



Saint Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

December 5, 2021

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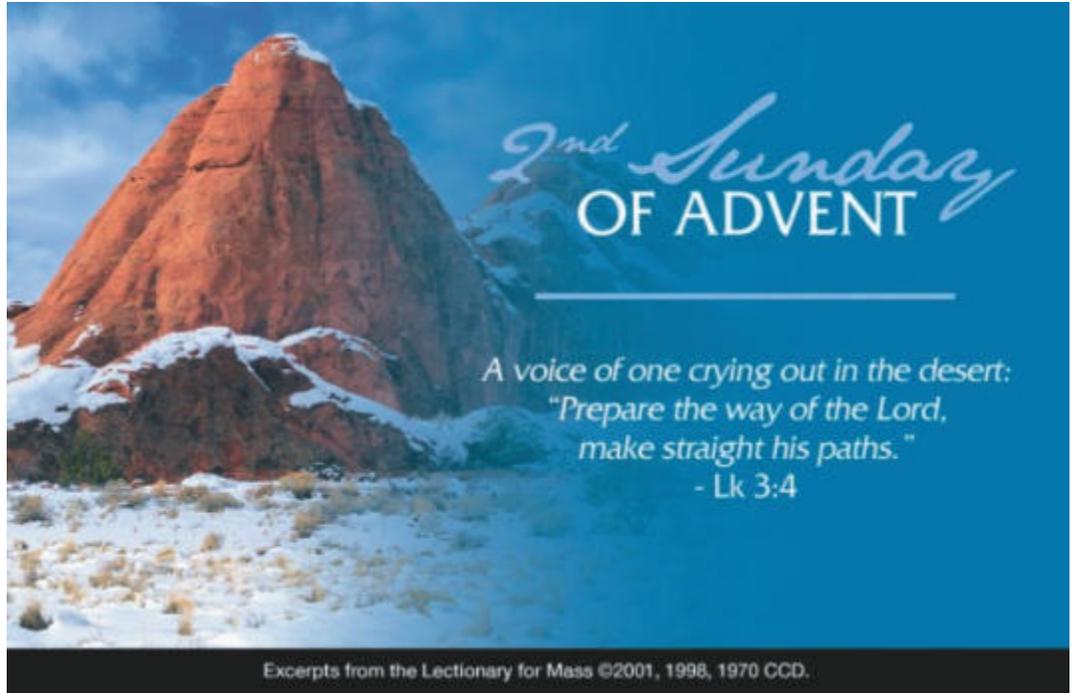
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Mass Schedule

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”

WAITING IN SILENCE

Carey Landry



1-5. Wait - ing in si - lence, wait - ing in hope;



1. we are your peo - ple, we long for you, Lord.
2. we are your peo - ple, we trust in your love.
3. we are your peo - ple, Lord, we seek your truth.
4. we are your peo - ple, we long for new life.
5. we are your peo - ple, our hearts thirst for you.



1. God ev - er with us, Em - man - u - el,
2. O Sun of Jus - tice, true Prince of Peace,
3. Wis - dom In - car - nate, teach us your way;
4. O Key of Da - vid, o - pen our hearts.
5. Flow - er of Jes - se, bloom in our midst.



1. Come, — Lord Je - sus,
 2. Come with your jus - tice, Lord,
 3. Show us the path of life,
 4. Give us new vi - sion, Lord,
 5. Make us your gar - den, Lord,
- } Ma - ra - na - tha!

The Gloria is not recited during Advent.

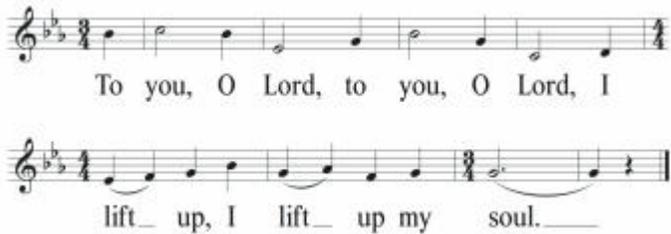
1st Reading - Baruch 5:1-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

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

Responsorial: Psalm 25



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*Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.*

*Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
The humble he guides to justice,
and teaches the humble his way.*

*Kindness and constancy
the paths of the Lord
for those who keep covenant with him.
The friendship of the Lord
with those who revere him,
his covenant for their instruction.*

Second Reading - Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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



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*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

Gospel - Luke 3:1-6

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

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.

Remember Your Love

Refrain



Re - mem - ber your love and your



faith - ful - ness, O Lord. Re - mem - ber your



peo - ple and have mer - cy on us, Lord.

Verses



1. The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion,
2. If you dwelt, O Lord, up - on our sin - ful - ness,
3. O Lord, hear the sound of my call
4. As watch - man who waits up - on the day - light,
5. Be - fore all the moun - tains were be - got - ten



whom should I fear?	The Lord is my
then who could stand?	But with you there is
and an - swer me.	My heart cries
wait for the Lord.	I trust in your
and earth took shape,	e - ven then, O

D.C.



life and my ref - uge,	when I call God hears.
mer - cy and for - give - ness	and a guid - ing hand.
out for your pres - ence;	it is you I seek.
kind - ness and re - demp - tion;	and your faith - ful word.
Lord, you were our ref - uge	through - out ev - 'ry age.

Text: Psalm 27; Mike Balhoff, b.1946
Tune: Darryl Ducoite, b.1945, and Gary Daigle, b.1957
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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.**

A VOICE CRIES OUT

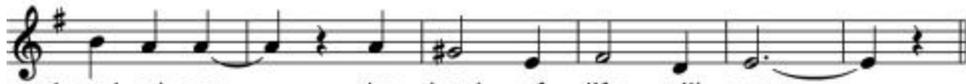
Michael Joncas



1. Con - sole my peo - ple, the ones dear to me; speak to the



1. heart of Je - ru - sa - lem: the time of your mourn - ing is



1. end - ed now, the Lord of life will come.



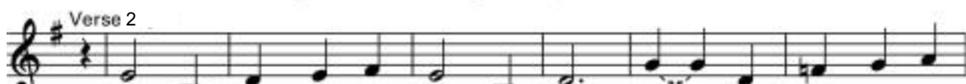
A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness: "Pre - pare a



way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wil - der -



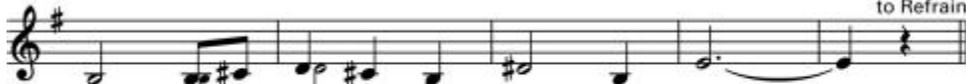
ness: "Make straight a high - way for God!"



2. Ev - 'ry val - ley is made a plain, ev - 'ry moun - tain is



2. lev - eled; the glo - ry of God — shall then be re -



2. vealed, and the na - tions will sing in praise.



3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like



3. grass and its flow - ers: the grass may with - er, the



3. flow - ers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is for - ev - er.

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Parish Website

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

St. Michael YouTube Channel

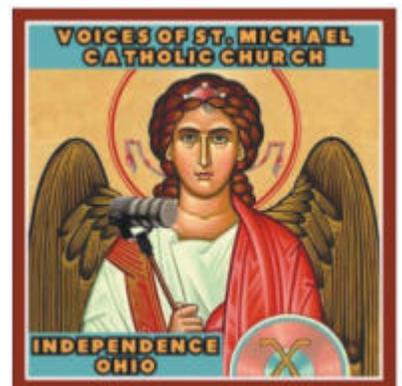
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from the Pastor

Fr. John J. Mullee



“Prepare the way of the Lord”

From the Gospel this weekend, we reflect on the season of Advent as a time to spend more time in the silence, asking Christ to enter our hearts, to open our eyes to those in our human family in need of His Light and Peace.

This week on Wednesday we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a day of obligation for Catholics—Masses will be celebrated at 8:30am, 12:05pm & 7:00pm.

“Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus commences as one would expect, a story or encomium in the ancient world to begin: namely, with high and mighty figures. It was exceedingly rare for a poet or historian in that time to concentrate on marginal or low-class figures. Accordingly, the Evangelist references Quirinius, the Roman governor of Syria and Caesar Augustus, the ruler of the world. But then he pulls the rug out from under his reader, for it becomes clear that Luke’s story is not about those potentates at all, but rather about two nobodies. Mary and Joseph, making their way, in the manner of poor refugees, from one dusty outpost to another. God, he is reminding us, works in unexpected ways and is found in unexpected places.” (Bishop Robert Barron)

Thank you, brothers and sisters, for your generosity in serving those families in need through the Advent Giving Tree.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Pray for Us

St. Michael Church Advent Services

Friday December 17th
Adoration & Confessions
6-8pm

The weekend of December 18th & 19th we will celebrate all Masses with the Anointing of the Sick

2021-2022 Christmas/New Years Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th, 2021
4:00pm & 10:00pm

Saturday, December 25th, 2021
8:00am & 10:00am*

Saturday, January 1st, 2022
10:00am*

* The Saturday Vigil (4:30pm) will not be celebrated on The Feast of the Nativity (Dec.25) Sunday Masses are celebrated as usual. The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Jan.1) is not a day of obligation this year.

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
Capt. Zak Zubic, Marine Corps
LT George Ponce, Navy
Lt. Col. Michael Oetjens, Air Force
Ensign Kevin Clymer, Navy

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 4

4:30 + Ross Mass
(Mark & Sherry Morisky)

Sunday, December 5

8:00 Parishioners
10:00 + Yolanda Marotta
(Angelo & Felicia Catalano)
12:00 + Kevin Bonko
(Dad)

Monday, December 6

8:30 SVDP

Tuesday, December 7

8:30 + George Kolousek
(Daughter)

Wednesday, December 8—Immaculate Conception

8:30 + Thomas Weardon
(George, Debbie & Bernadette Serba)
12:05 + Edward & Dorothy Pacyna
(Family)
7:00 + GianFranco Cesa
(Catherine & Josephine Cesa)

Friday, December 10

8:30 + Bob Artrip
(Family)

Saturday, December 11

4:30 + Carmella, Carmello & Biagio Idriolo
(Antonia Giaimo)

Sunday, December 12

8:00 Parishioners
10:00 + John & Mary Yudasz
(John & Louise Satory)
12:00 + Thomas P. Day
(Geoff Harvey)

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	11/21/2021	11/28/2021
Regular Collection	\$13,645	\$7,768
Parish Maintenance	\$1,064	\$525
School Endowment	\$20	\$80
Human Development	\$664	

Thank you!

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

**Remembering all of our
beloved deceased especially
all those remembered in
the St. Michael Memorial Fund and**

Nancy Zuchinski

Margo Ressler

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.



Wedding Banns

II Laura DiGeronimo & Connor Sideri



Adoration Chapel Meditations

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

Open Frank's Advent Gift. It's a Doorway.

If Advent is the arrival of an important person or event, people of faith—or those searching for faith—might prepare by thinking of themselves as living in one big Advent calendar. Its days are a series of doors we open as we get closer to Christmas. If you've seen these greeting-card-like calendars, you know that each day offers a door concealing a gospel truth designed to prepare us for when we open that last door leading to God. One gentleman nearing the last door on his life's Advent calendar helped his Eucharistic minister realize our life's connection to Advent.

Frank's Eucharistic minister had been giving him Sunday Communion every week for the last couple of Frank's 99 years. He followed Frank on his journey from home, to assisted living, to hospice, and together they opened the door to a new gospel lesson with each visit. What these two men taught each other as Frank approached his life's final Advent door is, doors must be opened to become doorways.

Doors separating us from God don't have locks on them, but sometimes we make opening doorways more difficult with each additional obstacle we place in front of them. The readings for the second Sunday in Advent show us that our lives are a collaboration with God to tunnel-through walls and bridge the gaps separating us from each other—and therefore, from Him. This reading from Baruch (**Bar 5:1-9**) tells us God is passionate about doing his part.

For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.

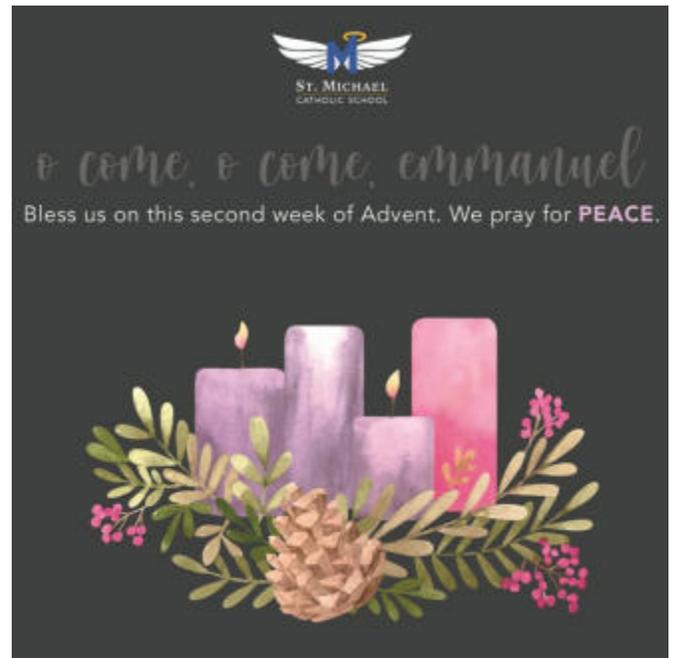
Luke's gospel (**Lk 3:1-6**) makes us part of the plan to fulfill Isaiah's promise of a human voice crying out in the desert, exhorting us to do our part in making a way for God.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Through Paul's message to the Philippians (**Phil 1:4-6, 8-11**), we can share his confidence that our collaboration with God to make our ways toward each other will result in a divine meeting.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Frank's family invited his Eucharistic minister to be with him on his last day. The fact you're reading about it here is a gift Frank wanted him to share with others who might be struggling to open and enter their own daily doorways to moments of gospel truth. On this second Sunday in Advent, the truth is, **"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."** (Psalm 126)

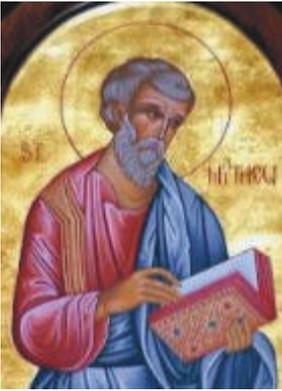


*Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic?
Have you been attending Mass with your spouse, a friend, or family member and would like to learn more about joining the faith and sharing in the full sacramental life of the Church?*

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.



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.'

Here is an excerpt from a letter from the **Cleveland Society of St. Vincent de Paul**:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for helping us "blanket" neighbors in warmth and compassion! Your kind gift of **\$2123.00** to our **35th Annual Blanket Sunday** appeal is being used to supply local men, women, children and seniors with new warm blankets, mattresses, beds and other necessities. These basic items are ones that most of us may take for granted but are incredibly difficult to acquire for struggling individuals and families on a limited income. Because of caring people like you, last year the Society was able to purchase and distribute 4,5000 plus blankets to the homeless and nearly 200 beds to low-income individuals and families throughout Northeast Ohio.

God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

In Gratitude,

Gary Sole
Chief Executive Officer

Donations Needed! Christmas Cookie Drive



To benefit our homebound parishioners
Please donate 3 dozen of the same Christmas Cookie.
Donations can be dropped off at the rectory on
Friday, December 10th from 9-4
and Saturday December 11th from 12:00-2:00.
Thank you for your support.
Please contact Christine in the rectory
With any questions 216-524-1394 x11.

SANDWICH SATURDAY

Over 300 hundred peanut butter and jelly sandwich were made this past saturday. St. Ambrose provides over 3000 sandwiches each week to feed the homeless and children. Now more than ever they need our help. Your gift of service is invaluable. We will be making sandwiches again on December 18th. Save the date.

THANK YOU!

Question: call Barbara Juliani 524-7206

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

For visits to Parishioners in Hospitals, Nursing facilities or homebound, please let us know if you or someone you know is receiving some medical care and would like a pastoral visit. We want to be with you during these challenging times. Please call the rectory and leave a message for Sr. Betty.



For a Synodal Church:
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**CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR
HOLIDAY FAMILY GATHERINGS**

Pope Francis has invited us to listen to one another, share our experiences, and dream about the future of the Church as part of the upcoming Synod of Bishops. It's for everyone – not just practicing Catholics.

Are you being called to give a voice to someone who might not otherwise participate in this process? During the holidays, you may encounter a friend or family member willing to have a conversation with you about their faith journey and experiences in the Church. We hope you will consider taking this opportunity to listen to their stories with an open mind and heart.

Before your conversation, ask the Holy Spirit to help you to know when and how to begin, to guide your words, to help you see with His eyes and love with His heart. Say the prayer below or speak from your heart.

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

—Holy Spirit Prayer of Saint Augustine

Think about your own perceptions and assumptions before you begin the conversation. Simply listen with an open heart. Be non-judgmental in your words, actions, and posture. Try to imagine yourself in the other person's shoes.

You may want to begin like this: *"Pope Francis has asked everyone in the Church to spend time listening to one another and sharing our experiences of Church. Would you be open to a conversation? The goal is listen to one another, learn from our experiences, and identify ways that we can move forward together as Church."*

Here are some questions to get you started:

- *What is one of your favorite memories of the Catholic Church? How can we share in that joy more often?*
- *Describe a moment when you felt unwelcome by the Church. What can we do better?*
- *What are some practical steps that the Church can take to walk with you on your life's journey?*

At the end of the conversation, repeat back what understood was being expressed. For those who have been hurt by the Church, take this opportunity to apologize and to share words of care and encouragement.

Scan the QR code to complete the online form to share your thoughts with the larger Church. Thank you for being a listening ear for our Church!



St. Michael Advent Giving Tree



This year due to Covid our Advent Tree will be collecting gift cards for those in need. If you can't come to church to take a tag please send a gift card to the rectory. We will be collecting gift cards for Metro Catholic, I'm in a Ministry, and 8 St. Michael Families in need. Our Youth Group will be donating stocking stuffers too. We will also be collecting gifts for Koinonia. All gift cards and gifts need to be received by Monday, December 14th. These can be dropped off under the Advent Tree or dropped off in the church rectory. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

CATHOLIC CEMETARIES GRIEF SUPPORT

Please visit <https://www.clecem.org/> for the most updated schedule of events.

CCA Grief Support December 19th "In-Office" at 3:00pm and "Virtual" at 5:00pm:

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3pm) at six Cemetery offices and Virtually (5pm) via Zoom. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month; 4th Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. The December 19th topic is "The Gift of God's Presence: You Never Walk Alone". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

3:00 pm In-Office Grief Support groups meet in the main office building at each of the following 6 cemetery locations:

All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road
All Souls, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road
Calvary Cleveland | 10000 Miles Avenue
Holy Cross, Akron | 100 E Waterloo Road
Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road
St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road

Catholic Cemeteries Association follows the guidelines set by the CDC, the State of Ohio, and the Diocese of Cleveland regarding COVID-19 protocols.

5:00 pm Virtual Grief Support group meets for an hour via Zoom and follows the same monthly topic discussion as the in-office groups.

Sign-up at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> to receive login information and to download the hand-out materials. You can join virtually from any Wi-Fi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone, or even without Wi-Fi (via audio only) from your analog phone. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Your RSVP for both In-Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but not required to attend. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866

"A Closer Walk With Thee" – 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, go to the signup form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

PSR Classes this week!

Tuesday, December 7th

**2nd Grade 6:15pm-7:30pm
in the Church**

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

**4th Grade Virtual
6:30-7:30pm**

All other grades are home study this week.

**Contact the PSR office:
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CONGRATULATIONS!

To Robert and Alexandra Law
who celebrated their 40th Anniversary
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Sunday December 12th at 2:30PM
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Prayer before meals:

*Loving Father,
As we gather at our table to give thanks
and honor to You, We remember Your grace
and open our hearts to Your compassion.
We are in a pandemic and our hearts are restless.
The future which lies ahead is uncertain and anxiety
producing. We place ourselves in Your care,
entrusting our lives to You. Bless our family,
our parish, our nation, and our world.
Give us comfort and strength.
Help us to see beyond this challenge
and find comfort in Your guidance.
Jesus, we place our trust in You.
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ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES	SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
<p>Monday 12/6</p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Jeremiah 31:10; Isaiah 35:4—Here the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our Savior will come; you need no longer fear.</p> <p>COMMUNION cf. Psalm 106:4-5; Isaiah 38:3—Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.</p> <p><u>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</u></p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Ezekiel 34:11, 23-24—I will look after my sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.</p> <p>COMMUNION cf. John 15:16—It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.</p>	<p>12/6 Isaiah 35:1-10 Ps.85:9ab&10,11-12,13-14 Our God will come to save us! Luke 5:17-26 or <i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i> Isaiah 6:1-8 Ps.40:2&4,7-8a,8b-9,10,11 Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. Luke 10:1-9</p> <p>12/7 <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> Isaiah 40:1-11 Ps.96:1-2,3&10ac,11-12,13 The Lord our Gode comes with power. Matthew 18:12-14 or Ephesians 3:8-12 Ps.89:2-3,4-5,21-22,25&27 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. John 10:11-16</p>
<p>Tuesday 12/7</p> <p><u>Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</u></p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Sirach 15:5—In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.</p> <p>COMMUNION cf. Psalm 1:2,3—He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.</p>	<p>12/8 <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i> Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ps.98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds. Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38</p>
<p>Wednesday 12/8</p> <p><u>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</u></p> <p>ENTRANCE Isaiah 61:10—I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.</p> <p>COMMUNION—Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.</p>	<p>12/9 Isaiah 41:13-20 Ps.145:1&9,10-11,12-13 The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and of great kindness. Matthew 11:11-15</p> <p><i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i> 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Ps.131:1bcde,2,3 In you, Lord, I have found my peace. Matthew 11:25-30</p>
<p>Friday 12/10</p> <p>ENTRANCE—Behold the Lord will come descending with splendor to visit his people with peace, and he will bestow on them eternal life.</p> <p>COMMUNION cf. Philippians 3:20-21—We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies, to conform with his glorified body.</p> <p><u>Our Lady of Loreto</u></p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Isaiah 45:8—Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.</p> <p>COMMUNION cf. Isaiah 7:14—Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name will be Emmanuel.</p>	<p>12/10 Isaiah 48:17-19 Ps.1:1-2,3,4&6 Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life. Matthew 11:16-19</p> <p><i>Our Lady of Loreto</i> Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Luke 1:46-47,48-49,50-51,52-53,54-55 The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. Luke 1:26-38</p>
<p>12/11 Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps.80:2ac&3b,15-16,18-19 Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. Matthew 17:9a, 10-13</p> <p><i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i> Acts 20:17-18a, 28-32, 36 Ps.110:1,2,3,4 You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. John 15:9-17</p> <p>12/12 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> Zephaniah 3:14-18a Isaiah 12:2-3,4,5-6 Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel! Philippians 1:4-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6</p>	<p>(Scriptures continued after Mass propers)</p>



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