



#### St. Basil the Great CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### 8700 BRECKSVILLE ROAD, BRECKSVILLE, OHIO 44141



Reconciliation/ Confession

SATURDAYS: 3:30 - 4:30PM OR BY APPOINTMENT



Mass

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00AM SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00PM

SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 5:30PM



Eucharistic Adoration

**MONDAYS &** WEDNESDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00PM

#### Parish Directory

PARISH OFFICE: 440-526-1686 PSR: 440-526-3520 ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL: 440-717-0398

#### Office Hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00AM - 7:00PM SATURDAY: 8:30AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY: CLOSED





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He made a whip

out of cords and

out of the temple area. "Take these out of here, and

stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

John 2: 15,16

drove them all

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Offertory February 18, 2024

Regular weekly collection

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, March 4, 2024 **Parishioners of St. Basil** 8:00am 6:30pm **Lenten Evening Prayer** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:00am Maria Gentile (Joanne Talani) Wednesday, March 6, 2024 8:00am **Alan Korinek** (*The Mares Family*) Thursday, March 7, 2024 8:00am **Deceased Members of the Weiler Family** (*Kevin & Jennifer Weiler*) Friday, March 8, 2024 8:00am **Chuck & Ted Slusarczyk** (Nancy, Wife & Mother) 8:30am -Stations of the Cross 7:00pm-Stations of the Cross-St. Michael Church Saturday, March 9, 2024 8:30-9:30am-Reconciliation 5:00pm **Diane Toronski** (Sister, Marilyn Deliberato) (Fr. Liptak) Sunday, March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent Kitty Sturik (Julie Sturik) (Fr. Liptak) 7:30am 9:00am Laura Lakner (Robert Lakner) (*Fr. Liptak*) 11:00am Nora Grace Kovak (Grandparents) (Fr. Mann) 5:30pm **Parishioners of St. Basil** (Fr. Mann)



#### Readings to help us prepare for Mass: Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23
2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10
Gospel: John 3: 14-21
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet-and a light unto my path."

Offertory	February	25,	2024

Regular weekly collection \$33,714.33

Monthly maintenance \$3,355.92

Thank you for your continued support!



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\$3.279.50

Monthly maintenance

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@6:30 p.m. in the church

March 4th March 11th March 18th







The ITE Project is a Catholic young adult apostolate that has been changing lives in our local communities for the last ten years!

Maybe the best thing you could do for yourself right now is to do a full stop and rest for just one day. Join The ITE Project for its annual silent retreat, Mater Misericordiae: A Lenten Marian Retreat guided by Father Mark Ott, on March 23rd from 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish in Stow. This one-day silent retreat falls on the eve of Palm Sunday and offers time and space to prepare your heart for Holy Week. There will be time for solitude and quiet, guided meditations, optional conferences, the opportunity for spiritual direction with a priest, two home-cooked meals (snacks available all day), Adoration, confessions, prayer teams, and ending with Palm Sunday Vigil Mass. It is 100% FREE! Register by March 16th on our website. Join us and commit to finishing Lent well! https:// www.theiteproject.com/events/ silentretreat24



#### The ITE Project Gala-Join the Story-

JOIN THE STORY is the annual fundraiser THE ITE PROJECT GALA

for this unique apostolate. Join us for one special night on April 5th from 6-9pm

at Elm Ridge Event Center in Canal Fulton. Dinner, open bar silent auction (highlighting local artisans), and uplifting talks to encourage the soul.. Everyone is welcome.

Please purchase your ticket on our website by March 20th: https:// www.theiteproject.com/events/gala2024.

## IO Things To Remember For Lent Living the Faith JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS: BISHOP RICKEN OFFERS 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers "10 Things to Remember for Lent":

**1. Remember the formula.** The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

**2.** It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

**3. It's a time to fast.** With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4. It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers."

**5.** It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control—it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

6.Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but

it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.

7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8. Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

**9. Reach out in charity.** As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

**10. Learn to love like Christ.** Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



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#### Alpha w/ Deacon Dave

Alpha is more than a program; it is the equivalent of the encounter of the disciples with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. This fun, exciting course will challenge what we believe and how we live our faith.

#### Tuesday Mornings or Evenings: March 12 - April 30

Each week enjoy a meal together, a presentation on the Christian faith, and participate in a relaxed, informal small-group discussion. Open to all and please invite your friends who have been away from the church. Morning Session will have Breakfast snacks. Evening Session will have a home-cooked meal.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Will you sit with our Lord and pray for the sanctity of life? All are invited to attend an opening Mass, celebrated by Bishop Malesic to kick-off the "Bringing America Back to Life" convention, on Thursday, March 7th at

**5pm at St. Michael Church.** Eucharistic Adoration will **commence after Mass until 10pm, Saturday, March 9th.** Hourly slots are still available.

Adoration Sign Up: volunteersignup.org/ HX97Q

More Info: tomk@kurtzcoh.com

## VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> Training

#### Virtus Training at St. Basil's

Volunteers who work with minors must complete all of the Virtus Compliance requirements before they can be approved to volunteer. These requirements are listed on our website: <u>www.basilthegreat.org/</u> <u>protection</u>

St. Basil will host Virtus Training on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center (FLC) meeting room. You must register in advance at: www.Virtus.org



#### THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST For Adults 40 & Over Join us Monday, Mar. 11 at

Copper Cup (Ironwood Café)

688 Dover Center in Westlake.

*Vatican II!* Join us as Fr. Mark Latcovich, Pastor at St. Ladislas Parish, Westlake, discusses: The Challenges & Unfinished Business of Vatican II.

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** as space is limited. **Register in advance:** 

<u>www.theologyontherockswest.com</u> Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.

## St. Basil the Great Church Brecksville, Ohio



# Bring a lunch or order a boxed lunch

Corned beef Sandwich, pasta, chips, and brownie.

## **Enjoy Irish dancers**

\$12.00 pp for boxed lunch Reservations (limited) online

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basilthegreat.org or call Nancy Slusarczyk @ 440-537-2026

1<mark>2:00</mark> pm





Food Pantry: End of the month food and household supplies for the Food Pantry is March 24, 2024 (due to Easter)



\*\*\* Don't forget to pick up a green grocery bag the weekend of March 16th in the Church vestibules.

#### \*\*\*Checks should be made out to St. Basil the Great

Don't forget our fur babies! Dog and cat food is also needed and appreciated. Please place dog/cat food in separate bags.

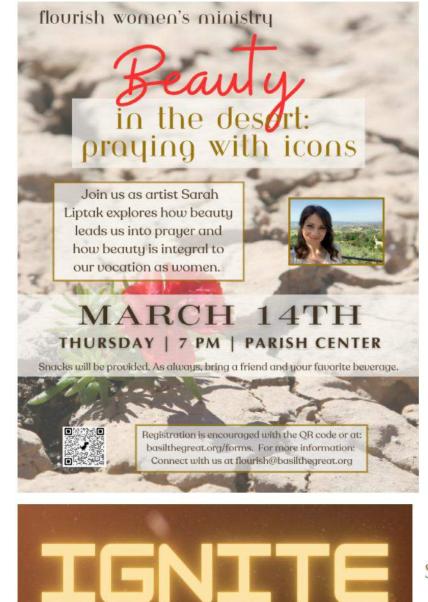


### CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Our Cancer Support Group welcomes all who have been touched by cancer in some way. Patients, survivors, loved ones, caregivers-whatever your journey. This group is formed to give those in need the support, strength, faith and hope to move forward together, rather than on your own.

What: Cancer Support Group When: Third Thursday of each month 6:30 pm Next meeting: March 21, 2024 Where: Parish Office– Pieta Room

> For additional info please contact: Betsy Glosik-440-476-6269 or Nancy Farinacci - 440-488-9284



Support The Catholic Relief Services Collection– March 9-10, 2024

The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need will take place the weekend of March 9-10, 2024. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Learn more about the collection at: www.usccb.org/nationalcatholic-relief



Attention High School Seniors! Applications for the Thomas C. Ellis CYO High School Senior

#### Athletic Scholarship

are available at the Parish Office. This is a onetime \$500.00 Scholarship Award given

to a selected high school senior who is a St. Basil Parishioner, involved in CYO athletics, has a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, displays leadership qualities and school/community involvement and plans to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution. *The* 

application deadline is Friday, April 19, 2024.

The selection committee will make their decision by May 17, 2024.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL SERIES

OPEN TO ANY MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED STUDENT

LED BY THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CLEVELAND DURING MONDAY PSR TIME 6:15 - 7:30 PM, ST. BASIL PARISH CENTER RSVP AT BASILTHEGREAT.ORG/IGNITE

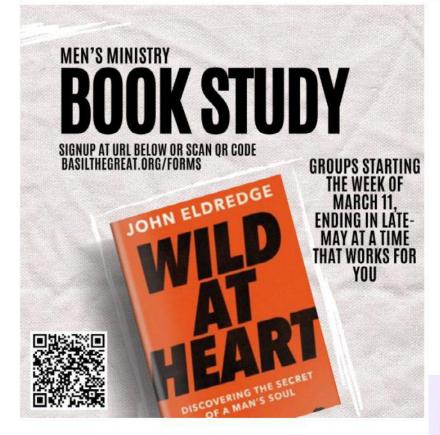
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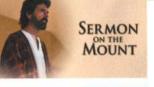


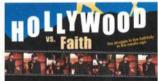
## St. Basil the Great Church Brecksville, Ohio

#### March 3, 2024









#### St. Monica Parish, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Hts.– *Lenten Mission* March 10, 11 & 12th

Please Join Us!

We are hoping you can join us for our upcoming Lenten Mission that will be held on March 10, 11, & 12<sup>th</sup>. Each evening's session begins at

7:00pm and will be held in Church. All are invited. Stay after for refreshments and have the opportunity to meet Emmy-nominated TV Star Frank Runyeon! *We hope to see you there!* 

No cost per person but there will be a Good Will Offering. Any questions, please call our Parish Office– 216-662-8685 and ask for Sue Shepka.





Your Almsgiving Can Help SVDP Care for the Poor On Ash Wednesday in the Gospel reading from Matthew Chapter 6, Jesus instructed us to give alms,

fast, and pray. The reading especially encourages us to do this during Lent. Almsgiving is an act of charity that focuses us on helping and caring for our neighbors in need. Almsgiving complements our prayer and fasting. To help those in need you can practice almsgiving with the St. Basil St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) to help the poor in our community.

Please donate to the St. Basil the Great, SVDP Society :

1) For automatic monthly SVDP contributions, sign up on the parish website: <u>https://</u>

#### basilthegreat.org/give/

2) Place your monthly SVDP mailed envelope in the collection basket.

3) Place your check payable to *St Basil, SVDP* in the collection basket.

Thank you to all of our generous supporters who help our neighbors in need. Let us continue to pray for those in need and ask St. Vincent de Paul to pray for our ministry. *-St. Basil, SVDP Society* 

## **Lessons from Laudate Deum:** Apostolic Exhortation to all people of good will on the climate crisis

#### The Future Depends On the Present

"Once and for all, let us put an end to the irresponsible derision that would present this issue as something purely ecological, "green", romantic, frequently subject to ridicule by economic interests. Let us finally admit that it is a human and social problem on any number of levels. For this reason, it calls for involvement on the part of all. In conferences on the climate, the actions of groups negatively portrayed as "radicalized" tend to attract attention. But in reality, they are filling a space left empty by society as a whole, which ought to exercise healthy "pressure," since every family ought to realize that the future of their children is a stake.

In conscience, and with an eye to the children who will pay for the harm done by their actions, the question of meaning inevitably arises: What is the meaning of my life? What is the meaning of my time on this earth? And what is the ultimate meaning of all my work and effort?" Pope Francis

#### Reflection

It is easy in the busyness of our everyday lives to not be concerned with the big picture of what our actions cause. Pope Francis is asking us to do just that. Will the world be a better place because of me? Do my everyday behaviors reflect my Catholic values of the sanctity of all life now and to come? Do I use my time and treasure to mitigate climate change? Are my decisions based on convenience, price or social norms or are they based on love for God's creation? How will my grandchildren and future generations judge my actions or lack of actions as they deal with ever worsening global

conditions?

#### Prayer

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we protect life and beauty. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is. God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of the earth. *Pope Francis* 

-Social Concerns Commission -

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30am -9:00pm





Reconciliation During Lent Saturdays- beginning on February 17th - 8:30-9:30am and 3:30-4:30pm and during Monday Evening Prayer. (No confessions on Holy Saturday)



Stations of the Cross

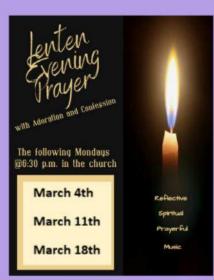
Fridays of Lent- 8:30am in St. Basil Church Friday evenings- join us in supporting our school at St. Michael's by attending the fish fries and Stations of the Cross all at St. Michael Church in

Independence. Fish Fries 4-7pm Friday, March 1, 2024- Fish Fry for Families 6pm-7pm Stations of the Cross in the Church



Honduras Mission Lenten <u>Coin Cups.</u> To sustain water systems and latrines in San Francisco de la Paz, Honduras. Please return cups to the Parish Office by Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday) For more information visit www.basilthegreat.org









Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remembering Jesus' actions, reflecting on his messages and recommitting to living as his disciples in the world today.

We hope this schedule helps you plan to observe these important days, both on your own and with others. We hope you will be able to remember, reflect and be a part of these most holy liturgies at St. Basil the Great. May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.



Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024 Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 7:30, 9, 11am and 5:30pm



Holy Thursday, March 28th, 2024 Morning Prayer: 8:00am Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm (livestreamed) Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Repositon; 10:00pm in the Parish Center



<u>Good Friday, March 29, 2024</u> Morning Prayer: 8:00am Good Friday Liturgy: 3:00pm (*livestreamed*)



<u>Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024</u> Morning Prayer: 8:00am Blessing of Easter Baskets: 1:00pm in Church

Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 30, 2024 8:30pm



Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 8:00am in Church-Fr. Mann (livestreamed) 10:00am in Church-Fr. Mann 10:15am in the Family Life Center-Fr. Liptak 12 Noon in Church-Fr. Jenne There is no 5:30om Mass on Easter Sunday



## St. Basil the Great Church Brecksville, Ohio

#### March 3, 2024



## Helping those in need!

Women's Lenten Mini Retreat Prayer, Praise Music, Reflection Come Away and Pray St. Columbkille Church 6740 Broadview Rd., Parma Tuesday, March 19th Prayer Service 7pm Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 7:30pm Music until Final Blessing Music by "Catching Fire Music Ministry" Contact Julie Schmitt for questions: WalkingWithPurpose@stcolumbkilleparish.org

A Free Evening for Women. Come as you are. When you can. Stay as long as you like.



#### Lent-Fasting And Abstinence

Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. For members of the Latin Catholic

Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. This would mean that children in Elementary schools are not bound by the law of fasting despite the fact that we often encourage them to eat more modestly and to abstain from treats on such days.



#### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this

moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen* 

In Loving Memory



#### MARY LOUISE MULHOLLAN Aunt of Fr. John Mulhollan

We pray for all of our deceased loved ones, may they rest in peace.



## **Widowers Meetings**

Our next Breakfast Meeting will be Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Loeders, Broadview Rd. South of Rt. 82 intersection.

The next First Wednesday Dinner will be March 6, 2024, at Creekside, 8803 Brecksville Rd, Brecksville.

All area widowers regardless of church affiliation, who might benefit from the support and fellowship provided by and with a group of men who have

experienced a similar loss of spouse, are invited to attend the above activates.

Contact Joe Kocurkovic: 440-838-1184, for more information or questions.





