



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins?"

Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— Father John Muir

Readings ~ week of August 13, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6, 10/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Mass Count

Date 2023	5:00p	8:00a	10:30a	Total
July 23	143	91	162	396
July 30	142	85	138	365
August 6	121	93	160	374

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY ~ August 14 ~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30AM JoAnn & Dick Floyd, Ann Marie Konte

Vigil Mass for the Assumption of Mary

5:00PM Dan Davison, Bernadette Sumer

7:30 PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook

TUESDAY ~ August 15 ~ Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00AM Anthony & Margaret Pecjak, Pecjak Family

10:00AM Livestream Mass

5:00PM 62nd Anniversary of Ordination of Rev.

Thomas McCarthy, John & Connie McCarthy

7:00PM Ferdinand Zerovnik, Mae Verdone

NO Livestream Rosary on Facebook

WEDNESDAY ~ August 16 ~ St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30AM Raymond Stopar, Carol Horgan

THURSDAY ~ August 17 ~ Weekday

8:30AM All Souls Remembrance

FRIDAY ~ August 18 ~ St. Helen

8:30AM Zoe Haas, Alice Hubbard

7:30PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook

SATURDAY ~ August 19 ~ Vigil Mass

5:00PM Frank Fraczek, Family **Livestream Mass**

SUNDAY ~ Aug. 20 ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Marge and Steve Garcher, Jares Family

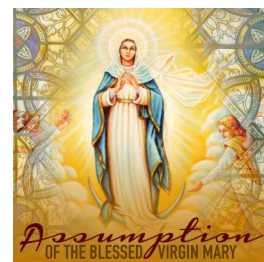
10:30AM Mass for Parishioners



Mass for the Assumption of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, August 14, 5:00pm
Vigil Mass

Tuesday, August 15, 10am,
5:00pm & 7:00pm



Weekly Contributions August 6, 2023

Total Collection: \$11,791.06

Loose Money: \$125.15

Envelopes: \$11,665.91

of Env.: 171 Avg. per Env.: \$68.22

Student: 4 Total Households: 446

Children's Good Deeds: "Playing nicely with my little brother." "Watered neighbor's plants." "Brought in the trash can."

From the Desk of Fr. Kevin: Dear Parishioners,
"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid"

Fighting the wind and waves and then this scary sight of Jesus walking on the turbulent sea – no wonder Peter and the disciples cry out in fear. What is going on? How are we going to get out of this mess? Where is God when we really need him?

Jesus comes to us today as he did to those disciples. He asks us not to look first at the wind and waves but to look first to him. We see Peter and he is us, brave at first then overwhelmed again but calling out and grasping the hand Jesus stretches out to him. We disciples are on our journey with the Lord. He is with us in the boat. The winds and the waves will die down. Keep looking to the Lord.

Amidst the many challenges to the sanctity of life in our society, the bishops of the United States remind us of the many ways the Church proclaims the Gospel of Life in churches and in everyday life.

"The Catholic Church has along history of service to those who are most vulnerable and remains the largest private provider of social services in the United States. Through the sacrificial efforts of faithful Catholics, the Church serves millions through diocesan ministries and agencies, catholic hospitals and healthcare systems, immigration clinics, shelters, and Catholic parishes and schools. From religious communities to pregnancy care centers, from refugee resettlement services to foster care and adoption agencies, and from maternity homes to parish-based ministries, the Church consistently bears witness in word and deed to the beauty and dignity of every human life including both mother and child." USCCB "Standing With Moms in Need"

St. Justin Martyr Parish is alive as the Body of Christ today. We celebrate Mass and confessions regularly. Parents are bringing their children for Baptism. Engaged couples are preparing for marriage. Those who have lost loved ones are blessed in the funeral prayers of the Church. We look forward to celebrating Confirmation in September. Schools and our Parish School of Religion are preparing for the new year. Helping Hands, through your generosity, raises up many who are burdened. Thank you for your enduring support for our parish and all the people we serve.

Peace, Fr Kevin



Peter's Courage and Boldness

I just love Peter. In so many ways he characterizes all of us. He is a man of action, never content to sit idle and let an opportunity pass him by. You might call him rash, but if you don't try something new every once in a while, you will find yourself doing the same thing out of habit.

Many will focus on Peter sinking, but I want to focus on the courage it took to just get out of the boat. I can only imagine the fear and anxiety of the disciples. Many of them were not fishermen, so they were not accustomed to the sea. Perhaps some of them didn't even know how to swim. Peter, however, made his living on the sea, so a few waves are not going to scare him. Matthew recounts that there was wind and waves. It is also during the fourth watch, which would have been between 3 AM and 6 AM. There must be enough light to see, either from the moon or the rising sun, because they can see a figure coming toward them. Dark, windy, waves are battering the boat and this ghost-like figure is coming toward them. No reason to fear, right?

Jesus encourages them not to be afraid. Peter, mustering his courage, takes it a step further. If it is you, command me to come to you. Is it a ghost? Is it a trick of his mind? Or, is it really Jesus? Command me to come to you! Not calm the storm. Not save us from sinking. For Peter, it is I want to be with you. I want to do what you are doing. I want to be like you. Command me, Jesus!

Jesus commands Peter to come, and he does not hesitate. He sits on the gunwale of the boat, throws one leg over, then the other and steps out onto the water. Peter's courage, determination and his faith allow him to walk on water. We must give credit where credit is due, Peter is the only "regular" person to ever walk on water. That is an amazing miracle. Yes, he falters, but don't we all. That's why we love Peter. The Lord picks him up when his faith weakens and his courage is lacking. Jesus will do the same for us as well, so take courage and step out of the boat. **Peace and Blessings, Tim**



St. Justin Martyr Prayer Chain Line

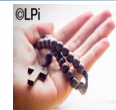
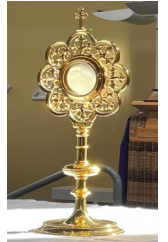
Contact Mary Jane at 440-953-9729 or email mbuehner@ameritech.net. Leave a message and we will add your intention to the prayer chain.

Eucharistic Adoration: Daily in the Chapel 9am-4:30pm

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement."

—St. Augustine

Come spend time with Jesus.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for all of our parishioners who are sick or hospitalized: Margaret Abel, Susan Adler, Sandy Almasy, Patricia Bacon, June Barr, Jeff & Sue Beam, Frank Brown, John Brown, Marc Christovich, Sam Cilaberto, Kelly Cipiti, Carolyn & John Cutler, Paul Dendinger, Frances Eppich, Pauline Feterman, Bonnie Frech, Frank Germano, Marge Gorenc, Dave Granchi, Joanne Grisanti, Ruth Gryzmala, Ann Hobart, Daniel Jastredowski, Jela Katavic, Alexis Kramer, John Kelly, Katherine Kirsch, Sherise Landrey, Brian Lloyd, Diane Marshall, Bud Martello, Gary Meinke, Ann Miller, Bill Monreal, Jenny Panella, Kellie Pastor, Kevin Perkins, Cindy Pike, Connor Press, Joe Ritzu, Tim Rosian, Joan Rozak, Joyce Russo, Jackie Scheid, Audrey Smith, Ed Snyder, Chris Stano, Dorothy & Joe Strand, James Urbanek, Gregory Usko, Eva Variano, Phil Wolfson, Michael Wrayno, Ken Zalar, the shut-ins, those in nursing homes, needing prayers, and all of the intentions written in our Book of Prayers located in the gallery. **Please call the office if you would like someone added or removed, or email sjmoffice@stjustin.net.**

Baptism Preparation Class for First Time Parents will be held on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00pm in the ATR.

If you would like to have your child baptized in the next 4 months please call the Parish Office to Sign up.



THANK YOU FOR THE AMAZING PARISH FESTIVAL AND YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

The Festival
Committee would like
to say thank you to
John and Nancy
Roskos for the
fabulous photography
of our Parish Festival
this year!



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PSR: Parish School of Religion

PSR Classes for grades 1-8 will begin on Monday, September 11. Registration forms are available in the church gallery & parish office. They are also online at www.stjustin.net; go to **Forms** & choose a printable or fillable PDF form. The SJM Parish School of Religion is for children who attend public school. Classes have faith-filled & experienced teachers who will guide your children as disciples of Jesus Christ.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Men and women are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life and become fully initiated members through the RCIA. If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church at St. Justin Martyr, please speak with Fr. Kevin, a team member or the RCIA coordinator, Charlie Hunt at 440-946-3287 or Charles@stjustin.net.



The CHOSEN: Season 3
The Chosen is an inspiring dramatization of the life of Christ. Watch the **3rd season** with fellow parishioners **starting Tuesday September 12 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the school's ATR Room.**

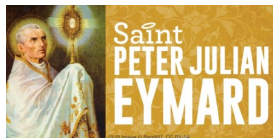
Contact Charlie Hunt for more info/to register at 440-946-3287 or charles@stjustin.net.

Catholic Humor

Sr. Madeline asked her third grade class to draw a picture of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Sidney's picture of four people on an airplane, though. Sister asked him which story it represented. "The flight to Egypt," he responded. "I see," said Sr. Madeline. "So that must be Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus. But who is the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Frank the pilot," Sydney replied.

12 Rules for a Eucharistic Life by St. Peter Julian Eymard

10th Rule: If during the day, some trial or trouble should come to you, go at once in spirit to the Tabernacle and confide it to Jesus. In contradictions, speak to Him at once, asking Him to make you patient. If you should happen to be alone, go in spirit to keep Him company. He is so often abandoned by us in His Tabernacle. Your own isolation will then seem to you less painful. If you are suffering, go and rest your tired head on His Heart and tell Him your trials.



Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Associate
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Prayer Partners Don't forget to drop off your notes and cards throughout the summer for your Confirmation Candidate to Beth at the parish office.

Mark Your Calendars! You're invited to our Confirmation Liturgy on **Saturday, September 16** at our regular **5:00PM Mass**. Our main celebrant will be Bishop Emeritus Roger W. Gries, OSB. Please plan on joining us for this evening to rejoice with our Confirmation Candidates.

CONFIRMATION 2024: Any teen entering ninth grade in the fall that would like to join our Confirmation program please contact Beth at Ext. 105. Those who have been involved with our programs should have received paperwork **your applications are due August 15.** Applications can be found on the parish website under forms. Our first informational meeting for teens and parents will be **August 27 after the 10:30 Mass**. If you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are high school age you are welcome to join our program. Contact Beth Rossetti at the parish office.

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Loving through Loss

Couples Workshop

For families who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood.

Register Here

SCAN ME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM MASS
REGISTRATION: \$10

FAMILIES WILL BE GROUPED BY AGE OF LOSS

MISCARRIAGE - STILLBIRTH - INFANT

CHILD - ADOLESCENT - ADULT

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
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Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

A Diocesan Chapter of: **Red Bird MINISTRIES**

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Contact **Beth Rossetti**, Red Bird Flock Leader in the parish office for more information
beth@stjustin.net 440-488-0983 Ext.105

Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage

"Under the Protection of Your Veil"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

3:00pm – Blessing of Water & Moleben to the Theotokos – Shrine Chapel
4:00pm – Divine Liturgy (for Saturday), Blessing of Pilgrims
5:30pm – Café open for dinner
7:00pm – Great Vespers (for Sunday)
8:30pm – Campfire and fireside chat
9:30pm – Compline

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

9:00am – Matins
11:00am – Teen activity
12 noon – Sixth Hour / Café open for Lunch
1:30pm – Children's Activity / Talk – Bishop Kurt Burnette
3:00pm – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy – Bishop Edward Malesic, Guest Homilist; Mirovanija; Procession with the Plashanica (Burial Shroud of the Theotokos)
5:00pm – Café open for Dinner

The opportunity for Holy Repentance (Confession) will be available throughout the Pilgrimage ● Camping is permitted ● Food will be available for purchase at the cafeteria or you are welcome to bring your own food ● Bring your own chair

The Eastern Treasures Gift Shop will be open.
17486 Mumford Road, Burton, Ohio
<https://www.parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>



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SPEAKER



Join our Byzantine Brothers & Sisters for their annual pilgrimage. Our own Bishop Malesic will be the homilist for the Mass on **Sunday August 20th at the Shrine of Our Lady of Maripoch, in Burton, OH.** Meet the Sisters of Christ the Bridegroom who staff the shrine. More information can be found at www.parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch.



The Next Ballpark Mass for the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival is **Monday, August 14, 7pm at Mercy Health Stadium in Avon.** Join us for a Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Martin Amos at 7pm, preceded by a Living Rosary on the field of Crushers Stadium at 6:30pm. Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship music by Fr. Joe Menkhaus and Family will follow. Doors open at 5:30. Register at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events/2023/08/14/eucharistic-revival-ballpark-mass-avon.

VOCATIONS AT THE CROSSROADS

The following parishioners are schedule to receive the cross and prayer bag during the month of August:

August 5-6: Sue & Ray Yahner

August 12-13: Sandy Cassidy

August 19-20: Ann Lyall

August 26-27: Jackie Aurand

If anyone cannot make their week, please call Loretta Vanagas at 440-942-7396. Thank you for your time and prayers for an increase in vocations in our parish and diocese.

Thank you to ALL who pray in this way for vocations. If anyone is interested in taking the cross and prayer bag home for a week, please call the Parish Office or Loretta to sign up.



The Eucharistic Miracles Display is a traveling museum-like exhibition featuring the Eucharistic Miracles as chronicled by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006).

The display will be hosted by the following parishes for viewing late summer into fall.

- **August 11-18, 2023.** St. Cyprian (Perry)
- **September 10-23, 2023.** St. Hilary (Fairlawn)
- **October 8-21, 2023.** St. Columbkille (Parma)

Blessed Carlo was a teenager from Italy who developed a website dedicated to the documented and scientifically scrutinized occasions when the Holy Eucharist changed in its physical appearance, reminding us that the bread and wine of the Mass truly become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Eucharistic Miracles Display will travel across the diocese and can be hosted by a parish or Catholic organization as part of the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival. The exhibit is free, but free will donations are always welcome to continue adding to the collection. All are welcome!