

THE CHURCH OF ST. ANSELM

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† <u>SUNDAY MASSES</u> Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

<u>WEEKDAY MASSES</u> Monday, Tuesday. Thursday & Friday at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

We will <u>live-stream</u> Masses Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Weekdays

<u>ADORATION</u> Tuesdays 9—11:30 a.m.

Benediction Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

<u>CONFESSION</u> Saturday: 3:00—3:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR Fr. Christopher Cox

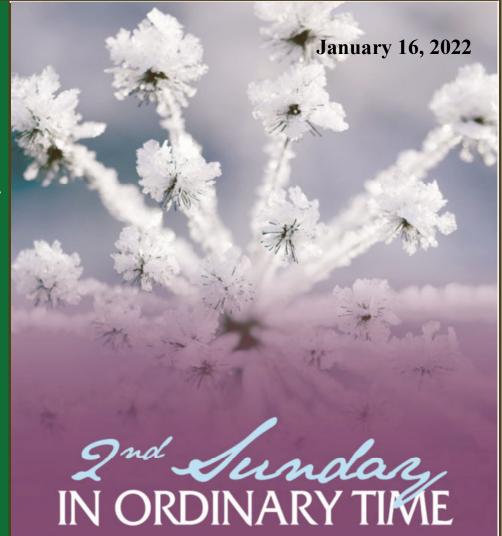
Mission Statement

We are a caring, Catholic community called to welcome all people to experience God's love through Jesus Christ by:

Celebrating Mass and the other Sacraments

Serving those in need

Living and sharing the Word of God



Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

WELCOME We are glad you are here! If you would like to join the parish, or if you are not Catholic and have questions and would like to learn about the faith, please call the parish office.

From the Desk of Father Chris

"As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you." (Is. 62:5)

We're officially in "Ordinary Time" of the Church's liturgical year. This time is anything but ordinary for you and me. We're continually called by our God to become Saints for our world and for our families. I encourage each of us to look to the Seven Virtues this week for guidance: Humility, Patience, Kindness, Diligence, Charity, Temperance, and Chastity.

Here at St. Anselm we have two bittersweet announcements with the announced retirements of our school principal, Sue Pohly, and our business manager, Kathy Popelka. We're sad to see them go from their capacity at our parish, but we're happy that they will have some time to relax with friends and family via retirement.

Sue has been a beautiful blessing to our parish school having served here for four years. She's been the steady leader we've needed during the tumultuous time of the pandemic. We're so grateful for the work that she has done and will continue to do through the remainder of the academic year. I've begun the official search processes as outlined by the Diocese to find our next school principal.

When I first arrived here at the parish, there was a common response to the plethora of questions that I had: "ask Kathy". Kathy has truly been the seat of knowledge and wisdom here at the parish. Having served in her capacity as business manager and head of facilities for 25 years, spiritually the Lord is telling her "well done, good and faithful servant..." as we hear in Matthew 25:23. I've also begun the process to find the next business manager for our parish community. Kathy agreed to help teach her successor.

These two women will always have a very dear place in my heart for the care that they've had for each of us. They're truly women who love the Lord and His * SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11 JANUARY 16, 2022



Monday, January 17, 2022 @ **8:30am** ~ **Rosanna Lanese** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 8:30am ~ Frank & Anna Behlow

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 7:00pm ~ Robert Szczepinski

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 20, 2022 *(a)* **8:30am** ~ **Raymond, Katherine, Jerry and Stacy Lynn Hahn** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 21, 2022 *(a)* **8:30am** ~ **Eleanor & Donald Wojciechowski** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 22, 2022 @ 4:00pm ~Deacon Don Sill

Readings for Sunday January 23, 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

WEEKLY OFFERING ~ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

January 9, 2022

Offertory \$	6,939.01
Education & Development\$	114.00
Christmas\$	1,360.00
Online Giving	
Offertory \$	5,622.00
Education & Development \$2	2,115.00

From the Desk of Father Chris (continued)

people. Please join me in praying for them and please pray for those of us working to fill these two valuable positions.

May God Bless You, Fr. Chris

Notes from Sister Noel ...

I don't know about you but I found the last two weeks were filled with gray days that slipped into early dark nights. I longed for light! What stood out for me was the great contrast of Christmas lights and candlelight in the midst of it all, on houses and in houses, even God's house, our Church, but now we experience the difference with Christmas light gone. The streets seem so dark. The Church is back to its simpler look. This is a reminder we must move on.



Where is the light we seek? For us as Catholics we know the light we seek is the Light of Christ. Jesus is truly our Light! In a world that sometimes stymies us or disturbs us, we need the Light that brings clarity and peace. We find ourselves drawn to the Jesus Light through the Scriptures and the Sacraments.

Though a new cycle begins in our liturgical readings, the quest continues for all of us to find Christ. Are we still actively seeking Jesus through solitude and in our interactions with others? God talks to us in many ways.

Let's not forget the dimension of community, our worshiping with each other and extending ourselves in service. God talks to us through our Church community and beyond. Are our eyes open to the needs that may surround us? How have we as a community supported those needs? Certainly in the times of crises in our area, our country and our world we have been asked to financially support the cause, the people suffering and you have done that. You have made a difference many times. Are there other ways you reach out to those whose need goes unnoticed?

Bring the light of Christ to others through our words or actions. Jesus through his life has shown us how to do just that. As we read the stories of Jesus, Scriptures slowly, let their meaning touch our hearts. Let the person of Jesus enlighten us and may we keep on searching for God in the expected and unexpected. Be assured, we will find His Presence in 2022, if we but look.

Sister nach Marra 0.54



Thank you for your generosity this Christmas Season. May God Bless You with a Healthy and Happy New Year! **Christmas Offertory** \$64,040.89



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rite Of Christian Initiation of Adults

"The people of God as represented by the local church, should understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized. Therefore the community must always be fully prepared in the pursuit of its apostolic vocation to give help to those who are searching for Christ. (RCIA, 1972)



The RCIA process is a very special time for each of our catechumen and candidates. It is time when hearts are opened to God in a way that leads to a new relationship with God formed in the Catholic tradition of the faith. But the RCIA is also liturgical, pastoral, and communal. All these aspects of the journey nourish the hearts and minds of those seeking full membership in the Church.

The liturgy is the source and summit of the faith. It is here that each one of us is fed by the word, hears stories of the faith and is nourished by the body and blood of Jesus, the Christ. It is through our example that our catechumen and candidates are drawn into the liturgical life of the St. Anselm community.

The pastoral aspect is provided by breaking open the word further and providing opportunities for those seeking initiation to share God's words more deeply.

Finally, the communal aspect of this journey involves the community of faith into which the catechumen and candidates will be initiated. This involves the RCIA team supporting the seekers on their journey through their faithful presence with and prayer for them. It involves witnessing the faith of the community who gathers weekly for the liturgy. In a very homey way it involves joining the community in the coffee and doughnut social and weekly sharing conversations both simple and profound.

Your efforts to welcome these candidates has been a gift of community for each of them. They remember your warmth, your smiles and your kindness as they risk stepping into this new Catholic world. We are grateful for all the ways that St. Anselm Parish has been present to our catechumenate process and look forward to continued connections with all of you.

Sr. Mary Ellen and the RCIA Team

Happenings in our School

As fourth graders explored how flooding, volcanoes, and earthquakes change the Earth's surface, a discussion began as to how buildings and bridges survive these catastrophic events. Students researched types of bridges, the characteristics of each type, and how each is sturdier than the others against particular weather.

Students worked in groups to design a bridge that they felt would be strong enough to withstand an earthquake. They took pieces and parts from each bridge to develop a design of their own. Each team was given the same set of materials including tongue depressors,



popsicle sticks, straws, rubber bands, pipe cleaners, index cards, glue, and masking tape, along with a metal tray.



Upon completion, weights were set on the bridge to see how much it could hold without bending or collapsing. Next, each bridge was subjected to a "shake test" simulating an earthquake. Students were given one opportunity to make changes and test again. A debriefing session

was held after each presentation to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each bridge.

Many future engineers were inspired and validated throughout this STEM experience! The conversations that were held as ideas and plans were offered, debated, and agreed upon were top-notch. As students practiced compromising and coming to a consensus, real-life lessons were practiced and polished!





II Anne Dolphin Anthony Huelsman

THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANSELM CHESTERLAND, OHIO



Synod 2021-2023



Over the past several months, Catholics from around the world have been participating in the "Synod 2021-2023." Pope Francis has invited the entire Church to participate in a dialogue with one another and with the worldwide Catholic Church. Bishops from every diocese will bring this united Catholic voice throughout the world to their 2023 gathering in Rome.

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St. Anselm parishioners have been coming together at several gatherings to both individually and communally reflect on what it means to be Catholic, where the Holy Spirit is leading us as a diocese, and how God is calling us at this time in the history of our Church? These gatherings included praying together, listening to one another, sharing one's experiences, and dreaming about the future of our Church.

If you were not able to come to any of our Synod meetings, we still value your input. Reflection questions that address your own personal experiences, hopes and vision for the Church are available at the parish office and in our Church baptistry.

Please return them to the desk in the Baptistry or to the Parish Office by Sunday, January 23rd.

Please continue to pray for the Synod process taking place throughout the world. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us and speak to us as the Body of Christ.

Thanks, Sr. Denise Marie and Nicole DeBenedictus

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YOUNG OF HEART will meet on January 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. Bring your brown bag lunch. Snacks and beverage will be provided. Our speaker will be Gary Hunter who will "Take a ride along Rt. 6."

Remember that now is the time to pay your dues of \$20 for the year. Also, remember if the West Geauga Schools are closed because of weather, the meeting is cancelled. You will not be called. Check the morning news for school closings.



Struggling with separation or divorce? Join us for **Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8-week support** that via group program will meet Zoom Saturday mornings from 10 AM - Noon, beginning January 8th and concluding on February 26, 2022. At the 4-week point, the group will determine if they will continue to meet on Zoom or switch to in-person at St. Noel Parish in Willoughby. Sessions focus on relevant topics, provide valuable information and direction, and the tools for coping with this life-changing experience. Being part of a group provides the opportunity to share experiences, support, and encouragement. Registration is required. Please visit our website, Divorced-Separated.net to register or contact Karen at kjubeck@st-gabriel.org or 440-352-282.



Articles for the January 30th bulletin must be received by Thursday, January 20th Email to bulletins2@aol.com

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Young Catholic Men's Conference (YCMC)

This annual one-day conference is dedicated to high school men and the men that support raise and them. YCMC 2022 features keynote speaker Father Larry Richards, a personal address by Bishop Malesic and a dozen other giving dvnamic speakers



breakout sessions on pertinent topics for the teens to choose from. The event begins with breakfast, includes lunch, snacks, gym activities, confession opportunity and ends with a Mass. While the teens are in their chosen breakouts, dads attend "Dad Track" sessions on faith, community and raising young men.

YCMC will be held January 29th, 2022 at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls. Space is limited. For more information and to register, visit www.ycmc.us

Special Intentions

REST IN PEACE ~ GRACE WOSS, ELEONORE KNAUF AND PATRICIA PUKAY Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please remember in your daily prayers these individuals, who have been and are called to the priesthood.



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Sunday, January 16 ~ Father Stephen Spisak Seminarians at Borromeo/St. Mary Monday, January 17 ~ Alexander Krukemeyer Tuesday, January 18~ William Reed Wednesday, January 19~ Joseph Rohan Thursday, January 20 ~ Joshua Stecz Friday, January 21 ~ Brendan Welsh Saturday, January 22~ Benjamin Baratian



