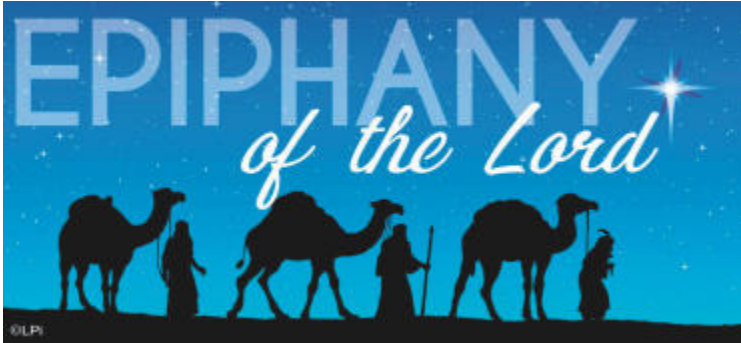


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MISSION STATEMENT

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January 2, 2022 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:10 p.m.
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at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Vigil Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

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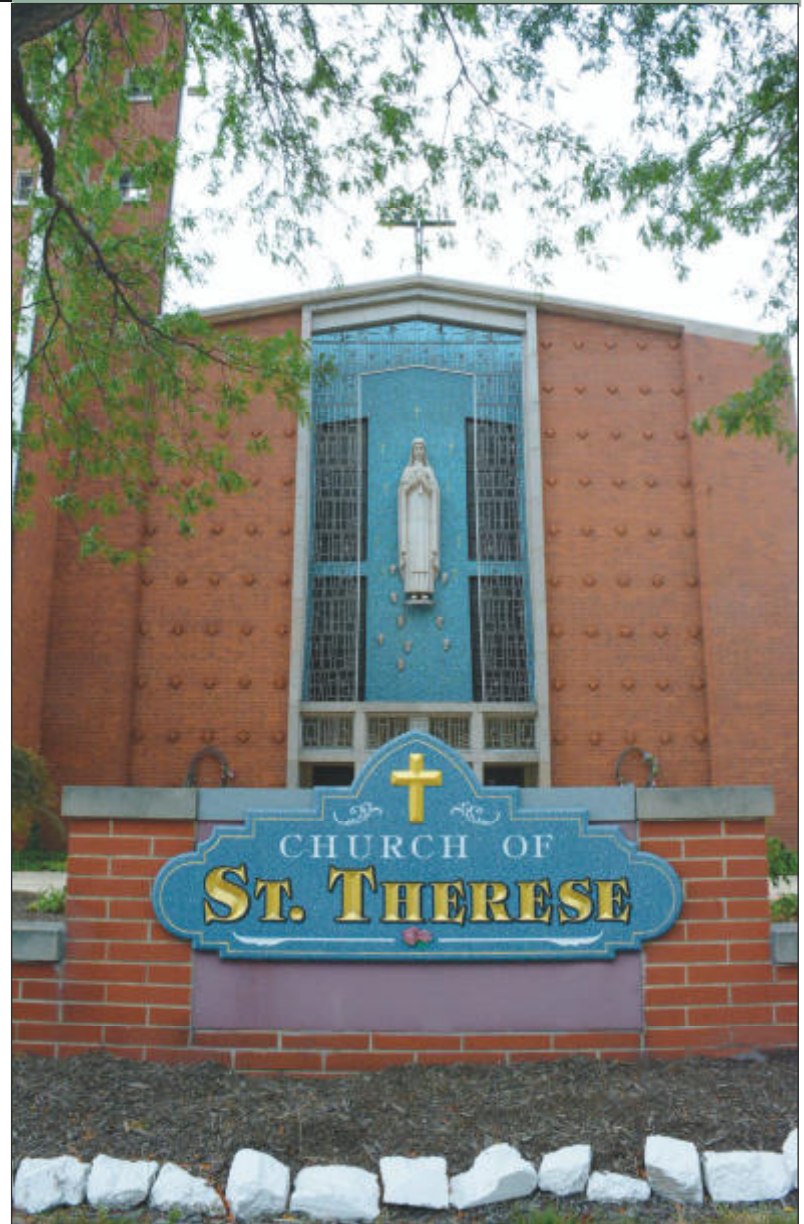
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BULLETIN DEADLINE varies due to early deadlines.



JANUARY 2, 2022



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1—The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Ss. P&P 4:00 PM Frank Franz
St. T 5:30 PM Veronica & Thomas Kvasnok & Family

Sunday, January 2—Epiphany of the Lord

Ss. P&P 8:00 AM Adoration
Ss. P&P 8:30 AM John and Maria Cicaolini
St. T 10:00 AM Adoration
St. T 10:30 AM The People of the Parishes

Monday, January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

St. T 6:30 PM Sr. Helen Skok

Tuesday, January 4—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious No Mass

Wednesday, January 5—Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Gerald Petrus

Thursday, January 6—St. Andre Bessette, Religious

St. T 8:30 AM Wanda & Richard Golias

Friday, January 7—St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Michael Cimperman

Saturday, January 8—Christmas Weekday

Ss. P&P 4:00 PM For the People of the Parishes
St. T 5:30 PM Rich & Pat Kraft

Sunday, January 9—Baptism of the Lord

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Joe Ziegler
St. T 10:30 AM Wally Ciokajio

December 12, 2021

Collection: \$6,418.16* Envelopes Used: 154
Restoration Fund: \$133.00 SVDP: \$133.00
World Mission: \$10.00 Catholic Campaign: \$10.00
Religious Retirement Fund: \$627.00
Mission Co-Op: \$65.00

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Solemnity of Mary: \$42.00

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The December 19th and 26th Collection Data will be in the January 9, 2022 Bulletin.

Pray for the Sick :



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If you know of any names that should be removed or added, please contact the rectory at 216-581-2852.

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Isaiah 60: 1-6;
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Matthew 2:1-12
Monday: 1 John 3:22-46;
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10;
Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18;
Mark 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4;
Luke 4:14-22
Friday: 1 John 5:5-13;
Luke 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21;
John 3:22-30

Please pray for all our deceased, especially

Deacon Tom J. Grasson

Celia Eve Zeman

Stella Wall

Stella Radkowski

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



They were overjoyed at seeing the star.

Matthew 2:10



THE EPHIANY OF THE LORD

Happy Birthday to our January Birthdays!!

January 9th: Pam Skernivitz
January 10th: Marty Lehman
January 21st: Elaine Kucia
January 27th: Dorothy Maslocha



Ask Father

Question: Can a priest attend mass while being a co-celebrant?

Answer: A priest, who is not the main celebrant, can concelebrate the Mass (assisting the main celebrant), sit in choir, or attend Mass as part of the assembly. The difference between being in choir and attending Mass is mostly symbolic; in both cases the priest is not offering the Eucharistic Prayer with the main celebrant. When a priest concelebrates, there is obviously less to do so that it can be like attending Mass, but the concelebrant is still effecting the Eucharist as a priest.



The FEST Internship

Calling all college students looking for a paid summer internship!



The FEST (www.theFEST.us) is looking for summer interns to make this year's event the best FEST yet! We are looking for students with interests in theology, business marketing & communications, event planning, or logistics management to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of annual event for thousands of people. Interns will provide support and have responsibilities including public speaking, marketing, mailings, digital and social media, press releases, logistics, event planning, and more. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to Caitlin@theFEST.us by January 9th.

Save the Date!

Annual Soup & Chili Cookoff Returning in January 2022



St. Therese 5th Annual Soup & Chili Cook-Off Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 1-3 pm at the St. Therese Church Hall. Advance Sale only for this event. Tickets are \$6.00 per person or enter your Full Size Crock Pot creation for prizes at \$10.00 per person.

Snoogles will be also be available by pre-sale for \$4.00 each. Tickets go on sale from Saturday, January 16th thru Sunday, January 23rd. More information will be posted in the coming weeks.

Our Young Church



PSR: Happy New Year! See you at class on January 5th!

YOUTH412: The next Youth412 meeting is Thursday, January 13th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm! For more information contact Mrs. Tracy Johnson, Youth_Group@sttheresegarfield.org



Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_service@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

Freedom In Christ Conference

Do you long to be free from bad habits? From repetitive sin? From attitudes that hurt you and your relationships, such as unforgiveness? Here is an opportunity to attain the freedom Christ won for you and wants for you! Join in a Healing Mass Fri, Jan 21, 7:00pm, St. Hilary Church, Fairlawn. Free-will offering will be taken. And the next day: **UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE**, 9:00am- 5:00pm, St. Hilary Horning Hall led by Matt Lozano, of Heart of the Father Ministries; He is an international speaker and author. Conference fee is \$50; includes pastry, lunch, and snacks. Please register ASAP, as space is limited: <https://sthilarychurch.org/2021/09/30/parishsurvey/>.



II. Jennifer Turnik & Patrick Grijak



JANUARY 2, 2022

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St. Monica Church on **Sunday, January 9, 2021** at 2:30pm. **All are welcome!**



RAFFLE



December 25 & 26th Weekend Drawing Winners

\$500:
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Young Catholic Men Conference

On Saturday, January 29th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at Walsh Jesuit High School, Cuyahoga Falls, there will be a Young Men Conference for boys in 8th grade to high school accompanied with their fathers or male role model. Some keynote speakers will be Bishop Malesic, Fr. Larry Richards and others, and 8 breakout sessions that pertain to; sports, science, dating, managing stress, spiritual growth, culture and integrity. Registration is open and is limited. \$40 if registered by January 15th, \$50 after that. Any questions please call Sarah Mihalik at 440-773-5478



St. Therese Parish is in Need of Lectors, Communion Ministers, and Altar Servers

Do you want to experience Mass in a deeper and closer way to Our Lord Jesus Christ? Please share your God given talents and time back to God Himself in one or all these ministries. Lectors read the First & Second Reading and the petitions. Communion Ministers assist Father in distributing the Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord, and Altar Servers assist on the altar. If you are hearing God's call and are interested in any or all of these ministries, please contact the rectory via email or 216-581-2852



Bereavement Support

Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings in-person in six

of our offices and virtually.

For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> or call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

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CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter

Our monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk with Thee" provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-903-4866.



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Women's Retreat:

Accepting Change, Giving Hope

Monday, January 17, 2:00 pm to

Thursday, January 20, 1:00 pm.



This retreat offers 4 days of prayerful meditation, daily Mass, discussion and relaxation along with powerful presentations. Guest speakers include Jan Murphy, CEO of St. Vincent Charity Hospital; Fr. Joe Fortuna, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish-Euclid; and Jim Armour, VP of Sisters of Charity Catholic Health Care System. The \$350 Cost includes meals, materials, a wonderful atmosphere of friendship, and of course God's presence!

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Adoration 10:10 am, Church

Monday, January 3, 2022

Boys Scouts Meeting 7:00 pm, Church Hall

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

AA Meeting 7:30 pm, Church Hall

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

PSR Class 6:00 pm, Church Hall

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Cub Scouts Meeting 7:00 pm, Church Hall

Friday, January 7, 2022

AA Meeting 7:30 pm, Church Hall



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Lord be with you! And lest I forget, a Happy New Year as well! There is much to celebrate this weekend, and much more to meditate upon. As we consider the role of repentance, let us consider what resolutions we can make to remove at least one sin from our daily lives.

Question 770. What do you mean by a firm purpose of sinning no more?

Answer. By a firm purpose of sinning no more I mean a fixed resolve not only to avoid all mortal sin, but also its near occasions.

Question 771. What do you mean by the near occasions of sin?

Answer. By the near occasions of sin I mean all the persons, places and things that may easily lead us into sin.

Question 772. Why are we bound to avoid occasions of sin?

Answer. We are bound to avoid occasions of sin because Our Lord has said: "He who loves the danger will perish in it"; and as we are bound to avoid the loss of our souls, so we are bound to avoid the danger of their loss. The occasion is the cause of sin, and you cannot take away the evil without removing its cause.

Question 773. Is a person who is determined to avoid the sin, but who is unwilling to give up its near occasion when it is possible to do so, rightly disposed for confession?

Answer. A person who is determined to avoid the sin, but who is unwilling to give up its near occasion when it is possible to do so, is not rightly disposed for confession, and he will not be absolved if he makes known to the priest the true state of his conscience.

Question 774. How many kinds of occasions of sin are there?

Answer. There are four kinds of occasions of sin:

- (1) Near occasions, through which we always fall;
- (2) Remote occasions, through which we sometimes fall;
- (3) Voluntary occasions or those we can avoid; and
- (4) Involuntary occasions or those we cannot avoid.

A person who lives in a near and voluntary occasion of sin need not expect forgiveness while he continues in that state.

Question 775. What persons, places and things are usually occasions of sin?

- Answer. (1) The persons who are occasions of sin are all those in whose company we sin, whether they be bad of themselves or bad only while in our company, in which case we also become occasions of sin for them;
- (2) The places are usually liquor saloons, low theaters, indecent dances, entertainments, amusements, exhibitions, and all immoral resorts of any kind, whether we sin in them or not;
- (3) The things are all bad books, indecent pictures, songs, jokes and the like, even when they are tolerated by public opinion and found in public places.

My commentary.

Let's take questions 771 and 774 first since understanding the four categories of an occasion of sin will help us understand the rest of the questions better. To wit, an occasion of sin is a circumstance that often leads us into sin. All of us have strengths and weaknesses so that some temptations barely phase us while others we fail at almost immediately. We can further refine such occasions as either being near or remote. Here question 774's answer is woefully incomplete. A "near" occasion is immediately connected to a sin whereas a "remote" occasion is linked to something else that is in turn immediately linked to a sin. For example, for an alcoholic a bar would be a near occasion of sin whereas the street with several bars might only be a remote occasion. The Baltimore Catechism is right that near occasions cause us more often to fall than remote ones, but it is confusing the causal chain (more on that below).

A "voluntary" occasion is a circumstance that we choose; an "involuntary" occasion is a situation that we did not choose. Returning to the example above, if the alcoholic walks into a bar to see the price of a beer, he has entered a near and voluntary occasion of sin. Conversely, if the alcoholic's Uber drives him down a street with bars on it, the alcoholic has entered an involuntary and remote occasion.

In identifying our own occasions of sin, we would prefer to have clear causes but correlations will work almost as well. Figuring out our motivations can be difficult at times; acknowledging our failures can be much easier. In emphasizing how often we fail as the clear sign of whether an occasion is near or remote, the Baltimore Catechism is encouraging us to make the most prudent judgements we can.

Once we know a circumstance leads us into sin, we need to avoid it as best we can. The more voluntary the circumstance, the more we ought to distrust ourselves around it. Anger at ourselves is often less effective than guile in temptation. It is not about convincing ourselves that something is bad for us; it is about walking away or around that occasion whatever way we can.

All of us have occasions of sin that we need to avoid if we are going to grow in charity. In fact, there are entire industries designed around entrapping people in sin, and I am not only referring to materials meant for "adult entertainment." Almost all news - whether mainstream or alternative - is now made less to inform and more to emotionally manipulate. That was not true even ten years ago, but it is my assessment today.

If every year we rid ourselves of one sin, we would all be saints by the time we were twenty. What sin and its near (or remote) occasions can you easily rid yourself of this year? Resolve to reject it and do everything in your power this year to avoid it. Whatever your New Year's resolution may be, let us all walk through 2022 with charity and true fraternity.

In His Sacred Heart,

Fr. John



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