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[First Friday Club of Greater Akron welcomes Bishop Malesic](#)

Bishop Edward Malesic covered a variety of topics during a candid presentation to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron.

About 200 people filled Our Lady of Cedars' banquet room on Sept. 5 for the bishop's presentation, including student groups from St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, Our Lady of the Elms and St. Mary School, all in Akron. He was introduced by Father Paul Rosing, pastor emeritus of Holy Family Parish in Stow.



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[Celebrating five years with Bishop Malesic and Northeast Ohio Catholic's first decade](#)

The September/October issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine is making its way across the eight-county Diocese of Cleveland.



Featured on the cover of this issue, which marks the magazine's first decade, is a story about the fifth anniversary of Bishop Edward Malesic's installation as bishop of Cleveland. That event took place on Sept. 14, 2020. In his column, the bishop reflects on five years of growing together as the Church in Cleveland.

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Crystal Clinic is a physician-owned hospital system

[Bishop Woost, several local priests
among those at Acutis, Frassati
canonizations in Rome](#)

The Diocese of Cleveland was well represented on Sept. 7 in Rome for the canonizations of St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati. Pope Leo XIV celebrated the Mass with hundreds of other priests, bishops, archbishops and cardinals concelebrating.



Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost and some of his brothers were among those from the diocese to attend the canonization. The bishop and others shared photos from the trip.

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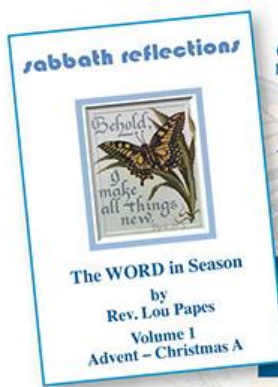
[Theology on the Rocks West celebrates Blessed Mother's birthday at namesake church](#)

"Nine months, ago, on Dec. 8, we celebrated the Immaculate Conception," Deacon Ken DeLuca said. "And tonight, we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary."



DeLuca's remarks opened the Sept. 8 Theology on the Rocks West program, a pilgrimage to Lorain's Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. About 150 people registered for the event, which featured a birthday party for Mary with refreshments, cake, music, a program on the parish history and night prayer. The church is one of 11 diocesan sacred sites for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

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[Benefits of classical Catholic education discussed at First Friday Club of Cleveland program](#)

Nearly 80 people gathered Sept. 4 at the Center for Pastoral Leadership for a program on the benefits of classical Catholic education.



Presented by the First Friday Club of Cleveland, the event featured a panel discussion moderated by Mike Wisnor, president of Incarnate Word Academy in Parma Heights. The panel included Vincent De Luca, head of school at St. Brendan School in North Olmsted, the first school in the Cleveland Diocese to adopt the classical model.

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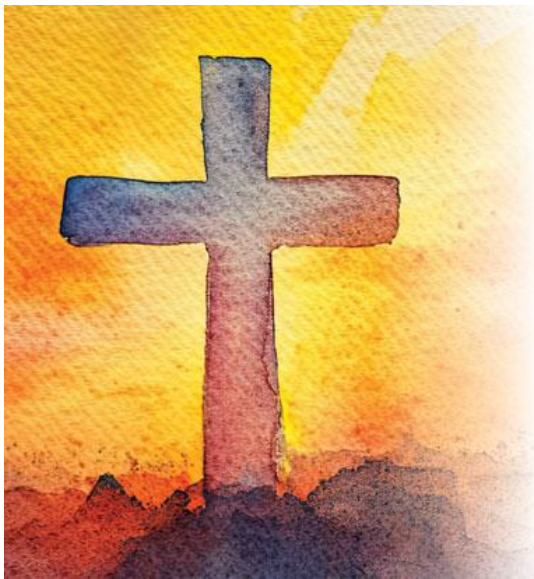


Scripture reflection: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary

In his weekly Scripture reflection, Bishop Edward Malesic writes that Jesus addresses the question of “What will it take?” in this week’s Gospel. More specifically, he talks about what it would take to be his disciple. Although he mentions “hating mother and father, wife and children, brother and sisters, and even (one’s) own life,” it’s important to understand the context. Hatred is being used to highlight that the love of God must be first among all of our loves. We also must be willing to detach ourselves from things in our life to focus on the Lord.



Read the entire reflection [here](#).



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And finally...

Did you know that Pope Leo XIV will celebrate his 70th birthday on Sept. 14? A number of entities, including Pray More Novenas, Relevant Radio, the Daughters of St. Paul, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, The Pontifical Mission Societies, USA, Sing the Hours, OSV News and more are encouraging the faithful to participate in a spiritual bouquet, an offering of prayer for Pope Leo and his intentions, leading up to his milestone birthday, which also is his first birthday as pope. Click [here](#) to learn more. In addition to the pope's birthday, Sept. 14 also marks Bishop Edward Malesic's fifth anniversary as the 12th bishop of Cleveland. Happy birthday, Holy Father, and congratulations, Bishop Malesic.

Save the date: The annual Ohio Mass/March for Life will be at 9 a.m. Oct. 3 in St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, followed by the March for Life on the Ohio Statehouse lawn. Columbus Bishop Earl Fernandes and Toledo Bishop Daniel Thomas will concelebrate the Mass. Click [here](#) for more information.

Rosary rally: A rosary rally will take place at noon Oct. 11 on Public Square in downtown Cleveland, near the fountain. For more information or to RSVP for the event, email clarinetkimberly@gmail.com. The rally was inspired by an ongoing rosary rally initiative of [America Needs Fatima](#), an organization dedicated to spreading the message of Fatima throughout the United States.

Pilgrimages of Hope: Don't forget about the Diocesan Social Action Office's series of Pilgrimages of Hope for Creation this fall. The events begin on Sept. 20 at St. Malachi/St. Patrick (Bridge Avenue) in Cleveland and St. Albert the Great in North Royalton. Others are scheduled for Oct. 4 at St. Joseph in Avon Lake and Oct. 12, St. Vincent de Paul in Akron. For details or to register for one of the events, click [here](#). Jeff Campbell of DSAO, said these are prayerful pilgrimages calling to mind the 10th anniversary of the late Pope Francis' Laudato Si encyclical and the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures. Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, bring a refillable water bottle, a light snack and sunscreen. Email Campbell at jeff.campbell@ccdacle.org for more information.

Mass of remembrance: [St. Ambrose Parish](#) invites those who lost a loved one to suicide to attend a [livestreamed Mass of remembrance](#) at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 13 in the church, 929 Pearl Road, Brunswick. A reception will follow in the parish's Hilkert Hall. The event is coordinated by the parish's mental health ministry. It takes place during National Suicide Prevention Week, Sept. 7-13.

Abortion memorial service: [St. Julie Billiart Parish](#) in North Ridgeville will host a memorial service honoring the lives lost to abortion noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 13. For more information, call 440-420-2010 or email markjlalonde@gmail.com.

Theology on Tap: Young adults are invited to attend the next Theology on Tap (West) event at 7 p.m. Sept. 6 at Forest City Brewery, 2135 Columbus Road, Cleveland. Parking is available at nearby St. Wendelin Church. Andrew Staron, a professor at Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, will speak on “Mercy 101: A Crash Course in Loving Just Like Jesus.” Cost is \$5. Click [here](#) for reservations and information.

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