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AUGUST 17, 2025



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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

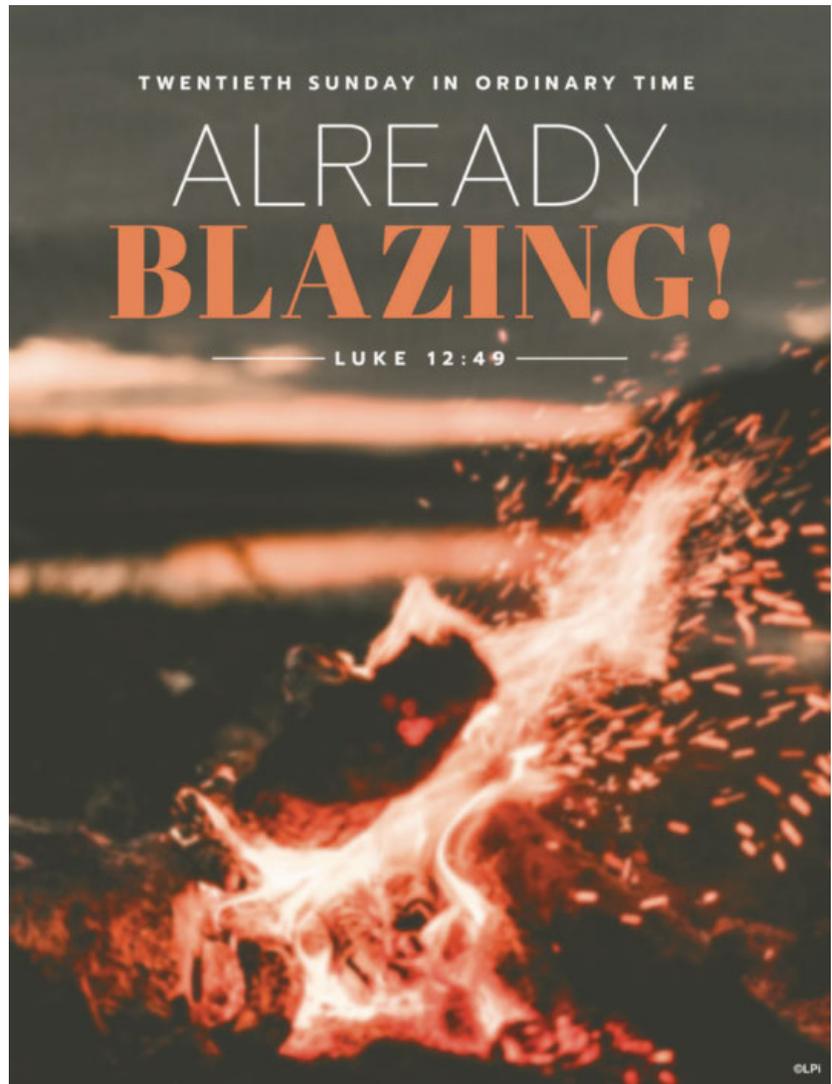
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Chrissy Goss, Secretary



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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 16

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
Stephen S. Komara (Family)
Jane Genova (Robyn, daughter)
Steve & Helen Martinko (Janet & Steve Planey)
Bill Jones (Steve & Joanne Vernarsky)
John Tomei (Pat & Stan)

Sunday, August 17

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
Patsy Frattaroli (Jerry & Bernice DiMarzio)
Brian Starr (Dick & Audrey Rhinehart)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Monday, August 18

8:30 am: Holy Rosary Church: Mary Jane & Marsha Vazmina
(Ronald Vazmina)

Tuesday, August 19

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

Wednesday, August 20

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Michael Evanson (Evanson Family)

Thursday, August 21

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Henry Vecchione (Pat & Anita Jarvis)

Friday, August 22

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd

Saturday, August 23

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
Harold Jarvis (Pat & Anita Jarvis)
Robert & Frank Mogulich (Family)
Agnes Ginnetti (Stan & Pat)
Janine Miely (Ed & Nancy Skoloda)

Sunday, August 24

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
John Seman (Mike & Arlene Fiorentine)
Donald Malatok (Carol Grimm)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Memorial Candles

for the week of August 24, 2025

Mary Jane McCormick (*Family*) St. Nicholas Church
Harry & Lillian Hollen (*Family*) St. Nicholas Church
Dennis Becker (*Mom & Dad*) St. Nicholas Church
Michael DiCicco (*Eleanor Gentile, daughter*) St. Nicholas Church
Donald Commisso (*Dominick*) Holy Trinity Church
Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (*Doreen*) Holy Trinity Church



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, “You shouldn’t be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don’t. If I stop pushing you, it means I don’t think you have any more potential.” He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. “**Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?**” he asks, “**No, tell you, but rather division**” (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That’s why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents’ wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let’s thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir

STEWARDSHIP

“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

	Envelopes:	Online:
August 10th	\$7,008.00	\$1,497.50
Assumption:	\$105.00	
Energy:	\$86.00	
Mass Attendance:	315	

August Envelopes: Assumption, Energy, Mom's & Dad's, Security, St. Vincent de Paul

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Set the Earth on Fire

My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to “put on Christ” so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in Luke 12, “I have come to set the earth on fire.” Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets us on fire.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



OUR SICK

Linda Agnew	Joe Mogulich
Catherine Armstrong	Ashley Moody
Marie Belloto	Wendy Pakalnis
Marilyn Blissenbach	Beth Ferrell Pearce
Ed Bonilla Jr	Sebastian Pieton
Sally Branson	Sherry Pieton
Linda Dallevale	Anthony Pignatelli
Blake Doss	Doreen Ponigar
Donny	Elizabeth Quarm
Melissa Ferro	Jeanette Rusu
Stan Floryjanski	Richard Shubert
Kathy Grecko	Robert Skalada
Heather Hanlon	Jack D Slifka
Brandon Hull	Sgt. Robert Smith
Mary Jurina	Goldie Strong
Chester Leone	Kathy Tomko
Mark Lett	Hannah Tringhese
Shauntelle Lett	Matt Turner
Michael Lombard	Janet Will
George S Maczko Jr	Blake Wilson
Ed Mahoney	Larry Yates
James Marco	David Yost
Maria Meadors	Richard Zebrowski
Patrick Minno	

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

Mary Agnes Duchek

Saint Nicholas School News

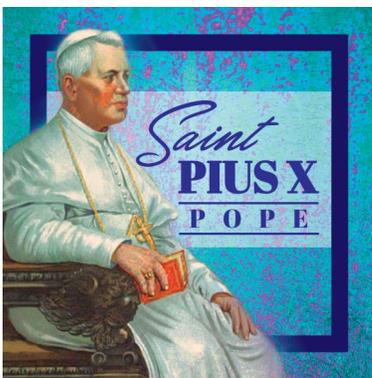
Saint Nicholas School is taking registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. Come and check out what our school has to offer. Students who are attending or would be attending an eligible school can apply for the EdChoice Traditional Scholarship. A list of designated schools can be found on the Ohio Department 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 19th, 2025

School Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 at 8:30am. Please join us.

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 25th, 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.*



St. Pius X's devotion to the Eucharist was truly inspiring! He lowered the age of First Communion to seven years old, encouraging young hearts to encounter Christ early-on. He also advocated that everyone, regardless of their social class, should have access to the Eucharist.

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.



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.

(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

The Fire

This past week I have been reading a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going into the book, but I always had this image of him as a hippie — an easygoing nature-lover who sang about peace and let animals climb on him.

I'm not sure where that caricature of Francis came from, but since I've been reading this book I've come to see that it's not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let a few animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods).

But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire. He was a man burning.

Francis walked around barefoot and slept on the ground. He abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. When his father would encounter Francis in the streets of Assisi, he would curse him.

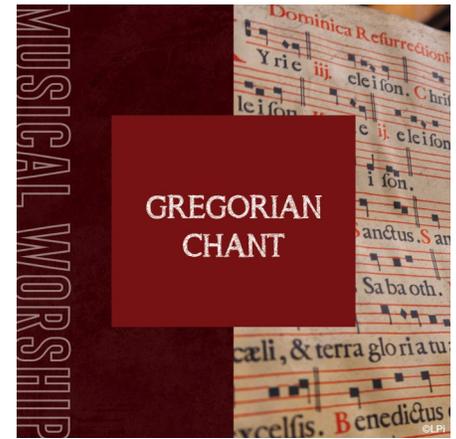
Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better.

The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life.

Think of a field of native plants and how it benefits so richly from a controlled burn — an action that clears away detritus and releases nutrients back into the soil.

If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Gregorian Chant, Explained!

Gregorian chant is an ancient form of sacred music used in liturgical worship and prayer. Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, this type of chant focuses the singer's mind on the content of the prayer being sung, which makes it uniquely suited for use in the Mass.

Dating to the first millennium, it derives its name from Pope St. Gregory the Great, though scholarship is unclear on when exactly this type of chant originated. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, it was standard to use Gregorian chant in the Roman Rite Mass.

Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Constitution on Divine Worship promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1963, asserts that Gregorian chant is "specially suited to the Roman liturgy...(and) should be given pride of place in liturgical services."

Prayer for Bravery

Dear God,

In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation.

Amen.



Struthers Parkside Church will be making fleece tie blankets for the "Build a Bed" program in Struthers on September 13 and 20 from 9am - ?. Lunch will be

provided. Volunteers are asked to meet in the Struthers Parkside Church fellowship hall at 110 Poland Ave. by 9am.

If you would like to donate material you will need 2 yards of print fleece and 2 yards of solid by Sunday, September 7th.

Bus Trip To:

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Sponsored By: COSP St. Nicholas Church Altar & Rosary

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St. Nicholas Church Basement

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Priscilla 330-755-9966
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6-11 P.M.

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330-759-9329



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 3rd, 2025. **Orders and money are due by Monday, August 25th, 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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Phone Number: _____

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Quantity						

Pastoral Installation

Saturday, August 23rd
St. Nicholas Church

We cordially invite all parishioners to the Installation Mass of Rev. Thomas Kraszewski as Pastor of Christ Our Savior Parish. This special Mass will be celebrated by The Most Rev. Bishop David J. Bonnar at 4pm on Saturday, August 23 at St. Nicholas Church. Please join us for hors d'oeuvres and fellowship in the lower church following Mass.



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

August 25 **September 8**
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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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.

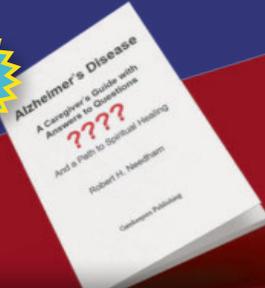
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