

# Saints Cosmas and Damian

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Diocese of Cleveland

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### **Parish Liturgy Schedule:**

Weekdays: Daily at 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**Confession:** Saturdays 3:00-3:30 pm

### **Parish Center Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

### **Perpetual Adoration –**

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24/7 for private prayer and adoration. Listings and contacts are available in the Parish Center.

Twinhaven Reception Center 330-425-1616

Emergency Assistance 330-888-0134

For information regarding Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the Sick, Funerals or Registering as a Parishioner please call the Parish Center 330-425-8141

### **Mission Statement:**

*To be disciples of Christ,  
Teach the Catholic Faith,  
And serve those in need.*

***Mass Schedule & Intentions For The Week***  
**All Masses will be livestreamed on the**  
**parish's Facebook page.**

**Monday, November 29 – Weekday Mass**  
8:30am Bob Flinchbaugh  
**Tuesday, November 30 – Weekday Mass**  
8:30am Rudolph Ilenin  
**Wednesday, December 1 – Weekday Mass**  
8:30am Souls of All Parishioners  
**Thursday, December 2 – Weekday Mass**  
8:30am Norene DeAmon  
**Friday, December 3 – Weekday Mass**  
8:30am Earl & Ardell Teeters  
**Saturday, December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent (Vigil)**  
4:00pm Herman & Margaret Evert  
**Sunday, December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent**  
9:00am Bernard Keary  
11:00am Gene Chubbuck

***Dear Parishioners,***



At age 15, Therese of Lisieux asked to become a Carmelite sister and live in a cloistered convent. Living in a cloistered convent meant that she would live with other women a life of prayer, personal sacrifice, and community. It would require her to never leave the convent, not even to go to the store or to visit her dad when he was sick. Despite this, she felt freer than all the people who can go anywhere the like.

St. Therese became a close friend to the seminarians and young priests who would visit the convent looking for spiritual reprieve and guidance. One of the priests became a missionary and traveled the world for the sake of spreading the Good News about Jesus. She wrote to her friend frequently, reminding him to be prayerful and devoted to God. She would pray for his safety, not just from the diseases and violence of the world, but from the temptations of the devil that always seek to tear down the good priests. Because of her assistance to her young priest friends, St. Therese is considered the patron Saint of foreign missionaries. How ironic that the patron Saint of missionaries would be a cloistered nun!

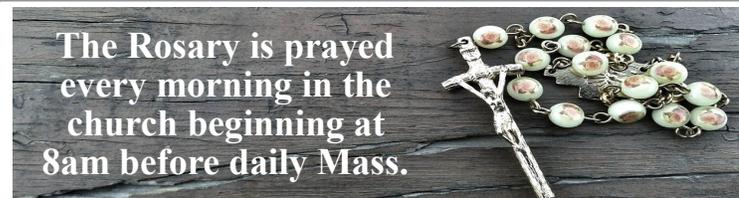
St. Therese spent her days doing simple tasks of cleaning the convent, praying the rosary, writing her diary, caring for the elderly sisters, and teaching the younger sisters the Bible and the spirituality of the Carmelites. She deeply loved Jesus. She would sometimes sing her prayers to lift up the heart of Jesus.

At age 24, St. Therese died of a lung disease, tuberculosis. It is said that, at the moment of death, the room was filled with the scent of roses. Her last words as she looked to heaven and pressed her cross to her heart were: "I love Him! My God, I love You!"

St. Therese is my dearest friend in heaven. I wonder if there are teenagers today who would be inspired by her story. Could you imagine no internet, no phones, no television, no going to the mall, no travelling, or no beaches? Yet, she was happier than almost anyone I have met in this generation. Her deep love of Christ became a strength and meaning in her life beyond all the distractions this world has to offer. I don't know if young men and women would ever consider going back to the days of the cloisters, but our Lord works in strange and mysterious ways.

In Christ,

*Father Michael J. Stalla*



**The Rosary is prayed every morning in the church beginning at 8am before daily Mass.**

***Scripture Readings November 29 – December 5***

**Monday** **Monday of the First Week of Advent**  
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday** **Saint Andrew, Apostle**  
Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11, R. v.10 Alt. R. Jn 6:63; Mt 4:18-22

**Wednesday** **Wednesday of the First Week of Advent**  
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, R. v.6cd; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday** **Thursday of the First Week of Advent**  
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a, R. v.26a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday** **Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**  
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14, R. v.1a; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday** **Saint John of Damascus, priest, religious, doctor of the Church**  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, R. see Is 30:18d; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday** **Second Sunday of Advent**  
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6, R. v.3; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**Women's Group Christmas Party**

Please join us on **December 5th from 3pm—5pm at Glen Willow for our Christmas party.** A delicious buffet will be served and the cost is \$25. Please either call Gerry Thompson at (330)314-3402 or email maillady1996@aol.com **by December 2nd to reserve your spot.**

# First Sunday of Advent

## Offertory (includes EFT):

November 21 & 20 Numbers not available at time of printing

### Capital Campaign:

Capital Campaign Pledges: \$ 1,502,310.00

Capital Campaign Money Received: \$ 1,271,886.00

### Capital Projects:

Mortgage Balance \$ 400,058.34



Caron Soltis	Breonna Williams
Linda Braun	Marjorie Kafka
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Richard Kurowski	

*We Pray to the Lord...*

## This Week in the Parish

### Sunday, November 28: First Sunday of Advent

9:00am—Mass

11:00am—Mass

7:00pm—Charismatic Prayer Group in Church

### Monday, November 29:

8:30am—Morning Mass

12:00pm—Photo Directory in Twinhaven

7:30pm—Feminine Genius Bible Study in 114

### Tuesday, November 30:

8:30am—Morning Mass

12:00pm—Photo Directory in Twinhaven

5:30pm—Girl Scouts in 212, 213

6:30pm—Children's Choir Practice in Church

6:30pm—Home-School Make-up Meeting in MPR

### Wednesday, December 1:

8:30am—Morning Mass

9:00am—Pro-Life Rosary in Church

6:30pm—Cub Scouts in Parish Center Upstairs

7:00pm—Journey of Faith in 114

7:30pm—Knights of Columbus in MPR

### Thursday, December 2:

9:00am—Morning Mass

9:30am—Book Club in Twinhaven

7:00pm—Choir Practice in Church

### Friday, December 3:

8:30am—Morning Mass

### Saturday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

2:00pm—Couples Connecting for Christmas - Twinhaven

3:00pm—Confession

4:00pm—Mass

8:00pm—Community of the Risen Lord in Church

### Sunday, December 5: Second Sunday of Advent

9:00am—Mass

9:30am—Faith Formation in Parish Center

11:00am—Mass

7:00pm—Charismatic Group in Church

## Parish Photo Directory!

*It's still not too late to sign up to get your picture taken for our upcoming new photo directory!*

The dates for our upcoming photo session are November 29th & 30th.

Go to our website [sscosmas-damian.org](http://sscosmas-damian.org) for the instructions on how to schedule your appointment. If you have any questions you can contact Rachel at

(330)425-8141 or

[Rachel@sscosmas-damian.org](mailto:Rachel@sscosmas-damian.org).



## ADORATION OPENINGS

We are in need of a few more people to fill Adoration hours. Can you make the sacrifice and sign up for one of these hours weekly or twice a month?

**No long-term commitment is necessary.**

**Sign up to try an hour for just 30 days!**

**Mondays 3am**

**Fridays 2am**

**Saturdays 8pm**

**Sundays 1am, 3pm, 5pm, 6pm**

Please contact Carol Twigger at 330-425-7688



## Children's Choir

Students grade 2—8 are invited to come sing with the children's choir for 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. You are welcome to sing even if you are also interested in being a part of the pageant. Practices for Christmas Eve will begin on **November 30th 6:30—7:15pm** in the church. Please contact John Franks (330)425-8141 ext. 114, with any questions.

## Advent Giving Tree

Our annual Advent Giving Tree will be up and full of tags beginning this weekend (11/27-28). Please, take a tag and bring back your **unwrapped** gift with the tag clearly attached and place it around the tree. If you are donating a gift card please put it in an envelope with the tag and place it in the collection basket at Mass or drop it off at the parish office. Please, do NOT leave gift cards around the tree. Thank you so much for your generosity!

The ministries that we will be helping this year are:  
Ss. Cosmas and Damian Emergency Assistance, Thea Bowman Lunch Program, The Homebound Members of our Parish, Womankind, and Zelig's Home.

**All gifts are due back by Sunday 12/12**



### *Couples Connecting for Christmas*

*December 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4*

*At Ss. Cosmas and Damian*

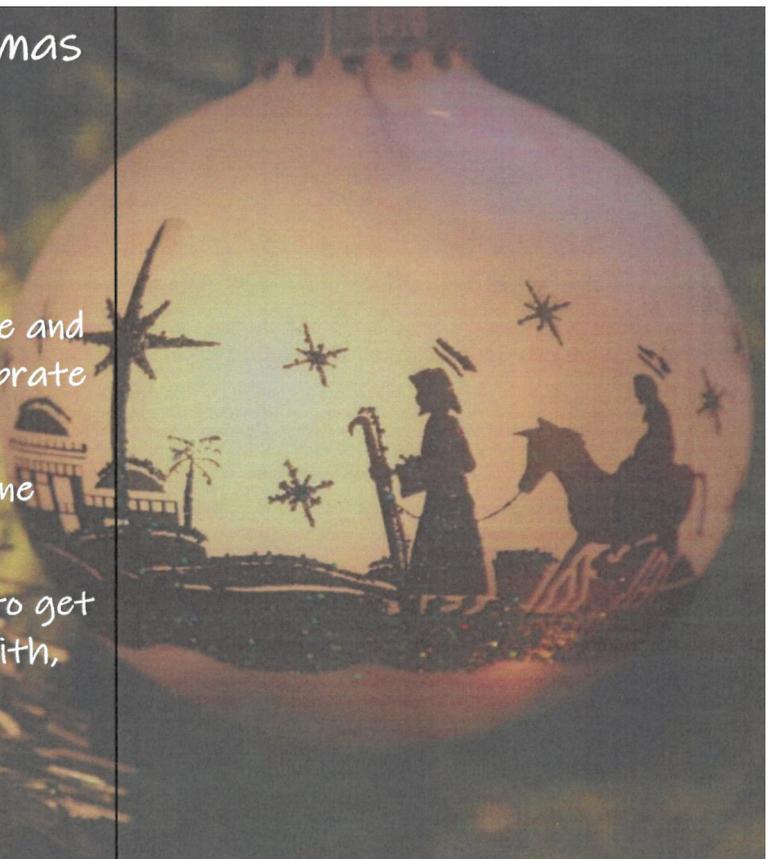
*Twin Haven Center*

*Join us as we come together in the hope and joy of this holy season preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus.*

*Bring one Christmas ornament and one pantry item per couple.*

*The afternoon provides an opportunity to get to know like-minded couples sharing faith, fellowship, and fun!*

*Advent ideas to share with family and friends*



# First Sunday of Advent

## All Aboard! The Exceptional Polar Express

**Saturday, December 5**  
**12:00pm—2:00pm**  
**Drive-thru event at**  
**St. Rita Church**



Due to COVID, we are unable to host our party in Mazanec Hall. We are excited to welcome you to our drive-thru event! Stop by to drop a note in Santa's mailbox, visit Bethlehem, tour the North Pole, grab a craft kit, and snag a photo opportunity with St. Nicholas!

**To sign up, please visit our website:**  
**[www.stritaparish.com](http://www.stritaparish.com)**

Questions? Please email Kelly Foraker at [kforaker@stritaparish.com](mailto:kforaker@stritaparish.com)

*be vigilant at all times*

LUKE 21:36



You are invited to come and give thanks and praise to Jesus the Bridegroom at the 2nd annual Bridegroom Prayer Service.

**Friday December 10th**  
**7-9pm in the church**

The evening will include a talk by Father Michael, Adoration, Holy Mass, and light refreshments.

Hosted by Hope's Garden

### What is the Bridegroom Prayer Service?

This Bridegroom prayer service is an experience of Christ the Bridegroom's healing and restoration of our original grace and dignity, with which God created us in the very beginning. Through our participation in this prayer service, our "eyes" open and we become aware of how He loves us as a Bridegroom – with a spousal love. And not only that, but we begin to see ourselves as He always has... clothed in His grace and dignity, which was bestowed upon us at His Incarnation. Each part of the Bridegroom prayer service allows us to stand in His loving healing gaze and come to see ourselves and one another as He created us. We were created by Love, to be loved and to give love. As our eyes are opened, we also see Christ as He truly is... the Bridegroom and our Healer, Redeemer and Savior!

### Liturgical Minsters—December 4 & 5—Second Sunday of Advent

	Lectors	E.M.H.C.
Saturday Dec. 4th, 4:00pm		
Sunday Dec. 5th, 9:00am		
Sunday Dec. 5th, 11:00am		

Schedule not available at time of printing

## Ss. Cosmas & Damian—First Sunday of Advent; November 28, 2021

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The Lord our justice."

*The Word of the Lord—All Reply: Thanks be to God*

### Responsorial Psalm

*To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

Your ways, O lord, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,

Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior,  
and for you I wait all the day.—*Refrain*

Good and upright is the Lord;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and teaches the humble his way.—*Refrain*

All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy  
toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.  
The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him,  
and his covenant, for their instruction.—*Refrain*

### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God—and as you are conducting yourselves—you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

*The Word of the Lord—All Reply: Thanks be to God*

### Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

*The Gospel of the Lord—Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

### The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(At the words that follow, up to and including, 'and became man', all bow.)*

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

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**Our annual tree lighting will be on December 7! We will have Mass at 7pm for the Feast of The Immaculate Conception. The tree lighting will take place outside immediately following Mass.**



# Music for 11am Mass on November 28th; First Sunday of Advent

## Opening: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#395 in the Gather Hymnal

## Communion: Christ Be Our Light

#590 in the Gather Hymnal

### Offertory: Even So Come

Verse 1

All of creation all of the earth  
Make straight a highway  
a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

Verse 2

Call back the sinner wake up the saint  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus 1

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

Verse 3

There will be justice all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

Bridge

So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon  
So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon

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God we wait You're coming soon

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### Reflection: Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand  
I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand  
I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

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### Closing: Lord Reign In Me

Verse 1

Over all the earth You reign on high  
Every mountain stream every sunset sky  
But my one request Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again

Chorus

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r  
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again

Verse 2

Over every thought over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me  
Than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again

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# Immaculate Conception

## Mass Times:

**Tuesday December, 7th—7pm**

**Wednesday December, 8th—8:30am & Noon**

*\*The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation\**



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