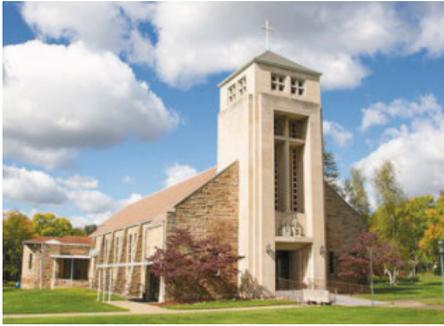


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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

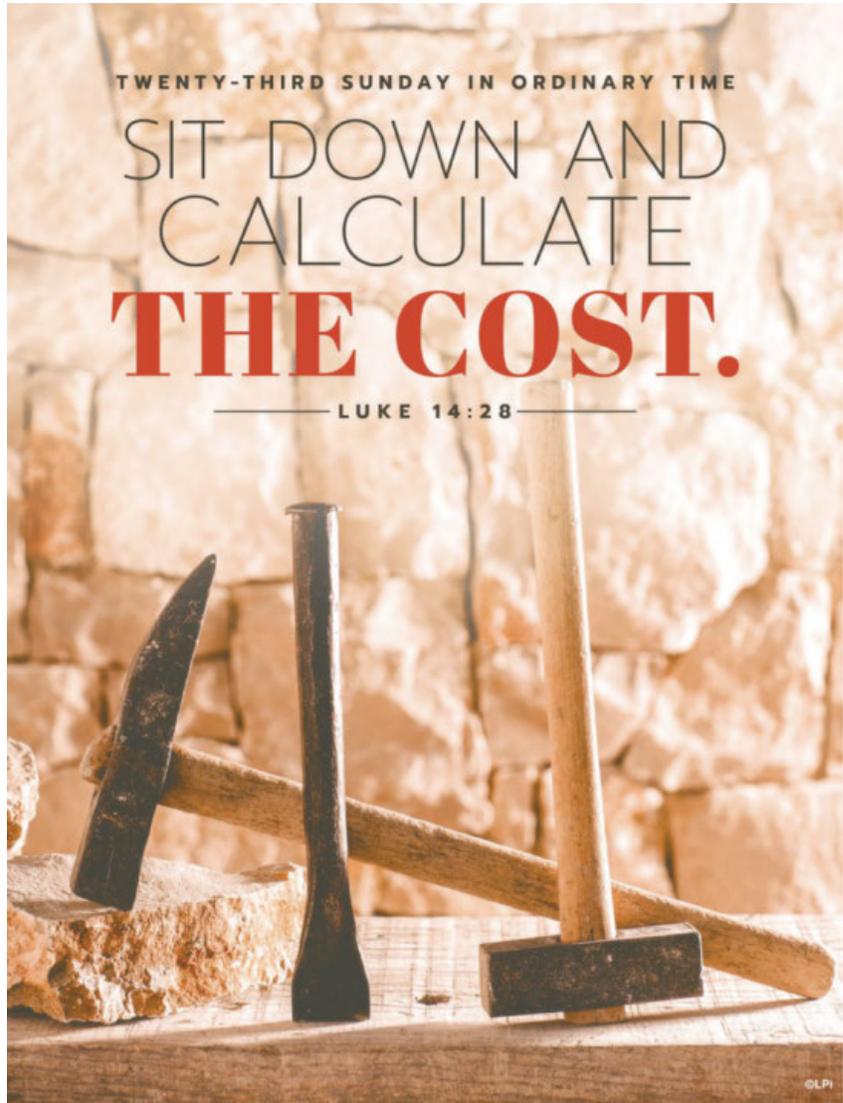
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Parish Office Hours

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, 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

Monday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Fran Timko (Ron & Judi Kotch)

Wednesday, September 10

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Margaret Ziobert
(John & Linda Terlesky)

Thursday, September 11

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: John Family (Micco Family)

Friday, September 12

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd

Saturday, September 13

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
Frank & Margaret Gennaro (Dodie Gennaro)
Jane Genova (Husband & Sons)
Carletta Pompeii (Paulette Malatok)
Marie D'Altorio (Ron & Mary Carcelli)
Agnes Ginnetti (Pam Smith)
James & Josephine DeChellis (Family)

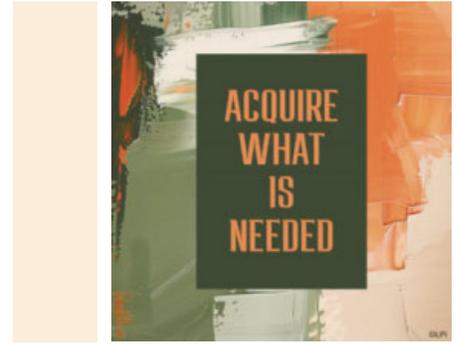
Sunday, September 14

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
George A. Brandenstein (Dr. William Begalla)
John Seman (Janet & Steve Planey)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Memorial Candles

for the week of September 14, 2025

Gloria Mahoney (*Briel Family*) St. Nicholas Church
Lucy Donofrio (*Family*) St. Nicholas Church
Helen Morocco (*Eleanor Gentile*) St. Nicholas Church
David Barone (*Eleanor Gentile*) St. Nicholas Church
Bertha & Frank Conti (*Ralph Genova Jr*) St. Nicholas Church
Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (*Doreen*) Holy Trinity Church



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— Father John Muir

STEWARDSHIP

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

	Envelopes:	Online:
August 31st	\$4,752.00	\$1,000.00
Assumption:	\$128.00	
Energy:	\$40.00	
Mass Attendance:	284	

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Reach Out in Love

We are all called to be accountable to one another. As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we have a responsibility to reach out in love when we see someone lost and to offer support when the need is the greatest. In that same regard, we must never stand between a loved one and him. Our goal when it comes to those we love is to lead them toward heaven and eternal life with the source of all love, Jesus Christ.

This is the “why” of our stewardship. Our generosity and our giving of very selves back to God need to bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus. It is easy to fall into the trap of loving someone so much that we place them before God. We make our human relationships the main thing and ultimately make decisions that keep our loved ones away from that which they need the most. If we truly love another, we will offer them the example of how we love God even more than them.

We live in a world where romantic and parental love are seen as the highest forms of affection. Stories are often told in books and on the screen of how nothing will keep someone from his or her beloved. Although we are called to love one another, we must never be trapped into the portrayal of love that comes from the world. We are gifts from God to one another, and like all other gifts given to us, we are accountable to God for that which He has given. If you can give a loved one back to God completely, then you are worthy of their love in the first place.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FROM THE *Pastor's Desk*

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

The Holy Father has chosen the theme of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, that is observed this weekend in the United States to be “**Blessed are those who have not lost hope**” (cf. *Sir* 14:2).

These words, taken from the Book of Sirach, express the blessedness of the elderly and indicate hope placed in the Lord as the way to a Christian and reconciled old age.

In the Jubilee year, the Day, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is intended to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly can become a sign of hope in every family and church community.

We are invited to celebrate this Day, and to dedicate the celebration to our grandparents and the elderly, promoting visits and opportunities for encounters between the generations.

Prayer for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope'

(*Sir* 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!
Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,
animated by the hope that comes from You!
Help us in this divisive world,
to bring the hope of communion.
Help us in this world, wounded by wars,
to bring the hope of peace.
Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.
Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our
loved ones
and for everyone we meet,
the memory of your tenderness.
Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!
For in You, Lord, nothing is lost
For in You, Lord, everything begins again! 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.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mom's and Dad's Club Mum Fundraiser. Your support is greatly appreciated.

School Mass Wednesday, September 10th 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

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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 this Sunday, 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.

PRAYER list...

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	

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

There will be no 8:30am Mass at St. Nicholas Church on Tuesday, September 9 and Wednesday, September 10 due to the Priest Convocation. The mass intentions on those days will be moved to the following week.

(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

How to Hate the Christian Way

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

It was a chair in my parents' foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words "dumb," "stupid" or "hate." The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don't call anyone stupid. We don't call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

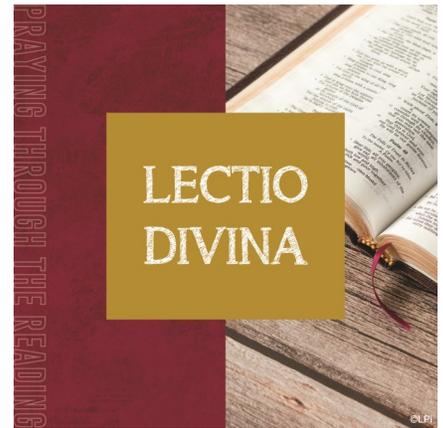
For someone who talks about love so much — for whom love is a legacy and a commandment — it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

I'll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn't really think my sister was stupid, and I didn't really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden — maybe *because* they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings.

Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It's a word that gets people's attention. And I think what he wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wants to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world — and even to other people — supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume.

It's a tough assignment, and we don't like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That's okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Devotions, Explained

Lectio divina ("divine reading") is a practice of praying through the reading of Scripture, opening oneself to the inspiration and communication of the Holy Spirit.

The practice of *Lectio divina* dates to ancient monastic communities, but it has gained popularity in modern times as a way to meaningfully engage with the word of God.

The formula for *Lectio divina* is simple and follows four steps. The text of the Scripture is read (*lectio*) multiple times, and the reader takes note of any words or phrases that resonate with him in a particular way. The reader then reflects deeply on the passage (*meditatio*) and the words that he noticed, turning them over in his mind. Following this, the reader prays with the passage (*oratio*), and dialogues with God, inviting him to illuminate the reader's understanding of the text. Finally, there is rest and contemplation (*contemplatio*).

Prayer of Simplicity

Dear God,

In my desire for You, take away anything that keeps me from knowing You, myself, or my mission here on earth. Help me to remember what is truly important, and to seek and treasure that.

Amen.



Christ Our Savior Parish
DRIVE-THRU DINNER

Sponsored by: COSP Holy Name Society

- **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. Tuesday, November 11 will be the last meeting of the year. Meetings will be cancelled if St. Nicholas School is closed due to inclement weather.
- **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.

THANK YOU: The Knights of Columbus, Msgr. John J. Lettau Assembly #2596 wants to thank all who supported our latest fundraisers that included the Booze Raffle as well as the Dinner Event on August 10th. We raised enough money to give \$2000 to the Youngstown VA Food Pantry, \$1000 to the Gary Sinise Foundation and \$1000 to the DAV – Chapter 2, located in Austintown. As always, the money we raise goes to veteran organizations. We look forward to your continued support as we will continue to raise the much needed funds to support our veterans. God Bless.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

4 pm - 6 pm

(or until sold out)

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Bag of Chips & Bag of Cookies

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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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