

# CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH

SEPTEMBER 14, 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

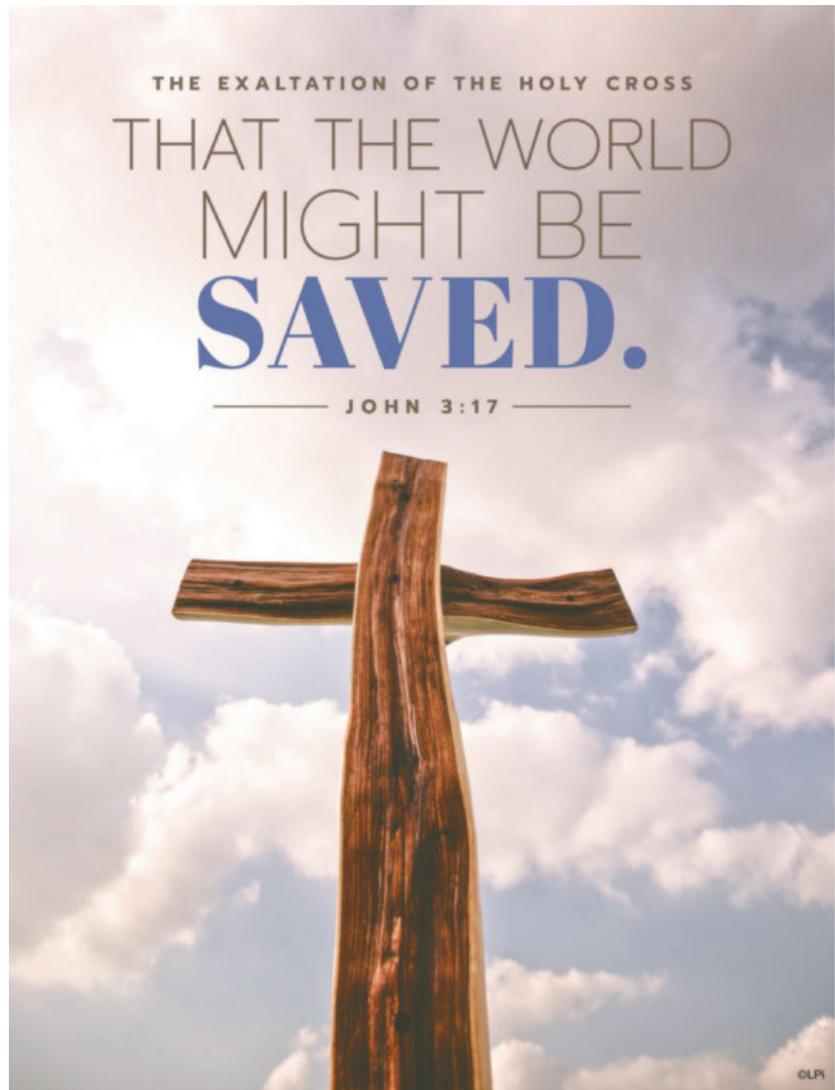
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Chrissy Goss, Secretary



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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, 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

## Monday, September 15

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

## Tuesday, September 16

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

## Wednesday, September 17

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Steve & Helen Martinko (Lehtinen Family)  
Fran Timko (Ron & Judi Kotch)

## Thursday, September 18

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

## Friday, September 19

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd

## Saturday, September 20

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:  
Fred Ramos (Dee Fisher)  
Fran Timko (Thomas & Roseann Brent)  
Dolores & Joseph Magda (Doreen & Jim Ponigar)  
Diane Radulovich (Barb Orenic)  
Virginia A. Cifra (Husband & Family)  
Dorothy Navy & Monica Green (Family)

## Sunday, September 21

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:  
Patsy Frattaroli (Daniel Carrocci)  
David J. Christoff (Family)  
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church  
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

# Memorial Candles

## for the week of September 21, 2025

Sandra & Frank Bell (*Ralph Genova Jr*) St. Nicholas Church  
Gene & Geno Clayton Jr (*Ralph Genova Jr*) St. Nicholas Church  
Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (*Doreen*) Holy Trinity Church



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir

## STEWARDSHIP

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." JOHN 3:16*

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the "kerygma" – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

**Envelopes:**      **Online:**

<b>September 7<sup>th</sup></b>	\$8,996.00	\$1,342.00
Assumption:	\$5.00	
Mass Attendance:	334	

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

## Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment— the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

### Daily Prayer Versus Mass?

#### Question:

I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

#### Answer:

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?

# 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	

### 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.

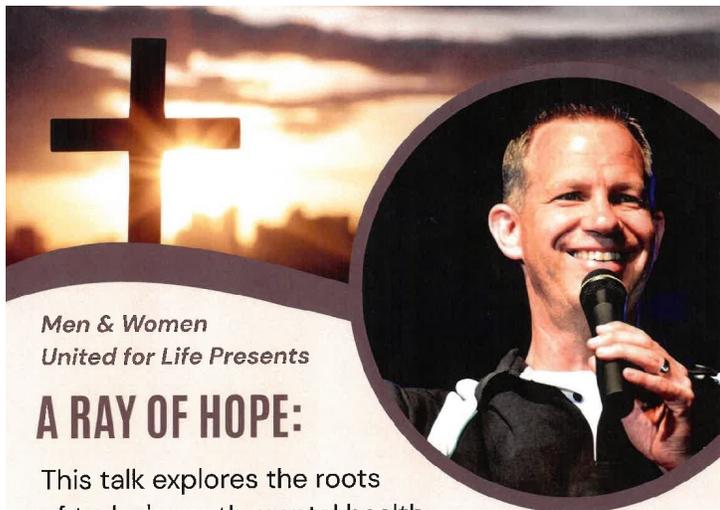


## Saint Nicholas School News

**Saint Nicholas School is taking registrations for the 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, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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.*



Men & Women  
United for Life Presents

### A RAY OF HOPE:

This talk explores the roots of today's youth mental health crisis and reveals the profound hope found in reclaiming what it means to be truly human.

*Designed for both parents and young adults.*

**SPEAKER: JIM BECKMAN**

**When:** Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 6PM

**Where:** St. Matthew Room  
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
7345 Westview Dr. Boardman, OH 44512

## Religious Education

EMAIL: gland@youngstowndiocese.org  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FACEBOOK: @COSRelEd

### **Bible Study**

Bible Study will continue on Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the conference room of the parish office.

The Religious Education Department will begin meeting on **Thursday September 18** for a class on **Catholic Social Teaching** in the parish conference room at 2:30 pm. Anyone interested can register for the class on the Diocese of Youngstown Website, or call the Religious Education department for more information.

**Youth Ministry is back.** Beginning on 9-28-2025 we will begin having Youth Ministry Meetings in the St. Nicholas lower church hall beginning at 1:00 pm. All youth of the parish in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend.



**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **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.

(PRACTICING)

# CATHOLIC

## The Cross is Not Negotiable

“Holiness isn’t for wimps,” Mother Angelica famously said. “And the cross isn’t negotiable, sweetheart — it’s a requirement.”

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is *tough*, and to do it you have to make a decision to *be tough*, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today’s readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness *is* for wimps, *because* the cross isn’t negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses’ staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn’t do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn’t right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We’re wimps; that’s what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



## Devotions, Explained

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often “hear our prayer” or “pray for us”). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion. The basis of the word “litany” comes from the Greek word for “supplication” or “petition.” In a litany, the leader will make an appeal or a statement and the congregation will make the response. Litanies can also be said by one person acting as both the leader and the respondent. Many litanies have been written, including litanies to the Holy Name of Jesus, the Sacred Heart, the Most Precious Blood, litanies appealing to the intercession of various saints, and litanies to the Blessed Mother under her different titles. There are also litanies composed for the attainment of graces and virtues, including the Litany of Humility and the Litany of Trust.

## Prayer of Love

Dear God,  
Expand my heart in new ways today,  
to understand the love You have  
for me,  
to take that love deeply into myself,  
and to act from that love.  
Amen.



for **Christian Tuscano**  
& his recurring medical expenses

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 | 3 - 7pm**  
St. Nicholas Great Hall in Struthers

50/50 Raffle | Chinese Auction  
Tickets: 1 for \$1 • 15 for \$10 • 30 for \$20

Admission: \$10 Adults, \$5 Ages 5 - 10, 5 & Under FREE

For pre-sale dinner ticket info, please contact:  
Jeff Janci: 330-519-6822 or  
Toni Tuscano: 330-506-6459

## Bus Trip To: MGM CASINO



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025**

Sponsored By: COSP St. Nicholas Church Altar & Rosary

**COST: \$40.00**

**Coffee & Donut 7:30am**  
St. Nicholas Church Basement

**Bus Leaves Church at 8:30am**  
Leaves Casino at 4:00pm

Seats assigned when checks are received.  
First paid, first seated.

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** St. Nicholas Altar & Rosary Society  
Mail: c/o Priscilla Carlucci  
169 Harvey St., Struthers, OH 44471

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

### FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER YOUNGSTOWN

Meetings are held at Avion on the Water Banquet Center 2177 W. Western Reserve Road in Canfield on the First Thursday of each month from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Join us on **Thursday, October 2, 2025** as we welcome Most Rev. David J. Bonnar, Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown. Topic: *"Reflections From Bishop Bonnar"*. Please contact Ann Witherow @ 330-330-8418 by Wednesday, September 24 if you would like to attend.

### ASTRALIS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE: Wednesday September 17 at 6:30pm at St. Joseph Church in Austintown

Please come to St. Joseph Church in Austintown to see The Astralis Chamber Ensemble! They will perform "Romantic Masterworks" at the St. Joseph campus. The piano-cello-flute ensemble will perform pieces by Dvorak, Gaubert, Karg-Elert, and the magnificent Trio in D Minor by Felix Mendelssohn. The Astralis Chamber Ensemble is an innovative and dynamic nationally-known music group. These award-winning musicians represent decades of experience and perform at many of the world's major venues and notable concert series. With instrument pairings that are unique worldwide, the ensemble has been selected for the dedication of many new chamber works and has expanded the repertoire available through commissions and arrangements. Concert tours include a range of performances from leading concert series to underserved communities in order to reach communities of all backgrounds through music.

### Youngstown Council of Catholic Nurses

The Youngstown Council of Catholic Nurses (Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio) was founded in 1945 to encourage and advance the spiritual, professional, and social contacts of Catholic Nurses. Our Motto is: In All Things, Charity. The council consists of Catholic registered professional and licensed practical/vocational nurses, actively working or retired. We meet eight times per calendar year at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center, Youngstown, Ohio, 44515. We are seeking to increase our membership and would like to inform other Catholic nurses of our Council.

Please contact Doreen Ghioldi at 330-770-5299 if you would be interested in joining the Youngstown Council of Catholic Nurses.



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

- ⇒ **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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and a Path to Spiritual Healing

by Robert H. Needham

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