p.m. J. Botzenhart  
8:30 a.m. N. Blair, N. Blair

**Eucharistic Ministers**

6:00 p.m. B. Gedeon, T. Petiya  
8:30 a.m. P. Mahoney, J. Guido

**Hospitality**

6:00 p.m. B. McLewis  
8:30 a.m. B. Sieple

**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**76**

6:00 p.m.

**132**

8:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **208**    Average: **104**

**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ September 3, 2023 (WK 9)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,955.00*</b>	<b>\$ 36,415.00</b>
<b>Amount Needed</b>	<b>\$ 5,288.00</b>	<b>\$ 47,596.00</b>

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 5.00 LAST WK — \$ 2,150.00 YTD

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

**"Pride in our past, Investment in our future!"**

Come and share your questions and concerns on important issues at St. Robert parish. This open discussion with Fr. Furlong will include refreshments. Come join us on September 18 at 5:30 p.m. for refreshments and 6:00 p.m. for town hall.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Diocese is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton honoring couples observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and over wedding anniversaries in 2023. The celebration includes Mass with Bishop Bonnar, renewal of marriage vows, and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the parish hall. Advance reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Parish Office before September 15, 2023.



**FIFTY-FIVE PLUS GROUP**

Fifty-Five Plus singles will meet for lunch at Giorgio's on Thursday, September 14 at 12:00 noon. All singles are welcome.

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**PARISH COUNCIL**

The date of the September Parish Council Meeting has been moved from Monday, September 11 to September 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Kish Parish Hall. The meeting is open to all members of St. Robert.

**FR. KISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Initiated in 2016, the Fr. Kish Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are members of St. Robert Parish. For more information, contact the parish office.

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." -Ezekiel 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

## CCD NEWS

CCD begins today, September 10, 2023 from 9:40 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We are still in need of a 6th grade and an 8th grade teacher. If you are interested, please contact Linda Black at the parish office 330-637-4886

New registration forms will be available during the first session or online at <https://strobertycortland.org/psr>

Sunday September 17 is Catechetical Sunday. We will be commissioning the CCD teachers and having a special blessing for all teachers and administrators at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

## CHOW QUIZ NIGHT

It's time to organize your team of 5-8 members for CHOW's Just for Fun Quiz Night which will be held Saturday, September 23, 2023. Put your heads together as a team to answer trivia questions in the following categories: entertainment, mathematics, sports, religion, science, history, current events, literature, and pop culture. If you don't have 5-8 people to make a team, come anyway and teams will be formed so all can play. Contribution is \$10.00 per person and includes sloppy joes, veggies, snacks, soft drinks, coffee and fun which will be served at 7:00 p.m. The game will begin at 7:15 p.m. Proceeds will be used to continue CHOW's work delivering clothing, household goods, food and school supplies to Grahn School Community Center in Grahn, KY. Please bring any toiletry items you've gotten from hotels, shampoo, lotion, soap, etc. Plan to join us for a fun night of trivia with food, fellowship and laughs. For more information or to RSVP, email [chowohio@gmail.com](mailto:chowohio@gmail.com).

## MEN FELLOWSHIP BBQ

by Fr. Ryan Furlong

On October 8, 2023 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Vienna, OH. Come join the 'Men of Trumbull County' for a fun day of fellowship. Bring your favorite cigars to smoke. Football will be on the TV and food and drink will be provided. Call Andy Kainich at 330-398-7640 and RSVP by September 23.



## NEWS FROM ST. THOMAS

You are invited to join the St. Thomas Women's Guild meeting for fellowship and food. Let's get to know our Christian sisters on Sunday, September 17, 2023 after 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Please sign up by September 5, on the sheet, in your parish vestibule or you can email [Vseaborn965@gmail.com](mailto:Vseaborn965@gmail.com). We are looking forward to meeting our Christian sisters!



## News Around Town

### ASAP Recovery Rally

Please join us for the ASAP Recovery Rally at the Eastwood Field in Niles, Ohio on September 16, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We stand together, so nobody stands alone.

## ~Contact~

### Church Office

330-637-4886

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## ~Celebrate~

### Mass Times

Saturday – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:30 a.m.

Weekdays - 8:30 a.m.

Monday and Wednesday

Holydays - Check weekly bulletin

### Reconciliation

Saturday, after 6:00 p.m. Mass and anytime by appointment. Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Lent and Advent.

**Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Holy Orders** ~ Contact the Parish Office

## ~Parish Council~

*Linda Black*

*Edward Chopko*

*Dave Hiditch*

*Kathy Hilditch*

*Stephen Motika*

*Alice Shimek*

*Dick Stahl*

*Michael Valiski*

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## ~Service~

Please call the Parish Office for Mass and Prayer Intentions, Homebound and Hospitalized Ministry, Funerals, The Catholic Echo, Family Information Changes, New Parishioner Registration, and details about any Parish Organization and Ministry.

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