

# CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH

AUGUST 3, 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 - Christ the Good Shepherd

## St. Nicholas School

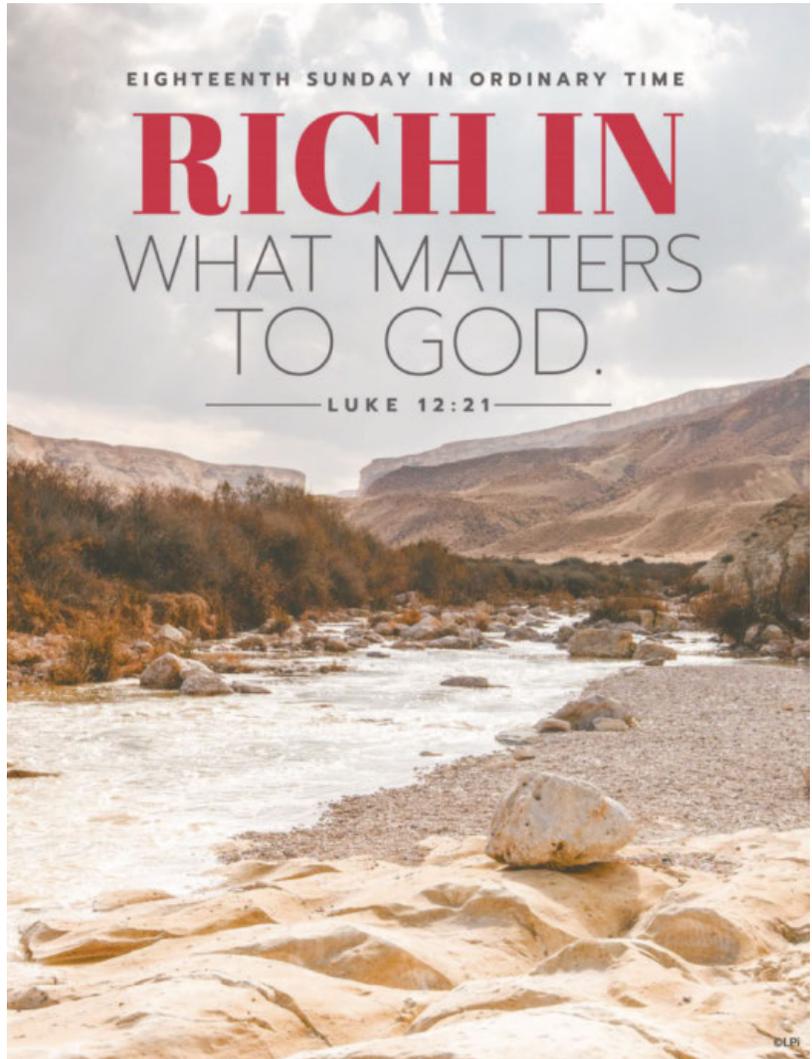
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Katie Harold, Principal

Chrissy Goss, Secretary



## GET IN TOUCH

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cosparishstruthers@gmail.com

www.cosparish.org

### 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, 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

## Monday, August 4

8:30 am: Holy Rosary Church: Albert Baron (Pat & Stan)

## Tuesday, August 5

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: John Tomei (Jean Glova)

## Wednesday, August 6

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: People of the Parishes

## Thursday, August 7

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Joe Popio, Angeline & Vincent Popio  
(Popio Family)

## Friday, August 8

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd

## Saturday, August 9

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:  
Rosemarie Yuhas (Ray Jaros)  
Ralph & Emma Genova (Ralph Genova Jr)  
Margaret Kollar (Frank & Michele Speziale)  
R. George Soldo (Family)

## Sunday, August 10

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:  
George A. Brandenstein (Mr. & Mrs. Ron Fimognari)  
Carol J. (Brandenstein) Solanas (Patty Payne)  
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church  
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

## Memorial Candles

### for the week of August 10, 2025

Duane Reichard (*Friends & Family*) St. Nicholas Church  
James & Josephine DeChellis (*Family*) St. Nicholas Church  
Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (*Doreen*) Holy Trinity Church

## Live The Liturgy

### Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth?



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **“Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— *Father John Muir*

## STEWARDSHIP

“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our “invisible” gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from “emptying” ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

	<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>Online:</b>
<b>July 27<sup>th</sup></b>	\$6,006.00	\$1,055.00
Assumption:	\$30.00	
Energy:	\$35.00	
Mass Attendance:	392	

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### God Gives Us What We Need

A few months back, my wife and I helped move my oldest son into his first real apartment. He was moving to start his first real job and was excited and cautious at the same time. Moving him in reminded me of when his mother and I were first starting out. We received an old couch from her aunt, some kitchen supplies from my mom, and many other things from friends and relatives so we could begin this new journey in our lives. We didn’t have much. But we had one another, and we had love. Looking back, those were great times.

Sometimes, we think material possessions give evidence of a life lived well. Artifacts from our travels, collections that take time to amass and provide clues to our interests, and various pictures and prints that adorn our walls. However, those who have lived lives of hardship and pain have many of the same items. Not only doesn’t all our stuff amount to real evidence of what our life has really been like, but it doesn’t make our lives better either.

What makes a life well lived will be the love and compassion that we have experienced, primarily with God who loves us so deeply. Due to that love, God gives to us what we need, not always what we want. More stuff will never amount to anything in comparison to what God provides to us. If we reflected on that truth more, perhaps we would spend less time accumulating things and more time simply loving.

On that moving day, I wanted to give my son more material things than was possible. However, what he really needs then, now, and always is my love.

—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	

### COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you are homebound, unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office at 330-755-9819 and we will make arrangements for someone to come to your home.



## 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 pro-rated 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.

**First Day of School Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Saint Nicholas School's Mom's & Dad's Club Mum Fundraiser for the school. See the flyer in the bulletin.** Orders and money are due by Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Thank you in advance for your support!

**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays** of the month in the St. Nicholas Lower Church Chapel.

**Chapel Crochet & Knitting Group** - meets the **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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.

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN  
SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY  
FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND  
VULNERABLE ADULTS**

### EDUCATION & SCREENING

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, and employees, as well as any volunteers who work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about our safe environment compliance requirements visit: [doy.org/safe-environment/](http://doy.org/safe-environment/).

### REPORTING & VICTIM ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint.

### Contact Information

**Confidential Response Line:** 330-718-1388  
**Email:** [dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org)  
**By Mail:** Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Attn: Dominic Colucy  
144 W. Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503

Contact information for Civil Authorities can be found at: [doy.org/safe-environment/](http://doy.org/safe-environment/).

(PRACTICING)

# CATHOLIC

## The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

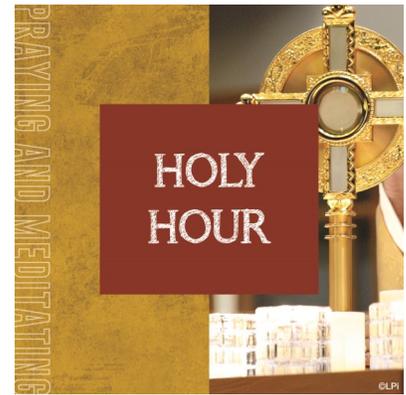
And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



### **Holy Hour, Explained!**

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. More broadly, a holy hour can also refer to any 60 minutes set aside in prayer and reflection, whether in church or elsewhere.

The holy hour devotion dates to the late 17th century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus Christ. In these visions, the Lord requested that St. Margaret Mary spend one hour every Thursday evening lying prostrate and meditating upon his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. This practice calls back to the Gospel of Matthew, which tells of Jesus' desire for the disciples to "remain here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38) as he awaited his passion.

Holy hours can be made privately or in community, and the USCCB has created a variety of different holy hour formats that can be found at [usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion).

### **Prayer for Open Hands**

Lord, I do not know what any day holds,

I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given.

Help me to use them, then, as You would have me.

Help me to live according to Your invitations.

Amen.

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TRAVEL GROUP BUS TRIP 2025**

All are welcome to join us on a bus trip to Lancaster, PA to enjoy "NOAH" at SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE and "HOLIDAY INN" at DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE,

November 14th-15th, 2025.

For more information and reservations contact Andrew Acierno (330) 398-8265.

Christ Our Savior Parish  
**DRIVE-THRU DINNER**

Sponsored by: COSP Holy Name Society



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025**

**4 pm - 6 pm**  
(or until sold out)

**SAUSAGE SANDWICH**  
W/ PEPPERS & ONIONS  
Chips & Bag of Cookies

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**Save the Date!**

**Chefs for Charity on 9/18**



Join us for Chefs for Charity, an evening of culinary delight and community celebration on Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Eastwood Event Centre in Niles, Ohio.

Enjoy tastings from a variety of local restaurants, a lively atmosphere with a cash bar, exciting raffles, live entertainment, and more!

- Tickets: \$75
- For more information, call: 330-744-3320
- Location: Eastwood Event Centre, Niles, OH
- Hosted by: Catholic Charities Regional Agency, 319 W. Rayen Ave., Youngstown, OH 44502

\*\*\* Sponsorship opportunities are also available! \*\*\*

Whether you're a foodie, an entertainment lover, or just looking for a fun night out for a great cause—this event is for you.

Come enjoy great food, good company, and lasting memories.

We can't wait to see you there!



**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 Papiusas



# MUM SALE

The Moms and Dads Club at St. Nicholas School is selling hardy, 8 inch mums! Mums are \$5.50 each or 6 for \$30. They are available in five beautiful colors. Mums will be available for pick-up from 4:00pm-6:30pm in the Great Hall on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. **Orders and money are due by Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**You may drop your order off at the parish office, mass collection basket or the school office.**

Thank you for supporting St. Nicholas School.

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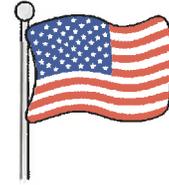
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Quantity						



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# FUNDRAISERS FOR VETERANS

## Sunday, August 10, 2025



7401 Market St.

Boardman, OH. 44512

3:00pm – 6:00pm

Tickets are \$40.00/person

Event includes:

Food, Coffee/Tea/Iced Tea, Live  
 Entertainment, 50/50 Raffle, Basket  
 Raffle, Cash Bar

Food: Italian Baked Chicken,  
 Pasta/Meatballs, Potato, Vegetable,  
 Salad

## Booze Raffle

Drawing to be held on  
 August 10, 2025

There will be **SIX** Winners

Tickets are \$10.00

Total Value Over \$700

Selection Varies Per Basket

Winners will be contacted

Contact Chad Rachic at 330-507-8045 for tickets OR

Mail in this form with payment and your tickets will be mailed back to you.

Mail to 5358 N Beacon Dr. Austintown, OH. 44515

[www.kofcassembly2596.com](http://www.kofcassembly2596.com)

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 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Tickets - Event at Double Bogey's: \_\_\_\_\_ Booze Raffle: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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

**August 11**      **September 8**  
**August 25**      **September 22**

**Suggested Donations for August:** 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.



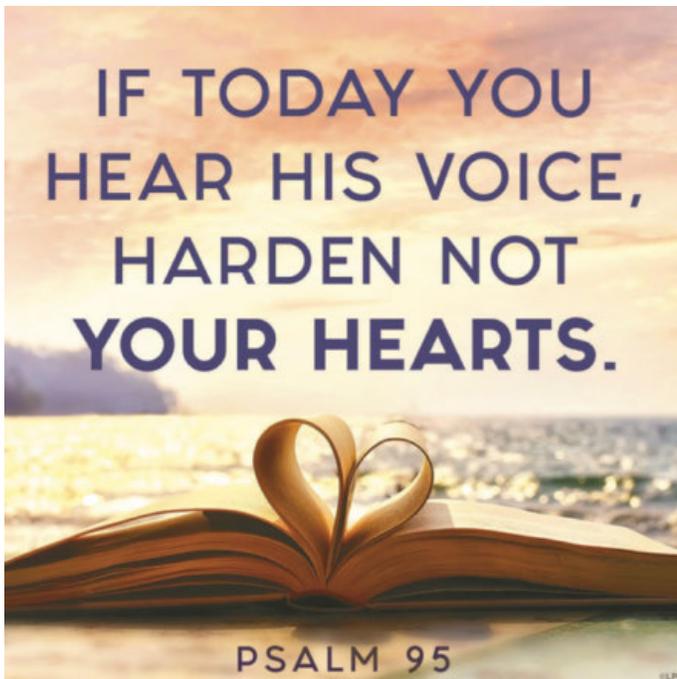
## **BINGO**

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.

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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.

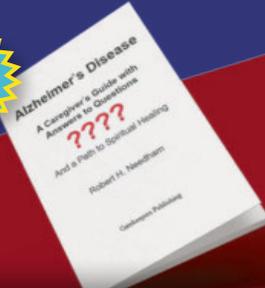
In an effort to support caregivers, essential information and resources are presented including strategies for avoiding burnout. The spiritual aspects of caregiving are also addressed, which can be helpful when dealing with such a potentially disheartening situation.

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