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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

ARE YOU NOT THE CHRIST?

— LUKE 23:39 —

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

Today, the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, the whole Church will celebrate the great Feast of Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King. So, what does that mean, or should mean to us today? Let us take a few minutes to really get to understand this important event. In today's modern society, particularly with young people, the words "awesome," "greatest" and maybe even "humongous" are used frequently to describe something or someone who is of the utmost importance to them. Usually it doesn't last long, only until something or someone comes along that seems to be better. Stability is certainly not an important issue for them; and yet, that is just what people need today. Let us see how this quality is found in the following readings:

The First Reading is from the Second Book of Samuel (5:1-3). In the early days of the reign of King David (11th century BC) there was no organization or structure within Judaism. Each of the tribes of Jacob had their own leader who made himself "king" of the tribe. This created more friction and disorder and hindered security. With great persuasion and promises of security, (based on allegiance to the God of Israel), David was successful in uniting all of Israel under his leadership as their King, thus beginning what is often called the "Golden Age of Judaism."

The Responsorial Psalm is (122:1-5). This Psalm reflects the importance of the City of Jerusalem and particularly its temple which was a revered symbol of God's presence among His people. To the people of that time, the temple was looked upon as the "Palace of the King of Heaven" and a symbol of His strength and power.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians (1:12-20). This is one of Paul's great letters to the gentile people calling them to leave their pagan idols and ideas behind and to seek the God of Heaven and Earth in the Person of Jesus Christ. Paul then goes on to describe who this Jesus is by enumerating many of His divine attributes: "image of the invisible God, firstborn of all creation, for Him were created all things visible and invisible, ...etc." How great it would be if we could put away all of our iPads, smart phones, tablets, etc. for at least one day a week and worship the same Person of Jesus Christ, the King who is, who was and who always will be.

The Gospel Reading is from Luke (23:35-43). This is the familiar crucifixion scene where Jesus, hanging on the cross, is mocked and jeered by the crowds who moments before declared: "We have no king but Caesar." However, one man, the so-called "good" thief, asks Jesus for forgiveness and, if he had his way, would have changed his lifestyle forever. He is rewarded with a promise of Paradise. And, as the Centurion says a little later, "Truly, this man was the Son of God," the same King we worship and honor today.

Today's society is so consumed with gadgets and brain-washed by the media and politics that it is worse than ancient Judaism and is headed toward the same fate. We look for peace and stability but are not looking for it in the right place. So, I challenge you to put aside all of your distractions and truly worship the Lord God who lives forever, Jesus, Christ the King.

Something to think about during your Prayer Time this week.

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

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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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: "And the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'" (2 Sm 5:2)

PSALM: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

SECOND READING: For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven. (Col 1:19-20)

GOSPEL: He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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THANKSGIVING
TO YOU AND YOURS!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

NOVEMBER

Sunday - November 23rd - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10:00 am - †Leo & Leona Wysocki
Requested by: Agatha Golab

Monday - November 24th - St. Andrew Dűng-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday - November 25th - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 am - †Michael Schue
Requested by: Eileen Baran

Saturday - November 29th - 1st Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †Marcella Martin
Requested by: Loving Family

Sunday - November 30th - 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 am - †Grace Matesic
Requested by: Loving Family

Calendar of **EVENTS**

November 27th & 28th - Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving!

December 7th - Marian Guild Christmas Luncheon at Lorain Senior Center. Doors open at 11 am. *RSVP 440-320-3272.*

December 8th - The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 8:30 am & 4:00 pm
(No Vigil Mass Day Before)

December 13th & 14th - Marian Guild Annual Holiday Bake Sale and Christmas Market after Masses.
(See page 6 for more info.)

December 14th - Parish Events Team Meeting after Mass



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 29th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry D., Patty R., Michael S.

Sunday, November 30th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Steve B., Karen B.

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

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OFFERTORY REPORT

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

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$ 6,347.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (10/26/2025) \$ 5,045.00
 7/1/2025 TO DATE +/- NEW BUDGET..... - (\$18,339.12)



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.



WORKING ON THE MARGINS COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development!

St. Anthony's is always supportive of those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections & click "How to Give" under "Resources". #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.

Thank you again!



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Scott Barnes	Janet Baxter	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Pete Cetovich	Lynn Coscho
Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Dominic Doré	Denise Ellis	Diane Fate	Leonard Findish
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	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	Joan Paterniti	Raul, Maria & Leti Patino	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell
Joe Rizzo	Judy Smith	Mother & Dad Spanos	Emily Stefan	Jace Tokarczyk	Nevaeh Torres
Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Linda Vranik	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**

ADORATION CHAPEL

Feast of Christ the King:

“All The Nations Shall Come to Adore You” (Ps 86:9)

“If you have a need, bring it to Jesus because nothing is impossible with God.

Nothing. So go to Mass. Take it to Mass as your intention.

We need a real revival in the Holy Eucharist in this country because people need hope.

We’ve got hope right here with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, the King of the Universe, the Creator of everything who always keeps us in existence and is a good, good Father.”

~Fr. Francis Joseph Hoffman (Fr. Rocky)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, France - Feast Day: November 27th

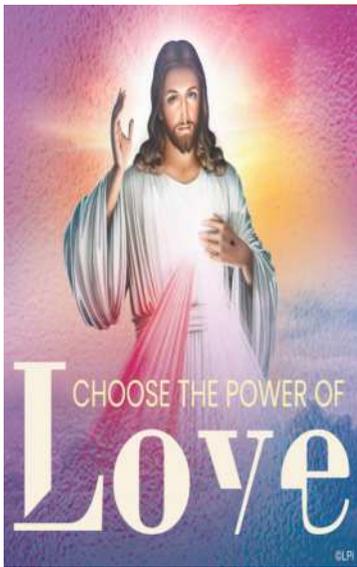
“In her apparitions to St. Catherine Laboure, the Blessed Virgin Mary pointed to the altar where the tabernacle was and said, “Come to the foot of this altar.

Here, graces will be given to all who ask for them with confidence and fervor.”

Catherine’s new mission was to spread this promise of God and Mary to the world.

And she went on to carry out half a century of faithful service to the elderly and infirmed as a Daughter of Charity. Mary motivates us to encounter her Son in the Eucharist and then, filled with God’s grace, to go out and act concretely.”

~Fr. Agostinho Toxeira de Sousa, CM



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - MERCY IN SPIRIT

Daughter, I need sacrifice lovingly accomplished, because that alone has meaning for Me. Enormous indeed are the debts of the world which are due to Me; pure souls can pay them by their sacrifice, exercising mercy in spirit (Diary, 1316).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Jesus, teach me to lovingly make sacrifices for souls that I may exercise mercy in spirit. May I always remember that only what is accomplished in love has meaning for You, Lord.

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

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM [PROLIFECORNER.COM](https://www.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.

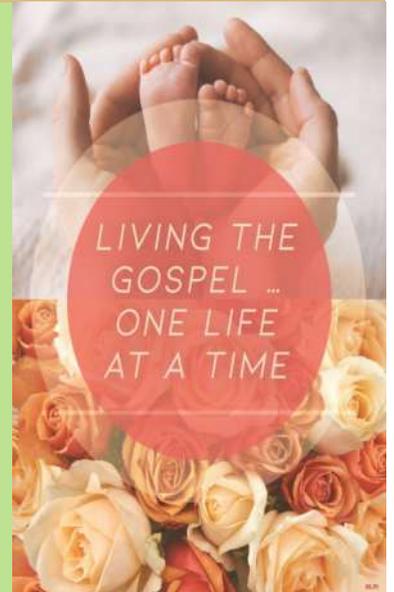
It is our hope that these quotes will inspire you to share them and to join pro-life.

Continue to pray to end abortion.

Think about this:

“Why is it that those with a liberal persuasion, when faced with difficult human problems, often seem to formulate a ‘solution’ ending in death? Whether it’s a teen pregnancy, a Down’s syndrome child, a comatose patient or an elderly patient, they appear to favor the same answer: death. Whatever happened to “bearing another’s burdens?”

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



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Anthony Church would like to thank all of our benefactors for their continued & constant support. We also would like to thank you for & ask you to continue to **drop off breakfast items for the Homeless Shelter.**

Many of the men who live in the shelter, do not have warm socks, hats, gloves, or scarves.

If you would consider donating any of these items, we would really appreciate it & so would they. Just leave them in the SVDP boxes at all the church doors.

Thank you for letting us depend on you & your generosity. May God Bless You and keep you & your families warm and safe during these winter months and always!



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE TUESDAYS AT NATIVITY - 12/2

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish was selected by the Diocese of Cleveland as the pilgrimage church for Lorain County during this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. *Join us for the final masses for the year!*

Mass Dates:

Tuesday, December 2nd & Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00 pm



MARIAN GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - 12/7

The Marian Guild Christmas luncheon will be **Sunday, December 7th**, at the Lorain Senior Center on Garfield Blvd.

Linda Howell will entertain us again this year with her lovely, soulful voice & inspire us with a Christmas reflection.

Reservations for a delicious Italian luncheon will be taken by contacting Terri George at 440-320-3272.

Tickets are \$15. All ladies of the parish are most welcome to join us!

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST - 12/8

For adults 40 & over, please join us on **Monday, December 8th** at Westside Irish American Club, 8559 Jennings Road, Olmsted Township. **Doors open at 6:30 pm** with the program beginning at 7 pm.

Dr. Jacqueline Philips-Sabol, Ph.D., Neuropsychologist & Faith Leader, Director of The Center for Spiritual Healing (Diocese of Erie), will speak on *"Your Brain on ~~Drugs~~ Prayer"*.

Come learn through scientific data, videos & examples how the effects of prayer & faith have on our health, brain function & our lives. Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets recommended.** Register in advance:

www.theologyontherockswest.com. Hope you will join us for a theologically enriching evening!



MARIAN GUILD HOLIDAY BAKE SALE & CHRISTMAS MARKET - 12/13 & 12/14

On **Saturday, December 13th** & **Sunday, December 14th** after the Masses, we will be having our annual *"Holiday Bake Sale"* in the main vestibule of the church. We will also have a small *"Christmas Market"*.

All items will be \$25 or less! If you are looking for a nice holiday centerpiece, fresh or artificial, a gift for a teacher or your secret Santa or something nice for yourself, you will find it at our Christmas Market!

Small gifts will be available for children to purchase as well.

We would greatly appreciate donations of baked goods for our Bake Sale!

The delicious treats can be dropped off on **Friday, December 12th**, at the church between 10 am and Noon. If you are unable to deliver your baked goods, call Linda at 449-667-9050 to make arrangements for pickup!

Thank you so much for your interest and support!

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If you would like to submit an article for an upcoming Bulletin, please send requests to obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com by Monday at 10 am.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your abundant gifts to us. As we celebrate this Thanksgiving feast, we ask you to send your Spirit, to open our hearts to you and our neighbor, that we may share the gifts you have given us as your Son Jesus taught us to.

**Thank you for the many blessings of our lives:
our family and friends,
our home and the food we eat,
our health and employment.**

We ask your blessing on all gathered here today, and all your people throughout the world, through Christ your Son. Amen.



Thanks be to God!

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