

Sunday, February 16, 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. 17	Presidents Day	
9:00A.M.	Parishioners	No Mass at St. Mary today
Tues. Feb. 18		
7:45 A.M.	Lucy Billett (Family)	
Wed. Feb. 19		
7:45 A.M.	Parish All Souls	
8:30 A.M.		Robert Ryant (Gayle Nowakowski)
Thurs. Feb. 20		
7:45 A.M.	Morning Prayer	
7:30 P.M.		Parish All Souls
Fri. Feb. 21		
7:45 A.M.	Mary Lou Urig (Terese & Chet Seroka)	
8:30 A.M.		Parishioners
Sat. Feb 22	Sat. Feb 22 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	
8:30 A.M.		Parish All Souls
4:00 P.M.		Parishioners
5:00 P.M.	John E. Corrigan (Maura Corrigan)	
Sun. Feb 23	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased Fathers of Holy Trinity	
8:00 A.M.		John O'Hara / Grandpa Jack (Tim & Holly Rinks)
9:00 A.M.	Parishioners	
10:00 A.M.		Rev. Edmond J. Morelle (deceased) (Scott & Jolene Nelson)
10:30 A.M.	Pam Darrow (Gollinger Family)	
Noon	Kathy Horst Herda (John Herda)	Carmela Bello (Anthony Bello)

End-of-year contribution statements: 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.



The theme of the 2025 Appeal is: "Make me a channel of your peace."

Since the beginning of the year, more than 150,000 households received a letter from Bishop Malesic encouraging support for the Appeal and asking each of us to embrace this theme. The Appeal goal is \$15.3 million and is needed to continue to serve nearly 400,000 people in need.

Donations can be made online at:

www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate

-or- by texting CCHOPE to 41444.

To view a video message from newly named President & CEO of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Cleveland, Jim Mullen, scan the QR code below. In his message, Jim shares a more about himself and the many benefits that are brought forth from Catholic Charities Annual Appeal.





Monday, February 17, there will be one Mass celebrated at 9 a.m. at Holy Trinity.

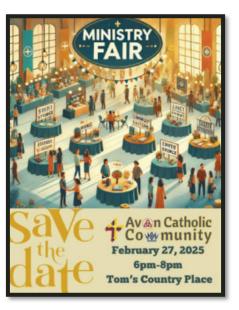
The parish office will be closed and reopen on Tuesday, February 18.



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This week, Jesus flips the world's expectations upside down. He calls the poor, the hungry, and the sorrowful *blessed*—which, let's be honest, sounds a little crazy at first. But that's the beauty of God's call—it often surprises us! Vocation is about embracing that divine surprise, whether it's to priesthood, religious life, marriage, or single life. No matter what, God's plan is far greater than anything we could dream of.

The Vocations Ministry, led by Mary Saar exists to help people listen for that call—because let's face it, sometimes God whispers, and other times it feels like He's using a megaphone. If you've ever thought, "Lord, what do You want from me?"—you're not alone! We're here to foster a culture of prayer, discernment, and encouragement so that each person can boldly say yes to their mission, especially to the priest-hood and religious life.



Bonus reason to stop by the Vocations table at the ministry fair? Fr. Vince's mom will be there! If you've ever wondered what it's like to raise a future priest (or just want some good stories about our pastor as a kid), this is your chance! Come chat with her, learn more about vocations, and maybe—just maybe—discover where God is leading you.

Wherever you are in your journey, trust that God is calling you to do something amazing. And if you're still unsure, that's okay—He's patient. Whether you're discerning your calling or simply want to learn more and support others, this is a great opportunity to connect.

May we all have the courage to follow Christ's call, trusting in the blessings of the Beatitudes! Blessed... we certainly are!

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Desi Gould Director of Evangelization

Vocations Ministry What We Do for the Parish Community

The Avon Catholic Community **Vocations Ministry** is dedicated to nurturing vocation discernment. We aim to promote, encourage and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The **Vocations Ministry** provides an environment of unwavering support and love for those called to these special ministries in addition to these actions:

Prayer

Education & Awareness

Financial Support & Assistance

Community Outreach

Interested in joining the Vocations Committee? Email: vocations@avoncc.org







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 Children's Ministry & 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.

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 Mananda 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.



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 and its influence on the musical style of JS Bach.



Contemplate God's Love & Mercy: A FIG TREE, TWO SONS AND A STONE

FRIDAY, MARCH 21 - SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025
JESUIT RETREAT CENTER

REGISTRATION OPEN, visit:

JesuitRetreatCenter.org/calendar and scroll to the March 21 date, then follow prompts to register.



A mother-daughter retreat March 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Behold Retreat is designed for adult and teen women in the spirit of Mary's fiat. Held at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, the retreat will close with the Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. celebrated by Fr. Joe Menkhaus. Registration is open: dioceseofcleveland.org/ behold



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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.

Super Bowl Square Winners

2025 St Mary TEC Super Bowl Square Results

GRID #1:

1ST QTR (KC 0 PHI 7) – McQ (\$100) 2ND QTR (KC 0 PHI 24) – KODIAK (\$100) 3RD QTR (KC 6 PHI 34) – Chris Kane (\$100)

FINAL (KC 22 PHI 40) - Ron H. (\$200)

GRID #2:

1ST QTR (KC 0 PHI 7) – GETAWAY1A (\$100)

2ND QTR (KC 0 PHI 24) – Art C. (\$100) 3RD QTR (KC 6 PHI 34) – Lucas F (\$100) FINAL (KC 22 PHI 40) – GG Monster (\$200)

Thank you for supporting St Mary TEC.



Thank you to Fr. Deo for blessing the new stained glass window and speaking to our school students about the significance.





Holy Trinity Students Shine in Scripps National Spelling Bee

Students participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, showcasing their academic excellence. Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and perseverance in preparing for this challenging competition. The grade-level winners are:



Grade 1:

- 3. Lucas Frank
- 2. Alicia Koshy
- 1. Martin Nunney

Pictured left.



Grade 2:

- 3. Brooklyn Shaft
- 2. Alexander Lyons
- 1. William Dvoroznak

Pictured left.



Grades 5 and 6 finalists have earned the opportunity to compete in the **County Bee on May 1**. Best of luck as they represent Holy Trinity! Pictured are:

Maria Nunney (grade 6), Sean Martin (grade 5), Alana Hetche (grade 6)



Grade 3:

- 3. Emma Hess
- 2. Andrew Gumucio
- 1. Madison Camou

Pictured left.



Grade 4:

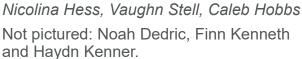
- 3. Monica Nunney
- 2. Julian Prueter
- 1. Marcus Villarosa

Pictured left.



Grades 7 and 8 finalists will continue as the top six spellers advance to the Eastern County Preliminary Regional Spelling Bee qualification round. If they qualify, students will move to the Eastern County Preliminary Regional Spelling Bee in March. Pictured are:









Two new opportunities for Middle School & High School students. Contact csherman@avoncc.org for questions.



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