

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.— Fr. John Muir

### Blessing Prayer for Back to School

Lord God, Your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us Your ways.

Look upon these students. Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well.

Look upon these teachers, let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life, for ever and ever. Amen



**The Church and Parish office will be closed labor day, Monday, Sept. 4.**

**Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9am with fellowship and snacks following.**

Please join us in the vestibule area as we celebrate the rights of dignity and fair wages for workers in our country.



**Our Helping Hands Program is looking for some new "helping hands!"**

**We are in need of drivers to deliver food to those in need.** We usually recommend a two person team deliver so find a friend and volunteer today! We serve the greater Eastlake area with our food pantry so the drive would not be far at all. If you feel called to assist us in this ministry, please call the parish office and we will connect you with our Helping Hands Team who will give you all the details! Thank you for all your support of our program!

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**MONDAY ~ August 28 ~ St. Augustine**

**8:30AM** Rev. Russell Lowe

**TUESDAY ~ Aug. 29 ~ Passion of St. John the Baptist**

**8:30AM** Adolf & Cora Konte, Anna Marie Konte

**7:30PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook**

**WEDNESDAY ~ August 30 ~ Weekday**

**8:30AM** Raymond Vanagas, Vanagas Family

**THURSDAY ~ August 31 ~ Weekday**

**8:30AM** Judy Shell, Shell Family

**FRIDAY ~ September 1 ~ World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

**8:30AM** Nina Ziegenfus, Mary Wolff

**7:30PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook**

**SATURDAY ~ September 2 ~ Vigil Mass**

**5:00PM** Mass for Parishioners

**5:00PM Livestream Mass**

**SUNDAY ~ Sept. 3 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00AM** Judy Shell, Pecjak Family

**10:30AM** Elizabeth Takacs, Patricia Polivchak



### Readings ~ week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8-10/Ps 149:1-6 and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5, 12-17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

### Mass Count

Date 2023	5:00p	8:00a	10:30a	Total
August 6	121	93	160	374
August 13	96	90	152	338
August 20	136	86	136	358

### Weekly Contributions August 20, 2023

**Total Collection: \$4,775.00**

**Loose Money: \$169 Envelopes: \$4,606**

**# of Env.: 121 Avg. per Env.: \$38.07**

**Student: 4 Total Households: 447**

**Thank you for your generous support!**

## From the Desk of Fr. Kevin:

Dear Parishioners,

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."



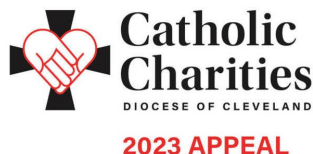
Peter chose to listen to the Father about Jesus the Son. In turn was chosen to be the rock foundation for the church of God. He is to strengthen his brothers and sisters. Like the Good Shepherd, he is to feed and tend the Flock of Christ.

One of the greatest titles of the Pope is The Servant of the Servants of God. His ministry is to unify the Church's diverse peoples, languages, societies, gifts and ministries. Diversity is easy; unity without harmful divisions is hard. He supports the efforts of all members of the Church to bring the Good News to our troubled world so that we may be saved by the Lord. Remember to pray for Pope Francis!

The organ restoration will be delayed. When the Holtkamp Organ company began the work, they discovered mold in the Great slider chest which controls the operation of the pipes. Holtkamp will construct new chests to replace the damaged ones. Unfortunately, the mold damaged is not covered by insurance. Constructing the new chests and finishing the other required work will take a few months. We hope that it will be completed before Christmas. Pray for the craftsmen!

Please see the important information from the Catholic Conference of Ohio about the vote coming this November on the last page of the Bulletin. For more info go to [www.ohiocathconf.org](http://www.ohiocathconf.org).

Peace, Father Kevin



## Catholic Charities Update for July:

St. Justin Martyr Parish has a total of \$51,868.00 pledged to help our brothers and sisters in need in the Diocese of Cleveland. We have fulfilled 81% of our total pledges as of July 30.

Our goal this year was \$57,075, of which we met 91% of our goal. **There is still time to help!** If you would like to learn more about how you can help Catholic Charities please go to [www.catholiccommunity.org](http://www.catholiccommunity.org).

## World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Sept. 1

Good and gracious God of all created things, seen and unseen. You created all things in this world for our use, and charge us with protecting that creation.

Help us to see in all things the reflection of a parent's love for a child. When we see your goodness in the face of the moon, we see our sister. When we feel the warmth of the sun on our face, we feel the love of a brother.

We ask for your strength to give us wisdom and courage to protect our earthly environment from destruction and overuse. Help us to share the goodness and generosity of the earth with every living person. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother and savior. Amen.



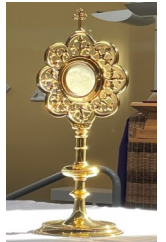
## St. Justin Martyr Prayer Chain Line

Contact Mary Jane at 440-953-9729 or email [mbuehner@ameritech.net](mailto: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

"Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light." —St. Ambrose

**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, 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 [sjmooffice@stjustin.net](mailto:sjmooffice@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.







## Table Ministry

The Bible gives us many instances of Jesus eating with others. His first miracle was the wedding feast at Cana where he kept the feast going by replenishing the wine supply. He ate at several people's houses, including Matthew, three different Pharisees, Martha and Mary, and Simon the Leper. He also had two different times where he fed a multitude of people, four thousand in the wilderness and five thousand in a deserted place.

These times are often called **Jesus' table ministry**. In the culture of his day, sharing a meal with someone was a very intimate experience. That was why they were shocked and amazed when he ate with sinners, but we can see from the list that he ate with pretty much everyone, old friends, new friends, scholars and sinners.



Jesus' table ministry was a way of preparing his followers to understand how they were to carry out table ministry after his return to the Father. At the last supper he instituted the Eucharist, when he took bread, blessed broke it and gave it to his disciples. He took the chalice and again blessed it and give it to his disciples. At the last Supper, Jesus told them to do this in memory of him.

In Hebrew, **memory** is not just recalling something from the past, it is actually making present today something that happened in the past. God is not limited by time and space, so we have to consider that what is happening at Mass is connected to all of the other Eucharistic sacrifices all over the world and through all the ages. We connect to all of those other Masses and to the first offering in the upper room. At Mass, we re-present the offering that Jesus presented, and we celebrate the true presence of Jesus Christ in particular time and place.

It is a table ministry that Jesus shares with us today. Just like in all of his dinners in the Bible, he shares it with everyone. King and peasant, rich and poor, saint and sinner - Jesus comes to us all to give us a share in his divine life.

**Peace and Blessings, Deacon Tim**



**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY**  
OF THE WESTERN RESERVE  
WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

**Harbor Hogs and Hot Rods | September 9 |**  
**Veterans Park on Third Street | Fairport Harbor |**  
**11:00am to 4:00pm**

There will be a Chinese Auction and tickets will be sold day of event. There will also be a Motorcycle/\$3500 raffle, Christ Child \$1000, \$500, \$300 raffle, and 50/50 tickets - all be available at the event. Tickets will also be available at the Clothing Cottage. Don't miss the band, food, car and bike show, and the yearly dog show. ALL proceeds benefit the Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve, an organization whose sole purpose is to help Lake County children in need. Call Marion with questions at 440-975-8208.

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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**  
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND  
Faith, Hope, and Reconciliation

**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  
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## St. Justin Martyr Respect Life Committee Collection for Birthright Lake, Inc.

Thank you to all who continue to support our collection for Birthright for items to help

**Mothers in Need. Please continue to use the drop off bin in the gallery to donate items.**

Birthright is **always in need** of gently used, clean clothing Newborn to age 5, boys and girls, including pajamas, socks, and shoes. Baby items such as diapers, wipes, wash, diaper rash cream, formula, baby food, toys, bottles and sippy cups.

They also collect maternity clothes and breastfeeding supplies. They offer emotional support, resource counseling and pregnancy testing.

If you or someone you know is in need for assistance call 440-975-9055 for caring help.



**Mass Intentions are still being accepted for the 2024 year.** A stipend of \$10 per Mass is requested. If you need a form to request Masses please go on our website or pick one up in the parish office.

**Charles Hunt, MA**  
**Director of Religious Education**  
**Charles@stjustin.net 440-946-3287**

**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](http://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](mailto:Charles@stjustin.net).



**The CHOSEN: Season 3**

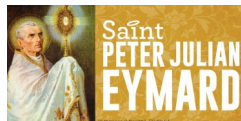
The Chosen is an inspiring dramatization of the life of Christ. Watch the **3rd season** with fellow parishioners **starting Tuesday September 12 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the school's ATR Room.** Contact Charlie Hunt for more information and to register at (440) 946-3287 or [charles@stjustin.net](mailto:charles@stjustin.net).

**Catholic Humor**

One day God looked at the earth and saw all kinds of evil going on. So, He sent a couple of angels down to check it out. When the angels returned, they reported, "Lord, 95 percent of the people do not obey your will, and only 5 percent do." God decided to send an e-mail to the 5 percent who were doing good and give them a pat-on-the-back. Do you know what the email said? Guess you didn't get a copy either.

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

**12th Rule:** Work without ceasing to realize in your thoughts the Real Presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Give Him your first thought, your first glance when you enter the church. Let Him be the center of all that takes place there, prayers or ceremonies, sermons, or instructions. Let all your prayers pass through His lips for He is present in the Sacred Host. Place in His Heart all your good thoughts and wishes. Learn to adore Him in His Eucharist that you may know how to adore Him in Heaven. Perform all your pious exercises under His gaze, for He is watching you from the Tabernacle. Under His gaze receive the Sacrament of Penance. Have but one desire, to approach the Holy Table daily and strive with all your might to realize your desire. May the Eucharistic God become daily more and more your best Confidant and your most intimate Friend. Pray, work, and live in Him, by Him, with Him, in order to live with Him for all eternity.



**Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Associate**  
**beth@stjustin.net 440-946-1177**

**CONFIRMATION 2024** Our first informational meeting for teens and parents will be **NEXT SUNDAY, August 27 after the 10:30 Mass.** If you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are of high school age you are welcome to join our program. Contact Beth Rossetti.



**The Funeral Ministry is in need of altar servers.** You will be trained to be an altar server. You do not have to serve Sunday Mass, only funerals on occasion. Contact Beth if you can help

**Join us for Thursday**

**Coffee and Conversation 11:00am**

*We'll be under the tree in the back in nice weather. All are welcome to come and share in fellowship with one another!*



**Your presence is requested  
for the**

**celebration of the**

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

**on**

**Saturday, September 16, 2023**

**at 5:00 in the evening**

**St. Justin Martyr Church**

**35781 Stevens Boulevard**

**Eastlake, OH 4409**

**Our Main Celebrant**

**The Most Reverend Roger W. Griep OSB**

**Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Diocese of Cleveland**

**Conferral of the Sacrament.**

**This Mass fulfills your Sunday Obligation**

**Please invite family and friends**

**Seats will be reserved for our families**

**A social will immediately follow**

Please keep our confirmation candidates in your prayers as we get closer to the Sacrament of Confirmation in September. Prayer partners are welcome to drop off notes or cards of encouragement for your candidates.



# WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



## THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

### THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using "individual" instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents' consent or notification.

### PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws\* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a "burden" and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

### ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,\*\* "health" includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman's age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

### IS MISLEADING

Referring to "miscarriage care" promotes a myth that a "right to abortion" is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

## ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

*The Right to Reproductive Freedom  
with Protections for Health and Safety*

1. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual's voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.
4. As used in this Section, "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis"; and "State" includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
5. This Section is self-executing.

\* Ohio Revised Code, Sections 2317.56 & 3702.303

\*\* Based on *Doe v. Bolton*

