



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, 'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one

Father, who is in heaven'?" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives. —Fr. John Muir

ELECTION DAY IS COMING UP!

Readings for the week of Nov. 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-1

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY ~November 6~ Weekday

8:30AM Catherine Pilotti, *Kenneth Pilotti*

TUESDAY ~ November 7~ Weekday

8:30AM Angela Konte & Family, *Anna Marie Konte*
7:30PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook

WEDNESDAY~ November 8 ~ Weekday

8:30AM Rani Czerski, *Andre Buzecan*

THURSDAY ~Nov.9 ~Dedication of Lateran Basilica

8:30AM Chuck & JoAnne Kortovich, *Tom & Janice Kortovich*

FRIDAY ~ November 10 ~ St. Martin of Tours

8:30AM Pat Frazier, *Ray and Sue Yahner*
7:30PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook

SATURDAY ~ November 11~ Vigil Mass

5:00PM Nancie Vanah, *Frank Vanah*
5:00PM Livestream Mass

SUNDAY ~ Nov. 12 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Mass for Parishioners
10:30AM Richard George, *Bob & Marilyn Marcelli*



Weekly Contributions October 29, 2023

Total collection: \$9,532.00

Loose Money: \$ 45.00

Envelopes: \$9,487.00

No. of Env: 172 Avg. per Env: \$55.16

Student: 2 Total households: 457

Thank you for your generous support!



Mass Count

Date 2023	5:00p	8:00a	10:30a	Total
October 15	116	85	195	396
October 22	108	90	171	369
October 29	114	99	159	372

From the Desk of Fr. Kevin Liebhardt,

Dear Parishioners,

"Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?" *Malachi 1:10*

In our nation we have the awesome responsibility and privilege to exercise care for the common good through voting.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7.

Although not a national election, it concerns the levels of government closest to us – city, school district and state. It will affect our future in direct ways.



This election we have a special focus on helping women and their children in difficult circumstances overcome obstacles that restrict their ability to live. **The dignity and life of both mother and child motivate us to reject the violence of abortion by voting NO on Issue 1.** Pope Francis has said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue, it is first and foremost a human rights issue. If we fail to protect life, no other rights matter.

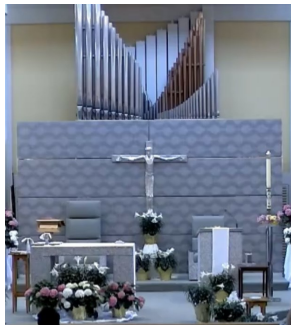
In their document *Living the Gospel of Life* our bishops wrote: "Catholic voters should use the framework of Catholic teaching to examine positions on issues affecting human life and dignity as well as issues of justice and peace, and they should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy and performance." Offer a prayer for wisdom and guidance that your vote and all votes will be cast conscientiously, prudently and with care for the common good.

Let us also remember that we will continue to live together as one community after the election. We will need to work together to solve our common problems. We will continue to proclaim the Gospel as the guide for our life and our hope for eternity.

Peace, Fr Kevin

There is an election coming up on November 7. Although it is not a presidential year, important issues will be decided. Visit the Lake County Board of Elections (www.lakecountyohio.gov/lakeelections) to see the issues and candidates. This will help you to make an intelligent and informed decision.

For a Catholic perspective and recommendations on the state issues you may go to the Ohio Catholic Conference, ohiocathconf.org/.



The Holtkamp Organ Company is constructing the new Great Slider chest to replace the original mold damaged one. This chest contains the motors and stops serving the organ pipes located on top of the organ box right behind the sanctuary. The white frame now visible on the back wall supports the large square pipes. The work is proceeding on schedule and hopefully will

be completed by Christmas. We welcome special contributions for this work as well as your generous contributions to the Heart of the Shepherd campaign. Thank you again!

We Follow Jesus in Faith, Prayer and Service

Thank you to all who have responded to our "We follow Jesus in faith, prayer and service" Program.

- CYO Volleyball season has ended and we are gearing up for CYO Basketball practice beginning this week in our gym.
- Parishioners joined in a Holy Hour Prayer Service for Peace in the Holy Land.
- Collection for our Helping Hands Program for Food Baskets for Thanksgiving continues.
- We hosted the Red Cross Blood Drive this past Sunday collecting ____ units.
- Our parish gathering in prayer in celebration of All Saints Day and remembered those who have gone before us at our All Souls Mass of Remembrance.

There are great things going on here at our Parish! With your continued support we are able to make a difference in our community and the world.

Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! If you have not returned your card, please turn it in to the parish office this weekend. **Our parish goal is 100% participation.** You can drop them off at the parish office, mail them to the parish, or complete an electronic form on the parish website at www.stjustin.net. **All cards need to be returned to the parish by November 27.**



Eucharist DVD Discussion series

Explore the deep mysteries found in the Mass with this 2-part series hosted by Bishop Robert Barron facilitated by Charlie Hunt, DRE. RSVP to charles@stjustin.net.

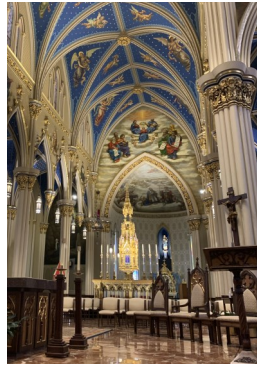


Tuesdays, Nov. 7 & 14
1-2:30pm or 7-8:30pm



God is in Everything

This past weekend my wife, Sandi, and I went to Madison, Wisconsin to go to the Ohio State game. Along the way we stopped at Notre Dame in South Bend to visit the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. We also stopped at Holy Hill in Wisconsin to visit the Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians. Of course, the main destination of the trip was not a basilica but Camp Randall Stadium in Madison.



It may be stating the obvious, but you can find quiet reflection and time of prayer at a beautiful basilica. It is easy to find inspiration in the beautiful art and architecture. You can be drawn into the lives of the saints by the stained-glass windows, or you can sit in adoration before a gold and silver clad tabernacle. Such grace and beauty is

meant to inspire and draw us heavenward.

It is easy to see how the basilicas can inspire prayer, but Camp Randall Stadium can also be a place where God makes his presence known. The visit reminded me of Masses that I attended when I went to Lourdes, France. In the Basilica of St. Pius X, pilgrims from all over the world gather for Mass twice a week in one big celebration of the Eucharist. For those that have been to the Mass at The FEST in Wickliffe, there is a similar feeling. Thousands of people focused on one thing. All eyes fixed on one common event. While it is true that at Camp Randall the focus is on a pigskin being fought over by eleven players from each side, but there is energy and enthusiasm that can inspire as well.



God is in everything, even at the football game. While God does not take sides in any of these events, he does take a keen interest in each and every participant. I encourage you to take time this week to see God and praise Him wherever your journey takes you.

Peace and Blessings, Deacon Tim

Just in Fun Upcoming Bus Trips

"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.



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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, Kathleen Cassidy, Marc Christovich, Sam Cilaberto, Kelly Cipiti, Carolyn & John Cutler, Paul Dendinger, William Downie, Dan & Frances Eppich, Pauline Feterman, Frank Germano, Marge Gorenc, Dave Granchi, Joanne Grisanti, Ruth Gryzmala, Julia Hill, 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, Ed Mayersky, 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, Hannah Shell, 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.

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

"I understand that, each time we contemplate with desire and devotion the Host in which is hidden Christ's Eucharistic Body, we increase our merits in heaven and secure special joys to be ours later in the beatific vision of God."

—St. Gertrude the Great



Come spend time with Jesus.



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. If you would like to join us in prayer for our intentions, sign up to be a prayer warrior!

Charles Hunt, MA
Director of Religious Education

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.

Catholic Humor

Fr. McGowen gave a rousing homily on temperance last Sunday. He ended it by stating, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!" The assembly nodded with approval and shouted, "Amen!" "And if I had all the whiskey in the world," he continued, "I'd take it and throw it into the river, too!" The assembly responded with a loud, "Amen!" As Father sat down, the music minister stood and announced, "For our closing song, let us sing hymn 365: 'Shall We Gather at the River'." At which the assembly roared, "Amen!"

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

Confirmation 2024 Candidates from our **2024 Confirmation Class** are looking for **Prayer Partners** this weekend. Please take a picture/name from the **Bulletin Board** read the instructions on the prayer partner slip and become a prayer partner.



This **Sunday, November 5**, will be our Rite of Enrollment during the 10:30am Mass. Families are to sit upfront for the Enrollment Rite. Please keep our candidates in your prayers especially this weekend!



Coffee and Conversation

See you on Thursday at 11:00am in the back of the school if the weather is nice. Please bring a chair. If not we'll see you in the ATR.

The Funeral Ministry is in need of Altar Servers. You do not need to serve at Sunday Mass. You will be trained for serving at Funerals. Please contact Beth if you are interested in helping us in this special ministry.



Thank You

Thank you to all the Bereavement Ministers who helped us with our All Souls Mass of Remembrance. Thank you to all those who baked or brought snacks for us to serve at the social following. It was a beautiful evening sharing our

memories and supporting one another.



Pray for our pilgrims as we continue to prepare for the National Catholic Youth Conference, NCYC. Final preparations are happening over the next two weeks and our Sending Off Pilgrim Blessing will take place on November 12. **We leave on Thursday, November 16. Pray for us!**

EUCCHARIST: BREAD OF LIFE

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL ART CONTEST
For Catholic Schools & Parish Catechetical Programs
(including Homeschool & Youth Ministry) Grades 2-12

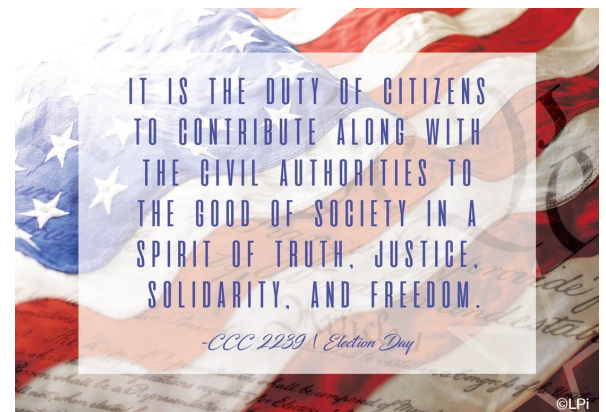
Open October 1, 2023-January 12, 2024

- Visual Art (painting, drawing, digital art, photography, etc.)
- 3 submissions max per grade for each school or program
- Select students will be invited to a Mass and award ceremony with Bishop Malesic on March 6, 2024!

Visit dioceseofcleveland.org/artcontest for more info and details on submission requirements.



"I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (John 6:35)



St. Justin Martyr Holy Name Society presents:

Pints with a Priest

Monday, December 4 at 7:30pm in the ATR

Speaker: Fr. Chris Cox

"Anchored to Christ: Eucharist & Catholic Masculinity"



RSVP to tim@stjustin.net

All Men of the Parish are welcome

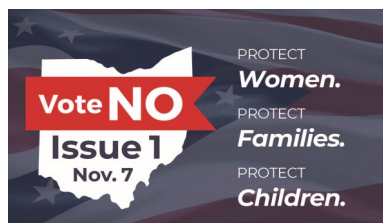
Mark your
calendars
to Vote on
Tuesday,
November
7.



Help protect families by
voting NO on ISSUE 1.

For more information go
to www.ohiocathconf.org.

Pray for an end to
abortion.



12th St. Justin Martyr Advent Tea December 3 | 2:00pm | Parish Hall



What is "the Perfect Christmas?" Come to the Ladies Advent Tea and have a prepare your heart for the true meaning of Christmas!

Guest Speaker: Fr. Joe Robinson **Tickets:** \$15 each

Share Love and Hope: Help us collect items for the Jean Marie House for young women. **They are in need of:** Body wash, Shampoo, Deodorant, Body Lotion, Hair Brushes & Winter gloves.

Seating is limited, so get your reservations in today. Flyers are in the gallery.



**Veteran's Day, Saturday,
November 11!**

Family Day at the Seminary | November 12 | 9:30am

Families are welcomed to Borromeo and St. Mary's Seminaries for a day of prayer and fellowship with our seminarians. The day will include Mass, brunch and seminary tours. Our hope is to welcome families of discerners in order to engage the entire family in the discernment process. Registration required but the event is FREE. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-day-at-the-seminary-2023-tickets-638232991057>.

Pro Orantibus Day | November 21, 2023

This special day honors our religious sisters of the area who are in cloisters. They spend hours in work and prayer for the world and our needs. Please take a name from the bulletin board in the gallery available next week and send a note of encouragement and thanks to the sisters who pray without ceasing.

Thanksgiving Food Collection

When you are shopping for your celebration, can you please help our **Helping Hands Program** make Thanksgiving special for those in need by picking up a few grocery items for our Thanksgiving Baskets?

We are in need of:

Frozen Turkeys **Boxed Mashed Potatoes**
Jars of Turkey Gravy **Canned Sweet Potatoes**
Cranberry Sauce **Boxes of Jello**



PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes | Fatima | Spain | **October 14-22, 2024** **with Mary Ann Blase & Pam Anthony**

Daily Masses, Shrines, Sites and more. All inclusive: air, hotels, breakfasts & dinners, guided tours. Flyers available in the gallery. Register early to save!

Join us for our informational meeting on Thursday, November 9 at 6:30pm in the Kaminski Center (Room 103) at St. Mary Magdalene. Enter through Parish Center Doors.

