

# CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH

DECEMBER 21, 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

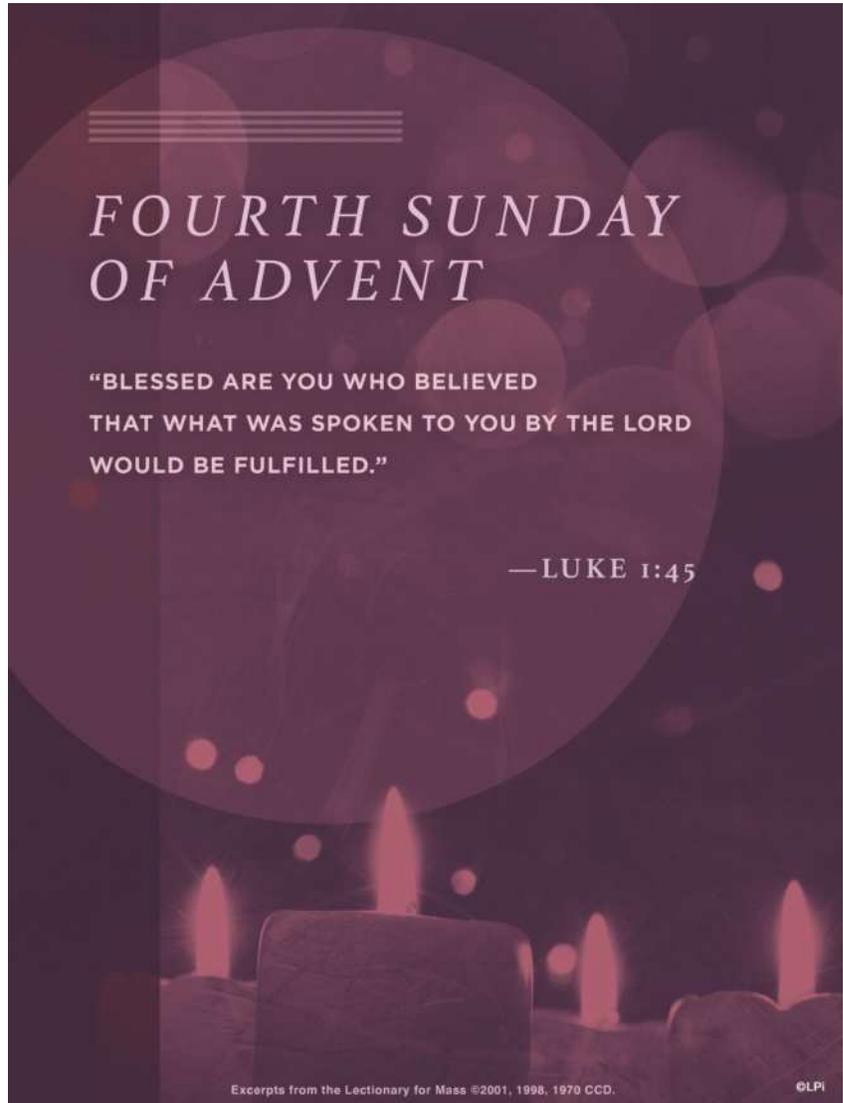
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#### Parish Office Hours

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, 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

## Monday, December 22

8:30 am: Holy Rosary Church: Lisa Currao (Pat & Stan)

## Tuesday, December 23

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Helen Radilovic (Radilovic Family)  
Marie D'Altorio (Lee & Karen Ewsichek)

## Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church: People of the Parishes  
6:00 pm: Holy Rosary Church  
8:00 pm: Holy Trinity Church: People of the Parishes

## Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 am: St. Nicholas Church: People of the Parishes  
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

## Friday, December 26

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd:

## Saturday, December 27

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:  
Jane Genova (Daughter, Robyn)  
Gary Kalbasky (Sam Coppola)  
Richard Cantanzariti (Angelilli & Wittenauer Family)  
Matthias Schmidt (Kenneth Hall)  
Steve & Helen Martinko (Lehtinen Family)  
Tom Kolat (Patty Kocurek)

## Sunday, December 28

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:  
Joseph Cuhran (Emil Bobby & Family)  
Patsy Frattaroli (Pat & Stan)  
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church  
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

## Memorial Candles

### for the week of December 28, 2025

Anthony L. Donofrio (*Family*) St. Nicholas Church  
Laura George (*Eleanor Gentile*) St. Nicholas Church  
Nick & Anthony Genova (*Ralph Genova Jr*) St. Nicholas Church  
Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (*Doreen*) Holy Trinity Church



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20).** When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts. God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir

## STEWARDSHIP

*“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” MATTHEW 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

	<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>Online:</b>
<b>December 14<sup>th</sup></b>	\$5,869.00	\$892.50
Catholic Echo:	\$10.00	
Catholic Education:	\$5.00	
Christmas:	\$665.00	
Christmas Flowers:	\$336.00	
Immaculate Conception:	\$456.00	
Mass Attendance:	270	

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

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Afraid, Yet Never Alone

I did not end up being the great parent I had hoped I would be. I am not saying I was bad, but I was not the cool dad who did all things right and led my children by the example of my endlessly good actions. I messed up a bunch. Sometimes I was afraid. I was afraid of decisions I had to make and the possible repercussions. At times, I was afraid that I was not strong enough to lead my family. The fear occasionally led me toward inaction or eventual mistakes. The only thing that got me through the tough times and allowed me to see it was okay was Jesus. Without Jesus, I would never have been half of the father and husband I have been through the years.

When we try to tackle life alone, we can find ourselves in a very lonely position. Just like Jesus' parents, we need God to assist us and provide us with the strength for what lies ahead. Joseph needed God to be with him as he took Mary as his wife and became a father. Every parent needs God to become more than they can be on their own.

How do you treat those who you love? Who is there to help you when a relationship faces an obstacle? We are called to love others as our Father in heaven loves us. That is really an unreachable goal. Yet with God, all things are possible. As this Advent ends, may your Christmas be about more than presents and decorations. May the most profound gifts you give and receive be that of each other, and may your lives be decorated with the fruits of that love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## From The Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with great joy and gratefulness, that I extend to you my prayers and best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. Whatever it is that we desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus our Brother and Savior, for this reason, we are filled with joy and comfort at Christmas to know that all that we hope for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.

In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made known to us in the great gift of His Son, Jesus. May our faith move us to sing, with the angels in Bethlehem, “Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!” May we recognize that true peace on earth flows from our knowing and praising God in our lives.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you and your families and friends at this holy time of hope and love. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our communities of faith.

Merry Christmas! Buon Natale! Feliz Navidad! Vesele vianocce! Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia!

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Tom



**Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM at St. Nicholas church

## Saint Nicholas School News

**WISHING ALL OUR SCHOOL AND PARISH FAMILIES A  
BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON**

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### Our students participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #4471.

We want to congratulate the following winners:

<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Sergio Maloney	Annastacia Macolino	Gianna Toney
Journei Williams	Zalayah Glenn	Jayden Acosta
	Mason Swanson	Kason Kelley

<u>5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Dondre Perry	Lily Waggoner
Kenneth Carter	Kyia Peake
JaJuan Murphy	Bra'Lynn Allen

### Saint Nicholas School and Office will be closed for the Christmas break from December 20<sup>th</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>.

School resumes on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### Basketball games this week

**Sunday Dec. 21<sup>ST</sup>** Girls 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
3:00pm @ Mooney vs. St. Charles

**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.*



**HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office will be closed from December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The office will reopen on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

## Religious Education

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

### **CCD**

There will be no CCD the weekend of December 28, 2025. Classes resume on January 4, 2026 at the regular time.

### **Bible Study**

There will be no Bible Study on December 25, 2025 or January 1, 2026 due to the holidays. Bible Study will resume at its regular time in the conference room at St. Nick's on January 8, 2026.

### **VOCATIONS**

"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" (Matthew 1:23)  
Mary's trust in God's plan is a model for all vocations. Could God be inviting you to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, living fully for Him to bring His presence to others? Embrace His call with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Church Vocations at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.



**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.

The parish nurses would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Giving Tree program. We are grateful for each and every one of you. Merry Christmas!



**Thank You!**

## 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.

### 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

### Why do we do that?

#### Catholic Life Explained

### Christmas Gifts

#### Question:

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

#### Answer:

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

# 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	Regina Yurick
Norma Higgins	Amelia Zaluski
Phyllis Miglarese	Linda Ziars
Patricia Watt	



### Safely Home

Please remember in your prayers  
the soul and family of

**Marie Phillips**

Christ Our Savior Parish

## DRIVE THRU DINNER

Sponsored by: COSP Holy Name Society

**Saturday, January 10, 2026**

**4 - 6pm**

(or until sold out)



### BBQ RIBLET SANDWICH

Bag of Chips & Bag of Cookies

COSP GREAT HALL ENTRANCE

766 Fifth St., Struthers

**DRIVE-THRU ONLY**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4471**



**Saturday, February 14, 2026**

Great Hall at St. Nicholas - 764 5th St., Struthers

Doors Open 4:45pm | Dinner 5:00pm

\$25 Donation per Ticket (Includes Dinner) | BYOB

First number drawn is \$100.

Payouts every 10 numbers

Last 5 balls are eligible for Grand Prize

#### TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Contact any KofC member

Call Jeff @ 330-519-6822

Tickets also available at the parish office

**All Proceeds benefit the COSP Food Pantry**

Bus Trip To:

**RIVERS CASINO**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026**

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 & Rivers Card #

**MUST BRING LEGAL PHOTO ID ON TRIP**

**For more information please contact:**

Priscilla 330-755-9966

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



# PIROHY

@ Holy Trinity Church



There are NO pirohy sales for the next several weeks. We will resume taking orders on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

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

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

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

Please drop off donations at the parish office or the St. Nicholas lower church.

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## Alzheimer's Disease

A Caregiver's Guide with  
Answers to Questions  
and a Path to Spiritual Healing

by Robert H. Needham

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

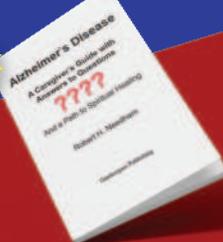
In an effort to support caregivers, essential information and resources are presented including strategies for avoiding burnout. The spiritual aspects of caregiving are also addressed, which can be helpful when dealing with such a potentially disheartening situation.

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