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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 23, 2025

A Note From Our Parish Administrator:



The final Fish Fry is THIS Friday from 5:00-7:00pm—a tip of the appreciation hat

to those who put the Fish Fry together. From coordinating volunteer

sign-up to cooking, the overall effort is not simple. Even though we have a Fish Fry every year, we never know how many to expect or if we'd have enough. I appreciate all the work that everyone has done to make these Friday



evenings happen. You are welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross on the remaining Friday evenings of Lent at 7 pm in the Church.



SAVE THE DATE! May 4-6 is going to be an EASTER Mission. You will love Friar John Paul – he is the priest campus minister at Padua Franciscan High School, a former policeman, and a current police chaplain for the Parma Division of Police and the State of Illinois Highway Patrol. I hope we can drum up some police presence for this mission entitled "Easter Peace:

Reflections on the Peace Prayer." Friar John Paul will be here that weekend to preach at every Mass and introduce himself. Be sure to bring a friend to Mass and have them join us each night of the mission.

This Saturday is our next Common Bond dinner at 3pm. Many of us would benefit from dinner and conversations with people who have experienced loss like ours.



When we lose someone, we don't always know how to process those feelings and might need to talk things out. Many thanks to Beth Rossetti for putting these dinners together for our parishioners, but please know that even those not from our parish are also invited. RSVP in advance to Beth by emailing her at beth@stjustin.net.



If you have not attended the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lenten Season, perhaps you will consider joining us next week at St. Mary Magdalene starting at 6 p.m. Various priests will be present to hear our Confession and help us

understand Jesus' forgiveness. As we hear in the Psalm this weekend, the Lord is kind and merciful!

St. Justin Martyr, Pray for us! Fr. Josh



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Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY ~ March 24 ~ Lenten Weekday 8:30AM Rev. James M. Cassidy

TUESDAY ~ March 25 ~ The Annunciation 8:30AM Carol Rusiecki, Ross & Rose Forsyth 7:30PM Rosary Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY ~ March 26 ~ Lenten Weekday 8:30AM Lawrence N. Tucci. Eileen Tucci

THURSDAY ~ March 27 ~ Lenten Weekday 8:30AM Maria Saia. Rosetta Scafidi

FRIDAY ~ March 28 ~ Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Mary Ellen Butler, Dona & Craig Butler
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

<u>SATURDAY ~ March 29 ~ Vigil Mass</u> 5:00PM Russ Hanna, *Marion Hanna* <u>Livestream Mass</u>

<u>SUNDAY ~ March 30 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent</u> 8:00AM The Simpson Family, *Leslie Simpson* 10:30AM Mass for Parishioners

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, March 24: Women's Fellowship Group 6:30pm CMR; Men's Basketball 9pm Parish Center

Tuesday, March 25: Stewardship Meeting 1pm CMR; Boy Scouts 7pm PHMR

Thursday, March 27: Coffee & Conversation 11am ATR; Finance Council Meeting 4:30pm RDR

Friday, March 28: *The Chosen* 1:00pm ATR; Fish Fry 5-7pm Parish Hall; Stations 7pm Church

Saturday, March 29: Common Bond Dinner 3pm Parish Hall; Confessions 4pm Chapel; HNS Club 200 Ticket sales after all Masses

Sunday: March 30: HNS Club 200 Ticket sales after all Masses

Weekly Contributions March 16, 2025 Total Collection: \$16,384.50*

Loose Cash: \$230 Envelopes: \$16,094.50 # of Env: 195** Avg./env.: \$82.33 Student: 1 Total Households: 384 *EFT:\$9,093.50 **EFT: 66

Thank you for your generosity!



Gathered Around the Fire

As we continue our Lenten journey, the Lake Cor Men's group is planning a bonfire and weenie roast in the "Parish"

Backyard" (behind the school) on

Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 PM. While gathering around a fire is a simple, communal experience, it also carries deep significance in our faith. Fire has long been a powerful symbol in Scripture and in



the Church's liturgy, especially as we prepare for the most sacred night of the year: the Easter Vigil.

On that holy night, the Church begins in darkness, but then a new fire is kindled. From this fire, the Paschal Candle is lit, a sign of Christ's victory over sin and death. As the candle is carried into the church, its flame spreads, dispelling the darkness. This light represents Christ, the Light of the World, who leads us from death into new life. The Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet, beautifully expresses this mystery: "O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night."

Our gathering around the bonfire serves as a reminder of this sacred

fire. Just as the Church begins in darkness and is illumined by the light of Christ, so, too, are we called to be bearers of His light. Lent is a time for renewal and preparation—an opportunity to allow God to rekindle the fire of faith within us so that, come



Easter, we may shine with the light of His love.

I encourage all men of the parish to gather around the fire with us as we celebrate Christ's victory over death with good food, great fellowship, and a deeper reflection on the power of His light in our lives. Come be part of this special night—where faith, fire, and fraternity come together!

Peace and Blessings, Deacon Tim



Please pray for all of our parishioners who are sick or hospitalized, the shut-ins, those in nursing homes, needing prayers, and all of the intentions written in our Book of Prayers located in the gallery.

Clara Abraham, Bill & Del Abrahamson. Sandy Almasy, Joseph Andryscik, Janet Bartholomew, Sue Beam, Deacon Pat Berigan, Kathy Boey, Tom Bukovec, Mike Caranna, Kathleen Cassidy, Kelly Chiominto, Sam Ciliberto, Carolyn & John Cutler, Jason Cutler, Dianna DeBaltzo, Dan Eppich, Patty Gatten, Frank Germano, Tom Goss, Ann Hobart, Jim Jeran, Jeff Kantura, Katherine Kirsch, Jack Kramer, Mary Ellen Isom, Mary LaManna, Leona LaMarca, Ryan Mackeyem, Ann Miller, Sarah Mujic, Jeric Nowak, Jennie & Bob Panella, Sharon Patrick, Tim Rosian, Joan Rozak, Chuck Sellers, Tony Skufca, Brett Snyder, Carrie Spelich, Germaine Strainic, Aisha Temple, Mike Vara, Cheryl Wilson, Donna Wisz, and Chrissy Wisz. Please call the office if you would like someone added or removed from the list or email simoffice@stjustin.net. Thank you for all your prayers for those in need.

Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15/Ps 103:1-8, 11/

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2Kgs 5:1-15/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/

Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-16, 19-20/

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23 Friday: Hos14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11,14,17/Mk 12:28-34 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/

2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Daily Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel 9am-4pm

We are in need of adorers to sign up on Wednesday at 11am, 12pm, 2pm and 3pm and on Thursday at 9am, 10am, 2pm and 3pm. Can you spend an hour with Jesus weekly?

We are also looking for substitute adorers who would be willing to cover an hour at a time when someone has a conflict. You would be put on a list and called as needed. Sign-up sheets are on the counter by the chapel.

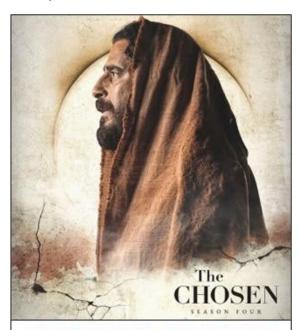
Current Eucharistic adorers, please sign in when you come so that we can make sure that the Holy Hour before Jesus is spent with an adorer. If you are no longer able to commit to your assigned hour, please let Marion know right away.

"Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament, remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you." —St. Josemaria Escriva

If you are able to commit to an hour with Jesus in silent prayer or would be open to being a substitute adorer, please call Marion Hanna at 440-975-8208 or email her at marionhanna@sbcglobal.net and she will tell you about the program that is in it's 35th year of operation.

Charles Hunt, MA Director of Religious Education Charles@stjustin.net 440-946-3287

Catholic Humor: Going over the parish's records, the bookkeeper found a suspicious receipt from a local paint store signed by someone named Fred Christian. She wasn't aware of anyone by that name who would be buying paint for the parish, so she called the store. "I'm sorry," she told the manager, "but I don't believe there are any Christians here at St. John's Parish."



WATCH EPISODES LEADING UP TO HOLY WEEK WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Fridays, 1:00-2:30 p.m., starting March 21 In the Parish Center's ATR Room Contact Charlie Hunt at:

(440) 936-3287 / Charles@stjustin.net

Club 200 is back! Only 200 numbers will be sold!

Tickets will be available this weekend after Masses. Cost is \$20 each. **GRAND PRIZE is \$1,000. Two Prizes: \$100 each. Eight Prizes: \$50 each.**

This fundraiser supports our Holy Name Society and the good works that we do in the parish. Tentative drawing date is Sunday, April 6th. Thank you for your participation and good luck to all!





St. Justin Martyr Parish Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain is composed of parishioners who offer up intercessory prayers for those in need. To submit an intention to the prayer chain, please contact Mary Jane at 440-953-9729

and leave your message or email her at mbuehner@ameritech.net.

Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Associate Lay Ecclesial Minister

beth@stjustin.net 440-946-1177, ext. 105

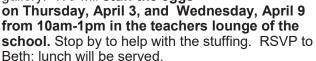
Confirmation 2025 Our next session will be Sunday, April 6 beginning with the 10:30am Mass. Our sponsors will be invited to declare their journey with their candidate to the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our session will be our Service project of Easter Baskets for Westside Catholic Center. Letters were sent home with more detailed information.



Our Easter Eggzstravaganza Saturday, April 12th.

We are in need of donations of candy or small toys to place in the eggs.

Our donation box is in the gallery. We will **stuff the eggs**





Lent has arrived! Our Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a Lenten Service Project for Little Annie's Hope Train. We will be collecting food to fill her thirty Food Pantries and feed the unsheltered. We will be collecting items from March 23-31 in the gallery. Place them in the marked

boxes. See the ad on page 5 for needed items.

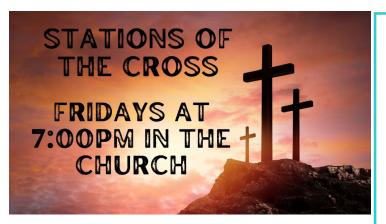
THE NEXT STEWARDSHIP MEETING is on Tuesday, March 25 at 1:00PM in the Church Meeting Room. Please come and join us in planning various events happening in our parish community throughout the next few months.



Coffee and Conversation
This Thursday at 11:00am in the
ATR!



Thursday, April 10 @ 11am ATR - RSVP to Beth



Come join others who have lost someone they love.



Don't be left out in the rain.

Join us as we share a Common Bond!

Saturday, March 29 in the parish hall 3:00-3:45pm Social 3:45pm Dinner 5:00pm—Mass at St. Justin Martyr

Donation \$10.00

We will share our grief

as we learn to laugh with others.

RSVP to BETH at beth@stjustin.net or 440-946-1177 Ext. 105

by Wednesday, March 26 list food allergies

You do not have to be a member of St. Justin Martyr Church 35781 Stevens Blvd. Eastlake, 44095

St. Justin Martyr Lenten Fish Fry Dinner

Featuring all you can eat Fish Fry!

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March 7, 14, 21, & 28 Parish Hall - 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Adult Dinner: \$14.00

Senior Dinner: \$12.00 (59 and over) Children Dinner: \$7.00 (12 and under)

Women's Fellowship Group

Next Meeting, March 24 at 6:30pm in the Church **Meeting Room**

MEETING FOR

PARISH FESTIVAL



"Getting to Know Better" Our Lady of Lourdes, The Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Sorrows, and Our Lady of the Rosary

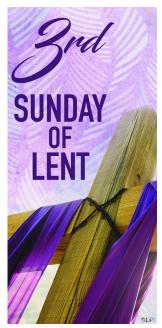
All ladies are welcome. Bring your beverage and a friend! RSVP to sandi@stjustin.net if you are able to attend. We want to make sure we have enough space!

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING!

Mark your calendars for the first meeting for our last festival on Monday, March 31 at 6:30pm, Church Meeting Room.

New members are welcome! The Festival is Sunday, July 27 at the Italian-American Club in Wickliffe. Great Bands, the Basket Raffle, Games & Prizes, and, of course, our fabulous parish food tent!





Parishioners HELP is needed for our



Bunny Hop





Indoor Easter Egg Bunny Hop Trail Saturday, April 12 Noon-1:30PM in the Parish Hall

CAN YOU: Pass out Easter eggs

or hide them around/on table.

We provide the filled eggs. You will decorate your 6 foot table.

Set up will be on Friday, April 11 between 1:00-3:00pm and 6:00-7:00PM

Donate bags of candy to fill the eggs.



Bring family and friends to participate.

Help us advertise our **Bunny Hop Eggzstravaganza**

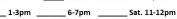
Flyers are available in the gallery.

If you would like to participate - Tear off and return to Beth in the Parish Office or email Beth@stjustin.net

mail	Phone
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I will set up Friday _____

I need decorations for my table





Help Feed Those in Lake County

We will be collecting food to be placed in

Little Annie's Hope Train **Food Pantries**

Collection will be the weekends of March 22-23 & March 29-30

Needed items:

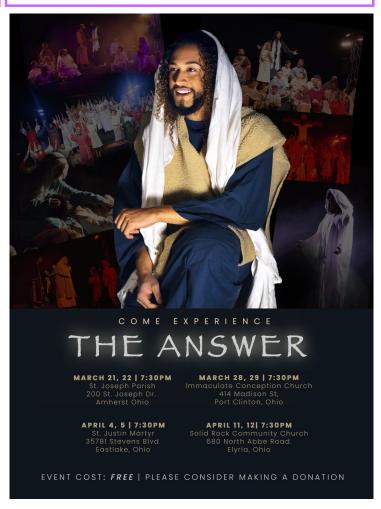
- · Non-perishable food items (unexpired)
- · Individually wrapped toilet paper
- · Brand new washcloths
- Adult sized socks
- Toothbrushes, TRAVEL size toothpaste.
- · Mac and Cheese, Pasta, SpaghettiOs
- Cereal
- · Peanut butter & jelly
- Canned veggies and soups, beef stew and tuna
- Granola bars
- · Lance crackers
- · Boxed milk
- Bottled water
- · Monetary Donations

Questions—contact Beth in the parish office or beth@stjustin.net or any Stewardship Committee member.

Sponsored by St. Justin Martyr Stewardship Committee.







Pastoral Staff & Parish Leaders

Rev. Joshua J. Cochrac, Parish Administrator Rev. Kevin M. Liebhardt – Pastor Emeritus Deacon Timothy Shell Mr. Charles Hunt, MA

Director of Rel. Education Mrs. Beth Rossetti – Pastoral Associate

Mr. Thomas Gulden – Coordinator of Music

Mr. Tom Keaty –
Parish Council Coordinator
Ms. Terry Ryan – Coordinator

of Liturgical Ministries

Buildings & Office Information and Hours

Parish Office: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 946-1177

Saturday Closed

Sunday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Parish FAX line 946-9126

PSR/Religious Education Office:

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **946-3287**

Monday Evening 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

If you need to speak to a priest, please call ahead to be sure one is available.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Weekdays: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Days: Please refer to Mass times inside the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00-4:30 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Celebrating Sacramental Life

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office

to set up a time.

Marriages: Arrangements with priest MUST BE at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Contact Father Josh.

Funerals/Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish Office immediately.

Sick Calls: Please notify the office concerning homebound and those going to the hospital. Call the parish in event of an emergency.

Welcoming New Parishioners: Call, stop in or go to www.stjustin.net to obtain a registration form. Once completed, call to make a "Welcoming" appointment.

Catholic Education Contact Information

The ministry of Catholic Education will continue at the schools below:

All Saints School at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28702 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, 44092. Contact: 440-943-1395; http://www.allsaintssjv.org. Mater Dei Academy at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 29840 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, 44092. Contact: 440-585-0800; www.materdeiacademy.us.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - March 29 & 30, 2025			
	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Saturday, March 29 5:00 PM	Mary Jane Buehner Fred Haas	Bernie Borowski, John Buehner, Carol Horgan, Melanie Peters, Michael Peters	Nathaniel Peters Ryan Peters
Sunday, March 30 8:00 AM	Joan Fishburn Therese Ryan	Carlos Hidalgo, Paula Hidalgo, Debbi Rydzinski, Michael Rydzinski, Deacon Tim Shell	NOT FILLED
Sunday, March 30 10:30 AM	Seth Bonnell Kayleigh Patton	Diane Goss, Kathleen Morrison, Michael Pandy, Nancy Sindelar, Mike Strainic	Aaron Supanick Adam Supanick



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