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JULY 27, 2025



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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

9:30am - Holy Rosary Church

11am - St. Nicholas Church

St. Nicholas School

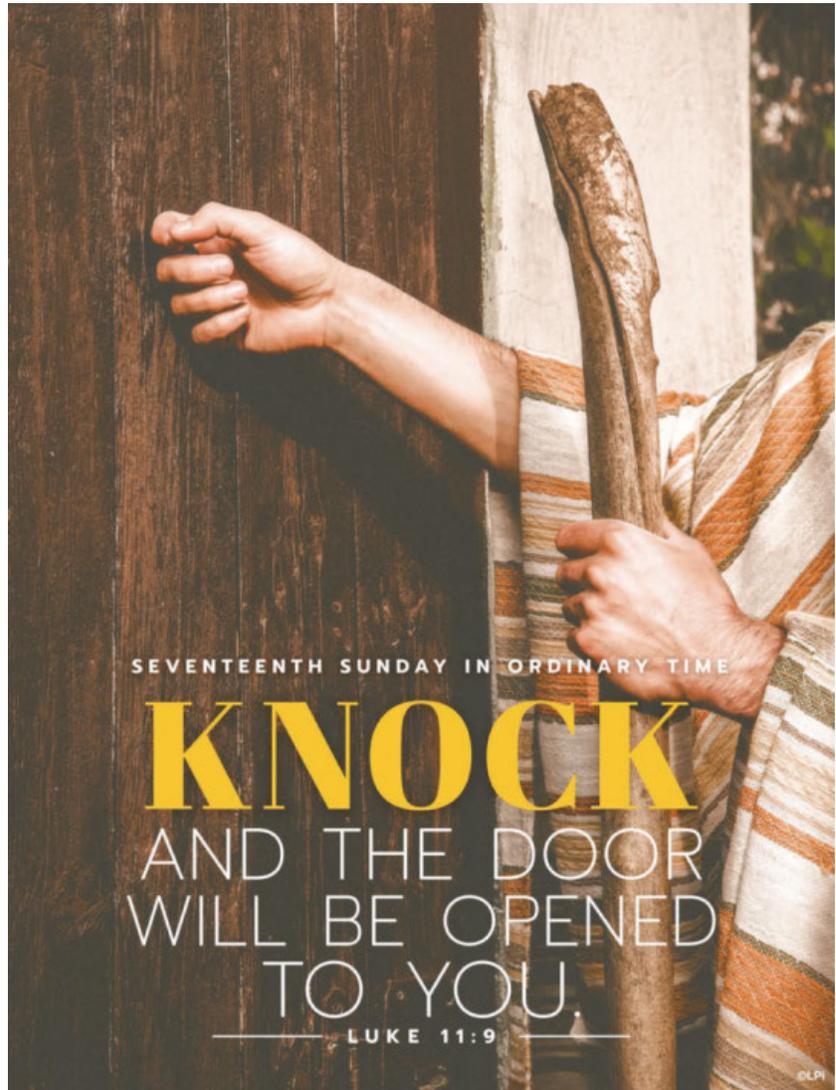
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Parish Office Hours

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 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)

Monday, July 28

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

Tuesday, July 29

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: John & Nicolette Donofrio
(Donofrio Family)

Wednesday, July 30

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Julia Visingardi (Dee Fisher)

Thursday, July 31

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Mary Lancy (Family)

Friday, August 1

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd

Saturday, August 2

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
George Roskos (Roskos Family)
Jane Genova (Husband & Sons)
Anna Hanni (Radilovic Family)
Tom Kolat (Diane Janecko)

Sunday, August 3

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
Michael Sweder (John & Linda Terlesky)
Valent Kozusko (Bill & Janice Norris)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Memorial Candles for the week of August 3, 2025

Virginia Marapese (*Family*) St. Nicholas Church
Peter Raptis (*Joe & Sis VanOudenhove*) St. Nicholas Church
Anna Ponigar (*Chris Lind*) St. Nicholas Church
Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (*Doreen*) Holy Trinity Church

Weekend Mass Schedule Effective August 2/3, 2025

Saturday | 4pm St. Nicholas Church, Struthers
Sunday | 8am Holy Trinity Church, Struthers
9:30am Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Lowellville
11am Christ the Good Shepherd, Campbell

Mass Intentions scheduled for the St. Nicholas 11am Mass will be moved to the Saturday 4pm Mass.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: **"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).** We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— Father John Muir

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are moving into the month of August. The children and young people will be heading back to school soon, which usually means things begin to pick up in the life of the parish. As Bishop Bonnar wrote in his letter assigning me pastor, “Part of the regionalization plan calls for Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, Campbell, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, Lowellville and Christ our Savior Parish, Struthers **to collaborate** with one another **under the leadership of one pastor** while maintaining each **separate identity**.” It means I am one month into this new endeavor of being a pastor in collaboration.

This will be a great challenge since it is next near to impossible to truly be a pastor split three ways, especially when our tenancy would be to lean in on the “separate identity” part of the collaboration. The current reality would make me pastor in title, but a parish manager and chaplain in the day to day practice. The work of forming a collaboration between our three parishes will take the next year just to begin with it becoming a reality the following year. That would be if we take it seriously and put in the work.

An additional challenge would be the state of our parishes. Our parishes need to be communities of faith with ministries that are intergeneration and preparing us to be disciples ready for the mission of Jesus. If we are only a collective of church buildings merely providing Mass and sacraments, only for those who are members, we begin at a disadvantage. Maybe we can begin the work on each of our faith communities while we also work to collaborate together.

We need to remember we exist as a parish to serve God and the mission of Jesus for the salvation of souls, not just our individual soul. It is all interconnected. We are baptized into the Church as the Body of Christ. We do not do this all by ourselves, but as community of faith with the support of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Tom

STEWARDSHIP

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

	Envelopes:	Online:
July 27th	\$5904.00	\$925.00
Catholic Echo:	\$73	

Mass Attendance: 418

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. *He's got this*, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He *is* going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



OUR SICK

Linda Agnew	Maria Meadors
Catherine Armstrong	Patrick Minno
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
Melissa Ferro	Elizabeth Quarm
Stan Floryjanski	Jeanette Rusu
Kathy Grecko	Richard Shubert
Heather Hanlon	Robert Skalada
Brandon Hull	Jack D Slifka
Mary Jurina	Sgt. Robert Smith
Chester Leone	Goldie Strong
Mark Lett	Kathy Tomko
Shauntelle Lett	Hannah Tringhese
Michael Lombard	Janet Will
George S Maczko Jr	Blake Wilson
Ed Mahoney	Larry Yates
James Marco	David Yost
	Richard Zebrowski

OUR HOMEBOUND

Penny Barone
Christine Peluso Kinsley

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES or ASSISTED LIVING

Darlene Fox	Patricia Watt
Norma Higgins	Regina Yurick
Anna Leenheer	Amelia Zaluski
Phyllis Miglarese	Linda Ziars
Marie Phillips	



Safely Home

*Please remember in your prayers
the soul and family of*

Donald Coppola

Susan M. Johnson

Caroline Vonhanel

Karen Micco

Robert Bell

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

EMAIL: gland@youngstowndiocese.org
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FACEBOOK: @COSRelEd

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 daily examen is a spiritual practice whereby one places himself in the presence of God, prayerfully reflecting on the blessings of the day, the actions he took, and the invitation God has for his future decisions.

Prayer for Hope

Lord,

Restore my hope!

Where I fear the future, write a new script in my heart.

Where I doubt Your goodness, fill me anew.

Give me steadfast hope for a beautiful tomorrow.

Amen.



Hubbard St. Patrick Church
225 N. Main St., Hubbard, OH
67 Annual Parish Festival
July 31 - August 3, 2025

Parish-Made Foods: Haluski, Stuffed Cabbage, Cavatelli & Meatball, Steak Hoagie, Sausage Sandwich, Greek Gyros, Meatball Sandwich, hand-cut fries, Pizza Fritta, Corn Dogs, Avalon Pizza, 1/4# Super dogs & more

Rides - Games - Huge Basket Raffle - Live Entertainment
Nightly - Free Admission

Festival Hours: July 31 (6-10pm), Aug. 1 (6-11pm),
Aug. 2 (5-11pm), Aug. 3 (1-10pm)

For more info: www.stpatshub.org

MEADOWS CASINO



MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

Sponsored By: COSP St. Nicholas Church Altar & Rosary

COST: \$40.00 (\$20.00 Free Play)

Coffee & Donut 7:30am - St. Nicholas Church Basement

Bus leaves church at 8:30am - Leaves Casino at 4:00pm

Seats assigned when checks are received.

First paid, first seated.

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

St. Nicholas Altar & Rosary Society

Mail: c/o Priscilla Carlucci

169 Harvey St., Struthers, OH 44471

Please Note: We need your Name, Address, Phone #,
Date of Birth & Meadows Card #

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For more information please contact:

Priscilla 330-755-9966

Bev Pack 330-727-2244 (c)

or 330-755-7274 (H)

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Answer:

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

Twentieth Annual

Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest

August 8-10, 2025

Featuring music by **Goralska Muzicka**, a folk group of student musicians from Orava, Slovakia

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 8, 5pm - 9pm

St. Christine Parish Center: Live Music, Grand Basket Raffle and Slovak Menu including Chicken, Haluski, Pirohy, Soup, and Desserts
(eat in only)

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

Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper
 Paper Towels

Baby Food, Formula, Diapers, Baby Wipes

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



BINGO

COSP@ St. Nicholas Great Hall

Thursdays at 10am

Bingo Packages
 Small: \$30 - Large: \$40

Doors open at 8:30am

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in desperate need of volunteers who can help out at Thursday morning Bingo at the St. Nicholas Great Hall. If you have some free time and would like to help please call Priscilla 330-755-9966 or Bev Pack 330-727-2244 (c) or 330-755-7274 (H) for more information.



Blood Drive

Christ Our Savior Parish at St Nicholas Church

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #4471
 764 5th Street Struthers, Ohio 44471

Thursday, July 31, 2025
11:30am – 5:30pm



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Alzheimer's Disease

A Caregiver's Guide with
Answers to Questions
and a Path to Spiritual Healing

by Robert H. Needham

An essential resource guide for any family coping with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or other Dementia conditions.

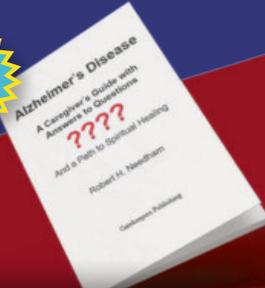
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