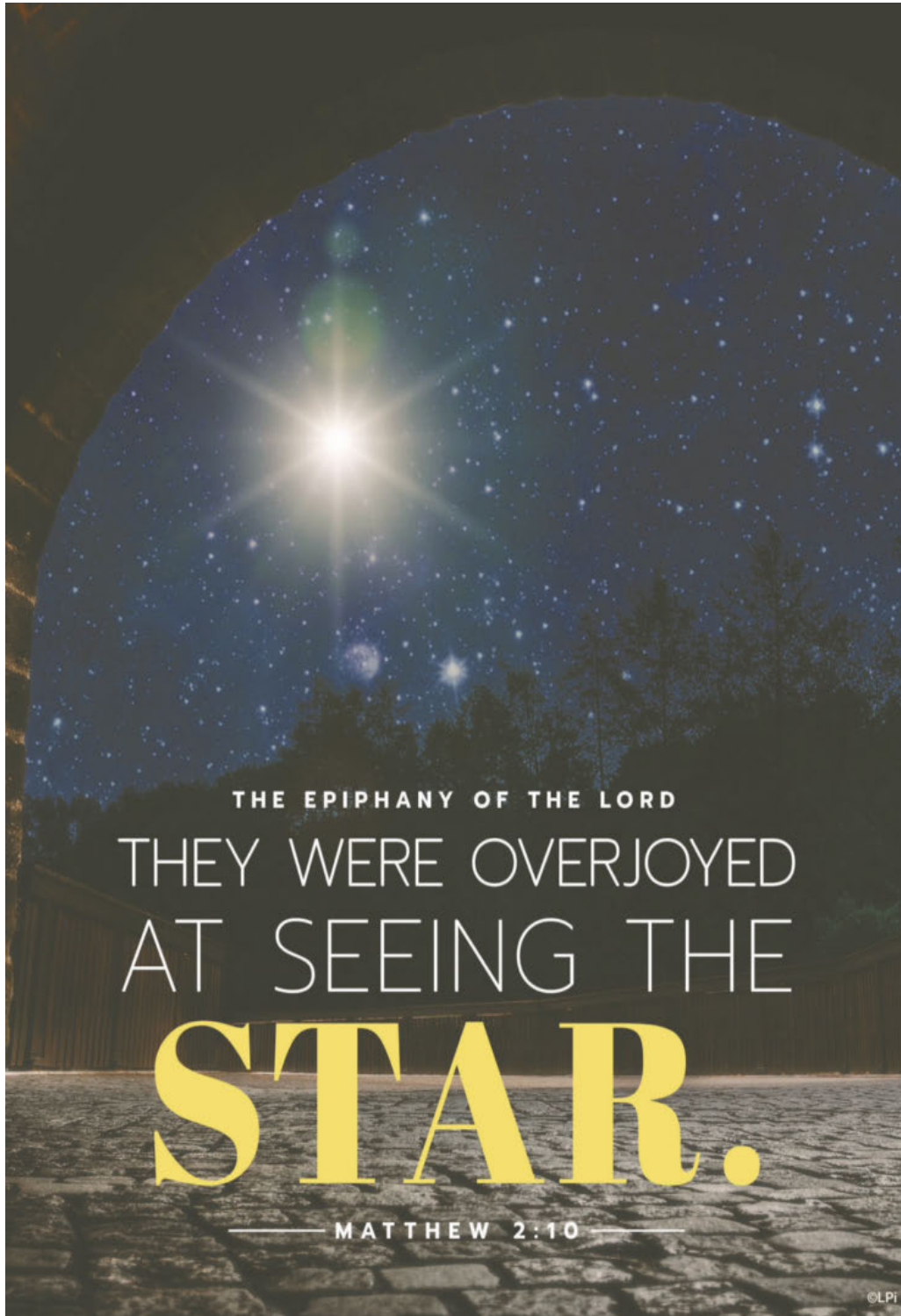


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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THEY WERE OVERJOYED
AT SEEING THE
STAR.

MATTHEW 2:10

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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

A woman once related this story to me: I was telling my new workplace friend, Alice, about how awful my former boss had been, when she laughed and said, “*So forget him. Why not just enjoy it here?*” Then she went on to tell me a little story about herself:

I’m reminded of the time I moved a few years ago, she began. I was making enough money to have a professional mover pack for me, and when he asked what I wanted him to pack, I just waved my arm and said, “*Everything!*”

So when I got to my new place, I saw that he had taken me literally. Along with my furniture he had packed up all my trash bins; there I was in my beautiful new place with all my old garbage... including old newspapers, empty ketchup bottles, and grapefruit peels!

This is a little story, but I think it packs a big meaning. As we enter into a new year, we must not make the mistake of dragging the worst of the old year along with us. If we should learn anything from the Gospel it’s that God is totally dedicated to offering us new life and redemption from our past mistakes. That’s why Jesus suffered so horribly for us. He died so that our sins might be forgiven and that our relationship with God might be restored. Therefore, as you bravely welcome the year 2025 don’t allow it to become like all the others. If there are changes that need to be made, then make them. If there are relationships to repair, repair them. Above all, do not enter into this New Year full of fear, because we are most especially a people of hope. As the great writer C.S. Lewis once said, “*Hope is the essential Christian virtue.*” Therefore my hope and prayer for all of you is that 2025 will be a year full of blessing and grace for you and all your family.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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JANUARY 5, 2025 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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Holy Communion - Marybeth Brailer

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Sacristans - Mike Darby

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (*Is 60:1*)

PSALM: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (*Ps 72*)

SECOND READING: It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (*Eph 3:5-6*)

GOSPEL: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (*Mt 2:2*)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 5, 2025

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Sunday - Jan 5th - The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 am - †Olga Csillag

Requested by: Cheryl A. Van Wagnen

Monday - Jan 6th - St. André Bessette, Religious

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

Tuesday - Jan 7th - St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

8:30 am - †Bea Giacobbe

Requested by: Loving Family

Saturday - Jan 11th - Sunday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †Patricia Smith

Requested by: Joseph & Juanita Smith

Sunday - Jan 12th - The Baptism of the Lord

10:00 am - †Lillian Margaret Neal

Requested by: The Kocay Family



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 11th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

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

Server: Lucy K.

Sunday, January 12th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Rose J.

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna A., Anna S.

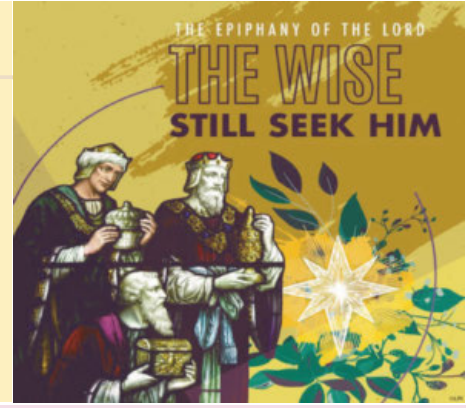
OFFERTORY REPORT

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

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (12/15/2024) \$5,020.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... + \$ 47.25

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.



PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Lord, With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. *Amen.*

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:

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| Gloria Badillo | Janet Baxter | Joanne Bilancini | Tim "Swampy" Burton | Lynn Coscho | Ann DiFrancesco |
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| 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

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

“Christ reveals Himself; and He manifests Himself to us today as He did to the magi in the Sacraments of His Church especially the Holy Eucharist; and these epiphanies are signs of hope for us and proofs to us that God is with us in Jesus, and He is more powerful than all the epiphanies of evil.”

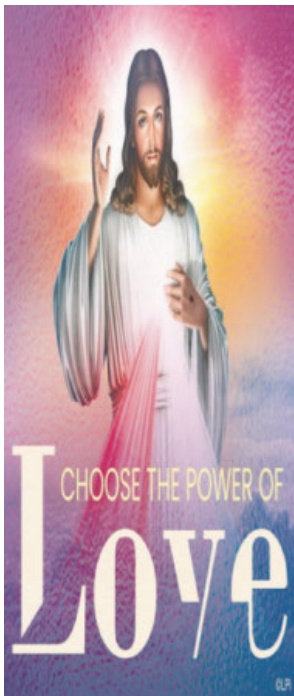
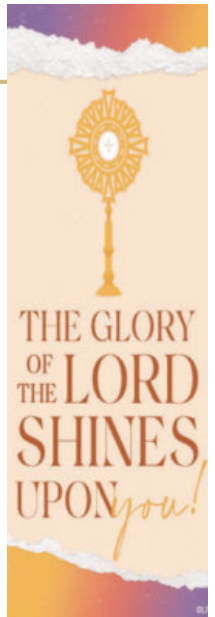
~Rejoicing in Our Hope, Bishop Robert Baker

“The Church sees every Communion as a Christmas, the Advent of the Savior, and every Christmas as a Eucharistic Feast.” ~Mike Aquilina

“At Christmas we celebrate the Son of God’s human birth at which His body became visible. Angels & shepherds came to adore Him. And we join them with our voices in the carol, ‘O Come let us adore Him ... Christ the Lord.’ Christ received a human body, so He could die & destroy the power of sin & death over us. Christ received a human body, so that He could also give His very self entirely to us in the Eucharist ...

Go out of your way to spend time each week or even each day before the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Our churches & chapels have tabernacles, in part, so that you can draw near to Him. Adore Him, Thank Him, Contemplate His being in your midst, Offer Him your trials, burdens & needs.”

~Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr., Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - PART 2: WITH A SINFUL SOUL

Jesus: **I am your strength, I will help you in the struggle.**

Soul: Your response.

Jesus: **My child, do you fear the God of mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth — the tabernacle — and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart.**

I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to Me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace (Diary, 1485).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord, before the throne of mercy on earth, the tabernacle of Your Eucharistic Presence, I ask for mercy for souls that are afraid of You.

Be especially merciful to them and draw them to Yourself. *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)

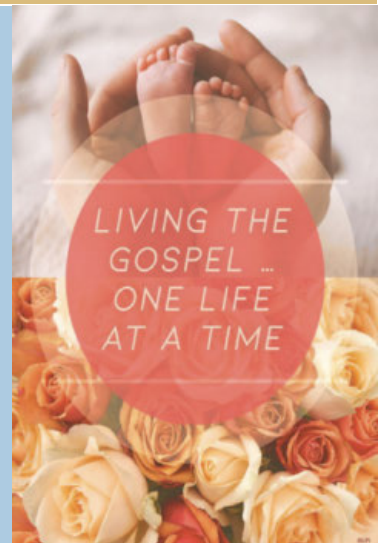
Even though Roe v Wade is no longer a federal law, we still face abortions every day. However, due to the individual states deciding their own abortion regulations, abortions have thankfully decreased somewhat. We must continue to work and pray diligently to end abortion in our nation and save God’s beautiful unborn babies. It is our hope that these quotes will inspire you to share them and to join pro-life. Continue to pray to end abortion.

Think about this:

“We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life – the unborn – without diminishing the value of all human life.”

– **President Ronald Reagan**

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.

“LET’S GET ACQUAINTED” CARDS IN PEWS

With the New Year, we would like to take the opportunity to update your information in our systems. We are asking for ALL parishioners & 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!**



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THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST - 1/13

Everyone 40 & over please join us for
Our First Ever - Night of Reflection

Nunc Coepi & Ho’oponopono (the Hawaiian Blessing) Retreat
on Monday, January 13th

at Westside Irish American Club, 8559 Jennings Road in Olmsted Township.

Tom Pussel, *Director of Evangelization/St. Raphael’s Parish & Ginny Pippin, Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister & Spiritual Director* will provide talks, time for reflection & group discussion to draw us closer to God & God’s plan for us.

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes all materials, light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** for catering purposes.

Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com

Doors open at 6:30 pm & Program begins at 7:00 pm.

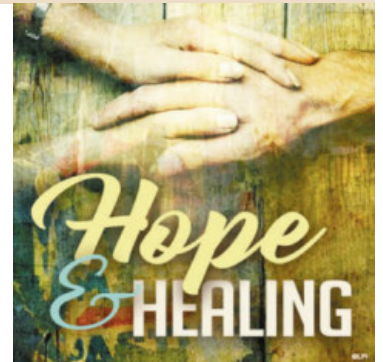


TRAVELING HEALING MASS - 1/17

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.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 1/19

You are not alone! Catholic Cemeteries Association walks with you along your grief journey.

Please join CCA at one of our free, monthly grief support groups either In-Person at 3 pm & Virtually at 5 pm via Zoom on the same day.

Find strength, hope and a voice for your grief.

Meetings are open discussion with a topic or whatever is in your heart.

The first 2025 January Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 19th with the closest location at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon at 32789 Detroit Rd.

The Topic is “Facing the New Year with Hope and Love”

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

Visit www.clecem.org for the most updated schedule of events with the CCA.

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- 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**
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