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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)

PARISH STAFF

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SACRAMENTS AND CATECHESIS

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
Closed on Friday

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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, August 25

Saint Louis

Saint Joseph Calasanz

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 26

No Daily Mass

Wednesday, August 27

Saint Monica

No Daily Mass

Thursday, August 28

Saint Augustine

No Daily Mass

Friday, August 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

No Daily Mass

Saturday, August 30

Vigil – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm – James & Mary Pitzulo

Sunday, August 31

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – Robert M. Palma

11:30am – Mary Ann Matasy

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

THE DEADLINE FOR YFF REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, AUGUST 25.

Just a reminder that all registrations for 2025-2026 Youth Faith Formation classes are due this Monday, August 25.



THE IMPORTANCE OF SILENCE

On several occasions of recent, people have asked about the period after communion. The questions are almost exclusively from people trying to pray and reflect after receiving communion (and while others are still in the process of receiving communion), and having a difficult time due to conversations going on around them. While I know people don't like being told what to do, the communal celebration of the liturgy is one where we need to not only follow the guidelines of the Mass but be somewhat respectful of our brothers and sisters. The following is an article from the recent National Eucharistic Revival. Please take time to read

this and reflect on the importance of silence and prayer in the Mass.

After the wonderful moment of receiving our Lord in Holy Communion, we might ask the question "What should we do next?" And the answer is: "PRAY!" After we receive the Most Holy Eucharist and we return to our pew - this is a most opportune time to pray to our Lord, whom we have just received. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal instructs us that this period may be given over to quiet prayer or to communal singing: "When the distribution of Communion is over, if appropriate, the Priest and faithful pray quietly for some time. If desired, a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may be sung by the entire congregation" (GIRM, 88). The tradition of almost all Catholic parishes has a Communion hymn or antiphon, which began after the priest received Communion, being sung by the congregation. On some occasions, such as certain Solemnities, a post-Communion song, called a hymn of thanksgiving, may be sung. Many authors recommend that, in addition to these, there also be a period of silence.

During the recent National Eucharistic Revival, one of the presenters reminded those in attendance that after Communion a period of silence is important: "The whole Church, the whole community, should take time to give silent thanks. It is important to do so, even if this has to be done after dismissal. This is the moment, if ever, to introduce a time of silence, as recommended also at other moments of the celebration. On the whole, however, the Eucharistic Prayer is much less silent than in the past, and the silence that favors recollection is a value not to be lost. Thanksgiving is absolutely indispensable in its collective form and its personal form. Sacramental effectiveness of the Eucharist does not work automatically. It requires dispositions. Mass itself is a thanksgiving, but thanksgiving does not cease with reception of Communion. It continues and may extend to a hymn or a psalm said in common. There is much singing in the course of Mass, but at this moment it is well to let the peace of silence fall over the assembly"

So, what kind of prayer is fitting during this time? Father Oury (the Eucharistic Revival presenter) notes an anonymous author writing in Syria around the year 300 AD who gives us an example: "After receiving the precious Body and the precious Blood of Christ we give thanks to him for making us worthy to share in his holy mysteries and ask him that this partaking be not for judgment and condemnation but for salvation and the benefit of soul and body, for the preservation of piety, for the remission of sins and for the life of the world to come". Perhaps this is a moment of prayer where thanks pour forth from our hearts as we recognize the wonderful gift we have been given. Maybe it is a moment to ask that we be strengthened for what we are facing. Hopefully, it is a moment to say from our hearts that we truly want to live in God's love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 25

No scheduled activities

Tuesday, August 26

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, August 27

6:00 – 7:00pm – Baptism Prep

Thursday, August 28

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, August 29

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, August 30

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 31

No Events Scheduled



HELP NEEDED

FOR YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



We are still in need of a “Door Guardian Angel” for Youth Faith Formation for the 2025-2026 year. Please call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839) if you are interested.



Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic but aren't sure where to start? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith but aren't sure if you are ready to become Catholic? Have you been baptized in another faith tradition but attend Saint Michael with your spouse and are feeling called to explore becoming Catholic. Now is a great time to inquire about becoming Catholic.

Call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839) to begin the conversation and see if this is the right time for you. We will be meeting at Saint Michael Parish twice a month starting Tuesday, September 9 at 10:00am or Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm starting September 23.

Readings for August 31, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

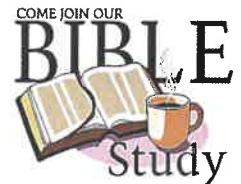
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Luke 14:1, 7-14

BIBLE STUDY

The Parables of Jesus text written by Stephen Binz will be the focus of the monthly parish Bible study resuming **Thursday, September 11 at 1:00pm.** The group meets

monthly from September through May on the second Thursday of the month in the Family Life Center. Please contact Barbara Spencer, facilitator at 330-503-4756, for further information.



ADULT EDUCATION

A four week evening scripture program on interpreting the parables of Jesus and how to better grow spiritually from them will take place in the parish hall from 6:30-7:45pm.

The dates are **Wednesday, September 17, Tuesday, September 23, and Wednesday October 1 and 8.** (Each evening is self contained.)

Facilitator: Barb Spencer

*Please bring your Bible with you.

Parish Support

August 17, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 11,152.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 3,848.00)
YTD Received	\$ 95,057.50
YTD Budget	\$105,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$	9,942.50)



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Jay Gettemy	Patricia Lesho
Mindy Cline	John Hahn	Shirley Morvay
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James Dunn, Sr.	Jim Jones	Bill Myers
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Jim Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Jack D. Slifka
Marilyn Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Caroline Zeigler
Dorothy Furden		

Prayer for the Sick

God of all goodness, look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP – August 24, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13:30)

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

VOCATIONS – August 24, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate." (Luke 13:24)

A vocation to the priesthood or religious life is a challenging but rewarding path. If you feel called to follow Christ through this narrow gate, embrace it with courage.

Talk to your priest or reach out to
Father Chad Johnson at
cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org or
Father Will Wainio at
wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org.

EUCCHARIST TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office at 330-533-6839.

Born to Eternal Life

Mary Louise Joy



2025-2026 ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

Everyone should be receiving their Annual Parish Raffle Ticket packet in the mail very soon if you haven't already. As with the past years, we are asking every household to buy or sell two books of tickets. These tickets cover four different events, with a chance at six different prizes, ranging from \$1,000-\$3,000. There is even the possibility of winning more than once. The first drawing will be for \$1,000 at our Annual Feast Day Potluck on Sunday, September 28th. Please make every effort to get your tickets in for this first drawing. The total prize package over the year is \$10,000.



SPONSOR GUIDELINE FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

It is an honor to be asked to be a sponsor (godparent) for Baptism or Confirmation. It means that you are seen as someone who is practicing their faith and living a life that reflects the teachings of the Catholic faith. Sponsors need to be:

1. Registered in a parish.
(adult children, 25 years old, need to be registered independently)
2. Attending Mass regularly at their parish of registration.
3. If married, a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
4. Forming their children in the faith.
(religious education or Catholic School)

You will be asked to submit a letter of eligibility as a sponsor, signed by the pastor of your current parish. These are universal norms for the Catholic faith, found in Canon Law (nos. 872-874).



Mark your calendars for our first Young at Heart of the new season. We will meet on **Monday, September 8, 2025**, at 11:30am for Mass, followed by lunch and a presentation to follow. More information on the presentation will follow.

The cost this year is still just \$5.00 for lunch. **Reservations are required by the Thursday afternoon prior to the gathering (September 4th at 4:00pm).** Please plan to join us.

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB

The First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown will begin its 20th Anniversary Season on **Thursday, September 4, 2025**, at Avion on the Water Banquet Center, from 11:30 – 1:00pm. Dr. James Kravec, MD Chief Clinical Officer, Mercy Health, will speak on "Catholic Health Care and Ethical and Religious Directives". The cost is \$25, which includes lunch.

Mail reservations to:

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown
P.O. Box 11146
Youngstown, Ohio 44511

For more information, please call 330-720-4498 or visit the website at:

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament can be celebrated before any surgery or if you are experiencing a serious illness. Please call the parish office (330-533-6839) to schedule. Due to the many duties of Father Lavelle, please allow time when calling to schedule a visit.

Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptized please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least 6 months and attend Mass regularly. Parents may need to attend a Baptism Class usually held on the last Wednesday of the month. Godparents must provide a letter of suitability from the parish where they are registered. One godparent must be Catholic.

Marriage

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered and active members of the parish for at least 6 months before a date can be reserved. If you are 25 years old and still registered under your parents registration, you need to register independently. A Pre-Cana class sponsored by the diocese is required as well as meeting with Father Lavelle a few months prior to your wedding.

MILITARY LIST



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

Ad space is available in the back of our church bulletin. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839.

Ads run for a year. Anywhere from 400-600 bulletins are printed and distributed each week over all three of our weekend Masses. Bulletins, including the ad pages, are also uploaded to our website



SONG BOOK SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor a book in memory or honor of someone, please fill in the form below. To assure that these people are truly remembered in prayer at each Mass, the opening announcements will ask everyone to first turn to the front cover of the book and if there is a name in memory or honor, please keep that person in prayer throughout the Mass. The cost of sponsorship is \$20 each. Thank you for your generosity and remembering our loved ones in prayerful song.

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