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[Jubilee Year of Hope concludes with liturgy at cathedral](#)

The closing Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope was celebrated by Bishop Edward Malesic on Dec. 28, 2025 in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Concelebrants included Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost, Father Joe Mamich, cathedral pastor and diocesan vicar for clergy and religious, Father Damian Ference, cathedral parochial vicar and diocesan vicar for evangelization, as well as several other priests representing parishes or shrines that were sacred sites in the diocese during the Jubilee Year.



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[St. Barbara Parish celebrates 120 years as a Cleveland community of faith](#)

“This church has been a beacon of hope in this neighborhood for 120 years,” Bishop Edward Malesic told St. Barbara parishioners.

The bishop joined Father Jozef Bozek, parish administrator, Father Joseph Hilinski, pastor emeritus, and several other concelebrants including Father Don Oleksiak, diocesan vicar general and moderator of the curia, as he celebrated a Mass marking the parish anniversary on Dec. 6, 2025. St. Barbara, located on Denison Avenue in Cleveland’s Brooklyn Center neighborhood, has served the Polish community since its establishment in 1905.



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[January issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine will arrive soon](#)

The January/February 2026 issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine is on its way to homes across the eight-county Diocese of Cleveland.

Featured on the cover of the new issue is the story of Molly Durham, a seventh grader at St. Jude School in Elyria who is thriving in the school's inclusion program. Molly, who uses a motorized wheelchair because of cerebral palsy, is involved in the school choir and other activities. Watch the accompanying video to see Molly in action at school.



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[Bishops join diocesan collegiate cohort at SEEK26 conference in Columbus](#)

More than 100 college students from the University of Akron, Baldwin Wallace University, Case Western Reserve University, Ashland University, Cleveland State University and the College of Wooster, all in the Diocese of Cleveland, were among those attending the SEEK26 conference Jan. 1-5 in Columbus, Ohio.

Bishop Edward Malesic and Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost also attended the conference. They were among 46 bishops and hundreds of priests at the five-day event that included adoration, Masses, talks and fellowship.

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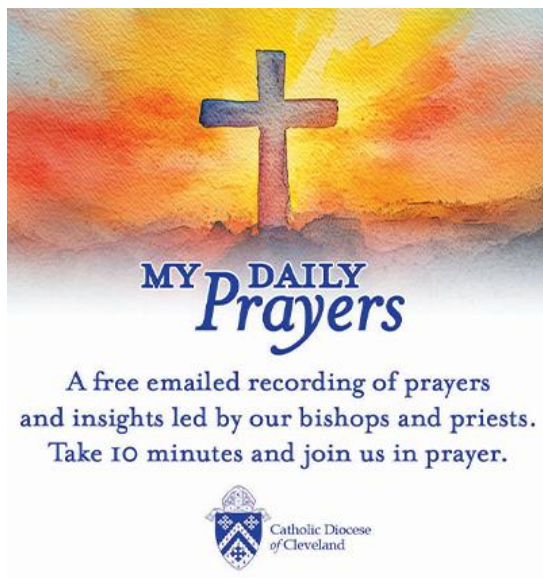


[Scripture reflection: The Epiphany of the Lord](#)

In his weekly Scripture reflection, Bishop Edward Malesic writes that he hopes we allow God to make the new year one filled with grace. He also asks that we allow God to surprise us, as he often does. When the Magi from the East set out in search of the newborn king, it's unlikely they knew what they would find. The bishop writes that they probably were looking for someone powerful and important and expected to find him in a palace or the great city of Jerusalem. Instead, they were led to an insignificant town and a child born into poverty.



Read the entire reflection [here](#).



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And finally...

Did you know that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' annual [9 Days for Life novena](#) for the protection of human life begins on Jan. 16? All are invited to participate in the [novena](#), which has a daily intention accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up to receive the daily prayers by [email](#) or [text](#) message. Information also is available in [Spanish](#). Click [here](#) for additional pro-life information provided by the diocesan Office for Human Life.

Also, save the date for the annual [diocesan Mass for Life](#), set for 10 a.m. Jan. 23 in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Edward Malesic will be the principal

celebrant. All are invited to attend, including students – especially college students – and members/leaders of pro-life/social concerns ministries (parish-affiliated or independent). Those planning to attend as a group are asked to [register](#) in order to have reserved seating for the group. Individuals and families do not need to register. Contact Tony Dipre, director of the Office for Human Life, at tdipre@dioceseofcleveland.org for more information, or call him at 216-696-6525.

Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost will celebrate the annual [Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Mass](#) at 9 a.m. Jan. 16 in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Father Kareem Smith from the Archdiocese of New York will be the guest homilist. Contact [Ana Eslaquit](#) for more information.

The diocesan [Young Adult Ministry](#) is off to a busy start in the new year, with a [Theology on Tap West](#) program 7-9 p.m. Jan. 20 at Forest City Brewery in Cleveland. Christy Cabaniss, diocesan director of missionary discipleship, will reflect on “Striving for Discipleship,” helping participants discover their God-given gifts and learn how to share them in service to the Church. Cost is \$5. Click [here](#) for more information and a registration link.

Meanwhile, [Theology on Tap East](#) has a program set for 7-9 p.m. Jan. 28 at Jake’s Speakeasy under Pizzazz on the Circle in University Heights. The program, presented by Father Jeff Barnish, a Saint Mary Seminary professor, will focus on St. Thomas Aquinas. Click [here](#) for more information and a registration link. Cost is \$7 for adults 21 and over, \$5 for those younger than 21.

Receive and Remain, which includes Eucharistic adoration, Mass and a social with diocesan seminarians, will take place beginning at 6:45 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. A pizza social follows. Attendees should meet at

6:30 p.m. in the CPL lobby. The event is hosted by Borromeo and Saint Mary seminarians.

[Mary Queen of the Apostles](#) (Brook Park) Young Adult Ministry and Discovering Christ (Christ Life Series), will host a game night from 6:30-8 p.m. Jan. 16 for young adults ages 18-39 in the parish hall. RSVP by contacting Megan Lowes-Bolin, mbolin@dioceseofcleveland.org.

The Young Adult Ministry office will host a town hall session with an opportunity to meet the new director, Megal Lowes-Bolin, to share ideas and hopes, build community and strengthen the future of parish life. All young adults ages 18-39 are invited to attend. The session is set for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at [St. Albert the Great Parish](#) Life Center in North Royalton.

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