

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 | THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

WELCOME

New parishioners are most welcome!
Please call the office to register.

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:30 pm

Mon, Tue, Fri 7:00 & 9:30 am

Wed & Thurs 7:00 am

ADORATION

Wednesdays 7:30 am – 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 – 3:45 pm or by appt.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: To arrange your child's Baptism & participation in the Baptism Preparation, contact Beth Rado, Ext. 206

Sacrament of Matrimony: The engaged couple should contact one of the clergy at least 6 months before the desired wedding date.

R.C.I.A.

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Adults interested in the Catholic faith should call Randy Malick, Ext. 209

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To arrange Eucharist for a homebound parishioner OR to volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister for the Homebound please contact Beth Rado, Ext. 206

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**"Behold, this child is destined for the
fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34**

MASS SCHEDULE, READINGS & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

7:00 AM Jen Zbasnik (Mary Zbasnik)

9:30 AM Donato Turchaino (Joan Heegan)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

7:00 AM Janet DasVarma (Jim Klein)

9:30 AM Patricia Piros (Randy Szabo)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

7:00 AM Dan Kaufman (Karen Kaufman)

7:30 AM-7 PM Adoration

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13

7:00 AM Camille Kilcoyne Kline (Jim Kilcoyne)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

7:00 AM Jean & Walter Satola (Shirley Frater)

9:30 AM Dorothea Iannicaro (Tim & Elaine Sisler)

7:30 PM Healing Rosary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

7:00 AM Connie Gustofson (Deb Rett)

4:00 PM Anthony & Elizabeth Sadosky
(Paul & Rosie Orchosky)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

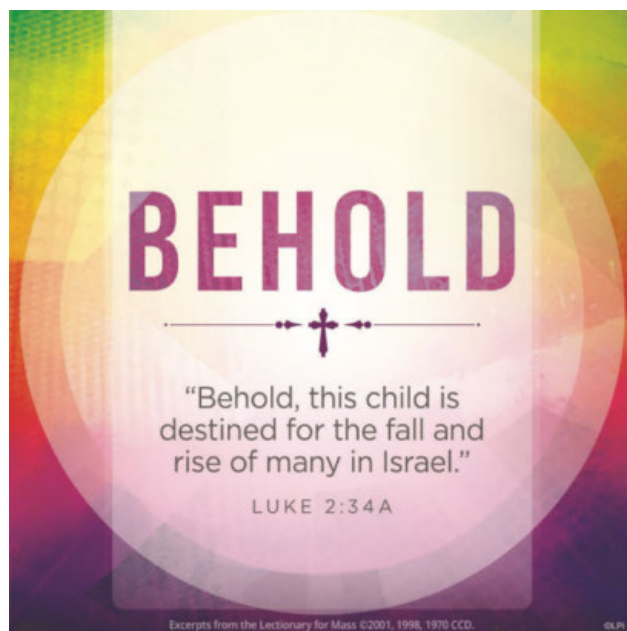
The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

7:30 AM People of St. Hilary

9:00 AM Martha Potter (Mary Paschke)

11:00 AM Frank & Helen Martucci
(Tom & Poochie Dangel)

5:30 PM In Thanksgiving (Ed & Mary Pullekings)



We celebrate and welcome our newly baptized
to our St. Hilary Parish family:

*Kate Alexandra Paraskos
Grayson Alexander Koncilja*



Please remember in your prayers the recently
departed and their families, especially:

*Laurie Umana-Kipp
Bill Klote, brother of Candace Hanson*

St. Hilary Spiritual Center Scheduling Reminder

Please remember that ALL book groups, Church ministries, Bible Studies, and meetings MUST have their room(s) scheduled through our Parish Secretary, Joan Heegan. Be sure you get confirmation BEFORE posting or relating any information to the public. You can reach Joan at 330-867-1055, ext. 200; or jheegan@sthilarychurch.org. Thank you.

Gospel Reflection

Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

Because of the emphasis the Church puts on the First Reading and the Gospel every Sunday, we don't usually get to hear as much about the Second Reading. But, today I want to take you there. Today's Second Reading (from Hebrews) contains a gem of wisdom that bears further attention and reflection.

It all has to do with the empathy of God. As Christians, we acknowledge that Jesus is both fully divine and fully human. Personally, over the years I have probably spent more time thinking about the divinity of Jesus Christ than about his humanity. However, his complete humanity is also vitally important for understanding who he is...who God is. In order to fully understand what it means to be a human being, God deemed it necessary to become one of us, in the person of Jesus. God wanted to experience the thoughts, emotions, joys and challenges; the moments of elation and of suffering - all the attributes of a human being, except, of course, sinfulness. All of these experiences gave him the ability to understand, from a human perspective, what it means to be human.

So, it seems to me that God has "complete empathy". God understands both the heights of our joy and the depths of our suffering with absolute clarity. God is actually the only one who can say with complete honesty: "I know exactly how you feel"! This very special attribute contributes to God's ability to love each one of us like no one else can possibly love us.

The next time I am tempted to think: "No one understands my pain and suffering", I hope I will remember that there is one who understands me perfectly, and loves me unconditionally!

Whenever we are praying, whatever we are praying about, we will be aided by remembering that we are praying to the one who understands us better than anyone else and loves us more than anyone else. I think that is a great place from which to begin any prayer to our wonderful, empathetic God.

by: Bill Miller

Men's Group Meeting Saturday, February 8

FATHER RICK WENDELL--FROM HIPSTER TO WITNESS OF CHRIST. Rich Wendell was a man who was grounded in the physical world living an extreme life who was declared dead of cardiac arrest. As his body was being prepared for organ harvesting, he met God and returned to his earthen vessel two and one half hours later. His life had changed from quintessential playboy to Man of God/Priest of Christ. Join us as we view a video and discuss his amazing story on Saturday, February 8 starting with 7 AM Mass.

The Nets Young Adult Group Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 20 R&R (Receive & Remain) at the seminary in Wickliffe; 6:45pm Adoration, 7:30pm Mass, Pizza to follow

Saturday February 22 Ignite Young Adult Conference at St Ignatius HS 9am-9pm

Interested in a faith sharing group? Join us on Thursday evenings! Email Fr Cameron for more information: cpopik@sthilarychurch.org

2025 Interfaith Justice Alliance Series Starts March 12!

How to Disagree With Love and Respect

Join us for an interactive five-week series using the tools of Braver Angels and Dinner and a Fight (Dialogue) facilitated by Dr. Bill Shaul, Braver Angels and Ted Wetzel of Fighting to Understand. The series will take place on the following Wednesdays: March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9 and each evening will include worship, dinner and a presentation. For all details on topics and presenters as well as to register, visit our website: sthilarychurch.org/interfaith.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group February Meetings

Holy Spirit Prayer Group will be meeting on the following dates in February: February 4: Praise & worship, conversation & intercessory prayer; February 18: Praise & worship, Sr Josephine Garrett's video from the National Eucharistic Congress & discussion. Our meetings take place in the lower level from 7:00 to 8:30 and are open to everyone. We invite you to join us!

Caring & Participating

Grief Share Support Group Starts February 18

Grief is a normal and natural reaction upon the death of a loved one. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Grief Share is a safe, welcoming place where people understand what you are feeling. Over 13 weeks, you'll find encouragement, comfort, and help as you learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate your personal grief journey. The program features weekly videos with grief experts and real-life stories of people as well as follow-up discussions. Past participants have related how helpful the information and discussions were to them. For more program information, go to Griefshare.org.

When: Tuesdays, 4:30-6:30 pm / February 18-May 13
Where: Spiritual Center Lower-Level Meeting Rooms
Contact: Beth Rado brado@sthilarychurch.org / 330-867-1055, x 206.

Girl Scout Sunday is March 9!

We invite all Girl Scouts, past and present, to join us at the 11:00 Mass. The purpose of this annual celebration to reflect on the Girl Scout Promise-- "On my honor, I will try: to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law." Scouts of all faiths are invited to attend this Catholic Mass. Scouts should wear their uniform sash or vest over a church outfit. All scouts should arrive 10-15 minutes early, find a seat with their family, then meet for the procession at 10:55. All scouts will receive a special blessing from our priest and will have the opportunity to stand and recite the Girl Scout Promise as a group.

Leaders: If you have scouts receiving religious awards (My Faith My Promise, Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary the First Disciple, or Spirit Alive) and medals of highest honor (Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards) please contact us in order to be recognized. Please include your troop number, grade, names of the girl(s) and award earned. We need names for the program by March 3rd.

Parents: If your scout is interested in holding a special part in the Mass please let us know. We have these positions: 2 readers, petition readers, 3 gift bearers, greeters, and 3 flag bearers.

Attention All Men!



You are cordially invite to attend the Diocese of Cleveland Annual men's Conference on March 22, at the Holiday Inn on Rockside Road. Join other men from around the Diocese and Northeast Ohio for a day of Faith, Food, and Brotherhood.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. This year's speakers are Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., Scripture Scholar and EWTN TV and Radio Host, Formed NFL Quarterback and motivational speaker Elvis Grbac and Bishop Edward C. Malesic, who will also celebrate Mass at the end of the day. For more info, please visit www.cmgneo.com. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Join us for "A Teaching Developed: Catholicism and the Death Penalty" Thursday, February 13

On Thursday, February 13, 2025 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Gathering Area, the St. Hilary Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the presentation: "A Teaching Developed: Catholicism and the Death Penalty." The speaker will be parishioner Bernard A. Smith, a retired career federal prosecutor and a former member of the Board of Directors of Ohioans to Stop Executions. The subject is timely because a bill to abolish Ohio's death penalty is being introduced in the 136th Ohio General Assembly. The presentation will cover the Catholic experience of capital punishment from the Roman persecutions through the most recent amendment to the Roman Catholic Catechism and encyclical language on the subject by Pope Francis. Q & A session will follow.

Show your love for St. Hilary!

How much do you love our Parish? Our School? During this month when love reigns, show your love by supporting the Foundation that supports them! The St. Hilary Parish Foundation aids the St. Hilary community by funding a myriad of tangible and intangible needs such as capital improvements, scholarships and tuition assistance, and a slate of smaller items and amenities that keep our Parish and School operating at top-notch levels. Donor backing is vital to continue to make the Foundation a viable entity and enable it to fund Parish and School needs well into the future. There are funds earmarked for many specific areas you may be passionate about, and no donation is too small! To learn more or donate, please visit <https://www.sthilaryfoundation.org/> or call Diane Sarkis, Executive Director, at 330-608-4787.

Caring & Participating

Join our Kids Care Club Valentine's Projects!

Sunday, Feb. 2 after 9 am Mass: Parents and children are invited to make valentines after 9am Mass on Sunday, Feb. 2 in Meeting Room 1. No sign up needed. Kids Care Club volunteers will deliver the completed valentines to residents at the Village of St. Edward on February 8 at 1 p.m.

Valentine Visit at The Village of St. Edward on Feb. 8 at 1pm: The St. Hilary Kids Care Club will deliver our homemade valentines on Saturday, February 8 from 1-2:30 p.m. All St. Hilary Parish and school families are welcome! Parents must remain with their children throughout the event. For more details and to sign up visit: www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949AFA72AA5F58-54460648-kids

St. Hilary School—Register new Kindergarteners by February 7!

Registration is now open for families seeking to enroll new students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 at St. Hilary School for the 2025-2026 school year. To begin the registration process, please visit www.st-hilaryschool.org. **New Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age before August 15, 2025 to enroll and must be registered by February 7 to be included in planning for Kindergarten Screening in April.** The EdChoice Scholarship, Angel Scholarship, and additional scholarships and tuition assistance are available to make a St. Hilary education affordable for EVERY child. St. Hilary School admits qualified students of any gender, race, color, and national or ethnic origin. Please email Debbie Sinopoli, Director of Marketing & Admissions, at dsinopoli@st-hilary.org for more information.

Lenten Prayer Flight

"Come away by yourself" (Mark 6:31) to experience 4 different prayer experiences: Centering Prayer. Breathing; Lectio Divina. Praying Scripture using our senses and imagination; Praying with Thomas Merton's Zen Photography; Praying with St. Ignatius of Loyola. These one-hour sessions will be facilitated by parishioner and Spiritual Director, Suzanne Hoinski, who was an Ignatian educator for 26 years. Sessions will be held in the Sacred Heart Library on Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27; from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Please bring your Bible (or Catholic New American Bible App on your phone), journal and pencil. Suggested offering for the 4 sessions is \$20. Registration and payments can be made in the Parish Office through Joan Heegan, Parish Secretary. For more information, please call 330-867-1055, ext. 200.

Catholic Faith Languages: Growing Missionary Disciples Tuesday, February 11

Most Catholics know exactly where their seat is in church. They are typically less aware of where they're sitting within the Catholic Church's potpourri of spiritualities. As with the popular The Five Love Languages (Dr. Gary Chapman) appreciating Fr. Estok's Catholic Faith Languages can be very helpful in deepening one's relationship of faith with Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church and a powerful tool for sharing one's Catholic faith in the world. With the help of the CFL Discerner, Fr. Estok's engaging presentation will offer participants an expanded vision of Church community and a fascinating path to sharing one's Catholic Faith in the world today.

When: Tuesday, February 11, 7-8 p.m.

Where: St. Vincent de Paul Family Center, 164 West Market Street, Akron

All are welcome and invited! Registration is required. Please RSVP by Feb. 7 at ellen@stvincentchurch.com or 330-535-3135 x 100. Check the website at www.stvincentchurch.com.

Catholic Renewal Ministries presents: BELOVED is where we begin Saturday, March 1 from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host Barbara Heil, on Saturday, March 1, at Queen of Heaven Parish (Parish Life Center), 1800 Steese Rd., Uniontown). Barbara's presentation is a Lenten theme, Beloved Is Where We Begin. A former Protestant Missionary and Evangelist, Barbara came home to the Roman Catholic Church in April of 2014, and formed From His Heart Ministries, with a desire to see this generation experience the deep love of our Heavenly Father. Her life goal is to live out her "yes", bringing people into an encounter with Jesus and that changes everything! Doors open for Registration at 9:30 AM, followed by Praise & Worship, Teaching and an opportunity for Healing Prayer. Call 330-687-8843 for more information. Advance registration postmarked by Friday, February 22nd, is \$35, lunch included. At the door is \$35 with NO lunch. The Diocese has designated Queen of Heaven Parish a sacred site for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. Come – and make a pilgrimage during this Holy Jubilee Year.

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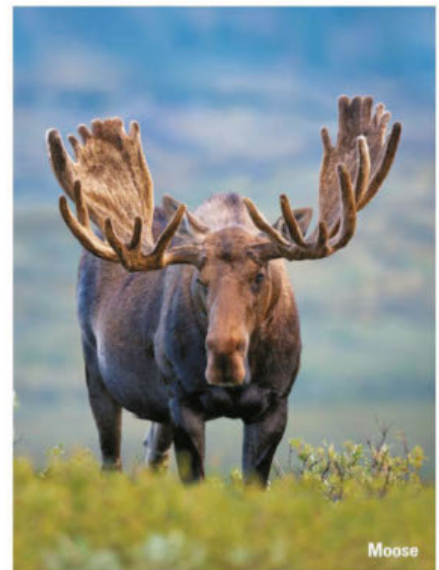


Humpback whale



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Moose

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DATE	PORT
August 10, 2025	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON Puget Sound (scenic cruising)
August 11, 2025	Day at Sea
August 12, 2025	Stephens Passage (scenic cruising) Juneau, Alaska (late night)
August 13, 2025	Endicott Arm/Dawes Glacier (scenic cruising)
August 14, 2025	Sitka, Alaska
August 15, 2025	Ketchikan, Alaska
August 16, 2025	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (late night)
August 17, 2025	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



Saxman Totem Park



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

SVDP Food Sunday; 2nd Collection: Black and Indian Missions

9:00 AM-10:00 AM	Post Homily Scripture Sharing	Our Lady of Guadalupe (LL1)
9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word	
10:15 AM-11:00 AM	Choir Practice	St. Katharine (2), St. Cecilia (3)
11:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word	
12:00 PM-2:00 PM	New Member Meal	Gathering Area
4:00 PM-5:15 PM	Teen Choir Practice	Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:30 AM-11:30 AM	Family Life Mom's Group	Main Level Meeting Rooms
6:30 PM-8:30 PM	Bible Study	Lower Level
7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Baptism Class	St. Vincent (1)
8:30 PM-10:00 PM	Men's Basketball	Horning Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Lower Level
7:00 PM-9:30 PM	KOC General Meeting	Gathering Area
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	Holy Spirit Prayer Group	Lower Level

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

1:00 PM-2:30 PM	Catholic Social Teaching Book Study	St. Cecilia (3)
1:30 PM-3:30 PM	Card Party Wednesday	St. Vincent (1), St. Katharine (2)
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	OCIA	Lower Level

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Bible Study	Main Level Meeting Rooms
9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Lower Level
6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Parent First Communion Meeting	Gathering Area
6:00 PM-7:45 PM	Rosary Making & Repair	St. Vincent (1)
6:30 PM-9:00 PM	Divorce Support Group	Our Lady of Guadalupe (LL1)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30 PM-8:00 PM	Healing Rosary	Church
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 AM-9:00 AM	Men's Group Mass & Meeting	Church, Gathering Area
3:00 PM-3:45 PM	Reconciliation	Reconciliation Rooms

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July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

OFFERTORY \$ 57,864

YEAR TO DATE \$ 1,371,861

FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024

OFFERTORY \$ 45,785

YEAR TO DATE \$ 1,333,900

OFFERTORY GOAL

Offertory Year to Date \$ 1,371,861

Offertory Goal

(July 1, 2024–January 31, 2025) \$ 1,333,900

Amount **AHEAD** Goal: \$ 37,961

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Mike Andy, Jr., Marcia Anway, John Bartlebaugh, Josepha Boeske, Martha Campbell*, Evans Cottman, Debi Coudriet, Jim Dietrich, Susan Donahue, Jeanne Faber*, Debbie Gwin, Dave Holvey, Claire Hood, Christine Jakiela-Myers, Thomas Jakiela*, Barbara Jensen, Donna Jones, Patti Kelleher, Amelia Kubik*, Jim Kilcoyne, Vonni Laughlin, Beverly Lily*, Bob McDowell, Teresa McGee, Peyton Mcneely, James Misanko, Judy O'Keefe, Kristi Patterson*, Denise Pawlak, Shirley Petrich, David Riegler, Noreen Roman, John V. Santin, Bob Sarich, Elizabeth Sarich, Fred Shaheen*, Stephen Sonderman, Rosemary Steichen*, Mary Ann Ulle, Laurie Umana-Kipp*, Anne Varian, Heidi Vierheller, Ellen Vollman

*Newly added

God Bless Our Troops

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Deacon James Parisi, St. Mary Seminary, Diocese of Cleveland; Keith Novak, Permanent Diaconate, Aspirant 1

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