



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

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

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This upcoming week is a special week for the Church and for our parish community. This weekend we have the opportunity to celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. On Monday, the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord (also known as Candlemas). On Tuesday, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Blasé, Bishop and Martyr. Then on Saturday, our parish and St. Gabriel's parish are collaborating to share in our Pre-Lent Retreat.

We hear Matthew share the Beatitudes on this fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We have heard the Beatitudes proclaimed at Mass on countless occasions. Many people mistakenly believe that the Beatitudes are a set of eight rules that we should follow and, if we follow them, we will go to heaven. And, if we don't follow them, we'll probably go someplace else. This is a mistake. When Jesus teaches the Beatitudes, He is not establishing a new set of rules to follow. Rather, He is telling us, this is how we are to live and what we truly are called to be. Jesus is letting us know that by following the Beatitudes we are able to attain true happiness and share in the greatness of God's love.

Like Moses, Jesus goes up the mountain and comes back down with the Beatitudes, which are not commandments, but a way to live. By following and living the Beatitudes the whole world will radically change over time. Jesus is telling us, in the Beatitudes, how He and the Father love us. The Beatitudes are the reasons why they love us so deeply. They love us because these eight simple suggestions give us the guidance and the way of living for which we were created and by which He and the Father live and love.

Monday marks the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which is also known as the Feast of the Encounter or Candlemas. This is the feast in which Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem for the first time and for an encounter Simeon and Anna.

Luke tells us on four separate occasions that Mary and Joseph wanted to do what was required by the Law of the Lord. Reading Luke's Gospel, we get the sense that Jesus' earthly parents have the joy of observing the Law of the Lord! They are a couple that just had their baby, and are motivated to do what is prescribed by the Law. This is a strong desire that is full of joy.

This Feast marks the encounter between the Holy Family and Simeon and Anna, the two representatives of God's holy people who are filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. Jesus is at the center of this encounter. Jesus' mere presence drew Simeon and Anna to the Temple that day. It is He who moves everything, who draws all of them and all of us to the house of His Father.

Tuesday marks the Feast of St. Blasé, Bishop and Martyr. We know that Jesus took pity on all the people who came from near and far to see and hear Him. He said they were, "like sheep without a shepherd." He responded by proclaiming the Word of God and curing their illnesses. As Jesus cured them physically, they also believed that He could also cure them spiritually. This is the faith-perspective we need to understand St. Blasé and the custom of having our throats blessed through his intercession.

St. Blasé was a shepherd after the heart of Christ. Later, he trained to be a physician of the body as well as a physician of souls for the people to which he ministered in the Diocese of Sebastea in Armenia. Just as many people went into the desert to be with Jesus, so too many people flocked to hear St. Blasé preach and be cured of their bodily and spiritual infirmities. Among those he cured was a young man on his way to prison who was choking on a fish bone (this cure is just one of many that St. Blasé performed). Like Jesus, St. Blasé often withdrew to pray. But St. Blasé most resembled Jesus by his death as a martyr. St. Blasé died a particularly cruel death. So, in all these ways, St. Blasé followed Jesus' ministry – first for his own people and second, because of the communion of saints, his ministry is also extended to us. In honor of St. Blasé, and his curing of the young man choking on a fish bones, we will bless all throats, at the conclusion of all Masses this weekend.

A noted theologian once said that the Church is Jesus extended in space and time. Indeed, the Church herself is the Sacrament of our Encounter with Christ. The community of the Church, filled with the Holy Spirit, is the visible sign by which and through which Jesus continues to minister to His people. The Church is not merely a group of like-minded people who reflect on what Jesus did in the past. It is not merely a group of people who agree on moral or social issues. Rather, the Church, in spite of the sinfulness of its leaders and members, is both the sign and the source of Jesus' presence and power still active in our midst. We, the Church and the Body of Christ are called to share in Jesus' ministry throughout the world today. So it is, that when a person is baptized, it is really Christ who baptizes. When the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass, it is really Jesus who proclaims it to us. When the Eucharist is celebrated, Jesus' presence and saving death are extended to us. When the candles touch us today in the blessing, it is the touch of Jesus, who is our light, our salvation, our divine physician.

On February 7th, we will work in collaboration with St. Gabriel's by hosting our annual Pre-Lenten Retreat, in which first year participants will encounter Christ and second year participants will partake in the process of continuing conversion. This will be a very spiritual and special way to prepare for Lent.

Through the guidance of the Beatitudes may we find true happiness, by reflecting on the encounter of Jesus at His Presentation in the Temple may we experience the joy of His presence, and through reflecting on St. Blasé, who followed the life of ministry that Jesus laid out for him, may we also be drawn to follow Jesus' example. May we who seek to follow the Beatitudes and encounter Jesus, like Simeon and Anna, enter the grace of this mystery, the mystery of the Encounter, be enlightened and find comfort on our journey. *Faithfully, Dc. George*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan 31
4:00 pm
Parishioners of St Anthony

Sunday, Feb 1
8:00am
John Sarosy

10:00am
Barbara Resetar

Monday, Feb 2
6:00pm
Parishioners of St Anthony of Padua

Wednesday, Feb 4
8:00am
Gorenc and Rochon Families

Saturday, Feb 7
4:00 pm
William Simko

Sunday, Feb 8
8:00am
William Kessler

10:00am
Parishioners of St Anthony of Padua

Monday, Feb 9
6:00pm
Elizabeth Senzy

Wednesday, Feb 11
8:00am
Curt Bowen

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

READINGS FOR
FEB 1, 2026**First Reading:**

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly.
(Zep 3:12)

Psalm:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. (1 Cor 1:27)

Gospel:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

Primera lectura:

Pero dejaré como un remanente en vuestro pueblo humilde y humilde.
(Zep 3:12)

Salmo:

Bienaventurados los pobres de espíritu;
¡El reino de los cielos es suyo! (Ps 146)
O Aleluya.

Segunda lectura:

Más bien, Dios eligió a los necios del mundo para avergonzar a los sabios, y Dios eligió a los débiles del mundo para avergonzar a los fuertes. (1 Cor 1:27)

Evangelio:

"Bienaventurados los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos." (Mt 5:3) ©LPI

Mindful Presence

Please enter the church in the spirit of reverence in silence for our Eucharistic Lord. Remember to be mindful and respectful of others who have come to Mass and are taking the time to pray and prepare for the celebration of the Mass. If you need to speak with another person, please whisper or step out in the hallway to talk, so as not to disturb others who are trying to pray. Finally, we ask you to please silence your cell phones before the start of Mass. Following these simple habits will help to enhance our time spent at Mass in the presence of the Lord.

If you want your 2025 contributions tax statement, contact the office at 440.354.4525, office@stafh.org, or submit communication on our website at stafh.org.



May 16, 2026

10:00 AM - 1:00PM

Perry High School

1 Success Blvd

Perry, OH 44081

Family-Friendly Event

STEP FORWARD TO CURE TSC

Walk • Run • Bike Event

Join us for a community fundraiser supporting the TSC Alliance

WHY WE WALK

Noah was just six months old when our family noticed unusual movements that led to urgent medical care and a diagnosis of Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC).

TSC is a rare genetic condition affecting 1 in 6,000 children and can cause seizures, developmental delays, and lifelong medical challenges. Through this walk, we raise awareness, fund research, and support families navigating life with TSC.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Fundraising Initiative
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Raffle Baskets

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Join Team
Noah's Happy Feet



Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic
Bishop of Cleveland
Main celebrant for the opening Mass

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Special Guest Speaker
Rev. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, B.A.,
S.T.B., Religious Director of Healthcare
Professionals for Divine Mercy

Andrew D. Lee
MD, FRCR, FRCR, FRCR, FRCR

John P. Lee
MD

Ronald M. Schubin, MD
MD

Margaret P. Schubin, MA

**"Innovative Approaches to Compassionate Healthcare"
The Ministry of Mercy**

**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, Juiliana Biro, Joetta Chiappone, Jeanna Clark, Roy Clark, Linda Coffman, David Denner, 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, Donna Perrine, Joanne Petrino, Jim Reho, Brad Rodgers, Patricia Rodgers, Barb Russell, John Russell, Laura Schoval, Sheri Schreiber, Eileen Sheldon, Tim Shook, Rose Shupp, Bob Smith, Ken Smith, The Stasienko 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

REGISTRATION
General Conference Registration fee: \$45 (students free)
Virtual and Walk-in options available
www.givecentral.org/CMAConference



News From The Rock!

Your favorite Cleveland local program has a new voice! After 77 wonderful episodes, **Bob Tayek** has decided to step away from hosting *Where We Worship*. In his stead, **Joe Cronauer** has generously agreed to take over to share the history, charisms and ministries of our local Catholic parishes and religious institutions! His first episode will air on **February 15 at 11 AM**. Tune in on AM 1260 in Cleveland or AM 930 in Elyria/Medina county to learn about *St. Paschal Baylon*. Can't make it? Scan the QR Code to listen On Demand.



Spend Valentine's Day Weekend Renewing Your Marriage

Is your marriage in need of a rescue or renewal? Join us beginning with the weekend of February 13-15 for a program that has been a lifesaver for so many marriages.

Get more information or register at <https://helpourmarriage.org/cle> or call 216.509.0301

Registration ends January 30th



helpourmarriage.org



Bless Us, Lord Jesus, You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way. **Amen.**

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR January 25, 2026

	Jan 18	Jan 25	YTD
Total Sunday Collection			
Operating Budget		Due to the weather, collection numbers will be posted next week	
Collection Over/(Under) Budget			

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 financial support, and your prayers, allows us to continue meeting the financial 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 of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525x8070, for more information.

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

1/31-2/1 Blessing of the throats after Mass	2/22	Evening Prayer during Lent, 6 pm
2/1 Donut Sunday	2/24	Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall
2/3 Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall	2/27	Stations of the Cross, 7 pm
2/7 Lent Retreat 8:30 am to 6:00	3/1	Donut Sunday
2/10 Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall	3/1	First Eucharist Parent/Student Meeting
2/15 NO PSR	3/1	Evening Prayer during Lent, 6 pm
2/18 Ash Wednesday, 8am and 7pm	3/3	Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall
2/19 Parish Council, 6-7:30pm	3/5	Altar and Rosary Guild, 2pm, Rm 102
2/19 R&R 6:45pm at Seminary, Wickliffe	3/6	Stations of the Cross, 7 pm
2/20 Stations of the Cross, 7 pm	3/8	Evening Prayer during Lent, 6 pm
2/22 Daughters in Faith, 11-1pm, rm 102	3/10	Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall
	3/13	Shadow Stations Presentation, 7pm

EdChoice: Providing Access to Catholic Education for All Ohio Families

The Ohio EdChoice Expansion Scholarship program offers ALL Ohio students a scholarship to attend a Catholic school!

Catholic schools in Ohio adhere to robust state standards and provide students with strong academic and personal formation in a Christ-centered environment.

Visit ohiocathconf.org/edchoice to learn how EdChoice scholarships can help you send your child to a Catholic school near you. Open Houses are taking place now at Catholic schools across Ohio.



ONLINE CONTRIBUTION FORM

From the Catholic Commission....February 8th is the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron of victims of human trafficking. According to the Dept. of Homeland Security, 24,000 of our sisters and brothers fell victim to trafficking in the USA in 2024 (FY 2024 report), and the global incidence of trafficking continues to rise. Catholic Social Teaching proclaims the inherent dignity of all people, and the evil of trafficking flies in the face of this fundamental principle. We are thankful for the work of the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking and their coalition of 70+ organizations, the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking, and many more organizations dedicated to protecting the most vulnerable in our midst. Need help? Call the NE Ohio Human Trafficking 24/7 hotline at 216-443-6085 or the Ohio hotline at 844-363-6448 (844-END-OHHT). Learn more at www.usccb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking.

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