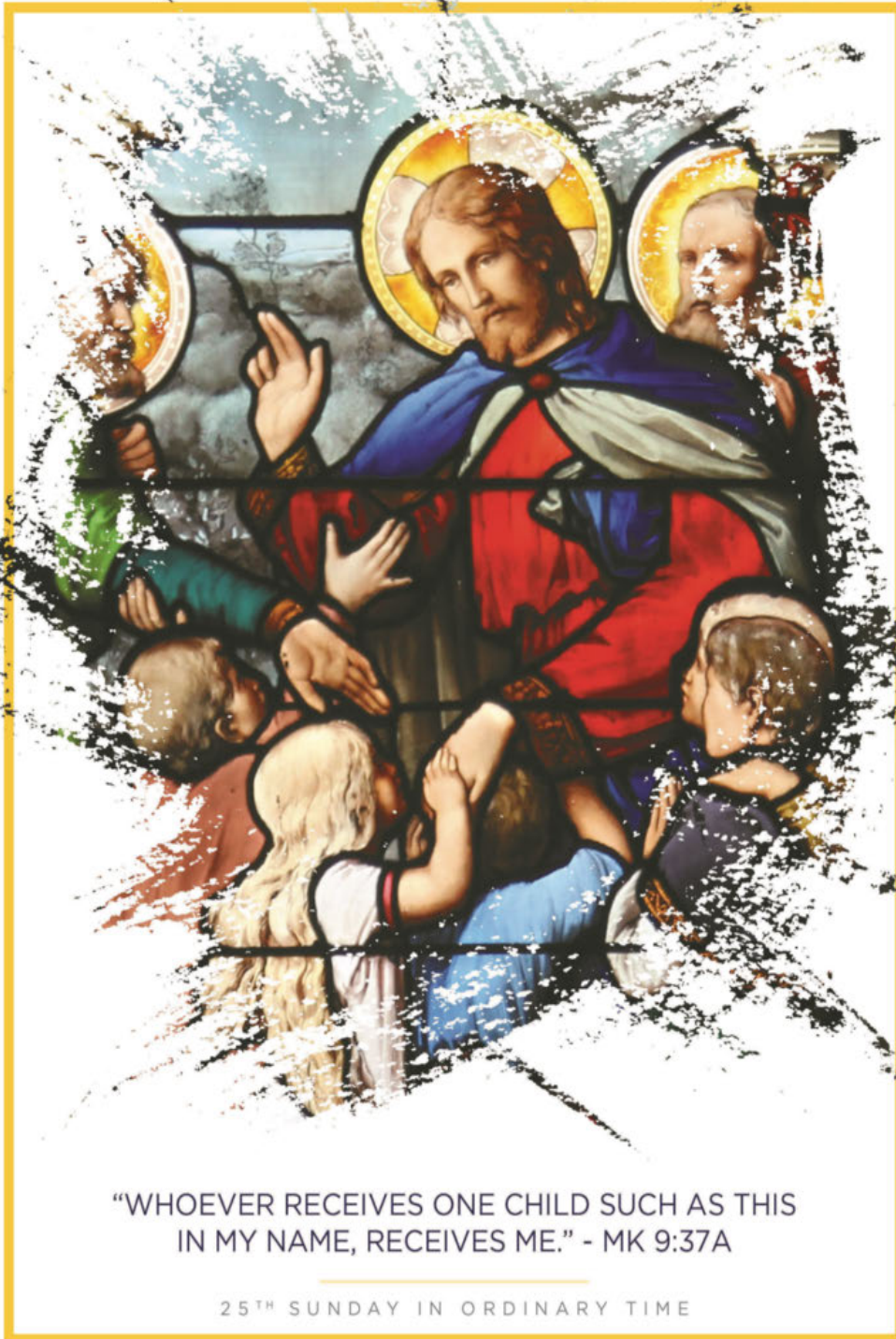


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“WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE CHILD SUCH AS THIS
IN MY NAME, RECEIVES ME.” - MK 9:37A

25TH 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 contrasts selfish ambition with humble service. We are all somewhat guilty of the first and shy away from the latter. In our culture today, ambition is thought of as something to be encouraged and emphasized and, to a degree, it is. On the other hand, humility and service to others has become almost foreign to our vocabulary. However, in today's readings, the writer of the Book of Wisdom and the Apostle James characterize "selfish ambition" as the cause of disorder and discontent. To offset this, Jesus offers the noble virtues of humility and service. He himself becomes the ultimate example of both.

The First Reading is from the Book of Wisdom (2:12-20). The Book of Wisdom, as should be expected, discusses all that is virtuous and, in the process, may contrast it with that which is evil. In this passage, which appears to be a direct prophesy of the life and death of Jesus Christ, the wicked assume that their actions will be the end of their intended victim, but their last words are the only part of their plan that is true: "God will take care of Him." And He did, by the resurrection.

The Responsorial Psalm is (54:3-8). This psalm is the prayer of a virtuous man who implores God to give him the strength to hold out until the end. Could this not be a prayer that Jesus might have offered during His prayer time in the Garden of Gethsemane on that fateful night?

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. James (3:16-4:3). This passage could be considered as a commentary on the worldwide strife that exists today. So, what is the answer? The only answer is that each person must look at his or her own actions and motivations and weed out all selfish ambitions. The beautiful song "Let There Be Peace on Earth" says it all with the right answer: "...and let it begin with me."

The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel of Mark (9:30-37). In this part of Mark's gospel, Jesus is preparing the apostles to carry on His mission after He is gone, but He finds that they still do not understand the message about humility and service. He calls a little child into their midst and, using the image of a child, He says that we must all be like a child. He was not suggesting that we go back to a lack of experience or be "childish." In Jewish culture of that time, children were considered to have no status or rights or be worthy of recognition. In other words, they were pure examples of humility.

Humility is not the same as timidity or lack of self-esteem. A very gifted person or a person who is generous with his or her time and talents can still be humble when they recognize that all that they are and all that they have comes from God – in some manner, perhaps through parents or teachers. Also, they are grateful to God for the blessings they possess and use their gifts for His honor and glory. So, after reading the scriptures for today, we should be challenged to consider our own thoughts, actions, and speech to see how they measure up to what God is asking of each of us and, if they don't, what do we plan to do about it?

Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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SEPTEMBER 22, 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: Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (*Wis 2:20*)

PSALM: The Lord upholds my life. (*Ps 54*)

SECOND READING: And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (*Jas 3:18*)

GOSPEL: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (*Mk 9:35*)

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

10:00 am - †Mary Cooper

Requested by: Gary & Marcie Cooper

Monday - Sept 23rd - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30 am - †Ignatius Gonzales

Requested by: Carol Gonzales

Tuesday - Sept 24th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Robert C. Salkowitz, Sr. & Robert C. Salkowitz, II

Requested by: Jeannette Salkowitz

Saturday - Sept 28th - St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

4:00 pm - †Joseph & Lavera Thomas

Requested by: Marge Thomas

Sunday - Sept 29th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Jeanne Provenza

Requested by: Andrea Sturgil



READINGS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

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

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

— Mk 9:35b-37a

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 28th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Marybeth B.

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

Sunday, September 29th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Anna S.

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

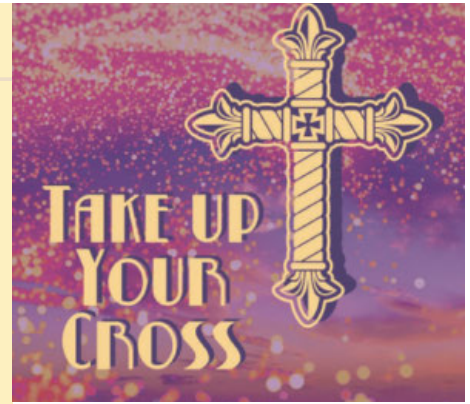
OFFERTORY REPORT

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

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (9/1/2024) \$6,833.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... + \$6,927.00

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.



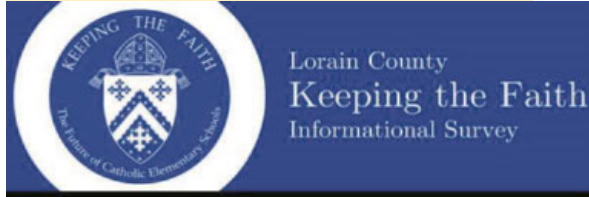
SCHOOL SURVEY

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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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
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Jan 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	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

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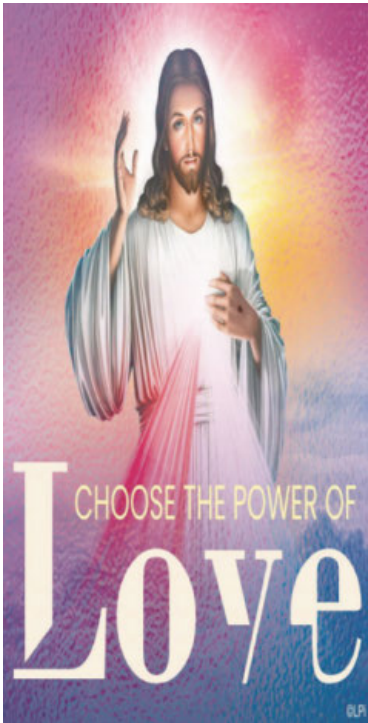
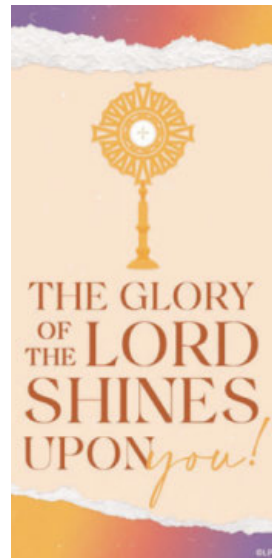
“If some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and let us place ourselves in the midst of the heavenly perfumes and we will undoubtedly regain our strength.”

~St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Franciscan Priest, Stigmatist, Mystic, Italy, 1887-1968; Feast Day: Sept. 23rd

“This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.” (John 6:58)

“The act of adoration outside Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself. Indeed, only in adoration can a profound and genuine reception mature. And it is precisely this personal encounter with the Lord that then strengthens the social mission contained in the Eucharist which seeks to break down not only the walls that separate the Lord and ourselves, but also and especially the walls that separate us from one another.”

~Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 66



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - GOD'S MERCY TIME AND AGAIN

As I was meditating on the sin of the Angels and their immediate punishment, I asked Jesus why the Angels had been punished as soon as they had sinned. I heard a voice: **Because of their profound knowledge of God. No person on earth, even though a great saint, has such knowledge of God as an Angel has.** Nevertheless, to me who am so miserable, You have shown Your mercy,

O God, and this, time and time again. You carry me in the bosom of

Your mercy and forgive me every time that I ask
Your forgiveness with a contrite heart (*Diary*, 1332)

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, please help me to know You and Your greatest attribute, Your mercy. Help me to tell Your people of Your compassion and love.

As I do, also give me courage to ask Your forgiveness whenever I sin. 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://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.

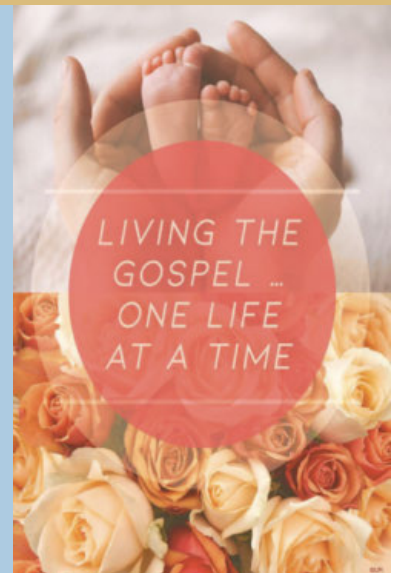
Think about this:

“One death is a tragedy, but a million deaths is merely a statistic.” ~Josef Stalin.

As a nation have we come to a Stalinist mind set?

Have we become numb to this figure: over 65,000,000 babies have been killed by abortion in our nation since 1973? God help us to comprehend this national evil and take a position against abortion

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





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

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer & fasting, community outreach, & a peaceful all-day vigils in front of abortion businesses. We look forward to praying with you from Sept. 25th to Nov. 3rd. Visit www.40daysforlife.com for more info.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 10/4

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will present Fr. Joe Koopman, vice-rector, dean of students and professor of moral theology at St. Mary Seminary, will be speaking on *"The Good News About Sexuality: Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body & the Church teaching on Sexuality"*

at our luncheon on Friday, October 4th. Come join us for good food, fellowship & 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, Sept. 30th. 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.

ST. TERESA FEAST DAY ITALIAN DINNER - 10/19

St. Teresa of Avila Parish will celebrate their Feast Day on Saturday, October 19th at the Parish Life Center, 1878 Abbe Road, Sheffield Village. Doors open at 5:30 pm with Appetizers and Dinner served from 6-7 pm.

Menus includes: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Marinara Sauce, Salad and Dessert. There will be 50/50 Sideboards (Must be present to win.) Tickets are \$15 each for Dine-In only! Purchase tickets at the Parish Office, Monday-Friday 9 am to 3 pm, 440-934-4227 or after Mass on October 5th & 6th or October 12th & 13th

FIRST MARIAN GUILD MEETING - 10/20

Our first 2024-2025 Marian Guild meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20th, at 11:15 am, in the main vestibule of the church after the 10 am Mass.

Our speaker will be Johnna Veroni Lyman, alumni of St. Anthony School, retired Lorain City School Special Ed Teacher, and the Author of several children's books. She will be introducing you to the main character of these delightful books "Honey", a sweet, adventurous bumblebee named for her mom, Florence "Honey" Veroni.

Johnna will also give you a brief overview of her business, "Rooted in Nature LLC".

Refreshments will also be served in this lovely and cozy setting. We invite you to join us, and encourage you to bring a friend, as we begin our 2024-2025 season with this interesting program.

THE MARIAN GUILD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS ON NOW!

We have several interesting programs planned for this year, and we welcome you, as a new member or as a returning member, to be a part of the Guild. Please fill in the coupon below & mail to Terri George, P.O. 2199, Sheffield Lake, OH 44054. Membership dues are still \$5 & can be enclosed with your coupon.

I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE MARIAN GUILD

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