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[Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration
begins with Mass, parade blessing](#)

Bishop Edward Malesic and Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost will kick off the St. Patrick's Day festivities with Mass on March 17.

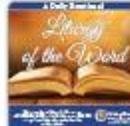
Bishop Malesic will celebrate with members of the United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland at 10 a.m. at St. Colman Church, 2027 W. 65th St., Cleveland. Bishop Woost will preside at a 9:30 a.m. Mass for the Irish American Club East Side at SS. Robert and William Church, 367 E. 260th St., Euclid.

This year's UIS honorees will participate in the liturgy at St. Colman.

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[March/April Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine is arriving at homes](#)

The new issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine tells a story of redemption as shared by Eric Wardrum. After experiencing the sacrament of reconciliation in jail, he found the healing power of forgiveness and was moved to help others find their way to the Lord through the Catholic Cross Bearers Motorcycle Ministry.



Also in this issue, Bishop Edward Malesic reminds us in his column that Lent is an opportunity to ponder and deepen our relationship with the Lord.

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[Lester named new associate superintendent of diocesan elementary schools](#)

Suzanne Lester, principal of Elyria Catholic High School, will become associate superintendent of elementary schools in the Diocese of Cleveland effective July 1.

Frank O'Linn, secretary for education and superintendent of diocesan schools, announced her appointment on March 9. She replaces Tracey Arnone, who is retiring.

"I am thrilled to welcome Suzanne to our leadership team. Her depth of experience, pastoral approach, and demonstrated commitment to the mission of Catholic education will strengthen our elementary schools at a pivotal time," said O'Linn. [Read more>](#)



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[Bishop shares message of hope with attendees at 25th annual Catholic Men's Conference](#)

“There is a hunger for God ... the Holy Spirit is at work out there,” Bishop Edward Malesic told the nearly 500 men who attended “Answer the Call,” the 25th annual Catholic Men’s Conference. The event was March 7 at the Holiday Inn Rockside in Independence.



Attendees ranged in age from high schoolers to senior citizens. The daylong conference included speakers, personal witness, reconciliation, adoration, the rosary, the bishop’s address, fellowship and Mass.

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[‘God delights in you,’ bishop tells Lake Catholic High School community](#)

Mass was the highlight of Bishop Edward Malesic’s March 6 visit to Lake Catholic High School in Mentor. The liturgy was celebrated in nearby St. John Vianney Church.



Father Ian Kelly, Lake Catholic’s chaplain, was the concelebrant. Deacon George Malec, a 1980 Lake Catholic alumnus and a member of the school’s advisory board, assisted with the liturgy and Father Eric Garris, a 2008 Lake Catholic graduate and diocesan vocation director, was the bishop’s master of ceremonies.

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[Scripture reflection: Third Sunday of Lent](#)

In his weekly Scripture reflection, Bishop Edward Malesic reflected on the simple truth that we are mortal. He wrote about an Italian teenager and her struggle with a rare bone cancer that took her life. She offered her suffering to Jesus [as a way to](#) unite herself to his cross, setting an example and [demonstrating](#) a lesson of hope. She has been declared blessed by the Church. Hope also is offered in the Gospel story of the Samaritan woman at the well, who came seeking water. She met Jesus, who offered her the living water of eternal life.

Click [here](#) to read the entire reflection.



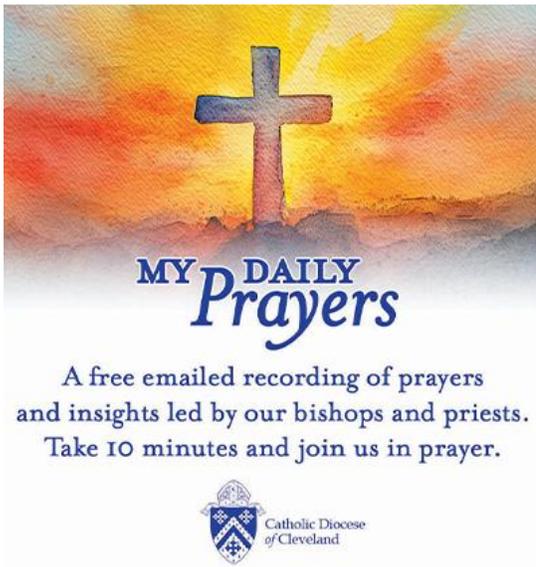
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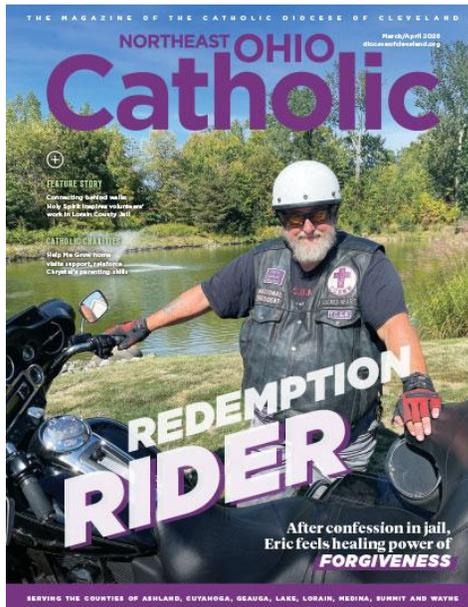
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And finally...

Did you know that this is [Catholic Sisters Week](#)? The nationwide observance, which shines a light on the spirituality, mission and community building of women religious, runs through March 14. This year's theme is "Stories of Hope and Heart." Congregations and others are invited to share moments that reveal who Catholic sisters are. One local congregation, the [Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland](#), are running social media posts asking the public to "[Name That Nun](#)" based on a description of their ministries. This week is a good time to thank a sister for her ministry.

Speaking of Catholic sisters, the [Sisters of Notre Dame](#) will have a [Come and See Retreat Day](#) 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 28 at St. Paschal Baylon convent in Highland Heights. Women ages 20-39 who are curious about religious life are invited to participate in the day of reflection and conversation. Overnight options are available. Contact Sister Kelley Rush, krush@sndusa.org or call 440-241-3124, for more information or to register.

Kwami Adoboe-Herrera, a survivor of child labor trafficking and founder of Teleios Path who was featured in [Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine](#), will speak to the [First Friday Club of Cleveland](#) on April 2 in the Rappe Room at Cathedral Square Plaza (diocesan offices) 1404 E. Ninth St., Cleveland. Doors open at 11 a.m. A buffet lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., with the program at noon. Cost is \$35. Click [here](#) for more information and a link to register.

Don't forget to sign up for the [Diocesan Week of Service](#) March 22-28. The initiative will bring people together across the eight-county Diocese of Cleveland to serve others. Volunteers will partner with Catholic Charities ministries, parish groups and community organizations to participate in a variety of service projects. Email kkocuba@dioceseofcleveland.org for more information.

Looking for a Lenten retreat? Consider one of these opportunities.

- “[Behold: Friendship](#),” a mother-daughter retreat for teens and adults, will be offered 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at [Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine](#). The event is a collaboration between the [diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Ministry](#) and [Theology of the Body Cleveland](#).
- Young adults are invited to “[Called by the Spirit](#),” a daylong retreat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at [St. John Vianney Parish in Mentor](#). Cost is \$25. The retreat focuses on discerning where God is leading you and how the Holy Spirit is working in your life. Click [here](#) for more information.
- The [Hispanic Senior Center](#), located on the campus [of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Cleveland](#), will host “[Retiro de Cuares](#),” a Lenten retreat, from 7 p.m. March 20 through 3 p.m. March 21. It will help participants to prepare spiritually for Easter with speakers, prayer and reflection. More information is available [here](#).

Don't forget about the two programs, “Stories of Life, Loss and Mercy,” scheduled for March 18. The programs will offer a Catholic conversation on ending the death penalty in Ohio. The first is at noon in the Pilla Student Dining Room at [Ursuline College](#). Sister Maureen McCarthy, OSU, former president of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland at the time Sister Joanne Marie Mascha, OSU was murdered in 1995, will speak, as will Elwood Jones. He is the 12th innocent man freed from Ohio's death row and the most recent death row exoneree in the country. The [second program is at 7 p.m.](#) in Donahue Auditorium in the Dolan Science Center at [John Carroll University](#). Sister Rita Mary Harwood, SND, a leader in prison ministry in the diocese whose work was motivated by losing her brother to violence, will speak, as will Jones. The programs are sponsored by [Catholic Mobilizing Network](#) in collaboration with Ursuline College and John Carroll University.

Also, there's still time to register for the upcoming [Grieve with Hope Retreat](#) set for March 27-29 at [Cornerstone of Hope](#) in Independence. Cost is \$250. The retreat is designed to help those who are grieving and longing to grow closer to God in the midst of their loss. Call 216-524-4673 or click [here](#) for more information.

Mark your calendar: The annual St. Oscar Romero Prayer Service will take place at 7 p.m. March 24 at [St. Barnabas Church in Northfield](#). The [diocesan Mission Office](#) and [COAR \(the Community of Oscar Arnulfo Romero\) Peace Mission](#) are sponsoring the event. Click [here](#) for details.

Be sure to check the [fish fry listings](#) and [event listings](#) on the [diocesan website](#) for more information on upcoming events.

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