



St. Anthony of Padua Parish
≈ Fairport Harbor, Ohio ≈

521 Plum Street (Church)
316 Fifth St. (Parish Office)
Fairport Harbor, OH 44077
440.354.4525 (Office)
440.354.8313 (fax)
Website-www.stafh.org
Email-office@stafh.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday | 6:00pm
Wednesday | 8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday | 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Confession

Saturday | 3:00pm

Rosary

Saturday | 3:30pm

PARISH STAFF

Father Greg Schaut

Presbyteral Moderator
frgregsmof@gmail.com

Deacon George P. Malec

Parish Life Coordinator
gmalec@stafh.org

Deacon John Zarbo

Parish Deacon
izarbo@stafh.org

Deacon John Wenzel, retired

Debbie Kacsala

Pastoral Associate
Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister
dkacsala@stafh.org

Music Ministry

Debbie Fitzgerald
440.251.6820

Weekend Celebrants

Fr. Fred Pausche

Parish Office

Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri
10:00am - 3:00pm

If you would like to receive Holy Eucharist or an Anointing at home, please call 440.487.9064

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**HOLD ON
IN FAITH**



Advent is a holy season of the Catholic Church that is about watching, waiting and preparing for Christmas. Our annual journey through this holy season gives us the opportunity to walk with Jesus to prepare ourselves for His glorious "second coming" as well as to celebrate His birth more than 2000 years ago.

Advent means the arrival of or the beginning of something. During this holy season we are invited to meditate on Jesus' first coming in history as a baby in Bethlehem; His daily coming into our lives in mystery through the Sacraments and Sacred Scripture and finally; and His Second Coming. We see the traditional signs of Advent in our parish: violet vestments, linens and banners, as well as flowers and our Advent wreath. These signs remind us that we need to prepare for Jesus' rebirth in our hearts and lives, and enabling Him to radiate His love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness around us.

Our Scripture readings during Advent tell us that we should prepare for Jesus' Second Coming. These readings remind us that all too often we allow ourselves to let the worldly issues and concerns control our lives, especially during this time of year, just like the people did when Jesus was born. If we listen to the Gospel passages during Advent, we will hear Jesus remind us that there is something more important than our worldly cares and concerns. He tells us that the Son of Man will come at a time we least expect. Since the Son of Man will show up without an appointment, we must always be prepared.

Jesus also reminds us that we need to be alert and watchful while spiritually preparing for Christmas. He invites us to begin each day by praying for the strength and power of the Holy Spirit to prepare ourselves for His rebirth in our lives. He invites us to pray for our family, friends, parishioners and people we may not even know who are grieving or suffering through mental, physical, emotional or financial hardships. He reminds us to offer our daily work to God for His glory and to practice more self-control by resisting our bad habits.

Throughout Advent we have the opportunity to seek God's forgiveness and reconcile ourselves with Him and with one another. Jesus invites us to extend our unconditional forgiveness to those who have hurt us, just as we ask for His forgiveness. He also invites us to see His face in everyone and share His sacrificial love, mercy, forgiveness and service with everyone we meet.

On Monday (December 8th) we have the opportunity to pray to our Blessed Mother as we celebrate the Solemnity of her Immaculate Conception. Although it was only declared a dogma of the Church in 1854, the Church celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in the seventh century in Palestine on December 9th. This was known as the "Conception by St. Anne of the Theotokos (God-Bearer)." When observance of this feast day spread to the west, the feast date was changed to December 8th, which is nine months before Our Blessed Lady's birthday of September 8th.

In his Apostolic Constitution, *Ineffabilis Deus* (issued in 1854) Pope Pius IX declared the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, when he said:

"The Most Holy Virgin Mary was, in the very first moment of her conception, by a unique gift of grace and privilege of Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Redeemer of mankind, preserved free from all stains of original sin."

Why then do we celebrate this special day for Mary while we are watching and waiting for Christmas? The answer is because Mary's heart was fully disposed to the fulfillment of the divine will. Mary is the model of Christian expectation and hope. There is no selfishness in her heart. She desires nothing for herself except God's glory and human salvation.

Mary is the role model for us this Advent season to help us prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas as we watch and wait in joyful expectation for Emmanuel. Advent teaches us to prepare with expectation for God who reveals to us the important gift of Jesus' incarnation as He says: "for unto us a Child will be born, a Savior, who is Christ and Lord."

This Advent let us take time and pray to Mary, the Theotokos, asking her to intervene with her son on our behalf. Ask her to help us prepare to celebrate Christmas and give Jesus all the glory, praise and honor for which He is due as we joyfully sing "O Come, O come Emanuel."

Faithfully, Fr. George

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 6

4:00 pm

John Jahn

Sunday, Dec 7

8:00am

Jeff LaCava

10:00am

George and

Kathleen Malec

Monday, Dec 8

8:00am

*Micheline and John
Costello*

7:00pm

*John and Philomena
Mirch*

Wednesday, Dec 10

8:00am

*Parishioners of
St. Anthony*

Saturday, Dec 13

4:00 pm

Nadine Southworth

Sunday, Dec 14

8:00am

John Sarosy

10:00am

Daughters in Faith

Monday, Dec 15

6:00pm

Richard Somerfeldt

Wednesday, Dec 17

8:00am

William Kessler

If you would like to request a Mass intention, please call 440.354.4525 or email office@stafh.org.

READINGS FOR

DEC 7, 2025

First Reading:

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD.

(Isa 11:2)

Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

(Romans 15:7)

Gospel:

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I." (Mt 3:11)

Primera lectura:

El espíritu del SEÑOR descansará sobre él: un espíritu de sabiduría y entendimiento, un espíritu de consejo y de fortaleza, un espíritu de conocimiento y de temor al SEÑOR. (Isa 11:2)

Salmo:

La justicia florecerá en su tiempo, y plenitud de paz para siempre. (Ps 72)

Segunda lectura:

Recibid unos a otros, pues, como Cristo os recibió a vosotros, para la gloria de Dios.

(Romanos 15:7)

Evangelio:

"Os bautizo con agua, para el arrepentimiento, pero el que viene después de mí es más poderoso que yo." (Mt 3:11) ©LPi

The Book of Genesis part 1
Bible Study

Our next session of the Bible Study Series at St. Anthony will begin on November 11th from 6-7:30 in the Social Hall. We will be diving deeper into the book of Genesis to not only contemplate the creation story, but to remember with the Israelites their ancestors in faith. Part One of this study will cover the "pre-history" of Israel including the creation accounts, the stories of the fall and the great flood, as well as the story of Abraham and Sarah.

Email Debbie at dkacsala@stafh.org or call the office, 440-354-4525 to register.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at (216) 334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

Giving Tree

Is Here!!!

Check it out! The Christmas tree in the vestibule. St. Anthony has adopted two families this year who need a little extra help. Take a tag, buy a gift, wrap the gift with the tag attached and return it to the tree by December 17th!



**Heavenly Father,
We Pray for:**

The Souls in Purgatory, The Protection of all Human Life, For those called to or discerning a vocation to the Catholic Priesthood, Religious life and the Diaconate, For those who serve the church as laypersons, All of our servicemen and women and all first responders, Elizabeth Adams, Barbara Bagdonas, Joe Bellian, Joetta Chiappone, Jeanna Clark, Roy Clark, Connie Coffman, Linda Coffman, Joe Gartner, Patty Gartner, Emmy Lou Hegrat, Janice Hennessey, Joe Ignat, James Kapostasy, Steve Kazmer, Brian Keller, Patrick Keller, Roseanne Knack, Mary Lette, Kathy Logsdon, Looman family, John Mirch, Donna Perrine, Joanne Petrino, Jim Reho, Brad Rodgers, Patricia Rodgers, Barb Russell, John Russell, Laura Schoval, Sheri Schreiber, Eileen Sheldon, Tim Shook, Bob Smith, Ken Smith, The Stasienco family, Natalie Urban, Ed Zupancic.

If you would like to add yourself or someone else who is in need of God's healing or intervention, please call the parish office at 440.354.4525 or email us at office@stafh.org

The Lake/Geauga Divorced and Separated Catholic Ministry invites you to join us for **Finding Peace through The Holidays**, on Thursday, December 11th, 2025 from 6:30-8:30PM in the Parish Office of St. Gabriel Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Concord. Separation / Divorce is never easy, especially through the holidays. Our trained, caring facilitator will share information and ideas to help you find peace, and even joy, while managing the stress and emotions you may be feeling. For more information, or to register, please call Karen Brenizer at 440-352-8282 or email brenizer@st-gabriel.org

Advent Evening Prayer

Join us Sundays in Advent at 6pm to pray Liturgy of the Hours.

It is a time to sanctify the day, focused on the Psalms, scripture readings, and intercessions and arranged in a rhythm that echoes ancient Jewish prayer and early Christian tradition.

All Are Welcome!

Awaiting the Coming
OF THE LIGHT

Harbor Holidays Gratitude

A big note of gratitude to all the parishioners who helped with Harbor Holidays. So many people stepped up to put together baskets for the raffle and dedicated part or all of their day volunteering. Events like this happen because of everyone in the parish. Thank you for all you do!

November Food Bank Information

2024	HH	2025	HH	Variance	Percent of increase
	747		761	14	1.9%
2024	Members	2025	Members	Variance	
	1990		2123	133	6.7%
2024	New HH	2025	New Members	Variance	Percent
	143		142	-1	-0.7%

SNAP delay created a need for our current neighbors who were not using us to come back for additional help

Notable information! Free product month of November from the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and United Way of Lake county

***13,284 pounds * 707 cases * Delivery charge \$786.54 *
approx \$14,200 normal cost**

Extra product stored will help with the cost in the coming months

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR November 2025

	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	YTD
Total Sunday Collection	2,184	3,285	2,460	71,305
Operating Budget	3,652	3,652	3,652	80,344
Collection Over/(Under) Budget	(1,468)	(367)	(1,192)	(9,039)

We appreciate your generosity when giving any donation. Donations can be given in the mass offering baskets, dropped off or mailed to the parish office, or you can set up an online giving account. Your Finance support, and your prayers, allows us to continue meeting the Finance needs of our parish in addition to persevering in the Gospel mission of reaching out and ministering to others. There are envelopes in both the vestibule and the hallway that can be used for gifts to the food bank and other donations to help our parish and parishioners.

Support St. Anthony of Padua and secure income for life!

Now is a great time to consider starting a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA), as rates are currently higher than they have been in years! By setting up a CGA, you can lock in a generous fixed income for life while supporting the Catholic ministries you care about most. Enjoy tax benefits and peace of mind knowing you're making a difference. Contact your trusted advisor, visit www.catholiccommunity.org/cga, or call [Moira Wopershall](mailto:Moira.Wopershall@ccf.org) of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525x8070, for more information.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Just a reminder that Monday, December 8th is a holy day of obligation marking the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Join us for mass at 8am or 7pm.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



NEIGHBORING PARISHES MASS TIMES

St Bede

M, T, W & F 9am
7pm (first Friday)
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 9am, 11am

St. Cyprian

M –Th 8:30am
Friday 7am
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am, 11am

St. Gabriel

M, W, F 7am
W 10am (during school)
T & Th 7pm
Saturday 8:30am
Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

St. Mary Painesville

M, T, Th 6:45am
M, W, F 12:15pm
Saturday 4pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm, 6pm (Spanish)

St. John Vianney

M-F 8am; M, W, F 11am;
Saturday 4pm; Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/7	Donut Sunday	12/21	Christmas Pageant, 12:30 pm, Church
12/7	Evening Prayer, 6pm, church	12/21	Evening Prayer, 6pm, church
12/8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses at 8am and 7pm	12/24-26	Office is Closed
12/9	Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall	12/24	Christmas Eve Masses, 4 pm and 6 pm
12/14	Daughters in Faith Mass, 10 am	12/25	Christmas Day Mass at 9 am
12/14	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	12/28	NO PSR-Christmas Break
12/14	Evening Prayer, 6pm, church	12/28	Daughters in Faith, 11-1 pm, rm 102
12/16	Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall	2026	
12/18	Parish Council, 6-7:30 pm	1/1	Office is Closed
12/21	Confirmation: Information Sheet and Sponsor Certificates Due!	1/4	PSR Resumes
12/21	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	1/6	Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall
		1/13	Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall
		1/15	R&R 6:45pm at Seminary, Wickliffe
		1/20	Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall

Volunteers at our Food Pantry were hard at work the week before Thanksgiving. They prepared more than 110 baskets to be given away to people and families in need of assistance for a Thanksgiving meal. There were five people assisting with distributing the baskets last Thursday in addition to many other volunteers who gathered to help prepare the baskets for distribution. Many, many people have been busy.

This month, many people have been affected by the government shutdown and delay in receiving their SNAP benefits. Rich and Char Dunham and their volunteers have been extremely busy working to assist their brothers and sisters in need.

Because of everything going on with their benefits, people are still trying to provide for their families. Thanksgiving is just one day, but there's the whole month. Rich and Char said that this meal will be very special because people are in need, and we have everything that they need.

Meanwhile, they have also been busy working to refill the Food Pantry. They are inviting people to donate non-perishable food items and their time as they continue to help serve those in need.

Thank you to everyone who helps with the Food Pantry by donating of their time, talents and treasures to help make Thanksgiving a little brighter for those in need.

MINISTRIES**Altar/Rosary Guild**

Donna Perrine 440.221.7140

1st Thursdays March-December, 2pm

Arts & Environment

Laura Dutton 614.560.5341

Becoming Catholic 440.354.4525**Bereavement Ministry**

Lou Balog 440.655.2143

Christ Child Society

Judy Oberstar 440.354.4337

Daughters in Faith

Barbara Bagdonas 440.488.6958

Meet the 4th Sunday of every month
from 11am-1pm in Room 102

Food Pantry

440.357.6714

Wednesdays and

Saturdays

5:00—7:00 p.m.

**Garden Ministry**

office 440.354.4525

Grief Ministry

Colleen Royer 440.463.5053

Music Ministry/Choir/Cantors

Debbie Fitzgerald 440.251.6820

Outreach Ministry

Diane LaCava 440.520.3220

Youth Ministry

Natalie Urban 440.463.2743

**St. John Vianney
Furniture Bank**

440.255.3051

Baptisms

Please call rectory to
set up an appointment

Weddings

office 440.354.4525

Parish School of Religion (PSR)**September-May**

PSR Grades K-8

Sundays 11am-12:15pm

Confirmation class

Sundays 11am-12:15pm

Outside doors will be locked at 11:05am

Reopen at 12:10pm