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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY
IN SMALL MATTERS IS
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GREAT ONES.

— LUKE 16:10 —

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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October 21st to May 5th

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Today the Readings challenge us to pray for those people of affluence, and for those with the power to exploit the poor and helpless, and to be doubly cautious if we are one of those people. Throughout the Bible, God warns those who "have" to take care of those who "have not." Unfortunately, God's warnings often go unheeded.

The First Reading is from the Book of the Prophet Amos (8: 4-7). Amos lived in the 8th century BC during the early part of the down-hill slide of the Jewish Monarchy. Society and politics were much like they are today. The message that Amos preaches is pretty clear and needs no explanation. But listen to what God has to say, "Never will I forget a thing they have done!" The statement about the "New Moon" is in reference to a certain solemn Jewish feast day when no buying or selling could take place. It is like someone saying today, "I can't wait until this Mass is over so I can go.....wherever."

The Responsorial Psalm is (113:1-2, 4-8). The Psalmist praises God in this Psalm in all things and in all matters because of His goodness to the rich and the poor alike when they are obedient; but He is more concerned with the poor because they have so little to call on.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy (2:1-8), Paul exhorts all of us to pray, not only for those in need, but also for those in power to help the needy. By doing so, Christ will reign in the hearts of all mankind and from that comes divine peace which "leads to a quiet and tranquil life."

The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel of Luke (16:1-13). In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells a story that seems strange to us, such as "making friends with dishonesty." The business practices of Jesus' day were much different from today. Stewards (supervisors), such as the one in the story, were given charge over portions of their master's affairs. The steward's pay came from whatever he could sell the merchandise for over-and-above a certain amount. So, by reducing a given buyer's bill he was, in effect, reducing his own pay, not his employer's. He was making friends with the buyers in order to get help from them when he was fired. This implies that he was over-charging them to begin with. Jesus goes on to say that dishonesty is wrong no matter the amount or circumstances and, small amounts of dishonesty lead to bigger.

The reason that Jesus Christ talked and preached so much about the poor and our need to help them is that in His time the "poor" were considered to be great sinners and their situation was God's retribution. He also taught that this perception was incorrect, but it persists to this day. Anyone who has worried about when or where his next meal is coming from knows that poverty and selfishness do not go together. Further, when people are in need, we cannot and must not be judgmental about the cause of their situation. True charity is unconditional and so these readings challenge us to question ourselves, "When approached by someone in need, what should our response be?"

Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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SUNDAY READINGS

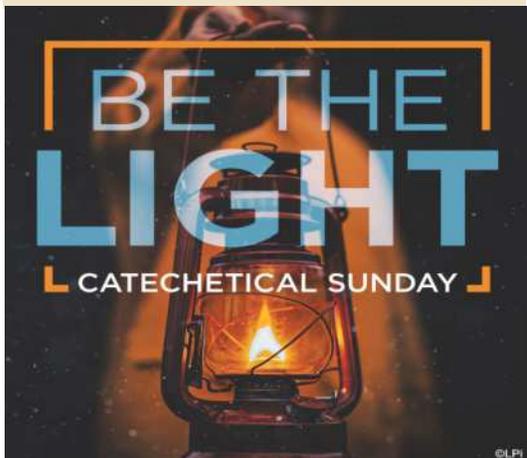
FIRST READING: The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done! (Am 8:7)

PSALM: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)

SECOND READING: There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. (1 Tm 2:5-6)

GOSPEL: "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

SEPTEMBER

Sunday - September 21st - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

10:00 am - †Mary Cooper
Requested by: The Cooper Family

Monday - September 22nd - National Migration Week

8:30 am - †Marilyn Butchko
Requested by: David Lesiecki Family

Tuesday - September 23rd - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30 am - †Ignatius Gonzales
Requested by: Carol Gonzales

Saturday - September 27th - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

4:00 pm - †Deacon Jim & Irene Debrason
Requested by: Dick & Marie Schweinberg

Sunday - September 28th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Edward Murray
Requested by: The Edward Murray Family

Calendar of EVENTS

September 22nd - St. Anthony School Harvest Mum Sale ends

September 27th - Faith & Films Presents: The powerful docudrama *Roadmap to Reality* - A Journey through the life of St. Carlo Acutis. All are welcome to join us after the 4 pm mass in the Social Hall

October 4th - Blessing of the Pets - 2:30 pm East End of Parking Lot

October 11th - St. Anthony School Harvest Mum Order Pickup - 12:30-2:30 pm in the School Parking Lot

October 12th - Sainly Stories Begins - Sundays until Nov. 16th

October 18th - Parish Events Team Meeting after the 10 am Mass

October 19th & 26th - Sainly Stories Society after Mass

November 2nd, 9th & 16th - Sainly Stories Society after Mass

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 27th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Marybeth B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Marybeth B., Laura P., Lynne K.

Sunday, September 28th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Anna S.

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

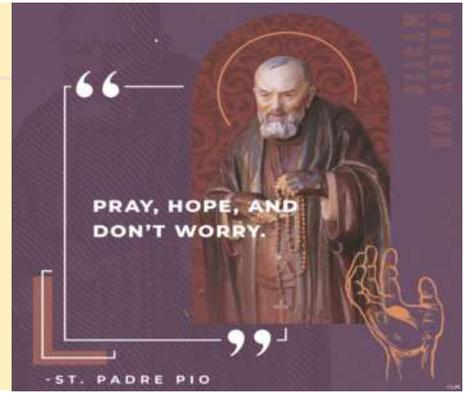
OFFERTORY REPORT

NEW FISCIAL YEAR & BUDGET (7/1/25-6/30/26)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,347.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (8/24/2025) \$5,581.57
 7/1/2025 TO DATE +/- NEW BUDGET..... - (\$6,853.69)

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 Lisa, Nicholas, Joseph, Jennifer and her many family & friends, upon the passing of **Ann Theresa Patte** on September 11, 2025.

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

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Joan Arroyo	Gloria Badillo	Scott Barnes	Janet Baxter	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Diane Fate	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores
Scott Friges	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Joe Gluvna	Brian Grace	Dan George
Renee Golowenski	Carol Gonzales	Jillian Gonzalez	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki
Bob Humphrey	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson	Iris Pearl Jackson	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis
Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Dean Martin III	Alan McCartney	Rita McConley
Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Father Christian Moore	Frank Murphy	Jim "Daddy-o" Naugle	Mary Nazario
Raul, Maria & Leti Patino	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo	Judy Smith
Mother & Dad Spanos	Emily Stefan	Jace Tokarczyk	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens
Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka			

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, **Linda: 440-667-9050 or Terri, 440-320-3272**

ST. ANTHONY PRAYER LINE - HELP NEEDED!

In addition to the "Prayer Requests" section in the parish bulletin, St. Anthony's also has a Prayer Line. You can call Linda, 440-667-9050 or Terri, 440-320-3272 for immediate prayers. **We are in need of more people interested in being part of this Prayer Line.** All of our requests are transmitted by text or a phone call to each member of the Prayer Line. Once you receive a prayer request, from Linda or Terri, you will be responsible to pray for that request. It is an easy task & one that will make a difference in someone's life. Please consider joining our small but mighty group & witness the power of prayer. Please call Terri or Linda if you would like to be part of this Prayer Line Mission. Thank you & God Bless!

ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Lady of Sorrows: “Behold your Mother” (Jn 19:27) - Feast Day: September 15th

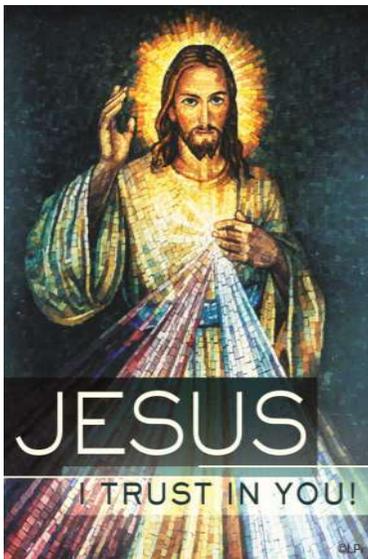
“Virgin Immaculate, you were present at the death of your Divine Son on Calvary and you offered your immense sorrow in union with His Sacrifice. Again after the Resurrection you were present at the real but unbloody sacrifice of your Son in the Holy Mass. Teach us to unite ourselves with Jesus at the consecration as you did; obtain for us the grace to understand the reality of the Mass; and awaken in us the desire to assist at Mass often, even daily.” ~From the “Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament”



“Virtue is acquired primarily through an intense sacramental life and the Eucharist is undoubtedly the culmination of charity. Through this sacrament the Lord makes us be complete persons created in His image.”
~Wisdom from St. Carlo Acutis: “The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven”

“Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feed on me will have life because of me.” ~John 6:57

“The Church is able to celebrate and adore the mystery of Christ present in the Eucharist precisely because Christ first gave Himself to her in the sacrifice of the Cross. The church’s ability to ‘make’ the Eucharist is completely rooted in Christ’s self-gift to her. Here we can see more clearly the meaning of St. John’s words: ‘He first loved us’ (1Jn 4:19)
~Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 14



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - AN ABUNDANCE OF GRACES

Know that as often as you come to Me, humbling yourself and asking My forgiveness, I pour out a super abundance of graces on your soul, and your imperfection vanishes before My eyes, and I see only your love and your humility. **You lose nothing but gain much ...** (*Diary*, 1293).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I want to receive an abundance of Your graces in Confession as I humble myself and ask for forgiveness.
Thank You, Jesus, for seeing only my love and humility. *Amen.*

Get daily mediations emailed to you at forms.thedivinemercy.org/dmdsignup/.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM PROLIFECORNER.COM

Even though Roe v Wade is no longer a federal law, we still face abortions every day.

However, due to the individual states deciding their own abortion regulations, abortions have thankfully decreased somewhat. We must continue to work and pray diligently to end abortion in our nation and save God’s beautiful unborn babies.

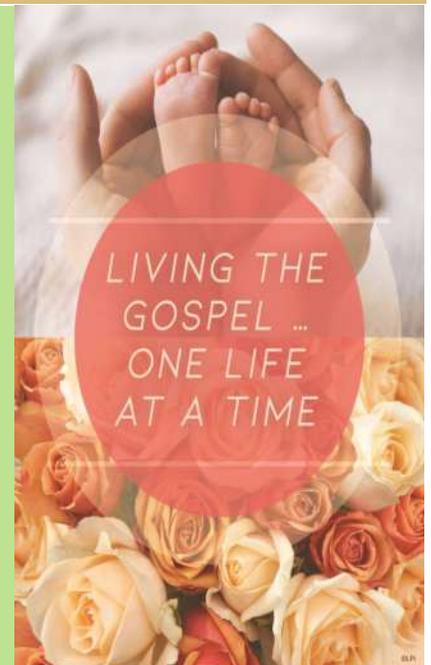
It is our hope that these quotes will inspire you to share them and to join pro-life.
Continue to pray to end abortion.

Think about this:

“Connected with our prayer must be the thoughtful and faithful reflection upon the Church’s teaching on the respect for all human life and the integrity of the family. In our homes, in our Catholic (and Christian) schools and universities, in parish study groups, and in everyday conversations and discussions with our neighbors, we are called to give an uncompromising witness to the Gospel of Life.”

~Archbishop Raymond Burke

Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. *Amen!*





ST. ANTHONY GIFT CARD PROGRAM

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CATHOLIC KIDS BULLETIN

There is now a Catholic Kids Bulletin available each weekend at all entrances of the church providing some fun while learning about the readings for the mass including puzzles, comics and information about the Saint of the Day.

Please pick one up for your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or friend!

LAST CHANCE MUM SALE - SALE ENDS TOMORROW

Fall Mums are back at St. Anthony of Padua School. Help us support student field trips while bringing some Autumn Fun to your home! St. Anthony students will receive 25-30% of the profits from your order.



Our Sale runs until September 22nd.

Simply use this link to order:

<https://app.fundraiseit.org/shop.php?code=2C0D85>

Mum Pick-Up will be organized in the school parking lot:

Saturday, October 11th from 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm

Questions?? Contact Mrs. Katricak @ katricake@stanthonylorain.com



CARLO ACUTIS MOVIE - 9/27

The St. Anthony Parish Events Team invites you to a special screening of the powerful docudrama:

ROADMAP TO REALITY - A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LIFE ST. CARLO ACUTIS

Our first millennial saint, a teen whose love for the Eucharist reminds us that holiness is possible at any age. His journey and humility changed the world.

Join us on Saturday, September 27th, immediately following the 4pm Mass in the Social Hall.

Elevator access is available to ensure everyone can join!

All are welcome! Bring your friends and family for this uplifting experience. Light refreshments will be available for this free event. Donations are welcome.

2026 MASS INTENTION SCHEDULING - 10/1

We will be scheduling the 2026 Mass Intentions a bit different this year.

We will open the books on Wednesday, October 1st for Masses in January, February and March. You can schedule by calling, 440-288-0106 ext. 221, beginning on October 1st at 10 am.

This will allow us to make sure we follow first come, first serve.

When you call please leave your name, phone number and the masses you are interested in scheduling. We will call you back when your masses are scheduled and confirm the dates.

If paying by cash or check, payment can be **mailed to P.O. Box 2199 Sheffield Lake, OH 44054, dropped in the collection basket at Mass or placed in the outside Parish Office mailbox.**

You can also send payment electronically by Venmo to @StAnthony-Lorain.

For those who are inexperienced with scheduling Masses, please be aware the Diocese sets a \$10 minimum charge for each Mass requested. Each parish family can request 2 Weekend and 2 Weekday Masses.

For the rest of the 2026 requests, we will open the books:

Wednesday, January 7th for April, May & June

Wednesday, April 1st for July, August & September

Wednesday, July 1st for October, November & December

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM AT A NEW LOCATION - 10/3

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will present Mary Pat Frey, Pastoral Minister at Divine Word Catholic Church, with Special Guests Fr. Dave Woost, Pastor of Divine Word Parish, Kirtland & Fr. Ron Wearsch, Pastor of St. Joseph, Avon Lake speaking on "Social Ministry in the Parish" **at our luncheon on Friday, October 3rd.**

Come join us for good food, fellowship & faith formation.

Lunch begins at 11:30 am at **Tom's Country Place, 3442 Stoney Ridge Rd, Avon** with Mary Pat speaking at Noon.

All reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, September 29th.

Call 440-320-3272 or 440-213-2132 or email fflorain@gmail.com with your reservation. Cost is \$25.

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Blessing of the Pets



Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

4 Saturday, October 4th • 2:30pm
East end of St. Anthony Parking Lot

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