



Saint Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

January 30, 2022

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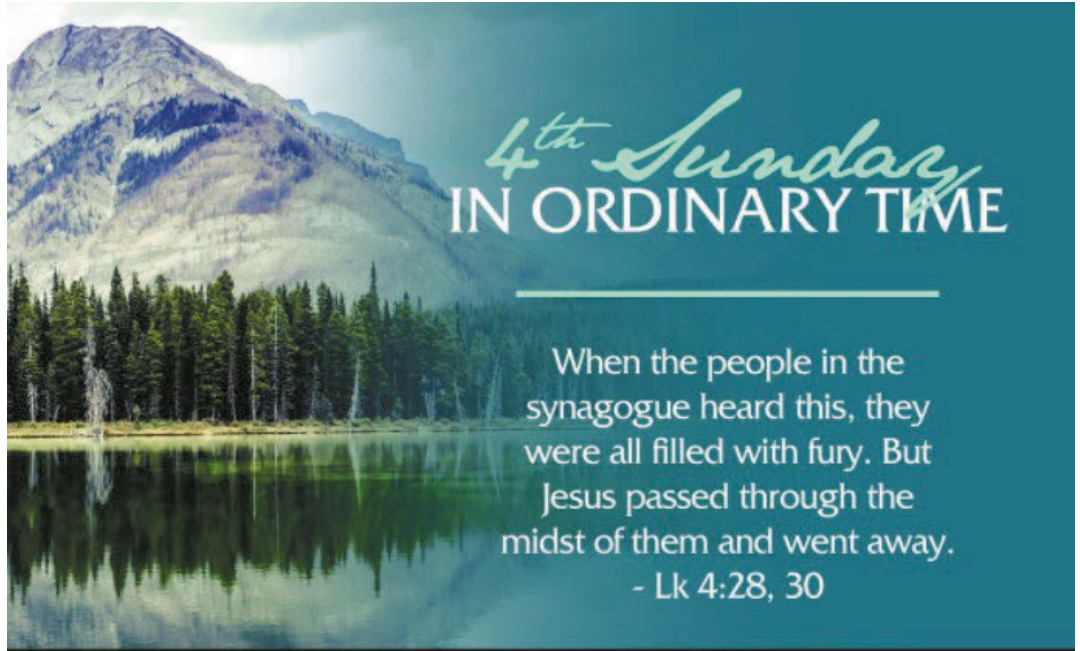
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Mass Schedule

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

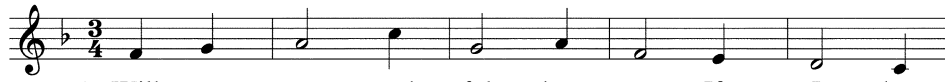
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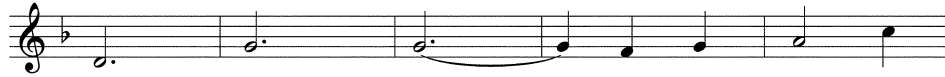
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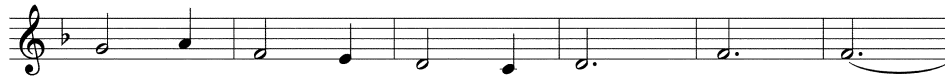
The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

**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 - Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

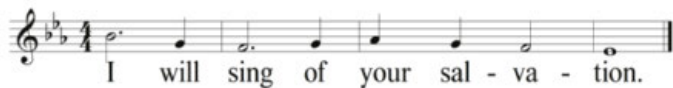
A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

But do you gird your loins;
stand up and tell them
all that I command you.
Be not crushed on their account,
as though I would leave you crushed before them;
for it is I this day
who have made you a fortified city,
a pillar of iron, a wall of brass,
against the whole land:
against Judah's kings and princes,
against its priests and people.
They will fight against you but not prevail over you,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.

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

Responsorial Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17



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*In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, and deliver me;
incline your ear to me, and save me.*

*Be my rock of refuge,
a stronghold to give me safety,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
O my God, rescue me from the hand of the
wicked.*

*For you are my hope, O Lord;
my trust, O God, from my youth.
On you I depend from birth;
from my mother's womb you are my strength.*

*My mouth shall declare your justice,
day by day your salvation.
O God, you have taught me from my youth,
and till the present I proclaim your wondrous
deeds.*

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the
Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:
Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.
But I shall show you a still more excellent way.
If I speak in human and angelic tongues,
but do not have love,
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.
And if I have the gift of prophecy,
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;
if I have all faith so as to move mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.
If I give away everything I own,
and if I hand my body over so that I may boast,
but do not have love, I gain nothing.
Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, it is not pompous,
It is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.
If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing;
if tongues, they will cease;
if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.
For we know partially and we prophesy partially,
but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.
When I was a child, I used to talk as a child,
think as a child, reason as a child;
when I became a man, I put aside childish things.
At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror,
but then face to face.
At present I know partially;
then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.
So faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

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



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*The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
and to proclaim liberty to captives.*

Gospel - Luke 4:21-30

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?"

He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'"

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

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.

YOU ARE NEAR

Dan Schutte



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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.**

SAVE US, O LORD

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain



Save us, O Lord; car-ry us back. Rouse your pow-er and come.



Res-cue your peo-ple; show us your face. Bring us back.

Verse 1



1. O Shep-herd of Is - ra - el, hear us. Re - turn and we shall be




1. saved. A - rise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back!

to Refrain

Verse 2



2. How long will you hide from your peo-ple? We long to



2. see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts!

to Refrain

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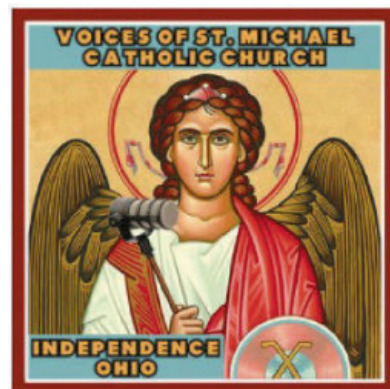
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from the Pastor

Fr. John J. Mullee



As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week this year (beginning on Jan 31st), please take time to pray for all those who dedicate their lives to ensuring Catholic education remains a vibrant and accessible option for all students. Visit your local Catholic school. Encourage others to consider a Catholic school education. And please pray for all our students and teachers, catechists, and administrators (Bishop Edward Malesic)

Thanks to those who have come forward to join the Parish Pastoral Council (Ray Turk and Tracee Zubic). Please call the office if you are interested in joining. Please consider signing up as a liturgical minister. You can call the office or sign up on the sheets in the sacristy. There are numerous needs for all the Masses, especially a server for the Saturday 4:30 Vigil.

Jesus diffuses love because he is Infinite Goodness: if we love him, we can't keep it stored away in the inner recesses of our soul... We draw near to souls through the written word, through advice, through serving one another, and through teachings. If we have a true love for souls, Jesus will put us in contact with them. Then our duty is to never refuse any sacrifice, either of body or soul, no matter what it might cost us. Are we suffering? Happy the trial that achieves grace! We should accept with a smile those circumstances that evoke sacrifice. Should we not reproduce the mystery of Christ in His apostolate? Goodness is the vengeance of great souls. Let us go forward, for faith and love shall overcome all failings and acts of ingratitude (Blessed Concepcion Cabrera De Armida, also known as "Conchita", who died in 1973, was a wife mother, widow, and mystical writer. She was the first Mexican laywoman to be beatified)

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**

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.

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

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 29

4:30 + Margo Ressler
(Andrea Sabol)

Sunday, January 30

8:00 + Chester & Doris Kendziora
(Family)

10:00 Parishioners

12:00 + Louise Gubana
(Tom & Marie Luvison)

Monday, January 31

8:30 + James & Mildred Novak
(Family)

Tuesday, February 1

8:30 + Steven Polasko
(Mom & Dad)

Wednesday, February 2

8:30 + Gerry Buchtinec
(Ruth Hinz)

Friday, February 4

8:30 + John Luvison
(Tom & Marie Luvison
& Family)

Saturday, February 5

4:30 + Don & Barb Kollecker
(Don, Deedee & Dennis)

Sunday, February 6

8:00 Parishioners

10:00 + Yolanda Marotta
(Mark & Marie Nemeth)

12:00 + Augusta & Raymond Eppich
(Jeff Eppich)

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

1/23/2022

Regular Collection	\$8,416
Parish Maintenance	\$30
School Endowment	\$175

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 Fabrizio
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	Gaylene Bielawski
Phyllis Owsiak	Judy T.
Gaetano Rini	Posy Grzincic
Gayle Rini	Ron Krzynowek
Daisy Santocildes	Dorothy K.
Ron Gerba	Christine Banaszak
Jerry Wright	Terrie Goodrich
Judy Fiore	Linda Szymanski
Mark L.	Ken Stephan
Jen LeBlanc	Alexis Cerio
Cecilia M.	Tony Kucia
Joe Denk	Rosanne Cifani
Barbara P.	Mafalda Fiorentino
Ashley Skuhrovec	Donald Keller
Sylvia Priebe	Patrick Baker
Rita Matthis	Mary Jane Blue
Maryann Cohara	Levi
Michelle Murach	Sue Synek
David Pichert	Judy Scouloukas
Sal Loparo	Tom Case
Vincenzino Ciclone	Marilyn Case
	Denise Polasko

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

Pansy Spurio

Anna Mae Polasko

Robert Kovach

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.

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Adoration Chapel Meditations

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

Please God—Humor Us.

Prophets and the best comedians have something in common: they're fearless truth-tellers. They're also their own most honest critics. While on life's stage, for them, failure to win over an audience can result in literal or figurative death ("I died out there," a comedian might say).

Jesus deals with one of those hostile audiences and faces literal death in this Sunday's gospel reading (**Lk 4:21-30**). In fact, when his teaching about how God chooses his chosen people lands with a thud, Jesus responds:

"No prophet is accepted in his own native place."

Sounds like the tagline comedian Rodney Dangerfield made famous: *"No respect; no respect at all."*

Jesus' audience that day tried to prove it.

They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill

on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

This showcases the courage God's truth-tellers require. In Sunday's second reading (**1 Cor 12:31—13:13**), Paul uses the hyperbole of a comic to tell the Corinthians a truth that history will never let us forget:

If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

Here, Paul demonstrates a skill professional truth-tellers learn: balancing between the comfort in knowing God is with them and the humility of realizing that gift is not for them alone. The prophet Jeremiah gives voice to that lesson in Sunday's first reading (**Jer 1:4-5, 17-19**):

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

Let's conclude with the *"Prayer for Good Humor,"* in which St. Thomas More, one of Catholicism's greatest and most courageous humorists, shares with us why he and his fellow truth-tellers deserve our undying respect:

"Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called 'I.' Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke, to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others."



ST. MICHAEL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CELEBRATE the GIFT
of a CATHOLIC education



Heavenly Father, Please bless the students and teachers of St. Michael School, and all those who are a part of our mission. May our building be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, and service of others. May our community always support one another and exhibit hospitality to newcomers. Fill our minds with knowledge and wisdom. Fill our hearts with gladness. Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others. May we always turn to you in times of need, and may we show your unceasing love to others through all that we do. Amen.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

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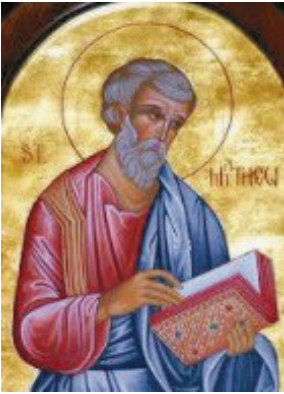
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Matthew 25

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.'

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 11, 2022 – Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is one of nine global humanitarian organizations joining Pearl Jam and other celebrities to urge the White House to address Afghanistan's worsening humanitarian crisis, which cannot be solved by aid alone.

"Having recently come back from Afghanistan, I can attest to the growing needs we're seeing across the country. If we act now, we can prevent untold suffering," said Sean Callahan, CRS' president and CEO.

The campaign is pushing for the U.S. and global leaders to address the economic drivers of the hunger crisis by facilitating banking access for Afghans and in finding new ways to support the country's critical services like hospitals, schools, and utilities.

The nine global charities include: Alliance for Peacebuilding, CARE USA, Catholic Relief Services, International Rescue Committee, InterAction, Norwegian Refugee Council USA, Save the Children USA, War Child USA and World Vision U.S.

As detailed in a joint statement issued by the nine humanitarian organizations, more than half the country's population of 38 million people are facing acute food insecurity, including 9 million who are on the brink of famine. According to the United Nations, if no action is taken, more than 100,000 children could die of starvation. While prices skyrocket, Afghan families cannot access cash to pay for food, medicine or other items.

As part of the campaign, CRS welcomes Catholics and others of goodwill to join forces and advocate for Afghanistan by sending a letter to the White House via the CRS website.

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The agency alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality. CRS' relief and development work is accomplished through programs of emergency response, HIV, health, agriculture, education, microfinance and peacebuilding.



Holy Land Gifts

After all Masses on February 12th & 13th, There will be a display of handmade articles for sale such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, and many other beautiful religious items.

Because of conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet.

Holy Land Gifts represents over 150 families who make a living by selling traditional olivewood handcrafts and religious articles.

When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families who live and work with dignity in the region fraught with tension.

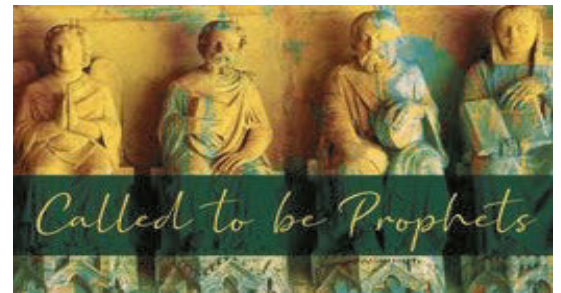
Thank you for supporting this project to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

You can now request your 2021 contribution statements.

Please send a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope with your request.

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YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS | CLEVELAND CHAPTER

February Executive Speaker

Series with:

**Gayle & Scott
Oboy**



Gayle Oboy was a Certified Financial Planner for 17 years before hanging it up and deciding to raise a son with her husband Scott Oboy. Scott was the CFO of Westfield Bank for the past 4 years before retiring!



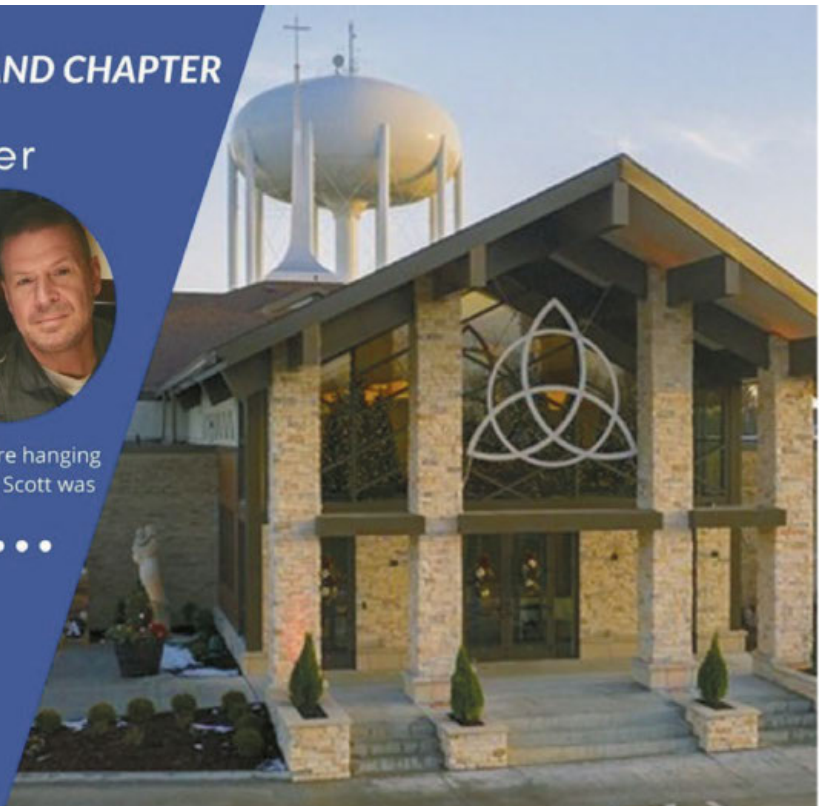
Tuesday, February 8, 2022

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Mother Teresa Room

St. Ambrose Church | Brunswick

RSVP at ycpcleveland.org/events



Sunday Grief Support Groups

3rd Sunday of each month

3 pm In-Office

5 pm Virtual Meeting

*Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning,
and healing along your grief journey.*

Your RSVP is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

2022 Meeting Dates

January 16	July 17
February 20	August 21
March 20	September 18
April 24	October 16
May 15	November 20
June 26	December 18

Locations

(Cemetery Offices)

St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron
Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park
Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland
All Saints Cemetery, Northfield
All Souls Cemetery, Chardon

The CCA follows guidance set by the [CDC](#), the [State of Ohio](#), and the [Diocese of Cleveland](#) regarding COVID-19 protocols.

St. Michael PSR

Virtual Classes
this week:

Tuesday 2/1/22

3rd Grade
(6:30-7:00pm)
&
6th Grade
(6:30-7:30pm)

Zoom links will be sent
out on Monday.

PSR Office
216.524.4212

Educators and Parents: Please invite students in
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As we gather at our table to give thanks
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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.
St Michael the Archangel- Pray for us!
Amen.*

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES	SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
<p>Monday 1/31</p> <p><u>Saint John Bosco, Priest</u> ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 132:9—Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy. COMMUNION cf. Matthew 24:46-47—Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.</p>	<p>1/31 <i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i> 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps.3:2-3,4-5,6-7 Lord, rise up and save me. Mark 5:1-20 or Philippians 4:4-9 Ps.103:1bc-2,3-4,8-9,13-14,17-18 O bless the Lord, my soul! Matthew 18:1-5</p>
<p>Tuesday 2/1</p> <p>ENTRANCE Psalm 106:47—Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you. COMMUNION cf. Psalm 31:17-18—Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.</p>	<p>2/1 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Ps.86:1-2,3-4,5-6 Listen, Lord, and answer me. Mark 5:21-43</p>
<p>Wednesday 2/2</p> <p><u>Presentation of the Lord</u> ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 48:10-11—Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice. COMMUNION Luke 2:30-31—My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.</p>	<p>2/2 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> Malachi 3:1-4 Ps.24:7,8,9,10 Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32</p>
<p>Friday 2/4</p> <p>ENTRANCE Psalm 106:47—Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you. COMMUNION cf. Psalm 31:17-18—Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.</p>	<p>2/3 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chronicles 29:10,11ab,11d-12a, 12bcd Lord, you are exalted over all. Mark 6:7-13</p> <p><i>St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr</i> Romans 5:1-5 Ps.117:1bc,2 Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. Mark 16:15-20</p>
	<p><i>St. Ansgar, Bishop</i> Isaiah 52:7-10 Ps.96:1-2a,2b-3,7-8,10 Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations. Mark 1:14-20</p>
 <p>For daily bible readings, go to usccb.org</p>	<p>2/4 Sirach 47:2-11 Ps.18:31, 47 & 50, 51 Blessed be God my salvation! Mark 6:14-29</p> <p>2/5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i> 1 Kings 3:4-13 Ps.119:9,10,11,12,13,14 Lord, teach me your statutes. Mark 6:3-34 or 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Ps.31:3cd-4,6&8ab,16bc&17 Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Luke 9:23-26</p> <p>2/6 Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps.138:1-2,2-3,4-5,7-8 In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Luke 5:1-11</p> <p>WORD on FIRE Catholic Scripture Resources</p>



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