



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when

we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.— Father John Muir

Readings ~ week of September 3, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi5:1-4 /Ps13:6a-6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Mass Count

Date 2023	5:00p	8:00a	10:30a	Total
August 13	96	90	152	338
August 20	136	86	136	358
August 27	Not available at printing			



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 ~ September 4 ~ Labor Day

9:00AM Ron Green, *Family*

TUESDAY ~September 5 ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:30AM Ferdinand Zervonik, *Mae Verdone*

7:30PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook

WEDNESDAY~ September 6 ~Weekday

8:30AM Dan Davison, *John & Mary Jane Buehner*

THURSDAY ~ September 7 ~ Weekday

8:30AM All Souls Remembrance

FRIDAY ~ September 8 ~ Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

8:30AM Henry & Nell Zupan, *Zupan Family*

7:30PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook

SATURDAY ~ September 9 ~ Vigil Mass

5:00PM Mass for Parishioners

5:00PM Livestream Mass

SUNDAY~Sept. 10~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Special Intention, *Tom & Kathy McCoy*

10:30AM Ona & Anthony Buckys, *Betsy Zupancic*



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. Bring a treat to share!



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.

Wedding Banns

Alexa Cirino and Joshua Enger II



Weekly Contributions August 27, 2023

Not available at time of printing.

From the Desk of Fr. Kevin:

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Labor Day, *let us pray for all who work:*

O God, in Your wise providence, You are glad to bless all human labor, the work of our hands and minds.

By working as a carpenter, Your Son enhanced the dignity of human labor and in a wonderful way joined us through our own work to the work of redemption. Give those who skillfully transform what You have created a sense of their own dignity.

You have placed the earth and its fruits under our care, so that by our labor we will endeavor to ensure that all share in the benefits of Your creation. Bless all who work so that by respecting justice and charity, they will see themselves as working for the common good and find joy in contributing to the progress of our society. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

We are grateful for the men and women who worked long hours to help our community recover from the storm damage last week.



We will continue to answer calls for assistance to the

best of our ability through our Helping Hands Ministry. Please consider taking part in this service by becoming a food deliverers for the food pantry.

Peace, Father Kevin

Mark your calendars!

Anointing Mass Weekend on September 23/24. All those in need will be able to receive the Anointing of the Sick at all Masses.

Prayer Shawls will be available in the gallery. Free will offerings accepted.

DONUT SUNDAY is back!

Join us on Sunday, September 11 for treats and fellowship in the gallery!



From September 27 through November 5 you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life –

40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Family Planning** – 54 South State St, Painesville, 44077. **Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. John Vianney on Monday, September 25, at 7pm, 7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor, 44060.** The Keynote Speaker is Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost. Please contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.



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

"The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace."
—St. John Paul II

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 sjmoffice@stjustin.net.**

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, September 24, 8am-2pm

St. Justin Martyr Parish Hall



BLOOD DONATION
BE A HERO GIVE BLOOD

Schedule an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org, code: stjustinmartyr or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



September 8th marks the beginning of the life of a woman who would play an instrumental role in the salvation story and whose virtues continue to inspire us today. **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is a feast that holds a dual significance. On one hand, it celebrates the physical birth of Mary, daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne, a birth that was divinely ordained to prepare the way for the coming of Christ. On the other hand, it is a celebration of the dawn of a life marked by sanctity, purity, and unwavering devotion to God.

The story of Mary's birth is not explicitly mentioned in the New Testament, but it has been preserved through ancient Christian traditions and writings. It is said that Saints Joachim and Anne, a devout and childless couple, were visited by an angel who announced to them that they would conceive a child. This child would be consecrated to God's service from her infancy and would eventually become the vessel through which our Savior, Jesus Christ, would enter the world.

Mary's life is a model of faith, humility, and obedience. Her "yes" to the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation reflects her complete submission to God's will. Throughout her life, she demonstrates a steadfast commitment to God's purpose, even in the face of challenges and uncertainties. Her journey to Bethlehem, her presence at the foot of the cross, and her presence in the early Christian community all showcase her unwavering faith and motherly compassion.

We can draw inspiration from Mary's virtues in our own lives. Her courage in the face of adversity, her dedication to serving God, and her compassion for others resonate with the values we hold dear. In times of trial and tribulation, we can turn to Mary for intercession and guidance.

Let us remember the example set by the Blessed Virgin Mary and the pivotal role she played in the salvation of mankind. As we honor her birth, let us also reflect on how her life can guide us to be better followers of Christ.

Peace and Blessings, Deacon Tim

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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 (vertical text on left)
CHILD - ADOLESCENT - ADULT (vertical text on right)

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Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

A Diocesan Chapter of: *Red Bird* MINISTRIES

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THEOLOGY ON TAP

"Identity. Community. Mission."

A live interview with young adult leaders in the Diocese

Tuesday, September 19th
Forest City Brewery | 7pm

Moderated by Question of Faith hosts, Father Damian Ference & Mike Hayes

Registration will be available at dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle
 Parking is available on the street or at St. Wendelin

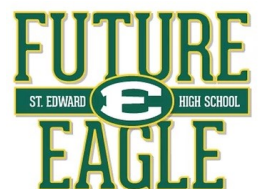
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St. Ed's High School Open Houses

Sunday, October 1 from 11am-1pm
 Monday, October 16 from 5:30-7pm
 Monday, October 23 from 5:30-7pm
 Monday, November 6 from 5:30-7pm

***Pre-registration is required at sehs.net/openhouse**



Come and see how St. Ed's educates the hearts and minds of a diverse group of young men to have the competence and courage to act as men of hope for the transformation of the world.

Charles Hunt, MA
Director of Religious Education
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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 RCIA Team invites you to offer a Rosary for the intention that others will answer the Lord's call to become members of His Church.



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.

Catholic Humor

Q: How can you spot Catholics at a Star Wars convention?

A: When you say, "May the force be with you!" Catholics respond, "And with your spirit!"

Q: What did the Atheist mother say to her Catholic son when he said grace?

A: "Don't pray with your food."

Q: What kind of candy do Catholics eat on Sundays?

A: Sacramints.

VOCATIONS AT THE CROSSROADS

The following parishioners are scheduled to receive the vocation's cross during the month of September:

Week of Sept. 2-3: Diane Goss

Week of Sept. 9-10: Margee Jacobs

Week of Sept. 16-17: Tom & Kathy McCoy

Week of Sept. 23-24: Mike & Dianna Caranna

Week of Sept. 30-Oct. 1: Tom & Barb Kovacic

If anyone cannot make their week, please call Loretta Vanagas at 440-942-7396. Thank you for your time and prayers.

Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Associate
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CONFIRMATION 2024 Due to the affects of the storm our Confirmation Session was cancelled. You were sent an email with the new session date attached last week. Hope to see you soon. This is our logo for the year — look for this in the bulletin to find all important information about Confirmation 2024.

Join us for Thursday

Coffee and Conversation 11:00am

We'll be under the tree in the back in nice weather and in the ATR if bad weather.

All are welcome!



Prayer Partners Please consider attending our Confirmation Liturgy and introducing yourself in person to your prayer partner. A note, card or small gift is appreciated. I do have a few single gifts if you are interested in picking up something from me.

**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. Grieg 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

2023 First Step Program:

Continuing Education regarding Marriage and Divorce in the Catholic Church

**September 14 at 7pm
Community Room of the
Parish Life Center at
St. Gabriel Parish**

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is an area that can impact a person's relationship with God and the Church. One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Church. Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do?

***Presented by Lynette Tait,
Cleveland Diocese Tribunal Office***

***Everyone is welcome to attend and deepen
their knowledge of the Church's teaching on
marriage.***

Topics will include:

- The annulment process and how to submit a case
- Healing after divorce in order to strengthen and/or renew a relationship with God and the Church

Registration preferred for planning purposes. Visit St-Gabriel.org or 440-352-8282

More Diocesan info at dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/tribunal/first-step