The Roman Catholic Community of

SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON





Our Mission

Saint Paschal Baylon is a joyful, welcoming community centered in the Eucharist. We are administered by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS) in the Diocese of Cleveland. Through our liturgy and prayer, we are empowered to grow in faith, love and service.

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For information about the Parish School, visit: SaintPaschal.net

Worship of the Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30pm in church Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, & 6:30pm in church

Weekdays: 9:00am in church, 11:30am in Saint Ann Shrine

Saturday: 9:00am in church

Confession

Saturday: 3:30 – 4:15pm *in church or by appointment,* Communal Services during Advent and Lent

Anointing of the Sick

First Sunday of the month after 8:30am Mass in church or by appointment.

Liturgy of the Hours

Morning Prayer: 8:00am church

Evening Prayer: 4:45pm OLBS Chapel in church (M-F only)

The Rosary

Monday – Saturday: 8:30am in church Wednesday: 11am in Saint Ann Shrine

Veneration of the Relic of Saint Ann

Tuesday: 11:20 am in Saint Ann Shrine or ask a priest before or after Mass to prepare for surgery or for other spiritual needs.

Prayer in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Community @ Prayer ministry continues the tradition of keeping vigil until the Lord Jesus Christ returns in glory. Our prayer extends the blessings of the Mass where we share in the Risen Christ's Body and Blood.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (a liturgical act) occurs Thursdays from 9:30 am until 8:00 pm with special exposition time throughout the year (i.e., Taizé Eucharistic Holy Hours, Saint Ann Triduum, Saint Peter Julian Eymard Triduum, etc.). See inside the bulletin for details.

The church is always open for prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle ("adoration"). Please make a visit to pray, as Saint Peter Julian Eymard would say, the "4-ends" of adoration, forgiveness, thanksgiving and petition. When the church is locked, see the pastor for the special parking area and code to enter the church to pray throughout the night in the tradition of nocturnal prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Media

Bulletin Material: email: Bulletin@SaintPaschal.com Join us on all major social media.

YouTube Channel: Please click on our website, church.saintpaschal.net, to subscribe for our regular videos and worship events, broadcasted and archived.

MASS INTENTIO	JNS AN	December 18-24, 2023	SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON
Monday, December 18 Advent Weekday [3] Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25	9:00 am 11:30 am	MASS: † Anton Kozelj MASS: † Patricia Jacobson (Saint Ann's Shrine)	6:30-7:30 рм: PSR Weekly Session – CH, ER, OBH & SC
Tuesday, December 19 Advent Weekday [3] Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25	9:00 am 11:30 am	MASS: Special Intentions MASS: Special Intentions (Saint Ann's Shrine)	6:30-8:00 AM: Lite Team – PP 10:00-11:00 AM: Preschool Christmas Program – CH 2:00-4:00 PM: Social Activities – DK 6:30-7:30 PM: Penance Service – CH 7:00-8:00 PM: Men's Bible Study – DK
Wednesday, December 20 Advent Weekday [3] Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38	9:00 am 11:30 am	MASS: † Alexandra Wuertz (Anniversary) MASS: † Aldona and † Vladas Vailonis (Saint Ann's Shrine)	6:30-8:00 AM: Faculty/Staff Breakfast – ER 6:30-7:30 PM: Adult Choir Rehearsal – CH 7:00-8:30 PM: Associates Mtg – PP
Thursday, December 21 Advent Weekday [3] Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45	9:00 am 11:30 am	MASS: † Saverio Mitra MASS: † Russel Brantmeier (Saint Ann's Shrine)	3:30-4:30 PM: Children's Choir Practice – CH 6:30-8:00 PM: Prayer Shawl – PP 8:00-9:30 PM: CYO Mtg – JB
Friday, December 22 Advent Weekday [3] 1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56	9:00 am 11:30 am	MASS: † Jean M. Futey MASS: Guardian Angels (Saint Ann's Shrine)	9:30 AM-12:00 PM: Arts/Environment – DK
Saturday, December 23 Advent Weekday [3] Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66	9:00 am 4:30 pm	MASS: † JoAnn M. Jackson MASS: † Tony & † Pompeo Cusmai (VIGIL-4th Sunday of Advent)	9:35 AM-1:00 PM: Arts/Environment – CH
Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25	8:30 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm 8:00 pm	MASS: † August & Alexi Mancuso MASS: † Larry Ottino MASS: † Josie Mazza MASS: Special Intentions	12:00-3:00 рм: Arts/Environment – CH

MASS INTENTIONS AND HADDENINGS AT SAINT DASCHAL BAYLON

CAMPUS KEY FOR ROOM LOCATIONS

AR = Arkin's Conference Rm CC = Church Chapel

CN = Church Narthex

CH = Church

DK = Sr. Dorothy Kazel Rm

EK = Eymard Kitchen

ER = Eymard Rm

FLC = Family Life Center

FLL = Family Life Library

JB = Saint Julie Billiart Rm

JG = Jette Gym

MR = FLC Music Rm

PP = Parish Parlor

OBH = O'Brien Hall

SC = School

YG = Youth Group Rm

YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS

Questions? Contact Mrs. Cross, Director of Youth Ministry, at ecross@saintpaschal.com



Scan above to find our scheduled upcoming events, forms & more



Scan above to sign up for meetings, volunteer/service opportunities, trips & more

A LETTER FROM FR. LANE



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Since the Gospel of Mark is significantly shorter, we have many passages from the Gospel of John during this Sunday Cycle B Year. So is the case today when we hear about John the Baptist (JB) from the Gospel of John today. We hear the exchange and questioning of and about JB. We remember

that, we too, are baptized – rejoicing in the Lord always and praying without ceasing. We rejoice in our God and allow that Spirit of God (which came at our Baptism, Confirmation and at each reception of Holy Communion), to mold us to be the positive influence in our world today. In what way will I allow God's great spirit of joy to be manifested today and throughout the week? This is "rejoice" or "Gaudete Sunday," when we remember the great antiphon that starts the Mass and gives the reputation and label to this Sunday. It's why we have the Bambinelli Blessing, the caroling and gathering around the manger, and why we are then sent to bring the joy of this holiday to the rest of the world, each and every day of the year. As Paul says to the Thessalonians, and to us anew, don't quench the Holy Spirit within you! Be faithful to the Spirit, and be holy and joyful as a Christian disciple and apostle of the Eucharist!

WELCOME HOME: Our parish family really encourages one another to invite members to return to church for the holidays and worship. Our parish boasts such a friendly and welcoming environment and includes everyone in God's family. As we prepare, especially for the Christmas Masses, please reach out to invite and welcome folks. And in your pew at Sunday Mass, please take a moment to say hello, not just at the Sign of Peace, as new folks join our parish and others return to celebrate these special holy days.

PENANCE & PRAYER THIS WEEK: Take advantage of the grace of special moments, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, TUESDAY, December 19, 6:30 PM — We celebrate a communal penance service, which is time with the Word of God and then time for each of us to celebrate a moment of reconciliation and penance. After we individually go to the priest, we stay to pray for one another, support one another and sing of God's mercy. Join our special Eucharistic Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 PM in church.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES: We still miss Matt Parrotta a lot, but we have enjoyed auditioning different musicians to fill his accompanist position. We are grateful to our music/liturgy minister, Roberta, for finding some freelance musicians who have loved coming to worship with us. Soo and Bruno will be our new accompanists going forward in the new year. Welcome aboard and more about them in the coming weeks.

Secondly, we will have very special music for the Christmas Masses, thanks to Roberta for finding some beautiful instruments to accompany our services. We also thank Michelle Kitko for directing the Children's Choir at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (NOTE THE DIFFERENT TIME) and <u>all</u> the music groups will be at 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. Christmas Day, too, at 8:30 and 10:30 AM, we have our musicians returning to support these liturgies. Come half-hour ahead of time – yes, early for each celebration to find a seat and to sing with the music groups and enjoy the beautiful arts and environment work.

FATHER O'BRIEN HALL TOWN HALL MEETING (OBH):

Our architect firm will be making a special presentation for our feedback about the renovation to OBH and the Eymard Room. Join us on MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Eymard Room where will have a special Town Hall Meeting about these remodels and upgrades. I look forward to your attendance and honest feedback.



HELP OUR CHILDREN LISTEN & LEARN GOD'S WORD: We need parents to help lead this on Sundays at 10:30 AM. We'll train you – so contact Brother James at jjowflc@gmail.com or call the parish office at ext. 108.

EUCHARIST IS A VERB, NOUN,

ADVERB, ADJECTIVE AND INTERJECTION! Join in this workshop where we learn more about the most important thing we do as a Catholic – celebrate the Eucharist. Learn more about it through our workshop, WEDNESDAY, **JANUARY 3, 6:30** PM in church. Come with your questions and thoughts about the Eucharist/Mass that you have always wanted to address.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK IS COMING: Spread the word about our award-winning Catholic school, a vital ministry of our parish. Invite them to attend our Catholic School Mass on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>January 28 at 10:30 AM</u> and the Open House following. More details to come in the School News section later in this bulletin.

MINISTRY FAIR RETURNS IN FEBRUARY: I have been edified by how many folks are wanting to plan for our Ministry Fair. Based on the evaluations of last year's Ministry Fair, we thought to have it before Lent and bring back the Mardi Gras theme. Mark your calendars for February 10-11 (since Ash Wednesday is February 14). Leaders are signing up in the parish office with Gigi to have food and fun at their table to enjoy the Mardi Gras theme.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND? A few weeks back, George Zagar did an excellent job inviting you to support our school with the Ohio Tax Rebate program that our Diocese of Cleveland calls the Angel Scholarship Fund. In our busy world, take the opportunity to sign up today while reading this bulletin!

Let's continue to pray for each other. Happy New Year! Blessings for a wonderful Advent.

In Christ our Eucharist,



Very Reverend John Thomas J. Lane, SSS 8th Pastor & 14th Provincial Superior of the Province of Saint Ann

PS: My photo today is my last motorcycle ride in Vietnam with one of our students there. We thank you for your prayers and support of our seminarians around the globe, but especially for Bro Joe here. I'll have more about a new postulant who starts with us in next week's

bulletin! Thanks for making Bro Joe feel so welcome!

PARISH CALENDAR

FOR SNOWSTORMS OR OTHER WEATHER ISSUES, REMEMBER: When Mayfield Schools are closed –SPB is closed with no evening meetings. Please remain at home for your safety, for this allows our maintenance team to not worry about cars in the way of plowing. We will also send out a notice via our *Paschal Life* email. We may also have our own closure for weather or other issue (e.g., no water or electricity, etc.). If you are not receiving Saturday emails from the parish, you are not on our email list. PLEASE CONTACT US TODAY!

ADVENT REMINDERS:

- · LET'S GO TO CONFESSION!
 - \circ Saturdays at 3:30 pm Rite 1 Individual
 - ♦ Tuesday, **December 19**: 6:30 PM
- LAST DAY OF OUR CATHOLIC DAY SCHOOL: Wednesday, December 20 for a two-week break.
- ADVENT EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR: Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 PM, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church
- NEXT SUNDAY IS THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:
 - Saturday, December 23 Vigil: 4:30 PM
 - Sunday, December 24: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
- NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) CAROLS AND MUSIC HALF-HOUR BEFORE THE SERVICES:
 - Sunday, December 24:
 - ♦ 4:00 PM (Vigil Mass & Children's Choir)
 - ♦ 8:00 PM (Mass at Night, readings & Adult Christmas Choir & Musicians THE BIG ONE! music half-hour before the Mass, so come enjoy with your family and friends)
 - Monday, December 25:
 - ♦ 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 - ♦ 8:30 AM (Mass at Dawn)
 - **♦ 10:30** AM (Mass during the Day)
 - ♦ There is <u>no</u> 6:30 pm Mass this day
 - Saturday, December 30:
 - ♦ 8:00 AM Morning Prayer & 8:30 AM Rosary
 - ♦ 9:00 AM for the Christmas Octave
 - ♦ 4:30 PM for the Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family
 - Sunday, December 31:
 - ♦ 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 - ♦ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Masses Feast of the Holy Family
 - ◆ 4:30 PM Vigil of the Solemnity Mary, Mother of God (NOTE: SPECIAL TIME)
 - ♦ There is <u>no</u> 6:30 PM Mass this day
 - Monday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 - ♦ 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 - ♦ 8:30 AM Mass
 - ♦ 10:30 AM Mass
 - ♦ There is <u>no</u> 6:30 pm Mass this day
- OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL MASS RETURNS: Thursday, January 4, 2024
- JANUARY 7/8: EPIPHANY MASSES: Home Blessing Kits distributed – Usual Weekend Schedule
 - Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday Morning Prayer 8:00 AM, Masses:
 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM
- Christmas Time ends on Monday, January 8 with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

- EUCHARIST IS A VERB, NOUN, ADVERB, ADJECTIVE AND INTERJECTION! Wednesday, January 3, 6:30 pm in church. This will be recorded with your presence and feedback.
- TOWN HALL FOR EVERYONE ON OBH: Monday, January 8 at 6:30 PM: Come see the conceptional Plans – the First Draft – so that we may have feedback to finalize.
- MINISTRY FAIR: Weekend Masses before Lent with a Mardi Gras Theme, February 10-11. All groups welcome to recruit, share information and socialize to help our new parishioners know what we are about here at SPB. Ash Wednesday is Valentine's Day, February 14.

PARISH LIFE

OUR SUGGESTION BOX – **MAY I SUGGEST?** As part of our Strategic Plan, our Saint Paschal Baylon Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council are always interested in your ideas, suggestions, improvements and more! Look for the "new suggestion box" in the Fickel Narthex where you may add your written suggestions. Through our ombudsman, Tom Kelley, you are able to share your input and send him an email to tjk12@case.edu.

MASS INTENTIONS/STIPENDS: Thank you for your generosity to the Blessed Sacrament Community for the Mass Intentions and requests for prayers. We speak aloud the names we pray for as you hear at each Mass. We mention these names with our regular intentions.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: If you need support and a listening device to hear better in our church, please see the musicians for a special device that you may wear in church.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS OR THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST: If you wish to participate in Holy Communion with a low-gluten host, or to also receive the Blood of Christ during Mass, with your very own chalice, please come to the sacristy before Mass to let the priest or sacristan know and share with you the procedure.

2024 INTERNATIONAL EYMARDIAN PILGRIMAGE: Plan now and block off 13 days in your calendar beginning **November 5 (2024)** to take a Pilgrimage to France featuring the places of Saint Eymard.

COME PLAY! What: Tuesday Table games | When: Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 | Where: Sr. Dorothy Kazel Room

Bring your favorite table game and a snack for yourself! For more information, please contact Mona at monagrigsbysuarez@yahoo.com or 505-239-1019.

AGAPE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Next topic is the Gospel of Saint Luke led by *Anita Reddi-Chatterjee* (achatterjee981@gmail.com).

When: Every Tuesday starting from **January 23** to **November 26**, from 9:30-11:00 AM.

Where: Sister Dorothy Kazel Room (Saint Ann Shrine North Wing) **Cost:** Free. Study materials/resources are sent to members via weekly emails.

In-person class. Bring your Roman Catholic Bible (per list of approved translations from USCCB).

SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMISSION

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to every Facilitator and Participant completing the recent Spiritual Faith Formation Fall 2023 Semester, The Eucharist in Scripture. Your passion and commitment to faith and community helped all of us grow a deeper understanding of our Bible, the Eucharist and Tenets of our Faith. Have you ever desired to have deeper meaning and understanding of your Faith in your life? Do you wish to grow your love for Jesus beyond attending Mass? Do you want to grow or strengthen your Catholic community through meaningful conversations and fellowship? If you answered "Yes" to any of these, a Small Faith Sharing Group is for you! Spiritual Faith Formation will be announcing its next session of classes in this Bulletin for Lenten Season 2024. Be on the lookout for registration information, class dates and topic. We hope you will join this vibrant community! Classes are offered on weekdays with options in the morning, afternoon and evening. May God bless you abundantly in the coming weeks! - Rosalie Lewis and Christine Davis

WHAT IS "BAMBINELLI SUNDAY?"

A Bambinelli Blessing will be held during all of this weekend's Masses. "Bambinelli," refers to the "Baby Jesus" in the Nativity scene. Originated by Pope Paul VI in 1969, the blessing takes place each year in Rome on the Third Sunday of Advent. Since then, Roman Catholic churches from around the world, and now ours, have adopted this tradition. Every family is invited to bring their "Baby Jesus" from their Nativity Scene to the Mass they attend on the Third Sunday of Advent and receive a blessing. The Bambinelli Blessing will incite us to experience God's true joy and love that comes to us from the Infant Jesus, which reinforces the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of Jesus Christ. Come and rejoice in God's love for you in this Advent celebration with your parish family.

PRAYER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please join our Saint Paschal Baylon Community @ Prayer

in our

Prayer in the Presence of

the Blessed Sacrament

(Exposition)

Thursdays from 9:3<mark>0 a.m. – 7</mark>:00 p.m.

in the church chapel

(If unable to pray with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the chapel is open for "adoration" and other prayers 24/7 on all other days.)

For more information or to sign up for a Thursday time please contact monagrigsbysuarez@yahoo.com 505-239-1019

HELPING HAND NEWS

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The annual "Giving Tree" will be set up in the Narthex on November 25th and will remain up through the Christmas season. Through your generosity, our Knight Riders (homeless outreach) will deliver gifts to the needy of Cleveland. Some of the items requested are (batteries, sleeping bags, tents, hoodies, sweatpants, & thermal underwear, boots, etcetera). If you would like to contribute, please take a paper strip from the envelopes located on the poster board which will be displayed next to the giving tree. Purchase the item/items and return the item UNWRAPPED or in a gift bag to the narthex labeled "giving tree." Please place a bulb (provided in the box by the tree) on the tree as you leave your "gift" for the needy. Our tree will be decorated by your love and generosity at the end of Advent. Thank you for your contributions—for they will bring smiles to those in need. Please return items by January 6th.

In the meantime, we kindly request that donations of hoodies and sweatpants be dropped off at the parish office now as we have an immediate need for those items.

SPRING FLING CLUB NEWS

Coming soon, the 15th Annual Saint Paschal Baylon Spring Fling Festival, **May 16-19, 2024**. Mark your personal devices with these dates now, or if you are "old school", those free funeral home calendars. Our festival kickoff meeting is on Tuesday, **9 January** at 6:30 pm in the Arkins Room. Our core committee needs help. Consider joining our festive band of women and men. Need additional information? Contact Bob Mastrangelo at bgmastrangelo@gmail.com or at 440-442-2854.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION



"Advent, then, is a time for overturning our perspectives ... for letting ourselves be surprised by the greatness of God's mercy ... I invite you to

pray before the Nativity scene that the birth of Jesus will bring a ray of peace to the children of the whole world, especially those forced to live the terrible and dark days of war ... that destroys many lives, many lives of many children."

- Pope Francis, Gaudate Sunday, 2022

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

December 17th: Christmas Party for ALL! Caroling with the Parish for all from 5:30-8:00 pm!

SPB CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Our Church was filled with the melodious sounds of the season the past two weeks with Christmas performances by our choirs and band. Our Grades 7-8 Choir and the Grades 4-8 Band dazzled the audience with voices and instruments capping off the evening by joining forces to perform our school spirit song. We had a full house for our Primary (K-2) Christmas concert this past week, and parents and grandparents enjoyed the singing of our earnest and enthusiastic young singers! We extend a heartfelt thank-you to Mrs. Karpusza, our music teacher, and Mr. Adams, our band director, for all of their hard work in preparing our students for the performance. What a wonderful way to enjoy the Christmas season!

- Peace and Blessings, Diane Raguz, Principal

SAVE THESE DATES!

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren in our Saint Paschal Baylon Preschool, mark Thursday, January 25 on your calendar! The preschool team will be presenting information on all of our preschool programs beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Eymard Room of the Family Life Center. The opportunity to see the classrooms will be available to all. Our preschool fills up quickly, so you don't want to miss this event. Please visit our website to register for the event or email office@saintpaschal.com.

ALL-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

All are welcome, current families and prospective families, to our Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, January 28 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We will welcome families from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Information for new families will be available during this Open House. For answers to your questions, please call the school office, email us at office@saintpaschal.com, or visit our website at www.saintpaschal.com.

KINDERGARTEN SNEAK PEEK & GRADES 1-8 (NEW ENROLLMENT) O & A:

On Thursday, February 1 at 8:30 AM, new families interested in our Kindergarten or in transferring child/ren to our school in other grades are invited to our Sneak Peek event with our Kindergarten staff and a Q & A session with our administrative team. Join us for a light breakfast, a tour of the school, and an opportunity to win a free registration worth \$225.00. For answers to your questions and/or to register for the event, please call the school office, email us at office@ saintpaschal.com, or visit our website at www.saintpaschal.com.

ETERNAL REST

We pray for those who have died – that they may see God's face, (especially): †Catherine Smith.

OUR STEWARDSHIP



JOIN IN USING MYEOFFERING: See our website at www.church.saintpaschal.com or call Michelle Mazza in the Business Office at 440-442-3410, ext. 101.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION – MANY ACCOUNTS

HAVE EXPIRED OR WILL EXPIRE SOON.

Thank you for placing SPB in your will or trust! We appreciate you leaving a legacy that will strengthen the ministries of our parish into the future!

We are so grateful for you and your participation in the life of our parish! Our collections:

FIRST COLLECTION for our parish administration: \$10,133.00 SECOND COLLECTION for Retirement for

Religious National Collection: \$\$4,118.00

Immaculate Coneption: \$2,737.00 MyEoffering: November \$32,655.00

Loan balance for the new parking lots and driveways:

November \$249,282.41

WE COUNT ON YOU MASS ATTENDANCE December 7/8 Immaculate Conception

- 4:30 PM Thursday Mass 118
- 6:30 PM Friday Mass 34
- 8:00 AM Friday Morning Prayer 13
- 9:00 AM Friday Mass 527/69 YouTube Views
- 12:15 PM Friday Mass 120
- 7:00 PM Friday Mass 75



OUR MONTHLY EXPENSES: We are so grateful for the many ways you choose to give your treasure: whether though the weekly envelope in the basket, dropped off at the Business Office, mailed in or your electronic giving; we are so

appreciative of our common stewardship for the common good of our beloved parish SPB. We are so appreciative, too, for those who give special attention to our second collections and fill out the special form in MyEoffering. Second collections are assigned by the USCCB, the Diocese of Cleveland and the requests from our parish groups. Here's a reminder for the weeks ahead.

- **DECEMBER** 17 **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** Thanks for helping us with the decorations, with plants in memory or honor of a loved one to celebrate the season. You always make our church looks so good, and we know we can count on this again.
- CHRISTMAS GIFT AND SUNDAY OFFERING: We thank you for your extra donations to help us catch up on our tithing (behind our budget currently), but also to assist us in repaying our loan on the new parking lots and driveways. We appreciate how you assist us in various needs (e.g., Convent waterproofing). You give from your love and care for our parish we really appreciate how you help our parish develop and grow! It is worth noting that when Christmas is so close to a Sunday, we tend to have a reduction in our collections. We need them all for operation funds (e.g., salaries and benefits for our staff, and regular maintenance and care of our campus such as snowplowing).
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 Our Catholic School: Thanks for your support for the campus improvements to our Catholic school, such as technology, new cameras, etc. You make our Catholic school an important ministry of the parish, and we are proud to keep it as an award-winning place for our beloved students and teachers
- MARY MOTHER OF GOD: As mentioned above we love to celebrate our Blessed Mother! Thanks for making your offering for her intercession to bless your family and our parish family!
- JANUARY 7 MAINTENANCE & LOAN REPAYMENT: Month by month, we enjoy our new parking lots and driveways; month by month you help us reduce our debt on these enjoyments. Thanks for your generosity on this mortgage.
- JANUARY 14 FUNDING OUR ENVELOPES: For those who still use the weekly envelope to share your tithing back to God we thank you! And we invite your support for their use by sharing a donation to pay for this monthly charge to the parish. We appreciate your generosity toward this expense.
- JANUARY 21 CATHOLIC UNIVERISTY OF AMERICA: This national collection supports our national Catholic University in Washington, DC.

We love having you here, and we are so grateful for your tithing to God through this your parish, faith family!

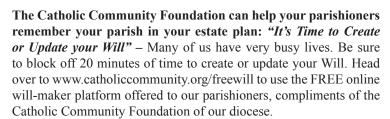


CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL – A TIME TO HEAL. A TIME TO HELP. Will you find "A time to heal. A time to help"? The diocese goal is \$14 million dollars to support the 440,000 assisted by us. Convenient, no-contact ways to give: Online at https://www.catholiccommunity.org/ways-to-give/donate | Text-To-Give: text CCHOPE to 41444. If you have questions or for more information, email Sarah Gozur or call 216-696-6525, ext. 1910.

Angel Scholarship Fund – Important Tax Information: The Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF) is a State of Ohio approved Scholarship Granting Organization. Donors to ASF may be eligible for a 100% tax credit on their State of Ohio income tax return for the year the contribution is made. The maximum credit amount is \$750.00 per individual; married couples that file a joint return can each claim this credit if both spouses make eligible donations (\$1,500.00 total). Back

again in 2023: ASF contributions can now be made for the 2023 tax year at www.catholiccommunity.org/ angel. *See flyer!*

For more information, call, email or scan: 216-902-1312 / asfinfo@dioceseofcleveland.org/



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? Contact Michelle Mazza in our parish office at 440-442-3410 or Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525, ext. 4070 or visit www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.

Because of you, our parish is able to share the good news with the people of our communiuty.

Here are FOUR ways to support our parish before the end of 2023:



Gifts of cash

Giving cash is easy and the most popular way to make a charitable gift. We also can accept online gifts via our parish website.



IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution*

If you are 70 ½ (or older) and have an IRA, you can reduce your taxable income and satisfy your required minimum distribution by making a charitable distribution directly from your IRA to our parish. Contact your IRA administrator to put the wheels in motion



Gifts of longterm appreciated securities*

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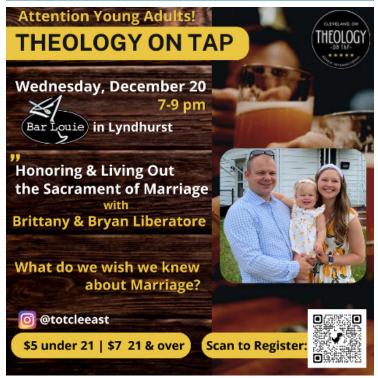
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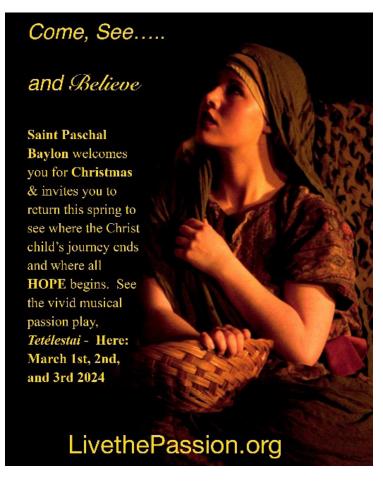
Make your New Year's resolution an opportunity to sign up for our parish's recurring online giving or automatic drafts.

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December 17, 2023

READINGS: Gather 998 - Cycle B

Missa Pacem by L. Randolph Babin Gather 270

Choir Song for Quiet Prayer and Call to Worship:

Bambinelli Sunday

A Voice Cries Out
Michael Joncas @ 1981, OCP.

Advent Theme: Journey to Bethlehem

Gathering: **On Jordan's Bank** Gather 418

Charles Coffin @ 1690, GIA.

Psalm: Luke 1: 46-55: Magnificat Gather 101

Proclaim the greatness of God; rejoice in God my Savior! Rejoice in God my Savior! James J. Chepponis @ 1980, GIA.

<u>Preparation:</u> God Has Chosen Me Gather 761

Bernadette Farrell @, 1990, OCP.

Communion: Jesus, Hope of the World Gather 909

Deanna Light @ 2001, WLP.

Sending Forth: This Holy Light (Come, Follow the Star)

Come follow the star, this holy light! People look East, look to the sky: Christ, our Savior, is born.

- 1. In a world of suff'ring, in a world of pain, where do we seek answers to undertand our faith?
- 2. In a world of conflict, in a world of war, where do we seek answers to the violence we abhor?
- 3. In a world of hunger where all we want is more, where do we seek answers to welcome in the poor?
- 4. In a world of bloodshed, in a world of hate, where do we seek answers before it's all too late?
- 5. In a world of myst'ry, where no one can be sure, where do we seek answers to open wide our doors? Ricky Manalo, CSP @ 2006, OCP.

Journey of Joy becomes Love

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ADVENT PRAYER

(for meals and other times)

Come Lord Jesus! Maranatha!

All-powerful God, look kindly on us as we await the coming of the Christ.

Bless our homes, and unite us to all people everywhere who wait for the coming of your Son Jesus Christ. Help those who will go hungry this day.

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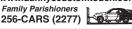
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