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• 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The theme of this week's readings centers around the command to "*Love thy Neighbor.*" Now wait! Before you toss this aside saying to yourself or someone else, "*I've heard that before,*" give it one more chance. Most people are all hung up on loving someone that they really just can't love. What comes to mind is being nice to the guy down the street that turns his back when anyone walks by, or the grouchy cashier at the supermarket. But that is not what biblical love is. When we talk about biblical love of neighbor, we are not talking about affection or any of the intimacies that are intended for family members and dear friends. Biblical love is a choice to show the respect that all people deserve. Add to that understanding and compassion, help when needed and, most of all, forgiveness. All of these should be without discrimination of any kind. Now, no one said this was easy. But keep in mind, by loving your neighbor, you are loving God. The opposite is also true. Let us see how this reflected in our readings today.

The First Reading is from the 1st Book of Samuel (26:2-23). This is an interesting story of biblical history, when King Saul and David were feuding: Saul, because he feared David's popularity, and David who was trying to fulfill his mission. Saul tried to kill David several times, but always failed. Here David has an opportunity to kill King Saul but, because he saw God's hand in all of this, he refused the opportunity and only tormented Saul a little by letting him know that he had the opportunity, but didn't follow through. David's love of God was greater than his desire to avenge himself, and that love extended to his enemy, Saul. Loving your enemies can often have interesting and unusual consequences. This is one great example.

The Responsorial Psalm is Psalm One (1:1-2, 3, 4, 6). This is a psalm that clearly illustrates the theme for today: **Love thy neighbor.** When you read or listen to it, you will see how God forgives all of those who have offended Him, and that is most of us. Yet, that doesn't stop Him. What more needs be said? That's divine love. And ours can mirror that if we try.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (15:45-49). This letter seems to be on an entirely different subject, but it isn't. It is meant for those who are planning on going to heaven. Wow! That would be all of us, wouldn't it? Sadly, that isn't the case. God wants every one of us to come back to Him in heaven, but He gives us free will to make our own decisions. Here Paul is contrasting those who have chosen to go their own way, versus those who have amended their ways and love as God has directed us. Get the connection?

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Luke (6:27-38). This passage is a summary of all of the above, but it goes even further to include your enemies and those who hate you. Remember, we are all God's children and He loves all of us; not our sins or omissions, but the person He wants us to be. Here the gospel is comparing those who tried to measure up to what God wants us to be with those who don't, and it ends with a frightening statement (slightly paraphrased here): **The way in which you measure (or treat) others, you will be measured in the same.** *Need we say more?*

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: "Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

SECOND READING: Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

GOSPEL: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

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Sunday - Feb 23rd - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †John F. Berezney (1st Anniv.)
Requested by: Karen Berezney

Monday - Feb 24th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Liz Kiely
Requested by: Obermiller Family

Tuesday - Feb 25th - Weekday Mass

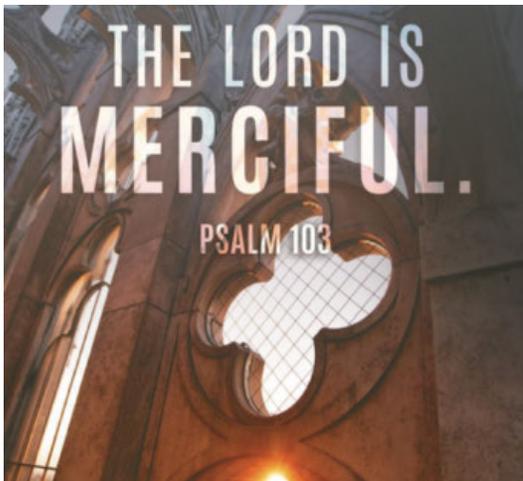
8:30 am - †Briana Liston
Requested by: Cheryl Stack-Voytko

Saturday - Mar 1st - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †Bea Giacobbe
Requested by: Family

Sunday - Mar 2nd - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Christine Connor
Requested by: Jean Connor



READINGS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/ Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." — Lk 6:38

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 1st at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Marybeth B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam W., Laura P., Patty R.

Server: Lucy K.

Sunday, March 2nd at 10:00 am

Lectors: Celia F.

Eucharistic Ministers: Hilaire T., Dan L., Karen L.

OFFERTORY REPORT

FISCIAL YEAR (7/1/24-6/30/25)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (2/2/2025) \$7,050.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - \$(5,097.90)



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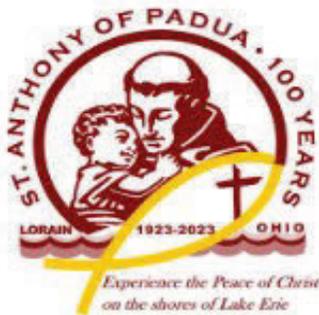
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Emily Stefan	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth
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MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA - 2/25

Join us at **St. Teresa of Avila Church on Tuesday, February 25th at 7 pm** as we pray that unborn lives are saved and all life will be considered valuable. *Our prayers make a difference!* The Holy Hour will include Scripture, Litanies & the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you have any questions, call the church office at 440-934-4227.

WHO ARE THE CARTHUSIANS NUNS? - 3/4

Becca Kowalski, daughter of John and Susan Kowalski will be giving a talk on the Carthusian order on **Tuesday, March 4th at Nativity BVM Church, 333 S. Lake St., SOUTH AMHERST.**

Becca spent 7 weeks with them discerning last year and has been accepted to the order. She leaves the first part of April. Discover all about this religious order that dedicates their lives to prayer for the conversion of the world. **Hosted by the Altar and Rosary Society, Rosary begins at 6:30 pm with Becca's presentation at 7:00 pm.** There is no charge. *Light refreshments served.*

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 3/7

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will present **Sister Lisa Marie Belz**, Ursuline Sister of Cleveland & Scripture Professor at St. Mary Seminary & Graduate School of Theology **at our luncheon on Friday, March 7th.**

Sister Lisa Marie Belz will present *"WHY the CROSS? Insights & Perspectives from the Gospel"*. Come join us for good food, fellowship & faith formation. Lunch begins at 11:30 am at the Spitzer Conference Center of LCCC, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. Elyria with Sister Lisa Marie speaking at Noon.

All reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, March 3rd.
Call 440-320-3272 or email fflorain@gmail.com with your reservation. Cost is \$25.



SAVE THE DATE - 3/9, 3/10 & 3/11

THE 2025 LENTEN COMBINED PARISH MISSION

This Lent, The Reverend Father Jared Orndorff, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Cuyahoga Falls will lead us in a reflection on **Sacrifice: the key to reaping the wealth of God's Love!**

There will be 3 talks:

Sunday, March 9th from 7-8 pm (*Sacrifice: in Scripture*) at St. Anthony Church

Monday, March 10th from 7-8 pm (*Sacrifice: Why Jesus Came*) at St. Teresa Church

Tuesday, March 11th from 7-8 pm (*Sacrifice: in my life, as an encounter with God*) at St. Anthony Church

About Our Speaker:

Akron native, Fr. Jared P. Orndorff became Pastor at St. Joseph Parish in 2013. Before being assigned to St. Joseph's, he served as parochial vicar at St. Mary's Parish in Chardon & St. John Vianney in Mentor.

Fr. Jared grew up in the Kenmore area of Akron as a member of Immaculate Conception Parish.

After graduating from Archbishop Hoban High School, he received an Associate degree from the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts. He worked as a chef prior to pursuing his vocation as a priest.

Fr. Jared earned an undergraduate degree in philosophy & history with a minor in Catholic studies from John Carroll University. He then attended St. Mary's Seminary & Graduate School of Theology in Wickliffe where he earned a Master of Arts degree in Church History & a Master of Divinity.

He was ordained a Priest in 2008 in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

He is also currently the Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union in the Diocese of Cleveland.

(Fr. Jared is pictured to the left with his black Labrador retriever, Monsignor)



MARIAN GUILD MINI RETREAT - 3/23

The annual Marian Guild Mini Retreat will be on **Sunday, March 23rd after the 10 am Mass in the Church Day Chapel.**

Carol Babics Brewer will be our speaker, keeping with this year's theme of alumni presentations.

Carol will share with us her Catholic journey from childhood through adulthood. Carol graduated from St. Anthony's School & Lorain High School. She is presently a parishioner at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in South Amherst, but she received all of her sacraments at St. Anthony's as well as both of her daughters. Carol is the daughter of Helen Hurley, former Sacristan & Third Order of Saint Francis member, and an advocate for the rosary & devotion to the Blessed Mother. Carol has a long history here & we are very glad to have her return to her home parish!

Please join us for a light lunch to be served after this interesting presentation. The event is free but an RSVP to **Terri George, 440-320-3272**, would be appreciated in order to provide lunch for everyone. *We hope to see you there.*

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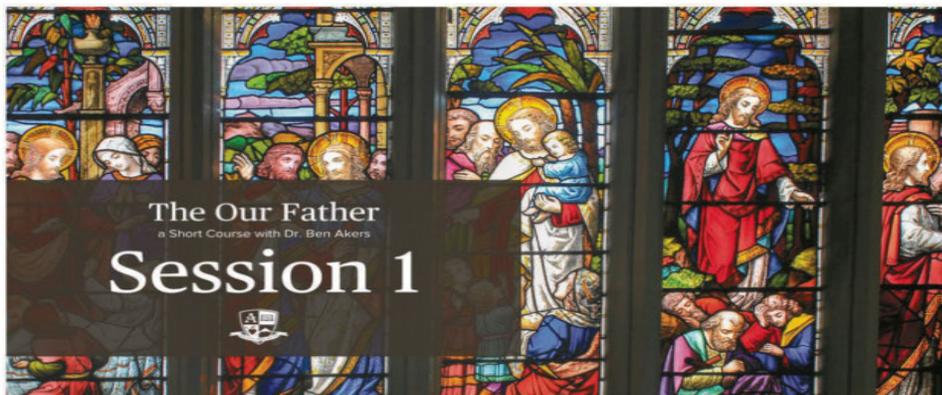


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