

Saints Cosmas and Damian

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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:

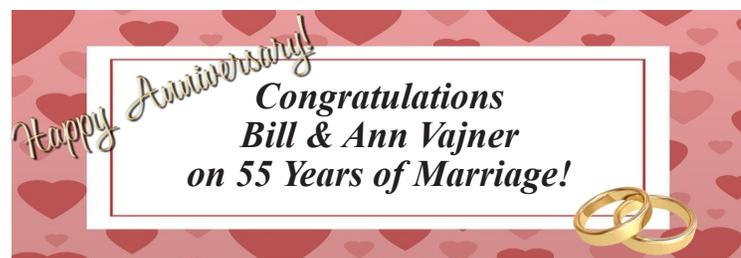
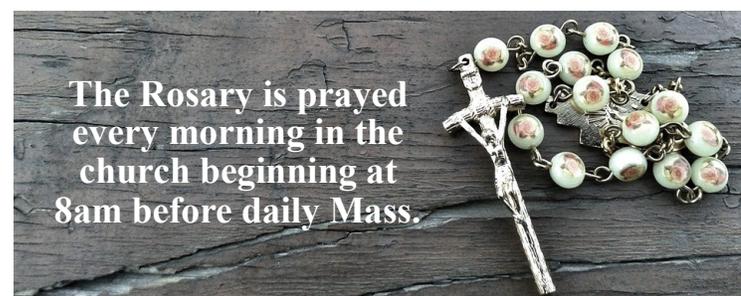
*To be disciples of Christ,
Teach the Catholic Faith,
And serve those in need.*

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

Monday, September 13 – Weekday Mass
8:30am Janice Boczek
Tuesday, September 14 – Weekday Mass
8:30am Lauren Sautter
Wednesday, September 15 – Weekday Mass
8:30am Wilfred Ivory
Thursday, September 16 – Weekday Mass
8:30am The Souls of All Parishioners
Friday, September 17 – Weekday Mass
8:30am Salvatore Amodeo
Saturday, September 18 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time(Vigil)
4:00pm Robert Voytek
Sunday, September 19 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Rescue, Recovery, and Relief Responders of 9/11/01
11:00am Lee Iken

Scripture Readings September 13– September 19

Monday Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9, R. v.6; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38, R see v.7b;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, R. v.2; Jn 19:25-27
Thursday Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Saint Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10, R. v.2; Lk 7:36-50
Friday Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church;
Saint Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor of the Church
1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday Saturday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time
1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5, R. v.2; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8, R. v.6b; Jas 3:16-4:3;
Mk 9:30-37



Dear Parishioners,

Our parish has just under 5,000 members. On any given Sunday, we have 700-800 participants in the liturgy. I would prefer to blame Covid for the low attendance, but the numbers were not much better prior to the global pandemic.



The Church teaches that Catholics have a moral obligation to attend one of the Sunday or Saturday Vigil Masses every week, as well as the “Holy Days of Obligation”. This means that 84 % of our parish have lost the practice or flatly reject the Church’s teaching on Mass attendance.

There are some legitimate reasons why some families have chosen not to come to Mass on Sunday. These include: Physically or mentally ill or disabled; compromised immune system making one susceptible to the spread of infection (This may include the very young, the very old, or those undergoing treatments); in an area without access to the Holy Mass, such as the missions or if the priests have fallen ill; in prison; a profession that requires your attention, such as a primary caregiver for the sick and aged, a firefighter, police officer, military, nurse, doctor, or related profession (Alternative arrangements should be made with the pastor for spiritual nurturing). I am so grateful for those who cannot attend Mass in person but join us online. We regularly have 550-600 participants a weekend.

Unless there is a legitimate reason for absence, missing the Sunday Mass obligation is considered a grave sin. There are many common reasons for missing Mass that are not acceptable: Sports practice or game, vacation, work schedule, other prioritized events, like a wedding, a drama event, an award ceremony. You are permitted to go to any Catholic Church anywhere in the world. You can always find one that fits your schedule, with a little bit of effort.

Some more bluntly claim that they find Mass boring, don’t get anything out of it, or we are ‘good people’ who do not need Jesus in the Sacrament. Though Mass attendance can be a sacrifice, these excuses are not legitimate reasons for ignoring the moral authority of the Church.

Some people are angry with God for the trauma in their life. Others are angry at the Church for being mistreated, for our stance on certain issues, or for the scandals in the Church. I am much more sympathetic of those who are wrestling with the human brokenness of the Church. When you are ready to talk, I am here for you.

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory (includes EFT):

September 4 & 5 \$ 9,624.00

Capital Campaign:

Capital Campaign Pledges: \$ 1,502,310.00

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

Capital Projects:

Mortgage Balance \$ 417,425.00

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There are some situations that are very sad, and I pray for them often. There are some who do not know they have an obligation to attend Mass because no one taught them to do so. There are some whose families never gave them the discipline to attend Mass. And there are children and youth that would go to Mass, but their parents simply will not take them.

I know many lost the discipline of the practice of going to Mass weekly, especially due to Covid and our summer schedules. Please put in the extra effort to make the gathering with your parish and receiving Holy Communion a priority in your family's life. We miss you, but we understand. Now it is time to begin anew. Let's get a fresh start this Autumn.

In Christ,

Father Michael J. Stalla



Caron Soltis	Steve Samol
Linda Braun	Mary Samol
Leo Roble	Ruth Unger
Jonathan Sedor	John Tramsak
Lisa Weiler	George Malaczewski
Ralph Sickle	Ralph Perline
Laura Ercolino	Karen Winar
Mark Magda	Sandra Tomasek
John Virzi	Jim Tausch
Dorothy Harper	Edward Samletzka
Deacon Ed Chernick	Barbara Brough
Roberta Virzi	Astrid Schitter
Rita Mills	Clair Dunegan
Chuck Piazza	Louise Prijatel
Rochelle Menezes	George Tuma Jr.

We Pray to the Lord...

Parish Feast Day Celebration

Saturday September, 25th after 4pm Mass



The Feast Day Celebration dinner is free to attend, but reservations are required. Guarantee your seat by registering after Mass or calling the parish office. We are almost at capacity, so make sure you don't delay in getting your spot secured!

Raffle tickets are still available
for sale after all Masses

Tickets Cost:

\$60 - 1 Ticket

\$100 - 3 Tickets

\$200 - 10 Tickets

Grand Prize is \$5,000



We are in need of bottles of wine for the wine pull. If you'd like to donate a bottle please drop it off at the parish office or at the Feast Day table at Mass.

Please note the date change!

Extreme Dodgeball

Anchor 2021 Kickoff

Prepare to get messy!

September 13
6PM
SSCO

Grades 9-12

Email Keri Knowles with questions

Why The White Crosses?

During October, which is Respect Life Month in the Church, we have a Cemetery for the Innocent placed on our church's front yard. This is a display of 105 white crosses which stand for the number of babies being aborted EVERY hour of EVERY day of the week all year in our country. The number of white crosses is down from the previous number of 140. Our work for life continues until all mothers know that choosing life for their child is the best choice. We are asked to remember all unborn children and their mothers in our prayers that they would choose life for their child. We, also, ask prayers for mothers of aborted babies and for all abortion workers that they would seek healing from God and find forgiveness for themselves.

Save the Date for the Candlelight Prayer Service

Our night of prayer for the unborn will be held on **Oct. 12th at 7pm**. We will have music by Matt Fafrak and a speaker from the Silent No More Awareness Campaign.

Help is needed this year in setting up the crosses. We will put them up on Thursday, Sept. 30th. If you are available to help, please call the office and we will let you know what time to be there.

Are you or someone you know interested in learning about the basics of Christianity? If so, you should check out Alpha!

Alpha is beginning on September 22nd at 7pm and runs for 9 weeks. No commitment is necessary. Come to just one night or come for them all!

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!

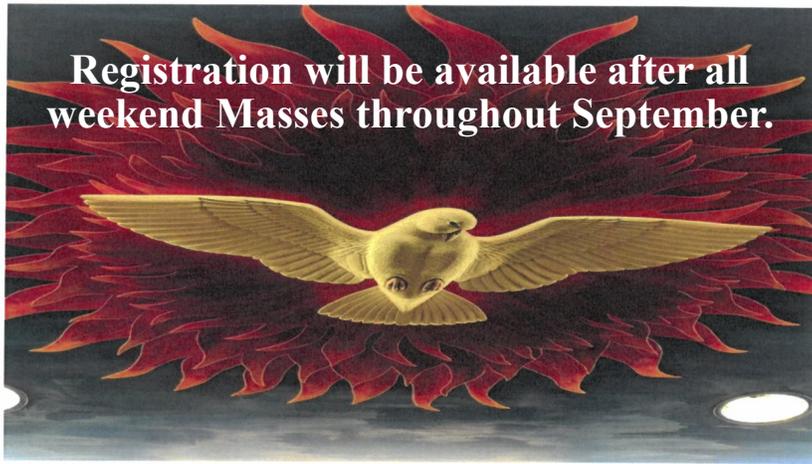
Mondays 3am
Thursdays 12am
Fridays 2am, 3am, 11am, 2pm
Saturdays 8pm
Sundays 1am, 5pm

Please contact Carol Twigger at 330-425-7688



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hearing God's Voice



Registration will be available after all weekend Masses throughout September.

Oct 2, 2021 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Registration/Continental Breakfast begins at 8:30

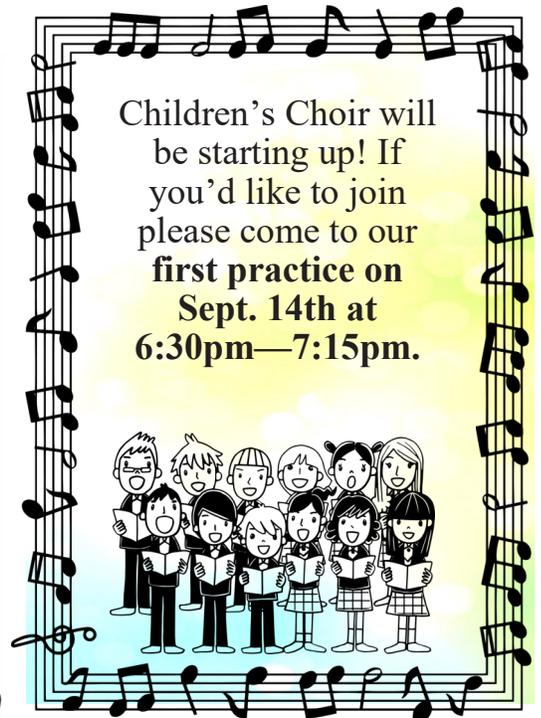
Praise and Worship at 9:00

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice" John 10:27

Do You want to?

Join SS. Cosmas and Damian Charismatic Prayer Group and Team on this praise and worship filled retreat.

In these times it is more important than ever to be able to discern God's voice. With the teaching based on the Word Of God, The Catholic Catechism, personal witness and the Saints, We will learn to answer Jesus's question "Who Do You Say I Am?" and how to hear what the Spirit is saying to us. Cost is \$25 for breakfast and lunch. Speakers to include: Fr. Michael Stalla and Denny Carleton For Registration contact Brenda at brendaquinn70@yahoo.com or 330-310-2595 before September 25, 2021



Children's Choir will be starting up! If you'd like to join please come to our first practice on Sept. 14th at 6:30pm—7:15pm.



Twinsburg Garden Club invites you to the dedication of a new gold star memorial marker to honor all gold star families whose loved ones gave their tomorrows for our today.

**Sunday, September 26, 2021
2:00pm**

**Veterans Park
9817 Ravenna Rd. Twinsburg**
(adjacent to Twinsburg VFW Post 4929)
Refreshments to follow ceremony at the VFW. Please, **RSVP by Sept. 12** to Sue Davis (330)697-7818 or Davis4233@roadrunner.com

Liturgical Minsters—September 18 & 19 —25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Lectors	E.M.H.C.	Altar Servers
Saturday Sept. 18th, 4:00pm	Elizabeth Innocenzi	Judi Okeson, Joan Vitale, Carol Behm, Darryl Innocenzi	Zach Witkiewicz Volunteer Needed
Sunday Sept. 19th, 9:00am	Bob Onder	Patty Kraynak, Donna Bartolovich, Rita Gorony, Maureen Ashdown	Ryan Mack, Sean Mack
Sunday Sept. 19th, 11:00am	Andrew Knowles	Al Falcione, Frank Chickos, Kelly Chickos, Bill Furey	Jason Chernick, Kelsey Clune

Ss. Cosmas & Damian—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; September 12, 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

Isaiah 50:4c-9a

The Lord God opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong?

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

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord because he has heard
my voice in supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me
the day I called.—*Refrain*

The cords of death encompassed me;
the snares of the netherworld seized upon me;
I fell into distress and sorrow,
and I called upon the name of the Lord,
“O Lord, save my life!” - *Refrain*

Gracious is the Lord and just;
yes, our God is merciful.
The Lord keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.—*Refrain*

For he has freed my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I shall walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.—*Refrain*

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has food for the day, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,” but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone might say, “You have faith and I have works.” Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

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

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” They said in reply, “John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said to him in reply, “You are the Christ.” Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”

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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Altar Flowers

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weekend were donated by
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*In Commemoration of the
20th Anniversary of 9/11/01*

To find out more about and get your request on
the schedule, please call Elizabeth Innocenzi at
216-533-0515



Music for 11am Mass on September 12th; 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening: Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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Communion: Remembrance

Verse 1

Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery
Say take this bread take this wine
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive

Pre-Chorus

By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful

Chorus

Lord we remember You
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation
We remember You

Verse 2

See His body His blood
Know that He has overcome
Ev'ry trial we will face
And none too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place

Bridge

Dying You destroyed our death
Rising You restored our life
Lord Jesus come in glory

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Offertory: Jesus Messiah

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His
righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried
the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the
wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the
veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Ending

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all

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Closing: Just Like You

Verse 1

Revive my heart renew my soul
In You O Lord I am made whole
No more in fear will I wander
'Cause You're my God my Lord and lover
Like a burning fire be my one desire

Chorus

I want to be holy just like You
I want to go where You lead me to
With reckless abandon to Your truth
I want to fall deeper in love with You

Verse 2

Oh lift me up God my Father
In all this world there is no other
I'm dancing in Your holy presence
And Your glory fills all my senses
Like a burning fire be my one desire

Bridge

And deeper and deeper and deeper
And deeper in love with You (x3)

Ending

I want to be holy (REPEAT)

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Reflection: I Love You Lord

Chorus

I love You Lord (x3)
You are my strength

Verse 1

My heart it longs to be with You
And nothing else will ever do
So at Your throne is where I'll be
'Cause Your flesh and blood
consumes me
And I am one with You

Verse 2

My stronghold my refuge
Your righteousness will see me
through
In dark of night and thorn of sin
I will stay close to You my friend
And I am one with You

Bridge

And I am one yes I am one
And I am one with You

Ending

I love You; I love You Lord

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