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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00pm
Sunday Mass	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Mass	8:00am (Monday–Thursday)
Holy Day Mass	12:15pm & 6:00pm
Reconciliation	3:00pm (Saturday)

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH INFORMATION

To register in the parish, begin planning for the Sacrament of Marriage, discuss a Mass of Christian Burial, request Letters of Suitability to serve as Godparents or Sponsors, or seek any other parish-related information, contact Maxine Gordon, our Administrative Assistant at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 4:00pm
Friday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community of Roman Catholic Christians dedicated to lovingly extending the mission and ministry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, through Word, Sacrament, and Christian Service to the People of God, both in our parish and the surrounding areas, all to the Glory of God!

PARISH HALL & FAMILY LIFE CENTER RENTALS

Parishioners: please call Audrey Geskey at 330-533-3181



Mass Schedule

Monday, November 25

Saint Catherine of Alexandria

8:00am – Ben Mangapora

Tuesday, November 26

8:00am – Mary Jane Glatz

Wednesday, November 27

8:00am – Ann & Paul Bindas

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving

9:00am – The People of the Parish

Friday, November 29

No Daily Mass

Saturday, November 30

Vigil – First Sunday of Advent

3:00pm - Reconciliation

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

9:00am – Rose & Paul Ridarsky

11:30am – Sacred Heart Society

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas Primas* (“In the first”) to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to “thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law” out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful, but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI’s encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance was that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ “is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind”.

Christ’s kingship is rooted in the Church’s teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the

Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. “From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures”

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ’s kingship with our whole lives:

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, ‘as instruments of justice unto God.’

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. “Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King”.

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This year December 8, 2024, falls on Sunday. This day is to be celebrated as the Second Sunday of Advent. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to **Monday, December 9, 2024, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass on December 9 will be at 12:15 and 6:00pm.**





CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Our **Christmas Giving Wreaths** are up at all the entrances to the Church. As in the past few years, we will again be asking for **cash or check only donations**. The agencies will, in turn, use the financial donations to secure what each family is requesting. **Please return all donations by December 16.**

The **Angel Ornaments** on the wreaths are for you to keep. We ask that when you prepare your home for Christmas that you hang the ornament on your tree and during the holidays, and when you see that ornament, you keep in prayer the family your generosity enabled to have a more joyful Christmas.

All the angel ornaments have an envelope attached. The suggested donations are: light green - \$25; light pink - \$50; gold - \$100. Any amount you can offer is acceptable. We ask that if you wish to make more than one donation, that you take one ornament, and also take other envelopes from the basket near the bulletins. Donations may be dropped off in the secured donation boxes located near the wreaths, in the offertory basket or by mail to the parish office. We are extremely thankful for the overwhelming support our parish family has shown in past years. We are very hopeful that the same generous support will continue this year. God bless you all!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you for working together to help our parish reach and actually surpass our goal. If you have not yet made a gift, it is not too late to join with others in helping our diocesan community reach \$4 million. The needs served by the Annual Diocesan Appeal always outweigh the resources – so the more we receive the more that can be accomplished in the name of Jesus Christ. To make a gift, please visit www.doy.org/appeal.

Thank you again, and God bless you all.

VOCATIONS – November 24, 2024

“My kingdom does not belong to this world.”

Help lead others to Christ and to know his merciful love. Prayerfully consider he may be calling you to serve in this world as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 25

9:00am – Fitness Fun

6:30pm – OCIA

Tuesday, November 26

Parish Office Closed

8:00am – 3:00pm – Turkey Connection

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, November 27

Parish Office Closed

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

Parish Office Closed

9:00am – Mass

Friday, November 29

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, November 30

8:00 – 10:00am – Soup Kitchen

Sunday, December 1

No events



<u>Parish Support</u>	
November 17, 2024	
Amount Received	\$ 12,227.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 2,773.00)
YTD Received	\$288,206.00
YTD Budget	\$300,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 11,794.00)

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and all our ministries! God Bless.

STEWARDSHIP – November 24, 2024

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (John 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

<u>Readings for December 1, 2024</u>
First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28 – 9:00am

Lector: Judy Richley

Servers: Michael & Nick Smallwood

Euch. Min: Shirley Dunn (X-H)

Mia Richardson (Font -C)

Nicole Smallwood (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Tom Eaton, Denny Sanders

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, November 30 – 4:00 PM

Lector: Judy Richley

Euch. Min: Jant Pitzulo (X-H)

Audrey Geskey (Font -C)

Bill Petro (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Don Kutsko, Bill Petro

Sunday, December 1 – 9:00 AM

Lector: Brian Kerr

Server: Nate Ferguson

Euch. Min: Vic Buente (X-H)

Nicole Smallwood (Font -C)

Mary Jo Lewis (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Richard Gary, Jim Naples, Denny Sanders

Sunday, December 1 – 11:30 AM

Lector: Cindy Cleeland

Server: Noah Gilbert

Euch. Min: Kim Gilbert (X-H)

Brian Berlin (Font -C)

Doris Layfield (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Chuck Wirtz, Luke Scolieri, Tom Wainio

ATTENTION LECTORS: WORKBOOKS FOR 2025 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY. PLEASE PICK YOURS UP AFTER MASS.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

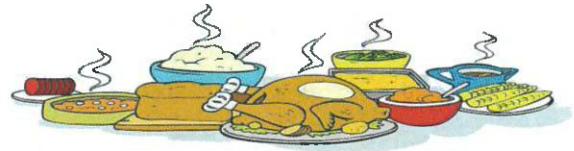
A reminder to please fill out your Christmas flower envelope with the names of loved ones to be prayed for during the Christmas season. A listing of all names in memoriam will appear in the bulletin on December 29, The Feast of the Holy Family.

In order to have names listed in the bulletin (and posted on our parish website as well), we must receive the envelopes by **Friday, December 16.**

Again, thank you for your kindness. May God bless us all with joyful hearts and loving remembrance during this coming Christmas Season.



THE TURKEY CONNECTION



We are again collecting turkeys for thanksgiving meals for Saint Vincent DePaul Dining Hall, The Rescue Mission and Skip's Café. The collection day this year will be

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

If you have been a parishioner of Saint Michael for a time, you know of the Turkey Connection. Each year we are asked to supply turkeys and all the "fixins" like stuffing, pies, potatoes, yams, rolls, etc. for a Thanksgiving meal to serve at these facilities. Since the city buses don't run on Thanksgiving Day, the Thanksgiving meal will be served on Wednesday. Please bring these items (use disposable containers) to our Parish Hall on

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Between 8:30am and 4:00pm

Thank you and God bless you for this and all you already do to bring the face of Christ to this small corner of the world become available.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Margaret Chizmar	Patricia Lesho
Mindy Cline	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun
James Dunn, Sr.	Jayme Lynn Lowe
Leslie Fisher	Francis Luongo
Jim Fisher	Mary Lou Mack
Marilyn Fisher	Vincent Mastromatteo
Jay Gettemy	Edward Mosca
John Hahn	Bill Myers
Dale Hynes	Mike Roussos
Christopher King	Janice Rovnak
Jack LeBrun	Jack D. Slifka
Bridget Dunn Leonard	

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MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

Saint Michael Parish will follow the Canfield Schools cancellation schedule for snow and cold. If the Canfield Schools are closed or on a two-hour delay due to the weather, the 8:00am Mass will be cancelled, and the intention rescheduled. The office and any other activities will also be cancelled or delayed, depending on the timing. Thank you.



MILITARY LIST

Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Mass is at 9:00am



Begin your Thanksgiving Day celebration by joining fellow parishioners as we gather to thank God for His blessings on us and on those we love.

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed beginning on Tuesday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will reopen on Monday, December 2. Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Great God, giver of all good things, we rejoice in your abundant blessings.

May we give thanks for the beauty all around us. In your creation, in our relationships, in our families and in our workplace.

May we never take for granted the daily gifts of food and friends but always enjoy them with thanksgiving.

Thank you too for the comfort of our homes and for the blessings of our family life. Bless those among us who are hungry and thirsty, homeless and alone, who need your guiding hand and depend on your tender mercies. May we share our many blessings with them for they are our brothers and sisters, your beloved children.

Gracious God, giver of all that is good, we gratefully raise our hearts and voices to you on this day of thanksgiving and always. Amen.

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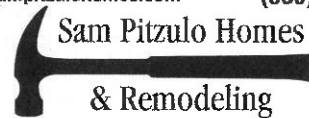
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