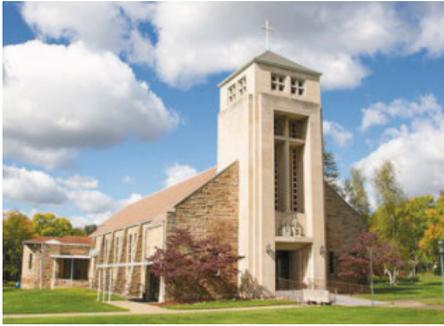


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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

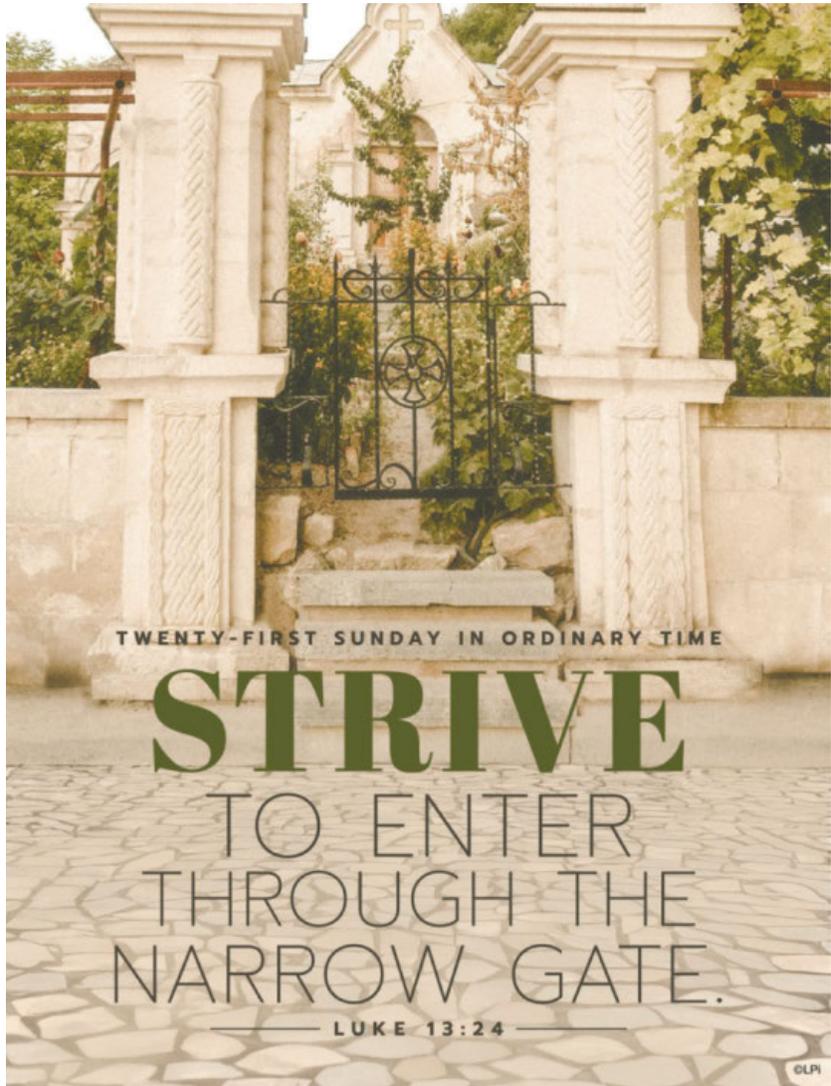
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Parish Office Hours

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 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

Monday, August 25

8:30 am: Holy Rosary Church: Mr. & Mrs. John Granchie
(Emil Bobby & Family)

Tuesday, August 26

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Harry Hollen (Family)

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Felix & Annmarie Pizzola (Family)

Friday, August 29

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd

Saturday, August 30

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
Dennis Becker (Mom & Dad)
Dave Tonya (Cathy Kalenits)
Anna Ponigar (Marge Babik)
Gloria Mahoney (Briel Family)
Donald Morell (wife, Mary)
Lawrence, Darrold & Larry Carroll (Marilyn)

Sunday, August 31

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
Mary Ann Sweder (Friends & Family)
Caroline Vodhanel (Family & Friends)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

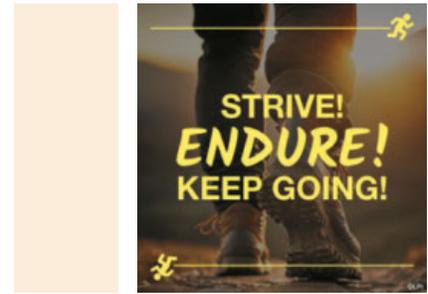
Memorial Candles for the week of August 31, 2025

Frank & Carmel Quattro (*Family*) St. Nicholas Church
Michael Quaranto (*Joe & Sis VanOudenhove*) St. Nicholas Church
Helen Morocco (*Eleanor Gentile*) St. Nicholas Church
Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (*Doreen*) Holy Trinity Church

Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate.” Jesus tells us.
“Many will attempt. . .but will not be strong enough.” So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength.
Narrow does not mean unpassable— not if we ask for help.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: “Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!” It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: “**Strive to enter through the narrow gate**” (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, “How many people are going to make it to the top?” A normal response would be something like: “How is that a relevant question? Carry on!”

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir

STEWARDSHIP

“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God’s standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “What have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?

	Envelopes:	Online:
August 17th	\$5,065.00	\$855.00
Assumption:	\$794.00	
Energy:	\$35.00	
Mass Attendance:	356	

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Do You Know Him, or Just Know About Him?

Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of social media can be powerful tools of communication. They allow people to stay in touch. They provide an avenue for fresh ideas. People can be engaged in conversations and be exposed to issues of the day in ways few could have dreamed of just a few decades ago. But social media can also give the false sense of really knowing someone, when only the surface has been scratched about who a person is in reality.

You don't really know someone just because you know a lot about him or her and are linked to a profile online. Unfortunately, people develop emotional attachments to the idea of a person all the time. If they do find themselves fortunate enough to meet the person face-to-face one day, they can often find out they never really knew the person in the first place.

There are people who believe they know Jesus so very well. They can readily share their view of what Jesus would do or wouldn't do in a given situation. They own items like crosses and Bibles that seem to provide evidence of this person they know so well. Sometimes, they even strongly admonish others because their view of Jesus is certainly not in line with their own.

But in Luke 13, Jesus speaks about those who claim to know him, but they really do not belong to him at all. They make claims based upon what they have seen and heard, but they have never allowed Jesus to truly change them. They are like Facebook followers; seemingly close, but with no real relationship at all.

Do you know Jesus? Don't just be a fan. Invite Jesus into your life and let the real relationship begin.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FROM THE *Pastor's Desk*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past week most of our children and young people began a new school year with some of them getting another week of summer break. I have also been installed at all three parishes as pastor. There is a way to go on moving and settling, but time moves on and many things follow. Many people are commenting on how busy I must be with three parishes. I know I am going to be busy that is a given. Most of what will be currently keeping me busy is merely serving as a functionary to serve the expectations of a parish life long past.

You may recall Bishop Bonner reminding us that there are three parishes sharing one pastor and he encouraged us to collaborate. The need to collaborate is not merely a suggestion to kind of help out the pastor or a way to help each parish keep afloat. The call to collaborate is about helping each parish answer the call to serve the mission of Jesus and to do it more effectively. This is something we can begin learning, discussing and working to reach. It will take a while.

Again, please be patient with me for the daily routine of parish life will be taking my time and energy, while trying to organize a collaboration. We will each need to work on our participation in our own parish to put us in better positions to cooperate. It might be I will need to work with you to get us there. This will help me in the daily routine of parish life and help me serve as pastor in a fuller way. Again, please be patient with me and pray for me as I make my way through the daily routine of parish life as it has been currently set up for us.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Tom

Saint Nicholas School News

Saint Nicholas School is taking registrations for the 2025-2026 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.

School Mass Wednesday, August 27th at 8:30am.
All are welcome.

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.*

Religious Education

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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 this year's program is asked to call Jerry at 330-755-6245

The new CCD year will begin on September 7, 2026 at 9:30 am at our St. Nicholas site. Parents are asked to please return their children's registration forms as soon as possible.

Bible Study will return on **September 11, 2025** at 6:00 pm. We will meet in the conference room at the Parish office. All are welcome.



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
Chester Leone	Goldie Strong
Mark Lett	Kathy Tomko
Shauntelle Lett	Hannah Tringhese
Michael Lombard	Matt Turner
George S Maczko Jr	Janet Will
Ed Mahoney	Blake Wilson
James Marco	Larry Yates
Maria Meadors	David Yost
Patrick Minno	Richard Zebrowski

OUR HOMEBOUND

Penny Barone
Christine Peluso Kinsley

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES or ASSISTED LIVING

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Norma Higgins	Regina Yurick
Anna Leenheer	Amelia Zaluski
Phyllis Miglarese	Linda Ziars
Marie Phillips	



Safely Home

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

Hugh Connolly
Joseph Parteleno
Dolores Novotny

(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

Heaven and Regina George

There are certain phrases that serve as a kind of shibboleth for millennials, a dog whistle that only ears formed between 1981 and 1996 can discern. “You can’t sit with us!” is one of those phrases.

It’s from the movie *Mean Girls*, (which, I hear from my younger family members, has now become cool with the kids again, so maybe my point about it being niche is incorrect). The character Regina George, merciless ruler of the cool kids, is rejected from the ultra-exclusive lunch table she herself formed when her minions, tired of her cruelty, serve her the most devastating words a teenager can hear in public: “You can’t sit with us.”

So passes earthly glory, as they say.

At first blush, this Gospel gives “Mean Girls” vibes. We have an image of the unlucky masses clamoring for entry into the kingdom of heaven as God locks the door against them, saying, “I do not know where you are from.”

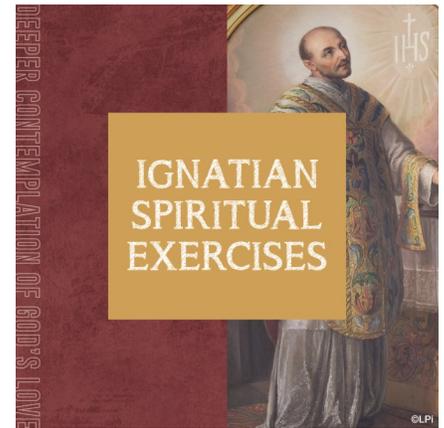
Very “you-can’t-sit-with-us.”

But we need to remember that the people pounding on the door of heaven in today’s Gospel aren’t people who wanted a seat at God’s lunch table — at least, not until it was the only lunch table left, because they had Regina George’d their way out of all the other ones.

Jesus’ whole thing was that you *can* sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you’re from and whatever you’ve done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like “repent” and “be good to that person you really don’t like.” It’s not always an easy table to sit at, especially when there are so many other options.

We have to choose heaven before heaven becomes our only choice.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, Explained!

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (commonly referred to as the Jesuits).

St. Ignatius of Loyola (1492-1556) was born to a noble Basque family. In his youth, he spent time at the Royal Court of Castile and fought in the Spanish army. He experienced a profound religious conversion during a long period of convalescence following a battle injury. Living in a cave outside of Manresa, he began to keep the journal that became the basis of the famous Spiritual Exercises.

The Spiritual Exercises are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God’s love and a more meaningful understanding of his call to discipleship in the life of each person. Divided into four stages, or “weeks,” the exercises focus on the interior movements of the heart to unveil the will of God.

Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the narrow gate.
Remove from me anything that
distracts me from You, Your love,
Your invitation, Your mission. Keep
me close to You, familiar at every
step.
Amen.

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- **HOLY TRINITY PIROHY** - A meeting for all pirohy workers is scheduled for **Thursday, September 18** at **6:30pm** in the Holy Trinity Church basement.

Pirohy sales, potato only, will start September 25.
 - **First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown** - Meetings are held at Avion on the Water Banquet Center 2177 W. Western Reserve Road in Canifield on the First Thursday of each month from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Join us on **Thursday, September 4, 2025** as we welcome Dr. James Kravec, MD, Chief Clinical Officer, Mercy Health. Topic: *"Catholic Health Care and Ethical and Religious Directives"*. Please contact Pat Floryjanski @ 330-755-1108 by Wednesday, August 27 if you would like to attend.
 - **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. **Due to the Labor Day holiday the September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd.**
- 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.



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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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**
- October 6**
- October 13**
- October 27**
- November 10**
- November 24**
- December 8**
- December 22**

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

Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper
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Baby Food, Formula, Diapers, Baby Wipes

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



BINGO

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Thursdays at 10am

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Small: \$30 - Large: \$40

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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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