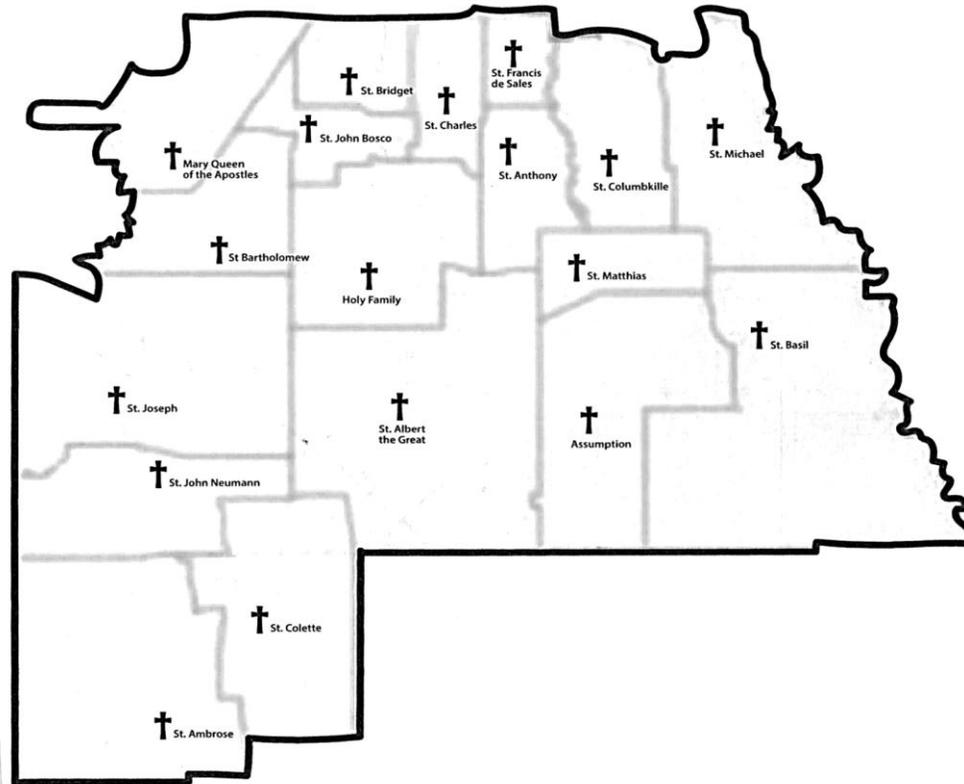


Welcome to the Suburban Southwest Deanery!



Did you know that our parish is now part of a Deanery structure in the Diocese of Cleveland? We are one of the twelve Deaneries across the diocese established by Bishop Malesic.

Leading the Suburban Southwest Deanery is Father Timothy Gareau, pastor of St. Colette Parish. He, along with individuals representing our eighteen parishes, will be working to develop and implement a Pastoral Plan.

The plan will consist of measurable actions that create new initiatives, share resources, and coordinate ministry among the parishes of the Deanery.

The Deanery Committee is the way to gather input and ideas, not only from clergy, but from lay leaders in our parishes.

The Deanery includes the following parishes:

- Assumption, Broadview Heights**
- Holy Family, Parma**
- Mary Queen of the Apostles, Brookpark**
- St. Albert the Great, North Royalton**
- St. Ambrose, Brunswick**
- St. Anthony of Padua, Parma**
- St. Bartholomew, Middleburg Heights**
- St. Basil the Great, Brecksville**
- St. Brigid of Kildare, Parma**
- St. Charles Borromeo, Parma**
- St. Colette, Brunswick**
- St. Columbkille, Parma**
- St. Francis de Sales, Parma**
- St. John Bosco, Parma Heights**
- St. John Neumann, Strongsville**
- St. Joseph, Strongsville**
- St. Matthias, Parma**
- St. Michael, Independence**

The Committee will be looking at:

- ✦ Mass schedules to ensure there are daily Masses available, and at various times, to enable Eucharist celebration for all.
- ✦ The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the option of designating a certain time a month where multiple confessors would come to a given church.
- ✦ Offering accessible times for Adoration and prayer before our Lord in the Eucharist.

We will be considering various ministries to collaborate, share resources and incorporate best practices. Spiritual development through worthy worship and accessible opportunities to celebrate the sacraments is vital for our growth.

The Bishop has asked how best we can get the message of Jesus and his Gospel into our communities, to our parishioners and potential parishioners. He encourages the faithful to spend at least 15 minutes daily in prayer, to celebrate the sacraments and to serve those in need.

As Bishop Malesic outlined in his Pastoral Letter, the people of God are the front-line workers for Christ in our society. These efforts require all of us to live in such a way that when others encounter us, they encounter Christ.

As we begin this process, we ask for your prayers. The committee members welcome your ideas and words of encouragement as we work to build and strengthen a community of faithful people who love and serve the Lord.

We will provide updates as we progress. Our goal is to foster a district that worships together and cares for one another.

The Suburban Southwest Deanery Committee

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God has
lavished upon
you in ways that
build the
Kingdom of God
on earth in the
image of what
the Kingdom of
Heaven will be
like: a place of
peace, love, and
joy."**

*Bishop Edward
Malesic*

