



DIVINE WORD

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 23, 2022 - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM

Rosary Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 PM (Or by appointment)

BAPTISM:

Arrangements are to be made in advance. Parent Baptismal Class and Sponsor's Certificate are required. Please call the Parish Office to register.

MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months before the wedding. Please contact the Parish Office before you set your date or reserve your hall.

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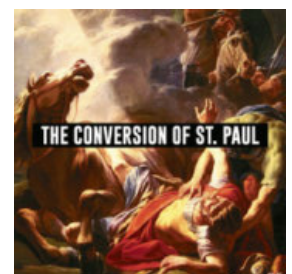
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Pastor



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, JANUARY 23

8:30 AM Mass (Livestreamed)
9:30 AM PSR Classes K-5th Grades / Hanson Hall
11:00 AM Mass
12:00 PM Altar Server Training

Monday, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM Rosary followed by Mass at 8:30 AM
9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration
1:30 PM Divine Mercy Cenacle / Hanson Hall
6:30 PM Alpha Program Week 1 / Hanson Hall

Tuesday, JANUARY 25

8:00 AM Rosary followed by Mass at 8:30 AM
5:45 PM PSR Classes 6th & 7th Grades / Hanson Hall
7:00 PM Widow & Widowers Meeting / G.A.
7:15 PM PSR Class 8th Grade / Hanson Hall

Wednesday, JANUARY 26

8:30 AM Avilas followed by Mass at 8:30 AM
4:30 PM PSR Classes K-5th Grades / Hanson Hall
7:00 PM Finance Council Meeting / Rectory
7:00 PM RCIA / Hanson Hall

Thursday, JANUARY 27

8:00 AM Rosary followed by Mass at 8:30 AM
6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting / G.A.

Friday, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM Rosary followed by Mass at 8:30 AM

Saturday, JANUARY 29 - SVDP Food Collection & Parish Council Weekend

2:30 PM First Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, JANUARY 30 - SVDP Food Collection & Parish Council Weekend

8:30 AM Mass (Livestreamed)
9:30 AM PSR Classes K-5th Grades / Hanson Hall
11:00 AM Mass
4:00 PM Youth Group Semester Kick Off

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JAN. 29TH & 30TH

SATURDAY, 4:30 PM

Extraordinary Ministers: P. Andrykovitch, J. Kelleher, J. Kelleher
Lector: G. DeRose
Servers: H. Ayers, J. Zahn

SUNDAY, 8:30 AM

Extraordinary Ministers: J.A. Brown, N.A. Walsh, M. Walsh
Lector: A. Loncar
Servers: S. Loncar, M. Potosky

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Extraordinary Ministers: J. Brooks, S. Grazia, Deacon J. Grazia
Lector: C.A. Brooks
Servers: C. Munitz, A. Munitz

MASS INTENTIONS & ANNIVERSARIES

Monday, January 24

8:30 AM DW Parishioners
Diodoro Cocca, Mary
Gambatese, Karrieta Schreiber

Tuesday, January 25

8:30 AM † Ken Udovic
Robert Cromwell, Robert
Murphy, John Zanko

Wednesday, January 26

8:30 AM † Maria Kosir
Maria Kosir, Theresa Poremba

Thursday, January 27

8:30 AM † Josephine
Klemencic
Eleanore Aquilino, Kenneth
Bittner, Marie Ann Geszlek,
Louis Monaco

Friday, January 28

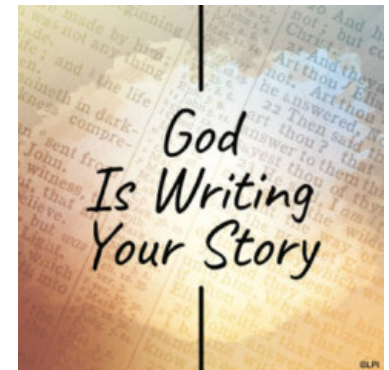
8:30 AM † Brian Royle
† Mary Potosky
Emilia Kvasty, Mary Potosky,
Vickie Scott

Saturday, January 29

4:30 PM † Richard Kist
Leona Kohg, Antionette
Victor

Sunday, January 30

8:30 AM † Edward Podojil
11:00 AM † Ken Udovic
Ann Bell, Frank Hlebak



Readings for the Week of January 23-30, 2022

Sunday, 1/23: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (NEH 8: 2-6, 8-10; 1 COR 12: 12-30; LK 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21) Word of God Sunday

Monday, 1/24: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (2 SM 5: 1-7, 10; MK 3: 22-30)

Tuesday, 1/25: Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle (ACTS 22: 3-16; MK 16: 15-18)

Wednesday, 1/26: Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops (2 TM 1: 1-8; MK 4: 1-20)

Thursday, 1/27: Weekday, St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder (2 SM 7: 18-19, 24-29; MK 4: 21-25)

Friday, 1/28: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious & Doctor of the Church (2 SM 11: 1-10, 13-17; MK 4: 26-34)

Saturday, 1/29: Weekday, BVM (2 SM 12: 1-7, 10-17; MK 4: 35-41)

Next Sunday, 1/30: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (JER 1: 4-5, 17-19; 1 COR 12: 31-13:13; LK 4: 21-30) National Catholic Schools Week begins



As we begin to hear from the beginning of Luke's gospel, I have three thoughts that come to mind: the power of the Spirit, staying on course despite misunderstanding and opposition, and Confirmation. Let's take each item and explain. Please keep in mind Luke is unique in how he emphasizes the person of Jesus. Jesus is portrayed as one led by the Spirit, concerned with those who are marginalized by society, and as the Word fulfilling the Prophets of old.

First, the power of the Spirit. You can count on this: the power of the Spirit is behind everything Jesus does. What makes this gospel even more powerful comes from the thorough investigative approach Luke takes in presenting his gospel. He even offers what he has written as an eye-witness testimony to one called Theophilus (God-lover). Luke acknowledges that this story being told is not a fairy tale. This is the real words and actions of one called Jesus Christ who is the fulfillment of the prophets and led by the Spirit of God.

The Spirit will guide him through the beginnings of his public ministry as we see him in today's gospel proclaim the Word of God in the synagogue at Nazareth. This same Spirit who descended upon him at his baptism and empowered him against evil in the desert, will be the catalyst of all his encounters through the end of Luke's work. This display of the Spirit should enliven us to seek him more. We know what the Spirit can do. It brings those human forces within us that we often do not utilize that can bring healing and fulfillment. The Spirit brings healing and reconciliation to division and broken relationships.

Second, Jesus is focused to stay on course in his ministry despite misunderstanding by many. Jesus arrives at the synagogue in his own hometown. Those at worship certainly recognize him. This was expected to be an ordinary synagogue service. Jesus' proclamation was perfect. And when he utters those powerful lines, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing," he reveals who he is and what he is about. This statement goes beyond bold. His words are even bolder than what the prophet Isaiah has to offer. Jesus is saying everything that Isaiah proclaims, "The Spirit of Lord, bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord, are fulfilled in him."

The boldness of this statement could be characterized as full of hubris, but Jesus after relying totally on the Spirit of God in the desert, cannot contain himself and offers these words with sheer humility. The reception of these words will go from astonishment to fury. Jesus is misunderstood by many and this will be a constant theme throughout the gospel. The grace and focus he displays to stay on the course of ministry is

compelling. He does not worry what others are thinking about him, he continues to preach the Good News and embodies the Word.

Third, I always think of Confirmation when this reading is proclaimed. The sacrament is often passed over in meaning and in deed. Confirmation is offered to those who have been baptized and desire the deepest relationship with God. This reading is often chosen to be read at our Confirmation liturgies. The reading should empower us to realize that we should never underestimate what the Spirit can do. Jesus is led by the Spirit throughout his ministry. The same Spirit can be ours to help us endure and persevere throughout life. At Confirmation those gifts we receive from the Spirit are freely given. It is up to us to utilize them and make them our own. The Spirit humbles us to seek our God in worship and prayer. I am often reminded of this when I see Jesus begin his public ministry in his place of worship and prayer. I hope the Spirit that we have received at Confirmation will add strength to our faith and help us trust in God.

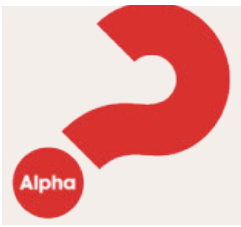
As I write this, I am looking out of the window at over two feet of snow from last night. What a day! For only the second time in seventeen years I was the only one who was at Mass this morning. It was quite the adventure to shovel a path from the parish office to the church. I made it my work out for the day. I am sure I lost a few calories. Winter is certainly here!

Next week, we will have the Parish Pastoral Council present at our Sunday Masses. The Council is trying to redefine itself. The last few years with COVID has challenged the group and we will be moving forward with providing some offerings on liturgy and Eucharist over the next year. Also, our hope is to better connect Parish Council with our Parish Staff. Keep this endeavor in your prayers.

With the onset of the winter storm and quickly making a statement that God always has the last word in all areas of our life, stay safe and warm through these crazy days of winter (there are only 38 days till Ash Wednesday). Remember, Lent is a great time of year. It is never too early to prepare. Have a great week.

Fr. Dave

ALPHA PROGRAM AT DIVINE WORD



The Alpha Program will begin on **Monday, January 24th** at 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall. Although we are full for this session, please contact Gina Rensi, Director of Religious Education, if you are interested in the next session.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP



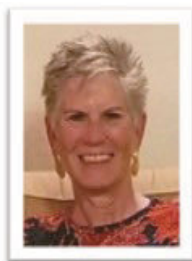
A new support group for those caring for a loved one with ongoing physical or mental health needs (young or elderly) are invited to join the newly formed Caregiver Support Group beginning **Friday, February 18th** at 11:00 AM in the Upper Room (in the Office/ Rectory building). The group will meet every third Friday of the month at 11:00 AM. Please join us as we share with one another and collectively determine ways to keep ourselves healthy and fulfilled, while meeting the care needs of others in our family. To sign up, contact the Parish Office or email Shari Allwood at sallwood@divinewordkirtland.org.

WELCOME MARY PAT FREY TO THE STAFF!

Fr. Dave is pleased to announce that the Divine Word staff has added a new part-time (15-hours per week) Pastoral Minister. Mary Pat Frey has been attending Divine Word for a year and a half and has been helpful to the staff with long-range planning and other ministries.

The first half of Mary Pat's career was spent in the business world, while the last 20 years have been devoted to working in the Church. She attended St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology where she received her Master of Arts

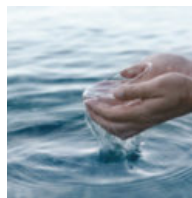
in Theology and Doctor of Ministry degrees. In addition to her service to Divine Word, she is an adjunct faculty member at the seminary and occasionally provides consulting services to area parishes. She will be assisting Fr. Dave and the staff with a variety of programs and services. Please help us in providing a warm welcome to Mary Pat!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Divine Word will be hosting another Red Cross Blood Drive in Hanson Hall on **Sunday, February 27th** from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. The dangerously low blood supply levels have forced some hospitals to defer patients from major surgery, including organ transplants. Your donation is desperately needed. You can sign up online at redcrossblood.org or contact Debbie at the Parish Office.

ARE YOU PLANNING A BAPTISM?

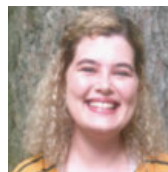


If you are expecting, or have recently welcomed your first child, plan on joining us at Baptism Class on **Thursday, February 17th** at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Area with Deacon John Grazia. This class is a requirement before your first child's Baptism. Please call the Parish Office to let us know you will be attending.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING

We all need each other to truly be a part of the whole body of Christ. How often do you need to rely on others everyday? Have you needed help with a repair around your home recently, need something from a store, an encouraging word or smile? Maybe you were the repair person or the clerk taking care of a customer. Each and every one of us has an essential part in this body of Christ, the Church. Consider joining us at our next Prayer Shawl meeting on **Thursday, January 27th** at 6:00 PM in the Gathering Area. You can learn how to fine tune your skills or create a unique gift of love for someone in need. We have a stash of yarn if you'd like to make a prayer shawl or lap throw on your own and donate it. Thank you for your prayers and support in our ministry.

"TAYLOR MADE" NEWS



The Youth Group Semester Kick Off has been rescheduled to **Sunday, January 30th** from 4:00-6:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

WEDDING BANNERS



|| Mike & Roseanne Lauro

FOOD COLLECTION RESUMES



After a 1-month hiatus, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection will resume next weekend, **January 29th & 30th**. There is a great need for non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, paper products and personal care items. If you choose to do so, please place monetary donations in the offertory basket in an envelope marked "Food Collection." Thank you for helping those in need!

PLANNING FOR YOUR LEGACY



"For we know not the day nor the hour." Do not put off planning your estate plans prayerfully. Good stewardship dictates that we look ahead and make provisions for our family and our Church. To begin planning for your legacy, or to become a member of the Divine Word Legacy Society, please contact Fr. Dave or Shari at the Parish Office (440-256-1412).

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE

The group will be meeting again on **Monday, January 24th** at 1:30 PM in Hanson Hall. We will be reviewing Week 53. All are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEALS PROGRAM!

Volunteers are needed for the Hot Meals Program that is run here at Divine Word. The meals are distributed to the Bishop Cosgrove Center. The goal is to prepare nutritious meals for the lunch program every Friday in Hanson Hall. The time commitment is from 9:00 AM until 1:00PM, if possible. For more information, and to volunteer please contact Debbie Lokar at the Parish Office.

YCMC QUICKLY APPROACHING

The Young Catholic Men's Conference is being held on **Saturday, January 29th** at Walsh Jesuit High School from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for high school aged boys and their dads/mentors to grow in their relationship with Christ. Father Larry Richards and Bishop Malesic will be there to address the group. Please call Susan at 440-554-9898 to register.

HUMOR FROM THE CADDYSHACK



The teacher asks her class, "What do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?" The class responds, "A teacher."

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME IS HIRING!

Come work where you will be appreciated. Sisters of Notre Dame, Chardon Ohio (SND) have full and part time positions available in Health Care and Food Services. If you are a Nurse, Nurse Aide, or food prep/server interested in learning more about full/part-time/PRN positions, send an email and resume to hr@sndusa.org or visit <https://careers.sndusa.org> SND offers a generous compensation package including Medical, dental, 401k, Paid Time Off and paid holidays for full time individuals. Nurse Aides can earn a sign-on bonus of up to \$3,000. Come join us and find out why "Kindness is Contagious!"



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you help to bring glad tidings to those in need, by helping to relieve some of their financial burden!

MEN ON A JOURNEY RETREAT



Please join the Men on a Journey parish group from St. Mary's Chardon for a Men's Retreat on **Saturday, February 19th** from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. The retreat is open to all men, adults and teens. It will include a light breakfast and lunch. The theme of the retreat is "Peter... do you love me?" This is a great way to prepare for Lent and focus on the love in our lives. A \$10 free-will offering is suggested. To register email Gary Burling at garywburling@gmail.com.

KOMIC KORNER

5 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



BUT JOY COMES IN THE MORNING!

It's been a tough year for lots of us. I just celebrated the first anniversary of my mom's passing. We lost some of our cancer-support group colleagues. I lost a friend just a few weeks ago. All of that creates mourning and sorrowfulness. But we can experience laughter amidst the tears. And being able to laugh at oneself when one does something goofy or stupid can be helpful. My husband came indoors the other morning laughing so hard he could hardly speak – and he was laughing at himself. I couldn't help but join in when he told me the story. That reminded me of a couple of things that had me howling at myself lately, one that I'll share here.

When taking one of the Afghan refugee moms and her son to the grocery store, they selected two bags of apples – a honey crisp and a Granny Smith. Knowing that they enjoy sweets (and never having seen lemons or acidic foods in their cart) I thought it prudent to communicate that the green apples would taste sour. So, I pointed to the bag of red apples, pretending I took one out of the bag. I pantomimed taking a bite out of it, and then smiled and rolled my eyes in glee, rubbed my belly and then kissed my fingers saying "yummy, sweet!" Then I pantomimed taking a bite out of one of the Granny Smiths, squinting, making a massive sourpuss face, shaking my head, and pretending to be spitting it out. Unbeknownst to me, amidst this performance, a woman had just turned the corner of the aisle and was approaching us. She rushed to my aid thinking I was having some sort of convulsion. I quickly explained what was happening, and we all laughed – hard! Suffice it to say, the green apples went back to the bin and another bag of red were selected.

Psalms 30:5 shares: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." We know the Lord's joy is our strength. So, if you're experiencing a particularly sorrowful time, don't stop seeking reasons for joy and laughter. I've found that they can bring healing. May the week ahead contain joy and laughter for you.



Shari

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of January 16th:

Weekly Collection (193 donations): \$14,008
Weekly Collection Goal: \$12,353
Christmas Collection YTD: \$74,866
Christmas Collection Goal YTD: \$101,500
Net Surplus / Deficit: (-) \$24,979

YTD Collection: \$525,849 / YTD Collection Goal: \$459,737
YTD Collection Net Surplus / Deficit: (+) \$66,112

PRAYER CHAIN

Have a prayer request? Reach out to prayerchain@divinewordkirtland.org or call Gina Rensi at 440-256-1412.



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK & SUFFERING

Pat Aquila, Maria Babic, Samantha Bagdasarian, Jack & Barb Baird, Mary Barresi, Charlie Bartzen, Jeff Bonfanti, Premo Bonfanti, Joe Borkey, Cristan Smudz-Bregar, John Brown, Father Jim Caddy, Mike Camino, Rachele Marie Carlson, Michael Cholak, Courtney Clair, Daniel Clair, Izzy Corbin, Susan Daly, Nicole Dixon, Rose Dixon, Vera Draksic, Cindy Evans, Jackie Fatica, Joe Fontana, Christopher Gilbey, Vickie Gilbey, Alice Gilmore, Magdalene Giorgi, Rosemary Giorgi, Lou Godfrey, Judith Gruber, Ida Guest, Richard Guest, Raymond Gullo, Vicki Gullo, George Harchick, Rose Harchick, Lynn Hogye, Michelle Holbury, Gabrielle Holicky, Bill Horton, Donna Horton, Nancy Hummer, Elizabeth Hunter, Allan Jenisek, Shirley Jirousek, Bruce Kephart, Mike Keresman, David Kirek, Ken Kosovich, Kelly Konya, Audrey Kramer, Kallie Kramp, Frank & Lynne Kravos, Darlene Kuhar, Ralph Kutcher, Fred Lazar, John Leskovec, Cathy Lombardo, Nicholas Lombardo, Joshua MacDonald Jr., Dave Mekker, Ronald Minadeo, Bob & Judy Morel, Mary Morton, Frank Nannicola, Katy Nicolli, Gwen Novak, Ed Nye, Mollie Obersear, Lynn Odell, Natalia Rose Ortega, Marty Parent, Father Fred Pausche, Bobby Petruziello, Michael Popovich, Erin Potter, Kevin Powers, Breda Radej, Christian Rassi, Sharon Regovich, Judy Rigo, Kris Ruhe, Steve Sabol, Camille Salerno, Jennifer Sanderson, Elaine Sargi, Rosemary Schaller, Rosemary Scholti, Joseph Seiler, Peter Sussen, Gene Trela, Donald Victor, Jay Vukcevic, Angela Wandle, Bernadette Wasserman, Tammy Webb, Dale White, Michael White, Michael Wojnar, Father Dave Woost

Please take a moment to lift these individuals up in prayer this week. Notify the parish office when a name can be removed from the list. Thank You.

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