



Saint Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

June 13, 2021

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Thus says the Lord God: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from it's topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; —Ezekiel 17:22

11th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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Mass Schedule

Saturday—4:30pm
Sunday—8:00am
10:00am
12:00pm
Mon.-Wed. & Fri.—8:30am
Holy Days—8:30am
12:05pm
7:00pm
Legal Holidays 8:30am

Confessions

Saturday—3:30pm
and by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

by appointment

Weddings & Baptisms

please call the Rectory
to schedule

“Meeting Christ through prayer and
being Christ for the World”

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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**Glory to God in the highest,
 And on earth peace to
 people of goodwill.**

**We praise you,
 we bless you,
 we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks
 for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
 Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins
 of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins
 of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right
 hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are
 the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most
 High, Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of
 God the Father,
 Amen.**

1st Reading - Ezekiel 17:22-24

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar,
from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot,
and plant it on a high and lofty mountain;
on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it.
It shall put forth branches and bear fruit,
and become a majestic cedar.
Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it,
every winged thing in the shade of its boughs.
And all the trees of the field shall know
that I, the LORD,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the withered tree bloom.
As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14



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*The Lord is my light, the Lord is my rock,
my salvation.*

*The Lord is my refuge, guarding my life;
of whom should I be afraid?*

*Only one thing I ask:
may I live in the house of my Lord.
I shall gaze on God's goodness all of my days;
I shall live in the shelter of God.*

*I believe I shall see the goodness of God
in the land of the living.
Be strong, wait for the Lord.*

2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

A Reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous,
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the
Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of
Christ,

so that each may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good or
evil.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



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*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will live forever.*

Gospel - Mark 4:26-34

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds:

“This is how it is with the kingdom of God;
it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land
and would sleep and rise night and day
and through it all the seed would sprout and grow,
he knows not how.

Of its own accord the land yields fruit,
first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.
And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once,
for the harvest has come.”

He said,

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God,
or what parable can we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the
ground,

is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.

But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the
largest of plants

and puts forth large branches,

so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.”

With many such parables

he spoke the word to them as they were able to
understand it.

Without parables he did not speak to them,
but to his own disciples he explained everything in
private.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten
Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God
from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made. For us men and for
our salvation he came down from heaven *(bow)* and by
*the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and
became man.* For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and
rose again on the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have
no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who
with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who
has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy,
catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven
and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*(bow) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary,* suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty; from there he will come to
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body and life everlasting. Amen.

SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

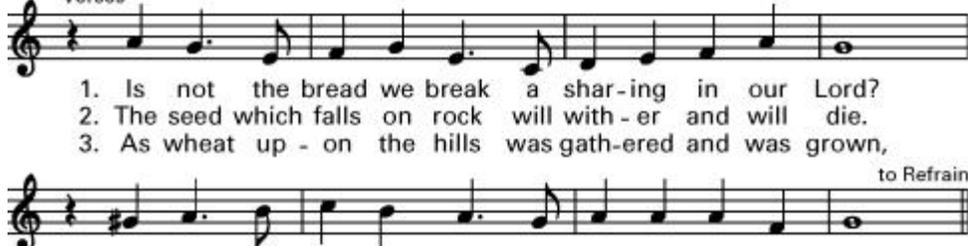
Dan Feiten

Refrain



Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and grown,
bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the liv-ing bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is
shared by all; the liv-ing cup, the liv-ing bread of God.

Verses



1. Is not the bread we break a shar-ing in our Lord?
2. The seed which falls on rock will with-er and will die.
3. As wheat up-on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,

to Refrain



1. Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?
2. The seed with-in good ground will flow-er and have life.
3. so may the church of God be gath-ered in-to one.

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After everyone has received communion and after the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle, you may be seated or kneel for a time of quiet prayer.

Prayer to St. Michael

**Saint Michael
the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection
against the wickedness
and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do thou,
O Prince of the
heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell
Satan and all
the evil spirits
who prowl about
the world seeking the
ruin of souls.
Amen.**

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Matt Maher

Verses

1. Great is your faith - ful-ness, O God of Ja-cob;
2. Great is your love and jus-tice, God of Ja-cob;

1. you wres-tle with the sin-ner's rest - less heart.
2. you use the weak to lead the strong.

1. You lead me by still wa-ters in - to mer-cy
2. You lead us in the song of heav - en's vic-t'ry,

1. where noth - ing can keep us a - part.
2. and all your peo - ple sing a - long.

1, 2. So re - mem - ber your peo - ple, re -
1, 2. mem - ber your chil - dren, re - mem - ber your
1, 2. prom - ise, O God. For your

Refrain

grace is e-nough, yeah, your grace is e-nough,
yeah, your grace is e-nough, yeah, your grace
is e-nough for me.

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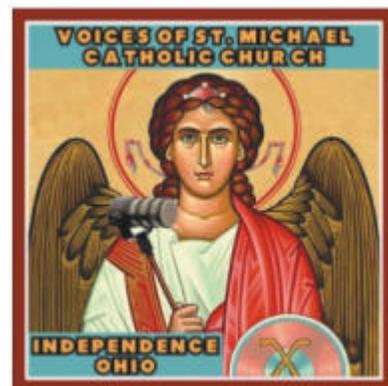
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from the Pastor



Fr. John J. Mullette

It was wonderful welcoming those who have not been to God's House during the pandemic, and to hear the hear the hymns of praise to our Lord.

We ask God to strengthen us on this journey of hope centered on His Light.

Thanks and Blessings to the Holy Name and Altar Rosary society for sponsoring Friendship Sunday.

In this issue of the Magnificat, Father Sebastian White, O.P reflects on being one of six winners in a statewide essay contest in Maine on "What the American Flag Means to Me." Fr White shared that most American may not be aware that we celebrate Flag Day (June 14th) "With French and Lebanese ancestry and two great grandfathers who served in the military- one in the Navy in World War II, the other in the Army in Korea- I learned from a young age to appreciate the hard work, sacrifices, and courage that ordinary, unfamous men and women have made for my sake. And I remain grateful to those who continue to do so...

Though it has no liturgical significance in itself...perhaps on Flag Day you would join me in offering the beautiful prayer often said at the end of Benediction: May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen"

Our Lady Help of Christians- Pray for Us!

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic? Have you been attending Mass with your spouse, a friend, or family member and would like to learn more about joining the faith and sharing in the full sacramental life of the Church? R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which non-Catholics journey towards sacramental initiation within the Catholic Church. RCIA is a learning and loving process in which one walks with members of our faith community towards a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Body, the Church. Contact Fr. John in the Parish Office for more information.

SVDP NEWS

Your generosity is astounding! Last month's 5th Sunday collection totaled \$2200. All of your donations help local poor here, at Holy Name, and at St Michael's on Scranton Road. May our Good Lord continue to bless and to keep you well this summer.

2022 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2022 mass intentions book is now open. Mass intentions are \$10.00. You are allowed 3 mass intentions (one weekend, two weekday.) Please contact the Rectory Office to schedule.

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER CHAIN

Email your prayer requests to stmprays@gmail.com. If you don't have access to email, call the rectory office and we can get your prayer requests submitted to the chain. Prayer requests can be submitted anytime. A list of prayer requests will go out to the prayer chain via email. You can also request just to be part of the prayer chain. Just email us at stmprays@gmail.com

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 12

- 1:00 Wedding—Gwen Miklovic &
Kevin Clymer
4:30 + Thaddeus & Stella Rosinski
(Children)

Sunday, June 13

- 8:00 HNAR
10:00 + Thomas Grande
(Michelle & Keith Serfass)
12:00 Parishioners

Monday, June 14

- 8:30 + Audrey Yuknavich
(Mr. & Mrs. Allen)

Tuesday, June 15

- 8:30 + Dominic Lazzano
(Family)

Wednesday, June 16

- 8:30 + Rita Sladewski
(Marlen Bojko)

Friday, June 18

- 8:30 + Joseph & Mary Macko
(Daughter—Beverly)

Saturday, June 19

- 4:30 + Daniel Flower
(Bruce Flower)

Sunday, June 20

- 8:00 + Nilda Jerina
(Marie & Mark Nemeth)
10:00 + Russ Zelasko
(Wife)
12:00 Parishioners

A Prayer for our Military:

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

PFC Joshua Strenk, National Guard
1LT Zak Zubic, Marine Corps
LTJG George Ponce, Navy
Lt. Col. Michael Oetjens, Air Force
Ensign Kevin Clymer, Navy

Please Remember in Your Prayers Our Sick

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Joyce R.	Sal Loparo
Michael Herasimuk	Charlenea Fabrizo
Tom Matia	John Patrick Gallagher
Betty Schwab	Diane Bernaciak
Rick Schreiber	RaeAnn DiBaggio
Laura Kelley	James Stenger
Christopher	Thomas Gannon
Mary Stanley	Lisa Bielawski
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Ashley Skuhrovec	Tony Kucia
Sylvia Priebe	Rosanne Cifani
Rita Matthis	Mafalda Fiorentino
Maryann Cohara	Donald Keller
Michelle Murach	Patrick Baker
David Pichert	The White Family

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH OFFERTORY

	6/6/2021
Regular Collection	\$12,520
Parish Maintenance	\$2,318
Total Sunday Collection	\$14,838
School Endowment	\$857

Thank you!



Wedding

Gwen Miklovic & Kevin Clymer

June 12, 2021

Congratulations!



Adoration Chapel Meditations

Brothers in Christ Ministry of St. Michael
(www.brothersinchristcmf.org/blog)

Contagious Grace

Any Eucharistic minister can attest to the restorative power of prayer they bring with them—whether spoken from scripture or straight from their heart. They visit mostly older people who can no longer visit their church to pray and to receive the Eucharist. Eucharistic ministers are graced and privileged to bring these things to them.

So, imagine having those graces taken away not once, not twice, but THREE times. That happened to one elderly gentleman in the past year. Now well into his 90s, his hearing and eyesight are almost gone. That alone made him a shut-in at home. But then the pandemic hit, and his Eucharistic Minister was no longer permitted to take Communion to him or read him the Sunday readings. Eventually, those restrictions started being lifted, but this gentleman's family decided he needed the help of an assisted-living facility—which continued those restrictions, "for safety's sake."

This minister knew the pain this must have caused the gentleman, because he vicariously experienced the old man's joy at hearing the word of God directly from him and receiving the body of Christ. It brought this gentleman to tears. He always thanked his Eucharistic Minister for bringing him those comforts, but this minister felt like thanking HIM—because seeing their effect on this recipient's heart brought comfort to his.

The Concentrated power of God's word is depicted in the readings for this Sunday's mass. In Ezekiel, the word of God is likened to the tiny shoot of a giant cedar, and in the gospel to a tiny mustard seed that, when planted, grows to the size of God's Kingdom—offering a home to anyone seeking its shelter.

This Eucharistic Minister experienced those comforts of home again recently when he received a call from his recipient's son, asking if the minister had been vaccinated for Covid yet. Yes, he said, why? "Because my father is asking for you to visit him again, and they'll only allow visitors who've been fully vaccinated. Those shots turned into the boosters both minister and recipient needed to feel the comforts of God's Kingdom again.

Sunday's second reading from Paul to the Corinthians will resonate loudly in this old gentleman's failing ears, because it echoes his aches from this past year:

Although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

By meditating on the power of the prayers shared by Eucharistic ministers and their homebound friends, you can find the grace they share in any church—where it is not unusual to find elderly neighbors kneeling or sitting in quietly-spoken prayer. Pope Francis recently testified to the power of witnessing the kingdom of God at work in their hearts:

These practitioners of humble prayer are often the great intercessors in parishes: they are the oaks that from year to year spread their branches to offer shade to the greatest number of people.

APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED!
FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR. VISIT US ONLINE.



WELCOME TO
summer!

Our Eighth Grade Graduation was a beautiful celebration of our graduates, their families, and all they have accomplished in their time here at St. Michael School. During the ceremony, the 8th graders presented a statue of St. Joseph to the school as their legacy gift. A very fitting gift during the Year of St. Joseph, but also during this past year of the pandemic. When declaring this year as the year of St. Joseph, Pope Francis in essence said that St. Joseph reminds us of the importance of ordinary people who go about their daily work, exercising patience and offering hope. St. Joseph is the person who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence, who is of utmost importance in terms of our faith. He is the person who is accepting of life's disappointments and frustrations but at the same time found faith and meaning in these events.

Truly, most of us went about our daily work during these crazy times, keeping hope in the forefront of our minds and hearts, and finding meaning in this new normal. We made it together with God's help. I am so grateful to all of you for your support during this year. We could not have done it without you.

I will continue to update you as the summer progresses of new hires and additional important information. I can tell you right now that our 4 year old Preschool is FULL for next year, with a waiting list. And our 3 year old Preschool has just 3 spots left. This is wonderful news and is reflective of the great things happening with our Preschool team. That said, if you know of anyone interested in preschool next year, please encourage them to apply soon!

I hope to see all of you for our next celebration Under the Stars on June 25. I have already purchased my tickets and am excited to join so many of our parish and school families in celebrating our teachers and supporting our school. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, please do so at www.smsgala.com.

I pray that you have a very blessed summer.
I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,
Yvonne



Yvonne V. Saunders | Principal, St. Michael School

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ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 6/14

ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 27:7, 9—**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you, be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Savior!**
COMMUNION Psalm 27:4—**There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

6/14 2 Corinthians 6:1-10
 Ps.98:1,2b,3ab,3cd-4
The Lord has made known his salvation.
 Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday 6/15

ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 27:7, 9—**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you, be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Savior!**
COMMUNION Psalm 27:4—**There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

6/15 2 Corinthians 8:1-9
 Ps.146:2,5-6ab,6c-7,8-9a
Praise the Lord, my soul!
 Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday 6/16

ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 27:7, 9—**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you, be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Savior!**
COMMUNION Psalm 27:4—**There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

6/16 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
 Ps.112:1bc-2,3-4,9
Blessed the man who fears the Lord.
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Friday 6/18

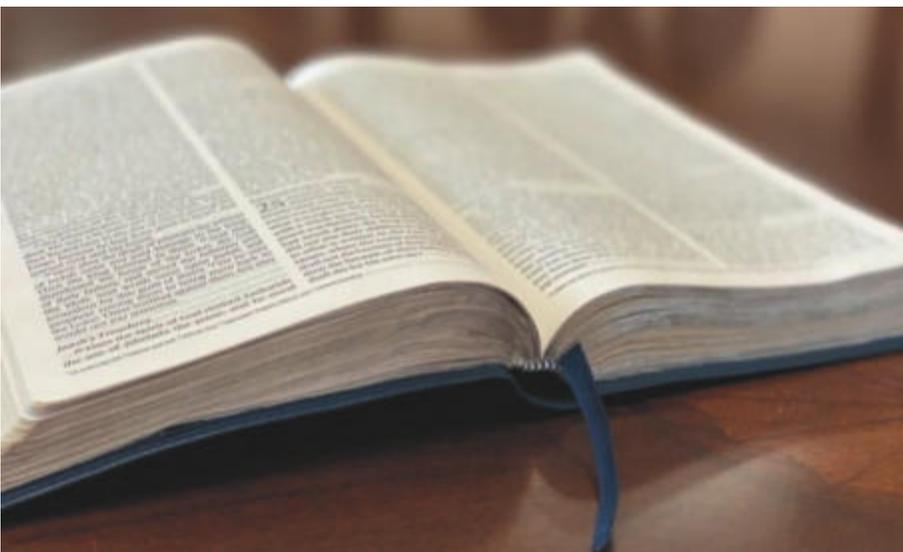
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6/17 2 Corinthians 11:1-11
 Ps.111:1b-2,3-4,7-8
Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.
 Matthew 6:7-15

6/18 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30
 Ps.34:2-3,4-5,6-7
From all their distress God rescues the just.
 Matthew 6:19-23

6/19 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
 Ps.34:8-9,10-11,12-13
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
 Matthew 6:24-34
 or
St. Romuald, Abbot
 Philippians 3:8-14
 Ps.131:1bcde,2,3
In you, Lord, I have found my peace.
 Luke 14:25-33

6/20 Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
 Ps.30:2,4,5-6,11,12,13
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
 Mark 5:21-43



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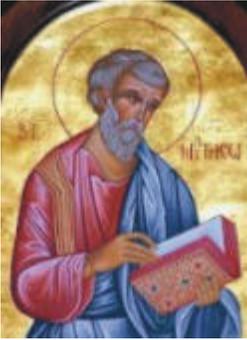


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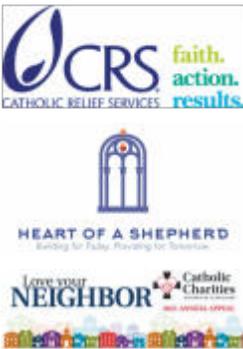


Matthew 25

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'

Catholic Charities launches June crowdfunding campaign with \$100,000 match to expand mental health, addiction services.

In response to an escalating need for mental health services, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland is launching a crowdfunding campaign. The campaign will increase awareness for a recently established mental health hotline and central intake system and expand mental health and addiction services across the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. The diocese includes Ashland, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Summit and Wayne counties. An anonymous \$100,000 matching gift will fuel this important "double your donation" campaign. Contributions will be accepted during the month of June at catholiccommunity.org/health. Donations made through the online site will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000. In 2020, Catholic Charities served a total of 4,289 individuals who were seeking help from its behavioral health programs and services. As clients became more familiar with telehealth and the requests for counseling and psychiatric assistance grew, Catholic Charities improved its response by creating a central intake system to increase accessibility and give immediate access to any program across all eight counties served by Catholic Charities. With 70 therapists across the system, clients have been able to receive treatment regardless of location. In the coming months, Catholic Charities expects to see a surge of people seeking services as the pandemic subsides and more people feel comfortable seeking in-person services. "The next few months will be critical," said Pat Gareau, president of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland. "We have been through so much as a society, and people are going to need someone to talk to." The U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse survey found almost four in 10 Ohio adults have reported symptoms of anxiety or depression since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, compared to only one in 10 adults in 2019. "People have come together to offer a helping hand throughout the last 18 months of this pandemic and really shed light on how much we need each other," Gareau said. "Our therapists and counselors are ready to talk and offer guidance and assistance, and this campaign will help us continue to provide help and hope to all those in need across Northeast Ohio." Catholic Charities is one of the region's most significant health and human service providers, assisting more than 400,000 people in need annually throughout the eight-county Diocese of Cleveland. People in need of mental health and addiction services can call the Catholic Charities Mental Health Hotline, 800-860-7373.



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