

Good and Gracious God,

*We thank You for this gift of summer; of being able to pause,
relax and enjoy the abundant gifts You have given us.*

At this time of year, our thoughts may turn to vacations and outings.

We may experience seashores, mountains or lakesides.

We may enjoy fishing, swimming and barbecues.

*But whatever our summer opportunities, we realize they are ultimately gifts from You
and these gifts, Lord, are ultimately meant to be shared.*

*Show us the joys of generosity, keep us mindful of others and open our hearts to our parish,
neighborhood and world. They need the generous spirit of good stewards.*

*As we enjoy the leisure that summer brings, we thank You for Your many gifts,
and ask that You make us a gift to others as well.*

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*~ International Catholic Stewardship Council,
July 2024 Stewardship Prayer*



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Monday - Wednesday & Friday | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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91 East Main Street | Norwalk

Monday - Thursday | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer

2025

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These summer months are a welcome slow-down from the quicker pace of Lent and Easter. In the past few months, we not only welcomed many new Catholics at the Easter Vigil, but have also been busy with First Communions, graduations, and Andrew Messer's ordination to the Diaconate. Fr. Valerian and I were blessed to be at Andrew's ordination Mass last month, as were many of our parishioners.

Most people are aware of the role of deacons in the Catholic Church, but some are surprised that every seminarian is ordained a deacon at least six months before his priestly ordination. These deacons preparing for the priesthood are often called "transitional deacons," as they are deacons only as a transition point from being a layperson to becoming a priest. Transitional deacons are the same as permanent deacons in function; they can perform baptisms, weddings, and rites outside of Mass (e.g., blessings, funerals, benediction, etc.). They have faculties to preach at Holy Mass and may assist the priest at the altar. So you can see how helpful it is for priests to have this time before their priestly ordination to serve as a deacon in preparation for their lives as priests. Deacon Andrew is already in the midst of his summer assignment in hospital ministry in Toledo. We hope to have him back to join us for some of our Masses before he heads to Rome for his next year of seminary.

We are very excited to welcome Fr. Travis Kahle as our new parochial vicar beginning July 1st. It has been very busy for Fr. Valerian and I trying to keep up with doing the work of three priests. Unfortunately, we had to cut back on some things to keep things manageable. With the arrival of Fr. Kahle, we plan on bringing back the 5:00 pm Sunday evening Mass at St. Paul's. Many people have already commented on their desire to have this Mass return. With three priests, this would be a return to having three Saturday evening/Sunday Masses per priest which is the usual expectation for parish priests. As of this writing, I am still awaiting approval from the Diocesan Worship Office, which must approve any change to Sunday Mass schedules. Pending approval, the first 5:00 Sunday evening Mass will be on July 6th. We will be bringing back the 9:00 Tuesday morning Mass at St. Anthony parish beginning July 1st.

It is exciting to have a newly ordained priest with us at our parishes. St. Paul parishioners have had many newly ordained priests serving their first year with them. This is a first for me as a pastor. I remember my first year as a priest and the steep learning curve required. There is much to learn and many expectations. It's hard to know how to do everything a priest does on day one of an assignment. Skill comes with experience. Some of these skills can only come after ordination, as only a priest can say Mass or hear a Confession. It is a blessing for us to have the opportunity to help Fr. Kahle develop into a good, holy, and skilled priest.

The summer of 2025 is a jubilee summer! This only happens every 25 years. I encourage you to take advantage of it by going on one of our pilgrimages to a shrine designated by Bishop Thomas as an official pilgrimage site. A plenary indulgence is included with this devotional practice and is only available during this jubilee year. What a great gift to help us grow in grace as we continue the great task of holiness.

I also encourage you to stay close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus during this month of June, dedicated to the loving mercy of Jesus shown in His heart which burns for love of all people, especially those in most need of His mercy.

God bless you,

Fr. Recker



Fr. Travis Kahle, one of the newly ordained priests in the Diocese of Toledo, will be our new parochial vicar at St. Anthony, St. Mary and St. Paul parishes effective July 1st.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Eucharistic Processions
June 21st & 22nd

St. Anthony Parish
4:00 PM Mass

St. Mary Parish
10:00 AM Mass

St. Paul Parish
11:00 AM Mass
1:00 PM Mass

From St. Anthony Parish

Dear Friends,

What an exciting time for all of us as Catholics and our Church — the election of a new Pope, Pope Leo the XIV, a historical event bringing millions of Catholics together in joy-filled excitement and hope for the future. May we continue to grow in unity, embracing the beauty of our Catholic faith.

Spring is finally here and soon it will be the end of another catechetical year. This is a wonderful time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the achievements of our students and share in the new beginnings of the future. This past year has been filled with much joy and happiness as we watched our PSR and sacramental students grow in their faith. Our First Communion students joined us for the first time at the table of the Lord with great enthusiasm and love for Jesus. Our Confirmation students celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit, reflecting on the presence of God in their lives, His guidance and the spiritual gifts He gives to us all. These are special memories for our parishes that show us how special our faith is and the importance of the sacraments in our lives.

Over the past few months, we have celebrated many events together: our spaghetti supper, a Mother's Day brunch, our students' May crowning, and much more. Now as we head into summer, we say farewell to our graduating seniors. As they begin a new chapter, whatever direction that may be in life's journey, we send with them our love, prayers and support. May they hold Christ close to their hearts and find courage, strength, and wisdom in His great love.

On Memorial Day, we honored the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving on active duty in the military, remembering those who laid down their lives for our freedom.

We at St. Anthony's are excited about our Ecumenical Vacation Bible School program. It will be held on Monday, June 16-Friday, June 20, ending the week with a grand parade down to the square in Milan for a family fun cook out and program. This year we celebrate "Weird Animals" where Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind. All are welcome to join in this fun-filled adventure.

As I look ahead to next year, I am excited for new opportunities, fresh challenges, and continued growth. I know that together we will continue to thrive and make our journey in faith meaningful. May we treasure the memories of the past, celebrate today, and look forward to what is to come, trusting in His care. Thank you for being part of this journey.

Peace and smiles,

Linda Salmons
Pastoral Associate,
St. Anthony Parish



Memorial Day Prayer Service



May Crowning

Thank God for the Blessings of Summer

Summer is a season filled with beauty, warmth, and joy. It is a time when nature bursts forth in full color, when families gather, and when we often find a slower rhythm that allows time for reflection and rest. In all of this, we are invited to pause and remember the Giver of these good gifts: our loving and generous God.

Too often, we enjoy the blessings of summer without lifting our hearts in gratitude. The golden sunlight, the refreshing breeze, the fresh fruits and vegetables: all are signs of God's providence and care. Each day of summer is an opportunity to thank God for the wonders of creation and the joys we experience.

As Catholics, we are called to live lives of gratitude. St. Paul reminds us "In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Whether we are on vacation, enjoying time with loved ones, or simply resting in the beauty of a summer evening, let us not forget to offer a prayer of thanks to God, who makes it all possible.

This summer, may we open our eyes to the daily blessings around us, and may our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to God. In doing so, we draw closer to Him and find deeper joy in His presence.

Have a wonderful, safe summer! Blessings to you and your families!

Kath Schaffer
Administrative Assistant, St. Mary Parish



May Crowning

Welcome, New Parishioners!

Darren & Anna Hainline
Valerie Hildreth
Laurie Stang

Summer Graces

As summer approaches, many of us look forward to vacations, family outings, and a slower pace of life. For my family, it's always been a season of reconnection—not only with each other, but with God. Some of our most memorable moments of faith have come not just in our home parish, but on the road.

As we adventure over the summer, we always make it a point to visit churches wherever our travels take us. We've found a beautiful seaside chapel where the windows open to a view of the beach. The ocean breeze moved gently through the pews as we knelt to pray. Another time, in the mountains, we found a quiet church nestled among the pines. Mass there felt almost like a retreat—peaceful, lifted up by the grandeur of creation around us.

But in each place, no matter the scenery—whether waves or woods—it was the Eucharist that truly moved us. That was the view we came for. The Real Presence of Jesus, waiting for us in every tabernacle, was the anchor of our travels. It reminded us that God is never on vacation from us. And He invites us not just to admire His creation, but to meet Him in it.

This summer, I encourage you to let your faith travel with you. Better yet, make it the destination. Our parish has two beautiful opportunities for pilgrimage: one to Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, and another to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue. These are sacred places where heaven seems just a bit closer, and where families can grow closer to each other—and to Christ.

Let this be a summer of grace for your family. Come with us, walk with us, and let's seek the best view of all—Jesus in the Eucharist.

Jen Sanders,
Pastoral Associate, Faith Formation & Evangelization, St. Paul Parish



Little Flowers Girls' Club Tea



Men's Lenten Retreat



Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony



Msgr. Ken's Lenten Bible Study



Women's Lenten Retreat



Men's Lenten Retreat



Dr. John Wood



Seder Meal

Jubilee Journey

Journey with us to diocesan-designated Jubilee of Hope pilgrimage sites in our own backyard! Open to all ages!



June 18 | Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey OH

- 11:00 AM Mass
- Bring your own picnic or pre-purchase a catered lunch (\$12)
- Tours followed by time on your own to explore



July 16 | Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellevue OH

- 6:00 PM Mass
- Potluck and fire with S'mores after Mass

RSVP TO THE ST. PAUL PARISH OFFICE (419-668-6044).

Welcome, New Parishioners!

Jason Dorobish

Christine Genovese

Christopher & Bethany Jarrett
and Family

Lesley Nims & Son

Clayton & Margaret Wright



St. Anthony Parish

Jeremiah Cumston
Celia Heil
Evelyn Hill
Aubrie Martin
Faith Maschari
Zoey Schaeffer
James Sebolt

St. Mary Parish

Ella Albright
Amelia Bodell
Brady Coetzee
Nolan Naseman
Ty Reynolds
Deanna Vasquez

St. Paul Parish

Noah Alt
Rocio Andrade Ibarra
Peter Barcus
Mason Beatty
Alivia Burger
Jacob Cabrera
Itzmar Cardenas
Juan Carlos Garcia
Ethan Chepote
Jacob Collins
Karla Nicole Colmenares
Annabelle Cooper
Hudson Davis
David Depinet

Noe Escobar Lopez
Anastacio Escobar Roblero
Kennedy Frank Morales
Raeleigh Friend
Casey Fries
Cynthia Hernandez
Gabriel Hernandez
Maricxa Yanette Hernandez
Mason Heydinger
Bailey Hibbard
Elliot Kline
Ariah Kusser
Abraham Linder
Yesina Lopez Colmenares
Aaden McDonald
Briana Medrano-Diaz

Brittney Medrano-Diaz
Michelle Carolina Mendez Lopez
Elise Mesenburg
Natalie Morales Roblero
Grace Mynarsky
Cristhal Penalzoa
Sophia Pertner
Jake Rospert
Braeden Siesel
Branson Siesel
Evan Springer
Amelia Stoll
Aubrie Van Dresser
Cole Vogus
Nora Whaley
Anahly Zamano



O.C.F.A.

Welcome!

St. Anthony Parish

Susan Gray
Connor Romell

St. Paul Parish

Samiya Brent
Gage Griffith
Evelyn Hernandez
Jahir Antonio Morales Monzon
Leonardo Monzon
Sandy Nickoli
Ethan Patrick
Wesley Shreve
Skylar Southers
Noah Stamper
Harper Woodruff



Easter Vigil Mass



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St. Paul Parish

Sophie Bement
Dalton Bonningson
Emerson Brown
Emily Buck
Sylvie Butler
Sadie Caprara
Abigail Carrillo-Martinez
Gunner Christofferson
Julia Ciersezski
Hendrix Davis
Jimena Estrada Patlan
Nolan Farmer

Theodore Fox
Liam Gonzalez
Kylie Greenwell
Maris Hall
Milo Hall
Garriston Hart
Harper Hipp
Maci Hite
Calihan Jarrett
Beau Kaufman
Bella Kuhlman
Marco Larios-Ilerenas
Michelle Larios-Ilerenas
Margaret Leto

Ryker Lindenberger
Andrew Livengood
Reese Lucal
Luke Lynch
Kian McDonald
Skylar Mutchler
Callie Nickoli
Tate Nickoli
Benjamin Norcross
Alex Polanco
Kendall Riley
Charlotte Rogers
Elijah Rospert
Gemma Rospert

Jackson Rospert
Levi Rospert
Ryan Rospert
Elsie Schild
Jaden Schlett
Aubrey Sprowl
Connor Stein
Wyatt Stein
Chelsea Van Dresser
Melanie Esther Vargas
Ayden Webb
Phillip Worley
Jose Ariel Zavala Penaloza
Grant Zimmerman



St. Mary Parish

Stephen Bleile, Lydia Bodell, Tanner Dunbar
Alexis Heitsche, Shelley Reynolds



St. Anthony Parish

Vincent Hill, Braxton Schaeffer, Blake Tomson
Laney Tomson, Jackson Wenzel



BAPTISMS

St. Mary Parish

Elliott Christopher
Son of Chris & Olivia Doughty

Isaac Thomas
Son of Brian & Rebecca Griffin

Luna Mae
Daughter of Guy & Gabrielle Tibbels

St. Paul Parish

Kaden James
Son of Chad & Nicole Burkholder

Callahan Michael
Son of Marcus & Morgan Fritz

Rebecca Rose
Daughter of Bryan & Marissa Fritz

Quinn Marie
Daughter of Wesley & Olivia Fritz

Callihan Sue, Olive Estelle,
and Jameson Christopher
Children of Christopher & Bethany
Jarrett

Joseph Thomas
Son of James & Hannah Lapinski

Owen Matthew
Son of Brian & Bethany Lynch

Maren Christine
Daughter of Caleb & Casie Meyer

Sophia Jean
Daughter of Craig & Marina Meyer

Jaden Paul
Son of Lesley Nims

Jonathan Bautista
Son of Jonathan & Maria Padilla

Hunter Michael
Son of Geoffrey & Alicia Prack

Charlotte Catherine
Daughter of Brendan & Samantha
Roberts

Charlotte Hazel
Daughter of Jeremy & Hannah Rogers

Greer Elizabeth
Daughter of Shawn & Elizabeth
Rutledge

Zane Michael
Son of Samuel & Alexis Strayer

Mabelyn del Carmen
Daughter of Marlon & Marianny
Graterol Taquiva

Arlo Benjamin
Son of Brandon & McKenzie Wiseman



IN MEMORIAM

St. Anthony Parish

Theodore Crawford
Margaret Darnell
Michael Kramer
Michael McGuire
Mary Stoll

St. Mary Parish

Angelo Cerilli
Mary White
Sandy Zeiter

St. Paul Parish

Joan Ackerman
Eileen Barman
Jean Fisher
Sharon Francisco
Jean Keller
Lois Hug
Denise Mazzocco
Juana Ornelas
Sandra Reineck
Mary Ann Rospert
Robert Stower
Barbara Wechter



MARRIAGES

St. Anthony Parish

Mr. & Mrs. Connor & Emily (Vogus)
Romell

St. Paul Parish

Mr. & Mrs. Danny & Emily (Baker) Grine
Mr. & Mrs. Hayden & Hannah (Koechley)
Jaworski
Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Denice (Mingus) Rau



Blessing of
Easter Foods Baskets

PARISH FAMILY BLESSINGS



Easter Egg Hunt



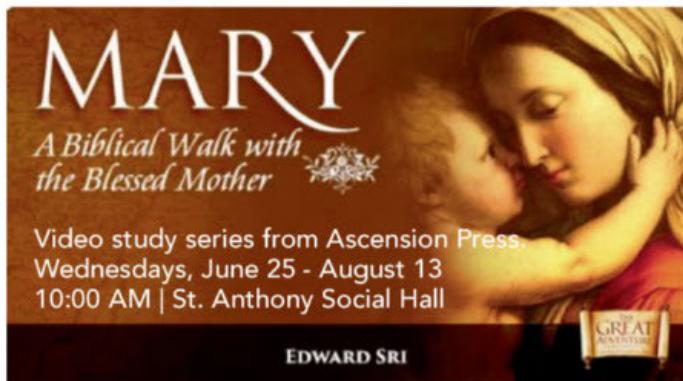
Dragon Slayers
First Communion Retreat



Congratulations,
Deacon Andrew Messer!

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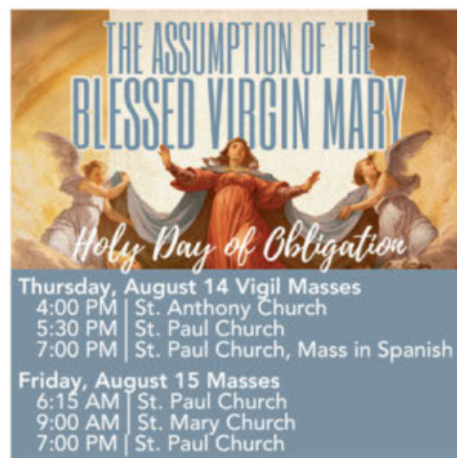
Coffee & Conversation
Wednesdays, beginning June 4th
10:00 AM | St. Paul Parish Center
Also online at [FORMED.ORG](https://www.formed.org)



Mass on
Friday, July 4th
8:00 AM*

St. Mary Church

*No 6:15 AM Mass at St. Paul Church.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, August 14 Vigil Masses
4:00 PM | St. Anthony Church
5:30 PM | St. Paul Church
7:00 PM | St. Paul Church, Mass in Spanish

Friday, August 15 Masses
6:15 AM | St. Paul Church
9:00 AM | St. Mary Church
7:00 PM | St. Paul Church



Tri-Parish Mass & Potluck
Saturday, September 27
Norwalk Reservoir
4:00 PM | Mass
5:00 PM | Potluck & Fellowship

SAVE THE DATES!