

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH

SEPTEMBER 28, 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

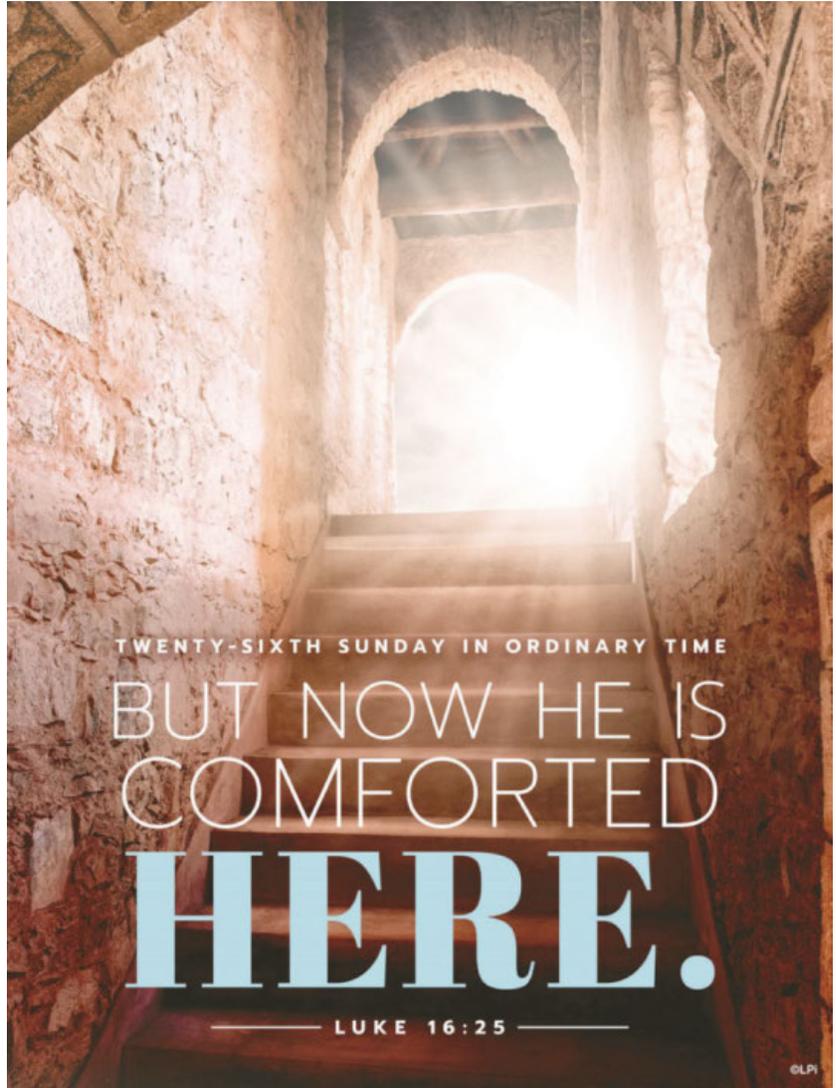
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Parish Office Hours

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 27

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
John Colista (Family)
Rubicky Family (Cindy Hamrock)
Anna Ponigar (Norma Luchansky)
Tom Gregory (wife, Judy)
Jimmy DeSignore (Kristen & Anthony)
Mike & Laura Fiorentine (Rose Fiorentine)

Sunday, September 28

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
Donald Malatok (Denise & David Pavlik)
Caroline Vodhanel (Eugene Yuhas)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Monday, September 29

8:30 am: Holy Rosary Church: Peggy Higgins (Pat & Stan)

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (Doreen)

Thursday, October 2

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Agnes Ginnetti (Popio Family)

Friday, October 3

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd:

Saturday, October 4

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
Catherine Gerlach (Family)
Gary Kalbasky (Grace Pape)
Thomas Gregory (Ron Hamrock)
Donald T. Coppola (Richard Zoldak)
Lawrence, Darrold & Larry Carroll (Marilyn)
Bill Jones (Karen & Mary Jean Antal)

Sunday, October 5

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
Anthony Melchionne (Bill & Erma Shea)
Antonio Battaglini (Carmen & Angela Ramunno)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Memorial Candles

for the week of October 5, 2025

Helen Korechko (*Daughters*) Holy Trinity Church
Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (*Doreen*) Holy Trinity Church
Vito Carchedi (*Wife & Family*) St. Nicholas Church
William & Mary Duchek (*Patty Magazzino*) St. Nicholas Church
Andy, Kathryn, Michael & Eddie Koval (*Andrea High & family*)
St. Nicholas Church



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: **"My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented"** (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved *that*, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— Father John Muir

STEWARDSHIP

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...” LUKE 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

Envelopes: Online:

September 21st	\$6560.00	\$1015.00
Energy:	\$20.00	
Christmas Flowers:	\$35.00	
Mission Sunday:	\$25.00	
All Saints:	\$25.00	
Religious Retirement	\$100.00	
Mass Attendance:	328	

Oct. Envelopes: Energy, Mission Sunday, Security, St. Vincent de Paul

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Called to Compassion

What does a homeless person need? That may seem like an odd question since being homeless would indicate they certainly need a home. Beyond that though, what does a homeless person need? Most would guess the person needs food, money, clothing, medical care, and toiletries. Many parishes put together drives for those items. Is that all the person needs? It is easy to get caught up in all the things that easily come to mind so that we miss a key thing needed by someone homeless as well as all human beings: to be seen.

How many of us pass by homeless people and pretend they are not even there. We don’t have money in our pocket, we don’t have food to give, and we don’t have material items that they need, so we offer them nothing. We don’t even offer ourselves.

Welcoming someone with a kind word is free. Amazingly, we act like it costs us more than anything else. It is easier to hand someone \$5 than it is to engage in a 15-second exchange of words. We talk about being generous, but we need to remember that sometimes the greatest gift we have to give is simply ourselves. The Jesus in me meets the Jesus in you. One day, you or I may find ourselves in a tough spot, and we will be looking for compassion. Let’s hope that all those who profess to know Jesus don’t simply pass on by pretending not to see us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

From The Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past week the pastoral councils of our parishes gathered together to begin the planning of a new chapter in the life of our faith communities. We begin this chapter with a mandate from the bishop to be parishes in collaboration with each other. Not only to help the pastor, not for our existence as individual parishes, but to better carry out the mission of Jesus. Each parish has two parish councils to help the pastor lead the parish in this mission. They are the parish **finance council** and the parish **pastoral council**. Each council has specific areas to advise the pastor.

Since the pastoral councils have met, it might be helpful to review what is the purpose of this particular council. There seems to be a misunderstanding of this council that goes back decades among most parishes. The Diocese of Youngstown had updated guidelines for parish pastoral councils two year ago and it may be helpful to highlight a few things explaining the purpose of the pastoral council.

We are reminded that the mission of the Church is evangelization and that today it is the parish that serves as the beating heart of the Church’s evangelical vocation. The pastoral council is about pastoral planning to help the parish fulfill the evangelical vocation. The diocesan guidelines state: *The parish pastoral council is presided over by the pastor, who must take the responsibility of leading the council through the work of pastoral planning. The purpose of the council is specifically to foster pastoral activity—to open the parish to the shepherding work of Christ. Therefore, the council’s work must always be done on the plane of faith, resisting the temptation to become merely an administrative or executive committee. Finally, the council possesses only a consultative vote, since the duty of decision-making lies with the pastor.*

The guidelines follow with what the pastoral council is not, *The parish pastoral council exists for the sake of pastoral planning, not administrative decisions, or oversight of parish finances. Administrative decisions dealing with the day-to-day operation of the parish are generally the responsibility of the pastor and his staff, while parish finances are overseen by the pastor with the assistance of the parish finance council, as described in canon law. A parish pastoral council that becomes involved in administration loses its focus and its energy for the important work of pastoral planning. The council’s role is unique and necessary: it deals with complex problems and forms long-term goals that will have a wider effect on the parish.*

May this brief explanation of the purpose of the parish **pastoral council** be helpful in understanding that the work of the council is to help facilitate the work of the parish, and that work means answering the call of Jesus to share in His mission to bring the Good News of the Gospel to world and welcome people into the family of God through the waters of baptism and the joy of our communities of faith.

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, October 1st 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.*

Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The rich man had a chance, every day of his life, to choose righteousness. But righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He discovered too late that the only time we have to follow God is now. Here. This moment. Will we take our chance?

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

Religious Education

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FACEBOOK: @COSRelEd

Bible Study

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

Youth Ministry

We will meet on Sundays in the St. Nicholas lower church hall starting at 1:00 pm. All youth of the parish in 7th through 12th grade are welcome.



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.

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

Snow Days and Second Chances

Yesterday morning, my kids were playing outside in the snow, and I decided to take advantage of the quiet house to make a few important phone calls.

Fool. I forgot Murphy's Law of Parenting, which dictates that as soon as you dial a phone number, a bomb of irritation and neediness explodes within the heart of your loudest child. Sure enough, as soon as the person on the other end of the line picked up, my son was at the back door, whimpering loudly. Horror of horrors, he had snow in his boot.

I gestured to the phone. He whimpered more loudly. I mouthed and mimed threats. He threw his boot at me. I gave him The Look. He started to scream.

Well, needless to say, the phone call didn't go well, and my son's snow day was cut short. He begged for a second chance, but I explained to him that life doesn't always give you second chances. The phone call was over. Ruined. I couldn't get it back.

But that's when I remembered that moms have a superpower: creating second chances where none had existed before. So I told him that if he could be quiet while I made the rest of my calls, he could go back outside.

My son is young right now. I give him lots of second chances because second chances help him learn. Second chances are the training wheels of life.

I dread the day when the training wheels come off, and I can't save him from his bad decisions. I think every parent does.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us. It's because a truly endless supply of chances would strip us of our free will. It would deny us the right of being taken at our word — and God respects us too much to do that.

My son saved his snow day. It's a good reminder: take the second (and third and fourth) chance. Don't wait for the next one.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



OUR SICK

Linda Agnew	Ashley Moody
Catherine Armstrong	Wendy Pakalnis
Marie Belloto	Beth Ferrell Pearce
Marilyn Blissenbach	Sebastian Pieton
Ed Bonilla Jr	Sherry Pieton
Sally Branson	Anthony Pignatelli
Linda Dallevale	Doreen Ponigar
Kathy Dean	Elizabeth Quarm
Blake Doss	Jeanette Rusu
Donny	Richard Shubert
Melissa Ferro	Robert Skalada
Stan Floryjanski	Jack D Slifka
Kathy Grecko	Sgt. Robert Smith
Heather Hanlon	Goldie Strong
Brandon Hull	Tom Sweder
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
Joe Mogulich	

OUR HOMEBOUND

Penny Barone
Christine Peluso Kinsley

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Darlene Fox	or	Patricia Watt
Norma Higgins		Regina Yurick
Anna Leenheer		Amelia Zaluski
Phyllis Miglarese		Linda Ziars
Marie Phillips		

Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow, God be their comfort.

For caretakers and medical staff, God give them grace.

Surround those afflicted with Your love, care, and mercy, You who are our healing and hope.

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

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Christ Our Savior Parish



Columbus Day Raffle

October 5 - October 25, 2025

\$50.00 Winners:

**October 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16,
17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25**

\$100.00 Winners

October 5, 12, 19

\$500.00 Winner

October 13 (Columbus Day)

Winning tickets are returned to the barrel for more chances to win!

Additional tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office or on our website @ cosparish.org

All proceeds will be used for repairs at both churches & the school.

PARISH NAME Christ Our Savior Parish
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR PARISHES WITH SCHOOLS
FOR THE PERIOD July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

DUE TO DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN:

	CURRENT YEAR	PRIOR YEAR(S)
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS	\$ -	
HIGH SCHOOL QUOTA	-	
PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE	-	
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PREMIUMS	-	
TOTAL DUE TO DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN	\$ -	\$ -

OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL BALANCE ON LOANS \$ -
 (Banks, Individuals)

**TOTAL OF UNPAID INVOICES GREATER THAN
 60 DAYS PAST DUE** \$ -

SCHOOL INFORMATION
(Prior Academic Year)

TUTION INCOME		\$ 887,563
TUTION SUBSIDY FROM PARISHES WITHOUT A SCHOOL		8,088
OTHER SCHOOL INCOME (excluding parish subsidy)		149,972
TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSE (enter as negative number)	(A)	(1,117,909)
PARISH SUBSIDY TO SCHOOL	(B)	\$ (72,286)
ENROLLED STUDENTS	(C)	142
ACTUAL PER PUPIL COST (A) / (C)	(D)	\$ 7,873
PARISH SUBSIDY OF PER PUPIL COST [(B) / (A)] x (D)		\$ 509



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PIROHY

Orders are taken on
Wednesdays 4pm - 6pm and
Thursdays 9am - 10am
@ 234-275-8705.

Potato - \$8 per dozen (3 dozen limit)

Pick-up on **Friday** from **11am - 1pm**



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

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

Suggested Donations for October: 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

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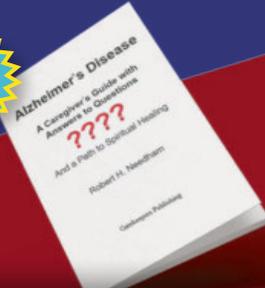
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