# Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. Matthew 2:2

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"You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 22:37 & 28:19

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# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:00-9:30 AM or by appointment.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should call the Parish Office upon their engagement to arrange a date for their wedding. The bride or groom must be a registered parishioner of Our Lady of Victory.

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Sunday

Daily (Mon-Thur) 8:30 AM As announced within

**Holydays & Other** 

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

PARISH: Mon-Fri 8:30-4:00 PM **RELIGIOUS EDUC.:** 8:30-4:00 PM 12:00-1:00 PM **LUNCH** (offices closed):

(Offices closed holidays & major holydays)

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms can usually be scheduled for any weekend Mass. Attendance of a preparation workshop for first-time parents is required. Parents can call the Parish Office to arrange a date for Baptism, and to check dates for the Baptismal Workshop. Sponsors can call the Parish Office for details about acquiring a Certificate.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Available at any time to those who are ill, facing surgery, or in danger of death. Sacramental care is provided by chaplains at all area hospitals. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

# R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is a process for those interested in the faith of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Linda Herold at 633-3637 or email her at lherold@ourladyofvictorv.net.

#### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Parents can call the Parish Office for information.

#### PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

(to be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament)

Lord Jesus, as we gather at your altar, you give yourself to us in the Most Holy Eucharist, so that we might become what we receive.

May we be transformed forever by your love that stretches forth to us from this altar. May your sharing in our humanity humble us to share in your divinity.

Heal our brokenness with your real presence and help us to draw strength from you in the Eucharist. Unite us to you in this Sacrament that brings healing and redemption.

As we glorify you by our lives, give us grace and courage to share your love with a world sorely in need of your mercy. May your true presence bring hope to those on the peripheries, dry the tears of the poor and the wounded, and end our divisions.

May your Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity be a constant source of revival for us. Let us become one with you as we seek the peace of your kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

www.dioceseofcleveland.org/eucharist





# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

(ALL PRAYER/MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED. WEEKEND MASSES ARE ALSO BROADCAST OVER FM 93.7)

Live stream Facebook at:

https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofvictorychurchtallmadge/ Uploaded to <u>VIMEO</u> at: https://www.vimeo.com or YouTube at: https://www.YouTube.com

Monday, Jan 8 (8:30 am-C) Gabe Ritzert

(7:00 pm-PC) Exposition/Evening Prayer Baptism of the Lord/End of Christmas Season Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Is 12:2-4bcd, 5-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, Jan 9 (8:30 am-C) Norman Brosch

(7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, Jan 10 (8:30 am-C) Thomas Dannemiller

(7:00 pm-PC) Exposition/Evening Prayer

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, Jan 11 (8:30 am-C) Bob Nolte

(7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, Jan 12 (No Mass

(7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, Jan 13 (9:00 am-C) Confessions

(5:00 pm-C) Joseph & Mary Rickert St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, Jan 14 (8:30 am-C) For the Parishioners

(11:00 am-C) Angelo Simone 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

# In Our Parish - What/Where/When

#### MONDAY, JAN 8

K of C Member Mtg/PCR 101/7:00 pm

**TUESDAY, JAN 9** 

#### WEDNESDAY, JAN 10

AA Meeting/FH/10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Library/1:15 pm

## **THURSDAY, JAN 11**

Bible Study/PCR 100/2:00 pm Women's Book Study/PCR 100/7:00 pm

FRIDAY, JAN 12

#### **SATURDAY, JAN 13**

Confessions/Church/9:00 am

#### **SUNDAY, JAN 14**

Child Liturgy of the Word/Church/8:30 am NO PSR



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Faith Direct (12/15/23)	. \$ 8,820.00
(12/31/23 Not available at print time)	

# **Coming Events/News in our Parish**

A VERY BIG AND HEARTFELT "THANK YOU!" to all our parish family for the many gifts, homemade goodies, and well-wishes given to the office staff during the holiday. We LOVED them, and we're so grateful for your thoughtfulness. Blessings to you and your family in the new year!

"OUR COMMUNITY IS SO BLESSED BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY! We were able to increase the amount of our food gift cards as well as providing more variety of foods to each family included in the Christmas program this year. Each child had \$50 gift cards as well. Thank you so very much for being a beacon of Christ's light and help in these trying times. All you do is greatly appreciated! Freedom House veterans were also appreciative of your generosity. They have finished the remodeling and are filled to capacity. May God continue to bless each and every one."

Candy Lorkowski

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Join us Wednesday, Jan 10 at 1:15 pm in the Parish Center Library. If you are aware of anyone who would benefit from receiving a blessed shawl, please call or stop by the Parish

Office, or if you need more information about this ministry, call Beth at 330-607-4182 or Rosemary at 330-808-0299.

# Question of the Week

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

<u>Adults:</u> On the feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the manifestation of God among all people. At times we may recognize God's presence in our midst, and other times we do not. Reflect on the ways that God has been revealed to you. How will you remain aware of His presence in 2024?

<u>Children:</u> The Magi offered to Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What do I have that I can offer to Jesus?

# News & Notes in our Neighborhood

BELIEVELAND YOUNG ADULT RETREAT APRIL 5-7, 2024 - Jesuit

Retreat House. For Young Adults 20s & 30s; \$65 after Jan 6<sup>th.</sup> (Confidential financial assistance available) Come to the quiet. Find peace in the Lord. Contact Mike Hayes, Young Adult Ministry mhayes@dioceseofcleveland.org for more information or to register, or use the QR Code above.



A "CARING AND SHARING" SESSION for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Monday, Jan 8 from 7:00-8:30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuy Falls. Marlene Maruna, retired Social Worker, will facilitate. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information call Marlene 330-607-6284.

A CANCER SPIRITUALITY GROUP - for those on the cancer journey, those who are facing the diagnosis of cancer at the present time, or who have faced the diagnosis in the past, who are interested in exploring and talking about the cancer experience in the context of spirituality. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. The next meeting is Thursday, Jan 18, at 11:00 in the conference room of the former St Matthew School (2580 Berne St, Akron, 44312). For more information, contact: Pat Flaherty at 330-671-4613 or everhiker@sbcglobal.net.

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year. The next Grief Support meeting is Sunday, Jan 21 at 3:00 pm for in-person support (at 6 locations), and 5:00 pm for virtual support and the topic is "Facing the New Year With Hope and Love". For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866, or visit <a href="https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx">https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx</a>.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY 1-DAY INTRODUCTORY COURSE – "This is My Body, Given up for You" – Saturday, Jan 27, 9am – 3:30 pm, St Mary Hudson. Cost is \$45/person. Register by Jan 19. Four hours of engaging lectures by TOB Experts (.5 CEUs). Q & A and Discussion; Study Materials; Breakfast & Lunch. Register at www.tobcle.org.

JOIN US Monday, Jan 22 at 7:00 pm, as we welcome our Guest speaker Fr. John Valencheck, Pastor, St. Sebastian Parish, Akron at Our Lady of the Cedars, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in



Fairlawn. He will be speaking on the topic: "Sorting Through the Chaos of Confusing Times". Doors open at 7:00 pm; program begins at 7:30 pm; \$15 admission fee. Light appetizers included. Cash bar available. To ensure an accurate count for our venue, RSVP to Keith Johnson by January 15 at johnsonk@stsebastian.org or 330-836-2233 ext. 134.

A UNIQUE PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN AND HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE – Beginning January 26, 2024 - The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and is open to couples of all faiths. For more information, or to register, visit <a href="www.helpourmarriage.org">www.helpourmarriage.org</a>, or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

**PRE-CANA DAY FOR COUPLES - April 28, 10:30 am to 6:30 pm.** Prepare to love for a lifetime. Pre-Cana is the name given to the marriage preparation retreat required for all marrying couples in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Loyola's Pre-Cana Day will include prayer, presentations, Mass, quiet reflection time, and opportunities for sharing with your fiancé. The fee is \$90 per couple. Our program aims to provide each couple with a reflective and indepth preparation for a joyful, faith-filled marriage—based on love that not only endures but actually grows stronger year after year. Register at **office@loyolaretreathouse.com.** 

# **Caring Commission**

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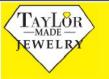
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