

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MAY 21, 2023



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:19-20

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:

8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Because the Diocese of Cleveland (and most of the dioceses in the United States) has transferred the Feast of the Ascension (which used to be celebrated on what was called Ascension Thursday, forty days after Easter) to the Seventh Sunday of the Easter Season, the Readings will be taken from the Feast rather than the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ marks the end of Jesus' human life on earth, but not His involvement in the lives of mankind. He now guides us through the Holy Spirit and the Church. Thereafter, Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father, *"from where He shall come to judge the living and the dead."* This great Feast also marks the end of an era and the beginning of another: **the governance of the Church by human beings in conjunction with the Holy Spirit.**

In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11), St. Luke describes the last forty days of the Risen Christ on earth, teaching and preparing the apostles for His departure. In addition to the event of the Ascension itself, the promise of the Holy Spirit is something we should focus on because on Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given to all the baptized. It is through the Holy Spirit that God's Plan of Salvation will continue until the end of time.

The Responsorial Psalm, (47:2-9) is a song that the angels and saints in heaven might have sung upon welcoming the risen and glorified Christ back into heaven after fulfilling His mission on earth. We also will be welcomed in the same way if we complete our mission, our role in God's Plan of Salvation.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (1:17-23). Here, Paul lists the spiritual accomplishments along with the honor and glory that Jesus so richly earned by fulfilling His, the salvation of mankind and the Glory of the Father.

The Gospel Reading is from Matthew (28:16-20). This passage is the very ending of Matthew's Gospel. It signals the transferring of Jesus' mission to the apostles and to all mankind as part of our baptismal commitment. It is very clear that Jesus intended that all mankind was to be included in His Church and eventually in heaven; but we cannot presume that salvation is automatic. Faith in Christ and obedience to His teachings and the Church remain the prime criteria.

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MAY 21, 2023

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 the pastor of the parish.

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Call the Parish Office

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (*Acts 1:14*)

PSALM: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (*Ps 51*)

SECOND READING: If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (*1 Pt 4:14*)

GOSPEL: Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." (*Jn 17:1*)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK MAY 21, 2023

Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



Sunday - May 21st - The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 am - †Patricia Ann Hellinger
Requested by: Al Hellinger

Monday - May 22nd - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

(Last School Mass for this School Year)
8:30 am - †Carl & Nancy Hartman

Tuesday - May 23rd - Weekday Mass

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

Saturday - May 27th - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

4:00 pm - †Robert C. Salkowitz
Requested by: Jeannette Salkowitz

Sunday - May 28th - Pentecost Sunday

10:00 am - †Gary Obermiller
Requested by: Family

CONGRATULATIONS FR. KEN ON YOUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD

Once in a while, there comes someone very special like you... who not only serves the church and its people faithfully, but who makes of their own life a living testimony of Christ's love.

***Thank You for your devotion & caring
ministry to us at St. Anthony's.***

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY!

WEDDING BANNS: RILEY SCHENK & JOEL JARRETT

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, May 27th at 4:00 pm

Lector: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry D., Carol B.

Servers: Needed

Sunday, May 28th at 10:00 am

Lector: Celia F.

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L., Joann T.

Servers: Needed

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

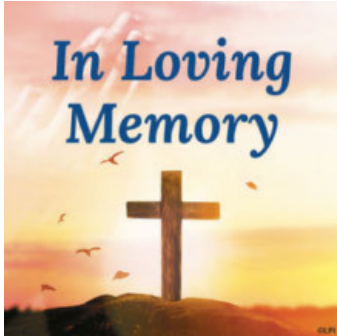
OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00
 Sunday Collection (4/23/2023)..... \$5,608.00
 7/1/2022 to Date +/- Budget..... (-\$39,579.05)



MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME.

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



MANY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

to Ernest, John, Richard & family upon the death of their wife & mother, **Evelyn Kosash**, on May 8, 2023.

May Evelyn's soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.



WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED
Parker Roark, son of Madelynn & Michael
 Baptized into our faith on April 30th, 2023.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Gloria Badillo | Lindsey Marie Ballas | Janet Baxter | Joanne Bilancini | Maryann Boylan | Tim "Swampy" Burton |
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| Deacon Jose Flores | Norma Jean Flores | Scott Friges | Bea Giacobbe | Virginia Glass | Barbara Glick |
| Brian Grace | Dan George | Renee Golowenski | D' Arie Gonzalez | Delores Gonzalez | Jose Gonzalez |
| Jose Gonzalez Jr. | Juan Gonzalez | Dawn Smith-Hathaway | Tim Haupt | Vicky Herrmann | Clara Hodorowski |
| Kevin Holley | Phyllis Holomuzki | Jennifer Humphrey | Baby Jackson | Al Jacobs | Devin Jarvis |
| Colleen Jasinski | Sylvia Johnston | Johnna Kuhar | Jacqueline Kuhn-Rankin | Deacon Luis Maldonado | Dean Martin III |
| Rita McConley | Dolores Melley | Sandra Merkly | Jen Mitterholzer | Ellen Morgan | Mary Nazario |
| Luci Payne | Jeanne Provenza | Elizabeth Raddell | Emily Raddell | Rob Salkowitz | Amy Schmidt |
| Patricia Smith | Sheila Strauser | Jack Tocchi | Audali Torres | Rosa Torres | Nanette Truffin |
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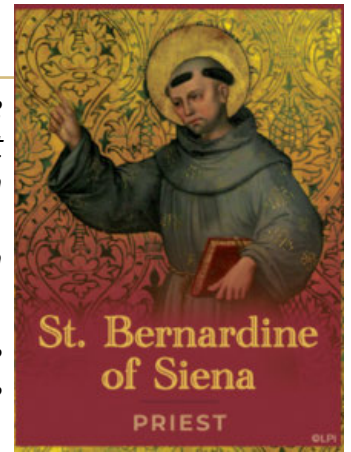
Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

"In Christ is my faith, my love; in Him I live. He sang us a love song from the moment of His birth to the moment of His death and unto His Resurrection. At the moment of His Ascension, He will leave us tokens of His love: first, Himself in the celebration of the Eucharist and in the Blessed Sacrament, and in His priests. For He is so in love with us that though He went to the Father, He remained with us. Only God can do that. ~Seasons of Mercy, Catherine Doherty, Servant of God

"The power of the priest is the power of the divine person; for the transubstantiation of the bread requires as much power as the creation of the world."
~St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest & Patron of Advertisers; Italy



Divine Mercy Meditation - Infinite Value for Souls

Today, during Mass, I saw the Lord Jesus in the midst of His sufferings, as though dying on the cross. He said to me, **My daughter, meditate frequently on the sufferings which I have undergone for your sake, and then nothing of what you suffer for Me will seem great to you. You please Me most when you meditate on My Sorrowful Passion. Join your little sufferings to My Sorrowful Passion, so that they may have infinite value before My Majesty** (*Diary, 1512*).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, may I meditate frequently on the sufferings of Your Passion. May I join my little sufferings to Your sorrowful Passion that they may have infinite value for souls. Amen.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK -

WE HAVE THE GOD-GIVEN TOOLS (JANUARY 22, 2023)

This is the fourth part of the Pastoral Statement on Abortion written by Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Angelo

Lead by the bishops, priests, deacons, men & women religious, Catholic organizations, like the Knights of Columbus, & all dear lay pro-life leaders must come together in a unified effort to fight back against the deadly evil of increased abortions. Now as we address & support all other pro-life issues, is the time to increase our efforts to push back stronger against the pro-death agenda of the abortion lobby. Sadly, the president & many congress people are constantly proposing ways to codify abortion. We are up against a billion-dollar industry supported by the Biden Administration & with financial backing & support of many elites in the media, in Hollywood, & big businesses & companies that subsidize abortion travel for their employees, & higher education. But we pro-lifers have the God-given tools to end abortion in America & build a culture of life, but we need the help of the entire community & especially to reach more young people online before they fall for big abortion propaganda. All our pro-life actions must be based on constant prayer in all our parishes & a deep trust in Jesus, our good Shepherd, to lead us through this dark valley. We need many more weekly pro-life masses to be offered, many more Holy hours before the Blessed Sacrament, fasting, & pro-life prayer groups in all our communities & many more people, praying in front of Planned Parenthood & other abortion centers, for the unborn & God's grace, light, wisdom, & direction for all our pro-life efforts. We bishops with our priests should organize all parishes to constantly rotate having people in peaceful, prayerful witness before these centers. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we then give new witness to our scriptural belief, confirmed by the latest true scientific research, that a new human being begins at conception. Another vital political, social, spiritual means to overcome abortion is for us bishops to encourage our priests & lay pro-lifers, joined with other Christians, & those of other denominations, to advocate with our local officials to have more cities throughout the country to be declared as sanctuary communities for the unborn & not permitting abortion.

PASTOR COLUMN CONTINUED

I encourage you to spend time in meditating on the Ascension of Christ. It is not a time to be sad. I have had people ask me, "Because He was God, why could He not stay with us forever?" **Two reasons come immediately to mind: (1) Jesus, God, wants to be accepted based on faith, not on visual appearance, and (2) as He tells the apostles in the Gospel of John (beginning with 6:7), "It is better for you that I go [back to the Father in heaven]. If I fail to go, the Holy Spirit will not come to you."** Does the love of God reign in your heart? If not, pray to the Holy Spirit to help you find this love, joy and peace that He promises. **Something to think about during your Prayer time this week!**

~Rev. Edward J. Smith

HISTORY OF ST. ANTHONY CONTINUED

From 1923 until 1929, parishioners worked hard & experienced much success & growth which was seriously pounded by the Depression of 1930. As the Depression subsided, parishioners' thoughts again returned to the improvement of their church's property. Social life was rekindled when assistant pastor, Fr. Lambert Graf formed a bowling league that existed about 4 years. Landscaping & major improvements of the grounds were projects that continued into the pastorate of Fr. Aloysius Hansen. After 15 years of dedicated labor in Lorain, Fr. Rafferty's health was failing.

He was relieved of his duties here & transferred to St. Paul's Church, Pismo Beach, California. He later returned to Terre Haute Indiana, spending his last days there in St. Anthony's Hospital. He passed away on January 24, 1940, & was buried in the Franciscan Cemetery at Mount St. Francis, Indiana.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

Our St Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your generosity, not only by supporting our east side neighbors with your monthly monetary donations, but also with your commitment to help the St Elizabeth Homeless Shelter. Your response to our request for breakfast foods has been overwhelming! We, along with the staff at the shelter, are most grateful. *God bless you & thank you for answering the call to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.*

GOD'S VISION FOR ABUNDANT LIFE AT ST. MARY, LORAIN

In celebration of the 8th anniversary of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' encyclical on care for the environment, all are invited to participate in a **one-hour program at the St. Mary parish office TODAY, Sunday, May 21st from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.** Join us for a spiritually enriching time of reflection, prayer, and discussion, as we strive to till the soil of our hearts and minds in order to better serve the world and live the values of the Gospel. Please contact Andrew Parker, 440-245-5283, with any questions.

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES - MONDAY, MAY 29TH

Join us for a Mass to honor those who gave their lives serving God and country.

The Memorial Day Masses will be celebrated at the following locations:

Calvary Cemetery, 555 N. Ridge Road W, Lorain in the Resurrection Mausoleum at 9 am;

St. Joseph Cemetery, 32789 Detroit Road, Avon in the St. Joseph Mausoleum at 10 am;

St. Agnes, 611 Lake Avenue, Elyria in St. Agnes Church at 9 am.



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Bulletins are sent to print every Tuesday!

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH FROM 11 AM - 2 PM AT ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH

Guest Speaker will be Fr. Jim Winings, Parochial Vicar at St. Raphael Parish, Bay Village.

Many Saints & Popes have maintained that faithful recitation of the Rosary is one of the surest paths to growing in holiness & becoming a saint! Drawing from the writings of St. Louis de Montfort & St. John Paul II, Fr. Jim Winings will break open how praying the Rosary ensures that what Jesus has done for us is profoundly assimilated into our lives.

11:00 am: Lunch

Noon: Pray the Rosary

1:00 pm: Fr. Winings' Talk

Please RSVP to St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office at 440-934-4227 by Tuesday, May 23rd.

No Charge; Free Will Offerings will be accepted.

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