

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.



Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a totally undeserved inheritance. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is not deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve. — Father John Muir



2023 Advent Tea
Sunday, December 3

More information soon.
Contact: louise@stjustin.net



Mass Intentions for your loved ones are still being accepted for the 2024 year.

A stipend of \$10 per Mass is requested. If you need a form please go on our website or pick one up in the parish office.

Mass Count

Date 2023	5:00p	8:00a	10:30a	Total
Sept 17	184	91	142	417
Sept 24	122	86	148	356
Oct 1	126	92	165	383

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY ~ October 9~ St. Denis & Companions

8:30AM Henry Day Talcott III, Carol & David Slavick

TUESDAY ~ October 10~ Weekday

8:30AM Barbara Snyder, Nikki Matala

7:30 Livestream Rosary on Facebook

WEDNESDAY~ October 11 ~ St. John XXIII, Pope

8:30AM Art & Lil Dietrich, Dietrich Family

THURSDAY ~ October 12 ~ Weekday

8:30AM Dunsworth, Gregus & Szydlowski Families,
The Shell Family

FRIDAY ~ October 13 ~ Weekday

8:30AM Terry & Irene Liebhardt, Liebhardt Family

7:30PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook

SATURDAY ~ October 14 ~ Vigil Mass

5:00PM Diane Fink, Gary Fink

5:00PM Livestream Mass

SUNDAY ~ Oct. 15th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Mass for Parishioners

10:30AM Herb Lehmann, Trivisonno Family

11:30AM **Baptism: Amelia Terese Swartz**



Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1-4, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 -9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14

Weekly Contributions 10/1/23

Total collection: \$10,085.49

Loose Money: \$339 Envelopes: \$9,746.49

No. of Env: 177 Avg. per Env: \$55.06

Student: 5 Total households: 449

We Share September

Total giving: \$940.47

Avg. per household: \$78.37

Thank you for your generous support!



From the desk of Father Kevin:

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank you for your faith in God. Thank you for coming together as members of St. Justin Martyr Church. Here we praise God and pray for one another. Here Jesus feeds us with his own Body and Blood and strengthens us for our life in this beautiful yet troubled world. Thank you for serving one another as *we follow Jesus in faith, prayer and service*. Thank you for reaching out to our neighbors through charity and service.

Our Gospel parable challenges us to continue to be good disciples, grateful for the opportunity to live and work in God's vineyard, producing good fruit for our salvation and the salvation of all. This week you will receive a special brochure in the mail inviting you to recognize all the ways St. Justin Martyr continues the work of Jesus and to prayerfully consider your support for our parish mission. Our goal is to increase our Sunday offertory contributions so that we may bring Jesus Christ to as many people as possible. Please pray for the parish and prepare to make your commitment next weekend as we celebrate Commitment Sunday. Again, thank you for all you do.

Hope is one of the most important good fruits we can bring to the world. Storms, wars and strife in society can weigh us down. We can also see so many more people who with wonderful generosity and courage strive to protect, rebuild and persevere through the trials. Their example raises us up.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio has many resources available at ohiocathconf.org/protect to help you pray and learn more about the dangers posed by Issue 1 on the November ballot.

Today's reading from St. Paul shows us the way to strengthen our hope: *Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.* Philippians 4:6-9

Peace, Fr Kevin



This week you will receive a brochure introducing our **"We Follow Jesus in Faith, Prayer and Service"** program. We are proud to be a part of the St. Justin Martyr Parish Community. On Commitment weekend, October 7 & 8, each of us are invited to participate in this important program and help us respond to God's great gift of love.

Please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you can help St. Justin Martyr by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a commitment card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- Mail to church using the pre-addressed envelope included
- Bring your card to Mass next Sunday
- Or visit our parish website at www.stjustin.net and complete an electronic commitment card

The back of the commitment card has places for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you wish to speak to Fr. Kevin, please indicate it on the card and we will be in contact with you. **Our goal is 100% participation!** Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Justin Martyr Church!



St. Justin Martyr Prayer Chain Line

Contact Mary Jane,
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

"Frequently, only silence
can express my prayer."—
St. Therese of Lisieux

**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, William Downie, Frances Eppich, Pauline Feterman, Bonnie Frech, Frank Germano, Marge Gorenc, Dave Granchi, Joanne Grisanti, Ruth Gryzmala, Ann Hobart, Ed Hurayt, Melanie Hurayt, Daniel Jastredowski, Jela Katavic, Alexis Kramer, John Kelly, Katherine Kirsch, Sherise Landrey, Brian Lloyd, Bob Marshall, Diane Marshall, Bud Martello, Gary Meinke, Ann Miller, Bill Monreal, Jenny Panella, Kellie Pastor, Kevin Perkins, Cindy Pike, Doug Rhodes, 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.**

Gospel of Mark Bible Study

We will be meeting in the ATR on
**Thursdays, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19,
11/9 and 11/16 at 7 PM.**

Contact Deacon Tim to register.
Email: tim@stjustin.net or 440-364-
8088.



How do I Start Praying the Rosary?

Many great popes, saints, and Christian leaders have exhorted us to pray the rosary. It can be a powerful tool in your prayer life. If the rosary is not a part of your regular prayer life right now, it's easy to get started. **Here are five key things you need to know to begin.**

First, we don't have to pray the rosary all at once. Sure, some people might sit down and quietly pray a whole rosary in one sitting. We can also choose to divide it up, saying just a decade or two at a time at different points throughout the day: on the way to work, in between errands, in between meetings, while folding laundry or doing dishes. Many holy men and women and even popes have prayed the rosary this way and have found it manageable and fruitful for their busy lives.

Second, we can pray it anywhere! The rosary is like a portable chapel we can keep in our pocket and pull out anytime, anyplace. Whether we have a sudden, urgent situation to present to God in prayer or we just want to fill some of our day with thoughts of God, all we need to do is pull out our beads and turn to the Lord in this prayer. Indeed, the rosary is always accessible.

Third, we can pray the rosary in different ways, customizing it to fit the needs of the moment. Sometimes we might focus on the words of the prayers. At other times, we might reflect on the mysteries of Christ's life, prayerfully contemplating scenes such as his birth in Bethlehem, his transfiguration, or his death on the cross. Other times, we might focus on the holy name of Jesus at the center of each Hail Mary, speaking his name tenderly with love.

Fourth, it's easy to fit the rosary into your schedule. Do you have two and-a-half minutes in your day that you can give to God? This is the beauty of the rosary. If you need a quick pause in your busy life, you can pull out your beads and pray a decade in order to regroup with the Lord and be nourished spiritually.

Fifth, even if you are not able to give the rosary your full attention, it's still worth praying. You might not always be able to completely unplug mentally from the concerns of the day. Even if you are exhausted, too tired to pray well or you might be distracted, it can still be fruitful. The words of the prayers are biblical and holy, and you are giving God some space in your day and filling it with words of praise for him.

The rhythm of the repetitious prayers can have a profound spiritual effect. As you get more used to praying the rosary, the rhythm of the prayers will link to the rhythm of your breathing, becoming a critical part of your life. **Peace and Blessings, Deacon Tim**



R & R (Receive & Remain)

Thursday | Oct. 26 | 6:45pm | Sacred Heart Chapel | Center for Pastoral Leadership

Join us for R & R (formerly known as XLT) at the seminary. The event begins with a time of praise and adoration followed by Mass at 7:30pm, and concludes with pizza in the dining room after Mass. Youth & young adults are encouraged to attend.

Discovery Days at the Seminary | November 8

For 7th & 8th graders to begin vocational discernment with a day spent at the seminary. Students will tour seminaries, attend Mass with the community, hear testimonies from seminarians and religious sisters.

St. Mary Magdalene Magnificat Council Knights of Columbus need your help!



Help us help the refugees and immigrants through One Hope NEO transition into safe homes. Due to the conflicts and natural disasters around the world there is a significant need right here in Cleveland. **We are collecting: Brooms, dust pans, shower curtains, shower liners, shower curtain hooks and shower rods and cash donations through Oct. 15.**

Items may be dropped off in the box in the gallery to help those truly in need to make a new start here in Cleveland! Questions: Call Mark Blase 216-832-3479 .or Greg Tabar 440-487-8185.



Do you need to learn more about Issue 1? Are you confused about the **REAL** issue? Come and join the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Community and have your questions answered.

Monday | October 9 | 7:00pm

Mary Von Carlowitz, Director of the Diocesan Office for Human Life will speak on Issue 1. Be an informed voter! Handouts will be available.

For more information go to diocesan website and watch the videos that talk about the impact Issue 1 will make on our community.

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/office-for-human-life>



Join other St. Justin Martyr parishioners on Thursdays from Sept. 28 through November 2 outside Family Planning in Painesville.

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. Please contact John at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more info.

Charles Hunt, MA
Director of Religious Education

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. You are invited to offer a Rosary for the intention that others will answer the Lord's call to become members of His Church.

Catholic Humor

Father Leonard was greeting folks after Mass. Mrs. Wallabee said, "Father, that was a good homily." He replied, "Oh, I have to give credit to the Holy Spirit." "It wasn't THAT good!" she retorted.

Eucharist—DVD/Discussion Series

Explore the deep mysteries found in the Mass through a 2-part DVD & discussion series hosted by Bishop Robert Barron; acclaimed author, theologian and evangelist. Deepen your faith in the Holy Eucharist while enjoying great company & refreshments! Offered twice Tuesday from 1:00-2:30pm & 7:00pm-8:30pm, November 7 & 14 in the ATR Room. Contact Charlie Hunt for more information and to register at (440) 946-3287 or charles@stjustin.net.



Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Helen D. Schubert Concert Series

Choir of Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris, France | Henri Chalet, Director; Yves Castagnet, Organist | FAURE Requiem, plus additional works by Vierne, Poulenc & Castagnet

Wednesday, October 18 | 7:30pm | 1007 Superior & E. 9th Street | FREE-no tickets, no reservations

Free secure parking at the cathedral garage



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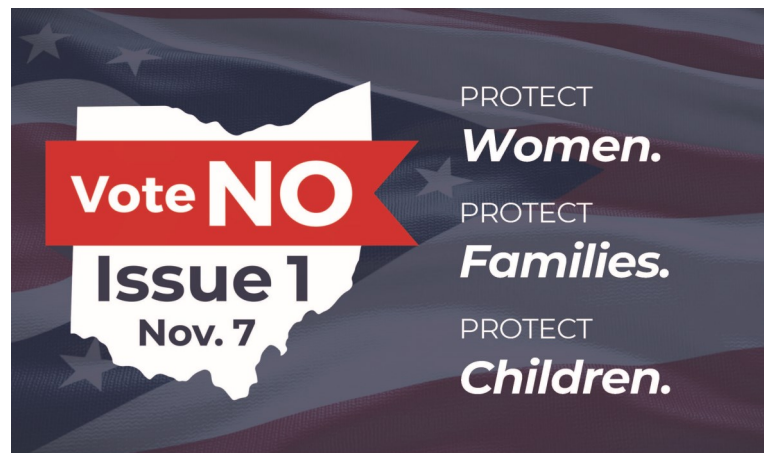
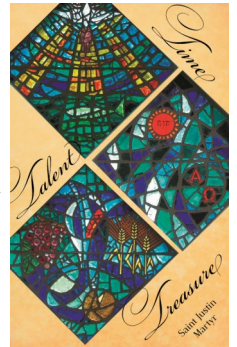
CONFIRMATION 2024 Our next session is on **October 15, following the 10:30am Mass**. We'll see you at Mass and then complete our session. We will take our prayer partner pictures after Mass.



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 out.



We will have a **Stewardship Committee meeting on Wednesday October 18 at 6:30PM in the Church Meeting Room**. We are always looking for new members to help plan various activities for the parish. Come share your ideas and help out with our ideas for the year. Contact Beth in the parish office for more information. This is a great way to have a low commitment to making our parish vibrant. All ideas are great ideas.



YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED TO SAVE THOUSANDS OF LIVES FOR YEARS TO COME!

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

Learn more at:
ohiocathconf.org/protect

VOTE OHIO.GOV
for voting details



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Just in Fun Upcoming Bus Trips

Going Back in Time | Friday, November 3

Take a walk back in time as we travel to vintage antique shops where hidden treasures may be found, to a fun lunch stop at the Jib Jab Hot Dog Shoppe! We will also discover a few other unique places along the way to Boardman, OH. We leave SJM at 8:30am and will arrive back at 9:00pm. Cost: \$105 per person, reservations along with your payment need to be submitted together no later than October 8th. Forms are in the gallery or on the website under Upcoming Events. Questions? Please call Cheryl at 440-488-6380.



"Straight No Chaser" Sleighin' It Tour | Thursday, December 14 | Akron Civic Theatre

Just In Fun's Christmas Trip will be an evening you won't forget! We start off by having dinner at Papa Joe's Restaurant followed by a concert at Akron Civic Theatre featuring the renowned acapella group and national recording artists, "Straight No Chaser." we will leave SJM at 3:30pm and arrive back at 10:45pm. Cost is \$130 per person. Reservations with your payment are due by November 27th. Forms are in the gallery or on the website under Upcoming Events. Questions? Please call Cheryl at 440-488-6380.



WINDOW WASHER NEEDED

We are in need of a volunteer to wash the windows in the gallery the second week of each month. You choose the day and the time between 9am-4pm. It take about an hour and a half of time to do the job. Supplies are provided. No ladders required.



Can you help? If interested, please call Larry Farrier at 440-942-5596.

SVDP Blanket Sunday

Thanks to people like you last year we were able to purchase and distribute 5,400+ blankets and 138 mattresses and bed to homeless shelters and local individuals and families in need. Our 1,800+ volunteers provided more than \$12 million worth of emergency assistance to neighbors in need throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.

We are asking for your financial support again through monetary donations to increase our buying power through to help and support the needy and disadvantaged in the Diocese of Cleveland.

Please take an envelope from the table in the vestibule and return it the weekend of October 14-15. Help keep the needy warm this winter!



America Needs Fatima

Saturday, October 14
Begins all over the country at Noon
Front of St. Justin Martyr Church

Please join members from our parish as we pray with hundreds of thousands of the faithful throughout this country. Bring a chair, your rosary and a friend.

Ann Lyall will lead us in prayer as we lift up our country to Our Lady of Fatima.

Event will be held rain or shine.



The Diocese of Cleveland CYO is seeking high school, college age and adults interested in officiating basketball. **Training will be held starting on October 15 from 6:00-8:00pm, for six consecutive Sundays.** The trainings will be held at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls. These are mandatory training sessions. If you are interested please register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W9X6XJF> or you may contact Tim Shovlin at tshovlin@neo.rr.com.



Diocese of Cleveland
PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

October 29, 2023

Priesthood Sunday is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. Please join in prayer and appreciation for the priests of the Diocese of Cleveland who minister to us and for more vocations to the priesthood.

CLEpriesthood.org