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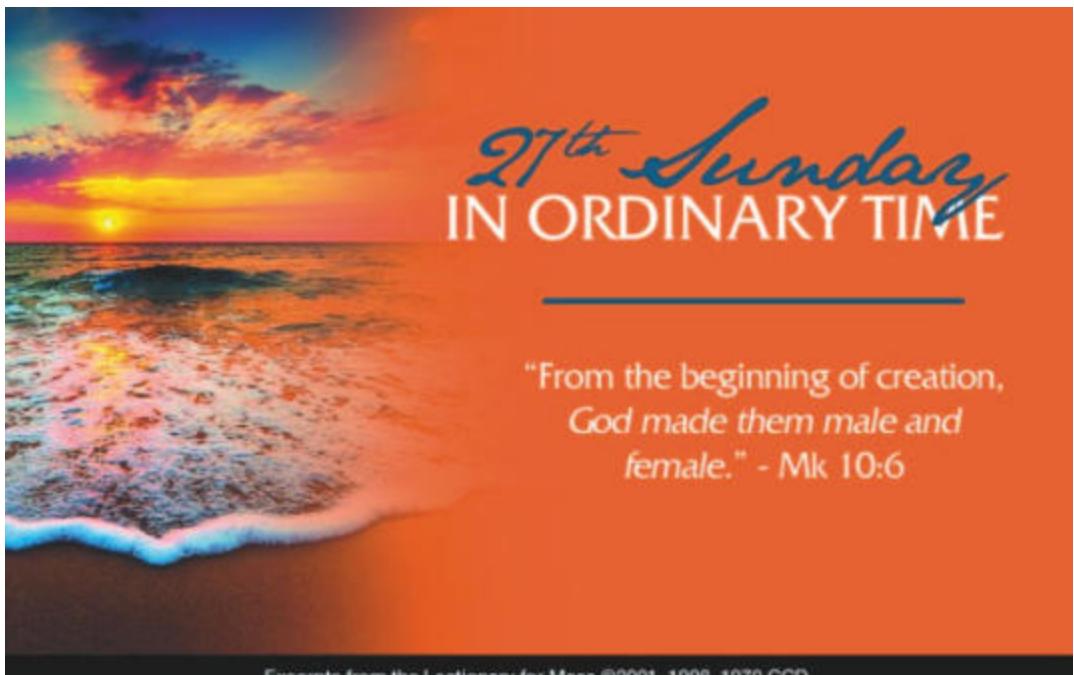
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# Saint Michael Catholic Church

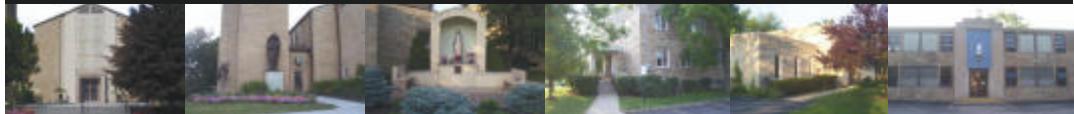
6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

October 3, 2021



*"From the beginning of creation,  
God made them male and  
female." - Mk 10:6*

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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 Creatures of Our God and King



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift  
2. O rush - ing wind and breez - es soft, O  
3. O flow - ing wa - ters, pure and clear, Make  
4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un -  
5. O ev - 'ry one of ten - der heart, For -



up your voice and with us sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
clouds that ride the winds a - loft: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
mu - sic for your Lord to hear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
folds rich bless - ings on our way, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en beam And  
lu - ia! O ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, O  
lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, Pro -  
lu - ia! The fruits and flow'rs that ver - dant grow, Let  
lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row bear, Praise



sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam:  
lights of eve - ning, find a voice.  
vid - ing us with warmth and light, Al - le -  
them God's glo - ry al - so show.  
God and cast on God your care.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 - Genesis 2:18-24

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

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

### Responsorial: Psalm 128



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Blessed are you who fear the LORD,  
who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
your children like olive plants  
around your table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the LORD.  
The LORD bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

May you see your children's children.  
Peace be upon Israel!

### 2nd Reading - Hebrews 2:9-11

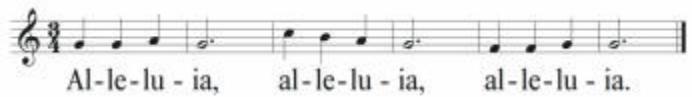
A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he,  
for whom and through whom all things exist,  
in bringing many children to glory,  
should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering.  
He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated  
all have one origin.  
Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

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



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*If we love one another, God remains in us  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.*

### **Gospel - Mark 10:2-16**

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female.* *For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

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.

## ONE LOVE RELEASED

Bob Frenzel and Kevin Keil

Refrain

One bread, one bod - y, one cup, one call,  
one faith, one Spir - it pres-ent in us all.

One prayer, one bless - ing, one hope, one peace,  
one church, one peo - ple, one love re-leased.

Verses

1. Is not this bread we share, the bod - y of our Lord?  
2. I am the bread of life, eat and you shall live.  
3. I am the liv - ing bread, as man - na from the sky.  
4. No one will come to me, un - less our God has led.

1. Is not this wine we drink, the blood of Christ out-poured?  
2. To those who share this meal, my strength I'll al - ways give.  
3. This bread I give to you, that you may nev - er die.  
4. And I shall raise them up, \_\_\_\_ raise them from the dead!

to Refrain

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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.

## Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing  
2. His law he en - forc - es, The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine,

Who fash-ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,  
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:  
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,  
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.  
To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

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**We are streaming Mass each week from the 4:30pm Saturday Liturgy**

St. Michael YouTube Channel

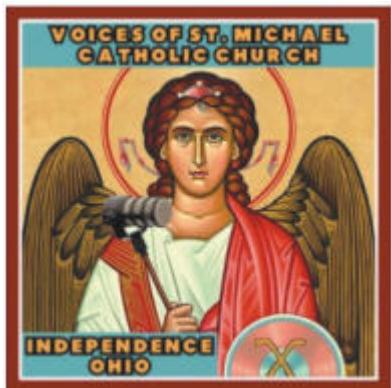
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## *from the Pastor*

Fr. John J. Mullee



*The bond of marriage is centered on the Cross, based on the foundation of the love and fidelity God shows towards all of humanity. This should open our hearts and souls to the sanctity of all life. Please reflect on this excerpt from Bishop Malesic; in the month of October, we offer prayers for Respect Life Month:*

*Every October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday, Oct. 3, is observed as Respect Life Sunday. Let us use the month of October to see one another with the eyes of God, as part of his creation. As we focus on the right to life, let us not be neglectful of our obligation to support life in every stage from beginning to end. We can also use the time to ask for the Lord's forgiveness for our sins against life, both personal and corporate.*

*Because there are so many invaluable life issues, the diocesan Office for Human Life, in collaboration with the diocesan Social Action Office, will be highlighting different aspects of life each week throughout the month of October in order to help build and celebrate the culture of life.*

*Let us pray:*

*We come to you, our God, the author and sustainer of every human life.*

*Grant us the courage and wisdom to protect your gift of human life from conception to natural death. Help us to defend our brothers and sisters both born and yet to be born with great love. Make us good stewards of every life.*

*May we live by the example of your Son, Jesus, who was always close to the weakest of the weak. Guided by your Holy Spirit, strengthen us to defend the most vulnerable among us, especially the unborn. Give us the grace to courageously live the Gospel of life with gentleness and joy. May our faithful witness soften the hearts and minds of those who reject the gift of life in any way. We entrust our prayer to you through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.*

St. Michael Holy Name & Altar Rosary Society



### TURKEY RAFFLE TICKETS

Available for purchase in the rectory office.

Drawing – Thursday, November 11, 2021

Winners will be notified

"One Turkey prize winner per household"

Donations: \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00

*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.*

**Remembering all of our beloved deceased**

**Maryann Lipphardt**

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

October 10th inserts are due by Monday, 10/4 by 12pm.  
all announcements need to be emailed to:  
[tjd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org](mailto:tjd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org)

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 2**

4:30 + Guiseppe, Poala, Heather  
& Joe Giaimo  
(Antonia Giaimo)

**Sunday, October 3**

8:00 + Joseph & Josephine Paterniti  
(Son)  
10:00 + Joseph (Jim) Kanar  
(Neighbors)  
12:00 Parishioners

**Monday, October 4**

8:30 SVDP

**Tuesday, October 5**

8:30 + Augusta & Raymond Eppich  
(Jeff Eppich)

**Wednesday, October 6**

8:30 + John Hrehocik  
(Wife)

**Friday, October 8**

8:30 + Nicholas Sreptock  
(Wife & Family)

**Saturday, October 9**

4:30 + Nick Morino  
(Daughter-Rita Silvestro  
& Family)

**Sunday, October 10**

8:00 HNAR  
10:00 + Steven J. Polasko  
(Mom & Dad)  
12:00 Parishioners

In the event the Mass Intention for the weekend is for your loved one and you would like to bring up the gifts, please see the ushers in the back of Church prior to Mass, thank you!

**OFFERTORY****9/26/2021**

Regular Collection  
Parish Maintenance  
School Endowment

**Eoffering Sep.**  
General Offertory  
\$8,366  
\$7,946  
Parish Maintenance  
\$95  
\$1,450  
School Endowment  
\$130  
\$44

**Thank you!**

## 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**

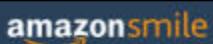
**Lt. Col. Michael Oetjens, Air Force**

**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. Michael Herasimuk Tom Matia Betty Schwab Rick Schreiber Laura Kelley Christopher Mary Stanley Gina Childress Gayle Telford Phyllis Owsiaik Gaetano Rini Gayle Rini Daisy Santocildes Ron Gerba Jerry Wright Judy Fiore Mark L. Jen LeBlanc Cecilia M. Joe Denk Barbara P. Ashley Skuhrovec Sylvia Priebe Rita Matthis Maryann Cohara Michelle Murach David Pichert Sal Loparo Vincenzino Ciclone	Charlenea Fabrizo John Patrick Gallagher Diane Bernaciak RaeAnn DiBaggio Thomas Gannon Lisa Bielawski Danny Goins Lorenzo Gramuglia Connie Fossa Fred Wright Gaylene Bielawski Judy T. Posy Grzincic Ron Krzynowek Dorothy K. Christine Banaszak Nina Gollon Terrie Goodrich Linda Szymanski Ken Stephan Alexis Cerio Tony Kucia Rosanne Cifani Mafalda Fiorentino Donald Keller Patrick Baker The White Family Mary Jane Blue Levi Sue Synek Judy Scouloukas
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## Adoration Chapel Meditations

Brothers in Christ Ministry of St. Michael  
([www.brothersinchristcmf.org/blog](http://www.brothersinchristcmf.org/blog))

### Paying the Price to Save Our Skin

Having “skin in the game” is a cliché with seemingly untraceable roots. Some credit Warren Buffett with it for his description of how CEOs of companies invest their own money in the same asset they hope investors will help support. Shared risk is seen as insurance that the asset’s best interests will be protected. Others credit William Shakespeare with introducing this concept of putting skin in the game through his *Merchant of Venice*. In this play, Shakespeare’s antagonist, Shylock, tells the story’s hero, Antonio, *he must risk a pound of his own flesh as collateral against a loan made to Antonio's friend Bassanio.*

But as with many pearls of wisdom, the Bible seems the most likely inspiration for our concept of putting skin in the game. Sunday’s readings prove it, starting with mankind’s very Genesis (**Gn 2:18-24**).

*The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. ... That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.*

Humanity’s invention of divorce has given Shylocks a good business for ripping that flesh apart. Leave it to such flesh-eating sharks to plot re-routes around God’s divine plan. But our Creator cut through the fat of man’s laws and found a way to reach directly into our hearts. By becoming one of us he took us back to our point of origin, when we were conceived in a moment of truth. The skin God put in the game was eventually nailed to a cross and the truth of His word made flesh became the symbol of our faith. As Paul’s letter to the Hebrews explains (**Heb 2:9-11**),

*He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels, "that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. BUT... He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."*

But those brothers often put him to the test, hoping to avoid the responsibilities that came with his brotherhood. The vows we make before God—the Father we have in common with him—can get harder to keep as time and our passions change. Living with one person until death do we part? Life’s too short for that! There’s got to be a legal way out. Mark’s gospel tells us that’s what the Pharisees were thinking, anyway (**Mk 10:2-16**):

*[They] approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife? ... Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. ... Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."*

As Jesus taught by example, putting skin in the game can bring pain and sorrow. But by paying that price, he saved our skin—and got our souls out of hock.

### Attention 8th thru 12th graders!!!

St. Michael’s Youth Ministry invites you to an afternoon of **Ultimate Frisbee, Touch Football and Tailgating Picnic on Sunday, October 10th, 2021 from 1:30-3:00 PM** (Browns play at 4:05PM)  
@Heritage Park (next to CVS parking lot; old Middle School site)



Join us for some food and fun!!!



Please bring a food item to share with everyone. We'll supply the hot dogs & drinks!  
Also, bring a friend or two!!!



Bring a camping chair if you want one...

RSVP to Randy Kula at  
[randy@stmichaelchurchindependence.org](mailto:randy@stmichaelchurchindependence.org)  
216-409-2639

### FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND!!!

Join us after any of the Masses this weekend in the parking lot for fellowship & goodies!

***Please Help Blanket Others in Warmth & Compassion this Winter!***



**St. Vincent de Paul Society  
35th Annual Blanket Sunday**  
**October 9-10, 2021**

**How YOU can help...**

**Make a contribution at church the weekend of October 9-10 or donate securely online: [www.svdpCLE.org](http://www.svdpCLE.org).**

**You may also mail a check to: St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday, 1404 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114**

**Your kindness will help neighbors in need this fall and winter, as thousands of blankets and other items (purchased in bulk with your donation) will be given**

**directly to the homeless and others through SVDP Ozanam hunger centers, Catholic Charities agencies and homeless shelters in the Cleveland, Akron, Lorain/Elyria and Lake/Gearua metropolitan areas.**



**Your generous monetary donations make SO much possible. Thank you!**

***All assistance is given without regard to religious affiliation.  
We just help people!***



# Cemetery Sunday Mass

## November 7, 2021 - 3 pm

Cemetery Sunday is a Catholic Observance day dedicated to those buried in Catholic cemeteries. The Catholic Cemeteries Association celebrates Mass at several cemeteries to honor and pray for our departed loved ones.

For more information please email Rhonda Abrams at [rabramps@clecem.org](mailto:rabramps@clecem.org), visit the Events tabs on our website.



**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION**  
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND  
*Faith, Hope, and Remembrance*

### Mass Locations

*All Saints Cemetery*  
480 W. Highland Rd., Northfield  
Nativity Mausoleum

*All Souls Cemetery*  
10366 Chardon Rd., Chardon  
Service Building

*Calvary Cemetery*  
10000 Miles Ave., Cleveland  
Main Office

*Calvary Cemetery*  
555 N Ridge Road W., Lorain  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mausoleum

*Holy Cross Cemetery*  
100 E Waterloo Rd., Akron  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Mausoleum

*Holy Cross Cemetery*  
14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park  
Service Building

*St. Joseph Cemetery*  
32789 Detroit Rd., Avon  
St. Joseph Mausoleum

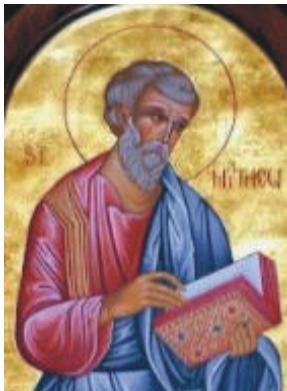
*St. Mary Cemetery*  
4720 E. 71 St., Cuyahoga Hts  
Service Building

**Catholic Cemeteries  
Association**

10000 Miles Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44125  
216-641-7575

[www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org)





## 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.’*

Because there are so many invaluable life issues, the Office for Human Life, in collaboration with the Diocesan Social Action Office, is highlighting different aspects of life each week throughout the month of October in order to help build and celebrate the culture of life.

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

October 2/3: Support for families affected by abortion

October 9/10: Death Penalty

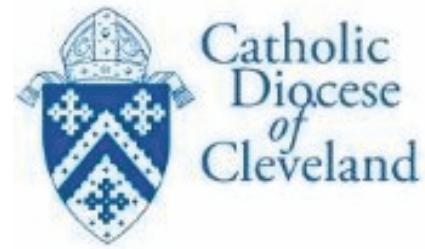
October 16/17: Adaptive Needs

October 23/24: Human Trafficking

October 30/31: End of Life Issues

Immaculate Heart of Mary- Pray for Us

St Joseph- Pray for Us



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St. Michael  
Parish School of Religion (PSR)



**PSR Classes start this week!**

**Tuesday, October 5th**

**1st Grade & 5th Grade  
6:15pm-7:30pm  
in the St. Francis Center**

**3rd Grade Virtual  
6:30-7:00pm**

**6th Grade Virtual  
6:30-7:30pm**

**All other grades are home study this week.**

**2021 ROSARY RALLY**

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 16, 2021 at 12:00 noon in front of St. Columbkille Church. Lawn chairs are permissible.

Please contact Isabel at 216-524-3163 for more information.

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR**

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday October 17th at 2:30 PM in St. Monica Church. All are welcome!

**CORNERSTONE OF HOPE PAIN TO PURPOSE RETREAT**

GOD did not promise us an easy life, but He did promise us eternal life and after the death of a loved one, that is the reason to live with hope each day.

At Cornerstone of Hope, our Pain to Purpose Retreat Weekend is an intentional walk in our grief by turning to Jesus Christ for that hope! Join us October 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> to transform Pain into Purpose.

For more detailed information or to register, please visit  
[www.cornerstoneofhope.org](http://www.cornerstoneofhope.org)  
or call 216-524-HOPE.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

During this month dedicated to Our Mother of Fatima; Queen of Peace, please join us in praying the rosary on THURSDAY, October 7...FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY at 4:00 pm in St. Michael Church.

**TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL**

Trinity High School invites families to its featured **Open House on October 24, 2021**, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Find out what Trinity has to offer and why we are ALL in at TrINity! More information can be found at [www.ths.org/admissions/OH](http://www.ths.org/admissions/OH).

ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES		SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
Monday 10/4	<b>Saint Francis of Assisi</b> ENTRANCE—Francis, the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up. COMMUNION Matthew 5:3—Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.	10/4 <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11 Jonah 2:3,4,5,8 You will rescue my life from the pit, O Lord. Luke 10:25-37 or Galatians 6:14-18 Ps.16:1b-2a&5,7-8,11 You are my inheritance, O Lord. Matthew 11:25-30
Tuesday 10/5	<b>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</b> ENTRANCE—O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. COMMUNION Ezekiel 34:15—I will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord.	10/5 Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 130:1b-2,3-4ab,7-8 If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand? Luke 10:38-42 or <i>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i> Ps.16:1-2a&5,7-8,11 You are my inheritance, O Lord.
Wednesday 10/6	<b>ENTRANCE</b> cf. Esther 4:17—Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all. <b>COMMUNION</b> Lamentations 3:25—The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.	10/6 Jonah 4:1-11 Ps.86:3-4,5-6,9-10 <b>Lord, you are merciful and gracious.</b> Luke 11:1-4 or <i>St. Bruno, Priest</i> Philippians 3:8-14 Ps.1:1-2,3,4&6 <b>Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.</b> Luke 9:57-62 or <i>Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i> Ps.1:1-2,3,4&6 <b>Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.</b>
<b>Friday 10/8</b>	<b>ENTRANCE</b> cf. Esther 4:17—Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all. <b>COMMUNION</b> Lamentations 3:25—The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.	10/7 <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> Malachi 3:13-20b Ps.1:1-2,3,4&6 <b>Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.</b> Luke 11:5-13 or Acts 1:12-14 Luke 1:46-47,48-49,50-51,52-53,54-55 <b>The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.</b> Luke 11:15-26
10/10	Wisdom 7:7-11 Ps.90:12-13,14-15,16-17 <b>Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!</b> Hebrews 4:1-13 Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27	10/8 Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps.9:2-3,6&16,8-9 <b>The Lord will judge the world with justice.</b> Luke 10:13-16
		10/9 Joel 4:12-21 Ps.97:1-2,5-6,11-12 <b>Rejoice in the Lord, you just!</b> Luke 11:27-28 or <i>St. Denis, Bishop &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i> 2 Corinthians 6:4-10 Ps.126:1bc-2ab,2cd-3,4-5,6 <b>Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.</b> Matthew 5:13-16 or <i>St. John Leonardi, Priest</i> 2 Corinthians 4:1-2, 5-7 Ps.96:1-2,2-3,7-8,10 <b>Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.</b> Luke 5:1-11

(Scripture readings, continued)

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Catholic Scripture Resources

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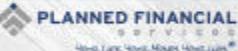
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