

# Saints Cosmas and Damian

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Diocese of Cleveland

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## Parish Staff

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(Monday & Friday)

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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, December 27 – Weekday Mass**  
8:30am Robert Flinchbaugh  
**Tuesday, December 28 – Weekday Mass**  
8:30am Jeanette Naso  
**Wednesday, December 29 – Weekday Mass**  
8:30am Ellis Lyon  
**Thursday, December 30 – Weekday Mass**  
8:30am Donna Boehnlein  
**Friday, December 31 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Vigil)**  
4:00pm Louis Szugye  
**Saturday, January 1 – Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
10:00am The Souls of All Parishioners  
4:00pm (The Epiphany of the Lord – Vigil)  
**Sunday, January 2 – The Epiphany of the Lord**  
9:00am John Pfeifer Sr.  
11:00am Joanna Niewulis

***Dear Parishioners,***



Merry Christmas! May God keep you safe in your travels. May you take with you the Good News of the birth of the King of Kings. May you return soon with news of the good works God has done in your life. May your witness inspire others to give glory to God!

This weekend is Holy Family Sunday. We ask God to bless our families while we strive to imitate Mary, Joseph and Jesus. I am always grateful to see the “little ones” in church. Their little cries and dropping of their toys never bothers me. It is a sign of new life and growth in our parish.

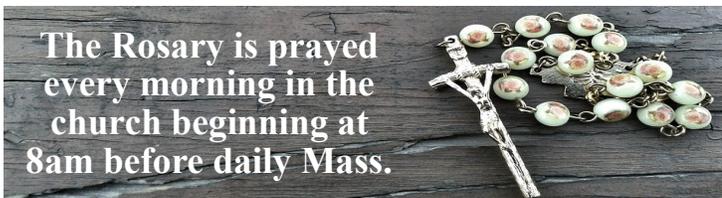
I know it can be difficult to organize, dress, and drag the family to Mass. I am one of seven children. We went to the 12:00 noon Mass every Sunday, pretty much because it took us all morning to get in the car. Yet, this was our routine. It was not optional. It was essential to our identity as a Catholic family. Sometimes we complained, but my mother would put on her saddest eyes and ask if we really wanted to disappoint our Lord. Of course not.

It may seem strange to have to go to Sunday Mass the day after Christmas. “Didn’t we just do that?!” God’s timing is perfect! The whole family is still in town. This becomes our witness to each other, our society, and our Lord. Praising God is a priority.

If you struggle to stay motivated in going to Mass, know that you are not alone. Many Saints had to push themselves past their personal desires in order to achieve holiness. This is the practice of the Faith: to perform our religious duty beyond following the whims of our passions. Like soldiers who keep vigil late into the night, we are called not to fall asleep during our watch.

In Christ,

*Father Michael J. Stalla*



*May the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.*

**Theresa LaPinta**  
**Justin R. Brazie**

**Our Love & Prayers**  
**ARE WITH**  
**You & Your**  
**Family**

***Scripture Readings December 27 – January 2***

**Monday** **Saint John, Apostle and evangelist**  
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, R. v.12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8  
**Tuesday** **The Holy Innocents, martyrs**  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8, R. v.7; Mt 2:13-18  
**Wednesday** **Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**  
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6, R. v.11a; Lk 2:22-35  
**Thursday** **The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas**  
1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, R. v.11a; Lk 2:36-40  
**Friday** **Saint Sylvester I, pope**  
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13, R. v.11a; Jn 1:1-18  
**Saturday** **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**  
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, R. v.2a; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
**Sunday** **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13, R. see v.11;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**The Parish Office will be closed beginning Dec. 24th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. We will reopen after the New Year on Jan. 3. We wish everyone a very blessed and merry Christmas!**

## The Nativity of the Lord



# Merry Christmas



**WELCOME to Ss. Cosmas & Damian Parish!**

*Whether you are a regular parishioner, just visiting, or attending for the holidays, know that we are here to help you and your family on your journey to eternal life with our God. We are so glad you are here with us! Our expertise is on removing obstacles and hindrances that keep us from the love of God. Give us a call and see how great coming home can be! Know that you are loved so much that the God of the universe, Creator of all that exists, chose to become human so that you and I might know God in a personal and intimate way. Jesus Christ broke the chains of sin and death. Believe in Him. Trust Him completely with your whole life, and let Him make you whole and holy! May our God and Father richly bless you and yours in this Christmas season, and throughout the New Year!*

*~ The Pastoral Staff of Ss. Cosmas & Damian*

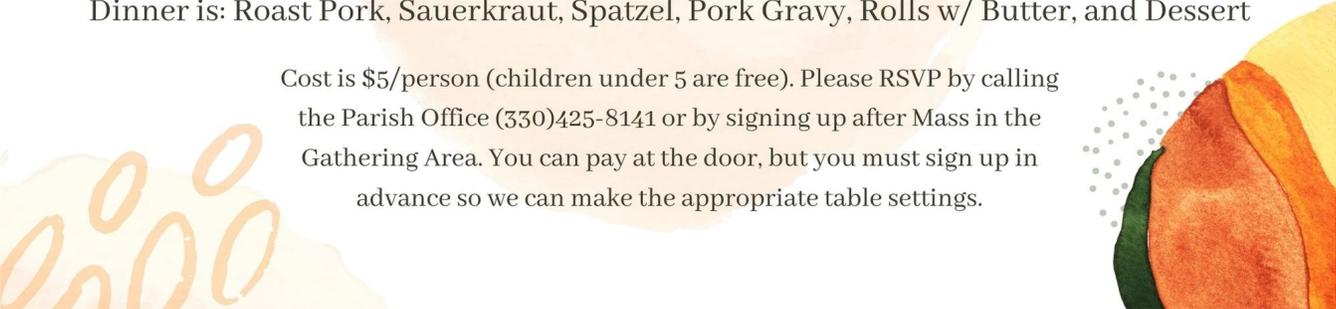


# Save The Date

**Ss. Cosmas and Damian Annual Pork Dinner**  
**Sunday January, 23rd following the 11am Mass**

Dinner is: Roast Pork, Sauerkraut, Spatzel, Pork Gravy, Rolls w/ Butter, and Dessert

Cost is \$5/person (children under 5 are free). Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office (330)425-8141 or by signing up after Mass in the Gathering Area. You can pay at the door, but you must sign up in advance so we can make the appropriate table settings.



**Offertory (includes EFT):**

December 11 & 12                                 \$     18,510.00  
December 18 & 19 **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                               \$     351,235.00

*“Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord,  
on coming into the Virgin’s womb, willed to appear  
despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that men  
who were in dire poverty and suffering great need  
of heavenly food might be made rich in him.”*

-St. Clare of Assisi



Caron Soltis	Dorothy Harper
Linda Braun	Kathleen Smigelsky
Leo Roble	Chuck Piazza
Jonathan Sedor	Kathy Madda
Lisa Weiler	Karen Boyle
Donna Czyznski	Jean Smith
Ralph Sickle	Amy Parsons
Laura Ercolino	Don Skalak
Mark Magda	Joan Skalak
Deacon Ed Chernick	Carl Brazis
Rita Mills	Mike Milano
Kenn Sikora	Barbara Bartolovich
Jenna Nightingale	Larry Harris
Mary Jo Rom	Bill Soltis
Mark Fetterman	Cindy Drake
Pat Cirino	

*We Pray to the Lord...*

**Theology of the Body (TOB) Team**

We have many TOB events planned for our parish this year, and we are looking for folks who might like to help make those a reality! Events include dinner date night, family dinner, possible cookout, young adults events, book studies, retreat, art event and more! If you are interested in learning more about TOB yourself, or would like to help with one or more of these events, contact Joni Smith X 110 so that you don’t miss out on helping us share a very powerful and life-giving message of promise and hope and joy!

**This Week in the Parish**

**Sunday, December 26: Feast of the Holy Family**

9:00am—Mass  
11:00am—Mass  
7:00pm—Charismatic Prayer Group in Church

**Monday, December 27:**

8:30am—Morning Mass

**Tuesday, December 28:**

8:30am—Morning Mass

**Wednesday, December 29:**

8:30am—Morning Mass  
9:00am—Pro-Life Rosary in Church

**Thursday, December 30:**

8:30am—Morning Mass

**Friday, December 31: Mary, the Mother of God (Vigil)**

4:00pm—Mass

**Saturday, January 1: Mary, the Mother of God**

10:00am—Mass  
4:00pm—Mass—The Epiphany of the Lord (Vigil)

**Sunday, January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00am—Mass  
11:00am—Mass

Are you or someone you know in need of food this holiday season? If so, please reach out to our Emergency Assistance Ministry. They have a fully stocked pantry are able to help those within our community who are in need not only during the holidays, but all year round. To reach them call (330)888-0134.



*O Come  
Let Us Adore Him*

## *The Nativity of the Lord*

### 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**

**Tuesdays 3pm**

**Wednesdays 12pm**

**Thursdays 4am**

**Fridays 5am, 11am**

**Saturdays 8pm**

**Sundays 1am, 2pm, 3pm, 5pm, 6pm**

**Please contact Carol Twigger at 330-425-7688**



Come and pray with us for life. God's greatest gift to each of us is...life! **We pray the Rosary each Wednesday at 9am after the 8:30am Mass.** We use Father Frank Pavone's Rosary meditations for the life of the unborn child. Join us to help bring about the Culture of Life in our country and world!



**Pro-Life Rosary**

*“Prayer is the best armor we have, it is the key which opens the heart of God.”*

-St. Padre Pio

One of the best places to meet God heart to heart, is in

Adoration. If you are unable to commit to a weekly hour, you can sign up to be available as a substitute. If you are interested in signing up or learning more about Adoration, contact Carol Twigger at (330)425-7688 or Pamela Pollack at (330)425-4081

Just a reminder, the Adoration Chapel will remain open throughout the entire Christmas Season. If you are unable to do your hour over Christmas, please contact Carol or Pamela (see above for their numbers).

### Mass Times for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God



Friday December, 31st—  
4pm

Saturday January, 1st—  
10am

Thank you so much for your generosity with the Advent Giving Tree! It was amazing to see all of the gifts donated by our parishioners! I wish you could have seen the faces of those who were on the receiving end of your generosity. They were all beyond grateful with tear filled eyes as they saw all of the gifts. We are so blessed to be a part of such a giving community.

May God Bless you this Christmas Season and always!

### Liturgical Minsters—January 1 & 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.M.H.C.</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>Saturday Jan. 1st, 4:00pm</b>	Lisa May	Grant May, Laurel DeFranco, Virginia Trimmer, Laura Leonard	Zach Witkiewicz, <b>Volunteers Needed</b>
<b>Sunday Jan. 2nd, 9:00am</b>	John DePiore	Linda Chernick, Millie Prebel, Cathy Latza, Eleanor Smith	Olivia DePiore, Maria Thomas
<b>Sunday Jan. 2nd, 11:00am</b>	Joni Smith	Pat Miller, Leslie Magda, Al Falcione, Donna Bartolovich	Kelsey Clune, Devan Perera

Our 5-week series will be, "Bible Trivia; Tips & Nuggets!"  
Bring your Bible and your questions about the Bible  
and together we'll seek out answers.



## Tea Bible Study

Monday January, 10th  
9:15am in Twinhaven

We'll take a look at the types of literature that we find in the Bible, how the Gospels work together to form a portrait of Jesus, and where to find some really interesting that you may not know about.

No need to register, all are welcome!

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The next Tea Bible Study will be a special Lenten study  
from March 7th - April 11th.

# Couples Dinner Date Night



TEAM IS NOW FORMING TO HOST A  
COUPLES DINNER DATE NIGHT ON  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022** IN  
TWINHAVEN! COME AND BE A PART OF  
THIS FUN-LOVING TEAM, AS WE WORK  
TOGETHER TO CREATE A BEAUTIFULLY  
ROMANTIC DINNER DATE NIGHT. OUR  
FIRST PLANNING MEETING WILL BE ON  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5 AT 6:30 PM**  
IN ROOM 112B IN THE PARISH CENTER. IF  
YOU WANT TO HELP OUT WITH THIS  
EVENT BUT CANNOT ATTEND THE  
MEETING, CONTACT JONI SMITH X 110  
TO BE INCLUDED IN FURTHER PLANNING!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING BEGINS

It's time to start planning our VBS for the summer!!!  
**Mark your calendars for June 6-10, 2022**, for a week of  
fantastic fun and activities for all. If you would like to  
help make VBS a great success this year, either by helping  
to plan the week's theme and activities, or if you just  
want to lend a hand during the week, I invite you to come  
to this first planning meeting on **Monday, January 10,**  
**2022, at 6:30 pm.** We will meet in room 114. Want to help,  
but can't make this particular meeting? Contact Joni Smith  
at X 110 and we'll be sure to include you!

## Ss. Cosmas & Damian—The Feast of the Holy Family; December 26, 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

Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the Lord for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vows Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the Lord and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the Lord in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be dedicated to the Lord." Hannah left Samuel there.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.—*Refrain*

Happy they who dwell in your house!  
Continually they praise you.

Happy the men whose strength you are!  
Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.—*Refrain*

O Lord of hosts, hear our prayer;  
hearken, O God of Jacob!  
O God, behold our shield,  
and look upon the face of your anointed.—*Refrain*

### Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and so what pleases him.

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

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

### Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and 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