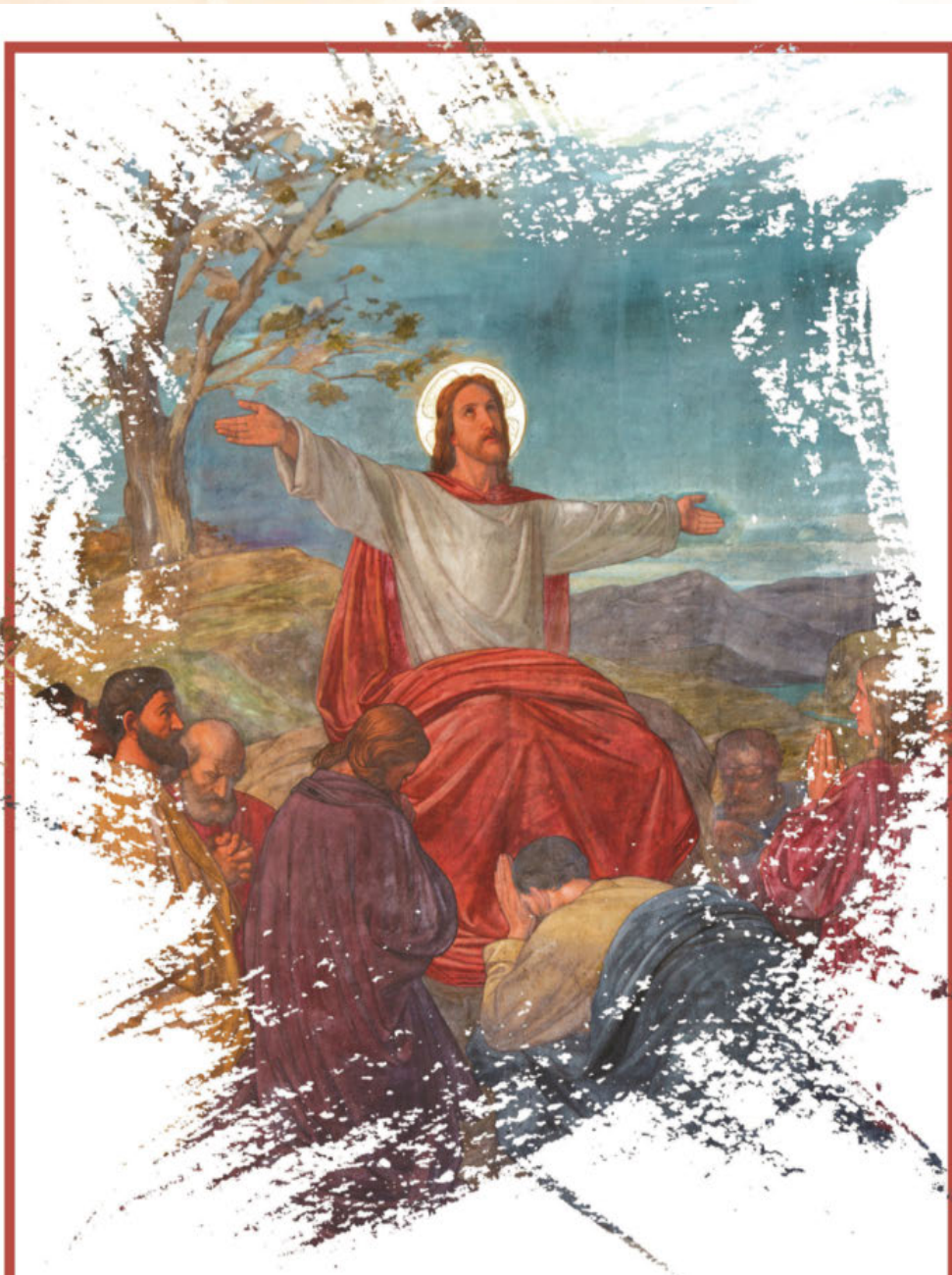


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"WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD
REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM." - JN 6:56

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

The theme of the Readings for today continues the focus on the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and our need to receive Him into our lives, indeed our very souls and bodies in this special way. However, before we get to this point, the readings cause us to think about the wisdom of our values and actions or the folly of our neglect. Let us see how this works out in each of the passages that follow.

The First Reading is from the Book of Proverbs (9:1-6). If you were to read this entire short chapter (and you should), you would find that it is a comparison between the virtue of wisdom and the caprice of folly. In scripture, wisdom is often portrayed as a Lady, but looked upon as another name for the Holy Spirit. Here, Wisdom is calling to us and offering us the food of divine life, whereas, further on in this chapter, folly is offering the pleasures of this world, which lead to sadness and eventually damnation if we continue along this path. The moral of this passage is: **Pray for wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit because the alternative is spiritual death.**

The Responsorial Psalm is (34:2-7). The same Psalm we heard in last Sunday's Mass is used again today because it continues the praise of God for His infinite goodness. This Psalm is a prayer of some wise person who has been rescued by God from spiritual danger and now glorifies Him out of gratitude.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (5:15-20). Paul sums up the above readings and builds upon them for the purpose of exhorting us to live a virtuous life—the Christian way of life which speaks for itself by good example and reflects the "fruit of the Spirit"—Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, etc.

The Gospel Reading is from John (6:51-58) and is a continuation of the gospel for last Sunday on the subject of Jesus Christ coming to us, alive and well, in the Blessed Eucharist (Holy Communion). Here we need to have the Spirit's gift of wisdom to look beyond the small wafer of consecrated bread to see the living Christ within. Further in this passage, Jesus tells us that we must partake of His flesh and blood in order to have His life within us. We cannot stop here at just the receiving of the Eucharist. We must go on to welcome Jesus into not only our bodies, but also into our souls and our very lives as well.

I see many people going to receive Holy Communion and their whole being tells me they do not understand what they are doing. Perhaps this is because they have not been properly instructed. But, more importantly, it reflects a lack of interest and, therefore, only a formality. How sad! Here again, is where the gift of Wisdom needs to come in. This week, spend a few moments in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to give you the gift of Wisdom to understand the real purpose and meaning of this divine gift of life and love. If need be, search out sound Catholic writings about this awesome gift and sacrament, and don't forget to Pray. You will be amazed at how your attendance at Mass will bring you to a new awareness of God and His life within you. **Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

Rev. Edward J. Smith **2**

AUGUST 18, 2024

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 4th 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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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING:

"Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!" (Prv 9:5)

PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING:

Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. (Eph 5:17)

GOSPEL:

"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." (Jn 6:55)

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Sunday - Aug 18th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Norma Michalski

Requested by: Norman Michalski

Monday - Aug 19th - St. John Eudes, Priest

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

Tuesday - Aug 20th - St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am - †David Stein

Requested by: Raquel Stein

Saturday - Aug 24th - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

4:00 pm - †Ellen Michie

Requested by: Marilyn Mercurio

Sunday - Aug 25th - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Robert Gracie

Requested by: Michael Darby



READINGS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 18, 2024

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will

raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." — Jn 6:53-55

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 24th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne C., Jerry D., Michael S.

Sunday, August 25th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Rose J.

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

OFFERTORY REPORT

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

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (7/28/2024) \$4,771.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - (\$1,401.00)

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.



THE PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

AUGUST 2024 FOR POLITICAL LEADERS

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor & those who have lost their jobs.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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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,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

“Above all, let us listen to Mary, Most Holy in whom the mystery of the Eucharist appears more than in anyone else as a mystery of light. Gazing upon Mary, we come to know the transforming power present in the Eucharist. In her, we see the world renewed in love.

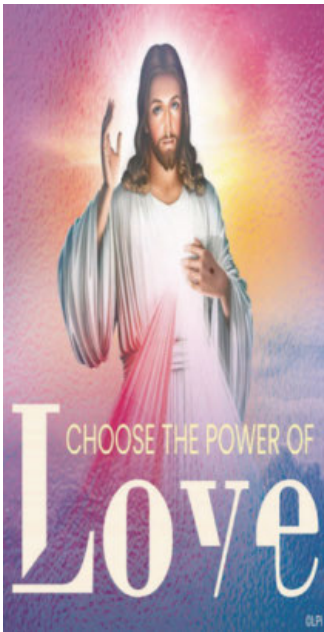
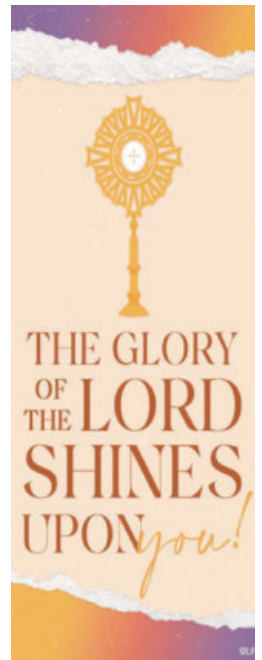
Contemplating her, assumed body and soul into heaven, we see opening up before us those ‘new heavens’ and that ‘new earth’ which will appear at the second coming of Christ. Here below, the Eucharist represents their pledge and in a certain way their anticipation: ‘Veni, Domine Iesu’ ” (Rev. 22:20) ~St. John Paul II, Ecelesia de Eucharistia, 62

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Heaven, Feast: August 15,
& Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast: August 22

St. Mazimilian Kolbe wrote of the Blessed Sacrament:

“You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, compenetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles. Who would have ever imagined such.”

St. Maximillian Maria Kolbe, Franciscan Priest, Martyr, Poland, 1894-1941, Feast: August 14



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - FEARLESS APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

On the evening of the introductory day of the retreat,
as I listened to the points for the meditation, I heard these words:

During this retreat I will speak to you through the mouth of this priest to strengthen you and assure you of the truth of the words which I address to you in the depths of your soul. Although this is a retreat for all the sisters, I have you especially in mind, as I want to strengthen you and make you fearless in the midst of all the adversities which lie ahead. Therefore, listen intently to his words and meditate upon them in the depths of your soul (Diary, 456).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord, strengthen us with the words of preachers and teachers to assure us of the words that You speak in the depth of our hearts. Make us fearless apostles of Divine Mercy who are emboldened to “speak the truth in love” (Eph 4:15). Amen.

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

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

Let us throw ourselves on the mercy of God, our Creator,
and unceasingly ask Him for an end to abortion and euthanasia.

Then and only then can we have peace in our hearts,
in our families, and in the streets of America.

Think about this:

“It’s been a decade and still my blood runs cold and I catch my breath whenever I hear the word ‘abortion’. There’s emptiness inside me that can never be filled, a chill that has never quite been warmed, a grief that will never end.”

(Words of a mother who chose to have an abortion.)

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



REGISTER NOW FOR ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PSR CLASSES!!

Registration is open for PSR classes for all children in Grades 2-8 at St. Anthony, St. Teresa of Avila & St. Thomas parishes.

Classes are held on Monday evenings from 6:15-7:30 pm.

First class begins on October 21st.

Registration forms, class schedule and information can be found at www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/psr/.

Any questions, please contact psr@stanthonylorain.com.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 8/18

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free, monthly grief support groups both In-Person at 3 pm & Virtually at 5 pm via Zoom on the same day. Meetings are open discussion with a topic or whatever is in your heart.

The August Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 18th with the closest location at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon at 32789 Detroit Rd.

The Topic will be "Planning for Special Days & Memorials" and "Family Dynamics in Grief".

Your RSVP is appreciated but not required. Please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 for more information or sign up for the virtual group at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.



MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA - 8/27

All are invited to come pray before our Eucharistic Lord on **Tuesday, August 27th at 7 pm** at **St. Teresa of Avila Church**. The Holy Hour will include Scripture Reading, Litanies & the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. ?'s, call the church office at 440-934-4227.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 9/6

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will present Shawn Witmer, director of the Diocesan Social Action Office (DSAO) for Lorain County & Diocesan Director for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for the Diocese of Cleveland, who will be speaking on the "How DSAO provides opportunities"

at our luncheon on **Friday, September 6th**. Come join us for good food, fellowship and faith formation.

Lunch begins at 11:30 am at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. Elyria with Mr. Witmer speaking at Noon. All reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, September 2nd. Call 440-320-3272 or email fflorain@gmail.com with your reservation. Cost is \$25.

WE ARE SCHEDULING 2025 MASS INTENTIONS NOW

Please use the Mass Request Form below, and include the completed Request Form with your Mass offering (*checks only please*) in an envelope. 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. **Please drop your envelope either in the collection basket, place in the Parish Office mailbox by the side door or mail to P.O. Box 2199 Sheffield Lake, OH 44054.**

Because of the large numbers of people requesting Mass intentions, we are asking for no in person Mass scheduling. Once your Mass is scheduled, you will be contacted by the Parish Secretary.

As always, we will endeavor to make this as convenient and smooth a process as possible.

REQUEST FOR 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

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