



SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

DECEMBER 14, 2025

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ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL, ROCKSIDE ROAD CAMPUS: 216-662-9380, TURNER 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>

ST. BENEDICT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: In the person of Jesus, God has come to heal and save us. Patiently, yet joyfully, we await the fulfillment of His Advent.

Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY: DECEMBER 13 SAINT LUCY,
VIRGIN AND MARTYR**

7:30 am Donald Russin (Family)
4:30 pm Josephine Tomsic (Family)

**SUNDAY: DECEMBER 14 THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

9:00 am Dolores Okal (Thomas Okal)
11:00 am For The People

MONDAY: DECEMBER 15 ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:30 am Deceased Members of
the Skuhrovec Family (Mary McFeely)
6:30 pm Marie Theresa & Ben Ali (Ali Family)

TUESDAY: DECEMBER 16 ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:30 am Joseph Blaha (Family)
6:30 pm Margaret Leskovec (David)

WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 17

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:30 am Olga Bossard (Alan~Husband/Joe~Son)
6:30 pm James Piskura (Family)

THURSDAY: DECEMBER 18

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:30 am ALL SOULS

FRIDAY: DECEMBER 19

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:30 am Patrice & Alex Adams (Family)

SATURDAY: DECEMBER 20

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:30 am Cecelia Januszewski (Derbin Family)
4:30 pm For The People

**SUNDAY: DECEMBER 21 FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

9:00 am Eugene & Edwina Stefanski (Larry)
11:00 am Tom Rosencrans (Cheri)

Third Sunday
Behold, I am sending
my messenger ahead of
you; he will prepare
your way before you.
Matthew 11:10

Oh Jesus, make our hearts open
to the word of God, make our
hearts open to goodness, make
our hearts open to the beauty of
God every day, make our
hearts open to You. You knock
at our hearts to enter and
grant us peace, peace of the
soul. Let us open our hearts
to You.



Parish Collection December 7th, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 6025.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 729.00
Utilities	\$ 864.00
Donations	\$ 5102.00
Candles	\$ 112.00
Parish Life	\$ 526.00
Cloak	\$ 945.00
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 30.00
Christmas	\$ 655.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 296.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 196.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Flowers & Decorations	\$ 65.00
HVAC	\$ 355.00

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, 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, Marilyn Palko, James A. Palumbo, Margit Papay, Jessica Pravateare, 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:
LUCY E. MIROGLOTTA ~ JOSEPH MUSARRA**

**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.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

Sat: December 13	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 3:00 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass Advent Evening Prayer
Sun: December 14	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass
Mon: December 15	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:00 pm Rosary 6:30 pm PSR K-8 6:30 pm Mass GRS 3 & 6
Tues: December 16	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:15 pm Evening Prayer
Wed: December 17	6:30 pm Mass 7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:15 pm Evening Prayer
Thurs: December 18	6:30 pm Mass 7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary
Fri: December 19	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary
Sat: December 20	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 3:00 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass Advent Evening Pray
Sun: December 21	9:00 am Mass Coffee & Donuts 11:00 am Mass

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Please join us for Divine Mercy Holy Hour at:

St. Monica on Sunday December 14th, 2025 and at
St. Therese on Sunday December 28th, 2025

Prayers at both Churches begin at 2:30pm

[ALL ARE WELCOME](#)

COFFEE & DONUTS & SOUPER

We will have Coffee & Donuts

After 9:00am Mass On

December 21st, 2025

AND "Soup'er Sunday will be

December 28th 2025



Guest Article :
Rev. Jerome Machar OCSO

Continued from last week-ends Bulletin...

**Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26,
Matthew 9:35- 10:1, 5a, 6-8**

Any gift we decide to give at Christmas should be an expression of gratitude to God for the gifts he has given to us. The prophet Isaiah describes what we are gifted to do. "The Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the wounds of the brokenhearted. He has anointed me to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness to those who are in bondage. He has anointed me to announce the year of God's favor and to comfort all who mourn" (Is. 61: 1-2). The Giver of all good gifts, whose birthday we are preparing to celebrate has told us, "Because these gifts have been lavished on you, give them freely to others" (Mat. 10:8). We are to share with others the Good News that echoes in our hearts. Because Christ has healed the wounds of our hearts, we are to apply a healing balm to those in need. Because we have been set free from bondage to sin, we are to show others the path to freedom. Because the Lord has dried our tears, we are to comfort those who mourn.

We have been graced in ways we could never have imagined. We must strive to make God's work our own. God gathers the outcast to himself, and he uses us to accompany them to their heavenly homeland. He heals the brokenhearted and uses us to speak a word of consolation to them. He forgives sinners and uses us to assure them that they are reconciled with the Father. He promises to be with us until the end of time and uses us to draw others into the communion of Love. The purpose of our evangelization is to assure people that God is present for them in a strikingly new way. Those who walk in the

*Hail,
full of grace!
The Lord is
with you.*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thinking back to my years at St. Joseph High School (I get a periodical from the Marianist a couple times a year and in the latest one there were photos of my former principal Philip Aaron as well as Mike O'Grady who taught religion). Many of the Marianists have moved on and that too is indicated in the mailing. One that I recall

at this time of the year and in this season is one Mike Voelker. He taught German my junior and senior year. Brother Mike died at the age of 88. What sparked the memory was a song that we learned in



German which I listened to earlier in the week. O Tannenbaum. If memory be accurate he had us singing the song as a means of being alert to pronunciation of the verses. There are different takes on the Christmas song. I understand that it is a traditional folk song but at first was not related to the Holy Day. From what I learned later the lyrics refer to the fir's evergreen quality as a symbol of constancy and faithfulness. The direction of firmness of mind and character and sincere in practice. I have read a book by one Stephen Nissenbaum titled The Battle for Christmas. He indicated that the tree itself entered American society through the avenues of commercial culture. Some would say that what was initiated was a pattern and a process that included Santa Claus gifts under the tree. Inasmuch as we all sang along with Brother Mike, we were unaware of the implication of the inference to firmness of mind and sincerity in practice of the One born to us whom we celebrate remembering His first coming. Just a thought (perhaps a question or something to be attentive to) does my/our celebration of Christmas converge with the celebration of the One whose pattern of life is given us as a direction until He comes again? Again, a busy time for many and much to attend to as well. May we be a bit more conscious and aware of being faithful to that which the Baptist shared at the Jordan about the reform of life and the testimony 'Look! There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world' May we hasten as those firm in mind and marked with the sign of faith as baptized into Him.

Readings for the Week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a,10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17
Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17
Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

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.

Anointing of the Sick & Healing Mass

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on:

Saturday, January 3rd, 2026 at 4:30pm Mass

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

December 31, 2025 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.

DECEMBER 2025 MONTHLY RAFFLE

Will be a **\$100.00 Bill** Basket with New Year Treats

Tickets will be a \$10.00 Donation

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:

tbattaglia6@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 knit or crochet, yarn donations will be appreciated too, there is a bin in the vestibule to donate your yarn. If you are interested, please contact the Rectory, 216-475-4300.

From Bobbi Bugaj

Sometimes listening to the prophets during Advent brings to mind words like "gratefulness" and "watchfulness." The gratefulness in that God kept his promises and I am a child of God. I am loved, blessed and watched over. The watchfulness is for me. To respond to the gratefulness in a manner that is in keeping with the grace of God has shown me. A watchfulness for the questions that I ask myself. Am I ready to welcome Jesus into my heart in a new way? Am I ready if he comes again? Questions that I ask myself are difficult and require that I be honest with myself. These thoughts come from this past Monday Night as I was preparing for PSR for the 7th grade and we would be discussing this Sunday's readings. My thoughts since has been with the verse: "Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense, he comes to save you." Those words brought joy because it is true. My hands, my knees, my actions, they can cause me to stumble by following a world that can seem easier. I can get caught up in what I see and what I hear. What the world wants me to do verses what God wants me to do and gives me the strength to do it. There is joy in that. I am never alone, I have everything I need to walk this journey and the ability if I so choose to be able to prepare my heart in a way that allows me to follow the path of Jesus. As I ponder his first coming, an infant in a manger, so small, so vulnerable and yet when I place myself there (an Ignatius tradition) my desire to hold him is overwhelming. To touch, to feel to hold close to my heart. To know that in my feeble and weak way, I am so loved that this love stays in my heart. That love guides me in this life to know a way that brings joy and peace. In a life that is not easy there is joy in knowing that God loved me so much that he would send his Son to save me. That Son would show me a path to love, relationship and change that meaning of life to include forever. I am adopted and marked with the sign of faith that is love, shows hope and deepens my faith. I know that God calls me constantly showing me signs all around me in a world that does not acknowledge them or dismisses them. The last part of the Isiah states "he comes to save you" and every advent going to Christmas I realize more and more what that statement says. This statement does not mention love or faith of hope directly but it I know what it means. It means all of the love given by God comes to me. Faith is strengthened because that love changes my heart. Changes it every day of every year and when I see the Love candle, I rejoice and know that joy that comes with it. I also appreciate the watchfulness that says, stay focuses so as walk a path constantly lets the love of God change my heart in this world. Lets me be an image of that love. There is joy in that thought and gratefulness. There is always the watchfulness that says, if the second coming happens today, are you ready.

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.

Sunday, December 21st, 2025 will be our Parish Communal Penance at 3:00pm

The Catholic Cemeteries Association

The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next **Sunday Grief Support Group** will be on Sunday Dec. 21st. 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

Calvary Cleveland | 10000 Miles Avenue

Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road

Virtual – Please register at

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR 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 just not a donation ~ it's a way of Thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious. If needed there are envelopes available in the vestibule.

Thank You for your Generosity.

THANK YOU FROM SVDP

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to say THANK YOU! Our Blanket Sunday Campaign was very successful this year and we appreciate your support. Every gift, large or small, has made an impact and will help us purchase blankets and beds, and help with utility bills. Winter is in full swing already, and the need is greater than ever. With the success of Blanket Sunday, we can offer more hope to families in need. God Bless You!



The Knights of Columbus Council #4130 is conducting their Annual COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN. This has been a successful Campaign in the past and we are asking for your participation again in helping to keep our community warm. Envelopes are available in the Vestibule. Please make checks out to
"KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS". On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council #4130 we want to "THANK YOU" for your generosity and continued support!.

"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

"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.



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.



December 13th, 2025 Confessions 3:00 ~ 4:00pm
December 13th, 2025 4:30pm Mass &
Advent Evening Prayer
December 14th, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent ~
9:00am & 11:00am
December 14th, 2025 Christmas Concert @ 6:00pm
December 20th, 2025 Confessions 3:00 ~ 4:00pm
December 20th, 2025 4:30pm Mass &
Advent Evening Prayer
December 21st, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent ~
9:00am & 11:00am
December 21st, 2025 3:00pm Parish Confessions
December 24th, 2025 7:30am Mass
Christmas Eve Vigil 4:30pm Mass
December 25th, 2025
Midnight Mass
9:00am Mass & 11:00am Mass

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WEDNESDAY DINNER NIGHT**

December 17, 2025

Chicken Parmesan

Reservations Due:

Friday December 12 @ 8pm

phone 216-662-2277 PRESS 2

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

Dinner will consist of -

Chicken Parmesan with pasta, Broccoli,

Roll & Butter

Wednesday Night Dinner - 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

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.