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Mission Statement : Inspired by the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and our neighbors.

THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **OCTOBER 25TH, 2026**

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906
St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ
Sund ay 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

WEEKDAY MASS

5:15 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ
Monday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00p.m. - SJ
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM
Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what your promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Collect of The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MESSAGE SERIES

What if Mass is more than simply going to church on Sunday? This four-week series invites you to discover the Catholic Mass as our spiritual worship, where we encounter Christ, hear God's Word, unite our lives with Christ's sacrifice, receive His life, and are sent to live our faith in the We'll discover that the Mass isn't something we simply watch or attend. It is something we enter—and something that changes the way we live.

Week Four — Now Go Live It!
Scripture: Matthew 22:34–40

Jesus identifies the two greatest commandments: love God with your whole heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. These commandments summarize the Christian life. We gather at Mass to worship God, but that worship must overflow into love for others. Loving our neighbor is not a distraction from loving God; it is one of the ways we express our love for Him. The Mass doesn't make us spectators. It makes us living sacrifices. We leave Mass and continue the offering. You go home and love your spouse. You go to work and serve your coworkers. You care for your children. You forgive someone. You visit someone who is lonely. You serve the poor. You use your gifts. You endure suffering with Christ. You become Christ's presence in the world. *Do you connect Sunday worship with everyday life?*

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 24th, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00p.m. (SM) + Dorothy Prince (Paula Phillips & Sons)
5:30p.m. (SJ) + Jon Birthday Deceased (Mom & Dad)
Sunday, October 25th, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30a.m. (SJ) + Joe, Mal, Ray & Isaac De Genova (Joe & Mary De Genova)
11:00 a.m. (SM) For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's
Monday, October 26th
5:15p.m..(SJ) + Goldie Rogers (John T. Weyrick)
Tuesday, October 27th
8:00a.m. (SM) + Joseph & June Magyar (Terry Magyar)
Wednesday, October 28th
8:00a.m. (SJ) + Roger Peters (Morning Mass Group)
Thursday, October 29th
8:00a.m. (SM) + Rose Grammer (Jim & Theresa Mowery)
Friday, October 30th
8:00a.m. (SJ) + Dean Benedetta (Anthony & Mary Ann)
Saturday, October 31st, All Saints Day
4:00p.m. (SM) + Judy Rulong (Scarnechia Family)
5:30p.m. (SJ) + For the People of St. John's & St. Mary's
Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Day
9:30a.m. (SJ) + Liberato Lauron & Fe Lauron Deceased Anniversary (Candari Family)
11:00a.m.(SM) + Cathy Weeks (Family)



Lord, bless and protect those serving our country, especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno, Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzel, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, SSG Kayne Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, SSG Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Lt. Col. Trey Vasey, Capt. SSG Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, MSG Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster, Pvt William Clegg , Petty Officer Alex Rader, SFC Shawn Selmon, SSG Colton Selmon, Seaman Brooke Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, SSG Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beveridge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook, Petty Officer 1st Class Meleah (Tiber) Hernik, Seaman Joshya D. Nelson, E -4 Specialist Luke G. Bell, SSG John Workman, Corporal Dane Miscovich, E-4 Specialist Wyatt L. Robertson

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



The Knights of Columbus are once again teaming up with PREVAIL having their Annual Baby Bottle Campaign at our parishes. Your spare change can benefit the PREVAIL Pregnancy Resource Center in Bethesda, Ohio. Simply pick up a bottle and fill it with your change and donations for one month. In four weeks bring back your bottle full. It is a fun and easy way for the whole family to get involved and make a difference in the life of a mother and child! Please spiritually adopt a child and mother and pray for them each day. Please take a flyer from the PREVAIL Center home with your baby bottle!

The Last Day for the Baby Bottles to be turned in is Next Sunday, November 1st. Thank You!

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of October 17/18

St. John's: Adult (85env) $4,189, Loose $520.80, Assumption (1env) $5, World Mission (9env) $305, St. Vincent de Paul (1env) $10, Grade School (2env) $35, Building Fund (3env) $65

St. Mary's: Adult (48env) $1,752, Loose $167.15, All Saints (1env) $0, World Missions (8env) $97, Campaign for Human Development (1env) $40, St. Vincent de Paul (1env) $40, Grade School (1env) $40, Building Fund (4env) $90, Food Pantry (3env) $225, Archdiocese Military (1env) $40, Candles $45

PRAYER list

Please Note: *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following:* Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Mgsr. Gene Mullett, Fr. Tom Petronek, Quentin Scott Coyne, Baby Everett Sommers, Joe Boston Jr., Bob, & Tom, Mary Kay Hanasky, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich , Sandy Bass , Anthony De Genova ,Magan Nichole Sechrest, Brian B., Rita Kovalo, Susan Gray, Danielle Watt, Mary Stegman, John, Mary & Heidi Patt, Raisa Rodsky, Shari Taylor, Gerald Paolucci, Ernest Kiss, Rose Reeher, Lou "Weegee" Bennington, Jean Morgan , Bill Shepherd, Peggy Byles, Janet (Rose) Green, Carol Zemba, Donna Richards, Jack Selmon, Jamie Ellis, Tom & Margie Merryman, Beau Boston, Emily LeMasters, Dalisay Donato, Adrianne Forbes, Stacey Gilli, Max Townsend, Julie, Brian, Patricia, Diana McCulley, Janet Green, Darla Schau, Ella Karst, Peggy Gress, Kyle Beaver, Eileen Penyak, JoAnn Rankin, Sandina Leonard, Dick Johnson , Connor Hanasky, Brode Brown, Xander Wilson, James (Cracker) Graham, Gary DeVendra, Liz M., David Arnold ,Tom Lengyel, Bill West, Johnny Rushman, Patty Smith, Martha Rollandini, Marty Strussion , Waneta Janosik, Jarrett Burga, Joseph Weyrick, Cathy Cilles, Henry Boston, Bubba Kapral, Jan West, Marlene Workman, Cathy Wright, Brady Boyd, Shirley Tollett, The Lloyd Family, Bev's Family, Jodi (Narcisi) Adams, Charles Lytton, Fr. Timothy McGuire, Mary Bresiger, Brenda Lucas, Debbie Blinco, Steve Loveless, Patty Smith, Robert "Moose" Dodrill



Chemo Survival Kits

The Caring Crafters are once again supplying Chemotherapy Survival Kits to the local cancer centers. I'm sure cancer has touched each of us in some way. The effects of chemo can be devastating. These bags contain items to help soothe the side effects, even if just a little. Any donation is greatly appreciated! We will have forms at the church entrances. You can also write a note to the recipient. We will include it in the bag. Thank You!

TOGETHER WE ARE TOUCHING LIVES!



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Join us this Sunday, October 25, 3:00pm at St. John's Church to celebrate the birthdays of the unborn children we adopted through our parishes Spiritual Adoption Program that we began in January. Bring baby items and diapers or monetary donations that we can donate to the Miracle of Life Support Group at St. Mary's Church in St. Clairsville!





2026 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign Progress Report

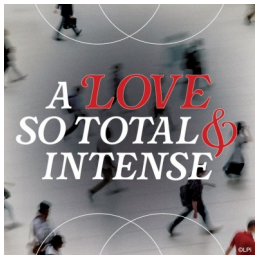
St. John Parish Goal: $39,827 - Total Households Participating = 82 of 612 (13%) Total Received to Date (Payments on Pledges + One Time Gifts) = **$26,530** Percentage of Goal Reached: 65% *Please use the envelopes in the pews to make your gift today!*
St. Mary Parish Goal: $17,516 - Total Households Participating = 48 of 243 (20%), Total Received to Date (Payments on Pledges + One Time Gifts) = **$18, 925** Percentage of Goal Reached: 108% *Have you participated?*



CWC LUMINARY FUNDRAISER

The **Catholic Women's Club** and our **Wholehearted Youth Group** will be selling Memorial/Prayer Request Luminaries during the month of October to raise money for retreats and conferences to benefit our women and youth. The luminaries are $5 each. They can be purchased in the church (see order forms in bulletin and at entrances) and at the parish office. Each luminary will include a white luminary bag, flameless tea light candle and sticker on the bag "In Loving Memory Of" or "Special Prayer Intention For". You can purchase these bags in honor of either deceased and/ or living family or friends.

Our fundraiser will conclude with Mass on Monday, November 2nd at 5:15pm in St. John Church. We will also line the church aisles and altar areas of both churches with the luminaries. Please indicate at which church, St. John's or St. Mary's, you would like your luminary to be displayed. You will be able to take these luminaries home after the Sunday November 8th mass. We appreciate your support of this luminary fundraiser. We look forward to sharing in a celebration of prayer with you and your family. Thank you!!!



GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, **"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37).** He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else *because* we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR OCT 31&NOV 1

St. John's

October 31st	EM:C. Bladen	Lector: S. Stewart
November 1st	EM: D. Moscato	Lector: A. Busic

St. Mary's

October 31st	EM: Volunteer	Lector: D. Knight
November 1st	EM: T. Mowery	Lector: A. Schamp

Lectors please remember to recite the rosary before mass in October.





SHADYSIDE FOOD PANTRY

St. Mary's will be teaming up with the Food Pantry and will be collecting **gravy** and **chicken broth** for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please place your donations on the table/bin in the back of the church.



GIVING TREE

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree will be back soon! Tags will be available at St. John's weekend masses from November 14th through the 22nd, with gifs due by November 29th. We will also accept monetary donations and do the shopping for you!

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This Week on Formed

Week of October 25, 2026



What Catholics Believe About Halloween

Is Halloween really a pagan holiday—or is it deeply Christian? In this episode of What Catholics Believe, Dr. Ben Akers explains the Catholic roots of Halloween, its connection to All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and how Catholics can celebrate it faithfully. Discover the history of trick-or-treating, the dangers of the occult, the meaning behind costumes, and even the Catholic perspective on vampires and zombies.



Eternal Rest

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a new offering of the Augustine Institute.



Who is St. Jude? | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle St. Jude.

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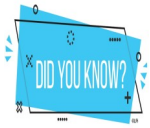

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Other than Sundays, what are the names of the days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass?
Answer: Holy Days of Obligation. ©LPi

MASSTIMES.ORG

Travelling? Never miss a weekend mass by finding mass times near your destination. Just go to masstimes.org and enter the city, state or zip code of the place you'll be visiting. And bring Fr. Dan back a bulletin!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

All Saints Day / November 1, 2026

First Reading: "Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen." (Rv 9:12)

Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. (Ps 24)

Second Reading: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel: Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. (Mt 5:10)

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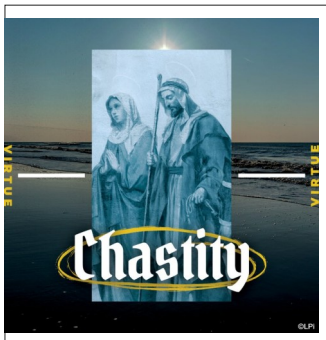
CCC 823, 828 The Church is holy
CCC 956 The intercession of the saints
CCC 957 Communion with the saints
CCC 1173 Memorials of the saints
CCC 1474-1477: The Communion of Saints
CCC 2005 Grace at work in the lives of the saints



Virtues, *Explained!*

Chastity, Explained!

All human beings have a body, just as all human beings have a soul. Since mankind fractured his relationship with the divine, the inclinations of the body are often at odds with the well-being of the soul.

Through the virtue of chastity, these inclinations become once again integrated.

In the Catechism, we read that chastity "includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery which is a training in human freedom" (CCC 2339). True freedom is impossible when a person is subject to any of his or her passions.

The sins of lust, pornography, and prostitution are principal offenses against the virtue of chastity, because these things undermine the integrity, or wholeness, of the human person's physical and spiritual dimensions.

All people are called to chastity, even those who are not called to celibacy, because all people have a physical self. Chastity is one of the twelve gifts of the Holy Spirit, which sustains moral life. ©LPi

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Love God First

When the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris burned in 2019, some made the argument that the money necessary to rebuild it would be better spent by the Church on providing services to the poor.

"After all," I heard someone argue. "History is important, but humanitarianism is our religion."

Close, but — as my father likes to say — no cigar.

Humanitarianism is actually not our religion, and you should never let anyone tell you it is. It's a small mistake, but it can become a big one, fast. Humanitarianism is wonderful — it describes a set of principles animated by an underlying belief in the value of human life. But this is not sufficient. We can't start with loving people and work our way up to God.

Why? Because I promise you, we will never end up reaching God.

If you have any doubt about this, you can consult literally any history book. Every war, every famine, every political disaster since the dawn of time has resulted from an attempt to put people first. "We're putting our people first," governments say — always right before they do something really, really heinous.

For what it's worth, the Church hasn't owned the Notre-Dame de Paris since the French Revolution. It was seized and rededicated to the Cult of Reason — the atheistic state religion that, it assured everyone, put people first (and put those people who disagreed to death at the guillotine).

We can't start with love of people, because we will always displace *some of the other people*. Only by starting with love of God — heart, soul, and mind — can we enter the narrow gate of correctly loving other people.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question At the heart of the Mosaic social laws, we hear God's expectation for compassion, especially to the most vulnerable among us. *Is compassion a virtue that comes easily to you?*

2nd Reading Question Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving for the faith of the Thessalonian community members who are seen as role models for believers throughout the regions of Macedonia and Achaia. *Is there someone in your life who models the Faith well?*

Gospel Question Jesus taught that love of God and love of neighbor are the foundation of the Jewish law and the prophets. *How does this two-fold commandment inspire you to live the Christian life?* ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Halloween

Question: *Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?*

Answer: The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallow's Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember … this feast was Catholic first!

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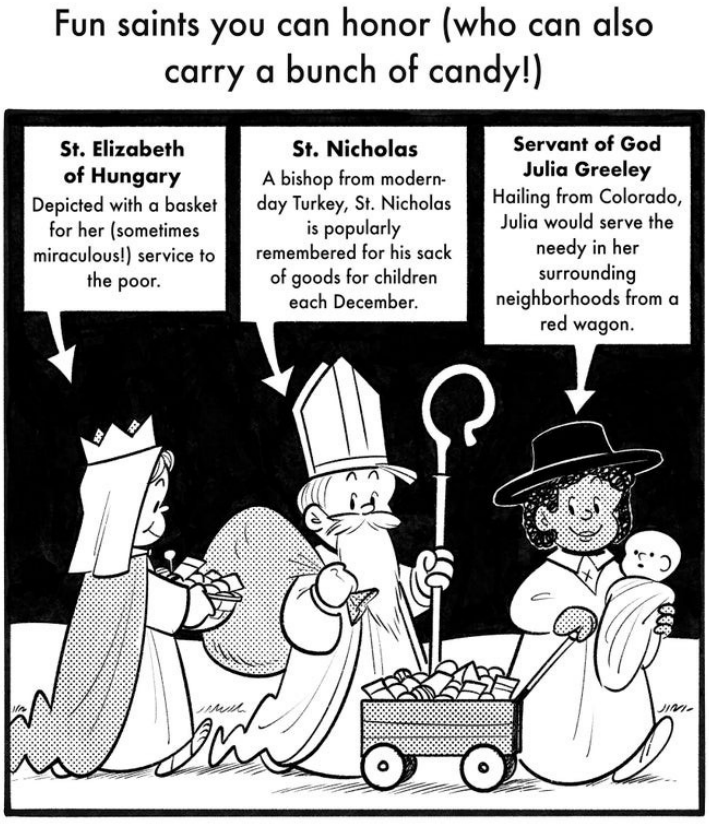

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

No Substitute for Love

I read an interesting article about how tolerance has become a substitute for love. As Christians we often talk about tolerance toward others when truly the call of Jesus Christ is to love others, not simply tolerate them. The truth is tolerance is a lot easier than love.

In tolerance, we are asked to give nothing away. It costs us nothing to simply allow people to be who they are, where they are, and stay in the state in which they find themselves. Love requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and to offer a part of ourselves to others. This makes us vulnerable and open to possible pain and discomfort. Those whom we seek to love could take advantage of us. It is easy to see why tolerance seems a bit more popular these days.

Jesus could have tolerated the religious hypocrites of his day. He could have tolerated the Romans who oppressed the Jews. He could have simply tolerated the tax collectors, prostitutes, and outcasts of his day. Instead, he loved them. He made himself vulnerable and open to pain. When we look at the cross we see what can be the true price for love. It is easy to see why a policy of tolerance looks more desirable to many.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Guardian Angel Prayer, *Explained!*

The Guardian Angel Prayer, also known as the Angel of God Prayer, invokes the protection of one's guardian angel. Often one of the first prayers taught to children, it consists of two rhyming couplets: "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide."

The exact authorship of this prayer is unknown. Scholars previously attributed it to St. Anselm of Canterbury, though many now believe a version composed by Reginald of Canterbury in his "Life of Malchus" serves as the prayer's inspiration.

Guardian Angels are referred to in Scripture in the Book of Daniel (Dan. 12:1), the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 18:10) and the Psalms (91:10-13). "From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 336). ©LPi



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

Healing after Abortion

Every day, women who have had abortions are coming to the healing of the Lord. One such person has shared the following: "[My husband] convinced me to get an abortion. I was of the feeling (although I knew better) that this wasn't really a baby. It was a 'mass of tissue' I was getting rid of. I grieved for a long time when I faced what I had really done. It made me a much sadder person for a while. I made a confession to a Priest, [and] followed his advice to become involved in letting people know that they are carrying a life inside of them. I feel very good about myself now. I am involved in the Pro-Life Movement." For more info, visit www.SilentNoMore.com.

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CHRISTMAS ORDERS 2026

LAST DAY TO ORDER IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

DATE FOR PICKING UP IS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00a.m.—4:00p.m.

Pierogi are $7.00/dozen

Potato with cheese pierogi

Potato with cheese & onion pierogi

Sauerkraut Pierogi

Cabbage Rolls are $2.30 each

St. Michael
Christian Mothers and Christian Women
Children's Clothing & More Sale



November 6th 4pm – 7pm
November 7th 8am – Noon
at the Angelus Center

Donation Drop Offs:
Wednesday, November 4th 4pm-7pm
Thursday, November 5th 4pm-7pm
Friday, November 6th 8:30am- 10am





PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing for Harvest

Thank you, Lord, for the growth we have seen this season. Bless our harvest and those who labor to bring us nourishment. May Your provision be known, Your pruning be sure, Your preservation total. Prosper the work of our hands, Lord, in Your goodness. Amen. ©LPi

Christmas Fundraiser

Speiro Academy School of Ministry and Fine Arts is holding a Christmas Fundraiser. There will be vendors, Santa, Kids shopping room, gift wrapping, food and treats, Christmas stage, Activities, Basket Raffle and More!
Date: Saturday, November 7th
Time: 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. 3625
Where: 3625 Guernsey St. Bellaire, OH 43906



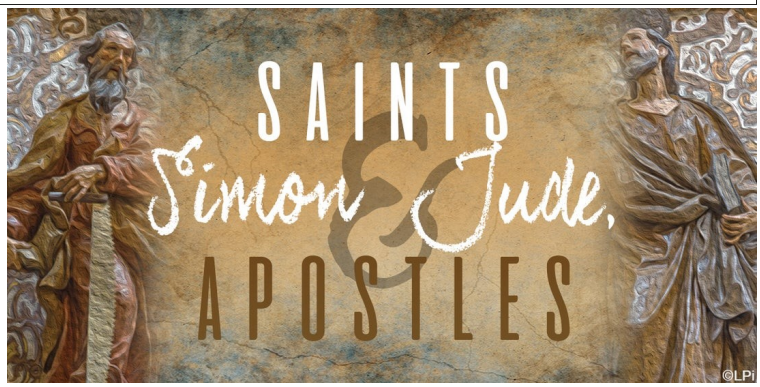
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Feast Day: October 25

St. Jude Thaddeus and St. Simon, two of the least known Apostles, are paradoxically among the closest to their Master, two of his cousins. At least, the tradition is quite certain of it as regards Jude Thaddeus, since it is clear from the Scriptures that his father, Alpheus, was the brother of St. Joseph, while his mother, Mary Cleophas, was a cousin of the Virgin. As for Simon, things are shrouded in fog.

Many faces, an Apostle

The Gospel names St. Simon as the tenth apostle, just before Jude Thaddeus. Many identify in Simon the homonymous cousin of Christ, brother of James the Younger. The Byzantines identify in him Nathanael of Cana and the canteen director at the wedding of Cana, while St. Fortunatus of Poitiers states that Simon and Jude Thaddeus were buried in Suanir, a city in Persia, where they suffered martyrdom. According to tradition, it is almost certainly in this part of the world that Simon, known as the Zealot or the Canaanite, as the evangelists Matthew and Mark call him, crossed paths with Jude THaddeus, who would be his companion in mission until the end.

Jude, the faithful disciple

When the Eleven dispersed from Jerusalem to proclaim the Kingdom of God in other lands, Jude Thaddeus departed from Galilee and Samaria to go into Syria, Armenia and ancient Persia. In this area, authoritative sources claim, he met Simon, and their missionary partnership won tens of thousands of Babylonians and people from other cities for Christ. As always, the Gospel earned for itself both followers and enemies: for the two Apostles, the hour of supreme witness eventually arrived.

The courage to be called Christians

Arrested and taken to the Temple of the Sun, the sentence imposed on both was to worship the goddess Diana, and so to deny Christ. In refusing, it is said that Jude Thaddeus declared pagan idols false, and that at the same time two horrible demons came out of the temple, destroying him. Frightened, the people watching the scene are said to have pounced ferociously on the two Apostles, who are brutally killed. Their relics are kept in the Basilica of Saint Peter.

Readings for the week of October 25, 2026

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

National VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Begins Next Sunday

THIS WEEK

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30a.m. –10:45a.m. Parish School of Religion (SMRE)
3:00p.m. Spiritual Adoption Birthday Celebration (SJ)
6:00p.m. Youth Group (SMRE)
Tuesday: 9:00a.m.– 5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SM)
Thursday: 6:45pm OCIA (SJH)
Next Sunday: **All Saints Day**
National Vocation Awareness Week Begins
9:30a.m. –10:45a.m. Parish School of Religion (SMRE)

Remembering the Faithful Departed

We will have our annual remembrance of those who died between November 1, 2025 and November 1, 2026 on Sunday, November 8, for St. John's Parish and Sunday, November 22 for St. Mary's Parish, both services will be at 7:00pm. All family members, friends and parishioners are invited to join us.

In Loving Memory of The Westlake, Gress & Novy Families *By Terry & Linda*	*In Loving Memory of* Christine A. Canter *By Husband Charles Daughter Stacy Ryan & Grandsons Charlie & Matthew.*	*In Loving Memory of The* The Masciarelli & Smigill *By Sunny & Anita Smigill*
In Loving Memory Of The Sharpe & Cerasoli Families *By Anita & Jeannine*	*In Loving Memory Of* John, Rose & Cathy Magistro *By Bruce & Mary Ann*	*In Loving Memory of the* Kuchinka, Teasdale & Stolz Families *by Marion & Jeff*
Fall Blessings for the The Boston & Donahue Families *By Cheryl Boston*	*In Loving Memory of* Bill Kahl *by Wife Karen* George, Bud, Murph & Jerry Snider *By Sister & Family*	*In Loving Memory of My* Dad, Mom, & Brother *By Tonya (St. John) Grimm*
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