



## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a

December 15, 2024



## Holy Trinity Parish

33601 Detroit Road

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## Devotions

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (Holy Trinity)

Thursdays: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (Holy Trinity)

Thursdays: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm (St. Mary)

### Confessions:

Mondays: 7:00 to 7:25 pm (St. Mary)

Saturdays: 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (St. Mary)

Saturdays: 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm (Holy Trinity)

## Sacraments

### Baptism:

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

### Anointing:

Please call to make arrangements with a priest

### Marriage:

Couples who are registered members of the parish should contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance of the intended date.

## Office Hours

**All parishioners are welcome  
to call or visit us at either office.**

### Avon Catholic Community Office Hours

Mon - Fri..... 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (*Holy Trinity*)

Tuesday..... 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (*St. Mary*)

Thursday..... 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. (*St. Mary*)

\*Office closed daily from 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Bulletin Information

Bulletin inquiries can be sent to:

[bulletin@avoncc.org](mailto:bulletin@avoncc.org)

The deadline for information is **Monday at 12:00 pm**



## MASS INTENTIONS

	HOLY TRINITY	ST. MARY
Mon. Dec 16		
7:45 A.M.	Gerald Urig (Venla Urig)	
7:30 P.M.		Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society
Tues. Dec 17		
7:45 A.M.	Robert Price Jr. (Price Family)	
Wed. Dec 18		
7:45 A.M.	Don Nagel Jr. (Family)	
8:30 A.M.		Parish All Souls
Thurs. Dec 19		
7:45 A.M.	Morning Prayer	
7:30 P.M.		Parish All Souls
Fri. Dec 20		
7:45 A.M.	Parish All Souls	
8:30 A.M.		William & Mary Konya (The Daughters)
Sat. Dec 21		
	<b>St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b>	
8:30 A.M.		Parish All Souls
4:00 P.M.		Ray & Doris Linden (Family)
5:00 P.M.	Mary Martin (Family)	
Sun. Dec 22		
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	
7:30 A.M.	Parishioners	
8:00 A.M.		Parish All Souls
9:00 A.M.	Seikel-Nist Families (Sue Ravas)	
10:00 A.M.		Dominic DiLuciano (Family)
10:30 A.M.	Deceased Members of the Piazza & Doss Families (Billy & Shirley Doss)	
Noon	Daniel Siegfried (Michelle Durbin)	Parishioners



As we celebrate this 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent, we are reminded of the Joy the World Experienced at Jesus' Birth.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> candle is Pink and is The Shepherd's Candle, which represents JOY.

### Advent Wreath Prayer

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

## Advent Lesson and Carols

Join Us Today!

Sunday  
December 15th  
4:00 PM  
Holy Trinity



Traditional and Contemporary Music Pieces will be interwoven with Scripture readings for a truly reflective Advent afternoon!

### Christmas Flowers & Altar Decorations

**TODAY**

Please consider making a donation for seasonal decorations for the Altar this year. Forms are available online. Envelopes for donations were also included in your bi-monthly packets. You may put your donation in a white envelope and write "Christmas Flowers" on the front. **Donations are due TODAY.** Thank you for your generosity! IF you forgot your donation, but would still like to be included, please drop your donation off at the parish office at Holy Trinity, tomorrow, Monday, December 16th

### Daily Mass Readings and Observances:

Did you know that you can find the daily Mass Readings on the USCCB website?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a website with all types of insightful and helpful information.

Daily readings can be found at: <https://bible.usccb.org/>

## DISCIPLESHIP DIGEST *with desi*

“What should we do?” It’s a question we’ve all asked at some point—probably when staring into the fridge at 6 p.m. with zero dinner plans. I digress. But this week, John the Baptist answers this question and offers simple, practical ways to prepare hearts for the coming of the Messiah: share with those in need, act justly, and live with integrity. His message resonates deeply as we consider our own role in building the Kingdom of God. We, too, are called to prepare the way of the Lord—not just in word but in action, offering our time, talent, and treasure to serve our community.

This call to service aligns beautifully with the **Avon Catholic Ministry Fair**, which will take place on **Thursday, February 27th, from 6 pm to 8 pm at Tom’s Country Place**. This event is more than a showcase of ministries; it celebrates our shared journey. So, you may be asking a similar question: “What should we do?” And here’s the answer: show up! This isn’t your run-of-the-mill church event—it’s a dynamic showcase of the many ways you can connect, serve, and even discover a new passion. Plus, let’s be honest—where else can you learn about ministries and score free food and giveaways? Just as John’s words inspired people to take action, this fair is an invitation to step into the mission of our Church and discover how your unique gifts can bless others and glorify God.

With representation from over 40 ministries at Holy Trinity and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, the Ministry Fair promises to be a vibrant event filled with fellowship, inspiration, and opportunities for personal growth in faith. Did I mention that we will have delicious food, exciting giveaways, and a chance to highlight the incredible work happening in our Avon Catholic Community. We’re basically rolling out the red carpet—because we’re proud of our parishes, and we want the whole Diocese to see what makes our community shine. Avon Catholic is all about—a thriving, faith-filled community dedicated to making disciples and sharing Christ’s love.

Mark your calendars and save the date! Whether you want to deepen your involvement, discover a new ministry, or enjoy time with fellow parishioners, this event is for you. At the Fair, you can learn more about each ministry, meet the leaders, and sign up if you’re interested. We eagerly anticipate seeing you there.

As we prepare for this gathering, let us reflect on John’s words and ask ourselves, “What should we do?” Let us respond by showing up! We encourage you to mark your calendars, invite your friends and family, and join us at the Avon Catholic Ministry Fair. And hey, if you’re still staring into the fridge at 6 p.m. that night, just come to the Ministry Fair. We’ve got food!

*Desi*





**DEADLINE to register—December 20th**



# BIBLE STUDY

Start your New Year with a journey through the Word of God! As part of your New Year's resolutions, consider deepening your faith and understanding of Scripture. In celebration of the Jubilee Year, join us for the Bible in a Year Bible Study—a transformative experience guided by Deacon Michael Puhalla.

**BEGINNING JANUARY 2025**

Please check the parish website, use QR code or call parish office for more information.  
CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE!

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**DEADLINE  
DECEMBER  
20TH**



**Gentlemen of the  
Avon Catholic Community ~  
please join us!!**

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Join the Avon Catholic Group

## Why should you join?

If we're ruled by our 'modern Pharaohs,' how can we truly be free to become the men God made us to be? Exodus 90 gives you the tools to take control of your life and find deeper unity with God — and a brotherhood of men on the same journey.

**STARTS**

**JAN. 20th**

**Register**

**Today**

Call Parish  
Office  
for more  
Information

## OUR NEXT CONCERT

featuring Mark Slatter

Holy Trinity's New Organist and Accompanist



**Friday,  
December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:30 P.M.  
Holy Trinity Church**



The program for this **FREE concert**, will feature a variety of Christmas music from European traditions.

The **German** portion features contrapuntal preludes and fantasies written on simple Christmas tunes. Preludes would often be played as an introduction to the congregation singing them, whereas a fantasia is a set of variations on a tune all compiled into one piece. The **English** portion includes the Hallelujah chorus from the Oratorio *Messiah*, a choral and instrumental work telling the story of the salvation of humankind, and a handful of traditional **English** carols sung at Christmas time. The **French** portion contains a set of variations on a popular instrumental Christmas tune and an offertoire, a piece played during the preparation of the gifts, based around two different Christmas tunes.

(If you or someone you know is interested in performing in one of these concerts, please contact Mark Slatter in the Parish Office.)

## Today is Bambinelli Sunday!

What is Bambinelli Sunday and Where did it come from?

Early in the Papacy of Pope St. John Paul II, he invited the children of Rome to bring their "Bambinelli" (the Baby Jesus figurine from their family manger scene) to St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent, where the Pope blessed the children, their families and the figurines.

A wonderful addition to this tradition is to wrap the Blessed Baby Jesus figurine in cloth and place him with the Christmas presents under the tree, then on Christmas Eve, He is the first present to be opened and placed in the manger. The greatest gift of all!



Today we bless our Baby Jesus Figurines at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's and the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity. Thank you to all who participated!!

## The Singing Angels Youth Choir Concert

**Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 3:00 P.M.**

St. Richard Church, 26855 Lorain Road, North Olmsted  
FREE concert. A free will offering will be taken.

For more information visit [www.singingangels.org](http://www.singingangels.org)

### *Care & Consolation Minister ~ Tammie Marie Frank*

Please join us for an 8-Week Program:

### **The Grief Recovery Method®**

Grief Support Group

**Begins Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

**Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.**

This Grief Recovery Program is for anyone who has had a loss from death, divorce, loss of relationship, loss of trust, loss of faith, loss of safety, and loss of health. This 8 week program will help to guide you to ensure you can move on. All are welcome.

If you have questions or to RSVP, please contact  
Tammie (ext. 223).

Program will be held in the  
**Holy Trinity Parish Office**

Avon Catholic Community  
“**Compassion in Action**” ministry  
is looking for volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to assist shoppers at **St. Augustine's Community**

**Cupboard and Closet** on the **third Saturday of each month** from 11:00 A.M.~1:00 P.M.

or 1:00 P.M.~3:00 P.M.

at 2486 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland

Volunteers are also needed to help stock shelves at the **Elizabeth Center** in Lorain on **Wednesdays** from 9:30 A.M.~11:30 A.M.

at 2726 Caroline Avenue, Lorain

If you're interested or would like further information, please contact the Parish Office.



### Pray for the Sick at Holy Trinity:

Tina Doss Abshire ■ Thomas Ackim ■ Greg Bierek ■  
Kelly Callahan ■ David Carroll ■ Mary Christner ■  
Philomena Dillon ■ Mark Fox ■ Matt Gould ■ Kelly  
Konya ■ Theresa Lattimore ■ Janice Leemans ■ Mar-  
guerite Morphey ■ Patrick O'Toole ■ Paula Parker ■  
Chad Rawlings ■ Regis Saltis ■ Tom Shaughnessy ■  
Robert Shinko ■ Amanda Shultzberger ■ Brittany  
Snahnican ■ Clyde Thom ■ Vinny Thomas ■ Mary  
Travagliante-Bloss ■ Paul Tremblay ■ Venla Urig ■  
Jennifer Varga ■ Shirley Zalac and for all of our  
homebound parishioners.

### Pray for the Sick at St. Mary of the Immaculate

Conception: Anne Benisek ■ Kurt Cummings ■  
John Good ■ Edie Healan-Pepin ■ Kaylee Sanders ■  
George Szocs ■ Martin Wilczenski ■ Judith Wilcen-  
ski and for all of our homebound parishioners.

**Please call the parish office to make changes to our  
pray for the sick list.**



### **Please Pray For Our Troops**

### Pray for our Troops from Holy Trinity:

Patrick Bergen ■ Paul Bohnert ■ John Camp ■  
Ethan Cutright ■ Cayden Fischbach ■ Dillon Fran-  
ciscus ■ Grace Fryer ■ Emma Kennelly ■ Ryan  
Kennelly ■ Shawn Komora ■ Alex Leigh ■ Jacob  
McCann ■ Matthew O'Donnell ■ Dominic Opron ■  
Hannah Price ■ Katie Schlather ■ Michelle Kennel-  
ly Sweeney ■ Daniel Vrablic ■ David Vrablic ■  
Ethan Williams

### Pray for our Troops from St. Mary:

Amber Derryberry ■ Gabrielle Greszler ■ Richard  
Greszler ■ Tres Greszler ■ Riley Oldenburgh

We invite all families to include their sons and daughters to our prayer list. Please call the Parish Office with their name and branch of the military. You can also email the information to: [bulletin@avoncc.org](mailto:bulletin@avoncc.org).

**We thank them and you for your sacrifice.**



## Support Catholic Education Through Ohio Tax Credits

Your participation in the Angel Scholarship Fund strengthens our schools - and our future - in countless ways; and best of all, your thoughtful generosity makes a big difference. Contributions can be made [online](#) or through a [mail in contribution form](#).

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**EXAMPLE OF OHIO TAX CREDIT SCENARIOS\***

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Tax Credit on \$750 Contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund	<b>- \$750</b>	Tax Credit on \$1,500 Contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund	<b>- \$1,500</b>
Ohio Income Tax owed after Tax Credit	<b>\$250</b>	Ohio Income Tax owed after Tax Credit	<b>\$500</b>

The above scenarios do not include additional federal tax benefit for those who itemize charitable contributions.  
\*This tax credit scenario does not constitute income tax advice. Always consult with your tax professional for information on the impact of any charitable donation.

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT: [WWW.CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/ANGEL](http://WWW.CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/ANGEL) OR CONTACT FRED ROBERTS: [PROBERTS@CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG](mailto:PROBERTS@CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG) OR 216-902-1312

Please reach out to Nicole (x 255) in the Parish Office with any questions.

**Theology on Tap**  
**I Place My Trust in You**  
**December 17th**  
**Forest City Brewery**  
**7:00 PM**

Young Adults (18-40) ..... Register online

Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, in their 20s and 30s.

Sr. Rita Clare T.O.R. grew up in Dearborn Heights, earned a full-ride scholarship to play basketball at University of Detroit-Mercy where she graduated with a degree in sports medicine. Come hear her story and what it means to place your life at the service of God's Plan through the lens of Mary.

**Register at [dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle)**




Please help make a difference for **low-income families in Lorain County this Christmas**. Any Enfamil powdered formula, 4oz and 8oz bottles, kids new or gently used coats size 3 months to 12 years old, or monetary donations are greatly appreciated. There is a box for UNWRAPPED gifts in the church for the month of December.

To make a **monetary donation**, you may put it in an envelope marked "Birthright" in the box in the church or at [www.birthright.org/elyria](http://www.birthright.org/elyria)

**Thank you in advance for your generosity in serving others!**

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Janosik for more information.



# Living Nativity

December 19, 2024  
6:00-7:30pm  
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Avon

Join us for a night of caroling, hot chocolate, cookies & fellowship

**St. Mary TEC Browns Squares Results**  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**  
**Browns vs. Denver Broncos**

1<sup>st</sup> Qtr ~ rikovic (\$50)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr ~ Ed Kowalewski (\$50)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr ~ Kodiak (\$50)  
Final ~ AZatik (\$100)

**Congratulations to the winners and thanks for supporting St. Mary TEC!**



**Time † Talent † Treasure**

December 1.....\$8,066.00  
Nov ACH.....\$8,470.50







## 2024 Giving Tree

**All Giving Tree Gifts are due to the church today.... December 15th**

Gifts will be delivered to the recipients by 10:00 a.m. on Monday morning, December 16th.

If you forgot to bring your gift to church today, please go home to get it and bring it back to church. We will accept gifts up until 1:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Thank you for your generosity.

Online gift giving is still available on the Holy Trinity website.



**Time † Talent † Treasure** .....December 1.....\$8,932.56

## Holy Trinity School Hosts Open Houses in January

Discover the difference at Holy Trinity School during our upcoming Open Houses!



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4 yrs old by Aug. 1st
-  **Full Day Pre-K**  
5 Days per week 8am-1:30pm  
4 years old by Aug. 1st  
Before and Aftercare Available
-  **Kindergarten**  
5 Days per week 7:35am-2:05pm  
5 yrs old by Aug. 1st  
Before and Aftercare Available

**MORE INFORMATION**

Scan QR code, call 440-937-6420, email [cheryl.roche@htsavon.org](mailto:cheryl.roche@htsavon.org) or visit [holytrinityavon.org](http://holytrinityavon.org)



**Tuesday Jan 14th 6-7pm**

**Sunday Jan 26th 10-Noon**




**Tuesday, January 14th**, from 6-7 PM, families are invited to explore our exceptional **Pre-school, Pre-K, and Kindergarten** programs, designed to foster a love of learning from the start.

**Sunday, January 26th**, from 10 AM to Noon, join us for an Open House showcasing **all grade levels**, from Preschool through 8th grade. Meet our amazing teachers, tour our vibrant facilities, and experience the warm, faith-filled community that makes Holy Trinity special. Whether you're looking for a strong academic foundation, a nurturing environment, or vibrant extracurricular opportunities, Holy Trinity is ready to welcome your family. We hope to see you there!

### New Eagle Tots Mommy & Me Sessions Open in January

The **Eagle Tots** program at Holy Trinity School is a Mommy (or Caregiver) and Me style class designed for children ages 2 to 3. Families can choose to attend either a Thursday or Friday session, from 11:00 am to Noon. The class is held in our Preschool Building and facilitated by our preschool director, Mrs. Cher McCann and librarian, Kim Millar. Program includes prayer, play and story time. **New Sessions begin January 16th & 17th and are limited to 10 students per session.** The cost is \$25 for a 6-week session. Please visit [holytrinityavon.org](http://holytrinityavon.org), email [cheryl.roche@htsavon.org](mailto:cheryl.roche@htsavon.org) or scan the QR code above to register.



# LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO CALL HOME THIS CHRISTMAS?

Consider this your invitation to be part of our family this year!

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Masses: Tuesday, December 24

Holy Trinity .... 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM

St. Mary's .... 4:00 PM and Midnight

Christmas Day Masses: Wednesday, December 25

Holy Trinity .... 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM

St. Mary's .... 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

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