

Sunday, February 9, 2025



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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.

PLEASE NOTE: For the next few weeks on Tues. and Thurs. the Holy Trinity parish front office will be closed when the St. Mary parish office is open. One person is going between both buildings.

Thank you for your patience.

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

Send all Bulletin inquiries to: bulletin@avoncc.org

The deadline for information is Monday at 12:00 pm



MASS INTENTIONS		
	HOLY TRINITY	ST. MARY
Mon. Feb. 10	St. Scholastica	
7:45 A.M.	Craig Hubert (Hubert Family)	
7:30 P.M.		Michael Hegarty (Maggie & Ron Butchko)
Tues. Feb. 11	Our Lady of Lourdes	
7:45 A.M.	Stephen (Rick) Szabo (Roggenburk Family)	
Wed. Feb. 12		
7:45 A.M.	Parish All Souls	
8:30 A.M.		Parishioners
Thurs. Feb. 13		
7:45 A.M.	Morning Prayer	
7:30 P.M.		Parish All Souls
Fri. Feb. 14	Sts. Cyril & Methodius	
7:45 A.M.	Tom Martin (Linda)	
8:30 A.M.		Parishioners
Sat. Feb 15		
8:30 A.M.		Parish All Souls
4:00 P.M.		Joan Sutter (Jack & Roxane McGervey)
5:00 P.M.	Anthony Thomas (Jacono Family)	
Sun. Feb 16	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 A.M.	Parishioners	
8:00 A.M.		Parishioners
9:00 A.M.	Living & Deceased Mothers of Holy Trinity	
10:00 A.M.		Kristopher Bacher (Family)
10:30 A.M.	Mark Hrusovsky (Kathy Hrusovsky)	
Noon	Thelma & Rich Sidloski (Family)	Orsola Bello (Anthony Bello)



February organ concert: 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity on Feb. 28, hear the sounds of Mark Slatter. Song selection will focus on Italian music from the early baroque, its development throughout the period, and its influence on the musical style of JS Bach.



A mother-daughter retreat taking place March 22 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Behold Retreat (any mother-daughter-like relationship) is designed specifically for adult and teen women in the spirit of Mary's fiat. The retreat will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine on Saturday, March 22. Keynote speaker: Crystalina Evert with reflections on the life and example of St. Therese of Lisieux. The retreat will close with the Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. celebrated by Fr. Joe Menkhaus. Registration is open: dioceseofcleveland.org/behold



<u>End-of-year contribution statements:</u> If you would like an end-of-year contribution statement, please call the parish office and leave a message for Kathleen at extension 240. Statements are sent by request only.



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Today, on World Marriage Day, we celebrate the sacred vocation of marriage; the call for husbands and wives to love as Christ loves. Marriage is an adventure, full of both peaceful waters and stormy seas, each rooted in faith.

My husband, Matt, is a fisherman—one who knows both the patience and persistence required to wait for a catch. He even proposed to me at a special fishing lake, a place where we had shared so many moments of reflection and joy. Just like fishing, marriage calls for trust: sometimes casting out into unknown waters, believing that even in moments of uncertainty, God is at work beneath the surface.

In today's Gospel, we hear about Simon Peter, exhausted from a long, unfruitful night of fishing. When Jesus tells him to lower his nets once more, Peter hesitates, but obeys—and what follows is an over-



whelming catch, far beyond what he imagined. This is the essence of marriage: trusting in Christ, and allowing Him to fill our lives beyond what we imagine.

As we honor World Marriage Day, we also recognize those who support and strengthen the vocation of marriage in our community. Avon Catholic's marriage ministry team, led by parishioners, Chris Kelley and his wife, Alex, have walked alongside engaged couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage. A goal for 2025 is to offer additional fellowship opportunities for married couples of our parishes. They will be at our Ministry Fair on February 27th, offering resources and opportunities to grow in faith together. I encourage you to introduce yourself to the Kelley's and learn more about this ministry.

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Desi Gould, Director of Evangelization



RAFFLE PRIZES AT THE FEB. 27 MINISTRY FAIR

MEET AND MINGLE WITH MINISTRY LEADERS TO BE GIVEN A RAFFLE TICKET FOR THEIR PRIZE BOX FOR A CHANCE TO WIN. PRIZES TO DATE INCLUDE:

<u>Compassion in Action</u> - raffling off a gift basket filled with items inspired by compassionate Saints.

(St. Francis bird bath, St. Benedict coffee blend, St. Therese quote printed on canvas, a book on St. Brigid).

CYO - one athletic fee for either fall or winter sports for one athlete of St. Mary CYO and one athlete of Holy Trinity CYO.

<u>Faith Formation</u> - raffling off religious books and one complimentary fee for an upcoming bus trip.

<u>Liturgical Minsters</u> - one dinner at the renovated rectory with Fr. Hawk, one dinner at the rectory with Fr. Deo, one St. Mary quarter zip sweatshirt and one Holy Trinity quarter zip sweatshirt.

Mission Trip - raffling off a GV Artwork gift card and Suzin L Chocolates.

PSR - three tuitions raffled: one 2025 summer PSR, one for family based PSR and one for in person (2025 - 2026)

PTU - Holy Trinity will raffle off one complimentary PTU parent fee for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Women's Ministry - opportunity to win one complimentary table of 8 to the 2025 Advent by Candlelight event.

VBS - opportunity to win one student summer VBS fee waived.

DO NOT MISS THE CHANCE TO WIN \$500!!

Donate to the Angel Scholarship on site -or - if you have already donated, ask the finance staff member to look up your name. Donors on site or who have recently donated are eligible for the \$500 prize raffle!







Exciting Announcement: Avon Catholic VBS

Registration Opens Soon!

Get ready for Avon Catholic's True North

VBS, an unforgettable Alaskan adventure, as
we explore Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!

Dates: June 23-27, 2025
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: Holy Trinity School
Registration: Opens at the Ministry Fair on
February 27, 2025, at Tom's Country Place
(Children's Ministry table).

Embark on a journey through majestic mountains, where kids will deepen their faith and learn what it means to trust in Jesus. Limited spots available – this fan-favorite program sells out quickly!

Don't miss this wild summer adventure!

Scan the above code to apply if the student is in Jr. High.



Scan the above code to apply if the student is in High School or College.



Lent 2025

Devote yourself this season of Lent to prayer, scripture and giving to others as an act of holy virtue. May this guide serve as a resource to help you journey to the foot of the cross.

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday.

Holy Trinity: 7:45 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 5 p.m. 7 p.m. St. Mary: 8:30 a.m. Noon (Distribution of Ashes Only) 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7

Simple Supper (hosted by Faith Formation) and the Living Stations of the Cross by Elyria Catholic.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary. Stations will begin at 7 p.m. in the church.

Friday, March 14

Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity at 7 p.m. (led by the Director of Religious Education)

Wednesday, March 19

Evening of Confession, a diocesan-wide evening dedicated to healing and renewal.

Holy Trinity and St. Mary will be open for confession from 5 - 8 p.m.

Friday, March 21

FISH FRY at St. Mary - time, menu and further details will be announced soon! Stations through the eyes of Mary at 7 p.m. located at St. Mary. (led by Women's Ministry)

Friday, March 21 - 23

Cluster parish Lenten retreat opportunity at the Jesuit Retreat Center (located in Parma). ** See additional info

Friday, March 28

Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten organ concert performed by Mark Slatter at 7 p.m. at St. Mary.

Friday, April 4

Soup and Stations at Holy Trinity (led by Youth Ministry). Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in the gym with stations at 7 p.m. in the church.

Friday, April 11

Treasure of the Triduum with Zak Jester, Director of Youth Ministry, St. Raphael.

Program begins at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7 p.m. (led by Faith Formation).

Both will take place inside the church.

*A schedule for Holy Week will be provided separately.



Pray for the Sick at Holy Trinity:

Tina Doss Abshire Thomas Ackim Greg Bierek Kelly Callahan David Carroll Mary Christner Matt Gould Kelly Konya Theresa Lattimore Janice Leemans Marguerite Morphey Patrick O'Toole Paula Parker Cathie Pleischl Chad Rawlings Regis Saltis Tom Shaughnessy Robert Shinko Maranda Shultzberger Brittany Snahnican 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 ■ Martin Wilczenski ■ Judith Wilczenski and for all of our homebound parishioners.



Please Pray For Our Troops

Pray for our Troops from Holy Trinity:

Patrick Bergen Paul Bohnert John Camp Ethan
Cutright Cayden Fischbach Dillon Franciscus
Grace Fryer Emma Kennelly Ryan Kennelly Shawn
Komora Alex Leigh Jacob McCann Matthew
O'Donnell Dominic Opron Hannah Price Katie
Schlather Michelle Kennelly 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.

We thank them and you for your sacrifice.

LENTEN RETREAT



FRIDAY, MARCH 21 - SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

Support the Avon Catholic Mission Trip

The mission trip team has teamed up with local partner, GV Artwork to help raise funds for their April mission in the Dominican Republic by selling t-shirts with quotes from Saint Oscar Romero (pictured below). Toshirts are \$25 with \$10 of each shirt going back to the mission. Students at Holy Trinity and St. Mary are allowed to wear these shirts as part of their spirit wear. Scan the QR code to purchase.







**Registration opening soon, online at JesuitRetreatCenter.org

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To register visit:

stmaryavon.org/athletics Then click on the link to register.

For questions, email: boosters@stmaryavon.com



Time † Talent † Treasure

Collections from the end of January & February will be published at a later date.



St. Mary students collected food items to support the Souper Bowl Canned Food Drive over Catholic Schools Week. In addition, students had two inspiring assemblies.



February 13: St. Elizabeth Shelter meal donation that St. Mary's provides includes:

- -Tater tot casserole
- -Cookies
- -Fruit
- -Valentines Day candy
- -Rolls
- -Individually wrapped breakfast items, desserts, snacks and travel size personal care items welcomed.



Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus Essay **Contest Winners!**

Holy Trinity is proud to announce the winners of the annual Knights of Columbus Essay Contest, an initiative that encourages students to reflect on their faith and connection to the community through writing. This year's top honors went to:

-1st Place: Kate Gorney

-2nd Place: Isabella Wisniewski -3rd Place: Riley DelVecchio

-Honorable mention: Fiona Mulcahy, Amelia Kirchner, Mary Stalla, Grace Steinbrick, Caleb Hobbs,

and Eva Thomas

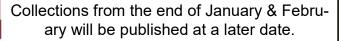


Pictured: K. Gorney, I. Wisniewski, R.DelVecchio, and F. Mulcahy.

Holy Trinity school collected 3,079 food items to support those in need during the Souper Bowl Canned Food Drive over Catholic Schools Week. In this friendly competition between Holy Trinity, St. Mary, St. Joseph (Avon Lake) and St. Raphael (Bay Village), each class was tasked to bring in the most canned food items. The winning class was from fourth grade (Mrs. St. John), who donated over 800 items!







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Scan to purchase Men's Reverse Raffle tickets on March 22 from 6 - 11 p.m.





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