

# BAPTISM of the LORD



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**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  
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**ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL:** 440-717-0398

Office Hours

**MONDAY-THURSDAY:** 8AM - 7PM  
**FRIDAY:** 8AM - 5PM  
**SATURDAY:** 8AM - 12PM  
**SUNDAY:** CLOSED

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# St. Basil Church Renovation FAQs

## Basics

- The Church building will be closed for renovations from January 13, 2025-April 12, 2025 (Palm Sunday). Parish Office hours remain unchanged.
- Weekend Masses will be held in the Family Life Center (Gym) with Mass times of 5:00 pm Vigil on Saturday and 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am on Sunday.
- During this period there will be **no 5:30 pm Sunday/"Life Teen" Mass or Livestream**. Parishioners are invited to live stream the Cathedral Mass at 11:00 am on Sundays at [dioceseofcleveland.org/mass](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/mass)
- Weekday Masses will be held in the Parish Center at 8:00 am.

## Adoration

- Adoration will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 am-9:00 pm in the Chapel as usual. The Chapel will only be accessible from the door marked "Chapel."
- The Church will be closed off. Bathrooms will be accessible.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

- Children's Liturgy of the Word will continue during the 9:00 am Mass. The Children will meet in the Family Life Center Meeting Room.

## Confession

- Confessions will continue on Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 pm. Confessions will take place in the Family Life Center Meeting Room. Each priest will have one side of the meeting room. There will be a screen available, or chairs for face to face.

## Cry Room

- The Family Life Center Meeting Room will serve as the Cry Room during the Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 7:30 am, and Sunday 11:00 am Masses. There will be a live video feed from the Gym with sound. During the Sunday 9:00 am Mass, Parents are encouraged to use the breezeway for a cry room as needed.



## Church Renovation Featured on the St. Basil Podcast



**NEW!** Fr. Ryan and Stephanie address the frequently asked questions regarding the Church Renovation.



The audio recording from the Big Reveal in June 2024.



Fr. Ryan and Stephanie share some of the plans for the Church renovation. From June 2024.



*Throughout the renovation process we will be posting updates and information on our social media, be sure to follow along!*



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# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### **\*\*Daily Mass will now be in the Parish Center**

**Monday, January 13, 2025**

**8am Mateo Elejorde (The Gacad Family)**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

**8am William Segulin (The Koly Family)**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

**8am Mary Mackert (Debbie Tisdell)**

**Thursday, January 16, 2025**

**8am Taylor Resparc (Family)**

**Friday, January 17, 2025**

**8am Giuseppe Maria- Calobero Algeri  
(Biagio Mileti)**

### **\*\*Saturday Vigil Mass will now be in the Family Life Center**

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**

**5:00pm Deceased relatives of the Belleza &  
Castillo Families  
(The Belleza Family) (Fr. Liptak)**

### **\*\*Sunday Mass will now be in the Family Life Center**

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

**7:30am Parishioners of St. Basil (Fr. Mann)**

**9:00am Ike Dawson, Jr. (Ike Dawson, III.) (Fr. Mann)**

**11:00am Dolores & John Michael Machen, Jr.  
(Denise & Bob Olszak) (Fr. Mann)**

***(No 5:30pm Mass today)***



### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19, 2025**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11**

**Gospel: John 2: 1-11**

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path."*

### Offertory December 29, 2024

Regular weekly collection \$35,368.55

Monthly maintenance \$2,989.00



### Offertory January 5, 2025

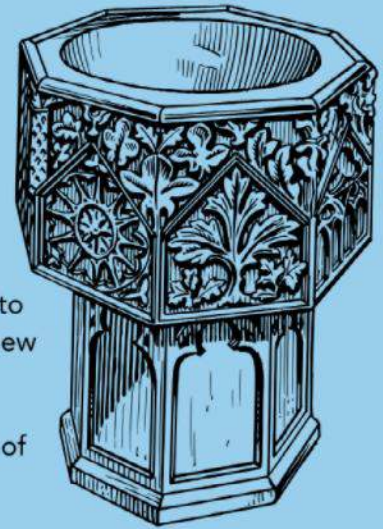
Regular weekly collection \$41,457.17

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*Thank you for your continued support!*

# Baptism

## AT ST. BASIL THE GREAT



Baptism is the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments (CCC 1213). It is like birth – indeed, Christ calls it a “new birth” (John 3:5), a birth from above.

Baptism has two effects, one of which takes something away and the other of which gives something. “Through Baptism we are (1) freed from sin and (2) reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ incorporated into the Church” (CCC 1213).

### *What does it mean?*

The Church uses different signs and symbols during a Baptism to help our senses realize the mystery of the Sacrament. Here are a few of signs used during Baptism!



**Water:** Water is essential to any baptism. It reminds us of Jesus, the living water, and the cleansing from original sin that we are given within the Sacrament of Baptism.



**Oil:** Holy Oils are consecrated each year by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass. The Oil of Catechumen is used first to bless and strengthen before Baptism and the perfumed, Sacred Chrism is used during the Baptism to consecrate.



**Candle:** The Baptismal Candle is lit from the Easter Candle and represents the flame of faith which is kept burning brightly within the newly baptized!

At St. Basil, all parents are required to complete Baptism preparation in anticipation of the Baptism of their first child. To schedule a Baptism and receive the preparation materials, email [baptism@basilthegreat.org](mailto:baptism@basilthegreat.org).

### *Listen and Watch*



All About Baptism with Katie and Deacon Rob on the St. Basil the Great Podcast. **Episode airs Wednesday Jan. 15, 2025!**



Why Baptizing Your Baby Is the Most Important Thing You Can Do with Fr. Mike Schmitz



### *Celebrating Your Baptism*

- Have a special treat! Enjoy a baptism cake (or pie or ice cream) and light your baptismal candle and sing “Happy Baptism to You” to the tune of “Happy Birthday to You!”
- Go Swimming! Enjoy a dip in the pool to remember your baptism. If you were baptized in the winter, head to the indoor pool at the Brecksville Community Center.
- Pray! Meditate on the Gospel of the Baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22) or pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, meditating on Jesus’ Baptism!



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### Baptism of the Lord

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. . . . Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin – Original and actual – and begin to live a new life with God.



In Baptism, the Holy Spirit moves us to answer Christ's call to holiness. In Baptism, we are asked to walk by the light of Christ and to trust in his wisdom. We are invited to submit our hearts to Christ with ever deeper love.

-USCCB



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The Jubilee Year is a special year of grace, in which the Church offers the faithful the possibility of obtaining plenary indulgences.

Traditionally, it begins just before Christmas and ends on the Epiphany of the following year. In the United States, the Jubilee Year extends from the feast of the Holy Family (December 29, 2024) until December 28, 2025.

The Pope inaugurates the Holy Year with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. After that, the Holy Doors of the other papal basilicas – St John Lateran, St Paul Outside the Walls, and St Mary Major – are opened and remain so until the end of the Jubilee Year.

*(Source: [Vatican announces motto of Jubilee Year 2025: 'Pilgrims of Hope'](#))*



Food Pantry: End of the month food and household supplies for the Food Pantry is: **January 25-26, 2025.**



\*\*\*Don't forget to pick up a green grocery bag **January 18-19th, 2025** in the Church vestibules.

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

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**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*

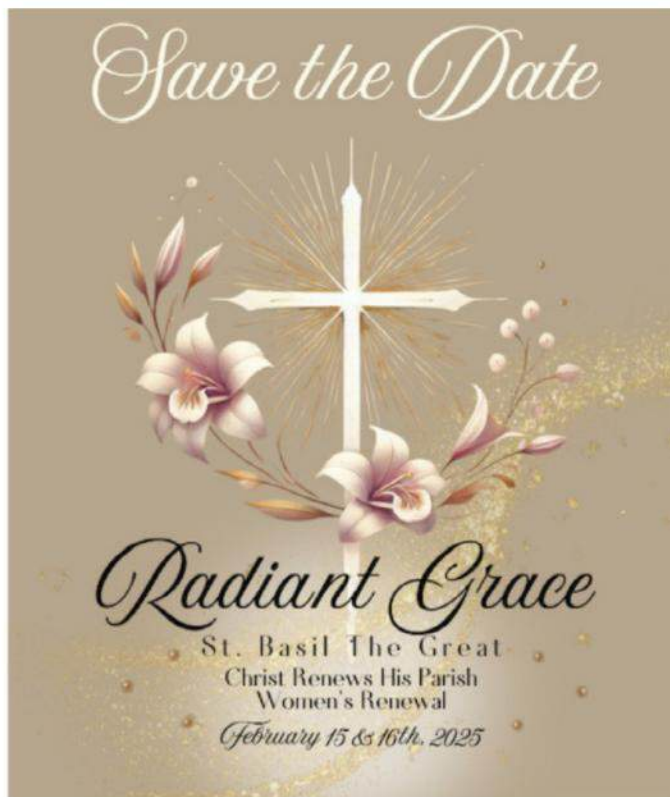
**When:** *Third Thursday of each month 6:30 pm—*

**Next meeting:** *January 16, 2025*

**Where:** *Parish Office—Pieta Room*

*For additional info please contact:*

*Betsy Glosik-440-476-6269*



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[www.tobcle.org](http://www.tobcle.org)



## Join Fr. Ryan on a Pilgrimage to Portugal - October 1-9, 2025.



If you're interested, please attend the trip information night on Monday, January 27 at 7:00 pm in the Annex or email [ryoungs@basilthegreat.org](mailto:ryoungs@basilthegreat.org).





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## St. Basil Homeschoolers

St. Basil Homeschoolers, and those considering homeschooling, please join us for a **Family Potluck Dinner!**



**Saturday, Jan 18, 2025 from 6-8pm  
in the St. Basil's Parish Center**

Please RSVP at: [BasiltheGreat.org/forms/](http://BasiltheGreat.org/forms/)

Also, please save the date for our next potluck on Saturday, March 1st 6-8pm



Welcome



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Christmas, New Year's, and the Baptism of the Lord all capture a theme- **a new start**. The birth of Jesus is a new beginning, New Year's is leaving the previous year behind to look forward to the coming year, and baptism is a cleansing of original sin for new life in Christ. When we are given a new start or opportunity, it can be difficult to let go of our mistakes and the shame surrounding them. While guilt is a good thing that says we *did* something bad, shame is destructive because it tells us we *are* bad. As we come to an end of the Christmas season and the messages surrounding it, let us remember that shame is of the Evil One and to be rejected. One of the most accurate titles the Evil One has is "The Accuser." Whether it is our own self-critical voice or a spiritual attack, the voice of accusation is not of God. "You failed *again*, as usual. You *always* fail. What is *wrong with you?* You will always fail." Does this sound like the voice of love and encouragement? No. God's voice is of hope and love. The Accuser's is of despair. While we will fail repeatedly and will likely be confessing things repeatedly when we go to reconciliation, this is not reason to despair. When God told us to forgive seventy times seven, we need to remember that this also applies to us and the mistakes we make. The mercy of God is an infinite spring that will never run dry. If we do not remember this, we can easily fall into anxiety, depression, and despair. This week, consider reflecting on the infinite spring of God's mercy and His love for you as you look to the coming year of increased growth, healing, and holiness. **-Luke Brown**



A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

**-St. Basil the Great (Feast Day: January 3rd)**



### Exodus 90 2025 Brief Sheet

Welcome to Exodus 90 here at St. Basil the Great Parish!

**Exodus 90 is a ninety-day challenge where men take up spiritual disciplines in fraternity to grow closer to God and be better men for their families and community.**

Exodus 90 2025 begins January 20, 2025 and ends on Easter, April 20, 2025.

Every man in Exodus 90 will be assigned an “Anchor.” Anchors work in pairs and provide a source of daily accountability and fellowship for men during Exodus.

Anchors will be paired at random within the context of each man’s state in life to better facilitate fellowship.

Leadership will make groups of 4-8 men (Anchor pairs) for individual Fraternities who will meet weekly.

Please provide your (1) name, (2) email, and (3) current state in life (single, married without children, married with children) to [tylerwblair01@gmail.com](mailto:tylerwblair01@gmail.com) so you can be assigned an Anchor and placed in a Fraternity.

Anchor pairs and Fraternities will be announced at the first Exodus 90 meeting on **Thursday, January 16 at 7:30 PM in the Family Life Center Meeting Room** on the St. Basil campus.

To learn more about Exodus 90, download the Exodus 90 App or go to [Exodus90.com](http://Exodus90.com).



# Bus Trip

*Cleveland Museum of Art and Lunch  
with Artist, Sarah Liptak*

Join local artist Sarah Liptak for a tour of the Cleveland Museum of Art followed by a delicious lunch of Sausage and peppers, chicken cutlets, pasta, salad and dessert at Nido's in Little Italy. *Lunch included in price.*


## Wed. January 29, 2025

8:00 am Mass at St. Basil  
9:00 am Departure  
3:00 pm Approximate Return

\$60.00 per person

Make a reservation online at [basilthegreat.org/forms](http://basilthegreat.org/forms) or call Nancy Slusarczyk at [440-537-2026](tel:440-537-2026)

For more information contact Robin Youngs, [ryoungs@basilthegreat.org](mailto:ryoungs@basilthegreat.org)



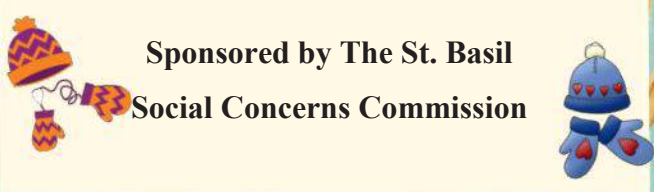
## Winter “Warm-Up” for Inner-City Children

*Please donate to children in need!*  
**New Hats, Mittens, and Gloves for Children in Grades K-12**

**Dates of collection are February 1-2 and February 8-9, Please place donations in the Family Life Center bins.**

Gift Cards are appreciated for Amazon, Old Navy, Target or Walmart. Make checks payable to the *Christ Child Society of Cleveland*. Please take gift cards and checks to the Parish Office. Your kindness and generous donations will help “warm-up” children who are in need during freezing cold, blustery winter months at our inner-city schools: St. Stanislaus, MetroCatholic, St. Francis, St. Aloysius, St. Rocco, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, toand the International Newcomers Schools! The hats, mittens and gloves will be distributed by St. Basil Social Concerns Commission in collaboration with the Christ Child Society. For questions, call/text St. Basil Social Concerns member, Julie Jerdonek 440-525-1606 Thank you for your ongoing generosity in helping children in need!

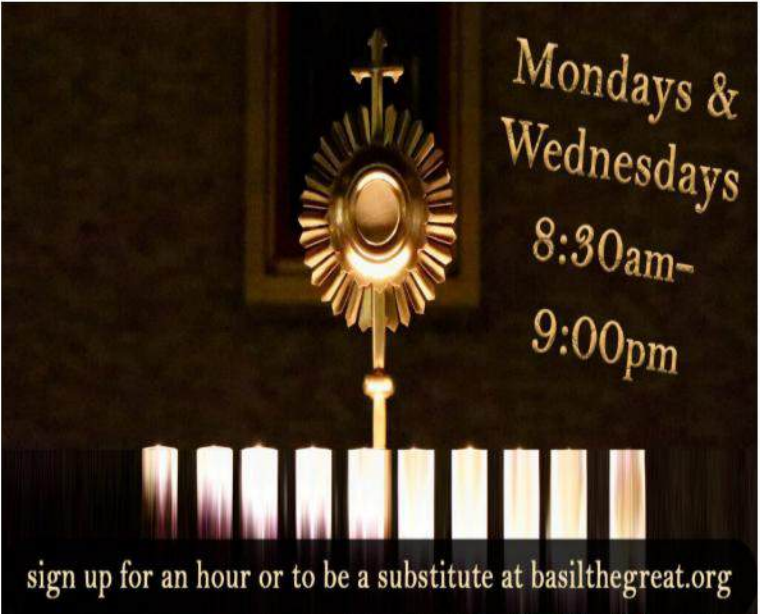
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Begin 2025-  
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Join us for Coffee & Donuts  
Sunday, January 12th  
in the Parish Center after the 7:30,  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday masses.  
Connect with friends and  
meet new friends!



Mondays &  
Wednesdays  
8:30am-  
9:00pm

sign up for an hour or to be a substitute at [basilthegreat.org](http://basilthegreat.org)

**COLLECTIONS:**

**THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION WILL BE THE WEEKEND OF 18-19 JANUARY 2025**

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Gifts to the National Collection — the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. — support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country.

**LATIN AMERICA – EL SALVADOR COLLECTION WILL BE THE WEEKEND OF 25-26 JANUARY 2025**

The Latin American Collection will take place on 25-26 January 2025. This is the only appeal made by the Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It is the main support for two Diocese of Cleveland priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission Office. This appeal also makes a contribution to the Collection for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America.

Join us for Sandwich Saturday!  
9:00-10:00 am in the Parish Center



Upcoming Sandwich Saturdays  
February 8  
March 15  
April 12  
May 10

**Bring peanut butter and jelly, bread, bag of fruit, sandwich baggies, and a breakfast treat to share. Sandwiches are taken to local shelters to help those in need.**

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## Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at: 216-334-2999 or via email at: [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org).



### 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*

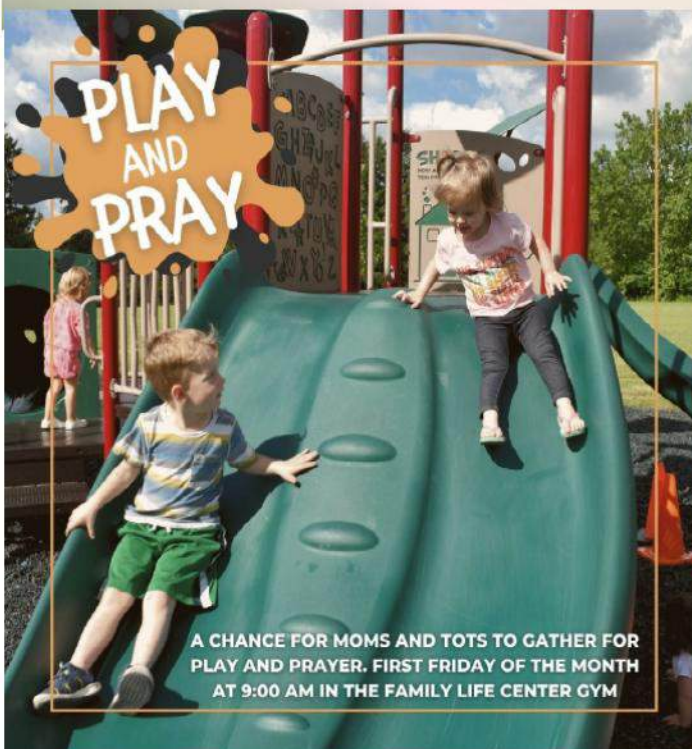
### In Loving Memory



**MILDRED C. MAYHER**  
Mother of Kathleen  
December 31, 2024

*We remember all of our deceased loved ones. May they rest in peace.*

February 7, 2025



## "My Daily Prayers"

is a FREE daily recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and delivered each day directly to you through your email.

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