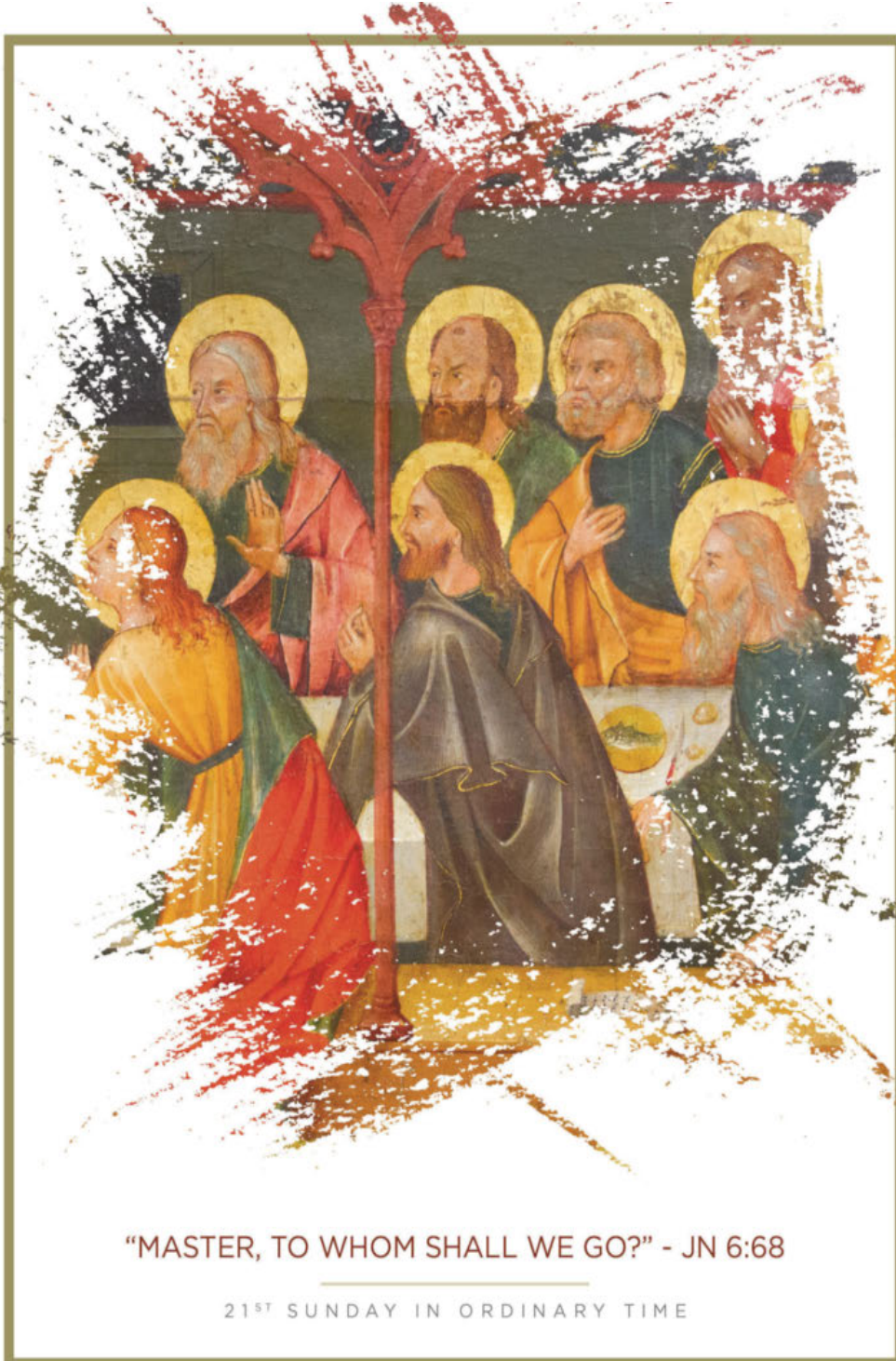


ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | AUGUST 25, 2024



"MASTER, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?" - JN 6:68

21ST 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

Today is the last of three consecutive Sundays where the readings have given us a slightly different perspective on the theme of Jesus Christ as the Bread of Life. Here, the Gospel asks us to make a choice; to believe in Jesus Christ and accept His teachings, His Life and His Church or go your own way, or as Joshua says in the First Reading "...decide today whom you will believe in and serve." This is a powerful command and one that we should be careful in deciding.

The First Reading is from the Book of Joshua (24:1- 18). The time of this event is shortly after the Israelites (Jews) entered the Promised Land. Joshua was their leader after Moses died. Not all of the people accepted his leadership and grumbled against him. Nevertheless, he was the appointed leader of the People of God and made the people choose between following the One, True God and following some other false god. The people made the right choice.

The Responsorial Psalm is (34:2-21). This is the same Psalm that we have been using these past three weeks. Here the Psalmist glorifies God because: God provides for His People (the theme two weeks ago), He is the divine Bread of Life (last week) and He is the ultimate choice for everlasting life (this week). As Peter says in the gospel, "*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*"

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (5:21-32). In modern times, this passage from Paul's beautiful Letter to the Ephesians has been controversial, but in earlier days it was looked upon as glorifying the Christian family which is a symbol of the Church. So, it is today, the family is the essence of, or the birthplace of Christian life from which our Church, the Body of Christ, receives new human life. In rereading (or listening to) this passage, please try to get past the "*politically incorrect*" wording of submission and try to see it from God's viewpoint.

The Gospel Reading is John (6:60-69). This is the ending of Jesus' discourse on the "*Bread of Life.*" Many of the people hearing Him listened but heard only in material or earthly terms of eating someone's flesh and drinking his blood. They could not figure out in their minds that there must be something more to this. Looking back to the days of Moses and the Israelites wandering in the desert, God fed them with manna. This wasn't "*Wonder Bread*" as we know it today. Nor was it something that they recognized in their day, but it did come down from Heaven and fed and sustained them for many years.

For three weeks now, we have been hearing from all the readings that God has been providing for His People down through the ages, both earthly and spiritually, not only to sustain them, but to make them aware of His divine providence. Yet we also hear how some people still grumble and gripe because they don't always get what they want or it isn't to their liking. We must remember that worshipping our God is not getting what we want; rather, it is giving God what He wants. In this case, it is active participation, devotion and prayer. St. Francis of Assisi tells us "*...It is in giving that we receive.*" When we attend Mass and give praise, thanksgiving, and worship to God through Jesus Christ, and do so with sincerity, we receive far more than we can imagine.

Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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AUGUST 25, 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: "Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." (Jos 24:18)

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

SECOND READING: This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

GOSPEL: Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 25, 2024

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

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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

10:00 am - †Robert Gracie

Requested by: Michael Darby

Monday - Aug 26th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Al Schultz

Requested by: Anna Schultz

Tuesday - Aug 27th - St. Monica

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the Tavenner Family

Requested by: Hilaire Tavenner

Saturday - Aug 31st - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †Rob Salkowitz (1st Anniversary)

Requested by: Jancsura Family

Sunday - Sept 1st - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Liz Kiely

Requested by: Obermiller Family



“The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.” As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. — Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-66

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Saturday, August 31st at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

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

Sunday, September 1st at 10:00 am

Lectors: Rose J.

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

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OFFERTORY REPORT

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

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (8/4/2024) \$6,314.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - (\$866.00)



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:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges
Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Brian Grace	Dan George	Renee Golowenski
D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan 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	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Alan McCartney	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer
Ellen Morgan	Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell
Joe Rizzo	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies
Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Richard Yurovich	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 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Upon hearing of a Eucharistic miracle, St. Louis replied;
“Let them go to see the miracle who have any doubt regarding the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Holy Sacrament. As for me, even if I saw Jesus on the altar in His visible form, and touched Him with my hand and heard His voice, I should not be more convinced that I know that He is present in the Consecrated Host. The word of Christ is sufficient for me.

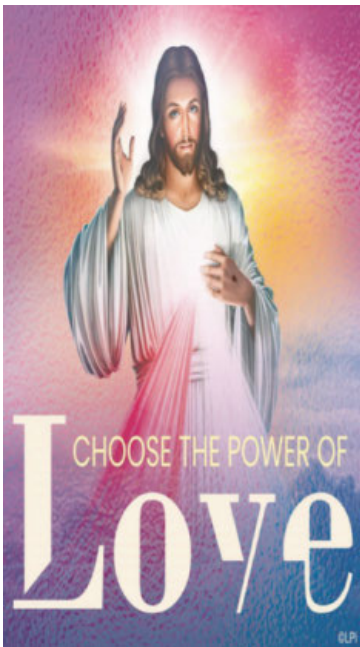
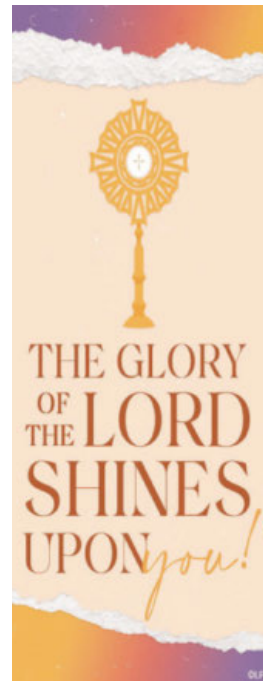
I need NO miracle.” ~Hidden Treasure, the Riches of the Eucharist, Louis Kaczmarek
St. Louis, King, Husband, Father of 11 children, France, 1214-1270; Feast Day: August 25

“What you see is the bread and the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that The Bread IS The Body of Christ and the Chalice [Wine] The Blood of Christ”

St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, North Africa, 354-430; Feast Day: August 28

“When the priest solemnly pronounces the words ‘Behold the Lamb of God,’ he stands in the prophetic role of St. John the Baptist inviting the community not only to receive the Blessed Sacrament but to enter into the entire Mystery of Salvation accomplished through Christ’s Death on the Cross.”

Fr. Gary Koch in Reference to the Passion of St. John the Baptist; Feast Day: August 29



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - THE GIFT OF THE CHURCH

My daughter, consider the life of God which is found in the Church for the salvation and the sanctification of your soul. Consider the use that you make of these treasures of grace, of these efforts of My love (Diary, 1758).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the treasure of graces You have given the Church for our salvation and sanctification. Thank You for the graces of Your Sacraments, culminating in the Holy Eucharist; for the Communion of Saints with Our Blessed Mother as Queen of all Saints; for the shepherds You have provided for us, with our chief shepherd, the Successor of Peter. All these treasures of grace are a gift of Your merciful love. Amen.

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JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM PROLIFECORNER.COM

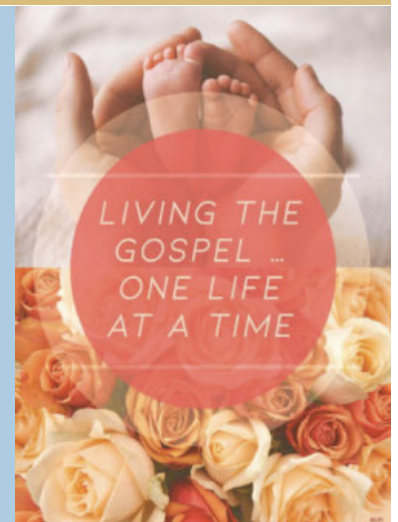
Let us throw ourselves on the mercy of God, our Creator, and unceasingly ask Him for an end to abortion and euthanasia.

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

Think about this:

Caring for all people-unborn babies, children, grandparents, begins with us; **being pro-life means caring for all life from conception to natural death.**

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.



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.

CALVARY CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR - 9/14

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, September 14th at 1 pm in the main office building of Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.**

Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite.

Please RSVP to this event to Calvary Cemetery, 216-641-7575 ext. 6 or email bstrauchon@clecem.org

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING - 10/6

Interested in becoming a EMHC at St. Anthony's? You must be fully initiated and in good standing with the church.

The next training is Sunday, October 6th from 2:00-4:30 pm at St. Raphael's in Bay Village.

If you would like to register, please contact the Parish Office, 440-288-0106.

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.

Once your Mass is scheduled, you will be contacted by the Parish Secretary.

REQUEST FOR 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

NAME _____ **PHONE #** _____

WHAT/WHO MASS REQUESTED FOR: _____ **DATE OF MASS REQUEST:** _____

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