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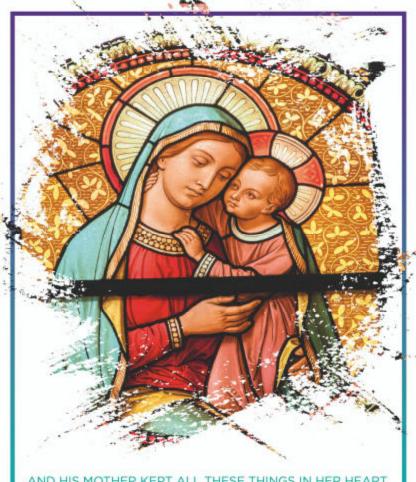
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Saint Paul Catholic Parish

DECEMBER 26, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



AND HIS MOTHER KEPT ALL THESE THINGS IN HER HEART. - LK 2:51

THE HOLY FAMILY

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS #2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. #LFI

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm Closed to public on Wednesdays.

Mass Times

Monday - Friday | 7:15am Thursday | 6:30pm Saturday | 8:00am (Reconciliation following Saturday morning Mass) Saturday Vigil | 5:00pm Sunday | 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am 12:00pm Masses Livestreamed on our website: Daily 7:15 am, Saturday 5pm & Sunday 10:30am

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Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon - 12 days prior

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS 7:30 AM + Loretta Corbit 9:00 AM + Al Pete 10:30 AM + Richard & Pauline Payne 12:00 PM + For Our Parishioners MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 7:15 AM + JoEllen Pike **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28** 7:15 AM + Mary Margaret Friedl WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29 7:15 AM + Craig Hess **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30** 7:15 AM + Dorothy Benore 6:30 PM + Alice Chevraux FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 7:15 AM + Cheryl Gonzalez 1:00 PM + Albert Lomazzo at Danbury 6:00 PM + Joseph & Kathleen Benedetto SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF 8:00 AM + Rev Jeffrey Stealey 5:00 PM + Don Cunningham SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** 7:30 AM + For Our Parishioners 9:00 AM + Nichole Monk 10:30 AM + Kevin O'Neil 12:00 PM + Michael Harold

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED December 31

In the event of a sacramental emergency, please call the parish office at 330-499-2201. Leave a message in the emergency mailbox. A staff member will return your call as soon as possible.





2022 Parish Calendars are available at the church entrances and in the lower gathering area.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE



SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD January 1 is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Masses: December 31 † 6:00 PM January 1 † 8:00 AM

All night Adoration begins after the 6 PM Mass and ends with Benediction at 7:30 AM. Details about New Year's Eve on page 5.

YEAR-END GIVING

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2021, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds. We wanted to take this time to remind you of some important CARES Act provisions that are scheduled to expire at year's end. These provisions may affect you—and even make it easier for you to make a gift to St. Paul parish.

The provisions include an expanded charitable giving incentive that allows taxpayers who take the standard deduction to make up to \$300 in charitable cash contributions for single filers (\$600 for married couples) to qualified charities like ours this year.

For those who do itemize their deductions, the law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities such as ours to be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the 2021 calendar year.

And, if you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help the parish in our ministry and reduce your taxable income.

Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Report

November 30 - December 7, 2021

Contributions at Mass\$ 11,582.00Received During Week\$ 6,384.00Electronic Giving\$ 22,381.88Total Weekly Offertory\$ 40,347.88

Weekly Average for the Fiscal Year (July - June) <u>- for 23 Weeks -</u> 2021-22 \$ 33,894.48 2020-21 \$ 33,709.40

Helping Hands \$ 1,756.00 Adopt a Student \$ 305.00

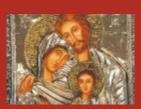
Thank you for your faithful offerings to Saint Paul Catholic Parish.

Memorial Donations to St Paul Parish

Donations to St. Paul Parish or School are an appropriate way to remember your loved ones. Donations totaling over \$1,000 are memorialized with an engraved leaf on the parish Legacy Tree. Please contact Renee Kessler, parish development director, or Fr. Keehner if you have any questions.

St. Paul School Emergency Tuition Assistance The Adopt-A-Student fund helps St. Paul School families when an unexpected change, such as job loss or family illness, impacts a family's ability to make their scheduled tuition payments. To support the Adopt-A-Student fund, donations can be made electronically through the parish's WeShare electronic giving portal, by using the envelope included semiannually in the envelope packet, or dropping an envelope marked for Adopt-A-Student in the collection, in the mail, or brought to the rectory.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



The Holy Family experienced

many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2022, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.

THANK YOU!

We reached our Giving Tree goal! Thank you to all who contributed.

We have already received heartfelt thanks from families that were blessed by your holiday generosity.



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OUR BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

December 10, 2021

Dear Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Youngstown,

First time experiences are always special. These historic moments have a way of lasting forever. Every year at Christmas we as a Church, after much preparation and long-awaited anticipation, celebrate with joy and hope. We rejoice not only over the lasting memory of that first Christmas, but also over the glorious reality of our present experience rooted in the Good News of the Word made flesh that dwells among us.

The sacred crèche of Jesus, Mary and Joseph adorns our homes and churches and brings that first Christmas into our present day. We cannot help but sing that age-old hymn: "O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him. Christ the Lord," as we welcome once again the Christ child into our midst.

The celebration of Christmas is so rich that there are four different Masses that include the Vigil, Night, Dawn and Day. In each of these times, the prayers and readings are unique. What is more, the sacredness and depth of this Christmas mystery cannot be confined to one day, and so we traditionally celebrate the Christmas Octave (or eight-day week), which in fact signals one long day that transitions into a season. Indeed, first time experiences are rich and forever!

In the first reading from the Midnight Mass, we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah. He says: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in the land of gloom, a light has shone" (Isaiah 9:1). Christmas commemorates the coming of Jesus, the light of the world, into our lives.

In a world riddled with the darkness of sin and suffering, we need this light. With Christians throughout the world, we behold this light that illumines our darkness. But it is never enough to just look at this light.

The Gospel for the Mass of the Day recounts the role of John the Baptist. We hear these words: "He was not the light, but came to testify to the light" (John 1:8). Like John the Baptist, we too are called through our Christian baptism to testify to the light. This means that we make every effort in our thoughts, words, and deeds to be missionary disciples of Jesus who always exude light and hope especially in moments of darkness. Imagine how much brighter this world could be, not to mention how even richer our celebration of Christmas could be, if only we would welcome and testify to that light.

As I celebrate my first Christmas with you as Bishop of Youngstown, please know how grateful I am for the light and gift that you all are to this local Church and to me. I wish you many blessings and lots of light. Together as we continue our journey let us resolve to testify to the light and never stop praying: *That All May Be One*. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown

with 2022 New Year JESUS

JOIN US FOR ADORATION ON DECEMBER 31 St Paul Church in North Canton

Exposition begins after the 6:00pm Vigil Mass Confession available immediately after Mass Adoration continues throughout the night

Benediction begins January 1st at 7:30am before the 8:00 am Mass

SPECIAL HOUR OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP 11:30pm-12:30am led by Ben Walther

This hour of Praise & Worship will be Livestreamed on our parish website for those unable to join us in person.

Have plans with friends? Stop in an hour before you join them.

> Don't be alone for New Year's Eve... spend it with Jesus.

Attending the Vigil Mass? Stay for an hour.

Attending New Year's Day Mass? Arrive early for Benediction. JANUARY & BEYOND

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED DECEMBER 31

for New Year's Eve.

JANUARY 1 FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Is NOT a Holy Day this year. DEC 31 † 6PM Mass JAN 1 † 8AM Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

DEC 31 | after 5PM Mass Ending with Benediction on JAN 1 | 7:30AM

Come for some quiet time or join us (in person or by livestream) for praise and worship from 11:30PM - 12:30AM. Details can be found on page 5.

MONTHLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:45AM - 6:45PM Benediction starts at 6:30 PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 5:15 - 6:15 PM. during adoration.

MEN'S HALF-DAY RETREAT SAT, JANUARY 15 See the flyer on page 7.

WOMEN'S SOUP

SUN, JANUARY 23 | 1:30PM Information on page 7.

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Our annual Blood Donor Drive benefits Youth Ministry. *Remember that you can only give blood once every 56 days.* Questions: Call Tracey Merriman at 330-499-0076.

SPS NIGHT AT THE RACES SAT. FEBRUARY 5 | 6PM

Reservation form on page 8.

MADE FOR MORE SAVE THE DATE! WED, MARCH 23 | 7PM AT WALSH UNIVERSITY See the flyer on page 8

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY

A program for those seeking freedom from addiction. See flyer on page 7 or visit CATHOLICINRECOVERY.COM or contact Trevor at **northcantoncir@gmail.com**

2022 MASS

ARE AVAILABLE

Please contact the parish office to schedule a Mass intention.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

WEDNESDAYS | 7:30PM IN CHURCH WITH ADORATION AT 7PM

Please join us as we pray the rosary for our country. The evening rosary begins with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7PM—an opportunity for adoration and private prayer for thirty minutes before the rosary is prayed at 7:30PM.

ACME REGISTER RECEIPTS

Receipts dated Aug 5 through Dec 25 help us raise money for our youth activities. **Drop them off by Sunday, January 23** at the parish office or in the marked envelopes on church bulletin boards. Thank you!

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION?

- Has your address or phone number changed?
- Did you disconnect your land line?
- Do you have a new email address?

If so, please let the parish office know. Call or email info@stpaulncanton.org

FLOCKNOTES!

If you would like to receive our emails with news and announcements, let us know! We'll add you to our "flocknotes" list!

REPEATING A NOTE FROM FATHER KEEHNER: 2022 MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Dear Parishioners,

While I would like to maintain our current weekend Mass schedule, I am nonetheless aware that we will have to be making changes for two reasons: the first is that our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Brian Smith is also Director of the Office of Ministry to Hispanics for the Diocese and will often be celebrating a Spanish Mass at other parishes on weekends; the second is that in June of 2022 we will most likely be taking on responsibilities for at least one other Mass at a neighboring parish due to the retirement of priests in our area. We will maintain our current schedule through June 26, 2022.

Beginning the first weekend in July of 2022, which falls on July 2/3 of 2022 we will begin the following Mass schedule:

Saturday, 5:00PM Vigil

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM.

I understand that change is always difficult, especially if you are accustomed to attending a particular Mass which will no longer be available. However, with the shortage of priests in our diocese, we are blessed still to be able to have two priests here at Saint Paul Parish and need to make ourselves available for the needs of the Diocesan Church and the needs of parishes in the surrounding area which may not have any resident priests in the future.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood! Sincerely in Christ, *Fr. John Keehner*



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Name a horse for \$25. Available to first come, first serve. Only 100 horses available. Detach the bottom form and return to the school office.

St. Paul Spartan Club Night at the Races

Name:

Phone & email:

Please enclose the following: Number of tickets (\$40/person; \$75/couple:____

Horse Name (\$25):

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

Tickets for this event are limited. Tables of 8 can be reserved. Please note the names of people attending with these tickets or if you wish to be seated at a specific table.

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: St. Paul Spartans Club. Contact: Tom McDonald: 330-268-8414 CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY at St. Paul's North Canton

SATURDAYS 6:30 PM

CHURCH BASEMENT NORTH ROOM B

Catholic sacramental recovery fellowship for those seeking freedom from addiction and unhealthy attachments

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Listed in order received:

Joe & Dorothy Blubaugh by Joe & Kathy Blubaugh Ron Ward by Mrs Dolores Ward **Helen Priore** by M/M Elmer Priore Mr & Mrs Frank Zamary by M/M Richard Mittica Henry & Anna Kuska Sr Alexander & Katherine Hever William & Rose Marie Kohler Barbara Ann Kuska by M/M Henry Kuska Paul Dolenc Deceased Members of Mastracco/Murphy/ **Stefanowicz Families** Deceased Members of **Dolenc/Geiger Families** by M/M Paul Dolenc **Florance Kovach** Joseph & Peggy Weber **Miss Elsie Ringer Ralph & Helen Williams** by M/M James Weber **Robert & Leona Benner Florance Kovach Deceased Members of Roman Weber Family Deceased Members of Beda Arnold Family** by M/M Mark Benner Ray, Marie, Nancy & Karen Chenevey by Debbi Chenevey Albert C Rose Jr by M/M Jeff Springer **Dick Turner** Floyd & Alice Sumser **Gary Franks** by Mrs Jane Turner Marion & Helen Grisez Pat & Jennie Rizzo by M/M Thomas Grisez **James Brown** by M/M James Brown Carolyn Ulery by Mr Ulery

Darrell & June Markijohn Mitchell & Mary Shaker by Judith Markijohn Norman & Marie Lohman Jim & Ruth Schuh Chet Cole Joanne Schuh Carl Lohman by M/M Thomas Lohman Mary Crum by Erika McIlvain Don & Ruby Telesca Avelino & Gregoria Sayoc Lisa Liberto Donald K Miller by Donna Savoc **Guillo A Sicard** by Dr/Mrs Guillermo Sicard Kayleen Koosh Janet Hanley Tony & Gail Potokar Anne Roe **Richard Dreis** John & Dorothy Erni **Ray Potokar** Lewis Erni by M/M John Erni Daniel, Frank, Mary, Esuko, Lloyd, Loretta by Mrs Weitz Kathryn & Paul Hudkins Tollie Holden Fave Tuel by Gloria Holden Roselie Ona by Dr Marino Ong **Charles & Grace Novicky** Lori Novicky Andrew & Elizabeth Gault Moriah Faith Will Hope by M/M Dave Novicky Irene Hammontree by M/M Robert Hammontree Emma Kish by her family Frank & Mary Krajci Alvn Humerickhouse Sr by Marilyn Humerickhouse

Tim Dannemiller Wallace & Mary Catherine Smith Gus & Pat Dannemiller Wally, Lee, Terry, Phio, Mark, **Diane & Rick Smith** by Donna Dannemiller Josh Kish by Delilah Kish-Brown William H Peters AJ Dornbush by Lori Zimmer Gary Orcutt Maria Orcutt by Stephen Orcutt Daniele P Zucal by Thomas Zucal John Masters Natalie Parr by Kristen Parr Miriam & Jack Reed by Joann Kuntz John & Elizabeth Bahleda by Mark & Christine Jarrard Norma Jean Boscia by M/M Christopher George Karen Dietrich by Cortney Dietrich Tony & Henn Palumbo **Bill & Helen Lieser** by M/M Eugene Palumbo Joe & Virginia Peters by M/M Larry Sweitzer Frances Seikel Bihari Pete P Rusnak Sister M Aquinas Seikel by M/M Brue Rusnak Bob & Margaret Wackerly Winters & Meriel Bump by M/M Mark Bump **Richard Owens** Walter & Dorothy Tletski by M/M Walter Tletski Leonard & Phyllis Bossart **Charles & Eleanor Dornhecker** Fred & Elisha Diefenbacher by M/M Leonard Bossart **Muriel J Harris** by Miss Theresa Harris





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Joe & Jean Walter Steve Walter Mary Walter Don Campese by Mr Martin Walter Lew McIntosh Judy Bertsch **Bonnie Nelson** by Mrs Suzanne Bertsch Paul Haley by Mrs Marge Haley **Charles & Anna Paparone** by Mr Paul Paparone Janet Gbur by M/M Formet Sara L DeGregory by Mr James DeGregory James & Mararet Rich by M/M Joshua Ruiz **Deceased Members of** Elmer Ebner Family Deceased Members of Walter Haidet Family by M/M Merle Haidet **Cindy Upholzer** by Stephen Orcutt John & Betty Keehner by Rev John Keehner Donald & Kathleen Arn Cecil & Mary Ann Ondack by Dan Ondack Dino & Kate Borello Tom & Marylou Julian by Lisa Borello **Richard F Jaisle** by Emily Voegele **Robert & Cecile Lumb** by Bobby-Jo Saylor Samuel & Patricia Marcus Louis & Virginia Stebick by Bruce Stebick Mary & Ted Rondinella **Phyllis & Verle Baker** by Clifford Baker **Bonnie Angermeier** by Timothy Rife William & Joanne Bertsch Pat & Barbara DeFrancesco by M/M Joseph Bertsch

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Shella Marzich Marsha Marzich Joe & Millie Marzich Aggie & Mark Ramsey Frank & Kathy Kennedy Betty & John Summers Norman Shriver by Marzich & Kennedy Families Jane Simile by Mr Daniel Simile Melvin & Margaret Robb **Raymond & Mary Beinlich** Barbara Robb Yehl by Paul & Nancy Beinlich Harry & Velma Farwick Jerry & Frances Farwick Jim Farwick Helen & John Sharkey by M/M Walter Sharkey Geneva Havden Lillian Keenan by Suzanne Keenan George & Pat Hutchinson by Jeanie Hutchinson Mary & Joseph Ostrowski Chet & Ellen Ostrowski Karen Ostrowski **Richard Ostrowski** by Mr David Ostrowski **Kieran Steel** Marie Seikel Louis Seikel by Ms Carolyn Steel **Emily Erin Pate** by Rick & Terri Hawley

YOUTH MINISTRY

Drop In will take place January 5. All 8th graders are invited and we'll have a guest to talk about our Mission Trip in June. January 9 and 23 we'll talk about the Cardinal Virtues.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: High School Youth Retreat March 11-13th

Mission Trip June 12-17, Steubenville Conference June 24-26

For more information on any Youth or Young Adult Ministry events, please contact Michelle May <u>mmay@youngstowndiocese.org</u> or at the parish office 330-499-2201 ext. 111



Arthur D Ricketts Leonard W Dershaw by Mrs Mary Ann Dershaw Mr & Mrs Steven Mihalik Mr & Mrs Arthur Andrukat by M/M Daniel Mihalik Deceased Family Members by M/M Russell Johnson Underwood, Schmidt & Tourdot Families by Dr/Mrs Fredrick Schmidt Thomas Snelbaker Anthony Flex by Stephanie Hayes

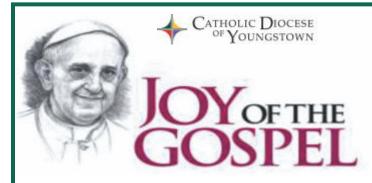
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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

This Spring we'll be engaging with other parishes across the county for socials, book studies, prayer experiences, and service projects. We will also look into planning for World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal 2023. Stay tuned for more info!



A Community of Communities

The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come. (Pope Francis The Joy of the Gospel #1)

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis writes: "I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self preservation". (EG #27)

Pope Francis immediately follows this statement with a discussion about the role of the parish community, when he states: "In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a *community of communities*, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented". (EG #28)

As such, Bishop David Bonnar, in his first Pastoral Letter – *Testify to the Light*, has stated: "It is my dream that parishes will form small groups for people to share their faith and support one another as they become disciples. These small groups can be tailored to accommodate people's schedules and be made up of men, women, married couples and single individuals. By coming together in a small venue, individuals can share their faith and encounter Jesus through the Gospel and in other ways enabling them to go forth and proclaim the Gospel. Small groups are a powerful way to accompany one another as pilgrims on the journey".



Parish Based Small Faith-Sharing Groups

In forming small groups within our parishes, members of the parish community are invited to share their faith with one another as they grow in their discipleship. As members of the family of God, by coming together in the small group setting of 6 - 12 people, you have an opportunity to create longlasting, genuine relationships with people who share your faith and want to be a part of your life. Together, you can share and live out the joy of the gospel through fellowship, prayer and worship, while growing in your Catholic faith.

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SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED FOR YOUTH RETREAT

The Youth Group will have their annual retreat in March and are looking for prayerful and financial support. Please prayerfully discern how you can commit to support the Youth of our parish. Here's the link for more details:

https://stpaulncanton.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/SponsoraYouthRetreat

PROJECT RACHEL Jesus came for all of us and knows our pain. There is Hope and

Healing from abortion. For CONFIDENTIAL help text or call *Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio* at 330-360-0430 or go to <u>https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/</u>

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How does a Small Group work?



Small Group: A group of 6-12 people who gather together to socialize, pray, study, discuss, and grow in the Catholic faith.

Meeting Location and When You Meet: The initial meetings would meet on your parish campus, but depending on the makeup of the group, may seek to meet in another location. This is at the discretion of the group members. You may choose to meet in a home or elsewhere (i.e. a coffee shop, restaurant with a private room/area). Groups often rotate meeting at each other's homes. It is encouraged that you meet once a week or every other week to study the chosen materials, but at least once a month.

Coordinator / Facilitator: A Small Group Facilitator facilitates the group meetings. The facilitator commits to knowing the material in advance, being prepared to facilitate the group discussion, and arranging for opening/closing prayer. They serve to encourage participation and faith sharing and create an atmosphere of hospitality and trust among all the participants. The Small Group Facilitator is not a theologian and is not a counselor. Additional assistance can be provided by the Office of Missionary Discipleship and the Office of Religious Education.

Program Materials: You may choose study materials from a variety of topics available through the Diocese of Youngstown Media Library (seasonal materials are always highlighted via the Diocesan Office of Religious Education). Topics may include scripture and faith-based studies, prayer, seasons of the Church, and areas of special interest.

Why should I consider joining a Small Group?



Unique Mission: Small groups can help you discern and live out the unique mission God has given to you on this earth. They help you to share the joy of the gospel with others in your life.

Community / Relationship: Small groups build our sense of community and help us to belong to the family of God at the parish. Small groups are an opportunity to create deep and lasting relationships with people who will share times of joy in your life, as well as encourage and help you in times of difficulty.

Faith: Small groups help you to know, love, and serve the Lord through prayer, generosity and evangelization. They help you to build your faith and strengthen your friendship with Christ and the Catholic Church.

Relevance: Small groups are flexible and can select materials geared to members' interests and needs. They help you to receive God's grace in your daily life.

The Next Step!

Please take some time to prayerfully reflect on the importance of joining a small group and then <u>contact your parish office</u> for more information about the small group opportunities at your parish.

Missionary Disciples accompany Missionary Disciples! (EG #173)

THANK YOU FROM MATTHEW 8:20

Matthew 8:20 Food and Clothing Ministry would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Paul Parish for your generous support of our parish ministry. Since its inception in 2009, The Little Flower Matthew 8:20 has been serving the impoverished of Canton. Because of your support we are now able to minister at a second outreach once per month: The Harmont Crossroads Free Store. This is a collaboration between Matthew 8:20 and Crossroads UMC.

Whether your donation was in monetary funds, blankets, clothing, hygiene items, food or as a worker, you have helped take some of the burden off the shoulders of these wonderful souls who we serve. Matthew 8:20 wishes all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy and holy New Year. Blessings and Peace! Deacon Chris Germak



