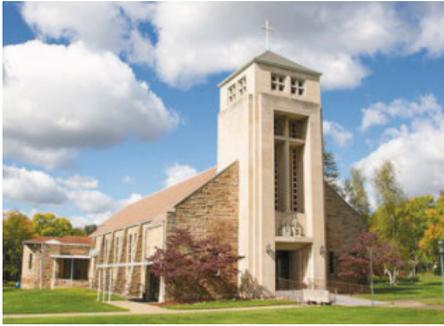


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JULY 20, 2025



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250 N. Bridge St., Struthers, OH 44471



ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

764 Fifth St., Struthers, OH 44471

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday

8:30am - Holy Rosary Church

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30am - St. Nicholas Church

Friday

8:30am - Christ The Good Shepherd

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday | 4pm - St. Nicholas Church

Sunday | 8am - Holy Trinity Church

St. Nicholas School

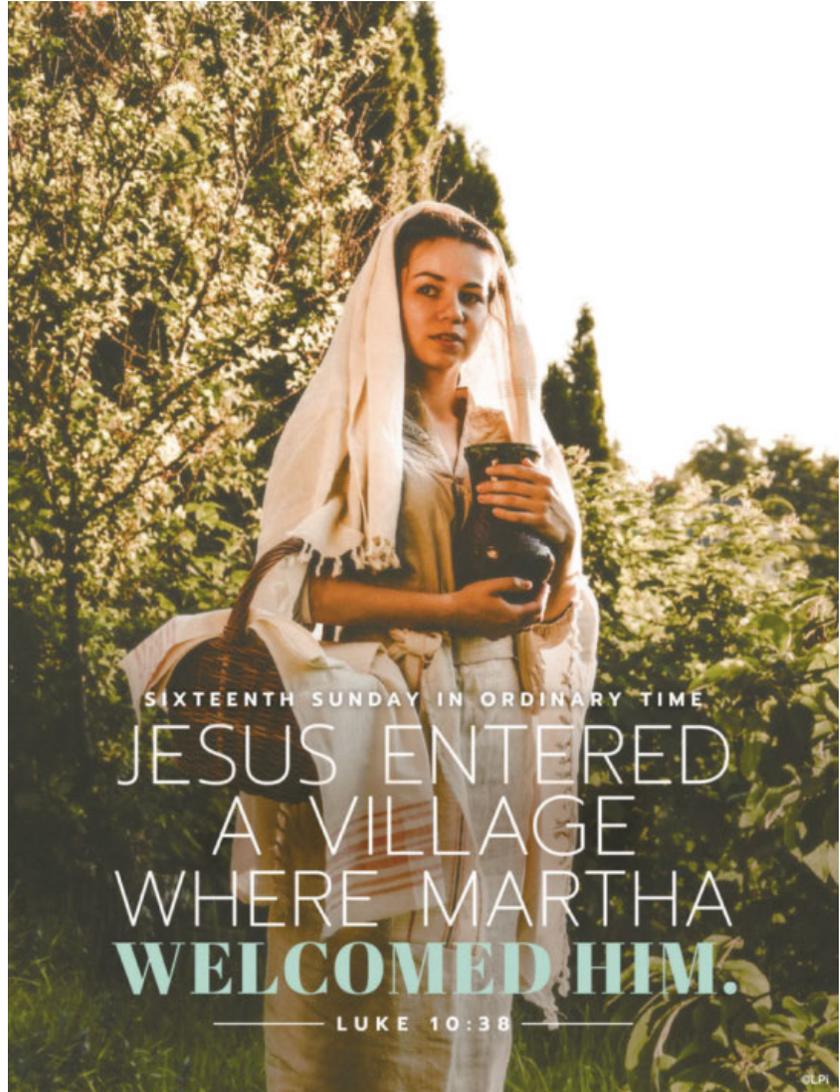
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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 4:00pm

Rev. Thomas Kraszewski
Pastor

Religious Education

330-755-6245

BAPTISM

We baptize the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month. A preparatory class is required. Contact the Parish Office to schedule your baptism and class.

VISITING OR ANOINTING THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Contact Parish Office to make your request

MATRIMONY

Arrangements need to be made at least 6 months in advance. Contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 19

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
Robert Howard (work friends)
Ed & Lillian Marsh (Children)

Sunday, July 20

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church: Robert Boano (Susan Missik)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church:
11:00 am: St. Nicholas Church:
Attilio DelSignore (Joann)
Agnes Ginnetti (Stan & Pat)

Monday, July 21

8:30 am: Holy Rosary Church: People of the Parishes

Tuesday, July 22

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Valent Kozusko (Janice & Bill Norris)

Wednesday, July 23

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Anthony L. Donofrio (Donofrio Family)

Thursday, July 24

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Steve & Helen Martinko
(Lehtinen Family)

Friday, July 25

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd:

Saturday, July 26

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
Louise Kott (Pat & Stan)
John & Josephine Kostelnak (Family)

Sunday, July 27

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church: Patsy Frattaroli (Cindy Hamrock)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church:
11:00 am: St. Nicholas Church:
Felix & Annmarie Pizzola (Family)
Lawrence, Darrold & Larry Carroll (Marilyn)

Memorial Candles for the week of July 27, 2025

Agnes Ginnetti (*Sue & Mike Ciccolini*) St. Nicholas Church
Phillip & MaryAnn Constantino (*Doreen*) Holy Trinity Church

Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters.
And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your
heaven as my guide.
Amen.

Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many “Marthas” - people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, “What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste.” The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week’s gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the “**one necessary thing.**” He praises her for she “**has chosen the better part**” (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the “better part” of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been almost a month since I wrote the letter concerning the need to change the Mass schedule between the three parishes as I became pastor on July 1, 2025. I wanted to take some time to consider the several situations of all three parishes, including situations inside each parish. I don't think it can be put off much longer as we move into August and get closer to the beginning of the school year. We have already implemented the new weekday Mass schedule with Monday at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at St. Nicholas; and Friday at Christ the Good Shepherd, all at 8:30 am.

There were two offerings in the letter for the new Mass schedule for the weekends. The two 4:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday is what needed to be addressed, since I cannot be in two places at the same time. Changing the Mass schedule is not something I like to do, especially since it was something that I needed to do a year ago when I became the pastor of three parishes a bit west of here. It was knowing that one of our three parishes changed their Mass schedule a year ago, and the challenge of weighting a slightly better attended Saturday Mass catering to a group of certain demographic that is usually more generous in their giving, against the possibility of serving a demographic that includes families with children made it very difficult.

The new Mass schedule will begin on the first weekend of August. Going forward on Saturday August 2nd and Sunday, August 3rd, 2025 the Mass schedule for the three collaborating parishes will be –

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00pm at Christ Our Savior, St. Nicholas site.

Sunday Mass at 8:00am at Christ Our Savior, Holy Trinity site.

Sunday Mass at 9:30am at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish.

Sunday Mass at 11:00am at Christ the Good Shepherd Parish.

Some people will be pleased and some will be disappointed, but we no longer have the indulgence of the parish life of past times. We are challenged on many fronts and not acknowledging or ignoring them is not an option. Please pray for our communities and ourselves as we try and meet the challenges before us. Know God is with us.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Tom

STEWARDSHIP

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." COLOSSIANS 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

	Envelopes:	Online:
July 13th	\$6,038.00	\$905.00
Catholic Echo:	\$170.00	
Energy:	\$40.00	
Mass Attendance:	412	

July Envelopes: Catholic Echo, Security, St. Vincent de Paul

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

As I get older, what really matters to me changes. I remember being in high school and having to wear certain brands and to look a certain way. Now, many days I simply wear what is clean! I used to collect certain things that I no longer seem to care about much now. I wanted certain things for my children, and now I am happy if they are happy, regardless of what happens. I have changed political stances a few times. I even follow different sports teams today than I did when I was younger. Time, circumstance, wisdom, and even disillusionment all play a part in my ever-changing attitude toward what really matters in life.

All has changed except my faith. My faith is the one constant in my life. It is the most precious of all the gifts God has given to me. Life hasn't been a constant high, and there have been several low valleys along the way. It has been my faith that has seen me through all times, good and bad. If anything has changed, it is that Jesus matters more today than he did yesterday.

What really matters to you? What's the main thing in your life? I have witnessed once-strong disciples place politics, wealth, career, and family ahead of Jesus over time. All those things are enticing, but they are things that change. Even your family grows and changes as the years go by, as does your relationship with them. The one thing that does not change is God. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It can bring great peace to your life when what matters to you is the one thing that remains constant. The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing. That main thing is Jesus.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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Marie Belloto	Joe Mogulich
Marilyn Blissenbach	Ashley Moody
Ed Bonilla Jr	Wendy Pakalnis
Sally Branson	Beth Ferrell Pearce
Paul Brenner	Sebastian Peiton
Linda Dallevale	Sherry Peiton
Blake Doss	Anthony Pignatelli
Donny	Doreen Ponigar
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Heather Hanlon	Robert Skalada
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George S Maczko Jr	Blake Wilson
Ed Mahoney	Larry Yates
James Marco	David Yost

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Christine Peluso Kinsley

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Marie Phillips	



Safely Home

*Please remember in your prayers
the souls and families of*

Thomas Gregory

Ann Ponigar

Saint Nicholas School News

Saint Nicholas School is taking registrations for the 2024-2025 school year.

Come and check out what our school has to offer. Students who are attending or would be attending an eligible school can apply for the EdChoice Traditional Scholarship. A list of designated schools can be found on the Ohio Department of Education website under EdChoice Scholarships. EdChoice Expansion Full Scholarships are also available to all families who are at or below 450% of the federal poverty level. A decreasing prorated amount dependent on the family's economic status over 450% of the poverty level is then available. Call the school office at 330-755-2128 for more information about our school and scholarship information.

Saint Nicholas School office will be closed the month of July.

Saint Nicholas School Mission Statement: *Saint Nicholas School of Struthers, Ohio in the Diocese of Youngstown, was founded in 1928 and exists to teach the Catholic Faith. Saint Nicholas School provides a learning environment committed to educating the whole child academically, spiritually and emotionally within a diverse environment in accordance with the Gospel values. We promote high standards in behavior and respect in a nurturing atmosphere that encourages success for all students in kindergarten through eighth grade.*



Centering Prayer Group - meets from **3:30 - 4:30pm** on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays** of the month in the St. Nicholas Lower Church Chapel.

Chapel Crochet & Knitting Group - meets the **1st Monday** of the month at **6:30 pm** in the **St. Nicholas School library**. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Virginia Bartos at 330-406-0364 for more information.

Quo Vadis AA Meetings - Meetings are held on **Fridays at 8 pm** in the St. Nicholas Lower Church Hall and are open to anyone seeking recovery from alcohol addiction.

Knights of Columbus Council #4471 - Meetings are held on the **first and third Monday** evenings of the month beginning at **6:30 pm** in the St. Nicholas Lower Church.

Mobility on Loan: wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and potty chairs are available for temporary loan, at no cost to the parishioners of Christ Our Savior Parish and the brother knights and their families of Council 4471. Any parishioner having a need for a device or having one to donate, may contact brother knights Joe Wilkos at 330-782-6858, Bob Sepesy at 330-770-9543, or Andy Brincko at 330-782-2400.

Religious Education

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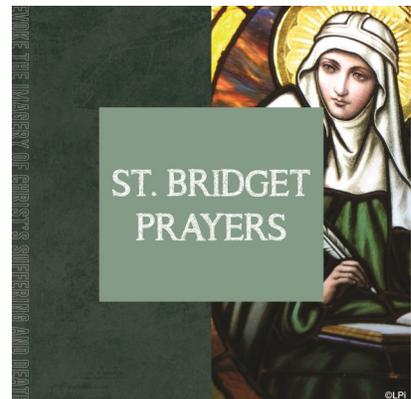
CCD

The Religious Education Department is accepting registration for the 2025-2026 CCD year. The registration form can be downloaded on the Parish Website under the Religious Education Tab.

Anyone wishing to help out with next year's program is asked to call Jerry at 330-755-6245.

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER YOUNGSTOWN

Meetings are held at Avion on the Water Banquet Center 2177 W. Western Reserve Road in Canfield on the First Thursday of each month from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Join us on **Thursday, August 7, 2025** as we welcome Vanessa White, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Spirituality and Ministry, Catholic Theological Union. Topic: *"There is a Balm. . . The Power of Spirituality to Nourish and Heal the Wounded and Sin Sick Soul"*. Please contact Pat Floryjanski @ 330-755-1108 by Wednesday, July 30 if you would like to attend.



Devotions, Explained!

The St. Bridget Prayers evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters. And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide.

Amen

(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. *Oooh, Mary, she's so holy.* Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. *I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line.* But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him. Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

July 22 is the feast of Mary Magdalene. I've heard a lot of stories about her, but who was she really?

Answer:

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the women who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.



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July 31 - August 3, 2025

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For more info: www.stpatshub.org

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Saturday, August 9, 4:00pm

Slovak-English Mass at St. Matthias Church

Sunday, August 10, 12:30pm - 5pm

St. Christine Parish Grounds: Live Music, Huge Bake Sale, Grand Basket Raffle, Games, ice Cream Stand and Slovak Menu featuring Slovak Platter (Stuffed Cabbage, Pirohy, Haluski, Cucumber Salad, Bread) and Keilbasa/Kraut Sandwiches, Chips, Cucumber Salad and Salvadoran Papusas



The COSP Food Pantry at Holy Trinity Church will be OPEN from 9:30am - 11am on the following Mondays:

July 28 August 11 September 8
 August 25 September 22

Suggested Donations for JULY: Cereal, Sauce, Pasta, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soup, Pancake Mix, Syrup

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Baby Food, Formula, Diapers, Baby Wipes

Please drop off donations at the parish office or the St. Nicholas lower church.



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Thursdays at 10am

Bingo Packages
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Doors open at 8:30am

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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