



24<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must  
deny himself, take up his cross, and  
follow me." - Mk 8:34b

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 4:00 pm • Sunday: 10:00 am

**WEEKDAYS**

Monday &amp; Tuesday: 8:30 am

**HOLY DAY MASSES**

Consult your weekly bulletin.

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[www.stanthonylorain.org](http://www.stanthonylorain.org)**Monday-Friday:**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**ADORATION CHAPEL**

Monday-Friday: 8 am - 3 pm

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS****CONFESSION:** Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.**BAPTISM:** At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.*Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month***MARRIAGE:** At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling. Couples need to make arrangements *at least 6 months in advance*. No date may be reserved until discussion with priest of the parish.**ANointing of the Sick:** Call the Parish Office**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)**

Mondays 6:15 - 7:30 pm beginning in September 13th

[psr@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:psr@stanthonylorain.com)**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**440-288-2155 • [www.stanthonylorain.org](http://www.stanthonylorain.org)Julio Alarcon, *School Principal*[alarconj@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:alarconj@stanthonylorain.com)**PASTORAL STAFF**Rev. Edward J. Smith, *Pastor* • ext. 248Father Thomas Sanders, OSB, *Weekend Associate**Deacon* Paul HeiseEric Gilles, *Maintenance Supervisor* • 440-434-2090[gillese@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:gillese@stanthonylorain.com)Kim Kuhn, *Parish Secretary* • ext. 221[kuhnk@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:kuhnk@stanthonylorain.com)Diana Lesiecki, *Business Manager*[lesieckid@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:lesieckid@stanthonylorain.com)Kathleen Obermiller, *Bulletin Editor*[obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com)John Kowalski, *Music Minister*[churchmusic@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:churchmusic@stanthonylorain.com)**FROM THE DESK  
OF FR. SMITH**

In today's gospel, Jesus invites the disciples to engage a question: "*Who do you say that I am?*" So... what do you think? Is this an "unsolved question" in your heart? Or is this a question for which you already know the answer? Perhaps, like Peter, we all might respond, "You are the Christ." We might even go on to add "Lord, Redeemer, King, Savior, the Way, the Truth, and the Life." I don't think the question would perplex us. But then again, we might wonder why we were asked in the first place.

When Jesus began the inquiry, he first asked, "*Who do people say that I am?*" The answers offered up include John the Baptist or the Prophet Elijah. Interestingly, Jesus neither affirms nor denies any of their answers. He simply listens to them, allowing the disciples to offer up everything they think they know, based on other people's answers. In a way, isn't this where we all begin? Isn't this the place where all exploration of faith begins, in naming what we've heard, inherited, and been taught? Such answers, however true, cost us little or nothing. But they don't offer us much in return if there is no life within the answer.

That was the easy question, the beginning. The hard question is "*Who do you say that I am?*" It is a way of asking, not if you know the heard/inherited/taught answer, but have you really engaged the question? Is there part of the question that is unsolved in your heart? Is your answer one which is lived out across the breadth and width of your life? Have you lived into the fullness of your own answer?

It is easy to imagine Jesus, standing patiently in their midst through that long silence, waiting to hear what his closest friends will say about him. Do they know him? Have they learned to trust his heart and his words? Do they love him? We know that Peter jumps right into the deep end of the pool as he answers, "*You are the Christ.*" Perfect answer, right?

Peter's answer is not praised. Instead, Jesus begins to paint a bleak picture of the coming persecution, passion, crucifixion, death, and the Resurrection. "*You are the Christ*" is just the start of the answer, as Jesus teaches the Apostles, there is much still unsolved in the question. I don't think Peter agreed in that moment. But there is a long road in front of Peter in which he will slowly live with the question and live into the answer – as he journeys with Jesus, as he denies Jesus, as he is reconciled, and as he goes out on mission to proclaim "The Christ" to all the world.

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**Sunday - Sept. 12th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

10:00 am - †George & Susan Pepon  
*Requested by: Karen Wicker*

**Monday - Sept. 13th - St. John Chrysostom,  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:30 am - †Domingo & Romana Amador  
*Requested by: Raquel Stein*

**Tuesday - Sept. 14th - The Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross**

8:30 am - †Florence Veroni  
*Requested by: Donna Wing*

**Saturday - Sept. 18th - Weekday**

4:00 pm - †Elizabeth Ilcisko  
*Requested by: Cindy Burks*

**Sunday - Sept. 19th - 25th Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

10:00 am - †Romana Amador  
*Requested by: Family*

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

*will be available in the next bulletin.*

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME.

**THE LAST CHANCE SUNDAY EVENING MASS**

**AT 5 PM**

**HAS RETURNED TO**

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN AVON LAKE**

**Grandparents♥Day**

**PRAYER**

Good and gracious God, you have given us the gift of children, who in turn give us the gift of grandchildren. Bless our children and help them to be good parents to our grandchildren. Let the little children come to us with arms wide open. Help us to open our hearts as wide as those little arms that wrap around our necks. Protect them and their parents from worry and stress. And give us as many days of life as possible to hear those little voices cry, "Grandma! Grandpa!" We ask all this in Jesus' name who is your Son and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*



**2021 MASS INTENTIONS**



**We have begun scheduling Mass Intentions for 2022!** No in person scheduling is taking place this year for the safety of all. You can schedule your masses in the following ways: call the Parish Office, mail in your dates with payment, drop your requests & payment in the collection basket at Mass or drop them in the side mailbox or front door slot of the Parish Office. Each family is able to schedule 2 weekend masses and 2 weekday masses at \$10 a Mass. Kim will contact you once your Masses are scheduled. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office, 440-288-0106.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

*Sunday:* Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35  
*Monday:* 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10  
*Tuesday:* Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
*Wednesday:* 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
*Thursday:* 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50  
*Friday:* 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3  
*Saturday:* 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15  
*Next Sunday:* Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

## ADORATION CHAPEL

“Hail, O Cross consecrated by the body of Christ, his members have made your wood more noble than precious pearls. Souls desiring to make great progress in virtue quickly choose for their teacher & guide Jesus Christ on the cross & in the Blessed Sacrament.”  
~*St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi*



“How can the mother of Jesus present at the foot of the Cross on Calvary who offered her Son as Victim for the salvation of souls be absent at the mystical Calvary of the Altar? I weep & mourn at the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for often I'm consoled.”

~*St. Padre Pio*



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- Vigil hours: 7 am - 7 pm daily at all sites
- Local contact: John Noall 216-245-9744 email: [clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com)
- Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaigns at the web addresses shown below!

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[40daysforlife.com/painesville](http://40daysforlife.com/painesville)  
[40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights](http://40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights)

## Prayer REQUESTS

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gilbert Amador	Vicky Aring	Gloria Badillo	Lindsey Marie Ballas	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini
Tim "Swampy" Burton	Chuck Camera	Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco	Alfredo DiLuciano	Evelyn Donovan
Jerry Donovan	Anna Mae Ebinger	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Scott Friges	Bea Giacobbe
Virginia Glass	Brian Grace	Renee Golowenski	D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez
Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez	Fr. John Raphael Hadnagy, OFM Conv	Nancy Hartman	Tim Haupt	Clara Hodorowski
Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston
Pepsi Lachowyn	Deacon Luis Maldonado	Barbara McCalland	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Jen Mitterholzer
Ellen Morgan	Mary Nazario	John Pavic	Liz Profant	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell
Amy Schmidt	Patricia Smith	Cassandra Stout	Andrea Taylor	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres
Rosa Torres	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Sherri Wedgeworth	Velma Weichman	Cathy Weston
Paul Winkler	Doris Woodcock				

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests, **Georgianna: 440-288-1644 or Dee: 440-984-3874**

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PASTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

There are lots of things about our Faith that we heard/inherited/was taught. We know God made us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven. Yet there is still more unsolved in our hearts. We are still called to live our answers to the great questions of our Faith.

As for me, who do I say that Jesus is? He is the One, the reason I continue, even when I do not yet know all the answers to the great questions of life. He is the perfect answer I hope to know more fully each day.

~Rev. Edward J Smith

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PSR BEGINS TOMORROW!

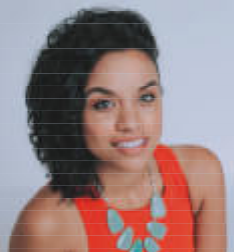
We will be offering in person PSR this year with safety protocols in place to keep everyone safe from the COVID-19 virus. PSR is open for all children in grades 2nd - 8th. Classes take place on **MONDAY** evenings from 6:15-7:30 pm. **The first class will be Monday, September 13th.** Registration forms are available online at [www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/psr/](http://www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/psr/). If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office, 440-288-0106, or email [psr@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:psr@stanthonylorain.com).

REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is open to all Catholic 8th graders & High School Students that have been baptized, made their First Communion & wish to further their commitment to their faith. Classes take place every other week on **SUNDAY** mornings beginning on **September 26th**. Classes will be from 8:15-11:00 am. Students will have class from 8:15-9:45 am & then attend Mass together at 10:00 am. **There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, September 19th after the 10:00 am Mass.** More information can be found on our website at [www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/sacramental-preparation/](http://www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/sacramental-preparation/). If you have any ?'s or would like a form sent to you, call Kathleen Obermiller, 440-288-0106 ext. 247, or email [obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com). We are excited for our Confirmation Preparation at St. Anthony's.

MUM SALE

St. Anthony School PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) will once again be sponsoring a Harvest Mum Buddies Sale. If you wish to order now, please go online to <https://app.fundraiseit.org/shop.php?code=EA660> OR watch for an order form in the bulletin soon. Thank you for your support for our school and children!



COME SEE INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN RECORDING ARTIST,  
AMANDA VERNON AT ST. JOSEPH AVON LAKE

You and your family are invited to see internationally-known recording artist Amanda Vernon in concert on **Sunday, September 26th at 7pm** at St. Joseph Church, Avon Lake. She will share her original music and give the faith-filled stories behind the songs. For more info, visit [amandavernon.com](http://amandavernon.com).

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHES?

A lot of people do. As students go back to school perhaps now is the perfect time to tune in & listen to Catholic Answers Live as they explain & defend the Catholic faith by answering your questions about what the church **actually teaches**. Tune in at AM 1260 The Rock Sunday through Friday from 6 to 8 pm or listen live at [am1260therock.com](http://am1260therock.com). Have a question? Call in at 1-888-31-TRUTH.



**MONTHLY SUNDAY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS IN-PERSON & VIRTUALLY***(Please visit [www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org) for the most updated schedule of events)*

Catholic Cemetery Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: in-person (3 pm) & virtually (5 pm). We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month; 4th Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a Holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. **Both the in-person and virtual meetings will take place on Sunday, September 19th. You can join the in-person meeting from 3-4 pm at 6 locations with the closest being the St. Joseph Cemetery, 32789 Detroit Rd., Avon or log in to Zoom at 5 pm for the virtual session.** Both meetings will cover the same topic. The September topics are “*Different Types of Grief*” and “*Grieving After a Suicide Death*”. We offer a comfortable, private & safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come & be in the presence of those who understand. *Your RSVP for both the In-Person & Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but not required to attend.* RSVP to Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

**To attend the virtual meeting from 5-6 pm,** simply go to <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> to receive the login information & download the handout materials. You can join virtually from any Wi-Fi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone or even without Wi-Fi (audio only) from your phone. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email or want more information, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

**THE BENEDICTINE MONKS OF ST. ANDREW ABBEY ANNUAL BENEFIT**

The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Abbey, who have served our diocese for 99 years, will have their annual benefit on **Saturday, October 2nd** at the Church of the Assumption located at 9183 Broadview Rd, Broadview Heights. This year's benefit will honor the legacy of the late Abbot Clement Zeleznik, OSB. It will begin with Mass at 4:30 pm followed by a Gala Dinner & Program in the Assumption Family Center. For tickets & advertising, please contact Mrs. Ashley Arko at 216-421-2080 ext. 280 or [arko@cbhs.edu](mailto:arko@cbhs.edu).

Visit [standrewabbey.org](http://standrewabbey.org) for full details.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL - WALK TO REMEMBER**

During October, the month of the Most Holy Rosary, Catholic Cemeteries Association invites families to participate in a **half-mile walking Rosary** in honor of departed loved ones on **Sunday, October 3rd from 1-2 pm at St. Joseph Cemetery, 32789 Detroit Road, Avon.** We will meet in the St. Joseph Mausoleum. We walk, we pray, we sing & we remember. For those who cannot walk, or in the case of rain, the Rosary will be prayed in the mausoleum or in the cemetery office. At the end of the Rosary, there is a brief candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of our dearly departed. This is a great communal prayer opportunity for families. Registration runs Now through October 3rd. Whether walking or not, you can also honor your departed loved ones on our **online “In Remembrance” Wall.** Submit names by September 30th to be included for the month of October. Register and/or submit remembrance names **TODAY** by *phone* to Rhonda at 216-930-4866, *email* [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org), or *online* at [www.clecem.org/Events/WalkToRemember.aspx](http://www.clecem.org/Events/WalkToRemember.aspx).

**3RD ANNUAL CLEVELAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH**

All women are invited to the third annual Cleveland Catholic Women's Conference, Saturday, October 9th at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center in Mayfield, Ohio. Hear from our speakers including Sarah Swafford, Mother Jeanette of the Mercedarian Sisters of Cleveland, Maggie Craig, & musicians Kira and Jeff Andrea as they invite us to trust in God's will for our lives and His Divine Mercy. The day will also include Mass with Bishop Malesic, & opportunities for prayer, confession, Eucharistic adoration, & forming friendships with other women of faith. Registration is open NOW. Visit [www.cleatholicwomen.org](http://www.cleatholicwomen.org) to register or for more information.

**UPCOMING ENCOURAGE RETREAT**

Do you have a loved one who experiences same-sex attractions or identifies as LGBTQ+? Could you use some encouragement and inspiration in loving them well, while continuing to uphold the truths of our faith? Consider attending the EnCourage Midwest Fall Retreat right here in Northeastern Ohio on **October 29th to 31st.** Details at [couragerc.org/event/encourage-retreat/](http://couragerc.org/event/encourage-retreat/).

MARIAN GUILD NEWS

Even though the COVID stopped us in our tracks . . . We are coming back with a NEW FACE! This means a new meeting day & time in the Social Hall after Sunday Mass, September 19th.

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We made it through a bad year! Let us Thank Jesus & Mary and enjoy being together!

We hope to see all ladies at our first meeting on Sunday, September 19th!

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2021-2022 MARIAN GUILD MEMBERSHIP

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