

**NO ONE HAS GREATER
LOVE THAN THIS,
TO LAY DOWN
ONE'S LIFE
FOR ONE'S
FRIENDS
JOHN 15:13**



ST. JUSTIN MARTYR CHURCH

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We follow Jesus in faith, prayer and service.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5, 2024

SHARE YOUR SUFFERING



6th Sunday of Easter

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever

having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JP II? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might He be sharing His suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal. —Father John Muir

Readings for the week of May 5, 2024

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98/1 Jn 4:7-10
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149/Jn 15:26—16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138/Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148/Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47/Eph 1:17-23 /Mk 16:15-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47/Jn 16:23b-28
 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47/Eph 1:17-23

Mass Count

Date 2024	5:00p	8:00a	10:30a	Total
April 14	150	98	168	416
April 21	141	96	169	406
April 28	124	94	153	371

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY ~ May 6 ~ Easter Weekday

8:30AM Tim Petrus, *Family*

TUESDAY ~ May 7 ~ Easter Weekday

8:30AM Mother's Day Remembrance

7:30PM Rosary Livestream on Facebook

WEDNESDAY ~ May 8 ~ St. Damien de Veuster

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

THURSDAY ~ May 9 ~ Easter Weekday

8:30AM Judy & Melvin Shell, *Sandi & Tim Shell*

FRIDAY ~ May 10 ~ St. John of Avila

8:30AM Robert Kenneally, *Family*

7:30PM Rosary Livestream on Facebook

SATURDAY ~ May 11 ~ Vigil Mass

10:00AM **FIRST COMMUNION MASS**

5:00PM Mother's Day Remembrance

5:00PM Livestream Mass

SUNDAY ~ May 12 ~ Ascension of our Lord

8:00AM Mass for Parishioners

10:30AM Mother's Day Remembrance



**Congratulations Tom & Kathy McCoy
 on their 70th Wedding Anniversary.
 Thank you for all you do for our Parish!**

Weekly Contributions

April 28, 2024

Total Collection: \$7,398.00

Loose Money: \$191.00 Envelopes: \$7,207.00

No. of Envelopes: 152 Avg. per Envelope: \$47.41

Student: 1 Total Households: 435

Thank you and God Bless You

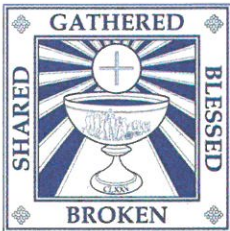
From the Desk of Fr. Kevin

Dear Parishioners,

How would you sum up the goal of faith? Jesus said, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete." Joy that is shared, joy that gives and fulfills life, joy that is based on life-giving love – this is the goal of our faith.

Jesus is speaking these words at the Last Supper on the night before He died. He also says in our Gospel today, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Jesus' joy is not afraid of nor diminished by the sacrifice He is about to make. Jesus sacrificing His life for us makes the sharing of this joy possible and practical in our world. How could we believe in His joy if we thought that He had not seen the worst of the world? Would it not then be a false promise of joy, like so many we experience? But He has seen the worst in us and in our world and He still lays down His life, making us no longer enemies but friends worth dying for. He first loved us. We can believe Him when He commands "love one another." Let us fulfill that command in all we say and do.



This bulletin includes the 2022-23 Parish Finance Report. The joy and service of our parish life is highlighted along with your financial generosity that supports that life. I believe it shows that we are a community who love one another and who share God's sacrificial love for the salvation of the world.

Peace, Fr Kevin

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We are always in need of people to share in this ministry both at Sunday Masses, funerals and our Outreach Ministry to the homebound. If you are called to deepen your relationship with the Lord through this ministry, please contact Father Kevin. He in turn will nominate you for the required diocesan formation sessions. The closest sessions are:

Our Lady of Angels, Cleveland

Monday, 5/6/2024, 7PM-9:30PM

St. Dominic, Shaker Heights

Thursday, 5/9/2024, 7PM-9:30PM



We are in need of
ALTAR SERVERS
for all Mass times!

We are in need of:

- Children 4th grade and up
- Adults

If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry, please contact Deacon Tim, 440-364-8088 or tim@stjustin.net.

Training session is soon!



Listen LIVE to the
**Ordination of
Deacon Michael Garvin
to the Priesthood**

for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland!

AM 1260 The Rock will be broadcasting the Ordination Mass on Saturday, May 18th at 10:00 am. Please join hosts Dick Russ and Fr. Doug Brown as Bishop Edward Malesic confers the Sacrament of Holy Orders on this new shepherd at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. And please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

AM 1260 Salutes the Class of 2024!

Listen to AM 1260 The Rock during the month of May to hear the voices of our Catholic High School graduates as they give our station identification. To learn more about our graduates, visit am1260therock.com and click on 2024 High School IDs under the "On Demand" tab.



Scan this QR code to download our app, get a program schedule, and much more!

Eucharistic Adoration:

Daily in the Chapel: 9:00am-4:30pm

Everyone at some point in their hectic, busy day that is filled with noise says to themselves, "I need some quiet time!"

St. Justin Martyr has just the place for you...our chapel where you can spend some quiet time with Jesus.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Marion at 440-975-8208 and she will answer any questions and help you find the most peaceful hour of your week.

**Come spend time with Jesus
in quiet personal prayer.**



Changes

I think Spring is my favorite season. Since I am blessed to not suffer from allergies, I can fully enjoy the emergence of the daffodils, tulips and hyacinths, the blooming of all the fruit trees and everything turning from a dull shade of brown to vibrant

greens. It is one of the changes in our lives that we can embrace, the emergence of new life and the renewal of everything around us.

Not all change is easy to embrace. Often when we face change, there can be a sense of anxiety. We become anxious about the future or feel a sense of depression about what we left behind. There can even be a sense of grief when change causes us to lose something that we love and cherish. There is also the fear of the unknown as we face uncertainty in what lies ahead.

The saying "the only constant is change" has been attributed to the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus. But perhaps you are more familiar with the American philosopher and Nobel laureate, Bob Dylan, who said, "The times they are a changin'." Change is inevitable. In a Christian sense, we don't refer to it as change but rather as a transformation. This is change that we allow to happen to us. When we submit to God's will, we give God permission to allow the change to happen. Transformation is gradual; it does not happen all at once, nor does it happen once and for all.

The key to our transformation is Jesus Christ. That is why the Father says to us: "This is my beloved Son...listen to him." If we truly listen to Him and to His Church which proclaims His truth, we can become transformed as we move forward – change – from resistance to acceptance, from "my will" to "Your will, O Lord."

Yes, it is never easy, but the end-result will be worth it! We shall become more like Jesus, and that will make the decided difference in the Church and in the world. It will prepare us for the eternal glory of endless life with God and all His holy ones!

Peace and Blessings,
Deacon Tim

"THIS IS
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LISTEN
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MATTHEW 17:5, ESV



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for all of our parishioners who are sick or hospitalized: Margaret Abel, Lisa Adams, Susan Adler, Sandy Almasy, Joseph Andryscik, Baby Jack, Patricia Bacon, June Barr, Jeff & Sue Beam, Frank Brown, John Brown, Brian Bruening, Joan Bruening, Tom Bukovec, Mike Caranna, Kathleen Cassidy, Marc Christovich, Sam Cilaberto, Kelly Cipiti, Carolyn & John Cutler, Diane DeBaltzo, Jerry Drew, Dan & Frances Eppich, Pauline Feterman, Valerie Gallaher, Frank Germano, Marge Gorenc, Angelo Grillo, Julia Hill, Ann Hobart, Ed Hurayt, Melanie Hurayt, Daniel Jastredowski, Jela Katavic, Alexis Kramer, John Kelly, Katherine Kirsch, Peg Klancher, Jeri Kuzmak, Sherise Landrey, Brian Lloyd, Bob Marshall, Dianne Marshall, Bud Martello, Pat Matala, Ed Mayersky, Terry McCurdy, Gary Meinke, Ann Miller, Bill Monreal, Sarah Mujic, Jenny Panella, Kellie Pastor, Cindy Pike, Joe Ritzu, Joshua Rosian, Tim Rosian, Joan Rozak, Jackie Scheid, Nancy Seiffert, Hannah Shell, Audrey Smith, Chris Stano, Dorothy & Joe Strand, Aisha Temple, James Urbanek, Gregory Usko, Michael Vara, Eva Variano, Cheryl Wilson, 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.

St. Justin Martyr Parish Prayer Chain

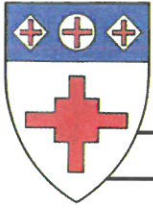


Our Prayer Chain is composed of parishioners who offer up intercessory prayer for those in need. To become a member of the prayer chain, **please contact Mary Jane at 440-953-9729 or email her at mbuehner@ameritech.net.** Emails from prayer requests will be sent on Tuesdays with first names only for confidentiality and privacy. To submit prayer requests, follow the same procedure. **All requests are welcome.**

How can we pray for you?

Pope Francis Intention for May:
For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



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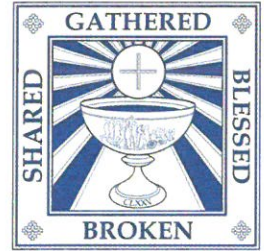
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Parish Finance Report July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you for your faith in God and for coming together as the Body of Christ. In the Eucharist Jesus feeds us with his own Body and Blood, food for our journey through life. He sends us to share this new life with the people we meet each day. Thank you for your generous service and support of the Gospel ministries of our parish.



This report uses many numbers to describe the finances of our community. It also provides details of the good works for others made possible by your generosity. I want to thank you especially for your amazing response to our *We Follow Jesus In Faith, Prayer and Service* stewardship program from last October. The increased offertory support strengthens our parish as we move into the future.

As you know, I will be retiring as pastor of our parish on June 30, 2024. I am grateful for all the people and the blessings of these 30 plus years as pastor of St. Justin Martyr Parish. You have enriched my life in so many ways. Thank you!

On March 22, 2024, Bishop Malesic appointed Fr. Joshua Cochrac as Administrator of St. Justin Martyr beginning on July 1, 2024. Fr. Josh is currently serving as parochial vicar at St. Charles Parish in Parma. When there is a pastoral transition, the diocese first appoints the new priest as Administrator. He will have all the authority and responsibility to pastor the parish. After a suitable time he will be appointed as Pastor. Fr. Josh and I are working out an orientation program here as he continues his ministry at St. Charles.



Thank you for persevering in hope as we follow Jesus in faith, prayer and service.

Peace, Fr. Kevin

Dear Parishioners,

The mission of the St. Justin Martyr Parish Finance Council is to ensure that adequate financial resources are available for the current and future needs of the Parish. We strive to provide our outreach and support to the St. Justin Martyr community as one of its many ministries. Please allow me to outline how we have tried to meet the challenge.

Over the past few years, we have updated nearly the entire church building. This work was paid for using Church Endowment Funds and other special collections. This was to provide a comfortable space to practice and grow our faith. We also upgraded our communication systems to do a better job of providing these services remotely. This includes upgrading our video and audio system so we can stream our Masses via the internet through many sources.

I would like to thank you for making us one of a handful of parishes in the Cleveland Diocese that has not seen a significant drop in revenue. Through WeShare or our EFT Program we are trying to make it easy for you to continue with your weekly offerings. The use of these services allows us to better budget our cash flow and resources over the course of the year. Please consider our request to maintain or if possible, increase your weekly offering electronically.

God has blessed our parish abundantly in the past year. We look forward to responding to the blessings that await in the year ahead. We depend on each other for regular presence at Sunday Mass, participation in the ministries and generous financial support. May our lives be full of gratitude and may our gratitude bear fruit in the service of each other and all in need.

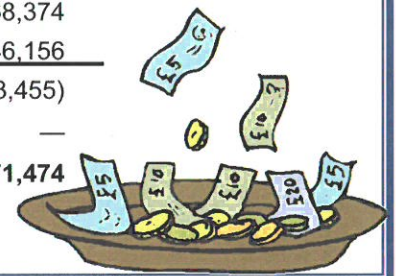
Jack Malarik, Finance Council Chairman

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

The Diocese of Cleveland fiscal year is from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

	Actual Year Ending June 30, 2023	Actual Year Ending June 30, 2022	Budget Year Ending June 30, 2024
Parish Receipts			
1. Offertory Collections	\$585,897	\$605,923	\$583,000.00
Donations & Bequests	48,532	50,225	40,000.00
2. Net Fundraising Income	46,070	27,310	42,000.00
Income from Parish Programs	11,943	16,837	14,000.00
3. Miscellaneous Receipts	79,842	90,293	70,000.00
Designated Collection	19,663	20,202	20,000.00
Extraordinary Receipts	0	0	—
Subtotal Parish Receipts	791,585	810,790	769,000.00
4. Investments & Endowments	138,897	(143,815)	55,000.00
Total Parish Receipts	\$930,480	\$666,975	\$824,000.00
Parish Disbursements			
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	382,674	383,299	392,000.00
Rector's & Household	1,902	1,636	2,000.00
Parish Office & Administration	33,630	31,556	34,000.00
Altar, Sanctuary & Liturgical	16,250	13,969	16,000.00
Community Outreach	15,038	8,418	12,000.00
Religious Education & Evangelization	14,982	13,267	16,000.00
Utilities	51,123	49,190	53,000.00
Insurance & Property Taxes	35,201	29,518	37,000.00
Maintenance & Plant Operations	49,331	47,402	51,000.00
5. Diocesan Assessments	101,202	104,100	98,000.00
Designated Collections	19,663	20,202	20,000.00
6. Capital Disbursements	76,433	55,599	60,000.00
7. Parish Tuition Grants	10,350	14,630	11,000.00
8. Parish Support for Catholic Education	26,785	28,350	22,000.00
Insurance Repairs	0	4,007.75	—
Total Parish Disbursements	834,564	800,987	824,000.00
Total Parish Surplus (Deficit)	95,919	(134,012)	—
Parish Assets & Liabilities as of			
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	
Checking	6,759	4,969	
Savings & Investments	55,999	55,430	
Parish Endowment	824,193	768,374	
School Endowment	382,373	346,156	
9. Accounts Payable	(2,929)	(3,455)	
Loans	—	—	
Fund Balance end of Fiscal Year	\$1,267,394	\$1,171,474	



1. **Offertory Collection**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! The collection is our financial foundation and reflects our commitment to the faith. The offertory collection was \$585,897, a decrease of -\$20,026 from 2022. The average contribution was \$54.87. 172 envelopes, on average, were received each week. 522 of the 1,386 registered families contributed last year. 67 families are using the **Electronic Funds Transfer**** program to automatically make their contributions. 13 families use the **WeShare Online Giving*** on our website.

As good stewards, we are called to make a return of our time, talent and treasure to the Lord for His goodness to us. Thank you for answering the call. Please make a prayerful commitment to church support proportionate to your income and expenses.

2. **Net Fundraising Income**

The 2022 Festival on September 18, 2022 and the indoor Garage Sale in June were the major sources funds. Remember that since our Festival was in the fall, income and expenses overlap from one fiscal year to the next.

The 2023 Festival on July 30, 2023 is also included in this report.

3. **Miscellaneous Receipts**

The parish portion of your contributions to the Heart of a Shepherd campaign was \$75,338 in 2022-23, raising the total received to \$161,124. We used \$116,517 to pay off the loan for the church renovation, improve parish computers, the church live-stream system and various facility upgrades. The major accomplishment was the installation of the electronic sign. \$44,607 is saved for future projects.

4. **Investments & Endowments**

This line reflects the current market price of the investments, including the unrealized gains and losses in those accounts. As we all know, this can vary widely from year to year.

5. **Diocesan Assessments**

Diocesan Assessments fund the operations of the diocese supporting the parishes and diocesan institutions. We ended the year owing \$1,800 in back assessments due to the pandemic. We are making regular payments to reduce this liability.

6. **Capital Disbursements**

These included the electronic sign and storm sewer work and other parish improvements.

7. **Parish Tuition Grants**

Donations to our Guardian Angel Fund and our School Endowment help to fund these grants. This extra help is necessary for many of our students to be able to benefit from quality Catholic education.

8. **Parish Support for Catholic Education**

The parish now supports parish students at All Saints and Mater Dei schools.

9. **Accounts Payable**

*** WeShare Online Giving**

WeShare is an online giving site that is very flexible and allows you to make your church donations from your checking or savings account, or from your credit card. You need no checks, amounts can be variable. There is a link to WeShare on the website, www.stjustin.net, click on the word "Donate" at the top of the page.



**** The Electronic Funds Debit (EFT)**

Do you sometimes forget your envelope on Sunday? Our EFT program lets you automatically have your donation taken out of your checking account once a month. It will take the place of your normal Sunday Offertory donation. You will still receive monthly envelopes for Holy Days and other special collections to use these envelopes with regular cash or check donations. You might want to look into this easy way to make your donations.

Designated Special Collections

These collections support the work of the Church beyond our parish. They are collected on behalf of various ministries of the Diocese of Cleveland, the Catholic Church in the United States and the Global Catholic Church. This past fiscal year, we collected the following amounts and forwarded them to their beneficiaries.

- **Faith and Values: Appeal for Education \$223**
- **Catholic Communications Campaign: \$275**
- **World Mission Sunday: \$1,543**
- **Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$463**
- **Retirement Fund for Religious: \$3,394**
- **Catholic University of America: \$261**
- **Latin America & El Salvador Missions: \$2,038**
- **Collection for Eastern Europe: \$481**
- **Black & Indian Missions: \$551**
- **Catholic Relief Services: \$538**
- **CRS - Rice Bowl Collection: \$1,178**
- **Holy Land (Good Friday): \$1,383**
- **Catholic Home Missions: \$553**
- **Office of Catechetical Services: \$316**
- **Peter Pence (Holy Father Alms): \$483**
- **Archdiocese for the Military Services: \$1,754**
- **Special Hurricane Relief Collection: \$1,084**



Grand Total: \$19,663

Thank you and God Bless You!!!



Families: 1,386

Registered Parishioners: 2,733

During the last year we celebrated:

Baptism: 10
First Eucharist: 14
Confirmation: 5
Marriages: 4
Funerals: 34
RCIA: 2

Catholic Education:

**Parish School of Religion:
Grades 1-8: 35**

Catholic Elementary Students: 21

Confirmation Prep: 6

**Many received the Sacraments of
the Anointing of the Sick and
Reconciliation**



St. Justin Parish Endowments

In September, 1991, Father Louis Pizmoht established an Endowment Fund. It helps to provide additional support for ongoing operation, capital requirements, maintenance, and continued existence of St. Justin Martyr Parish.

With our Faith & Education Endowment Fund, we continue to help with our parish faith formation programs, including our support for Catholic Elementary School students.

Gifts of stock, as well as gifts of cash are ways of sharing and can be directed to the Parish Office.



Planned Gifts

As faithful followers of Jesus Christ, we are fully aware that our life does not end here on earth. Consider making a planned gift that will benefit others well beyond your lifetime.

Contact your legal/financial advisor for more specific information on charitable remainder trusts, insurance policies, or gift annuities

The ministry of Catholic Education will continue at the schools below:

All Saints School at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28702 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, 44092, 440-943-1395
<http://www.allsaintssjv.org>

Mater Dei Academy at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 29840, Wickliffe, 44092, 440-585-0800; www.materdeiacademy.us

What's Happening Around St. Justin Martyr

This year has been busy as we continue to celebrate together and minister to the parish and community of Eastlake. Fr. Kevin Liebhardt continues as pastor and guides our parish to love one another like Jesus commands. There is always something happening here at the parish!

An Update on

What is Happening around St. Justin Martyr:

- Our church continues in its mission and ministry as "We follow Jesus in faith, in prayer and service."
- Masses are 5:00pm on Saturday and 8:00am and 10:30am on Sunday. The office is open 9:00am-4:30pm.
- RCIA, Baptisms, First Penance, First Communions, Confirmation and Weddings were held.
- Confessions are being heard Saturday at 4:00-4:30pm in the Chapel or by appointment and twice yearly Evening of Confessions with St. Mary Magdalene Church.
- Eucharistic Adoration is being held weekdays. Hours 9:00am to 4:00pm. All are welcome.
- Confirmation was held in September with Our Lady of Mount Carmel with Bishop Malesic.
- Charlie Hunt, DRE and Catechists continue to share their faith at PSR which is on Monday, 6:00-7:15pm
- Parish groups and organizations are meeting. Worship Committee continues to plan beautiful liturgies
- Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Environment, Counters, continue to come to Church weekly to help enhance our services.
- Human Trafficking workshops for the community at large have been hosted through Beth Rossetti.
- Red Cross Blood Drives continue monthly.
- The Annual Indoor Garage Sale made close to \$9,000 and is funding teens to go the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)!
- With the help of Margie & Tom Drew, we helped those in need in Guatemala with safe drinking water. The Respect Life Committee continues to collect for Birthright of Lake County monthly. The Confirmation class made baskets for the West Side Catholic Center.
- We continue to stream Tuesday evening Rosary, Friday evening prayer and Saturday evening Mass; check out Facebook and www.stjustin.net. Per request, we also stream Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.
- Our Just In Fun Trips travelled around Ohio and to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see "Moses."
- Maintenance worked on yard cleanup following the storm which took down trees in the front of the property.
- Our one-day Parish Festival at the I & A Club was a success! Our next Festival is July 28, 2024.



St. Justin Martyr Parishioners were very generous! Thank You!!

- Over 3,000 Christmas cards were sent to shut-ins and all the Nursing Homes and Rehab centers in Lake County
- The 13th Annual Advent Tea collected a truckload of body wash, body lotion, deodorant, hair brushes, winter gloves and 2,000 pairs of socks (with the help of the School of Innovation) delivered to the Jean Marie House and the Ed Keating Center.



- 12,000 rosaries were made and donated to various places by the St. Joseph Rosary Makers including Cleveland Clinic, Nigeria, the FEST, Belize and to our parishioners, to name just a few.
- Parishioners donated bags of candy for our Easter Eggzstravagana.
- PSR collected mounds of non-perishable food for the poor.
- Over 60 Valentine's Day cards were sent to our shut-ins.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Our Helping Hands reached out to the poor. We provide temporary assistance to parishioners and the community of Eastlake in need of food or help with utilities, etc.

We served:

- 5,067 meals were provided for 129 families.
- 62 Children from 22 families received gifts at Christmas.
- 42 families received financial help for a total of \$14,170.
- We continue to assist with food baskets for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas with your generous donations.



HEART OF A SHEPHERD

Building for Today. Providing for Tomorrow.

St. Justin Martyr Parish joined the **Heart of a Shepherd** campaign for the Diocese of Cleveland and our parish. This campaign sought to better meet and serve the needs of the St. Mary and Borromeo seminaries, current seminarians, and our newly-ordained and retired clergy via a renovation to the seminaries, support to clergy pensions, and relief for clergy tuition debt.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Pledges: \$384,944 Paid: \$353,585 Remaining: \$31,359

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the Heart of a Shepherd campaign. We received our eleventh distribution check of **\$17,507**, raising the parish total received to **\$215,542**.

\$215,542: total St. Justin has received.

\$155,840: paid the credit line for the church renovation; improved parish computers and church live-stream system; building repairs; new A/C unit for ATR; the new electronic information sign; extra repairs to the church organ.

\$59,702: balance and future donations are for repainting of the chapel, other capital improvements and adding to our parish endowment funds.

The diocesan Heart of a Shepherd initiative received **\$138,025**. Funds support the renovations at the seminary, the priest retirement fund and the education fund for seminarians.



Pictured: Heart of a Shepherd Campaign finishes.

Ordination Class of 2023: David Theodore Chojnacki, Dominic Francis Gideon, Ian William Kelly, Jeffrey Stephen Liptak, Christopher Daniel Stein, Duckhyun (Fabian) Han

We Follow Jesus in Faith, Prayer and Service

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

God's love certainly unites us!

This is evident in the parish response to our recent annual stewardship outreach. THANK YOU! I am humbled and grateful for your commitment to St. Justin Martyr Church, especially during challenging times. Through your commitment, our parish remains vibrant, engaged and Christ-centered in the Eucharist and in serving one another.

God's work is never done! Your prayerful response both materially and spiritually is setting the groundwork for a path forward as we plan for the future of our parish and continuation of critical ministries and service programs. St. Justin Martyr Church continues to grow as a strong, faith-filled stewardship community because of parishioners like you!

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to St. Justin Martyr Church!

Peace,

Rev. Kevin M. Liebhardt

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Highlights

\$68,922.24

in additional offertory commitments
(contributions not yet realized)

\$5,460

committed in one-time gifts

57%

response rate from those actively supporting the parish

19

additional electronic giving participants

If you have not yet renewed your commitment to our parish, please return your commitment card within the next few weeks. We are looking for 100% participation from our parish families! Each response makes a huge impact!

We Invite You To:

Our Mission

Joyfully worship and make the Eucharist our core and Summit

- Attend Mass
- Attend Adoration
- Actively participate in the Liturgy
- Pray with others

Our Community

Develop and grow a personal relationship with Christ

- Through scripture and Bible study
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Join a book study, small group, or class
- Pray to find Christ in everything and to grow in faith

Our Witness

God asks us to share our gifts for the good of others

- Join a parish ministry
- Volunteer to charitable causes
- Practice corporal works of mercy
- Give in faithful response as a generous steward



ST. JUSTIN MARTYR CHURCH 2023 Festival Financial Summary

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Profit (Loss)</u>
Main Raffle	\$ 21,154.00	(8,874.81)	12,279.19
Basket Raffle	5,396.00	(657.65)	4,738.35
Instant Bingo	(1.00)		(1.00)
Food, Pop, Water, Post Festival Sales	7,796.00	(3,968.47)	3,827.53
Beer	3,319.00	(1,121.63)	2,197.37
Games	821.25		821.25
Wheel	258.00		258.00
Car Cruise	292.00		292.00
Bake Sale	378.00		378.00
Festival Sponsors	3,505.00		3,505.00
Side Board	800.00	(155.04)	644.96
Sub-Total	43,718.25	(14,777.60)	28,940.65

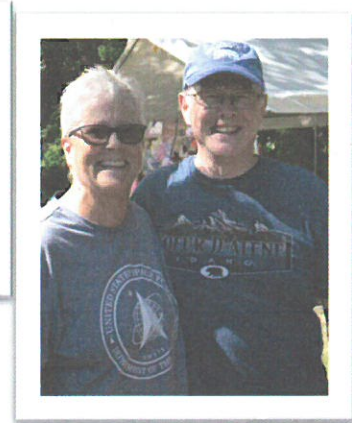
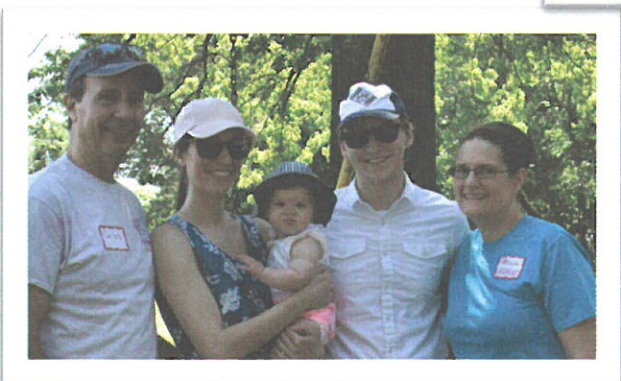
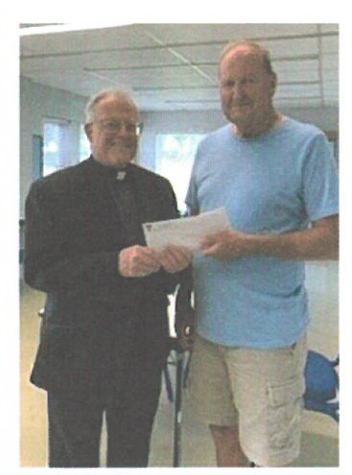
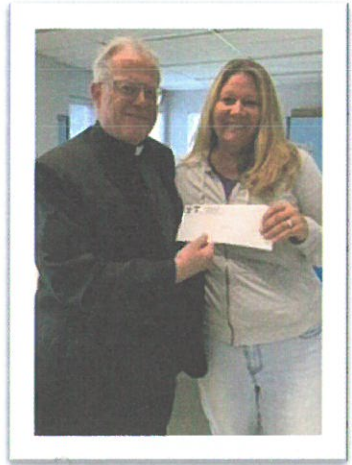
OTHER FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPENSES

Prize Booth		(366.67)	(366.67)
Bands & Sound		(4,400.00)	(4,400.00)
Truck Rental		(182.13)	(182.13)
Facilities		(3,723.00)	(3,723.00)
Administration & Publicity		(2,067.14)	(2,067.14)
Sub-Total	—	(10,738.94)	(10,738.94)

GRAND TOTAL **\$43,718.25** **(25,516.54)** **18,201.71**

We would like to thank the entire Festival Committee for their countless hours of hard work throughout the year, and to all the volunteers who helped during the festival weekend.

Respectfully submitted,
 Father Liebhardt, Pastor
 Rick Jablonski, Administrator
 Mike Caranna, Administrator
 Patti Jablonski, Finance Administrator
 Margie Drew, Secretary
 Festival Committee
 Parish Staff



SAVE THE DATE!
 2024 Parish Festival ~ Sunday, July 28
 Italian & American Club in Wickliffe

Charles Hunt, MA
Director of Religious Education

Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Associate
Lay Ecclesial Minister

Catholic Humor:

Three priests sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely the best," exclaimed one. "No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to heaven." "You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor." The repairman could contain himself no longer, "Hey fellas," he interrupted, "the best prayin' I ever did was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole!"

Sacramental Preparation

First Holy Communion

The Jesus Day Retreat took place Saturday, May 4. It prepares the youngsters to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist on First Communion Day, May 11. It offers the children a chance to prepare a special banner, make bread and learn the importance of bread. This special retreat is filled with prayer, faith, and fun, bringing the children closer to Christ, the Bread of Life. Please pray for our First Communicants, and their families, who will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first of many times next Saturday.



We will miss you!

Joe Chabail has decided to hang up his hat as a PSR teacher. Joe began teaching the Catholic Faith in 1964 at St. Mary Magdalene and here at St. Justin in 1976 (that's 60 years!). Joe has taught in various grades and continued in sixth grade until now.

He also served as the principal. Joe has been a mainstay of the PSR program, always prepared and dedicated. He blessed the lives of countless students and parents.

Thank you, Joe! God grant you many years!



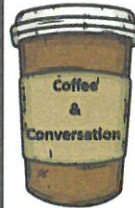
CONFIRMATION 2024

On Sunday, May 5, our Confirmation Class will be attending the 12:15pm Mass and then touring the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

Look for pictures next week.

To All Eighth Graders

All eighth graders of the parish of St. Justin Martyr are invited to join our Confirmation Class of 2025. Please contact Beth Rossetti at the parish office. Thank you to all the families that have begun the process.



Coffee and Conversation

Due to many events of the parish and planning time, we will be taking a break from Coffee and Conversation.

See you on May 23 at 11:00am in the back parking lot.



We will be celebrating Fr. Kevin's 50th anniversary of ordination and retirement the weekend of June 8 and 9 after all Masses in the parish hall. As we plan this special occasion, we have many needs that parishioners can help with:

- ◆ Set up
- ◆ Clean-up
- ◆ To prepare food
- ◆ Help with decorations
- ◆ Other small tasks
- ◆ Baking (contact Bernie Green at 440-953-8826)

Contact Beth Rossetti with questions or if you can help in any way.

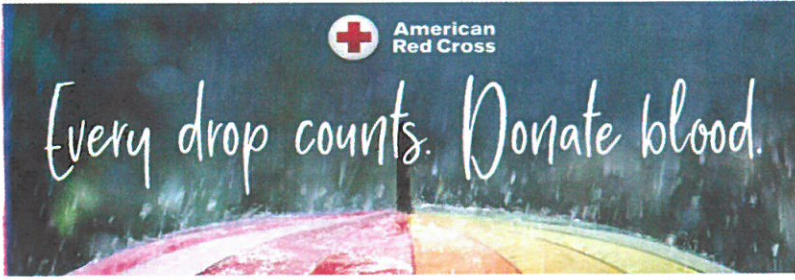
HAPPY
retirement

Collection of Catechetical Services~ May 11-12

Each year in the Diocese of Cleveland, a special collection is taken up in all the parishes to support the ministries of the Secretariat for Catechetical Services.

Ministries that will benefit from this collection include faith formation for adults, teens and children, and family-based faith formation, as well as the ongoing formation of Parish Catechetical Leaders and catechists as missionary disciples.

Newman Catholic Campus Ministries provides opportunities for students to deepen a relationship with Christ through prayer and worship, community, faith and Bible studies, retreats and service. A contribution to the Office of Catechetical Services is an investment in the faith formation of people of all ages throughout the Diocese of Cleveland. Please try to give to this very special collection.



Blood Drive ~ St. Justin Martyr Parish Hall

Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 8am to 2pm

Schedule an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org
 Sponsor Code: Stjustinmartyr or call 1-800-RED-CROSS



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Baby bottles are here!

Please take one and fill them with any loose change.

Every contribution makes a meaningful impact providing crucial resources and support to the mothers of Hannah's Home.

Please return by May 15.



Save the date!

Clean out your closets!

EARLY BIRD SALE!

Wednesday June 19,
 6:30pm-8:00pm \$5.00 fee
 Fill-a-Bag \$2.00
 will be back on June 23.

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Collection of items will take place in the rear doors of the school. We will begin on **May 28-31 from 10am-2pm. June 1-2 after all Masses, and June 3-4 from 10am-2pm.** You must carry your items into the school.

There will be NO COLLECTION JUNE 5-9 because of Fr. Kevin's celebration

Collection will resume on **June 10-17~** watch the bulletin for more details. We will be looking for parishioners to help out in various ways. Signup sheets for sorting, washing, pricing and displaying items will be out in mid-May. Contact Beth, 440-946-1177 or beth@stjustin.net for questions.

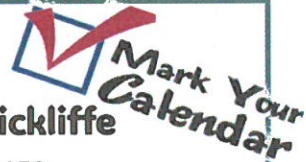
**Rosary Rally ~ Saturday, May 4
 Noon-1:00pm**

Join us outside on the front lawn of the American Croatian Lodge, 34900 Lakeshore Blvd. on the Southwest corner of SOM and Lakeshore Blvd. as we honor our Lady and help heal our country through the Rosary. Please join us as we practice our freedom of religion publicly and pray for the United States of America and its leaders.

St. Justin Martyr Parish Festival

Sunday, July 28, noon to 10pm Italian & American Club in Wickliffe

If you are interested in helping, please contact Rick Jablonski at 440-785-0453.



THE BASKET RAFFLE IS BACK AND WE NEED YOUR HELP...

Our basket raffle is one of the biggest money makers at our festival.

While you are spring cleaning, check your closets for items to donate to make baskets! We also are looking for donations of cash, Amazon or Target gift cards to help us purchase larger items for the raffle.

For every \$10 in cash or gift cards you donate, you will be entered into a drawing for an Amazon gift card. Those who donate baskets or items will be included as well.

Drop off donations at the Parish Office marked Basket Raffle.

Include your name and phone number to be entered into the raffle!



Festival News

**Pastoral Staff
& Parish Leaders**

Rev. Kevin M. Liebhardt –
Pastor
Deacon Timothy Shell
Mr. Charles Hunt, MA
Director of Rel. Education
Mrs. Beth Rossetti –
Pastoral Associate
Mr. Joseph Erbezniak –
Business Manager
Mr. Thomas Gulden –
Coordinator of Music
Mr. Tom Keaty –
Parish Council Coordinator
Ms. Terry Ryan –
Coordinator of
Liturgical Ministries

Buildings & Office Information and Hours

Parish Office: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 946-1177
Saturday Closed
Sunday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Parish FAX line 946-9126
PSR/Religious Education Office:
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 946-3287
Monday Evening 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

If you need to speak to a priest, please call ahead to be sure one is available.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Weekdays: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Days: Please refer to Mass
Holidays: 9:00 a.m. times inside the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00-4:30 p.m. Other times by appointment.

**Celebrating
Sacramental Life**

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office to set up a time.

Marriages: Arrangements with priest **MUST BE** at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Contact Father Kevin.

Funerals/Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish Office immediately.

Sick Calls: Please notify the office concerning homebound and those going to the hospital. Call the parish in event of an emergency.

Welcoming New Parishioners: Call, stop in or go to www.stjustin.net to obtain a registration form. Once completed, call to make a "Welcoming" appointment.

Catholic Education Contact Information


The ministry of Catholic Education will continue at the schools below:

All Saints School at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28702 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, 44092. Contact: 440-943-1395; <http://www.allsaintssjv.org>.

Mater Dei Academy at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 29840 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, 44092. Contact: 440-585-0800; www.materdeiacademy.us.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - May 11 & 12, 2024

	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Saturday, May 11 5:00 PM	Iva David	John Buehner, John Dickson Nancy Gansey	Bob Spangenberg NOT FILLED
Sunday, May 12 8:00 AM	Leslie Simpson	Barb Beyer, Tim Rosian Loretta Vanagas	Jonny Shell
Sunday, May 12 10:30 AM	Seth Bonnell	Bernadette Green, Patricia Homan Kathleen Morrison, Gerrie Sellers Matt Yuko	Adam Supanick Aaron Supanick

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