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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00pm
Sunday Mass	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Mass	8:00am (Monday–Thursday)
Holy Day Mass	12:15pm & 6:00pm
Reconciliation	3:00pm (Saturday)

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PARISH INFORMATION

To register in the parish, begin planning for the Sacrament of Marriage, discuss a Mass of Christian Burial, request Letters of Suitability to serve as Godparents or Sponsors, or seek any other parish-related information, contact Maxine Gordon, our Administrative Assistant at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

OFFICE HOURS

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community of Roman Catholic Christians dedicated to lovingly extending the mission and ministry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, through Word, Sacrament, and Christian Service to the People of God, both in our parish and the surrounding areas, all to the Glory of God!

PARISH HALL & FAMILY LIFE CENTER RENTALS

Parishioners: please call Audrey Geskey at 330-533-3181

**Monday, November 24****Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac**

8:00am – Special Intentions

Tuesday, November 25**Saint Catherine of Alexandria**

8:00am – Sallyann Bolosky

Wednesday, November 26

8:00am – Fran & Paul Sullivan

Thursday, November 27**Thanksgiving Day**

9:00am – The People of the Parish

Friday, November 28

No Daily Mass

Saturday, November 29**Vigil – The First Sunday of Advent**

4:00pm – Frank Micchia

Sunday, November 30**The First Sunday of Advent**

9:00am – William Kelly

11:30am – The People of the Parish

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas Primas* (“In the first”) to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to “thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law” out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful, but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI’s encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance was that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ “is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind”.

Christ’s kingship is rooted in the Church’s teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the

Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. “From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures”

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ’s kingship with our whole lives:

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, ‘as instruments of justice unto God.’

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. “Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King”.

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

They gave their lives in service—now they need your help.

For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it’s a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE

The initiative is a call to serve the poor and vulnerable in our midst

The acute need for food assistance across our six counties is exacerbated by the current government shutdown. As a result, Bishop David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, is calling on parishioners and others of good will across the diocese to participate in a non-perishable food drive. The food drive will run until Christmas to support our brothers and sisters who are struggling with food insecurity.



Bishop Bonnar says, "Let us come together as one diocesan family to live out the Gospel. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us do everything we can to bring hope to the hopeless. Thank you for your continued dedication to Christ's mission in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. Together let us pray, *That all may be one.*"

Bins are located at all church entrances and will be there until Christmas for you to drop off your non-perishable food items. All donations will then be given to Catholic Charities.

Parish Support **November 16, 2025**

Amount Received	\$ 12,681.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 2,319.00)
YTD Received	\$291,069.23
YTD Budget	\$285,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 6,069.23



Thank you for your continued support of our parish and all our ministries! God Bless

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Mass is at 9:00am



Begin your Thanksgiving Day celebration by joining fellow parishioners as we gather to thank God for His blessings on us and on those we love.

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed beginning on Tuesday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will reopen on Monday, December 1. Happy Thanksgiving!

From Daniel LaPolla, Seminarian

For the month of November, I have chosen to share about the life and charism of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary was born in 1207 in Sárospatak, the daughter of King Andrew II of Hungary. At her birth she was promised in marriage to Ludwig, the eldest son of Count Herman of Thuringia. At the age of four she was sent to Herman's court to be raised until the marriage could take place. Despite pressure from courtiers to find another bride, Ludwig refused and solemnly married Elizabeth in 1221.

Saint Elizabeth was known for her beauty, modesty, fervent prayer, and constant kindness. Though her marriage lasted only six years, it was marked by profound affection and holiness. Her husband supported her life of piety and charity.

Some major examples of her charity include ordering her household's store of grain be given to the hungry affected by a famine in parts of Germany and laying a leper in her bed and caring for him. Lastly, Saint Elizabeth was known for building hospitals and even built a hospital at the base of the steep hill below her own castle.

Her life changed drastically when Ludwig died from the plague while on the Crusade. Elizabeth, widowed at only twenty, remained faithful to a promise she and Ludwig had made to one another: that neither would remarry if the other died. After Ludwig's burial she formally renounced the splendor of court life and adopted the simple habit and cord of the Franciscan order.

Once her children were old enough, she left court permanently. In another town she built a small house with an attached hospice. There she embraced a new life of austerity serving the sick and dying. She continued her new life for two more years, laboring tirelessly, even while sick, spinning and fishing to earn money for the needy.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary died on November 17, 1231, at only twenty-four years of age, having poured out her life in love for Christ and the poor.

The charism Saint Elizabeth teaches us today is the humility to encounter the poor and suffering from our place of privilege. From her comfort and privilege, she descended to personally serve the suffering in the hospitals and hospices she supported. The motivation which led her to humbly serve the neglected of society was from time of prayer with our God who humbled himself to take up our humanity. Brothers and sisters, let us pray for the eyes of faith to see Christ in the poor around us and for the courage to serve them with our resources and our very selves.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Pray for us!



Scanning the QR code takes you to a feedback page where you can offer corrective or affirming words on my homiletic reflection.. Feedback is welcome but not required. Thank you.



THE TURKEY CONNECTION

If you have been a parishioner of Saint Michael for some amount of time, you know of the Turkey Connection. Each year we are asked to supply turkeys and all the "fixins" like stuffing, pies, potatoes, yams, rolls, etc. for a Thanksgiving meal to serve at the three soup kitchens we facilitate – Saint Vincent DePaul Dining Hall, The Rescue Mission and The Community Kitchen of Youngstown. Please bring these items (please use disposable containers) to our Parish Hall on:

Tuesday, November 25, 2025
Between 8:30am and 4:00pm

Thank you and God bless you for this and all you already do to bring the face of Christ to this small corner of the world.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 24

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, November 25

Parish Office Closed

8:30am – 4:00pm

Turkey Connection

Wednesday, November 26

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, November 27

Parish Office Closed

Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, November 29

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, November 30

No Events Scheduled



CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Our **Christmas Giving Wreaths** are up at all the entrances to the Church. As in the past few years, we will again be asking for **cash or check only donations**. The agencies will, in turn, use the financial donations to secure what each family is requesting. **Please return all donations by December 15.**

The **Angel Ornaments** on the wreaths are for you to keep. We ask that when you prepare your home for Christmas that you hang the ornament on your tree and during the holidays, and when you see that ornament, you keep in prayer the family your generosity enabled to have a more joyful Christmas.

All the angel ornaments have an envelope attached. The suggested donations are: light green - \$25; light pink - \$50; gold - \$100. Any amount you can offer is acceptable. We ask that if you wish to make more than one donation, that you take one ornament, and also take other envelopes from the basket near the bulletins. Donations may be dropped off in the secured donation boxes located near the wreaths, in the offertory basket or by mail to the parish office. We are extremely thankful for the overwhelming support our parish family has shown in past years. We are very hopeful that the same generous support will continue this year. God bless you all.



Born to Eternal Life

Rudy Noday

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A reminder to please fill out your Christmas flower envelope with the names of loved ones to be prayed for during the Christmas season. A listing of all names in memoriam will appear in the bulletin on December 28, The Feast of the Holy Family.



In order to have names listed in the bulletin (and posted on our parish website as well), we must receive the envelopes by **Monday, December 15.**

Again, thank you for your kindness. May God bless us all with joyful hearts and loving remembrance during this coming Christmas Season.

Readings for November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

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Nick Derrico	John Hahn	Theresa Morvay
James Dunn, Sr.	Dale Hynes	Bill Myers
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Jim Fisher	Jack LeBrun	Jack D. Slifka
Marilyn Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Caroline Zeigler
Dorothy Furden	Barbara Dunn Lowe	

Communion to the Homebound

If you know of someone who may have recently had surgery or is homebound and unable to attend mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839.

MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato
Lt. William “Bill” Sweeney”, Battalion Surgeon, 6 th Marines, US Navy
Capt. Lisa Sukenaga - Army

STEWARDSHIP – November 16, 2025

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“...give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.” (Colossians 1:12)

God want us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

VOCATIONS – November 23, 2025

Solemnity of Christ the King

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” (Luke 23:42)

On this Feast of Christ the King, reflect on His reign over your life. Is He calling you to serve His kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Church Vocations at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS

The mass book for 2026 is quickly filling up. There are no Saturday masses available, a few at 9:00 and several at 11:30. There are plenty of daily masses available. **If you would like to schedule additional masses, you can now schedule 1 weekend mass and 3 daily masses.**

Please complete the form and return it to the office. Additional forms are available at the office. **The form must be completed and include the \$10 stipend. Thank you.**

2026 Mass Intention Request Form

Name of Mass Intention

Name of person requesting the intention

Requested date – Not guaranteed

Telephone Number

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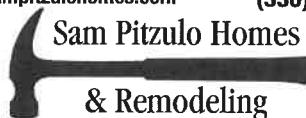
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