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AUGUST 31, 2025



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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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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Chrissy Goss, Secretary



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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 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

Monday, September 1

8:30 am: Holy Rosary Church: Carmel Quattro (Family)

Tuesday, September 2

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

Wednesday, September 3

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Rebecca Reichard (John & Linda Terlesky)

Thursday, September 4

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Tom Kolat (Joe Kolat)

Friday, September 5

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd

Saturday, September 6

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
Henry & Frances Vecchione (Pat & Anita Jarvis)
Georgette R. Donofrio (Donofrio Family)
Thomas Gregory (Ron Hamrock)
Anna Ponigar (Barb & Ron Kukura)
Marcia Styranec (Family)
Ronnie Hrusovski (Wife & Daughter)

Sunday, September 7

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
Michael & Ellen Clemente (Family)
Thomas & Eleanor Micco (Family)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Memorial Candles

for the week of September 7, 2025

John Gerlach (Family) St. Nicholas Church
Carletta Pompeii (Paulette Malatok) St. Nicholas Church
Fran Timko (Mike & Arlene Fiorentina) St. Nicholas Church
David J. Christoff (Family) Holy Trinity Church
Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (Doreen) Holy Trinity Church



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: **"When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table"** (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— Father John Muir

STEWARDSHIP

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it’s just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

Envelopes:

Online:

August 24th	\$4,896.00	\$1,745.00
Assumption:	\$5.00	
Energy:	\$15.00	
Mass Attendance:	302	

September Envelopes: St. Nicholas School Gift, St. Vincent de Paul

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Give Graciously

I love the verse in Sirach where it says, “My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.” This is an interesting concept for those of us who think a stewardship way of life is all about the giving of gifts. When we start to think that all we are called to do is give for the sake of giving, we have missed the point.

We are called to be gracious givers. We are called to allow the Jesus in us to encounter the Jesus in others. Humility does not mean that we hide away after we give, but we give in a way that has less to do with us and more to do with the one in whose name we give. Our world needs philanthropy and generosity, but it needs Jesus even more. We want to be good examples to others of how to be generous, not because we want them to be like us but like Jesus.

Give all things with a gracious heart and disposition. Do not take any credit for that generosity but instead let it point to Jesus. After all, it is Jesus who calls us to a mature faith where we answer the call every day regardless of the cost. Without that maturity and answering the call, would we really be driven to be generous givers? Knowing that left to our own devices we would probably not be very successful as a giver of gifts should make us very humble anyway.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Prayer for Labor Day

As the sun rises to bring in the new day:

We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward.

We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day.

We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.

We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:

We remember those who work in the night.

We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day.

We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work.

We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker.

Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities.

Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work.

Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation.

Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day’s work to help their family afford to eat, to live.

Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work.

Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign!

We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

No School Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day!

MUM ORDER PICK UP-WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD AT THE GREAT HALL FROM 4:00PM - 6:30PM.

School Mass Wednesday, September 3rd at 8:30am.
All are welcome.

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

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

The new CCD year will begin on September 7, 2025 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

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 souls and families of*

Gene Babik
William Duchek
Joseph Smith

(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

What Did You Expect?

Moms have a lot of jobs, and it's usually the case that none of them pay very well.

My work as a chef? Zero compensation, and my clientele are very rarely pleased with my efforts. My role as a teacher, a maid, a chauffeur, a therapist — same deal. Ironically, these jobs consume so much of my time that I am constricted in my work as a writer — the only sphere where I do actually garner any earnings.

It is so easy to grumble about all of this, and I do it all the time. Because despite the fact that I know better, I expect repayment for my good deeds. Deep in my soul, I expect it.

That's a huge problem.

In my defense, I don't think this is a very uncommon thing. I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. We want our day to go smoothly. We expect these things as a matter of course; we feel entitled to them, and we become grumpy when we are denied them. *I worked so hard. I gave so much. What was it all even for?*

But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

When you hold a banquet, Jesus said, invite those who cannot return the favor. Give not just without the expectation of repayment, but without the possibility of it.

Think about that for a minute. What does that even *look* like — no possibility of payment?

I know what that looks like in my own life. It's giving more to the literal poor, yes, but it's also giving more — and more happily, more lovingly — when I cook and clean and drive and write and console. It's not lamenting that no one appreciates me — it's actually hoping no one does.

It's learning to love the lowest place at the table. Because in the lowest place, we are closest to God.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



- **Altar & Rosary Society - The St. Nicholas Altar & Rosary Society** will meet on **Tuesday, September 16** after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the lower church. Lunch will be served. New members are welcome to join us.
- **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.
- **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. **Due to the Labor Day holiday, the September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2.**
- **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.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.



On **Sunday, September 7, 2025**, **St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church** will be sponsoring a **3-Tier Chinese Auction** at **St. Michael Social Hall, 405 Robinson Road, Campbell**. Admission is \$10.00 per person and includes 25 Tier 1 tickets and a pasta & meatball bowl lunch. **Doors open at 12 noon and drawings begin at 2:15pm.**

Additional tickets can be purchased for all tiers. There will be hundreds of prizes, themed baskets, gift cards, 70" TV, electronics, & get-a-way vacation weekend.

In addition to the auction, complete pasta dinners will be available for carry-out at \$12.00 per dinner and includes pasta, meatballs, salad, bread & dessert.

Bus Trip To:

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Sponsored By: COSP St. Nicholas Church Altar & Rosary

COST: \$40.00

Coffee & Donut 7:30am

St. Nicholas Church Basement

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Leaves Casino at 4:00pm

Seats assigned when checks are received.

First paid, first seated.

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Mail: c/o Priscilla Carlucci

169 Harvey St., Struthers, OH 44471

Please Note: We need your Name, Address, Phone #, Date of Birth & Presque Isle 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)

Christ Our Savior Parish

DRIVE-THRU DINNER

Sponsored by: COSP Holy Name Society



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

4 pm - 6 pm

(or until sold out)

STEAK HOAGIE SANDWICH

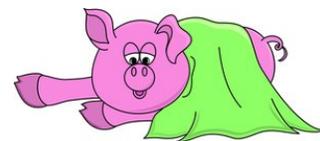
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Bag of Chips & Bag of Cookies

COSP GREAT HALL ENTRANCE

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DRIVE-THRU ONLY



STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER

SEPTEMBER 21 - NOON - 4 PM

Annual Stuffed Cabbage Dinner at **Christ The Good Shepherd at 159 Reed Ave. in Campbell**. Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025 from Noon - 4pm. 50/50 Raffle and Basket Raffle will also be available at the dinner.

Dinner Tickets available after 11am Mass or from a member of Christ the Good Shepherd Cultural Society or by calling Mariann at 330-755-1979. Adults \$14.00 Children \$7.00 Dinner includes stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert. Thank you for your support! Get your tickets today!



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

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

Suggested Donations for September: 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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by Robert H. Needham

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

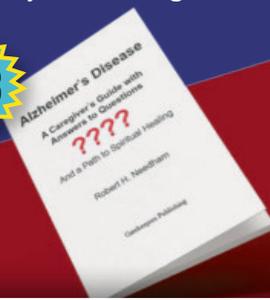
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