

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?



Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not. — Father John Muir



**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.

## 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	88	83	172	343

## Weekly Contributions

**August 27, 2023 \$6,234.00**

**Loose: \$295.00 Envelopes: \$6,029.00**

**No. of Envelopes Used: 130**

**Avg Per Envelope: \$46.38**

**Student: 4 Total Households: 447**

**September 3, 2023**

**Not available at time of bulleting printing.**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**MONDAY ~ September 11 ~ Patriot Day**

**9:00AM** James Beaudry, *David & Mary Wolff*

**TUESDAY ~ September 12 ~ Holy Name of Mary**

**8:30AM** Mary Kopniski, *Barb & Tom Kovacic*

**NO Livestream Rosary on Facebook**

**WEDNESDAY ~ September 13 ~ St. John Chrysostom**

**8:30AM** Bob Pokelsek, *Barb & Tom Kovacic*

**THURSDAY ~ September 14 ~ Exaltation of the Cross**

**8:30AM** John Morenzi, *Kathy Morrison*

**FRIDAY ~ September 15 ~ Our Lady of Sorrows**

**8:30AM** Rick George, *Beth & Dave Rossetti*

**2:00PM** Wedding: *Alexa Cirino & Joshua Enger*

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

**SATURDAY ~ September 16 ~ Vigil Mass**

**5:00PM** Mass for Parishioners

**CONFIRMATION, Bishop Roger Gries, OSB**

**5:00PM Livestream Mass**

**SUNDAY ~ Sept. 17 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00AM** Barry Aurand, *Jackie Aurand*

**10:30AM** Tom Golenberke, *Sue Golenberke*

**Catechetical Sunday for PSR**



## Readings ~ week of September 10, 2023

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

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27

Saturday: 1Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

## Wedding Banns

*Alexa Cirino and Joshua Enger III*



### From the Desk of Fr. Kevin:

Dear Parishioners,

*"Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law...Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." Romans 13:8,10*

Today's Gospel is a reminder of God's confidence and hope in us as His people. He gives us what we need through Jesus who is in our midst. He guides with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to use those gifts for the good of all. We can do great good with God.

We are faced with continuing natural disasters of storms, fires and floods. We are stressed by the ongoing conflict between nations and within our own society and neighborhoods, especially as we reflect on the events of 9/11.

But there is reason for hope! We do not just remember the evil of the attacks on 9/11 and the devastation of the rain and floods. We also remember the courage, hope and generosity of so many who rallied to meet the challenge, who reached out to help and protect us all. The wisdom we continue to need to care for the suffering, to combat the many threats we face, and to work together to overcome what divides us can only come in its fullness from God. The peace and justice for all which we seek is something we can only secure when we follow God's way.

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there, am I in the midst of them."*



Next weekend, we will welcome Bishop Roger Gries, OSB for the celebration of confirmation. Please pray for our young men and women candidates and their sponsors. Be aware that there will be some seats reserved for those being confirmed and their families at our **5:00pm Mass on Saturday, September 16**. All are welcome.

The Holy Spirit is our companion and guide, our helper on the way. Let us pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit on us all:

*All powerful God, Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by the water of the Holy Spirit, you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life.*

*Send Your Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.  
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The spirit of right judgement and courage,  
The spirit of knowledge and reverence,  
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in Your presence.  
Amen. (Confirmation Rite)*

**Peace, Father Kevin**



### St. Justin Martyr Prayer Chain Line

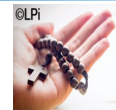
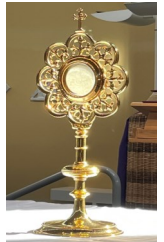
Contact Mary Jane at 440-953-9729 or email [mbuehner@ameritech.net](mailto:mbuehner@ameritech.net). Leave a message and we will add your intention to the prayer chain.

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

"When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

—St. Teresa of Calcutta

**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, Joshua Rosian, 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](mailto:sjmoffice@stjustin.net).**

**From the Family of Connor Press** (nephew of the Liebhardt Family who recently passed away):

Thank you to all who have been with us in thought and prayers as we walked with Connor during his journey. We cannot adequately express our gratitude for your support for our family during this difficult time.

Know that you will always be in our hearts,  
Mike, Kelly & Casey Press, and the Liebhardt Family



### Red Cross Blood Drive

**Sunday, September 24,  
8am-2pm**

**St. Justin Martyr Parish  
Hall**



Schedule an appointment online at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), code: [stjustinmartyr](mailto:stjustinmartyr) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.





## What Motivates You?

In a world that often seems to prioritize self-interest and personal gain, it's essential to explore what motivates our actions. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 1828, sheds light on a powerful motivator—**the practice of the moral life animated by charity**. This concept transforms our actions and offers us a spirit of freedom as children of God. When we embrace charity as our driving force, we no longer stand before God as slaves or mercenaries, but as beloved sons and daughters responding to the boundless love of our Creator.

Charity does not just benefit the recipients; it profoundly transforms the giver. When we allow charity to animate our moral life, we experience a liberating sense of freedom. This freedom is not a license to do as we please, but rather a newfound liberty to act in accordance with our true identity as children of God.

When charity motivates our actions, we are liberated from servile fear—the fear of punishment or retribution. Instead, we act out of love, trust, and reverence for God. We no longer see Him as a harsh taskmaster but as a loving Father who desires our good.

A mercenary works for wages, driven solely by personal gain. When charity animates our actions, we rise above such self-serving motives. Our actions are no longer transactional; they are motivated by a genuine desire to bring love, joy, and relief to others, without expecting anything in return.

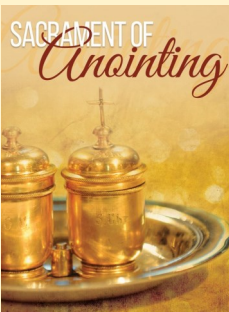
Embracing charity transforms us into sons and daughters of God who respond to His boundless love. We understand that our actions are a reflection of God's love working through us, and we take on the responsibility of being His ambassadors on Earth. As we embrace charity as our motivating force, we discover a sense of freedom that transcends earthly constraints, allowing us to live out our faith in tangible, transformative ways. In doing so, we not only enrich the lives of those we touch but also draw closer to the heart of a loving God who first loved us. **Peace and Blessings, Deacon Tim**

“PRAYER, HUMILITY,  
AND CHARITY  
TOWARD ALL ARE  
ESSENTIAL IN THE  
CHRISTIAN LIFE:  
THEY ARE THE WAY  
TO HOLINESS.”

Pope Francis

## DONUT SUNDAY is back!

Join us on Sunday, September 10  
for treats and fellowship in the  
gallery!



## Mark your calendars!

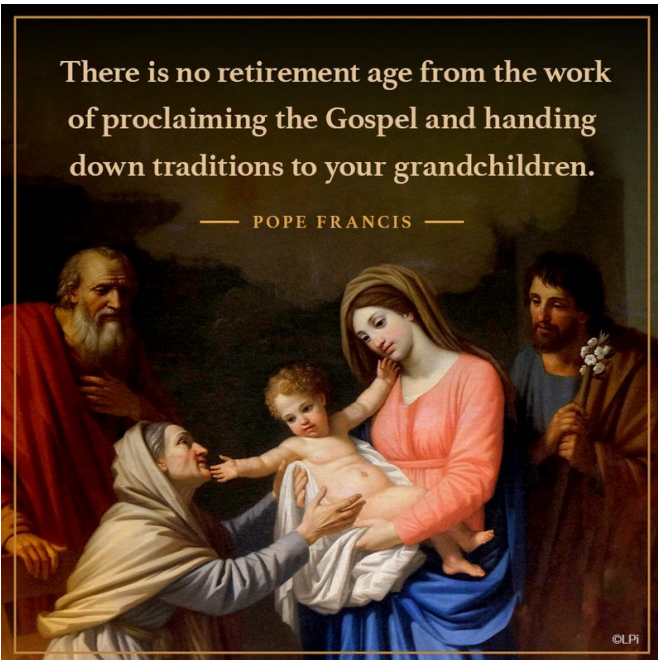
**Anointing Mass  
Weekend on September  
23/24.** All those in need  
will be able to receive the  
Anointing of the Sick at all  
Masses.

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



There is no retirement age from the work  
of proclaiming the Gospel and handing  
down traditions to your grandchildren.

— POPE FRANCIS —



## Grandparents Day: September 10

Take some time this Sunday to thank God and your grandparents! Grandparents have a special relationship within their families as helpers, guiders, supporters and teachers. Let us pray for all of our grandparents today.

### Grandparents Day Blessing

God our Father,  
you create all things in this world  
as gifts for your created beings.  
This day is made holy  
by the presence of new life,  
made real by the love of spouses  
and their collaboration with you.  
On this day bless all grandparents  
and their grandchildren.  
May they both praise you  
for their place in the world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



**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 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.



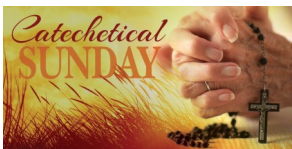
### The CHOSEN: Season 3

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](mailto:charles@stjustin.net).

### Catholic Humor

Fr. Clifford was giving a lesson on the 23rd Psalm to a group of children. He noticed that Little Joey seemed upset by the verse, "Surely, goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life." "What's wrong Joey?" Father asked. "Well," replied Joey, "I'm not worried about goodness and mercy, but I'm not sure I'd like Shirley following me around all the time."



### Catechetical Sunday

St. Justin's will celebrate Catechetical Sunday next weekend. It is a day to recognize and appreciate

those who teach the Catholic Faith. This year's theme is "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened" (Matthew 11:28). Parish catechists will be called forward at each Mass for a blessing and to receive our support for their essential ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism and Confirmation, in handing on the Faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

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



**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.

WWW.REDBIRD.Love

# Loving through Loss

MISCARRIAGE - STILLBIRTH - INFANT CHILD - ADOLESCENT - ADULT

## Couples Workshop

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

Register Here

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

SCAN ME FAMILIES WILL BE GROUPED BY AGE OF LOSS

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION  
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](mailto:beth@stjustin.net) 440-946-1177 Ext.105

### BAKERY & APPETIZERS ARE NEEDED

We are asking our fabulous parish cooks and bakers to help us celebrate our Confirmation Candidates! We will be having a social following Confirmation on Saturday, September 16 and would love if you could help us! Items can be dropped off on Friday in the Parish Office or Saturday before Mass. **Call Beth at the Parish Office to let us know if you can help!**





**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. Gries 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 in your prayers our  
confirmation candidates who will be  
confirmed next Saturday, Sept. 16 at St.  
Justin Martyr Church by Bishop Roger  
Gries, OSB.**

**Candidates of St. Justin Martyr**

Brady Robert Gezann      Ivan Kajic  
Cody Joseph Kinkoph      Gavin James Rieder  
Alexandra Marie Supanick      Hazel Anne Magnolia Walker  
May God bless them as they receive the Sacrament of  
Confirmation and make a commitment to their Catholic  
Faith.



**Just In Fun Bus Trip to  
Lancaster, PA:**

A great time was had by all who joined in the August 25/26 Justin In Fun Bus Trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre where they were treated to the production of "Moses." Amish country is beautiful this time of year ! They also enjoyed a dinner theatre production of "Guys and Dolls" (pictured above). Stay tuned for our next adventure! We hope you will join us on our next trip!

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.



**Join Catholics across Ohio  
in praying a 54-Day  
Rosary Novena  
beginning  
Friday, Sept. 15,  
for the defeat of this  
dangerous amendment.**

Sign up for a daily  
email reminder with  
novena prayers here ➡  
or at [pray54ohio.org](http://pray54ohio.org).



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

**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  
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or 216-245-9744 for more info.

