

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Weekday Rosary—8:00 am

Monday, January 8—The Baptism of the Lord
8:30 am Deceased Members of our Parish

Tuesday, January 9—Weekday
8:30 am Albert Douglas

Wednesday, January 10—Weekday
8:30 am Ron Zavesky

Thursday, January 11—Weekday
8:30 am Lorenzo Santoiemmo

Friday, January 12—Weekday
8:30 am

Saturday, January 13— Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (vigil)
4:00 pm Rita Boehnlein

Sunday, January 14—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Tim Luebcke
11:00 am Herman & Margaret Evert

If the Mass is for your intention and you would like to take the gifts up to the altar, please let the usher know before Mass begins.

Scripture Readings January 8—14

Monday Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or
1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,
5-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;
Mk 1:29-39

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

Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



Fr. Robert Friedel
Maxine Barr
Dan Flower
Nadia Dorenkott
Carol Murphy
Eleanor Gotch

Diane Woods
Kathleen Simecek
Diane Naso
Carol Behm
Patty Lint

May the soul of the faithful departed,
rest in peace:

John McHugh
Richard Mach
Vincent J. Belsito



From the Pastor to His Flock



Dear Parishioners:

On January 3rd, our parish offered up a Funeral Mass for Rich Mach, the president of the parish Holy Name Society. It just so happens that January 3rd was the feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. How appropriate! We are going to miss Rich. May God bless him on his journey to eternity and send loving consolation to his family. I am grateful to all of the leaders of our parish groups and organizations. We continue to offer our parishioners many opportunities to grow in their faith, hope, and love. It is because of these ministries that SS. Cosmas and Damian is recognized as a vibrant and beautiful parish. I would never be able to accomplish my role as pastor without all of your help. God bless you for your generous use of your time and energies for the Kingdom of God.

The purpose of the Holy Name Society is to reverence and promote the Most Holy Name of Jesus. "At His Name, every knee will bend, in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth." All men of the parish, 18 years old and up, are automatically considered members of the Holy Name Society and are welcome to attend the meetings and events. They meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Ben Carroll, the Vice President of the Holy Name Society, will direct the parish group until a new president is established. I have named Deacon Bob Esposito as the Spiritual Advisor of the parish Holy Name Society. It is my hope that the Holy Name Society can begin to grow in numbers and in its influence at our parish. I have seen other parishes with a very strong Holy Name Society help many men develop their prayer life and involvement in the parish activities. It is one more way that community can nurture spirituality while being at service to the mission of the parish and the Holy Church.

I had a conversation with an agnostic who did not believe there is life after death. As he was dying, this was more than just a theoretical conversation. I told him, "When you die, if you find that you were wrong and there is life after this, you will stand before the throne of God. Remember what I am teaching you now: Do not try to convince God that you are a 'good person.' None of us are that good. Rather, call upon the Holy Name of Jesus. It is only through Jesus that any of us can go to heaven. You lived your life as best as you could, though you did not have the gift of faith. Make your final plea on the basis of the mercy of Christ, not your own merits. His Holy Name is powerful and His mercy is our hope." He thanked me and said he would have made a big mistake if I had not instructed him properly.

May we all call upon the Holy Name of Jesus now and forever. Amen.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael Stalla

The Epiphany of the Lord

Totals unavailable at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

Offertory (includes EFT):

December 23 & 24, 2017 \$
 Christmas \$
 December 30 & 31, 2017 \$

Capital Campaign:

Funds Reserved for Capital Needs: \$ 83,745.00
 (Rooted in Faith + Night Under the Stars)

Capital Campaign Pledges: \$1,297,661.00
 Capital Campaign Money Received: \$ 243,534.00

Capital Projects: Mortgage Pay Down—on going
 Roof of MPR (est. \$100,000) - Spring, 2018

Women's Retreat

Spiritual Growth in the Gospel of Loving Kindness January 22—25, 2018

Presented by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery SC, Sr. Mary Ann Spangler, HM & Sr. Jeanne Tighe, SFCC. The concept of 'Loving Kindness' is gaining much attention among all religions although it stems from an Eastern concept applied to meditative prayer. We will explore the Gospels for their richness in this virtue, discuss how we can pray with Loving Kindness and grow deeper in it as we apply it in our lives. We will also explore writers and spiritual leaders, chief among them Pope Francis, to determine how kindness made them more peaceful in times of duress and challenge. Cost: \$210. Offered at Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd., Parma. To register contact 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.



This weekend through the
 Sacrament of Baptism,
 we welcome into the Church:

*Jackson Reed Kleinhenz
 Aubrey Rose Dzigiel*

From the Desk of Darlene Bednarz

The Christmas liturgies, celebrating the Birth of Our Lord Jesus, are always very beautiful events. Thank you to all of you who stayed after the 10 a.m. Mass to help transform the church from the 4th Sunday of Advent to Christmas and those who so graciously gave up your seat for a visitor and made them feel so welcome. Thank you to Wally Bednarz, Rebecca Herr, the volunteer musicians and the whole choir for working so hard to provide us with such beautiful music.

Thanks to Kara Miller and Rachel Pollock and the children for practicing and sharing your talents during the Christmas Eve pageant. This is always an event enjoyed by everyone and gives our children the opportunity to share their time and talent with the community!

And thank you to all who shared so generously with our Advent Giving Tree. Over 500 gifts were shared with someone very deserving thanks to your generosity. May God bless you this coming year.

Along with thanks is the request for help to take Christmas down and change the environment of the church to reflect Ordinary Time. This begins with you taking home a poinsettia plant after mass beginning at the 11 a.m. mass and during the week. The complete change will continue on Monday, January 8th beginning at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to help. Service hours will be given to any teens who help and are in need.

Liturgical Ministers—January 13 & 14

	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Hospitality</i>	<i>Cantor</i>
Saturday January 13, 4:00 pm	Tom Ashdown Rita Minick	Deacon Bob Esposito, Maureen Ashdown, Carol Twigger, Ed Kopp, Darryl Innocenzi, Elizabeth Innocenzi, Kelly Armstrong, Patrick Cullen, Mary McGrogan	Joshua Aponte Ashley Aponte Nico Navez Zach Witkiewicz	Regina Brandes Joan Vitale	Danielle Grummitt
Sunday January 14, 9:00 am	Kerry Anne Bollman Keri Knowles	Deacon Ed Chernick, Rosemarie Zavesky, Linda Chernick, Rita Goroncy, Bonnie Withers, Eleanor Smith, Pam Kennedy, Bill Kennedy, Pat Zajc	Sophia Harsa Gabriella Grams Sean Mack	Fran Carroll Dolores Duzinski	Julianne Kuchinski
Sunday, January 14, 11:00 am	Joni Smith Jackie Disidoro	Deacon Bob Esposito, Pat Miller, Linda Valetta, Colleen Tomasek, Kathy Jones, Erin Yasutake, Linda Berdysz, Greg Vance, Fran Nunney	Lee Jira Kayla Cellura Alexis Cellura Bethany Young	Helen Sanders Danielle Coyle	Sarah Kuchinski

This Week in the Parish

Sunday, January 7:

9:00 am—Mass
9:30 am—Faith Formation
11:00 am—Mass
12:00 pm—New Parishioners Meeting—Rm 114
12:00 am—Anchor Leadership Meeting—Rm 212
5:30 pm—R. White Youth Basketball—MPR
7:00 pm—Charismatic Formation—GA

Monday, January 8:

8:30 am—Mass
10:00 am—Prayer Shawl Ministry—Rm 114
5:00 pm—St. Rita Basketball—MPR
6:00 pm—Cenacle Rosary for Priests—Rm 112
6:30 pm—1st Communion Class—TH
7:00 pm—Kerygma—Rm 114
7:00 pm—Emergency Assistance Ministry Mtg. —Rm 112B
7:00 pm—Anchor Meeting—Rm 212

Tuesday, January 9:

8:30 am—Mass
5:00 pm—St. Barnabas Basketball—MPR
5:30 pm—Prayer Shawl Ministry—Rm 112
6:30 pm—ACA Meeting—Rm 112B
6:30 pm—Retreat Meeting—GA
7:00 pm—St. Rita Basketball—MPR

Wednesday, January 10:

8:30 am—Mass
9:00 am—Rosary for Life—C
5:00 pm—St. Rita Basketball—MPR
6:00 pm—Cub Scout Pack #677—Rms 213, 214, & 215
6:30 pm—Club 55+ - TH
6:30 pm—Family Retreat Meeting—Rm 112
7:00 pm—High School Faith Formation Class—Rm 212

Thursday, January 11:

8:30 am—Mass
9:00 am—The Martha's—C
5:00 pm—St. Barnabas Basketball—MPR
6:00 pm—Teen Worship & Praise—C
7:00 pm—Choir—C
7:00 pm—St. Rita Basketball—MPR

Friday, January 12:

8:30 am—Mass
4:00 pm—St. Barnabas Basketball—MPR
7:00 pm—Shadow Stations Meeting—GA
7:30 pm—PreCana Planning Meeting—Rm 114

Saturday, January 13:

4:00 pm—Mass
5:00 pm—New Parishioners Pot Luck Dinner—TH
6:15 pm—Community of the Risen Lord—C

Sunday, January 14:

9:00 am—Mass
9:30 am—Faith Formation
11:00 am—Mass
5:30 pm—R. White Youth Basketball—MPR
7:00 pm—Charismatic Prayer Group—GA

WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018**

Please join us on Wednesday, January 17 in Twinhaven at 6:30 PM. We will be collecting items for Valentine's Day gift bags which will be donated to men & women seniors at the Thea Bowman Center in Cleveland. The following is a list of items that would be acceptable: (Note that all must be NEW, no used items please.)

Body or face lotion; deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, hair styling picks; tooth brushes, tooth paste, bar soap; lip balm; hand sanitizer & hand cream; small Kleenex (6 pack); adult socks, hats, scarves and gloves. Most items can be purchased at Marc's or the Dollar Stores. The list is just a sample and you are welcome to bring other items of similar nature.

We will also be having our Mystery Auction. Please bring in one NEW or LIKE NEW beautifully wrapped item with a value of at least \$5 which we will bid on. The funds raised will go towards building up our Women's Group treasury. Of course we'll have our usual delicious refreshments. Bring your friends and neighbors for a fun night of helping others and having a great time, too! Call Gerry Thompson at 216-314-3402 for information on any of the above.

DAY OF REFLECTION **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018**

Ladies, save the date for our annual Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 24 from 9 AM until 2 PM. Our Day of Reflection is always a wonderful day filled with prayer, scripture, food and fun. Ladies from other parishes look forward to this day, too. More details coming soon.

The FEST Internship

Looking to do something extraordinary this summer? The FEST is looking for marketing & communications, event planning, and logistics management interns to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of annual event for 40,000+ people.

Interns will provide support and have responsibilities including public speaking, marketing, mailings, digital and social media, press releases, logistics, event planning, and more. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to Caitlin@theFEST.us by January 20th!

***Please remember in your prayers Father Michael
and his brother-in-law, Tom Novak,
as they travel to Ghana
January 8th—19th.***

The Epiphany of the Lord

Family Retreat - Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars for our annual family retreat, which will be held on **Saturday, January 20, 2018**. Our theme will be "Courageously Catholic!" There will be a large gathering of activities for everyone and many opportunities for families to learn and grow together in faith. Something for all ages! If you'd like to help with this event in any way, please contact Joni Smith X 348. Help will be needed for lunch, snack, and a few of the activities. Registration forms have been sent home through Faith Formation classes. If you did not get one, contact Mrs. Joni Smith X 348. Look for the retreat flyer in this weekend's bulletin and share with a friend!



Faith Formation Changes

Beginning after the Christmas break, **ALL Faith Formation classes will be moved to Sundays**. Classes will meet from 9:30-10:45, allowing families easy access to the 11 am Mass straight from class. This includes the high school class, which we'll still have the Wednesday evening option - so Wednesdays or Sundays for high school, and Sundays only for everyone else.

Classes will resume January 7 for all grades except high school, which will resume on Wednesday, January 10 and Sunday, January 14 (depending on whether high school students choose Wednesday or Sunday to attend).

First Communion Class

Our last Reconciliation class before the children celebrate their first Reconciliation will be on **Monday, January 8, 6:30—7:45**. This will be a very interactive class and parents will be needed to be with your children. Details on how we will be celebrating this sacrament together on Saturday, January 27, will be shared at this class. We ask our parish family to please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to draw close to our loving Father through this very special sacrament of love, forgiveness and mercy!

Family Retreat Meeting

We will have one final planning meeting on **Wednesday, January 10, 6:30-8 pm** to finalize our family retreat program. Everyone who will be helping in any way is asked to attend this meeting if possible. We will meet in the parish center, room 112.



Teen Information



Anchor Youth Group Meeting

High school students are invited on **Monday, January 8 at 7 pm** for an Anchor meeting. This session focuses on encouraging youth to invite Jesus into our hearts, to heal us of our hurts.

Spiritual Direction

Many people use Spiritual Direction as a tool to help develop their prayer life. SSCD is developing a new Spiritual Direction group for high school girls, guided by Father Michael.

The group will meet twice a month. Come, learn to pray like the Saints!

Our next meeting is on Friday, January 26 at 6:15 pm in Room 112 of the Parish Center.

If interested, please contact Keri Knowles.

Teen Worship and Praise

There is a new teen-led Worship and Praise group forming at our parish!

Join us on **January 11 at 6 pm** in the church as we sing and praise the Lord together.

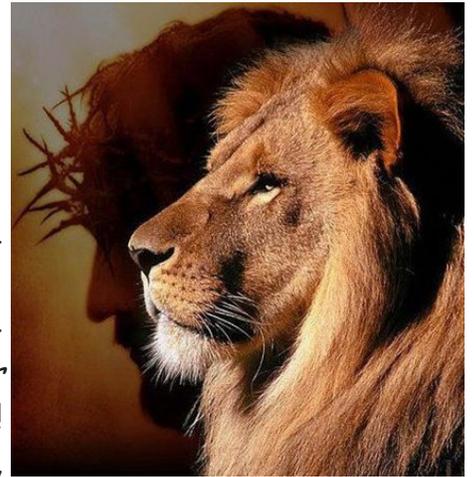
Feel free to bring ideas to share with the group.

"Courageously Catholic!"

Family Retreat Registration Form

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This special retreat has been planned for all of our Faith Formation families, and will take place on **Saturday, January 20th**, from noon until 3:30 pm, beginning in Twinhaven. The afternoon will include all sorts of family activities to engage *your* family as we learn how to be "courageously Catholic" together! This retreat is for moms, dads, kids, grandparents, guardians, and whoever else you'd like to include.



Lunch, crafts, activities, and snacks will be provided, and you will receive some take home items to help you as you continue to grow as families and individuals even after the retreat. Cost is just \$20 per family. If you cannot afford to pay this amount, we invite you to offer what you are able!

Family Surname _____

Family members participating and ages (please use the back if you need more space)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Are there any food allergies or restrictions that we should know about?

Are there any limitations on activities (cannot use stairs, go outside, etc.)

Please share with us any particular challenges where you find it difficult to be "courageous" in living your faith. We will try to incorporate these into our discussions!

****Are you willing to help with one activity for the day? Yes / No**

Please return registrations and direct questions to the Faith Formation office X 615.

POT LUCK DINNER TO MEET NEW PARISHIONERS!

WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

TIME: 5:00-8:00 PM

WHERE: TWINHAVEN

Our parish has grown so much over the past two years and we invite all parishioners to come, share a meal and get to know the new members of our parish family. What a great opportunity for all of us to share our experiences at SS. Cosmas and Damian!!!

Please detach and return the slip below to the collection basket at weekend Masses or the Parish Office before Tuesday, January 9, 2018, so that we can better plan the event.

Family Name _____

of Adults _____ # of Children _____

Dish Bringing: _____ Salad _____ Pasta _____ Side Dish

_____ Vegetable _____ Rolls _____ Dessert