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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 25, 2024

A Note From Our Parish Administrator:



The Sacrament of Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation. Those who receive this Sacrament are charged with one of the most extraordinary tasks: to bring about the Gospel to every part of the world. This weekend, we welcome those from St. Justin Martyr preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation next year (2025)! The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred to our

candidates this year on Sunday, September 22nd, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Willoughby by Bishop Malesic. I look forward to seeing our young people receive this Sacrament and grow in their relationship with the Church. Pray for them!



Let's join our hearts in prayer for our young people as they embark on a new school year. Lake Catholic will mark this significant moment with a Mass this Thursday

at St. John Vianney at 9:15am. All Saints School and Mater Dei Academy will commence their academic year on Tuesday. Our young people greatly benefit from our prayers and support.

I met with the Parish Staff and Parish and Finance Councils this past week. We all would like to begin with a vision for the parish. As I have mentioned in a previous bulletin article, we plan to host an opportunity for the parish to have a town hall meeting. I have asked Beth Rossetti to help me host this town hall meeting and subsequent follow-through. Together with the various councils and committees of the parish, we will take an active step forward in bringing about a collective vision for our parish. The question I'd like you to consider is, "What would YOU like to see us make a priority?" Since I began here two months ago, parishioners have shared many varied ideas with me. I want to hear from everyone, and I am interested in knowing what YOU want to see us focus our efforts on.

St. Justin Martyr, pray for us! Fr. Josh



The Parish Mass Book for 2025 is open.

Intentions for your loved ones,

please fill out a Mass form, which is available in the gallery or on the website.

The stipend for each Mass is a donation of \$10. Please select only 4 Masses per family. Only two of the four may be on weekends, so that everyone can have a chance to have Masses booked.

If you have any questions, please call Sandi at the Parish Office at 440-946-1177. Thank you.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY ~ August 26 ~ Weekday

8:30AM Dolores Trozzi Caspio, Mary Jo Valaitis

TUESDAY ~ August 27 ~ St. Monica

8:30AM Anna May & Robert Bennett, Barb & Tom Kovacic

7:30PM Rosary Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY ~ August 28 ~ St. Augustine 8:30AM Raymond Vanagas, Loretta & Don

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THURSDAY ~ August 29 ~ Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30AM Rev. Russell Lowe

FRIDAY ~ August 30 ~ Weekday 8:30AM Ferdinand J. Zerovnik, Mae Verdone 7:30PM Rosary Live on Facebook

SATURDAY ~ August 31 ~ Vigil Mass

5:00PM Frank Fraczek, Fraczek Family 5:00PM Livestream Mass

SUNDAY ~ September 1 ~ 22st Sunday in Ordinary time

8:00AM Mass for Parishioners 10:30AM Theresa Buzecan, Angelo Buzecan

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, August 25: Confirmation 2025

Meeting, 11:30am-2pm ATR

Monday, August 26: Festival Committee

Meeting, 6:30pm CMR

Tuesday, August 27: Stewardship Committee Meeting, 6:30pm CMR

Thursday, August 28: Coffee and

Conversation, 11:00am ATR

Weekly Contributions:

August 18, 2024 Total Contributions: \$14,888.13*

Loose Money: \$171 Envelopes: \$5,983.63 # of env: 191** Avg. per env.: \$77.95

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*EFT: \$8,733.50 **EFT donors: 63

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Celebrating Love: Weddings, Marriages and the Journey Ahead

Everyone loves a wedding. It's such a joyous

time when two people come together to share

their love and lives with each other. Our family is deep in the wedding season as our children, nieces, and nephews reach the "marrying age." The next celebration on our calendar is for my goddaughter and niece, Holly. We will be out of town this weekend to join her and her fiancé in celebrating their love.





But it's not just new love and new marriages that deserve celebration—it's all marriages. With that in mind, my wife, Sandi, and I are excited to announce the relaunch of the Marriage Enrichment program at St. Justin Martyr. As mentioned in the bulletin, we met on Tuesday. August 20, to plan some upcoming

events. Keep an eye out for future announcements, as we hope to provide married couples and families with opportunities to grow and deepen their relationships with one another and with God.

Marriage is a lifelong journey, filled with moments of joy, challenges. and growth. Whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades, it's important to continually nurture your relationship. We invite you to join us in this journey, as we strengthen our bonds with each other and our faith. Together, let's celebrate the love that sustains us through all seasons of life.



Peace and Blessings, Deacon Tim





Please pray for all of our parishioners who are sick or hospitalized, the shut-ins, those in nursing homes, needing prayers, and all of the intentions written in our Book of Prayers located in the gallery.

Janet Bartholomew, Dan & Fran Eppich, Carol Horgan, Jeff Kantura, Katherine Kirsch, Mary Ellen Isom, Mary LaManna, Dianne Marshall, Ann Miller, Sarah Mujic, Sharon Patrick, Tim Rosian, Hannah Shell, Germaine Strainic, Mike Vara and Ken Zalar.

Please call the office if you would like someone added or email simoffice@stjustin.net.

St. Justin Martyr Parish Prayer Chain



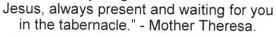
Our Prayer Chain is composed parishioners who offer up intercessory prayer for those in need. To become a member of

the prayer chain please contact Mary Jane at 440-953-9729 and leave your message or email her mbuehner@ameritech.net. To submit prayer requests, follow the same procedure. All requests are welcome.

Daily Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

9:00am-4:00pm

"Don't come to prayer looking for extraordinary experiences. Come to visit your great friend



Come spend some time with Jesus.

Ministry Spotlight: Festival Committee

The Festival Committee plans, organizes and puts on the Annual Parish Festival, which is a one-day event held at the Italian-American Club in Wickliffe. The committee meets monthly, March-August, until the event which is usually the last Sunday in July. Committee members coordinate setup and teardown, main raffle, basket raffle, food sales and preparation, games, prizes, entertainment, sponsorships, car cruise, food truck, logistics and more.

We are always looking for additional help and talent for this committee. This is the biggest Fundraiser of the year for our Parish. Can you help?

If you would like more information or to learn a little bit more about what we do, please contact Rick Jablonski, Festival Chairperson, 440-785-0453.

Our Festival Wrap up Meeting is Monday, August 26 at 6:30pm, in the Church Meeting Room. All are welcome.



Charles Hunt, MA Director of Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS • NE

PSR: Parish School of Religion
PSR is for Catholic students who
attend public school. PSR Classes will
begin on Monday, September 9.
Registration forms are available in the



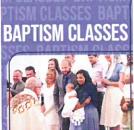
church gallery and parish office. They are also online at www.stjustin.net; go to "Forms." Classes have faithfilled and experienced teachers who will help form your children as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Catholic Humor: It had been a while since Joe had been to Confession. But one day, he wandered into an unfamiliar church and entered the confessional. He was surprised how much things had changed. On one wall there was a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On the other wall there was a dazzling array of finest Cuban cigars. When the pastor came in, Joe began his confession: "Father forgive me, it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must say that the confessional is much more inviting these days." The priest replied, "You're on my side."

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults—OCIA Becoming Catholic



The letters "OCIA" stand for the "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults." It is the way in which men and women are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life and become full members of the Church. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church at St. Justin Martyr, please speak with Fr. Josh, Deacon Tim, or the OCIA coordinator, Charles Hunt, at 440-946-3287 & Charles@stjustin.net. The OCIA Team invites you to offer a Rosary for the intentions of increasing the membership of St. Justin Martyr Church.



If you would like to have your infant baptized within the next 4 months, please sign up for our BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS on Thursday, September 5 at 7:00pm. Charlie Hunt will take families through the basics of Baptism and answer questions regarding the

celebration of the Sacrament. Please call the parish office at 440-946-1177 to sign up. Thank you.



Please pray for our newest member of the Church who was baptized last weekend:

Charles Howard Darnell, son of Heather and Charles McNamara

Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Associate Lay Ecclesial Minister



TO ALL OUR INCOMING NINTH GRADERS – Our first Confirmation Session is today after the 10:30am Mass. We look forward to seeing you and your parents at our informational meeting.

Confirmation 2024—Please pray of our Confirmation Candidates: Luka, Gavin, Antonio, Ashley and Kayla, as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are a prayer partner, you can drop off a note and I'll make sure they receive it.



As you have noticed the last couple Eucharistic weeks, I've been highlighting the Eucharistic Congress. Did you know

that the Eucharistic Congress was a key part of the Eucharistic Revival? The Revival is from 2022-2025, there are various pieces to this and the Eucharistic Congress was a large piece involving the entire country gathering. The Mission of the Revival is to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The vision is to inspire a movement of Catholics across the United States who are healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and who are then sent out on mission "for the life of the world."

In 2022, the purpose was to encounter the Eucharist in your diocese, a procession was held downtown, Masses were said at the cathedral, billboards were rented with the logo and the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit traveled through our Diocese.

In 2023, parishes were invited to join by centering on the Eucharist in homilies, Eucharistic Adoration, processions and attendance at the baseball park Masses.

July 17-21 2024, the Eucharistic Congress was held so that the nation would be able to participate in this remarkable revival. And so we did Continue reading next week and mark your calendar for a talk about the Eucharistic Congress and where we go from here on October 10 at 1:00PM in the ATR.

Your presence is requested for the celebration of the

Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 11:00 in the morning at Immaculate Conception Church, 37932 Euclid Ave, Willoughby, OH 44094



Our Main Celebrant
The Most Reverend Edward Malesic
Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland

A Mass of celebration will be held at St. Justin Martyr on September 25 at 10:30AM Mass with a reception following in the gallery

The St. Mary Recycle Mission Group

Over the last 30 years, the St. Mary's Recycle Mission Group has helped recycle items from Churches and clergy that are no longer being used as well as from Parishioners who would like to donate items that they are not needing. This ministry distributes the items to other parishes in need as well as parishioner in need.



We will be collecting items here at St. Justin's the weekend of August 31/September 1 in the gallery.

They accept: vestments, crucifixes, statues, rosaries, chalices, altarware, candlesticks, relics, monstrances, altar books/missals/lectionaries, holy medals, holy cards, linens, framed religious pictures, prayer books, breviaries, or Catholic encyclopedias.

Please do not include reading books, large furniture, pamphlets, magazines, DVD/VHS tapes, or wax candles.

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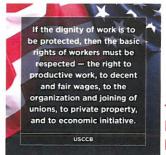


We are looking for unwanted teacups and saucers for the Advent Tea!

We are collecting teacups and saucers that are cluttering up your cupboards and no longer in use. If you would like clear them out, Louise and

the Advent Tea crew would be so very thankful as they plan on using them for this year's event.

You can bring them into the Parish Office and we will pass them on to the Advent Tea Crew. Thank you for your help!



Special Day of Prayer for Recognizing the Dignity of Labor, Human Rights and Equality

This Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2, please pray for all who labor.

especially for equality and fairness, and dignity in the workplace.

Lord God, Master of the Vineyard, how wonderful that you have invited us who labor by the sweat of our brow to be workers in the vineyard and assist your work to shape the world around us.

As we seek to respond to this call, make us attentive to those who seek work, but cannot find it. Help us to listen to the struggles of those who work hard to provide for their families, but still have trouble making ends meet.

Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited and help us to speak for just wages and safe conditions, the freedom to organize, and time for renewal. For work was made for humankind, and not humankind for work. Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation, but a radiant expression of human dignity.

Give all who labor listening hearts that we may pause from our work to receive your gift of rest. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that you might work through us to let justice reign. Amen. @2019 usccb



THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION, SEPTEMBER 1

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1, is the big celebration that inspires and nourishes the larger Season of Creation that flows from it. Inspired by a rich tradition of the Orthodox Church, it was later embraced by the World Council of Churches in 2008 and the Catholic Church in 2015.

Besides being a moment to repent for our sinful desecration of the gift of Creation and pray for its healing,

the feast honors God as Creator and commemorates the great mystery of the creation of the cosmos. In other words, this feast is not just about celebrating "Creation as the created world" that God gifted us, but most importantly it is about celebrating "Creation as a foundational mystery" of our Christian faith.

In a nutshell, it is a **moment to thank and praise the Triune God as Creator**. Given that most Christian churches have historically focused so much on God as Redeemer, this feast is an invaluable opportunity to celebrate God as Creator. This need was stressed by many Christian leaders, such as Benedict XVI who once said: "The Redeemer is the Creator and if we do not proclaim God in his full grandeur – as Creator and as Redeemer – we also diminish the value of the Redemption... The renewal of the doctrine of Creation and a new understanding of the inseparability of Creation and Redemption are of supreme importance."

SJM CLAM BAKE AND STEAK FRY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, PARISH HALL 4:00-7:00PM \$40.00 PER PERSON

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KIDS MEAL: Hot Dog, Chips, Beverage and Dessert (\$5.00)



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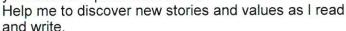


Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school.

In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world.



In arts and music, help me to be creative.

In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly.

Help me to learn new skills in technology.

Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.

Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school.

Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect. Thank you, Jesus, for school! Amen. ©LPi

VOCATIONS AT THE CROSSROADS

The following parishioners are scheduled to receive the cross during the month September:

Week of September 7-8 Barbara Federico Week of September 14-15 Nancy Gansey Week of September 21-22 Ann Lyall

Week of September 28-29 Marion Hanna

If anyone cannot make their week, please call Joanne Fox at 440-339-0503. Thank you for your time and prayers! Thank you to all who pray in this special way for vocations. If anyone is interested in also taking the cross home for a week, please call the parish office or Joanne Fox.

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Ms. Terry Ryan - Coordinator

of Liturgical Ministries

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Parish Office: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Sunday

PSR/Religious Education Office:

Parish FAX line

946-3287 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

946-9126

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.

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