



SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

DECEMBER 28, 2025

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ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL, ROCKSIDE ROAD CAMPUS: 216-662-9380, TURNERY ROAD CAMPUS: 216-475-3633

<http://www.stbenedictohio.org>

PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Luigi C. Miola, Pastor
Deacon Raymond L. Daull
Mrs. Julia Brown, Parish Musician
Mrs. Roberta Bugaj, Sacramental Coordinator
Ms. Debra Zack, Parish Secretary

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 7:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days 7:30 a.m., Noon & 6:30 p.m.
Mon. - Sat. 7:30 a.m.
Mon. - Tue. - Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Holidays Consult Bulletin

ROSARY Monday at 6:00 pm.

Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m.

VESPERS Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART-First Friday 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: Before First Friday between the Masses.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We ask that parents attend a Baptism Preparation Program before a child's baptism. Arrangements may be made through the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date.

HOME VISITATION AND ANOINTING

Arrangements for Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick to the homebound can be made through the Parish Office. Please let us know when a family member is hospitalized or enters a nursing home.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA welcomes all adults or teens who are non-baptized, baptized non-Catholics, or Catholics not yet fully initiated who desire to enter the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS AND REGISTRATION

Please call the Parish Office when moving into the parish.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

24 Hours a Day. Please call the Parish Office for scheduling details.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Mondays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(September through May)
Mrs. Roberta Bugaj, Sacramental Coordinator
PSR Principal (216) 475-4300

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our school provides Catholic education for students Gr. 1-8.
Mrs. Lisa Oriti, School Principal 216-662-9380
13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Hts., Ohio 216-475-4300
Saint Benedict Catholic School- [https://st.benedictohio.org](http://st.benedictohio.org)

ST. BENEDICT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Our school provides Catholic education for preschool and kindergarten.
14600 Turnery Rd., Maple Hts., Ohio 216-475-3633

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by The Holy Family.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: DECEMBER 27 SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

7:30 am Jim Piskura (Friend)
4:30 pm Ives Paquet (Family)

SUNDAY: DECEMBER 28 THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 am For The People
11:00 am Louie Pestello Jr. (Pestello Family)

MONDAY: DECEMBER 29 FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 am ALL SOULS
6:30 pm John Michael Mechen Jr.
(Denise & Bob)

TUESDAY: DECEMBER 30 SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 am Deceased Members of the
McFeely Family (Mary McFeely)
6:30 pm Jack Dinda (Dinda Family)

WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 31 SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 am Patrice & Alex Adams (Family)
6:30 pm Betty Takitch (Marilyn Spiewak)

THURSDAY: JANUARY 1 THE OCTAVE DAY WITHIN OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, SOLEMINTY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

7:30 am Judith Edington (Koliha)
NOON Emil J. Kalak (Mancini Family)
6:30 pm Vincent Veverka (Family)

FRIDAY: JANUARY 2 SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

7:30 am Blasé Zingale (Alexis McElhone)

SATURDAY: JANUARY 3 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

7:30 am Linda Liston (Koliha Family)
4:30 pm Glenn Wiegand (John Wiegand)

SUNDAY: JANUARY 4 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 am Tom & Christine Sabo (Lori Mitocky)
11:00 am For The People

DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, the Bulletin went to print before we had this weeks numbers ~ will be published in January 4th, 2026 Bulletin

Parish Collection December 21th, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	\$
Repair and Maintenance	\$
Utilities	\$
Donations	\$
Candles	\$
Parish Life	\$
Diocesan Assessments	\$

**From Parish Finance: Andrea Morris, Finance Chairperson:
Thank you for your continued support during this time.**

Please Pray

Please keep in your prayers the sick and the homebound of our parish:

Marissa, Mary Ann Anselmo, Joyce Armstrong, Kathi Bayun, Gaylene Bielawski, Lisa Bielawski, Margaret Blaha, Helen Blasko, Mary Ann Blatnik, Sue Boyne, Judith Carr, Robert Carr, Kathy Carrabine, Christie Cerio, Drew Chernisky, Robb Chernisky, Paul Cramer, Kevin Deka, Roger DiPenti, Judi Filisko, Jeff Fossa, Bob Frey, Raymond Gaiduk, Bob Gerber, Frank Gerber, Loretta Gerber, Mark Gerber, Danny Goins, Lorenzo Gramuglia, Grant family, Alice Grzep, Ed Hall, Virginia Harley, Alicia Hernandez, Carla Hernandez, Gilbert Hernandez, Robert Hernandez, Christine Hexter, Bob Hrovat, Father Stanley Holland, Jackie Holland, Danny Houlahan, Anthony Hrich, Helen Husky, Virginia Jannazo, John Klamar, Emily Kondash, Cynthia Konopa, Jeffrey Ksiazka, Nina Kucinic, Nicole Kukoleck, Sean Kukoleck, Ronald Lewayne, Fred Lisy, Diana Markosky, John McDonald, Alexis McElhone, Denise Mummery, Judith Nagorski, James Neitzel, Cameron North, Jim Obley, Sr., Denis Osowski, James A. Palumbo, Margit Papay, Jessica Privateare, Angela Rawlings, Dan Remar, Irene Remar, Betty Rembowski, Cortney Ruggeri, Jonathan Sedor, Daniel Sholz, Janet S., Samuel Smith, Petar Tokic, Jean Toth, Gerald Towalski, Jeffrey Virzi, John Virzi, Frances Yartz, Jessica Zelasko.

Please Pray for Our Most Recently Deceased:

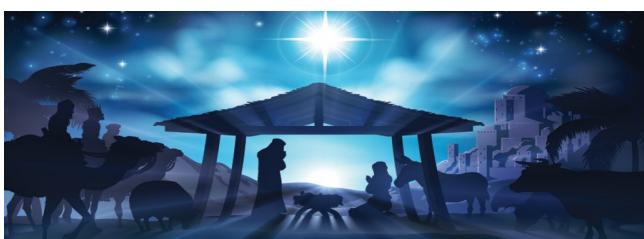
**Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord and
Let perpetual light shine upon them.**

HOME VISITATION AND ANOINTING

Arrangements for Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick to the homebound can be made through the Rectory. Please let us know when a family member enters a health care facility.

"JUST ONE HOUR"

The Adoration Chapel has **"MANY"** openings for personal time with Our Lord in Prayer. Please call the Rectory Office at 216-475-4300, if you can share **"ONE HOUR"** with Our Lord.



PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

Sat: December 27	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 3:00 pm Confessions
Sun: December 28	4:30 pm Mass 9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass “Soup”er Sunday after Mass
Mon: December 29	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:00 pm Rosary 6:30 pm NO PSR K-8 6:30 pm Mass
Tues: December 30	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:15 pm Evening Prayer
Wed: December 31	6:30 pm Mass 7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:00 pm Healing Rosary Followed by Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Mass
Thurs: January 1	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary
Fri: January 2	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary
Sat: January 3	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 3:00 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass Healing Mass
Sun: January 4	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Please join us for Divine Mercy Holy Hour at:

**St. Therese on Sunday, December 28th, 2025 and at
St. Monica on Sunday, January 11th, 2025**

Prayers at both Churches begin at 2:30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

“SOUP”ER SUNDAY

We will have “Soup”er Sunday
will be December 28th, 2025

After 11:00am Mass



Mark your Calendars, see you there!

Guest Article :

Fr. John Denburger

When Jesus entered the village, we can be sure a crowd followed and a crowd welcomed Him. His reputation had spread - no one spoke with such authority as He did and no one did the wondrous deeds as He did by a touch, a word. Gathered around Him were the blind, lame, paralyzed, diseased anxiously waiting and pleading to touch Him or be touched. Such were the ten lepers standing at a distance and raising their voices “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!”

They stood at a distance - those words aptly describe their lives - shunned, feared, cursed they knew only misery with the bleakest future of a slow death. Surely, with the noise of the crowd, they cried out more than once and as loud as they could trying to get Jesus’

attention. And Jesus heard and saw them. And because of the distance Jesus loudly said, “Go show yourselves to the priests!” I wonder if, at first, these men were not disappointed that He did not cure them immediately but sent them on their way. However, on their way the miracle unfolded. Can we imagine the wonder these lepers experienced as the ravages of their disease disappeared, as they were restored to human life? With wonder beyond words they saw, felt healing, wholeness in their bodies and spirits. Despair disappeared with the disease.

One of them, only one, a Samaritan returned and Jesus is surprised at the lack of gratitude of the other nine, but notice - not lack of gratitude to Himself but to God His Father.

“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God!” Then Jesus, with love and joy said to him, “Stand up and go, your faith has saved you.” And Jesus gazed on him with gratitude, greatly thankful for the gratitude he had shown the Father. This passage offers a number of things for our reflection and benefit - gratitude to God for all the graces of our lives is surely number 1. However, there is a sentence, a word of Jesus that has caught me: “Go show yourselves to the priests!” - not the words so much as the fact that it would take time to find a priest wherever he might be. There is something of a wait involved - a call to trust in Jesus. I wonder - did Jesus, in sending them, pray that they would trust? I believe He did!

Continued in next weeks bulletin....

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

During the octave of the event of the birth of Jesus I was recollecting my last visit to Italy with my mother and some friends. In our visit with Monsignor Paul at Maria Maggiore we stood before what was understood to be the relics of what is spoken of as "Sancta Maria 'ad Praesepem".

The title referring to the five pieces of sycamore wood that



were part of the manger. In a word the Holy Crib. We sang the familiar Silent Night as we gathered before the relic. Recalling another visit with

family we (while staying in Man) walked from the train station to the church of St. Camillus de Lellis. What was most impressive about the architecture was the placement of 123 pieces of stained glass over the sanctuary which are circular. In the center were Jesus and our Blessed Mother Mary. Extending out were the angels and apostles and saints. Our celebration of the first coming of Christ might ask for some reflection as to how well we increase and extend His presence to others. I am not sure how often we are reminded that we are temples of the Holy Spirit (sanctuaries some might say). Advent has been a time to prepare the way of the Lord. Ideally the preparation has to do with a direction of life that increases our capacity to be sources of blessing to others. The Latin gives us BENEDICERE which has some implication with the use of words of blessing. Elizabeth heard Our Lady's greeting and responded 'blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb'. Words familiar but might they be applicable to our communication of the one we celebrate at this time and the one we expect to come at the end of time? It indeed may be a challenge to seek to appreciate how we might extend our capacity to be simply a people of blessing in relationship to our baptismal identity. May we approach the crib in thanksgiving. May we extend the presence of the Word Made Flesh within ourselves as well.

Readings for the Week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5
Col 3:12-21 **or** 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96: 7-10 Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28
or Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 23:8-12

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Ps 98:1, 3c-6 Jn 1:29-34

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

READINGS FOR THE DAY

TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE DAILY READINGS VISIT
[HTTP://USCCB.ORG](http://USCCB.ORG) CLICK TODAY'S DATE ON THE CALENDAR.

HELPFUL GUIDE FOR TELEVISION VIEWING:

Sunday at 10 am WUAB Channel 43, the CW.
Cox Communications Cable subscribers may select
Channel 45. Mass airs each week on Sunday at 11:30am.

HELPFUL GUIDE FOR RADIO AND AUDIO LISTENING:

WINT-1330 AM airs Mass each Sunday at 9:00 am
The Rock 1260 AM Sunday at 10:30 am

ONLINE MASS GUIDE

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND DAILY MASSES ON THE INTERNET SITE
AT NOON (12 PM) DAILY.

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org>

OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY COMMUNITY FOR ONLINE DAILY
AND SUNDAY VIRTUAL MASSES.

<https://www.omvusa.org/st-clement-shrine/schedule/daily-mass-videos/>

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. [To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior](#) toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or email: response.services@dioceseofcleveland.org You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about any inappropriate behavior.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Due to bad weather,
the **Annual Christmas Concert**
has been rescheduled for
Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!
Many of our parishioners have been
inquiring about Our Annual Christmas
Concert which has been Hosted
By Raine Austen since 2003. We're
thrilled to announce that, thanks to your unwavering support
and encouragement,
the concert will take place

"NEW DATE" Sunday, December 28th, 2025

The performance will feature Raine Austen &
Resounding Joy! with Dave Pratt on vocals and Dave
Millen on saxophone, along with a special guest
appearance by the talented electric violinist
Brandon Hoff. Be sure to save the date
Sunday, December 28th at 6 p.m.

And help us spread the word to fill the church!

Anointing of the Sick & Healing Mass

**The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be
celebrated on: Saturday, January 3rd, 2026 at 4:30pm
Following Mass, members of the healing prayer team
will be available to pray with you for your intentions.**

Rosary for Healing and Protection of Sexual Abuse Victims

January 7th, 2026, starting at 6:00 pm,

we will pray the Holy Hour for the Healing and Protection
of Sexual Abuse Victims. We will start with the Rosary
and end with Mass. If you cannot come but want to
pray with us, pick up a copy of the Rosary in the vestibule
or call the Rectory to get one.

"MY DAILY PRAYERS"

"Daily Prayers" is a **FREE** daily recording of prayers led by the
Bishops and Priests of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland,
delivered each day directly to your email. **"My Daily Prayers"**
invites you to spend about 10 minutes in prayer and reflection
each day and offers encouragement to enter into a deeper
relationship with our Lord.

Sign up at: dioceseofcleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers

From Bobbi Bugaj

On this Sunday of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph I got to meditating on how difficult their lives might have been and how they all chose to do the Father's will no matter what transpires. I thought of the times in my life when I felt like I was being exiled when I picked up and changed jobs to be more available for family. That without the connection of family my life would have been very different. And I would like to give you my definition of family. It starts out including those close to you, then expands to include friends, relatives and even a few people I have met maybe just once or twice. My family evolved into a community of faith. A community that supports, and prays and reaches out to me and others. A community that hopefully shows the image of God. A few weeks ago, I learned something I may or may not have known before, that in Hebrew the word redeemer is "Goel". In the Old Testament he is the family member whose duty it is to protect the interests and rights of the family. It included family, property and justice. Family and justice stood out because just a few short days ago we celebrated Christmas. The remembrance of the first coming of Christ to the world. Today's readings show Joseph and Mary keeping the infant Jesus safe in what was not the safest of times. Years later, Jesus saved me, innocent and on a cross. He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and I am waiting for his coming again. I love meditating on steps of faith, what my redemption through Jesus has done in my life. The light in darkness, the promises kept by God, the submission of self to surrender to a journey that has the Holy Spirit to guide. It is a wonderful feeling this community of faith, this family. It includes immediate family, friends, acquaintances and strangers just passing on a sidewalk. If I acknowledge all of them through my faith, my calling toward the home of eternity. I know that I will see the image of God in others and learn to treat the stranger like brother or sister. As I prepared for Advent listening to the prophets, reflecting on the question of John the Baptist to Jesus from prison, I found a renewal of the definition of family. The sharing of faith, even through hard times, that gives a renewed insight into what Jesus the redeemer means: The breaking of original sin, my baptism to be an adopted daughter, the scriptures, the Eucharist, everything healed by grace. (It's all grace). I think of Joseph following God through a dream, Mary saying yes to an angel, and Jesus saying yes to death on cross and resurrection. I am glad to be a child of God and have such a large family who believes that faith and a yes to God bring eternal life.

DECEMBER 2025 MONTHLY RAFFLE

Is a **\$100.00 Bill** Basket with New Year Treats
Tickets are \$10.00

Drawing will be Sunday, December 28th, 2025
After the 11:00am Mass

Winner **DOES NOT** need to be present
Fund Raiser is for Saint Martin Tours "Parish Life"

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Bible study is a wonderful way to increase your knowledge and strengthen your faith. Bible Study will continue January 6th, 2026, at 7:00 pm for a time of gathering and Social. Our Bible study will officially begin at 7:15 pm. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Terry Battaglia at: tjbattaglia6@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We would like to express our thanks to you for your donations supporting our ministry. Prayer Shawls mean so much to the recipients. If you are able to knit or crochet, we can always use additional volunteers to help create the prayer shawls. If you don't crochet or knit but still want to be involved, we can always use donations of Yarn. There is a container in the Vestibule for drop offs. If you are interested, please contact the Rectory, 216-475-4300.

NEWS FROM "THE ROCK" AM 1260

AM 1260, The Rock, is having a Mass said for **YOU, Our Listeners, Donors and Their Intentions.**

Do you have a prayer request?

Visit <https://am1260therock.com/request-prayers-2/> or call **216-227-1260.**

Womankind considers you a blessing!

Womankind is still accepting donations.

They are in need of clothing New or Used for 12 months ~ 2 Toddlers. There is a container box in the church's vestibule for your donations.

THANK YOU for your donations, they are so appreciated.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association

Next **Sunday Grief Support Group** will be Sunday January

18th. In-person will meet at 3pm, virtual at 5pm. In a welcoming and supportive setting, find fellowship among others who share their experiences and understand the pain of loss. Meetings are being held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, at no charge to you. Please join us for an hour of listening, healing, and finding comfort with others who understand. For details,

call Renee at **216-930-4866** or

visit: www.clecem.org/Events **In-Person Locations:**

All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road

Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brookpark Road

Virtual – Please register at

<https://clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>

Monthly Grief Support Groups We offer a comfortable, private, and encouraging environment where you are free to explore your grief and all you are feeling. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. Come and be in the presence of those who understand. Our monthly grief support groups are offered in two formats: in-person and virtual. In-person groups meet from 3 PM to 4 PM. The virtual group meets from 5 PM to 6 PM, and you can register for the virtual session on our website Your RSVP is greatly appreciated but not required. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Renee Weese at rweese@clecem.org or **216-930-4866.**

Locations Holy Cross Cemetery, Brookpark

All Saints Cemetery, Northfield 2026

Schedule January 18th February 15th March 15th April 19th

May 17th June 28th July 19th August 16th September 20th October 18th November 15th December 20th

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, Jan. 12 7 – 8:30pm

Westside Irish American Club

8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.

Who is C.S. Lewis?

Why, as Catholics do we care?

Dr. Matt Carey Jordan, VP of Academic Affairs at Borromeo &

St. Mary Seminary, has led several Lewis-themed pilgrimages to England and taken people behind the scenes to walk in the footsteps of C.S. Lewis. Join us for an enlightening discussion of the man behind

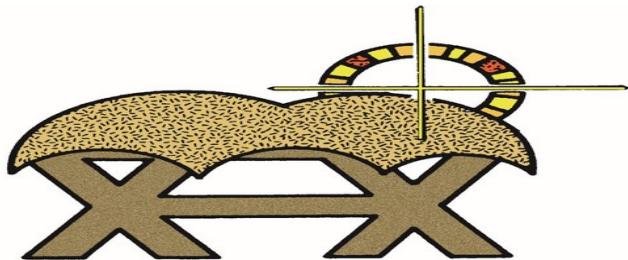
The Chronicles of Narnia and *The Screwtape Letters*.

Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available.

Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance:

www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm.





The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:26-33, 38)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WEDNESDAY DINNER NIGHT

January 7 Lasagna Dinner

Reservations Due: Friday January 2 @ 8pm

phone 216-662-2277 PRESS 1

Cost: \$13 Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering

**Dinner will consist of - Lasagna with garlic bread
and tossed salad**

January 21 Pork & Sauerkraut

Reservations Due: Friday January 16 @ 8pm

phone 216-662-2277 PRESS 2

Cost \$13 Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering

**Dinner will consist of - Pork & Sauerkraut, Spätzle's,
and baked apples**

EVERYTHING IS PACKAGED ~

PRE-ORDER ONLY ~ TAKEOUT ONLY

Curbside Pickup

READY TO HEAT SERVING TIME 4 - 6 PM

PICK-UP at 10806 Granger Road - Club 4130

**Please leave your complete name, phone number
and number of dinners you will be picking up. If some
one else is picking up ~ please leave their name also.**