



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

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## 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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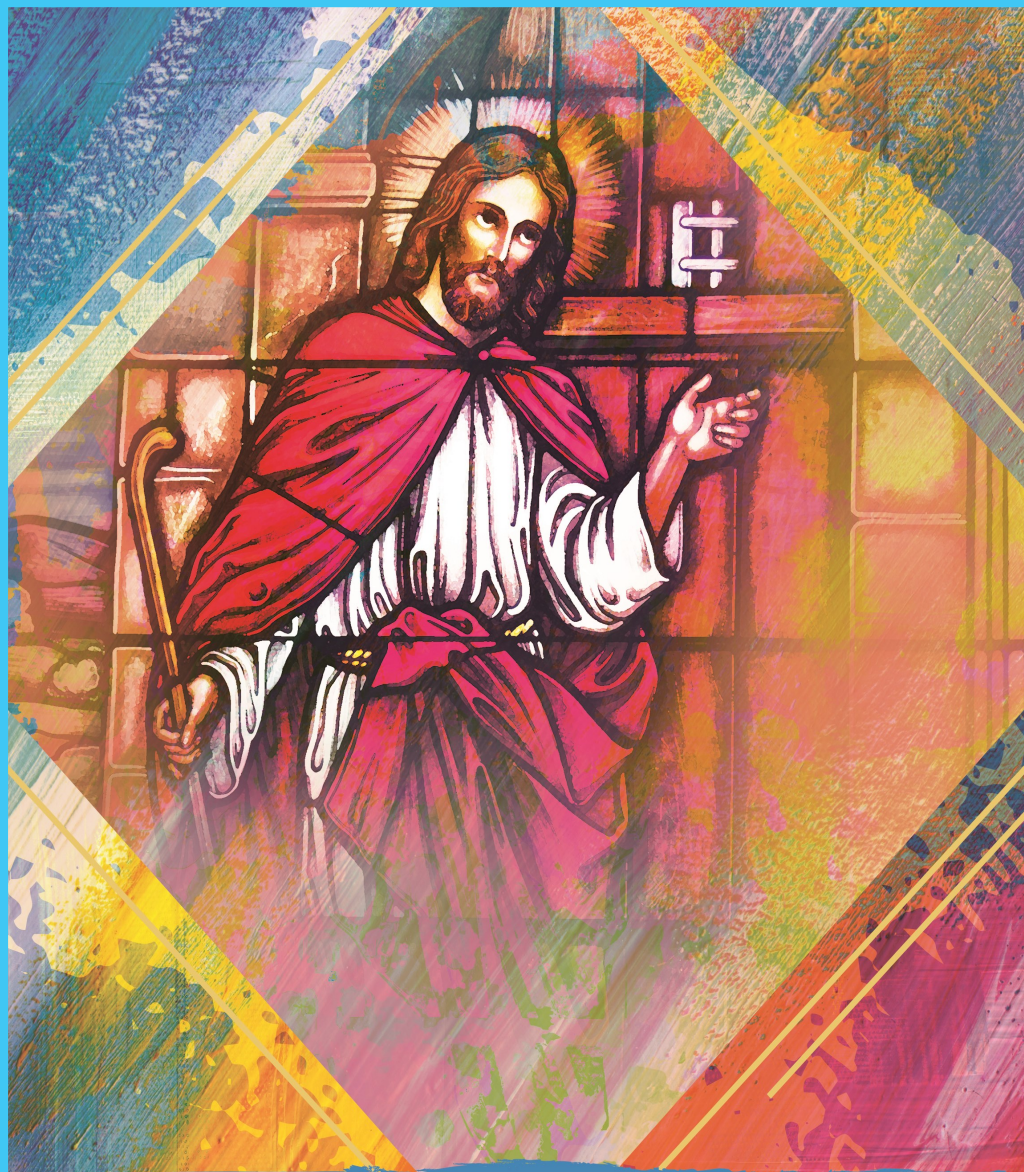
### Weekend Celebrants

Fr. Greg Schaut  
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*



## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“He will get up to give him whatever he needs  
because of his persistence.” - Lk 11:8

The emphasis in this weekend's readings is one of my favorite topics – **Prayer**. In our first reading we see that Abraham has an interesting approach to prayer. As we recall from last week's reading, Abraham hosted three strangers, one of whom was the Lord. These individuals were on their way to Sodom, the vilest city in the world at the time. The Lord told Abraham, "We are going to Sodom. And there are very wicked people there. And we must destroy Sodom, because of how evil it is."

Abraham began thinking there were people in Sodom that he knew and so he began to bargain with God. He said, "God, if you go and find fifty people there who are good, you wouldn't destroy the good with the evil would you?" And God, of course, God said, "No, I would not destroy the good with the evil."

Abraham then persisted and asked what if you only find forty-five, or forty, or thirty, or twenty, people who are good? Would you destroy Sodom for the sake of these people? God said for the sake of these people he would not destroy the city. Then Abraham finally says, "I know that I shouldn't be talking to you this way, this is terrible. Would you destroy the city if there were only ten good people?" And God says, "for the sake of ten good people. I will save the whole city."

This is one of those stories in which we need to look a little deeper. If we do so, we will see something very important. It is the relationship that Abraham has with God. Specifically how comfortable Abraham feels to stand and bargain with God, like a haggler in the marketplace, for the city in which everyone knew was filled with people who were mean as well as spiritually and morally depraved.

This story is important because God and Abraham have a relationship where they depend on each other, where they care about each other, and where they want to be closer and closer together. The meaning of the story is that God loves Abraham and Abraham loves God and their lives are lived together.

If you go to Jerusalem today, there is a sign on one of its beautiful old gates that is carved in Arabic: "To Abraham, the friend of God." This is how prayer is supposed to be for us.

And yet, oftentimes, we overlook the fact that prayer is really about sharing and communicating with God just as you would with your best friend. We even see this with the Apostles who came up to Jesus and said, "Lord, teach us how to pray the way John the Baptist taught his disciples how to pray."

So Jesus looks at them and gives them the prayer that only needs the opening two words to tell us everything about who we are, who Jesus is, what we are destined for, what is the meaning of all the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. And he says, "When you pray, say:

***Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.***

*The Lord's Prayer* is truly the summary of the whole gospel. Since Jesus, after handing over the practice of prayer, said, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Remember, whether you pray *The Lord's Prayer* or simply talk with God, you are praying. For prayer is quiet. It is a time spent with your best friend with whom you can confide, share everything that is going on in your life, ask for assistance and who is always there for you. It is a lifting up our mind and heart to God, together with someone you love.

Spend at least 15 minutes a day in prayer with God and feel the peace that comes from this relationship. Experience the love that God has for you while we sharing our love with God and may our lives be lived together, just as Abraham's life was lived with God. Perhaps someday people will say about you, that you are a friend of God.

*Faithfully, De. George*

### **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 26**

**4:00 pm**

*Parishioners of  
St Anthony*

**Sunday, July 27**

**8:00am**

*William Simko*

**10:00am**

*Parishioners of  
St Anthony*

**Monday, July 28**

**6:00pm**

*Parishioners of  
St Anthony*

**Wednesday, July 30**

**8:00am**

*Parishioners of  
St Anthony*

**Saturday, Aug 2**

**4:00 pm**

*Mary Ann Kloski*

**Sunday, Aug 3**

**8:00am**

*William and Mary Shea*

**10:00am**

*Hunter Family*

**Monday, Aug 4**

**6:00pm**

*Parishioners of  
St Anthony*

**Wednesday, Aug 6**

**8:00am**

*William Kessler*

If you would like to request a Mass intention, please call 440.354.4525 or email [office@stafh.org](mailto:office@stafh.org).



## READINGS FOR JULY 27, 2025

### First Reading:

Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" (Gn 18:25)

### Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

### Second Reading:

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God. (Col 2:12)

### Gospel:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Lk 11:9)

### Primera Lectura:

¡Lejos esté de vosotros hacer tal cosa, hacer morir al inocente con el culpable para que el inocente y el culpable sean tratados por igual! ¿No debería el juez de todo el mundo obrar justicia?" (Génesis 18:25)

### Salmo:

Señor, el día que pedí ayuda, me respondiste. (Sal 138)

### Segunda Lectura:

Fuisteis sepultados con él en el bautismo, en el cual también fuisteis resucitados con él por la fe en el poder de Dios. (Col 2:12)

### Evangelio:

"Y yo os digo: Pedid y recibiréis; Buscad y encontraréis; Llamad y se os abrirá la puerta". (Lc 11:9) ©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.



## There will not be a Donut Sunday for August 3rd due to Fr. Michael's Farewell Reception

Join St. Bede the Venerable Parish and JKL Tours on **Thursday, August 14, 2025** for a professionally guided tour to **The Rhoda Wise Shrine & The Bethlehem Cave & Museum** in Canton, Ohio.

**We will begin with mass in the chapel at St. Bede the Venerable Parish at 7:45 a.m.** (mass is optional). It will be a full day with the bus departing from the parish parking lot at **8:15 a.m. and returning to St. Bede's at approximately 5:00 p.m.**

The cost for this tour is **\$90.00 per person**, which will include **lunch** at The Hartville Kitchen where you can choose your meal off the menu (including PIE!).

**RSVPS AND PAYMENT DUE BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 4.** To RSVP, please contact Cindy Cole at [cindy@stbedementor.org](mailto:cindy@stbedementor.org) or 440 257-5544.

*\*Rhoda Wise was a woman of tremendous faith who converted during a prolonged hospital stay where she was declared incurable with cancer. Influenced by the Nuns at Canton Mercy Hospital, she took comfort in daily prayer and devotion. Soon after, she began experiencing visions of Jesus and St. Therese (the "Little Flower"), as well as healing in the midst of her immense suffering. Since her death in 1948, her home has become a place of pilgrimage and Ms. Wise is up for Canonization.*

### 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, Joe Bellian, 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, Yuriy Lebedeva, Mary Lette, Kathy Logsdon, Looman family, George Parr, Donna Perrine, 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](mailto:office@stafh.org)

For years, our parish of St. Anthony's has cultivated a culture of recycling when and where possible to help with the environment and to help others. We have a wooden bin located on the south side, (left), of the garage, (behind Harbor Care), for the collection of aluminum cans that can be recycled. We ask that you collect these cans and drop them off. The proceeds will go to the Food Pantry.

**Countdown to The FEST**

Join us on Sunday, August 3, 2025 in Wickliffe, Ohio for the 25h Anniversary celebration of The FEST. It's an inspiring day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE. Come and hear some of the best contemporary Christian artists (Maverick City Music, Danny Gokey, Ben Fuller, Seph Schlueter). There are activities, displays, inflatables and more....something for every member of the family. So many use The FEST as a time to renew their spirit and strengthen the bonds of faith and family. You'll find helpful resources for family life, along with opportunities for prayer, Confession and Adoration. Join Bishop Malesic for Mass at 8 pm followed by an amazing American Fireworks display.

This day of faith, family and fun is FREE and open to all. There's plenty of easy and close parking. Check out all the details by going to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us). Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsors: Marc's, Barons Bus, Diocese of Cleveland, and Journey Home Restoration.

**Jail Ministry**

*I was in prison,  
and you visited me.  
Matthew 25:36*



**Lake County Jail Ministry:** This ministry exists to provide support to prisoners housed at Lake County Jail. We provide a Sunday evening Communion service, Bible study and a weekly library service. The commitment is yours to decide; you may choose to spend time at the jail or provide materials that others take to jail.

Also, donations of lined loose leaf notebook paper or blank computer paper are needed.

If you are interested in joining this ministry or have a donation, please contact Cindy Cole at 440 257-5544 or [cindy@stbedementor.org](mailto:cindy@stbedementor.org).

**COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR July 20, 2025**

	JUL 20	YTD
	949	80,762
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	3,247	356,589
<b>Operating Budget</b>	3,423	353,879
<b>Collection Over/(Under) Budget</b>	(176)	2,710

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](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/cga), or call [Moir Wopershall](mailto:Moir Wopershall) of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525x8070, for more information.



**August 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to 4:00pm**

Holy Mass at 10:30am

Food available Noon to 1:30pm

Activities for the kids

Coloring pages

Balloon artist

**Museum Tours every half hour**



**Adult Storyteller: Dave Vacherrese – author of "Lessons from My Life with Mother Angelica"**



Cornhole

Horseshoes

Ice Cream Stand

End the day with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm

Bring the whole family! Fun for all ages! Handicap accessible

No cost but donations gratefully accepted.

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Please RSVP with number attending to [MotherAngelicaTour@gmail.com](mailto:MotherAngelicaTour@gmail.com)



**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**

7/27 Daughters in Faith, 11-1pm, rm 103  
 7/30 Catholic Basics 7:15pm, Library  
 7/31 Catholic Basics 7:15pm, Library  
 8/3 **Fr. Michael's Farewell Reception, 11am**  
 8/3 **THE FEST, 12-8pm, Center for Pastoral Leadership, Wickliffe**  
 8/6 Catholic Basics 7:15pm, Library  
 8/6-14 **Night Prayer, 7pm**  
 8/7 Altar and Rosary Guild, 2pm, rm103

8/10 **OUTDOOR MASS, 10am**  
 8/10 **BEACH Mass, 12 noon west-end pavilion**  
 8/15 Feast of the Assumption Mass, 8am and 7pm  
 8/18 Finance Council, 6:30pm, rectory  
 8/21 Parish Council, 6-7:30pm  
 8/24 Daughters in Faith, 11-1pm, rm 103  
 9/1 Memorial Day Mass  
 9/4 Altar and Rosary Guild, 2pm, rm103  
 9/7 Donut Sunday

**PSR UPDATE!!!**

**PSR registration is open for the 2025-2026 School year!!!**

Please visit [staff.org](http://staff.org) to fill out an electronic form or grab a form from outside the library or in the office. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Kacsala at [dkacsala@stafh.org](mailto:dkacsala@stafh.org).

**HELP Needed:**

We are in need of 1-2 individuals who are interested in assisting with PSR this year. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Kacsala at [dkacsala@stafh.org](mailto:dkacsala@stafh.org).

**AREA FESTIVALS**

August 3, THE FEST, Wickliffe  
 August 14-17 Feast of the Assumption, Little Italy  
 September 28 Oktoberfest at St. Mary, Chardon

**OUTDOOR MASS SCHEDULE**  
**10am: 8/10, 8/24**

**NEW GARDEN MINISTRY!**

St. Anthony's needs some green thumb gardeners who like caring for the exterior gardens. We are looking for individuals who would be willing to take some time each week to help water and keep up with the weeds to ensure that our new plants continue to grow and keep the weeds to a minimum. If you are interested, please contact: (I will get this for you next week) or call the rectory at 440.354-4525.

**MINISTRIES**

**Altar/Rosary Guild**

Donna Perrine 440.221.7140  
 1st Thursdays March-December, 2pm

**Arts & Environment**

office 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 103

**Food Bank**

440.357.6714  
 Wednesdays and Saturdays  
 5:00—7:00 p.m.

**Grief Ministry**

Colleen Royer 440.463.5053

**Music Ministry/Choir/Cantors**

Debbie Fitzgerald 440.251.6820

**Becoming Catholic** 440.354.4525

**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