

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | DECEMBER 29, 2024



• THE HOLY FAMILY •

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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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 Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day is celebrated in honor of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This is timely and appropriate because Christmas is, or should be, a family celebration. It began with the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph becoming parents, rounding out their household into a family. This family should be the perfect model for any family in any culture or time.

The First Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Sirach (3:2-6, 12- 14). The writer, the Sage Sirach, gives us his idea of the ideal family with all the responsibilities, honors and benefits that are bestowed on each member. We, in modern society, tend to overlook the responsibility that each member of a family has to all the other members regardless of age. That is why we have so many families falling apart. They are not pulling together!

In the Responsorial Psalm (128:1-5), the psalmist picks up the same theme of family life and blesses those who "walk in the way of the Lord." This is a beautiful prayer that all parents should pray and teach their children.

The Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians (3:12-21). In this passage, Paul gives us his thoughts on the ideal family life which should be just as true today as it was then. However, some women get upset with a certain phrase within this beautiful Letter and dismiss the whole thing. Please take a moment to listen to what Paul is really saying: If we are truly Christians, with Christ living within each of us, then authority over, or responsibility to, should be a matter of "Love thy Neighbor," not only within families, but toward everyone. In today's lifestyle raising a family is difficult enough unless each shoulders his or her responsibility.

The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel of Luke (2:41-52). This is the familiar story of Mary and Joseph being separated from Jesus who, at the age of approximately twelve years, remains in the temple after celebrating the feast of Passover. After searching for Him for several days and finding Him in the temple, "listening to the teachers and asking them questions," everyone was amazed for different reasons. Jesus was doing whatever any young person might do at that age and was amazed at their question. Mary and Joseph were amazed at Jesus' lack of concern, but soon learned that there was more to this scene than they understood. The 'teachers' were amazed at Jesus knowledge of scripture and His questions to them. We must remember that Mary and Joseph must have shared with Jesus, as he was old enough to understand, the unique circumstances of His birth and encouraged Him to read the scriptures to see how they might apply to Him. His response to Mary and Joseph is puzzling. All Jewish firstborn males could claim to be a son of God and the temple as "their Father's house." We should not read more into that statement than is there. Nevertheless, Jesus returned to Nazareth and became subject to them as would be required and, in doing so, He "advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

Advent is a time of soul-searching and preparing, of waiting and hoping, of examining our hearts and actions to see if they conform to what God expects of us. This is all in order to improve our relationship with our God, but we should not stop the process just because Advent has come to an end. As we can see from the Readings above, each member of a family has a relationship and a responsibility to each other and our examination of our conduct, inside and outside the family, affects the family in total. Neglecting this attitude of relationships is where the family begins to come apart.

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 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 attending 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 prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."
(1 Sm 1:27-28)

PSALM: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

SECOND READING: Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
(1 Jn 3:2)

GOSPEL: After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers. (Lk 2:46)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 29, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

DECEMBER

Sunday - Dec 29th - The Holy Family

10:00 am - †Deceased Members of the Luca & Stohla families
Requested by: Marcie Downie

Monday - Dec 30th - Christmas Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Fran & Bob Rottman
Requested by: Amy Rottman

Tuesday - Dec 31st - St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

4:00 pm - †Marcella Martin
Requested by: Carol Jancsura

Wednesday - Jan 1st - Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

10:00 am - †Richard Yurovich
Requested by: The Grochocki Family

Saturday - Jan 4th - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

4:00 pm - †Albert Jancsura
Requested by: Loving Family

Sunday - Jan 5th - The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 am - †Olga Csillag
Requested by: Cheryl A. Van Wagnen

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE



New Year's - The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God:

Tuesday, December 31st at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1st at 10:00 am



Liturgical Ministers

New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31st at 4:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam W.

New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1st at 10:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynne K., Marybeth B.

Saturday, January 4th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne C., Lynne K., Pam W.

Server: Lucy K.

Sunday, January 5th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Rose J.

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna A., Anna S.

OFFERTORY REPORT

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

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (12/8/2024) \$6,039.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/(-) BUDGET..... + \$ 806.25

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.



2024 CONTRIBUTIONS

The cutoff date for 2024 Mass contributions is **Tuesday, December 31, 2024.**

All Mass Contributions made the last weekend, December 28th & 29th, will be recorded as a 2024 contribution.

If you mail your envelopes, we will go by the postmark date.

Any questions, please call Diana, 440-434-2068.



PRAYER REQUESTS LIST

We are working on making sure that our prayer list below is up-to-date.

If you have someone you would like listed in the bulletin to prayer for, please call the Parish Office, 440-288-0106, or email: parishoffice@stanthonylorain.com.

If you see someone on the list that needs to be removed, please also let us know.

Please continue to prayer for all those in our community who need our prayers!



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco
Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Virginia Glass
Barbara Glick	Joe Gluvna	Brian Grace	Dan George	Renee Golowenski	Carol Gonzales
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	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	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

ADORATION CHAPEL

“On entering the house, they found the child with Mary, His Mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage.” ~Matt 2:11

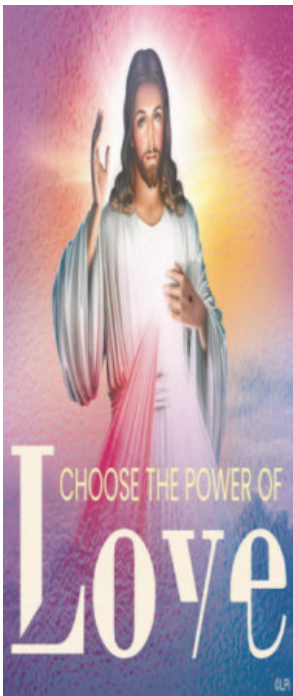
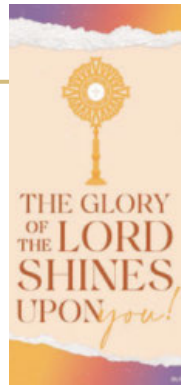
Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs - December 28th

“The adoration of the Lord in the sacrament is also an education in sensitizing our conscience . . . When the conscience becomes dulled, this lets in the violence that lays waste the world.” ~Pope Benedict XVI

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - December 29th

“The Eucharist is the link that binds the Christian family together. Take away the Eucharist and you have no brotherliness left.” ~St. Peter Julian Eymard

“In the Eucharist we see the meaning of love and receive the power to live it. The very same words, furthermore, that the Lord uses to teach us the meaning of love are also used by those who promote abortion: ‘This is my body.’ These four little words are spoken from opposite ends of the universe with totally opposite results. Christ gives His Body away so others might live; abortion supporters cling to their own bodies so others might. Die.. Christ says, ‘This is My Body given up for you; This is My Blood shed for you.’ These are the words for sacrifice; these are the words of love.” ~Alfonso Cardinal Lopez-Trujillo. President, Pontifical Council for the Family



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - PART 1: WITH A SINFUL SOUL

The Goodness of God.

The mercy of God, hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, the voice of the Lord who speaks to us from the throne of mercy: **Come to Me, all of you.**

Conversation of the Merciful God with a Sinful Soul.

Jesus: **Be not afraid of your Savior, O sinful soul. I make the first move to come to you, for I know that by yourself you are unable to lift yourself to Me. Child, do not run away from your Father; be willing to talk openly with your God of mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish His graces on you. How dear your soul is to Me! I have inscribed your name upon My hand; you are engraved as a deep wound in My Heart (Diary, 1485).**

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, reach out to us sinful souls. Take the first steps toward us. In our need and shame, we are afraid to approach You. So, please draw us with compassionate mercy to Your loving Heart. *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, & unceasingly ask Him for an end to abortion & euthanasia. Then and only then can we have peace in our hearts, in our families, and in the streets of America.

Think about this:

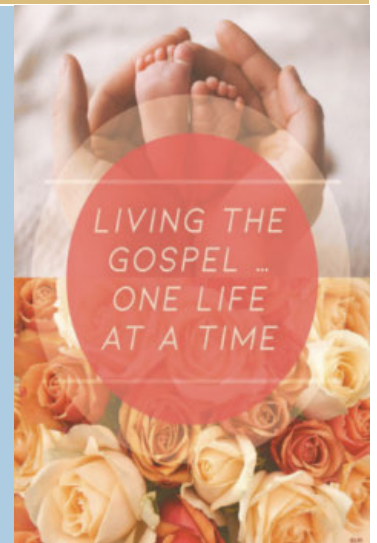
There can be no peace on earth until there is peace in the womb.

Pray to end abortion.

Unborn babies cannot speak, protest, picket, vote, or pray; they have no voice but yours.

Defend them from abortion!

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





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

JANUARY 2025
FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

School will be closed until Monday, January 6th, 2025. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025.

We will be closed for the New Year from Tuesday, December 31st through Friday, January 3rd, 2025. Everything will be open as normal on Monday, January 6th, 2025.

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

“LET’S GET ACQUAINTED” CARDS IN PEWS

With the New Year approaching, we would like to take the opportunity to update your information in our systems. We are asking for **ALL** parishioners and visitors to complete a “Let’s Get Acquainted” card in your pew. If you know someone who is homebound or in a care facility, please fill out a card for them or take one to them so they can complete it. Once your card is complete, place it in one of the designated drop boxes located at all exit doors. **Thank you!**



MARIAN GUILD NEWS

The Marian Guild would like to thank all those loyal parishioners, who again supported our annual Holiday Bake Sale and Gift Basket Raffle! *Congratulations to all winners!* We use the money we make through these fundraisers to support the needs of the altar. This has been our commitment to the parish for many, many years. We also like to engage the parish socially by having Donut Sundays throughout the year and by having interesting speakers & programs at our meetings.

All ladies of the parish are more than welcome to join us.

Our next event will be donut Sunday in February & our mini retreat will be held in March.
More details will follow in upcoming bulletins.

We would also like to thank the Marian Guild members who worked hard to put this fundraiser together and for family & friends who participated in helping set up and cleanup!

Many thanks to all those who contributed tasty & delicious cookies and other holiday goodies to our bake sale and to all those who donated items that made our baskets even more interesting!

We are very grateful! This event would not have happened without your commitment to the Marian Guild & the parish. “*Good teamwork*” has become our motto!

WE WISH EACH & EVERYONE OF YOU GOD’S BLESSINGS DURING THIS NEW YEAR!

TRAVELING HEALING MASS

Catholic Renewal Ministries’ Traveling Healing Mass for January will be held at St. Julie Billiart Parish, 5500 Lear Nagle Rd., N. Ridgeville on Friday, January 17th at 7:00 pm.

Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise & worship will begin at 7:00 pm & the liturgy will start at 7:30 pm. Healing prayer teams will be available after the mass for individuals prayer. There will also be a social after the mass.

For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. **All are Welcome.**
Come, Sing and Praise God with Joy as we enter into the Jubilee Year 2025.



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Make sure to designate St. Anthony of Padua, Lorain for your Contribution.

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- 1 Review your tax liability from last year** (2023 1040 IT, line 8c) to help estimate the amount of your tax liability for this year.
- 2 Make an ASF donation at:** www.catholiccommunity.org/angel
While your donation can be any amount, the scholarship tax credit is limited to \$750 per tax payer (\$1,500 for married filing jointly) and cannot exceed your state tax liability for 2024.
- 3 Claim the scholarship tax credit on your 2024 Ohio income tax return**
You will receive a receipt for your Angel Scholarship donation that can be sent with your 2024 state tax return.

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