

Sunday, February 23, 2025



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#### **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.

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



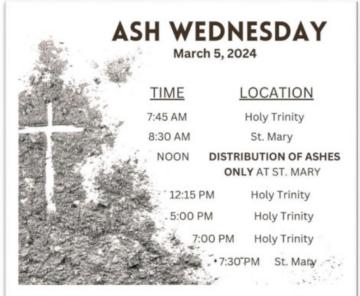
| MASS INTENTIONS |   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
|                 | HOLY TRINITY  | ST. MARY                                   |
| Mon. Feb. 24    |   |  |
| 7:45 A.M.       | Living & Deceased<br>members of the<br>Ladies Guild |  |
| 7:30 P.M.       |   | Carol Sandy<br>(Family)                    |
| Tues. Feb. 25   |   |  |
| 7:45 A.M.       | Mercedes Miesle<br>(Greg & Michelle Miesle)         |  |
| Wed. Feb. 26    |   |  |
| 7:45 A.M.       | Rick Szabo<br>(Mark & Susan Jenkins)                |  |
| 8:30 A.M.       |   | Parishioners                               |
| Thurs. Feb. 27  | MINISTRY FAIR TODAY, 6PM @ TOM'S COUNTRY PLACE      |  |
| 7:45 A.M.       | Morning Prayer                                      |  |
| 7:30 P.M.       |   | Patricia Wearsh<br>(Family)                |
| Fri. Feb. 28    |   |  |
| 7:45 A.M.       | 50th Wedding Anniversary Denise & Stephen Kovatch   |  |
| 8:30 A.M.       |   | Parishioners                               |
| Sat. March 1    |   |  |
| 8:30 A.M.       |   | Parish All Souls                           |
| 4:00 P.M.       |   | Margaret (Toots) Stockard<br>(Family)      |
| 5:00 P.M.       | David Rako<br>(Family)                              |  |
| Sun. March 2    | Eighth Sunday i                                     | n Ordinary Time                            |
| 7:30 A.M.       | Jeanne Schubert<br>(Hyla Family)                    |  |
| 8:00 A.M.       |   | Parish All Souls                           |
| 9:00 A.M.       | Living & Deceased<br>Mothers of Holy Trinity        |  |
| 10:00 A.M.      |   | Marilyn Stauder<br>(Dan & Patti Straw)     |
| 10:30 A.M.      | Parishioners  |  |
| Noon            | Thomas Zander<br>(Family)                           | Margaret Stockard<br>(Joe & Vicki Radican) |

## There is still time to donate to the Annual Appeal



Since the beginning of the year, more than 150,000 households received a letter from Bishop Malesic encouraging support for the Appeal. 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: CatholicCommunity.org/donate or by texting CCHOPE to 41444.

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.



# Please pray for DONALD DARKOW (Holy Trinity)

whose funeral was held this past week. May he dwell with Christ in paradise.



## DISCIPLESHIP DIGEST with desi

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you." Jesus isn't calling us to something impossible—He's calling us to something transformative. A life of love, generosity, and service.

And that's exactly why, again, I am inviting you to the Ministry Fair, Thursday, February 27 from 6-8 p.m. at Tom's Country Place. Not just for you to pick up some free candy from the tables (though, let's be honest, that's a perk), but to find your place in our communities mission. We are not meant to be spectators in the Church; we are meant to get in the game!

- -VBS Registration Kicks Off! Our True North VBS: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World is launching sign-ups, and if history tells us anything, spots will disappear faster than pew seats at Christmas Eve mass. Don't wait!
- -Men's Ministry Bourbon Tasting—because faith and fellowship pair well with good bourbon.
- A \$500 Cash Raffle! If you've donated to the Angel Scholarship Fund (or plan to), you can enter.
- -Games for Kids—while parents explore ministries, kids can enjoy fun activities at the Children's Ministry table.
- -FREE RAFFLES with some amazing prizes!

At the fair, you'll find ministries for everyone. Love to cook or enjoy event planning? Maybe it is the Hospitality Team you are looking for? Want to teach little ones about the faith? Maybe it is PSR or Children's Ministry that would love to have you. Do you want to help others grow in faith? There's a place for you in youth ministry, faith formation or within our liturgical ministries. Love to sing or play an instrument, music ministry would love to have you! And if you're looking for something truly unique... well, I hear we're raffling off a bottle of Pappy Van Winkle Bourbon to support the mission team—because even evangelization can have a little flair.

So, here's my personal plea: don't just grab a snack and run (though I respect the efficiency). Stop by, talk to someone, and see where the Holy Spirit might be nudging you. Find your place. God has given you gifts. Maybe it's teaching, cooking, fixing things, or just showing up with a willing heart. The Church needs you, and trust me, you'll get more than you give.

See you at the fair—I'll be the one making sure the VBS registration table doesn't get trampled.

#### Desi

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

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:

Compassion in Action - 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).

<u>CYO</u> - 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 BEGINS NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**

## **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.



#### 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 Amanda 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 ■ Ed Schuredell ■ 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: <a href="mailto:bulletin@avoncc.org">bulletin@avoncc.org</a>.

We thank them and you for your sacrifice.



February organ concert is THIS FRIDAY 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

#### LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS





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 & 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. Menkhaus.

Register: dioceseofcleveland.org/behold





## Congratulations to the St. Mary Class of 2025



Congratulations to the St. Mary Class of 2025, whom received their high school acceptance letters. All twenty of the eighth grades students were accepted into their first choice high school.

- -11 students will be attending Elyria Catholic.
- 4 students will be attending St. Edward.
- 1 student will be attending St. Ignatius.
- 1 student will be attending Magnificat.
- 3 students will attend public school.

## St. Elizabeth Shelter meal donation for March 13 that St. Mary will provide includes:

- -Sloppy Joe -Green beans -Mac & Cheese -Brownies
- -Individually wrapped breakfast, snack and dessert items are welcome.
- -Travel size, toiletries & personal items (new, packaged) welcome.

You may call the parish office with questions or Deb Janosik.



#### Time † Talent † Treasure

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



Dear Holy Trinity Families,

It is with a mix of gratitude and sadness that I share this message with you today. For the past 10 years, I have been truly blessed to serve as co-principal of Holy Trinity, and for 13 years as a member of this incredible staff. This school year will be my last at Holy Trinity, a decision that was not made lightly. Holy Trinity School and Parish have been a cornerstone of my life, and leaving this community that I love deeply is one of the hardest choices I've ever had to make.



During my time here, I have had the privilege of working alongside an extraordinary team, including the dedicated and talented Mr.

Modzeleski. Together, we've achieved so much, elevating Holy Trinity to one of the top-performing schools in the Diocese and a standout in the area, even among public schools. Maintaining this reputation is of utmost importance to us, and the school is in a place where this will continue. Every day over the past 13 years, I have looked forward to coming to work, supported by an incredible community, including families who share my passion for education and faith. Personally, Holy Trinity has been a second home, where three of my four children have graduated, and where I have formed lifelong friendships.

Starting with the 2025-2026 school year, I will begin a new chapter as the Vice President of Enrollment and Strategy at St. Edward High School. This role will allow me to continue working within Catholic education, a vocation I care deeply about, while bridging the transition between elementary and high school. While I am excited about this new opportunity, it is bittersweet to step away from a community that has meant so much to me. However, my connection to Holy Trinity is far from over—my youngest child will continue as a student here, and I will remain a proud and involved parent.

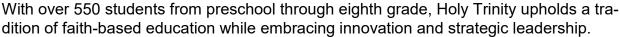
For the remainder of this school year, I will continue to serve as principal and work closely with Mr. Modzeleski and Father Hawk to ensure a seamless transition. We are committed to keeping you informed, and as soon as a transition plan is finalized, we will share those details with you promptly. Though I will no longer be principal, I will still be involved and present as Holy Trinity is my parish and a place that will always remain close to my heart.

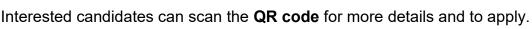
Thank you for your unwavering support over the years. Holy Trinity will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will cherish the memories we've created together.

With gratitude, Kim Kuchta

#### **Holy Trinity School Seeks Co-Principal**

Holy Trinity School is now accepting applications for the position of **Co-Principal**. This is a unique opportunity to join a National Blue Ribbon Award-winning school, dedicated to academic excellence, faith formation, and student growth.









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



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