



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. 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

IF TODAY YOU
HEAR GOD'S
VOICE, HARDEN
NOT *your*
hearts.

PSALM 95



Two weeks ago, we read that Jesus led his disciples up the mountain and asked them, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responded. "You are the Christ the Son of the Living God." For this, Jesus said to Peter "You are the rock and upon you I will build my community" because Peter, through God's help, recognized him as the Messiah.

Last week, we read that Jesus told his disciples that the Messiah, the Son of God would go to Jerusalem and there be arrested, mocked, scourged, nailed to the cross, die, and then to rise again. Peter responded, "God forbid that anything like that would happen." Jesus then chastises Peter for thinking like man does instead of as God does when He says, "Get behind Satan." Peter was encouraging Him to be comfortable, avoid any potential pain and suffering. Jesus realized that by avoiding His Passion and Death He would not to what He came to do - not do the will of the Heavenly Father.

This marks the time in Jesus' ministry when He just converses with the disciples and not the crowds, although many people will still come and follow Him, He is speaking only to His disciples. He instructs the disciples and all of us that we and anyone who wants to belong to the community of believers – must follow certain rules in addition to the commandments to love God and love all people.

The first rule is: Just because we say Lord, Lord or we say that we are following Jesus as a disciple does not mean that we are saved. It means that, as a disciple, we must work among the people to let them know that Jesus, the Messiah, is calling all to eternal life. Jesus is trying to teach us how to change this world, through His examples and through His teachings.

He has come to do the will of His Father and save all of mankind. He is not merely choosing a few people that gather together to worship, praise, and sing hymns. He has come for everyone, for all God's children in this world. This is a very important concept: We are here to do the Father's work in this world, we are to help Him spread the Good News of the Father's love and mercy, just as Jesus did.

Is this easy? No! We live in a challenging world. A world of wonder and love and also a world filled with pain, hatred and war. We live in a world in which God the Father, through the words and example of His Son Jesus along with the promptings of the Holy Spirit are calling us to change. First to change and transform ourselves by loving others and living lives of truth and then to teach and encourage others to do the same.

How are we being called to change? First, we have to learn to forgive others as well as ourselves. We have to learn to care for all of God's creation and everyone with whom we come in contact. We have to learn that strangers are not to be viewed as strangers, but rather, as our sisters and brothers, even if they hurt us or we do not agree with what they say or do. We are still called to forgive and to love them, just as God does.

Our God is a God of all people. He loves us and wants us to know that we should not run away and hide from reality! We should not run away and hide from people! We should not isolate ourselves to only those we love we like or ignore the rest of the world.

The only way to eternal life is the way of Jesus! We are called to love one another and to forgive one another. We are not empowered to judge others. Just as we seek to be loved and forgiven by our Heavenly Father, we are challenged and expected to do the same for others. Here's the Good News. Jesus tells us that, "I am always with you, I am with you to the end of time." He was and still is with us to show us how to love and care for one another

Through Jesus' example, we come to a new understanding. We come to the realization that even though we make mistakes, due to our human frailty, we can seek forgiveness and encourage others to do so as well through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We can be restored to God's love. We are members of the Church. The Church is not a place to hide from the evils of the world. Jesus reminds us that all of us are in need of love and forgiveness.

If we want to find God in this world and do His Will, we will find Him in our faults, in our failings as well as the faults and failings of others. We will also find Him in the ill, poor, lonely and those who are far away from God. In seeking Jesus the Messiah, we must start living like Him, acknowledging our own sinfulness while forgiving others who have sinned. In doing so we are called to share the love and mercy which God has shared with us, with everyone we encounter.

Are we supposed to be perfect? Of course not. We are called to allow ourselves to be vulnerable. Because, out of vulnerability comes the possibility of love. May we recognize and accept Jesus as our Savior and learn to think as God does, and not just as man does. May we learn to be vulnerable, recognize God's presence in our lives, accept His love and mercy, and share it with others. And may we "Go in peace glorifying the Lord with our lives" through what we say and what we do to everyone we meet.

Faithfully, Dc. George

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept 5

4:00pm

David Chiappone

Sunday, Sept 6

8:00am

John Sarosy

10:00am

Margaret Cardina

Monday, Sept 7

9:00am

*Parishioners of
St Anthony*

Wednesday, Sept 9

8:00am

Jon N Russell

Saturday, Sept 12

4:00pm

Marc Falcone

Sunday, Sept 13

8:00am

Wallace Kosinski

10:00am

John Russell

Monday, Sept 14

6:00pm

David Chiappone

Wednesday, Sept 16

8:00am

*Parishioners of
St Anthony*

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READINGS FOR
SEPT 6, 2026

First Reading:

But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Rom 13:8)

Gospel:

Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Mt 18:18)

Primera lectura:

Pero si adviertes a los malvados, intentando apartarlo de su camino, y se niega a apartarse de su camino, morirá por su culpa, Pero te salvarás a ti mismo. (Ez 33:9)

Salmo:

Si hoy oís su voz, no endurezcáis vuestros corazones. (Ps 95)

Segunda lectura:

No debo nada a nadie, salvo amarnos unos a otros; Porque quien ama a otro ha cumplido la ley. (Rom 13:8)

Evangelio:

Amén, os digo, Todo lo que ates en la tierra será atado en el cielo, y todo lo que sueltes en la tierra será liberado en el cielo. (Mt 18:18)

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Anyone interested in entering the Church as a fully initiated Catholic, please contact the office to set up an appointment to begin the process. office@stafh.org and/or 440.354.4525



DID YOU KNOW . . . our quarterly *Prayer Circle* is for *all parishioners* to gather together and pray for our parish community, family and friends who are in need of prayers. The prayer circle is led by Daughters in Faith. Bring your intentions and join us in prayer.

St A's 125th Anniversary Celebration News!

During the month of September and October St Anthony Church will sell 50/50 tickets before and after Mass to help support the 125th Anniversary Celebration. Proceeds will go toward the Church Tour which is scheduled for Saturday, August 14, 2027. Volunteers are needed. *Please contact Karen Bidlack at 440.251.3150.*

**Tickets are
6 Tickets for \$5.00
15 for \$10.00**

As we plan for St Anthony 125th Anniversary Celebration, St Anthony's invited the congregation to join us for an informational meeting after each Mass on Sept 12 and 13 to get details pertaining to the Church Tour of the Cleveland area churches planned for August 14, 2027. Karen Bidlack and Deborah Serra will be available to answer questions regarding cost, agenda, meal plan and answer any other questions for the one day trip.

**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, Joe Bellian, Juiliana Biro, Jackie Cawley, Jeanna Clark, Roy Clark, Linda Coffman, David Denner, Beth Fazekas, Joe Gartner, Patty Gartner, Emmy Lou Hegrat, Janice Hennessey, Joe Ignat, James Kapostasy, Steve Kazmer, Brian Keller, Patrick Keller, Mary Lette, Kathy Logsdon, Donna Perrine, Joanne Petrino, Jim Reho, Brad Rodgers, Patricia Rodgers, Barb Russell, Laura Schoval, Sheri Schreiber, Eileen Sheldon, Tim Shook, Bob Smith, Ken Smith, The Stasienko family, Natalie Urban, Sarah Valentine, 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

Year to Date Food Pantry Statistics

2025 HH	2026 HH	Variance	Percent of increase
502	585	83	16.5%
2025 Members	2026 Members	Variance	Percent
1496	1575	79	5.3%
2025 New HH	2026 New HH	Variance	Percent
132	194	62	47.0%

A message from Birthright Lake:

As we enjoy the warmth of summer, we're reminded that strong communities are built through compassion, generosity, and neighbors caring for one another. Thanks to our supporters, in the first half of 2026 Birthright Lake has: supported 611 mothers and families. Walked alongside 57 pregnant moms and welcomed 57 new babies. We clothed and diapered 923 infants and toddlers, nourished 253 infants with supplemental formula, and a total of more than 1315 doorbell rings! We invite you to join us for an inspiring afternoon of beauty, connection, and giving back as we celebrate Bundles of Joy Brunch: Beauty with a Purpose on Sunday, Sept 13th from 11:00 - 2:00 at Manakiki. Enjoy a delicious buffet brunch along with beauty demos, skin consultations, raffle baskets, games, a table 50/50, swag bags and more — all while supporting moms and babies right here in our community. Just a little care can help us feel our best — and your support helps moms feel confident in caring for their babies. You'll also have the opportunity to learn more about how you can make a direct pact on the families we serve. To learn more about the event or purchase tickets, visit birthrightlake.org or scan the QR code, honoring the beauty found in every bundle of joy.



Walk to Remember Sunday, October 4, 2026

Walk to Remember is an in-person event at seven Catholic Cemeteries Association locations on Sunday, October 4, 2026, from 1pm-2pm. Participants may choose a half-mile reflective walk through the cemetery grounds or pray the Rosary inside the mausoleum or main office. Visit the Events page on our website for locations and other CCA events. For questions, contact Suzi Richter at (216) 930-4866 or srichter@clecem.org.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST For Adults 40+ It's a FIELD TRIP to the Seminary Center for Pastoral Leadership 28700 Euclid Ave. Wickliffe OH 44092 Monday, Sept. 14 7 – 8:30pm

Join us as we see where our seminarians live, are formed & grow in faith on their journey to becoming future shepherds of our diocese.

Our evening will begin in the Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd Chapel where we'll learn about the recent renovations. We'll then enjoy light appetizers & refreshments as we engage with a few of our seminarians and hear about life in the seminary. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers & nonalcoholic beverages included. Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors will open at 6:30pm

Labor Day Blessing Dear God, We thank You for this Labor Day. Bless the men and women who serve in our workforce, and grant them strength and protection in their work. Bless, too, those who courageously seek to build fairer and more just working environments for all our brothers and sisters. Bless all of us as we gather to rest and recreate during this holiday weekend. Amen. ©LPi

PSR STARTS NEXT WEEK! PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER YOUR CHILD.

All children need a registration form whether a new student or returning. The registration forms can be found in the church vestibule or on our website. <https://www.stafh.org/>

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Join us beginning on Sept 8th, 6-7:30 pm in the Social Hall, for our next Bible Study Session. We will be taking an in depth look at the Acts of the Apostles. We are invited to witness the Spirit at work in the apostles and the community of believers. *All are welcome to attend.*

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

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR AUGUST 30, 2026

	AUG 30	YTD
Total Sunday Collection	2,376	29,300
Operating Budget	3,365	30,285
Collection Over/(Under) Budget	(989)	(985)

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/7	Labor Day Mass, 9am	9/13	PSR Parent Meeting at 11 am in the church
9/8	NEW Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall	9/15	Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall
9/9	Adoration 3-7pm	9/16	Adoration 3-7pm
9/12	Daughters in Faith Prayer Circle 2-3pm	9/17	Parish Council, 6-7:30pm
9/13	Donut Sunday	9/22	Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, Social Hall
9/13	PSR STARTS 11am to 12:15pm	9/23	Adoration 3-7pm
		9/26	Daughters in Faith Mass, 4pm



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF THE WESTERN RESERVE
WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

HARBOR HOGS & HOT RODS
A COMMUNITY EVENT

★ BIKES, CARS, COMMUNITY
★ & A CAUSE THAT MATTERS.

DATE:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

LOCATION:
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK
301 3RD ST, FAIRPORT HARBOR

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CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF THE WESTERN RESERVE
TO HELP CHILDREN IN NEED.

RAFFLES—INCLUDING ONE FOR A MOTORCYCLE!

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Stay for the impact.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
www.christchildwesternreserve.org/events

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF



Grief involves coping with a loss. Whether it is the loss of a loved one, broken relationships or a major change in your life. The grief that follows such a loss is natural and normal, but many of us find our own reactions are unexpected. Support groups can provide information and guidance to help us find our way through these transitions.

St Anthony of Padua Parish offers a seven-week grief support group for those who have experienced a loss. Come learn about the symptoms of grief, what you can expect to experience, and new ways to reclaim moments of contentment and happiness while honoring those who have died.

Thursdays, October 1st- November 12th
Time 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Refreshments will be served
Room 102

RSVP to Parish Office by September 29th
440-354-4525
Email- office@stafh.org

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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

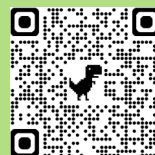
Colleen Royer 440.463.5053

Music Ministry/Choir/Cantors

Debbie Fitzgerald 440.251.6820

Outreach Ministry

Diane LaCava 440.520.3220



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) Sept-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