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[Our Lady of Angels Parish celebrates church
dedication, altar consecration](#)

Two parishes in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood – St. Patrick and St. Vincent de Paul – joined with neighboring Our Lady of Angels Parish on July 19 to celebrate OLA's church dedication and the consecration of a new altar mensa. Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost celebrated the liturgy with Father Rob Ramser, OLA pastor, John Pfeifer, St. Patrick and St. Vincent de Paul pastor, and Father Kyle Rosser, St. Albert the Great parochial vicar, as concelebrants.



"This is a once in a lifetime event," said Father Ramser, who learned recently there was no record of the church being dedicated.

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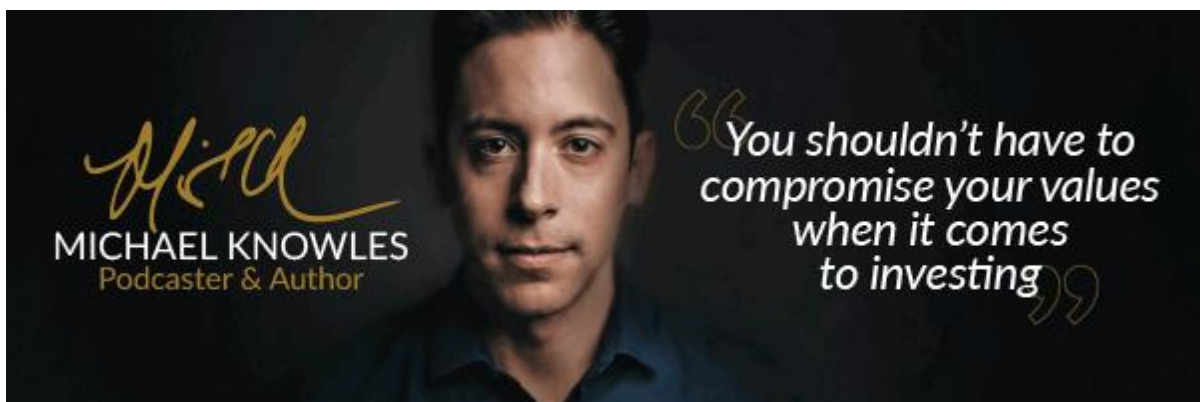


175-year legacy of Ursuline, St. Augustine sisters discussed at City Club

A sold-out crowd listened intently as four religious sisters discussed their ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland during an hourlong panel discussion July 16 at The City Club of Cleveland. Moderator was Christopher Larson, who recently became president and CEO of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland.

Panel members were Sister Laura Bregar, OSU, president of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland leadership team; Sister Maureen Doyle, OSU, leadership team member; Sister Marian Durkin, CSA and Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA, congregational leader, Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. The conversation focused on the sisters' 175 years of service in the diocese.

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Bishop Woost offers insights on Mass to Theology on the Rocks Akron

“We are a temple of the Holy Spirit ... a dwelling place of God and that reality is affirmed every time we celebrate the Eucharist,” said Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost, who shared information and insights on the Mass at a July 20 program hosted by Theology on the Rocks Akron.

“What You Don’t Know About the Mass” was the formal title of the presentation. However, the bishop took attendees on an educational faith journey that started in the Old Testament with the words of the prophets, explaining how they helped prepare people for the coming of the Messiah.

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The diocesan Office of Communications launched a new, dynamic Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine website this month. It includes features and favorites from the print edition, along with a wealth of additional Catholic content, including inspiring articles from renowned contributors such as Father Mike Schmitz, as well as content covering theology, spiritual growth, marriage and family life, Catholic living and more.



The new site can be found under the Communications Office [magazine web page](#), or click [here](#) to access the site directly. Included are the current issue and all archived magazines, beginning with the first issue in October 2015.

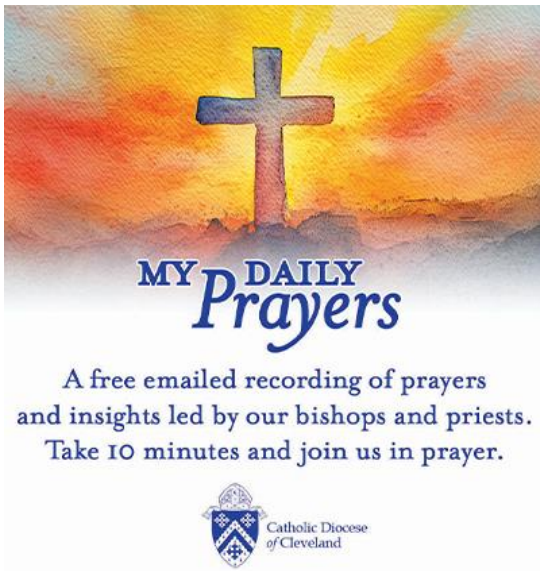
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[Scripture reflection: Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time](#)

In his weekly Scripture reflection, Bishop Edward Malesic writes that in the Gospel, Jesus shared a parable about patience. He told the story of a field where good seed was planted but during the night, an enemy sowed weeds among the crop. As they grew, the roots become intertwined so trying to remove the weeds too early would uproot the wheat. Instead, the wheat and weeds grew together and when the crop was mature, the wheat was kept and the weeds were discarded. Jesus said this points to the final judgment.



Read the entire reflection [here](#).



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And finally...

Did you know that July 26 is the [celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly](#)? However, Bishops in the United States approved the transfer of the celebration to the first weekend after Labor Day (Sept. 12-13) to coincide with [National Grandparents \(and the Elderly\) Day in the United States](#), which is celebrated by many local communities, schools and parishes.

In 2021, the late Pope Francis established the celebration on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of SS. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. This year's theme, selected by Pope Leo XIV, is "I will never forget you," reminding us that God's love is the answer to the isolation and neglect experienced by many elderly, bringing comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows everyone personally, forgets no one and loves us unconditionally, regardless of age.

This week is also [Natural Family Planning Week](#), which highlights the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. This year's observance concludes on July 25, the anniversary of the encyclical's release by Pope St. Paul VI in 1968.

Catholic renewal conference: "Be Renewed in the Power of the Holy Spirit" is the theme for the July 25 [Catholic Renewal Ministries'](#) daylong conference. Doors open at 7:45 a.m. at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Road, North Royalton. Cost at the door for adults is \$50, cash or check only; free for those younger than 18. Click [here](#) for more information or call 440-944-9445.

Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost will celebrate Mass at 4 p.m. in St. Albert the Great Church.

Registration deadline: There's still time to reserve a spot for the Walking with Moms in Need/Gabriel Project Summer in-person gathering 5:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 5 at St. Hilary Parish, 2750 West Market St., Fairlawn. Click [here](#) for more information or to reserve a spot by July 27.

Hosted by the diocesan Office for Human Life, all parish leaders and core team members serving in Walking With Moms in Need and/or Gabriel Project ministries are invited to attend the evening of prayer, fellowship and collaboration. Those involved in accompanying pregnant and parenting mothers at their parish – even if not yet connected with the formal ministries – also are encouraged to attend.

The evening includes dinner, opportunities to network with parish leaders throughout the diocese, sharing of best practices and parish updates and discussion of new resources available to strengthen local accompaniment ministries. This event is free, but registration is required.

Triduum weekend: The [St. Ann Triduum](#) is this weekend, July 24-26, at St. Paschal Baylon Parish, 5384 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights. The triduum leads up to the solemnity of St. Ann on July 26, celebrated by the [Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament](#) at St. Ann Shrine in Highland Heights.

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. July 24, with a special blessing for children. There will be an anointing of the sick after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on July 25 and a special candlelight procession will follow the 6:30 p.m. Mass on July 26. Celebrant for all three liturgies will be Father Paul Raj Gnanasekar, SSS. The Masses will be livestreamed.

For more information, click [here](#) or contact Scott Gongos, 440-449-2700, or email him at sgongos@blessedsacrament.com.

Wednesday Evening Live: The [Wednesday Evening Live Summer Concert Series](#) continues July 29 and runs through Aug. 26. Concerts start at 6 p.m. rain or shine, so remember to bring a chair and rain gear, if needed. Refreshments can be purchased. The band lineup is July 29 – Soubirous; Aug. 5 – Liz Bullock; Aug. 12 – Nag Champa; Aug. 19; Glory Be and Aug. 26 – A Good Band is Hard to Find. Admission is free.

Volunteers needed: Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity, [Catholic Charities' Diocesan Social Action Office](#) and others will collaborate on a Rock the Block event 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 1 at Pope Leo Village in Cleveland. Activities will pause briefly at 9:30 a.m. for a triple home dedication at 9904 Elwell Ave. for three new homes in the neighborhood that were completed recently.

The day includes volunteers from various parishes in the diocese and other groups who will work on landscaping and neighborhood clean-up projects. Volunteers younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Click [here](#) for more information or to register. The event takes place rain or shine.

Tickets on sale: The 39th annual [Peace and Justice Awards Brunch](#), hosted by the Catholic Commission of Wayne, Ashland and Medina will take place 1-3 p.m. Aug. 23 at St. Martin of Tours Parish in Valley City. Cost is \$25 and sponsorships are available. Click [here](#) for details or contact Paul Kipfstuhl, director of the Social Action Office – Wayne, Ashland and Medina, 330-703-7979 or email pkipfstuhl@ccdacle.org.

Reminder: Weekday Masses, confessions, private prayer and Wednesday adoration have relocated from the [Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist](#) to a temporary worship space across the street on the first floor of Cathedral Square Plaza, the diocesan offices, at 1404 E. Ninth St. during renovations to the cathedral. Work in the cathedral is expected to last for several months.

Times for weekday Masses remain unchanged at 7:15 a.m. and noon. The noon Mass will be livestreamed, as usual. Confessions will follow the 7:15 a.m. Mass and will continue until 8:15 a.m. Midday confessions will remain at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Only one confessor will be available midday and confessions will continue until all are heard.

Access to the temporary worship space is available beginning at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday. Enter the building through the main door under the black awning.

Now that extensive scaffolding is in place, the weekend Masses can no longer be livestreamed from the cathedral. Instead, the pre-recorded TV Mass is broadcast at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Also: be sure to check the [event listings](#) on the [diocesan website](#) for more information on upcoming events.



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