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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | FEBRUARY 15, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT I SAY TO
YOU.

— MATTHEW 5:34 —

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

The Readings for today are about choices and the wisdom that should be used for practical purposes as well as to avoid offending God or our neighbor. For some, this is a tough balancing act because it takes self-control and there are so many distractions and enticements in this life that we are often blinded as to what we should do. Let us see how these are handled in the following readings:

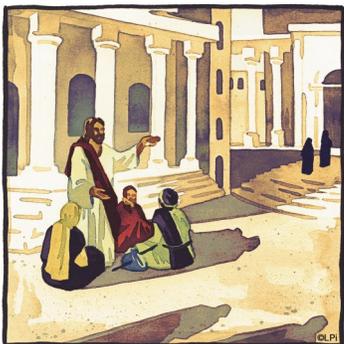
In the First Reading, from Sirach (15:15-20), the writings of the Sage Sirach are included among the “*Wisdom Books*” of the Old Testament, so-called because they do not tell us about certain people or event; rather, they tell us how to deal with the people around us and how to make the proper choice when confronted with a problem and multiple choices. The advice given here is truly inspired and no further advice need be given except to say, read this passage every day and you will truly “*live.*”

The Responsorial Psalm, (119:1-34), continues the same line of thinking and is very much like the Beatitudes in Matthew’s Gospel. Again, this, along with the above passage from Sirach, would make a most inspiring “*morning offering*” prayer. Try it and you will see some very good results.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (2:6-10). Here, Paul talks about a certain wisdom given to those who are mature in their faith and who desire to walk the straight and narrow path. It is also available to anyone who wishes to do the same thing, but who might be faced with multiple choices. The next step is to turn to the Holy Spirit for guidance and direction “*for the Spirit scrutinizes everything even the depths of God.*”

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (5:17-37). This rather long passage is from the “*Sermon on the Mount*” and is directed to all of Jesus’ disciples, then and now. It is an extension of the Ten Commandments, with a little more detail for each of those, applying to interaction with others. And it warns us – us, today – just as it did 2000 years ago, that there are consequences for those who disregard the teachings of God in Jesus Christ. He goes on to say, “*Unless your way of life surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.*”

Now, you might say “*Wow, That’s a tall order!*” Yes, it is but just look around you today and see how many people are suffering from depression-like symptoms because of their poor choices in life. The enticements of this generation are leading young and older people to do things not imagined just a few years ago. Respect, Responsibility, Dignity and Manners seem to have disappeared from our society, but God hasn’t changed and He is going to hold us responsible for our actions according to His teachings not according to the latest fad.



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.

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

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin. (*Sir 15:20*)

PSALM: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (*Ps 119*)

SECOND READING: Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory. (*1 Cor 2:7*)

GOSPEL: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (*Mt 5:20*)

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ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18TH

MASS AT 8:30 AM
ASH SERVICE AT NOON

READINGS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

February

Sunday - February 15th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Jeannie Zernikow
Requested by: Loving Family

Monday - February 16th - Presidents' Day

8:30 am - †Marceline (Marcie) Downie
Requested by: Maureen Slaven

Tuesday - February 17th - The 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30 am - †James D. Reagan
Requested by: Reagan Family

Wednesday - February 18th - Ash Wednesday

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

Saturday - February 21st - St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

4:00 pm - †Mary Cooper
Requested by: Cooper Family

Sunday - February 22nd - 1st Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †John Berezney (2nd Anniv.)
Requested by: Karen Berezney

Calendar of EVENTS

February 14th & 15th - 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal Weekend

The theme is "Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world." Your generous support is appreciated. **If you did not receive a mailing from Bishop Malesic, please complete an in-pew envelope.**

February 17th & 19th - Pierogi Production from 9am - 2 pm

Ash Wednesday, February 18th - Mass at 8:30 am & Services at Noon

February 20th - First Pierogi Sale from 3-7 pm in the Social Hall
Pierogi Sales will be every Friday during Lent

February 20th - Free Soup Supper in Church Day Chapel at 6:15 pm followed by our first **Lenten Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm**
Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent with Deacon Paul

February 21st & 22nd - National Black & Indian Mission Collection

This collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American & Alaska Native communities coast to coast. *Look for an envelope in your monthly packet to make a contribution.*

March 4th - Diocesan Night of Confession

St. Teresa from 5:00-6:30 pm & St. Anthony from 6:30-8:00 pm



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 21st at 4:00 pm

*Lectors: Laura V.
Eucharistic Ministers: Patty R., Jerry D., Pam W.*

Sunday, February 22nd at 10:00 am

*Lectors: Steve B., Karen B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L.*

ADORATION CHAPEL

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 18TH

“Let us return, brothers and sisters. Let us return to God with all our heart. During these weeks of Lent, let us make space for the prayer of silent adoration in which we experience the Presence of the Lord, like Moses, like Elijah, like Mary, like Jesus. Have we noticed that we have lost the sense of worship? Let us return to worship. Let us lend the ear of our hearts to the One who, in silence, wants to say to us: I am your God - the God of mercy and compassion, the God of pardon and love, the God of tenderness and care . . . Do not judge yourself. Do not condemn yourself.

Do not reject yourself. Let my love touch the deepest, most hidden corners of your heart and reveal to you your own beauty, a beauty that you have lost sight of, but will become visible to you again in the light of My Mercy.”

~Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday 2024, Homily



PIEROGI SALE

St. Anthony Famous Pierogi are Back!

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM



**Potato
or
Sweet Kraut**
Cooked or Frozen

PRICES:

\$10/doz Frozen Pierogi (uncooked)

\$12/doz Cooked Pierogi with butter & onion

\$15/each Pierogi Dinner (6 pierogi & 2 sides)

\$5/each A-La-Carte Sides:
Cabbage & Noodle
Macaroni & Cheese

PRE-ORDER

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Day of Sale (call)

440-288-1752

ext. 236

THANK YOU



Pick-up at St. Anthony Social Hall
1305 E. Erie Ave. Lorain, OH 44052

DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE

BE TOTALLY OPEN

Before confession,
I heard these words
in my soul,
My daughter, tell him
everything and reveal
your soul to him as you
do before Me. Do not
fear anything. It is to
keep you in peace that I
place this priest between
your soul and Myself.
The words he will speak
to you are My words.
Reveal to him your
soul's greatest secrets.
I will give him light to
know your soul
(Diary, 232).

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*It's easy to love life
when it's beautiful
and perfect.
But the real test of our
love is to love,
respect, and defend all
human life from
beginning to end;
young and old;
born and unborn.*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Our school joyfully celebrated faith, learning & community with a wide variety of activities for Catholic Schools Week. We began the week by celebrating our community with Students Awards, buddy reading between older & younger students, & a service project creating blessing bags for Walls of Love. We launched our Book Blast event to help build at-home libraries, as well as created a schoolwide compliment wall filled with positive messages. Students participated in a Living Rosary & made crafts for a local nursing home. We welcomed our families & community for an evening open house featuring an art show & science fair. A day was dedicated to celebrating vocations as students dressed as their favorite saints, made cards for Father Ken, & enjoyed a schoolwide bingo game. We concluded the week by celebrating our faculty & staff with a winter sports pep rally & fun activities for all students, including a poster relay sharing what they love about our Catholic school, Catholic trivia, & festive winter-themed games. It was a blessed week for all!



YOUNG ADULT MARDI GRAS PARTY

**FEB 17
7:00 PM**

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*Come to the Table,
then
Walk with the Lord*

Feb. 20 2026

Free Soup Supper 6:15pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Join us for a warm evening of fellowship & prayer starting in the side day chapel/meeting room of St. Anthony Church prior to Stations with Deacon Paul



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

beginning February 20th

We invite you to reflect on the final moments of Jesus' earthly life through the Stations of the Cross.

FRIDAYS | 7 PM | WITH DEACON PAUL
IN LENT



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF Lorain County

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LUNCH BEGINS AT 11:30 AM
COST: \$25

COME HEAR ELYRIA CATHOLIC STUDENTS TALK ABOUT THEIR ONGOING FAITH.

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Reservations need to be received by **Friday, Feb. 27th**

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FIRST SATURDAY DINNERS ARE BACK AT ST. ANTHONY!

Spaghetti Dinner

MARCH 7, 2026
4:45 - 6:30 PM

**ST. ANTHONY SOCIAL HALL
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1305 E. ERIE AVE., LORAIN**

Menu:
Adult - \$15
Spaghetti Dinner with 4 Meatballs
Garden Salad & Bread
Coffee: Regular & Decaf & Hot Tea
Dessert available

Children (under 10) - \$5
Spaghetti Dinner with 2 Meatballs
Milk

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LENTEN Fish Fry

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All Fridays of Lent
4:30-7:00pm

DINE IN & DRIVE THRU

DINNERS

All dinners include coleslaw, dessert, roll, and your choice of: fries, cabbage & noodles, mac & cheese, or pierogi.

- Lake Perch** \$20
3 pieces of perch
- Shrimp** \$20
10 pieces of shrimp
- Combo** \$20
2pc perch & 6pc shrimp
- Pierogi** \$12
6 pieces
- Mac & Cheese** \$12

Dine in dinners receive your choice of: coffee, tea, lemonade, or iced tea

A-LA-CARTE

- New England Clam Chowder** \$6
- Pierogi: Potato & Cheese - 5pc** \$5
- Mac & Cheese** \$5
- Cabbage & Noodles** \$5
- Fries** \$5

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Menu

Dinners:

Perch (2) and Shrimp (3) Combo Dinner	\$17.00
Perch Dinner (3)	\$17.00
Beer Battered Cod Dinner (2)	\$17.00
Shrimp Dinner (6)	\$17.00
Baked Walleye (1) <i>Limited Orders</i>	\$17.00
Senior Perch Dinner (2) or Cod Dinner (1)	\$15.00
Pierogi Dinner (6)	\$15.00

Dinners include: coleslaw, dessert and choice of 1: fresh cut fries, mac n cheese, pierogies or cabbage n noodles (Haluski).

Side Dishes:

Pierogies (4)	\$4.00
Mac n Cheese	\$4.00
Fresh Cut Fries	\$4.00
Cabbage and Noodles (Haluski)	\$4.00

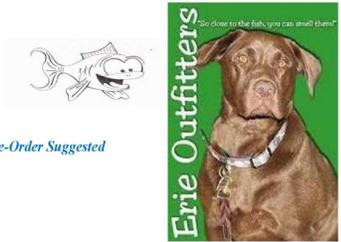
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Piece Perch (1), Cod (1) or Shrimp (3)	\$5.00
Baked Walleye (1) <i>Limited Orders</i>	\$7.00
Coleslaw, Tartar Sauce or Cocktail Sauce	\$.50

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Dessert

Beverage (Pop or Water)	\$3.00
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