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DECEMBER 14, 2025



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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

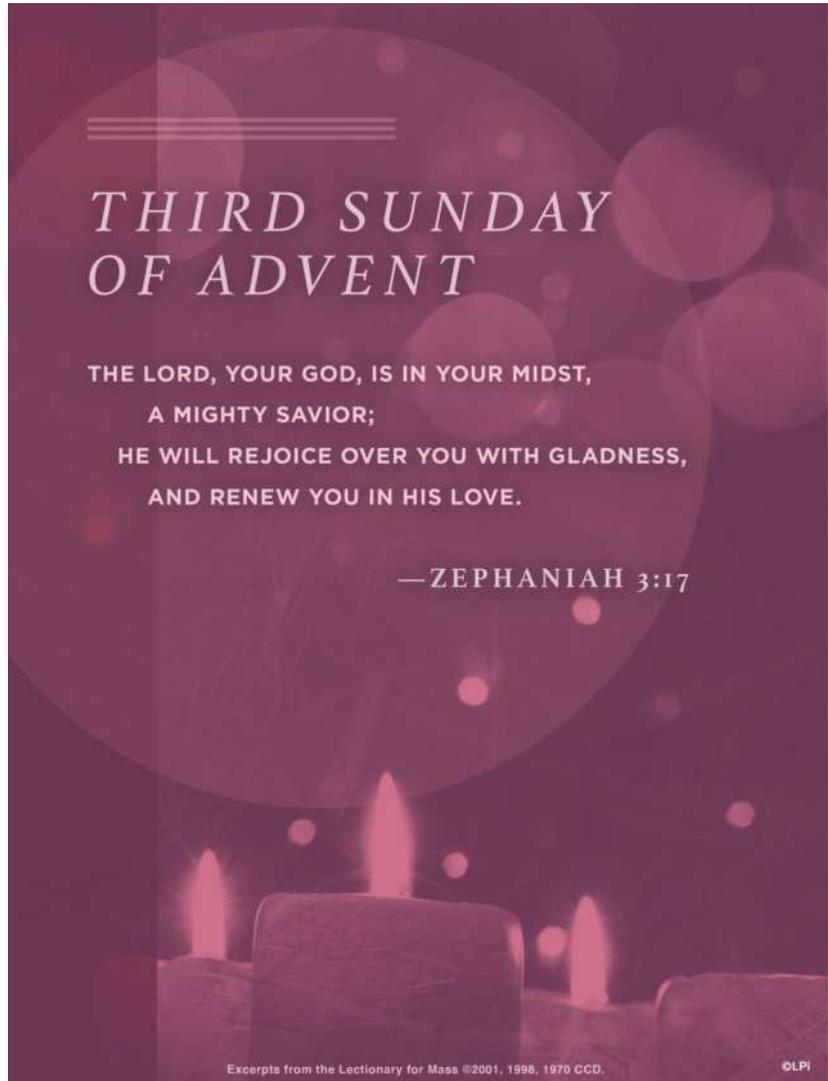
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Parish Office Hours

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, December 13

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
John Kosek (Patty & Kenny Kosek)
John Gerlach (Family)
Thomas Gregory (Linda Cifalde)
Joseph D. Smith (KofC Council #4471)
Mary Ann Sweder (Paulette & Larry Fry)
Duane Reichard (Friends & Family)

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
Eleanor Kozusko (Janice & Bill Norris)
Edward Walko (Wife & Family)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Monday, December 15

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

Tuesday, December 16

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Beverly Yurcisin (Husband, Ed)

Wednesday, December 17

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: John Ambrozy (Pat & Stan)

Thursday, December 18

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Steve & Helen Martinko (Lehtinen Family)

Friday, December 19

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd:

Saturday, December 20

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
Alex Carchedi Family (Family)
John Hrinak (Family)
Nick & Anthony Genova (Ralph Genova Jr)
Gene Babik (John & Carole Garchar)
Benedicto T. Vieitez (Carl Vieitez & Family)
Navy & Payne Family (Family)

Sunday, December 21

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
George A. Brandenstein (Kelley Soltis)
Donald Malatok (Wife)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Memorial Candles

for the week of December 21, 2025

Attilio, Elizabeth & Jimmy DelSignore (*Joann*) St. Nicholas Church
Ben Marapese (*Family*) St. Nicholas Church
John & Terese Colista (*Family*) St. Nicholas Church
Anne Van Oudenhove (*Joe & Sis Van Oudenhove*) St. Nicholas Church
Antonio Battaglini (*Carmen & Angela Ramunno*) St. Nicholas Church
Tom Kolat (*Marlene Vujevic*) Holy Trinity Church
Mary Gentile Quattro (*Eleanor Gentile*) Holy Trinity Church
Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (*Doreen*) Holy Trinity Church



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7).** He’s not just describing the crowd’s mis-aimed pursuit. He’s naming our tendency to chase after what’s flashy but flimsy. What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can’t satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn’t a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real. This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— Father John Muir

STEWARDSHIP

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own. **Envelopes:** **Online:**

December 7th	\$7,167.00	\$1,715.00
Catholic Education:	\$250.00	
Christmas:	\$335.00	
Christmas Flowers:	\$210.00	
Immaculate Conception:	\$200.00	
Mission Sunday:	\$100.00	
Religious Retirement:	\$335.00	
Solemnity of Mary:	\$25.00	
Mass Attendance:	311	

December Envelopes: Christmas, Immaculate Conception, Mary Mother of God, St. Vincent de Paul

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give.

You can't pour from an empty cup.

All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

A Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD shines over you.
For look, darkness will cover the earth,
and total darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will shine over you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to your shining brightness.
—Isaiah 60:1-3

*Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send Your Holy Spirit upon our
preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet
spaces to hear Your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things
look forward to Your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of Your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of
Your presence.
We are Your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.
—Henri J.M. Nouwen*



ADVENT COMMUNAL Penance SERVICE

AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH, POLAND
Sunday December 14th at 3:00 PM

ADVENT COMMUNAL Penance SERVICE

Immaculate Heart of Mary church, Austintown
Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday December 20th
3:00 PM - 3:55 PM at St. Nicholas church

Monday, December 22nd
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM at St. Nicholas church

Saint Nicholas School News

Saint Nicholas School registration for the 2026-2027 school year will open up in January. Come and check out what our school has to offer. EdChoice Scholarship applications open up on February 1st, 2026. 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, December 17th at 8:30am.

All are welcome.

Saint Nicholas Schools Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 17th at 12:30pm in the church. Mr. Halls, our music teacher, and our students have been working hard to prepare a beautiful and fun evening of Christmas cheer.

On Thursday, December 18th students will be treated to a Christmas Movie at Tinseltown. Thank you to the Mom's and Dad's Club for sponsoring this field trip.

The Holy Name Society and Mom's and Dad's Club will treat the students and staff to a delicious Christmas breakfast on Friday, Dec. 19th. Thank you to the Holy Name Society and Mom's and Dad's Club for all you do for our school.

Saint Nicholas School and Office will be closed for the Christmas break from December 20th through January 4th. School resumes on Monday, January 5th, 2026.

Basketball games this week

Sunday Dec. 14th Girls 7th & 8th grade

3:00pm @ Mooney vs. St. Charles

Wednesday, Dec. 17th Boys 5th & 6th grade

6:30pm @ St. Christine

Thursday, Dec. 18th Girls 7th & 8th grade

5:30pm @ St. Christine vs St. Charles

Thursday, Dec. 18th Boys 5th & 6th grade

5:30pm @ St. Charles

Saturday, Dec. 20th Boys 5th & 6th grade 11:00am @ JFK

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

There will be a **Confirmation Class on December 18, 2025** in the lower hall of St. Nicholas Church. Session 2 make up session starts at 5:30 and session 3 will begin at 6:30 pm

Bible Study

Join us on Thursdays at 6:00pm in the parish office conference room. All are welcome.

There are still Matthew Kelly books available if you wish to take one after mass.

VOCATIONS

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (*Matthew 11:2-3*)

John's question invites us to seek Christ's presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Church Vocations at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.



*We welcome our newest Saints,
baptized into Christ Jesus by water and the Holy Spirit:*

Sienna Grace Griffith

Marissa Selena Reyes



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 To Last Week's Pirohy Workers

Doris Almasy, Carrie Antalocy, Virginia Bartos, Marie Belloto, Pauline Chrapcynski, Mike Clemente, Karen Ewsichek, Art & Arlene Ginnetti, Dan & Maria Ginnetti, Bob & Chris Granchie, Patti Grieco, Carol Grimm, Jim Kavaky, Billy Kuhley, Lora Latessa, Michele Liggett, Chris Maker, Paulette Marks, Sue & Tony Martucci, Mary Ann McCloskey, Barb Melchionne, Barb Micco, Mary Narducci, Marty Oravec, Patty Pethtel, Debbie Petrusovich, Cheryl Ranshaw, Joe & Michele Restivo, Diane Rubino, Stephen & Faye Tarajcak, Ed Yurcisin, Kathy Zackasee, Linda Zappia

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, January 8, 2026** as we welcome Sr. Jeanne Thurin, HM, Sister of the Humility of Mary. Topic: *"Jesus the Recipe for Life: Portrayed in Mime"*. Please contact Ann Witherow @ 330-330-8418 by Wednesday, December 31 if you would like to attend.



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN
SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY
FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND
VULNERABLE ADULTS**

EDUCATION & SCREENING

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, and employees, as well as any volunteers who work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about our safe environment compliance requirements visit: doy.org/safe-environment/.

REPORTING & VICTIM ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint.

Contact Information

Confidential Response Line: 330-718-1388

Email: dcolucy@youngstowndioocese.org

By Mail: Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Attn: Dominic Colucy

144 W. Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503

Contact information for Civil Authorities can be found at: doy.org/safe-environment/.

PRAYER list...

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	Robert Skalada
Melissa Ferro	Jack D Slifka
Stan Floryjanski	Sgt. Robert Smith
Heather Hanlon	Goldie Strong
Sarah Hill	Tom Sweder
Chester Leone	Kathy Tomko
Mark Lett	Hannah Tringhese
Shauntelle Lett	Matt Turner
Michael Lombard	Justine Valley
George S Maczko Jr	Janet Will
Ed Mahoney	Blake Wilson
James Marco	Larry Yates
Maria Meadors	David Yost
Joe Mogulich	Richard Zebrowski

OUR HOMEBOUND

Penny Barone
Christine Peluso Kinsley

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES or ASSISTED LIVING

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



Safely Home

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

**Eileen Clemente
Dorothy Loshuk
Richard Mrosko**

Cantique de Noël

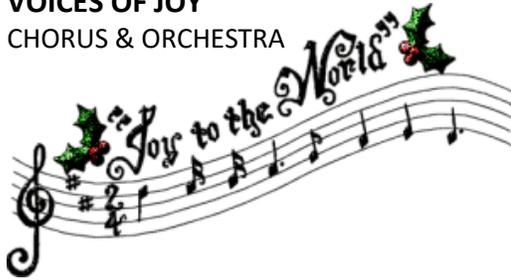
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December 14 at 4:00pm

Western Reserve United Methodist Church
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\$25 Donation per Ticket

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Contact any KofC member

Call Jeff @ 330-519-6822

Tickets also available at the parish office

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Bus Trip To:

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MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

Sponsored By: COSP St. Nicholas Church Altar & Rosary

COST: \$40.00

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St. Nicholas Church Basement

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Leaves Casino at 4:00pm

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Mail: c/o Priscilla Carlucci

169 Harvey St., Struthers, OH 44471

Please Note: We need your Name, Address,
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For more information please contact:

Priscilla 330-755-9966

Bev Pack 330-727-2244 (c) or 330-755-7274 (H)



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@ Holy Trinity Church



Orders are taken on **Wednesdays 4pm - 6pm**
and **Thursdays 9am - 11am @ 234-275-8705.**

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

Cabbage - \$10 per dozen (2 dozen limit)

Lekvar - \$10 per dozen (no limit)

Cabbage & Lekvar available from November
20th to December 18th

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



BINGO

COSP@ St. Nicholas Great Hall

Thursdays at 10am

Bingo Packages

Small: \$30 - Large: \$40

Doors open at 8:30am

There will be NO Bingo on
Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



Christmas

MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th

4:00 PM ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

6:00 PM HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

8:00 PM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th

9:00 AM ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

11:00 AM CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The COSP Food Pantry at St. Nicholas Great Hall will be **OPEN** from **9:30am - 11am** on the following Mondays:

December 22 - Christmas Giveaway

January 12

January 26

February 9

February 23

Suggested Donations for December:

Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sweet Potatoes,
Canned Vegetables, Cookie Mix, Flour, Sugar

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A Caregiver's Guide with
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by Robert H. Needham

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