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A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN



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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To register your child(ren) for Youth Faith Formation (YFF), to inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), to begin the Annulment process, schedule a Baptism Prep session, or discuss the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist (and Reconciliation), and Confirmation, please contact Marcy Fessler, our Pastoral Associate at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

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

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 4:00pm
Friday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

CONTACT US

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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



Mass Schedule

Monday, February 3
Saints Blaise & Ansgar
No Daily Mass

Tuesday, February 4
No Daily Mass

Wednesday, February 5
Saint Agatha
No Daily Mass

Thursday, February 6
Saint Paul Miki and Companions
No Daily Mass

Friday, February 7
No Daily Mass

Saturday, February 8
Vigil – The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
3:00pm – Reconciliation
4:00pm – Mike Geskey

Sunday, February 9
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am – The People of the Parish
11:30am – Sam & Adline Cercone



THE PRESENTATION (CANDLEMAS DAY)

This weekend **The Presentation of the Lord** takes place over the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Presentation of the Lord is the day in which Joseph and Mary presented Jesus to the priests and elders in the Temple. For years, this feast – which in the United States is only formally

celebrated when it falls on a Sunday – marked the end of the Christmas season. In old days, the Presentation was often referred to as “Candlemas” and was celebrated by a candle-lit procession into the church, signifying Christ as the “light of nations.” Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration. We know that the Church at Jerusalem was observing the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to “buy him back” on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons” (Luke 2:24) in the temple — thus the “presentation” of the child. On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified — thus the “purification.” Mary and Joseph kept this law, even though, since Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ, she would not have had to go through ritual purification. In his Gospel, Luke (2:22-39) recounts the story. Originally, the feast was celebrated on February 14, the 40th day after Epiphany (January 6), because Christmas wasn’t yet celebrated as its own feast, and so the Nativity, Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord (Theophany), and the feast celebrating Christ’s first miracle at the wedding in Cana were all celebrated on the same day. By the last quarter of the fourth century, however, the Church at Rome had begun to celebrate the Nativity on December 25, so the Feast of the Presentation was moved to Feb. 2, forty days later. When Christ was presented in the temple, “there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel.” When Saint Mary and Saint Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Cantic of Simeon: “Now dismiss your servant, O Lord, according to your word in peace; because my eyes have seen salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32). Because of the words of the canticle — “a light to the revelation of the Gentiles” — by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Cantic of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas. While the procession and blessing of the candles is not often performed in the United States today, Candlemas is still an important feast in many European countries. *Each family is invited to take one candle per household to light at some point in the future as a particular prayer intention arises.*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 3

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, February 4

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, February 5

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, February 6

8:30am – Bible Study

Friday, February 7

9:00am - Fitness

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, February 8

5:00 – Wine & Cheese Social

Sunday, February 9

9:00-11:30am – Coffee & Donuts

10:05 – 11:20am – Youth Faith Formation

2:00-3:30pm – Confirmation Class



CATHOLIC CHARITIES AWARENESS MONTH

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown! Did you know that you do not have to be Catholic to receive assistance from Catholic Charities? We help all people in need regardless of their faith or lack of faith as our resources allow. To learn more, visit ccdoy.org.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD February 2, 2025

Christ suffers with us in all of our trials. It is through joining others in their own tribulations that we build up our compassion, our love for God and others.

MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND Can you help?

We need a few more volunteers for Homebound Eucharistic Ministry.

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and are interested in taking communion to the homebound, please contact Kay McCarthy at 330-533-4982.

Anyone who takes communion into people's homes must be in full compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy before beginning the ministry. You will need to read the Diocesan policy and sign an acknowledgement, complete online VIRTUS training, and submit your fingerprints for a background check.



VOCATIONS – February 2, 2025

World Day for Consecrated Life

“When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.” (Luke 2:22)

God invites us to dedicate ourselves fully to His will. Could He be asking you to present your life to Him in a special way? Trust in God's plan for you.

Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngwstowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – February 2, 2025

“Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.” (Heb. 2:18)

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

Readings for February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Marilyn Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Margaret Chizmar	Jay Gettemy	Shirley Morvay
Mindy Cline	John Hahn	Theresa Morvay
Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	Bill Myers
James Dunn, Sr.	Christopher King	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Jack LeBrun	Jack Slifka
Leslie Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Caroline Zeigler
	Patricia Lesho	

If you would like a name on the 2025 prayer list, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot

Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.

Philip McLaughlin - USMC

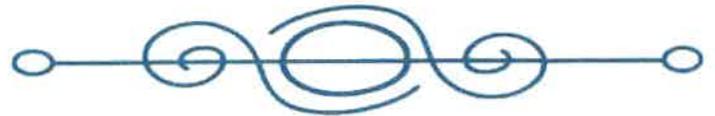
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FACT SHEET

WHAT WE DO

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Catholic Charities shares the mission held by Catholic Charities USA:

To provide service to people in need

To advocate for justice in social structures

To call the entire Church and other people of good will to do the same

Catholic Charities extends the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to those who are poor, vulnerable, and without hope. Through tangible assistance and other essential services, Catholic Charities affirms human dignity, meets basic human needs, strengthens families, builds communities, and empowers others to transform their lives.

SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS: 2024*



35,000

Number of unduplicated clients served



96%

Percentage of people served who live below the poverty line+



17,500

Number of food bags, boxes and vouchers distributed



\$330,000

Amount of utility assistance provided



\$480,000

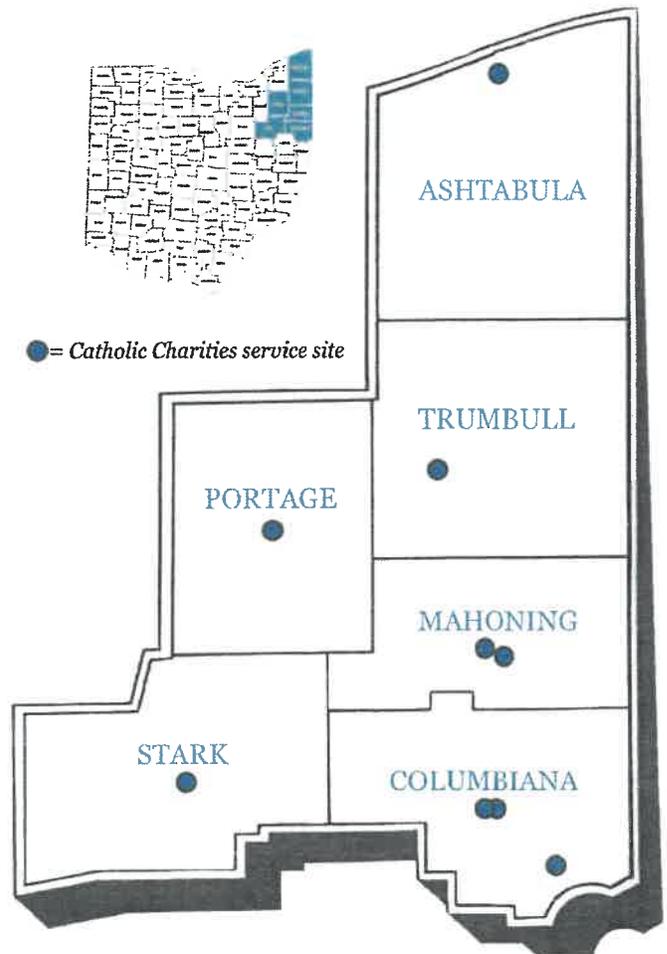
Amount of rent/mortgage assistance provided

* Figures projected for year-end

+ U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guideline for 2024 = \$31,200 for a family of four



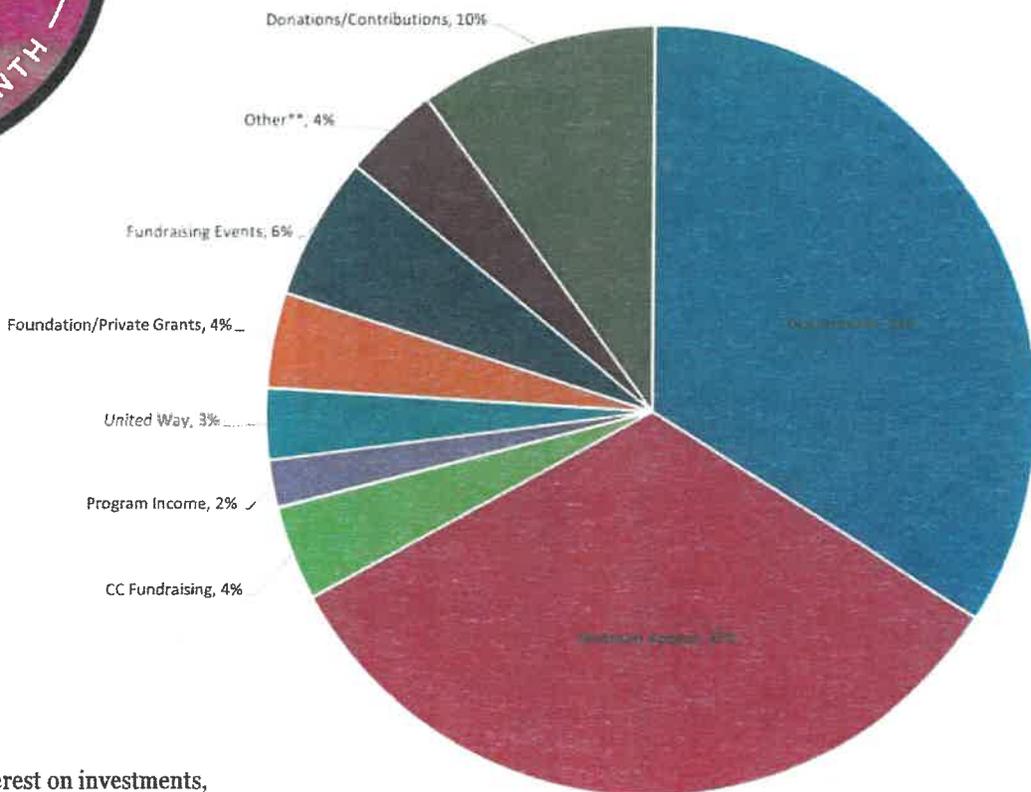
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Total 2024 Budgets: \$6.2 million*

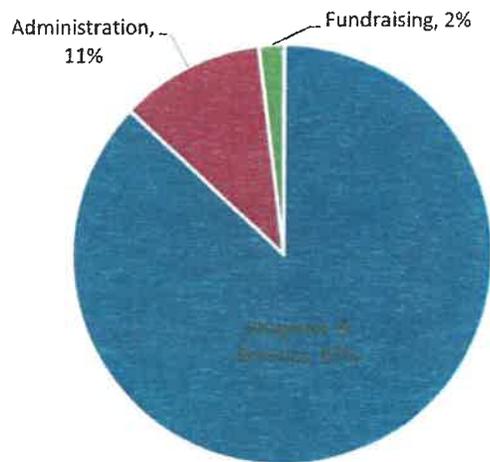
SOURCES OF REVENUE



* Figures used for revenue and expenses represent the combined 2024 unaudited financial information for the Diocese of Youngstown Catholic Charities Corporation's Affiliate Agencies, which include Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County, Catholic Charities Serving Portage & Stark Counties, and Catholic Charities Regional Agency, serving Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, as well as the Department of Catholic Charities located in the Diocesan Offices.

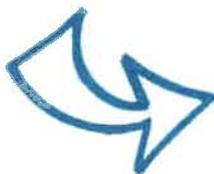
** Miscellaneous includes interest on investments, reimbursements, in-kind donations, and administrative fees.

USE OF FUNDS



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"Catholic Charities, Diocese of Youngstown"

STEP INTO THE NEW YEAR

We are collecting tennis shoes through next weekend, February 8/9 for young people in need in our area. Canfield High School National Honors Society members Lauren Smallwood and Jenna Wilkeson will oversee this collection, including the organizing of the shoes and assisting with the distribution to various charities in our area.

We are asking for **BRAND NEW tennis shoes, youth through adult sizes.** They can be placed in the large black bins by the entrances.

Again, thank you for your generosity to all our projects and collections here in our parish.



2024 TAX STATEMENTS

To obtain a 2024 statement of contribution, please call the office. Statements will be ready in two days. **Statements will not be done while you wait.**



FISH DINNER

With Lent about five weeks away, we need to decide about the viability of having Fish Dinners here at Saint Michael. That "viability" is based on having enough volunteers for the six-week duration of the dinners. Whenever the topic of the fish dinners comes up, the constant refrain goes something like this: "It's not about the fundraising, it's about the socialization of the community". In turn, that requires the parish community to enthusiastically participate, both in working the dinners and supporting the dinners. We are very appreciative of everyone who has volunteered in the past, and who has consistently supported the dinners by dining with us. To help us determine the ability of having dinners this Lent, we need a solid response from the volunteers by February 4th. It takes many, many people to make this happen.



Please take some time to reflect and pray about your participation and respond. **A final decision will be announced in the February 8th-9th bulletin.** We are hopeful that enough people will be committed to this endeavor. Thank you.

Parish Support

January 26, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 9,836.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 5,164.00)
YTD Received	\$440,752.27
YTD Budget	\$450,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 9,247.73)



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

Born to Eternal Life
Nicholas Cvetan



Young
at *Heart*

Young at Heart will meet on **Monday, February 10th**, with Mass at 11:30am and lunch and a program to follow. Our discussion for this month, timely for Valentine's Day, will be the Holy Father's recent encyclical "*Dilexit Nos*" (He Loved Us), focusing on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as well as Bishop Bonnar's follow up in America Magazine, "*The Human Heart and The Sacred Heart: What Pope Francis Can Teach Us About Holy Devotion.*"

Please RSVP to the parish office (330-533-6839) by **Thursday, February 6**, if you plan to attend.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dates Available: March 7 _____
 March 14 _____
 March 21 _____
 March 28 _____
 April 4 _____
 April 11 _____

Times available:
 Wednesday 9:00 – noon _____
 Friday 9:00– noon _____
 Friday 3:00 – 8:00 _____



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COMBINED COLLECTION

Last weekend the Diocese of Youngstown sponsored the **Church Overseas Combined Collection** for ministries to needy people., Thank you for your participation in this important collection. If you did not have the opportunity to respond last week, there is still time to contribute to this combined collection.

Just a Reminder:

If you would like to schedule a meeting or event for any of our parish organizations or schedule a rental in the Parish Hall or Family Life Center please contact Audrey at 330-533-3181.

Please support the patrons who place ads in our bulletin. Their generosity helps defray the cost of our bulletin.

HANDEL'S PINT CARDS Everybody Loves Handel's Ice Cream!

We have a new supply of Handel's pint cards that are good through January 2026. The cost is \$6.50 per card and a portion of the proceeds from the purchase of the card is donated to Saint Michael Parish.



2025 MASS INTENTIONS

There are daily masses available for 2025. If you would like to schedule a mass, please complete the form, include the \$10 stipend and return the form to the parish office. Thank you.

2025 Mass Intention Request Form

Name of Mass Intention

Name of person requesting the intention

Requested date – Not guaranteed

Telephone Number

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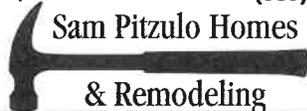
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