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FEBRUARY 27, 2022

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil 4pm;

Sunday 8:30am and 11am

Weekdays 8:30am

Holy Days— see schedule on next page

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MINISTER OF MUSIC Mark Thewes MM
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Cara Lipinski PCRE, DYM 330-412-1125
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• CCD—Sunday 9:30am-10:50am

• Youth Ministry—Sunday 6:30pm

CEMETERY 330-833-4907

(*PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENT)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00pm, or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9am-2pm

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00am-noon

• Parish Office (330) 833-4907

• Fax (330) 833-3907

• School Hall (330) 832-5858

MAINTENANCE / CHURCH GROUNDS

330-832-5858

SECRETARY

LeeAnn Smith 330-833-4907

SOUP KITCHEN Mondays: noon-1pm

AA/AL-ANON

(meetings in the church basement)

• Sundays 3pm

• Wednesdays 8pm

AA meets in the church basement

• Monday-Friday 8pm

• Tuesday 10am

GOSPEL MEDITATION

February 27, 2022 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.

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Sunday, February 27 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Youth Choir rehearsal 6pm-6:40pm

Monday, February 28

Tuesday, March 1

- Bell Choir rehearsal 6pm

Ash Wednesday, March 2

- Mass 8:30am
- Communion Service with ashes 12:10pm
- Mass 7pm

Thursday, March 3

•Father Paul's 60th Anniversary of Ordination

- Chapter Chat 7pm

Friday, March 4

- Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 8:30am Mass. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12:30pm, followed by closing and Benediction.
- Stations of the Cross 7pm



Saturday, March 5

Sunday, March 6 1st Sunday of Lent

- Reception in the school hall to honor Father Paul for his 60th Anniversary of Ordination
- Youth Choir sings at 11am Mass
- Youth Choir rehearsal 6pm-6:40pm



Join us in the school hall NEXT Sunday, March 6 after the 11am Mass to honor Father Paul on the occasion of his **60th Anniversary of Ordination**. CMARC will host the reception and serve cake, punch, and coffee. Happy Anniversary, Father Paul!!

MISSION STATEMENT

The community of St. Joseph is a parish dedicated to the mission of the Roman Catholic Church in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are centered in the Eucharist and committed to being the Body of Christ in the world around us. Under the patronage of St. Joseph, we strive to do the following: gather as a family worshiping together and supporting one another in spiritual growth; sharing our faith with others and providing continuing education in the faith to our members; be a community of love that responds with compassion to both the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us including the greater Massillon area; gather together as a family in a variety of spiritual, social, and community oriented events.

FROM THE OFFICE

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS must be submitted by email (rpaul@youngstowndioocese.org) or by calling the office by NOON ON MONDAY prior to publication.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to St. Joseph! If you wish to join our parish family, please call the office at 330-833-4907.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/STATUS:

If your address, phone number or marital status changes, please call the office so that we can update our records.

BAPTISM preparation class is mandatory prior to the sacrament. Call the office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE: Diocesan policy directs couples to make arrangements at least 6 months prior to the intended wedding ceremony. Please call Fr. Paul to schedule an appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be celebrated 2 times a year during the weekend Masses. Call the parish office for a home visitation. Hospitals have a pastoral care department if you want to be anointed while in the hospital.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK: If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home who would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING MINISTRY

Please contact (330) 837-9702 for more information.

PROJECT RACHEL OF NORTHEAST OHIO

Visit <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/> or 330-360-0430.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Weekend of February 19/20, 2022

4:00pm 109 8:30am 122 11:00am 167

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

February 20, 2022

Sunday offering \$6898.00
second collection \$360.00

Look us up on Facebook at:

"St. Joseph Church, Massillon Ohio"

Visit our website:

<http://bit.ly/stjosephsmassillon>

Are you interested in getting involved with Catholic Charities through volunteering? Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties' Canton location has volunteer opportunities available and could use your help! For more information, call Angela at (330) 491-0896, ext. 101.



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VOCATIONS FOR THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

"Therefore...be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord." Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451, or email: skopp@youngstowndioocese.org.

MAGNIFICAT OF STARK COUNTY, a ministry to Catholic women, invites women AND men to a special breakfast on the Feast of St. Joseph to hear testimonies of two of our beloved priests - Rev. Thomas Bishop and Rev. Msgr. Jay Clarke. Please join us on Saturday, March 19, at Walsh University Barrette Center, 2020 East Maple St., North Canton. Go to magnificatstark.weebly.com for reservations. The cost is \$25 (mail-in) or \$26 (online). Reservations cannot be accepted after March 12. Doors open at 8:30am. For further information, call Rosemary Pffifner at 330-499-9371.

STEWARDSHIP

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43) Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



PRAY FAST GIVE

FROM THE OFFICE OF CLERGY SERVICES:

ASH WEDNESDAY/LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 2. The reception of ashes is not mandatory or an obligation. The faithful should be reminded it is their own internal disposition and intention to repent and start over that is the best fruit of Ash Wednesday. Ashes are an external sign of that internal reality. They may enter into Lent with a repentant heart even if they decide that receiving ashes is not the right thing for them this year.

All Catholics are encouraged to participate in the traditional Lenten practice of prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence - one full meal and two smaller meals for persons 18 thru 59 years of age; no meat for persons 14 years and older. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence - no meat for persons 14 years and older. There is no obligation to fast during the weekdays of Lent, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are encouraged.

CHAPTER CHAT SELECTION FOR MARCH 3: *The Paris Library*, by Janet Skeslien Charles. Newcomers are always welcome! On April 7, Dave Harding will lead our discussion of the **2022 NEA Big Read Massillon** book selection- *An American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo.

ATTENTION GREETERS:

The present schedule runs through March of 2022. **The new schedule will run from April 2/3 through and including August 27/28, 2022. This will include Holy Week, Easter, and the Holy Days therein.**

Please let Dave Harding know no later than **March 1** if you wish to be taken off the list, or if you know of new people to add. After that date, he will compose the new schedule. Dave Harding, dave12148@sssnet.com, 330-837-1829



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following parishioners who will celebrate 80 or more birthdays in March: Elaine Goss, Eileen Murphy, Lorin Bishop, Nancy Halter, Marcia Mazziotta, Nancy Stone,

Dorothy Kimball, Mary Jones, Richard Crescenze, Carolyn Mesaros. Celebrating 90 or more birthdays in March: Anthony Medure, Robert Kelly, Alice Manhart, Betty Specogna, Rosemary Long, John Berbari, Walt Featheringham, and Edith Rohr. Happy Birthday!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Bill and Charlotte Hamit, who will celebrate 57 years of marriage on March 22. Congratulations!

MASSILLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be sponsoring a Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph. In the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis said, "I commend all of you in a special way to the intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity, and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating, and passing on to future generations of Catholic men." The icon will be here on March 16; the prayer service will be held at 7pm. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin for details.

PROJECT RACHEL OF NORTHEAST OHIO

Abortion wounds relationships. God's love heals. For confidential help, text or call 330-360-0430 or go to <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/>.

AREA SENIOR SEEKING HOUSING TO SHARE

A single, retired senior woman is in search of housing to share with another senior woman in the area / interested in an apartment/room to rent (fixed income). Contact Trisha at 330-312-4145.



CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

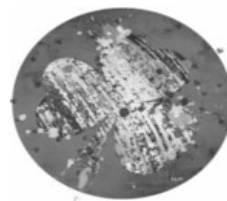
Jesus, in today's Gospel from Luke, asks rhetorically: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?"

The obvious answer is that we all must rely on the guidance of those who see more and who see more clearly.

Yet, Jesus continues, "when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." Of course, such training takes place over time, which is why Jesus founded a Church that has fostered and instructed His disciples over the millennia. The sacraments, Scripture, tradition, the leadership of priests, religious, and laity, and the encouragement and guidance we give one another helps us see further, see more, and see more clearly.

In addition, we have publications like our diocesan newspaper, the Catholic Exponent, which helps connect us to Jesus and our Church and remind us of all we have been taught - continuing training that will empower us to live out our faith. The Exponent brings commentary, Scripture reflection, and adult faith formation. Your support for your diocesan newspaper nurtures not only you but also Catholics who might be in need of the continued training and fostering in the faith that you can provide.

Subscribe or renew your subscription today by dropping "The Catholic Exponent" envelope from your parish packet into the collection basket. You may also call 330-744-5251 or email us at exposubscriptions@youngstowndioocese.org to request subscription information. See more. Read and support the Catholic Exponent.



A LEPRECHAUN LUNCH will take place at St. Barbara's Parish Life Center on Sunday, March 20 at 11:30am. The afternoon includes lunch, crafts, and games! Call 330-833-9510 for reservations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a way to help individuals in your community? Consider becoming a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer. Volunteers are needed to serve patients at the Hospice Houses, in their own homes, and area nursing homes/assisted living facilities. There are also many new virtual and face-to-face opportunities throughout our service area. Virtual training series are held every month for new volunteers. For more information, call 216-255-9090 or fill out an online application at hospicewr.org/volunteer.

OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC, MARK THEWES, along with local organists, will present a 1/2 hour organ recital each Wednesday of Lent, beginning at 11:30am (preceding the 12:10pm Mass). See the flyer in today's bulletin for details.



Saturday, February 26

4:00 pm Living and deceased members of the Fatigati and Stelluto families

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 27

8:30 am +Family & friends of our parish family who died in January

11:00 am +Virginia Roth

Monday, February 28

8:30 am +Raymond Meanor

Tuesday, March 1

8:30 am +Kathleen Ringley

Ash Wednesday, March 2

8:30 am +George and Dorothy Lega

12:10 pm Communion Service with ashes

7:00 pm +Stella Crescenze

Thursday, March 3 St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

8:30 am For the intentions of Father Paul

First Friday, March 4 St. Casimir

8:30 am +Family & friends of our parish family who died in February

Saturday, March 5

4:00 pm +Jane Converse

1st Sunday of Lent, March 6

8:30 am +Louis Codian

11:00 am +Mary Barbari

Flowers at the pulpit are given in memory of Raymond Meanor, from Jean Meanor.



Please pray for the soul of Reverend William Bantz, a retired priest of our diocese. May he rest in peace.

The Holy Father's prayer intention for February: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Please pray for the seriously ill members of our parish family; those in nursing homes or who are homebound; those who are hospitalized; and those undergoing treatments/tests.

That the Lord will bless us with vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life to serve as teachers to his flock, we pray to the Lord.

LITURGICAL ROLES February 26/27, 2022

	4:00pm	8:30am	11:00am
E. M.:	Deacon Don J. Harding C./K. Wicker K. Massarelli	Deacon Don M. Revlock J./J. Holsinger R. Conaway	Deacon Don J. Dewald B./G./M. Jones
Lector:	J. Harding	M. Revlock	J. Dewald
Servers:	B. Wicker B./C. Roberts	J. Revlock S. Wise	P. Palaski F. Palaski D. Minocchi
Greeters:	J. Serra B. Starcher	R. Lackey J. Patton J. Brunner	P. Fisher M. Ford J./J. Roth M./E. Juhasz

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2

12:10pm Communion Service with ashes:

B. Sylvester and M. Galinec

7pm Mass

Lector: M. Gozdan

E. M.: Deacon Steve, M. Gozdan, S. Sarbaugh, S. Elliott

Servers: I., L., C. Paul

LITURGICAL ROLES March 5/6, 2022

	4:00pm	8:30am	11:00am
E. M.:	Deacon Steve T./J. Ferrero E. Mays	S./E. Wise B. Sylvester J. Sylvester	J./J./I. Paul R. Daugintis
Lector:	R. Berens	S. Wise	J. Paul
Servers:	D. Caldwell M./P. Findley	N. Hatheway F. Hatheway Reid Els	S. Elliott A. Perry C. Ryder
Greeters:	M. Cusma M./J. Viront	T. Shallenberger P. Mang B. Ruggieri	M. Galinec S. Sarbaugh

Readings for the week of February 27, 2022

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/

1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2

Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

[cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



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