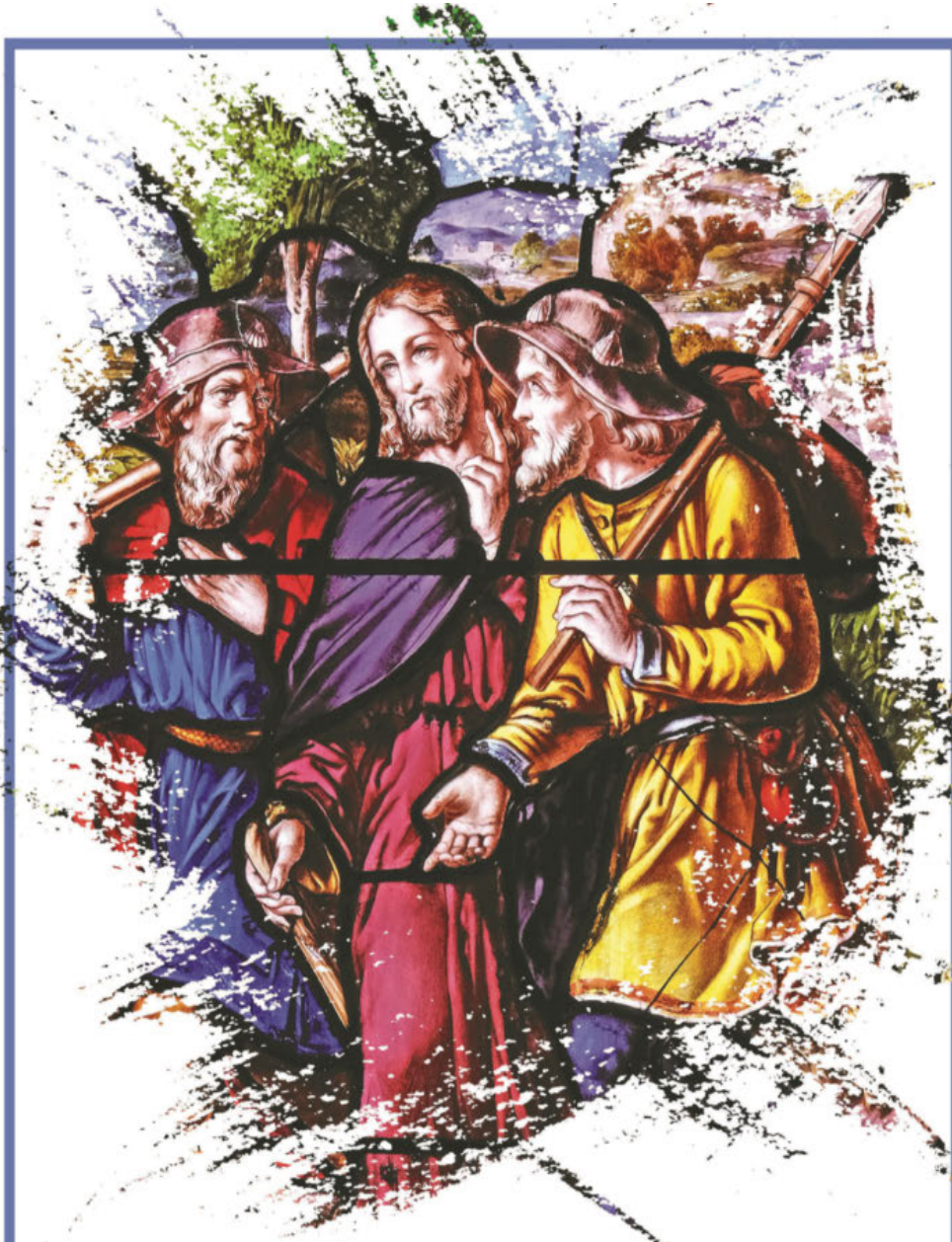


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"WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME."

- MK 8:34

24TH 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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The readings this week contain many provocative phrases that could be used as the theme for this commentary. **I have chosen two that are arguably the most difficult to follow – accepting our circumstances in life (our “daily crosses”) and self-denial – all in the process of following Jesus Christ.** Most people will do almost anything to avoid suffering and self-denial is contrary to today’s culture, but the words of Christ are as true today as they were 2000 years ago: *“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”*

So, what does *“taking up of one’s cross”* mean? Jesus is not speaking of a physical cross such as the one He died on, or the one that St. Peter died on. **He is speaking of everyday situations, some of a short duration and others of an almost permanent problem such as diabetes, or a physical or mental handicap.** These are often the source of much frustration or anger, but they can be a daily offering to Our Lord when handled with patience and kindness towards others. Self-Denial is a different matter but can also be a daily offering. **Remember, your body, your life is God’s gift to you.** What you do with it is your gift to God.

In the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (50:4c-9a), the prophet is offering himself as an example to the people. He suffered much as God’s spokesperson, and he is saying that only by trusting in God can one find true happiness and fulfillment. These words apply to us today and represent one of the *“suffering servant”* oracles that we use to identify with Jesus during the Lenten Season.

The Responsorial Psalm is (116:1-9). In this passage, the psalmist is praising God who saved him from *“giving up.”* We can’t be certain if the Lord God saved this man from physical trials or from *“giving up”* spiritually, or both. When he says, *“For He has freed my soul from death,”* he is speaking in a spiritual sense. The meaning of this is: that despite his problems, he has not lost hope in God and that sense of hope gives him strength to carry on. That is exactly what Jesus is talking about in the gospel.

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. James (2:14-18). James is giving us another way of looking at suffering and self-denial – that of sharing someone else’s suffering. Many of us are fortunate to have enough of this world’s goods that we do not suffer from lack of food, shelter or clothing, but there are many out in the world who do. If we find ourselves in a position of good health and comfort, then we are obligated to help those less fortunate.

The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel of Mark (8:27-35). In this passage, Jesus is asking a very important question that all of us must answer – **“Who do YOU say that I am?”** This question is addressed not only to His Apostles and the immediate disciples, but also to us; you and me today. If we can truthfully answer as Peter does, then we are ahead of the pack, but if we hesitate, then we must make up our mind – soon. Then, all of us must consider the next statement of Jesus: *“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”*

To aid us in resolving these two statements within our own mind and heart, we might consider the words of the Serenity Prayer: *“Lord, help me to accept what I cannot change, and the grace to change what I can and then, grant me the wisdom to know the difference.”*

Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

Rev. Edward J. Smith **2**

SEPTEMBER 15, 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: I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (*Is 50:6*)

PSALM: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (*Ps 116*)

SECOND READING: So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (*Jas 2:17*)

GOSPEL: "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." (*Mk 8:29*)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (*Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35*)

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37



Sunday - Sept 15th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Jeanne Provenza

Requested by: Sally Pasa

Monday - Sept 16th - Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishops, Martyrs

8:30 am - †Mary Ellen Smith (Birthday)

Requested by: Rev. Edward J. Smith

Tuesday - Sept 17th - St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am - †Mick Bainbridge

Requested by: Carol Bainbridge

Saturday - Sept 21st - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

4:00 pm - †Romana Amador

Requested by: Lydia Inchaurregui

Sunday - Sept 22nd - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Mary Cooper

Requested by: Gary & Marcie Cooper



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." — *Mk 8:34-35*

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Saturday, September 21st at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Marybeth B.

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

Sunday, September 22nd at 10:00 am

Lectors: Anna S.

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

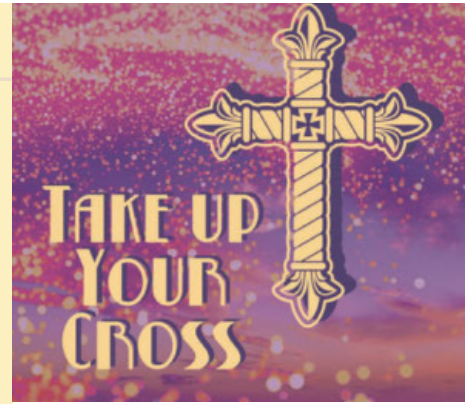
OFFERTORY REPORT

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

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (8/25/2024) \$4,587.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... + \$5,873.00

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.



SCHOOL SURVEY

The Diocese of Cleveland is asking for your help in the Lorain County "Keeping the Faith" project.

We are asking all parishioners to complete a short survey regarding Catholic elementary education.

Please scan the QR code to the right or visit the survey at:

<https://forms.gle/Xtp6ZU4N5nusrYbz5>



St. Anthony School

Use the QR code to complete the survey.

Thank you for your partnership!



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
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Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Bob Humphrey	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson
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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 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Behold the wood of the Cross on which has hung our salvation: Come, Let us adore.

“In any preaching you do, admonish the people concerning repentance and that nobody can be saved except he who receives the most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord. And when it is sacrificed on the altar by the priest or borne anywhere, let all the people on bended knees render praise, glory and honor to the True and Living Lord God.”

St. Francis of Assisi in Reference to the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Feast Day: Sept. 14th

“Your role before the tabernacle [is to be]: living lamps before Jesus in the Eucharist . . .

Handmaids of honor of the tabernacle and of its Divine Dweller;

angels of the Eucharist who receive and who give;

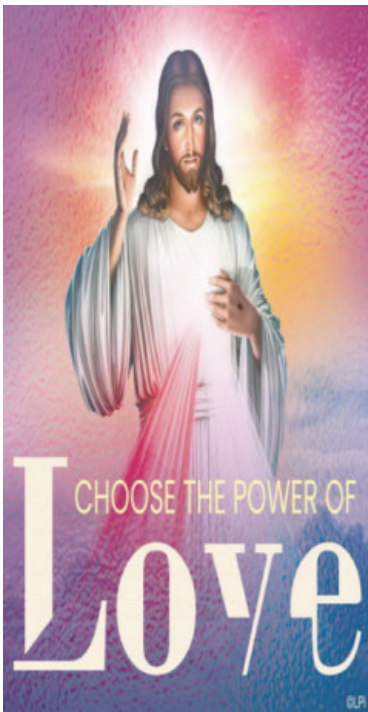
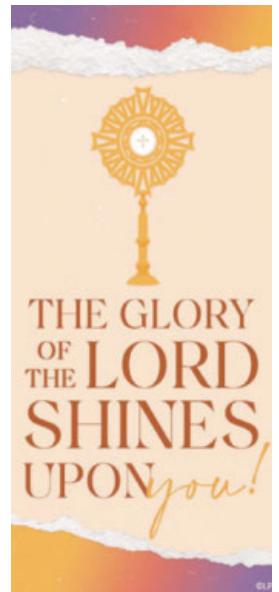
souls who hunger and thirst for the bread of the Eucharist and the water of His grace;

hearts that share with their spouse in the Eucharist His desires, His goals,

His self-sacrifice for all . . . ; the intimate confidantes of Jesus in the Host

listening to His every word of life and meditating on it in your heart as Mary did.”

Bl. James Alberione in Reference to Our Lady of Sorrows; Feast Day: Sept. 15th



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - THE BLOOD AND WATER

Today the Lord said to me, **Daughter**, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the **Blood and Water** which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I **Myself** am waiting there for you. I am only **hidden by the priest**, but I **Myself** act in your soul (*Diary*, 1602).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart as a fountain of mercy for me. As I approach You in Confession, I immerse myself in Your mercy with great trust. Amen.

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

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

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

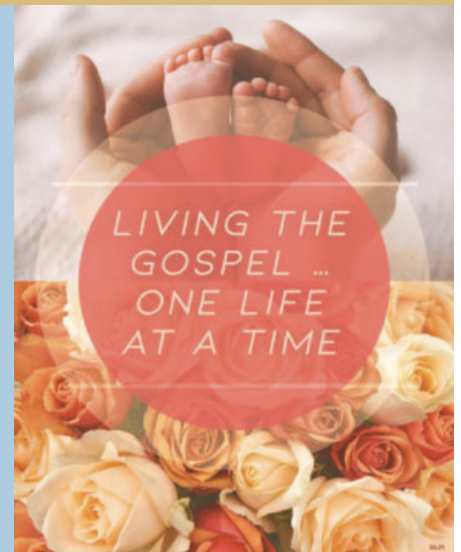
Let us throw ourselves on the mercy of God, our Creator, and unceasingly ask Him for an end to abortion and euthanasia. Then and only then can we have peace in our hearts, in our families, and in the streets of America.

Think about this:

Some say that abortion will solve the social problem of unwanted children. To solve social problems should we kill the poor to end poverty; the homeless to end homelessness; the unemployed to end unemployment? Of course not!

Then why do we tolerate the killing of the unborn.

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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SENIOR SOCIABLES MEETING - 9/19

St. Anthony Senior Sociables will meet on Thursday, September 19th at 12:30 pm
at Papisitos (The Castle) at 2532 West Erie Ave.

Please call Karen Less at 440-949-2934 with your reservation by Monday, September 16th.
Hope to see you there!



MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA - 9/24

Join us at St. Teresa of Avila Church on Tuesday, September 24th at 7 pm as we pray that unborn lives are saved and all life will be considered valuable. *Our prayers made a difference!*
The Holy Hour will include Scripture, Litanies & the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
If you have any questions, call the church office at 440-934-4227.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - 9/25 TO 11/3

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2024 Spring Campaign of 40 Days for Life. God poured blessings upon the campaign and we know **504 babies, mothers, fathers, and families were spared from abortion, 4 more abortion workers experienced conversion, and 6 more abortion facilities closed.** *Praise God!*
Cumulatively over the 17 years of 40 Days for Life, there have been 24,768 babies spared from abortion, 260 converted abortion workers, and 154 abortion facility closures. *Praise God!*
We look forward to praying with you from September 25 – November 3 in the 2024 Fall Campaign.
God bless you & thank you, John Noall, campaign director - 40 DFL/Cleveland/Bedford Hts/Painesville

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 10/4

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will present Fr. Joe Koopman, who will be speaking on "Christian Sexuality & the Catholic Church in our Present Day" at our luncheon on Friday, October 4th.

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 Fr. Koopman speaking at Noon. All reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, September 30h.
Call 440-320-3272 or email fflorain@gmail.com with your reservation. Cost is \$25.



EMHC TRAINING - 10/6

Interested in becoming a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion 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.

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