



1st Sunday of Advent

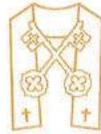


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Reconciliation/ Confession

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



Mass

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00AM
SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00PM
SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM,
11:00AM, 5:00PM



Eucharistic Adoration

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

Stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, December 1, 2025

8:00am Lois Bouhall (Family)

**6:30pm Advent Evening Prayer/Adoration/
Confession**

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

**8:00am The Jablonski & Bryk Families
(Joann Jablonski)**

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

8:00am Curtis & Chris Uebele (Family)

Thursday, December 4, 2025

**8:00am Edward & Marguerite Flanagan
(Family)**

Friday, December 5, 2025

**8:00am Monica & Dave Popp
(Mike & Kathy Guido)**

7:00 pm Christmas Concert



Saturday, December 6, 2025

8:30-9:30am-Reconciliation (Confession)

**5:00pm Deceased Members of the Scullin and
Zimmerman Families**

(Richard & Mary Scullin) (Fr. Liptak)

Sunday, December 7, 2025-

Second Sunday of Advent

**7:30am Gerard Nylander (Mark & Paula
Nylander) (Fr. Liptak)**

**9:00am Dolores Rush (Renee & Randal
Csuhran) (Fr. Liptak)**

**11:00am Rose Schuessler & Ludmilla Stalzer
(Joseph Schuessler) (Fr. Ryan Mann)**

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Basil (Fr Ryan Mann)

Offertory November 16, 2025

*Due to the early deadline from our bulletin
company the collection figures for November 16th
will be in next week's bulletin.*

Thank you for your continued support!



Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

ST. BASIL THE GREAT PARISH

Advent 2025

Confessions

Mondays Dec. 1, 15, 22
6:30-8:00 pm

Saturdays Dec. 6, 13, 20
8:30-9:30 am &
3:30-4:30 pm



Advent Evening Prayer

Dec. 1, 15, 22, 2025
6:30-8:00 pm

Evening prayer with
Adoration and
Confessions



St. Basil Christmas Concert

Dec. 5, 2025
7:00 pm

Led by the St. Basil
Music Ministry



Immaculate Conception Masses

Dec. 8, 2025
8:00 am | 7:00 pm

Holy Day of Obligation



AWAKEN

UNDERSTANDING OUR UNIQUE DESIRES

St. Basil Ladies Advent Retreat

Dec. 6, 2025 | 9:00 am-12:00 pm

St. Basil Parish Center*

Join Fr. Ryan and special guest internationally acclaimed speaker January Donovan, founder of The Woman School, for an Advent Retreat. During this retreat, we will enter our hearts to discover the deep desires God has placed there for our flourishing.

Play and Pray

Dec. 5 | 9:00-10:30 am
Family Life Center Gym

Ignite Middle School Ministry*

Dec. 11 | 6:00-7:30 pm
Parish Center

Life Teen High School Ministry

Sundays Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14
6:00-8:00 pm Parish Center

Senior Christmas Lunch*

Dec. 10. | 11:30am-1:30 pm
Parish Center

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, Dec. 24

4:00 pm Church (Children's Mass)
4:15 pm Family Life Center
6:00 pm Church (Livestreamed)
12:00 am Midnight Mass, Church

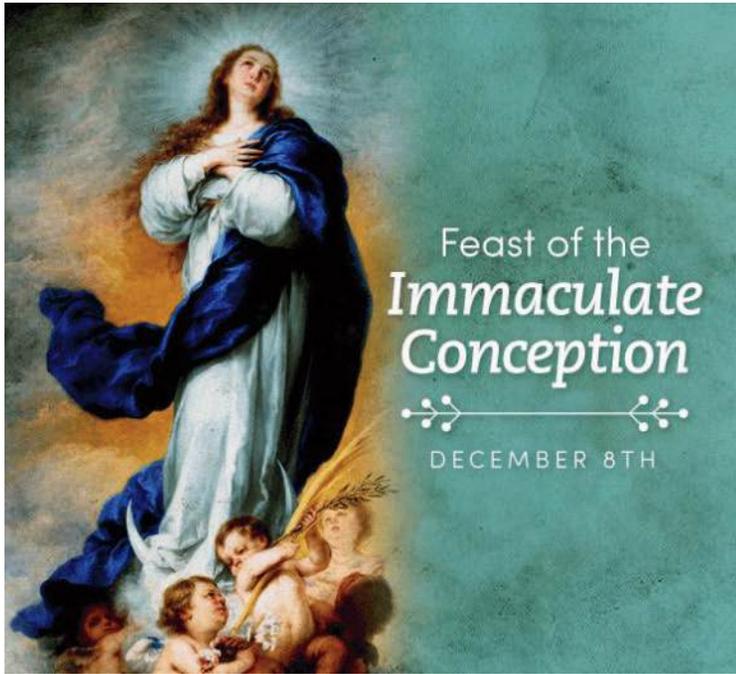
Christmas Masses

Christmas Day: Thursday, Dec. 25

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm Church

*Event Sign up at basilthegreat.org/forms



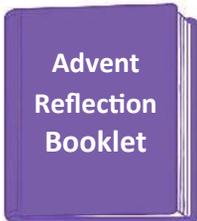


The **Immaculate Conception**, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, was the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. Mary was conceived naturally but God kept her soul *immaculate*, i.e. free from original sin. The official confirmation of the dogma was defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, although the belief that Mary was sinless and conceived free from sin is very old.

The Feast of Immaculate Conception is celebrated in the Catholic Church on **December 8th** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be celebrated on

Monday, December 8th at 8am and 7pm. There is no Vigil Mass this year.

O Mary Conceived Without Sin, Pray for us who have recourse to you!



Advent Reflection Booklets

Please be sure to pick up a **FREE**

Advent Reflection Booklet that is available in our

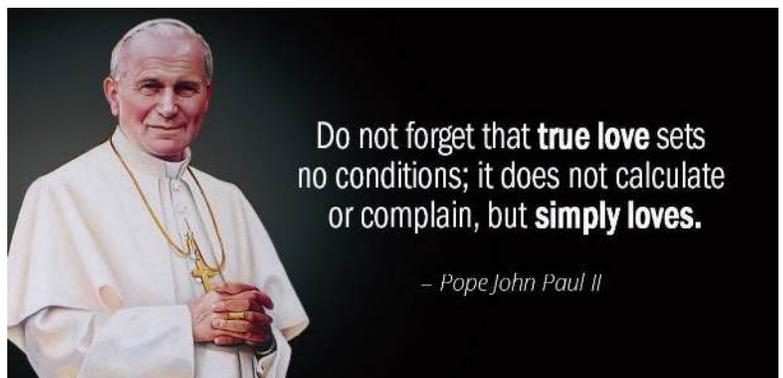
Gathering Area.

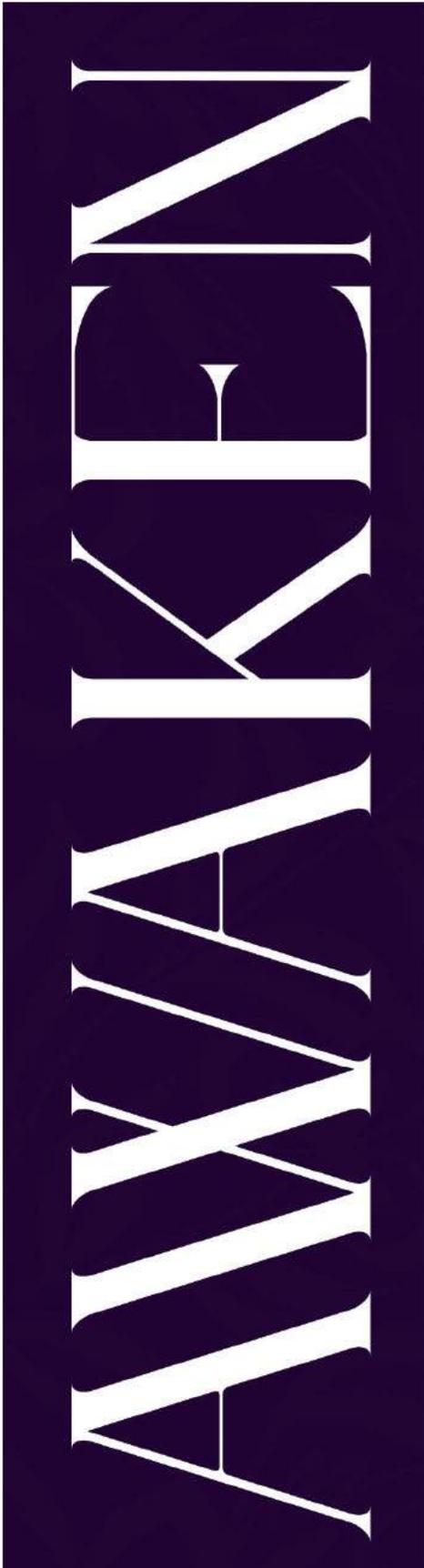


The St. Basil the Great Food Pantry is located at: 9412 Heath Avenue (93rd & Union)

The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30-11am-

To volunteer - Kathy Sejba:
kathsejba@gmail.com





UNDERSTANDING OUR UNIQUE DESIRES

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Light breakfast and coffee will be available.
This event is free but registration is required. Register online by scanning the QR Code or visiting basilthegreat.org/forms



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40th Annual Journey to Bethlehem

Saturday, December 6th, 2025 | 11:30 am

St. John Bosco
6480 Pearl Road
Cleveland, OH 44130

Join us for The Journey to Bethlehem, a joyful annual celebration of the Christmas season that welcomes all! This very special Mass brings together individuals with disabilities, their families, and friends in a beautiful expression of faith and community. Bishop Michael Woost will celebrate the Mass, with participants from Disability Services & Ministries leading the readings and gift procession — including the cherished tradition of building the nativity scene.

A complimentary lunch, sponsored by the Order of Alhambra, Carmona Caravan, will follow Mass.

RSVP with Megan Bonilla at megan.bonilla@ccdocie.org or call (216) 672-1515



Church/hall is accessible. Sign language interpretation provided. Call to request Audio Description/Enhancement.

2025 Christmas Giving Tree

Please help bring Christmas to children and families in need!

We are starting our collection November 22nd to give our organizations sufficient time to deliver the donations before Christmas

To participate:

Please select a tag from one of the tables in the Gathering Area

Purchase the gift

Return the gift, unwrapped, to the Gathering Area

Please return all gift cards & checks to the Parish Office

Organizations we will be serving this year:

Please make checks payable to the charitable organization. Thank you!

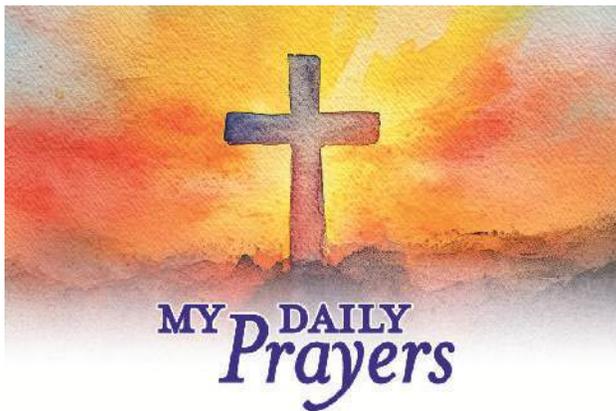
- St. Martin de Porres
- West Side Catholic Center
- WomanKind
- Zelie's Home

Please deliver all gifts no later than

12:00PM Sunday, December 7th

Thank you for your continued generosity!

~ Social Concerns Commission
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– and encourage others to join us!

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Senior Christmas

LUNCH, SANTA & TRIVIA!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 11:30 AM

PARISH CENTER

*Buffet Lunch by Creekside
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\$17.00 pp

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Reservations due by Dec. 5

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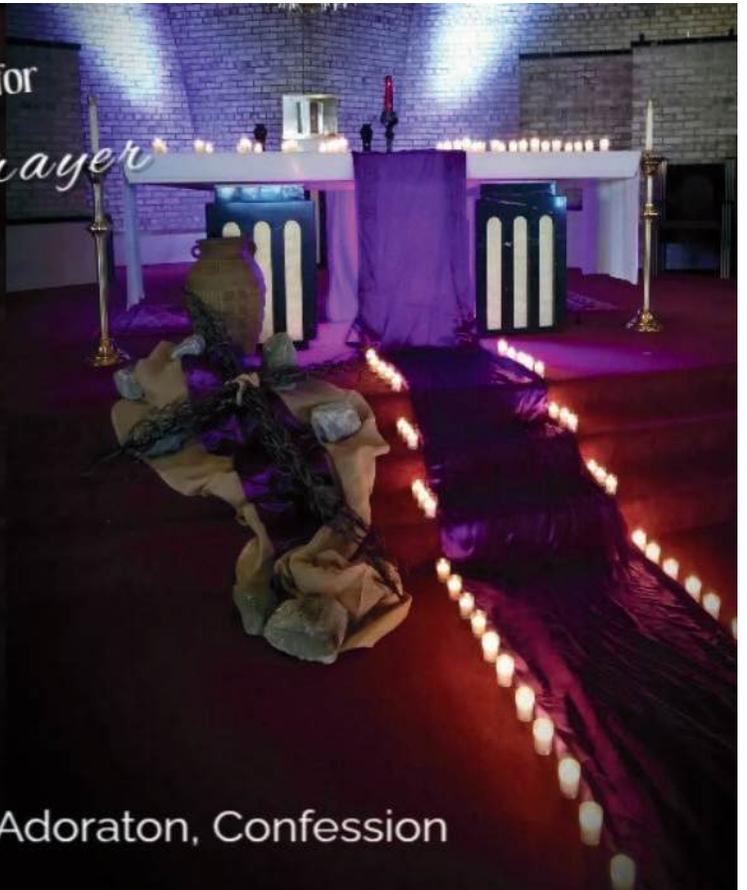
Join us the Mondays of Advent for
Advent Evening Prayer

Mondays:
December 1st
December 15th
December 22nd
@ 6:30 p.m.
in the church

No Evening Prayer on
December 8th due to
Immaculate Conception

Music, Prayer, Adoraton, Confession

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SAVE THE DATE!

ST. BASIL MUSIC MINISTRY

Christmas Concert

FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 5th
7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, Dec. 8

7 – 8:30pm

Westside Irish American Club

8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.

Your Brain on Drugs Prayer. Dr. Jacqueline Philips-Sabol, Ph.D.; Neuropsychologist & Faith Leader, Director of The Center for Spiritual Healing (Diocese of Erie) will present scientific data, videos & examples that will explain the effects of prayer & faith on our health, brain function and our lives.

Join us for a theologically enriching evening. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available.

Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance:

www.theologyontherockswest.com.

Doors open at 6:30pm.



Food Pantry: End of the month food and household supplies for the Food Pantry is **December 13-14, 2025.**

***Don't forget to pick up a green grocery bag this



weekend, **December 6-7, 2025.**

***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.

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DONATE BLOOD

DECEMBER 7, 2025
8:30AM-2:30PM
St. Basil the Great
Parish Center

Give the precious gift of life this Christmas...save a life!

St. Augustine
Health Ministries

Looking for Christmas Villages

This Christmas season, Holy Family Home hopes to fill our patient room window sills with Christmas Village houses and décor to bring extra cheer to patients and their families. Donations may be dropped off at Holy Family Home, 6707 State Road — Attn: Kristin.

Prepare the Way



Separated and Divorced Educational Support Group: The Diocese of Cleveland will be offering a 9 week Thursday educational divorce recovery support group to be held at St. Hilary Parish 2750 W. Market St. Fairlawn, OH 44333, beginning January 16 through March 13, 2026 from 7-9pm. These sessions will be facilitated by Marlene Maruna, retired

Social Worker. The group will be limited to 10-12 participants with the focus on dealing with the complex feelings that accompany a divorce to help group members feel less isolated and to find coping strategies throughout and after the divorce process. For initial inquiries, contact St. Hilary secretary, Joan Heegan at 330-867-1055 Ext.200.



Prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent with daily prayer on **Hallow**

"My morning meditation and prayer time have increased substantially since I heard about and joined Hallow during Advent. My faith has deepened in ways that words just cannot describe. I am blessed and so grateful!"

"This Advent challenge pierced my heart. My heart wasn't open enough to Christ before, but now it's like a spark of light came into it."

"I am so much more aware of God's presence in my everyday life because of Hallow's Advent Challenge."



Join us in prayer
this *Advent!*

DAILY PRAYERS

Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, imaginative prayer or one of over 10,000 sessions, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.

FAMILY CONTENT & KIDS CHALLENGE

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, Saints Alive, Kids Holy Hour and guide your little ones through the season with our Advent challenge for children.

BIBLE STORIES & SLEEP CONTENT

Close your day with Christ with Night Prayer, an Examen, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.



SAVE THE DATE
FOR A NIGHT OF PRAYER
AND COMMUNITY

*Marriage Prayer, adoration,
Night reflection, dinner & dancing*

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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: *December 18, 2025*
Where: *Parish Office – Pieta Room*
For additional info please contact:
Betsy Glosik-440-476-6269



The Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up December 13 - 14, 2025

The Retirement Fund for Religious is an annual collection that raises funds that are distributed to religious communities throughout the eight counties of the diocese and across the country. A gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious help provide medications and care to these communities and the immediate needs of their elder members. The in-pew collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be December 13-14, 2025. Donations are also accepted online at RetiredReligious.org. Last year, through your generosity, \$318,000 was donated. Most importantly, please pray for God's blessing on all religious. Rest assured, they are praying for you. ***"Please give to those who have given a lifetime."***

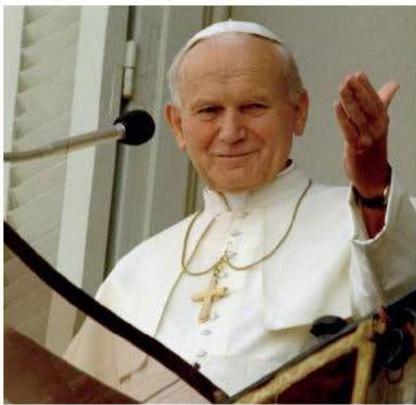
December 5, 2025

PLAY AND PRAY
Re- **With a Craft!**

A CHANCE FOR MOMS AND TOTS TO GATHER FOR PLAY AND PRAYER. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 9:00 AM IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER GYM



Thoughts on Advent from Pope St. John Paul, II and Pope Francis



Through his many homilies and audiences, John Paul II left a blueprint for a blessed Advent.

St. John Paul II... Spoke eloquently each year about the Advent season, and left us many insightful reflections to guide us on our Advent journey.

First of all, St. John Paul II urges us to **devote ourselves to prayer.**

Preparing ourselves to receive him requires first and foremost an attitude of intense and trusting prayer. Making room for him in our hearts demands a serious commitment to convert to his love.

Secondly, we need to **repair the division in the world by sowing peace with our neighbor.** *We should be converted to peace; we should be converted to Christ, our peace, certain that his disarming love in the crib overcomes every dire threat and plan for violence. With confidence we need to continue to ask the Child, born of the Virgin Mary for us, that the enormous energy of his peace might drive out the hatred and revenge that lurk in the human soul. Let us ask God that the good and our love might overcome evil.*

Another pathway to a fruitful Advent is through **our faithful obedience to God's will** in our lives.

Mary, who in this novena of preparation for Christmas, guides us towards Bethlehem. Mary is the Woman of the "yes" who, contrary to Eve, makes the plan of God her own without reservation. Thus she becomes a clear light for our steps and the highest model for our inspiration.

Last of all, we should use Advent to prepare not only for Christ's birth in our hearts, but also for his **Second Coming.**



"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world."

- Pope Francis, Angelus, 2018



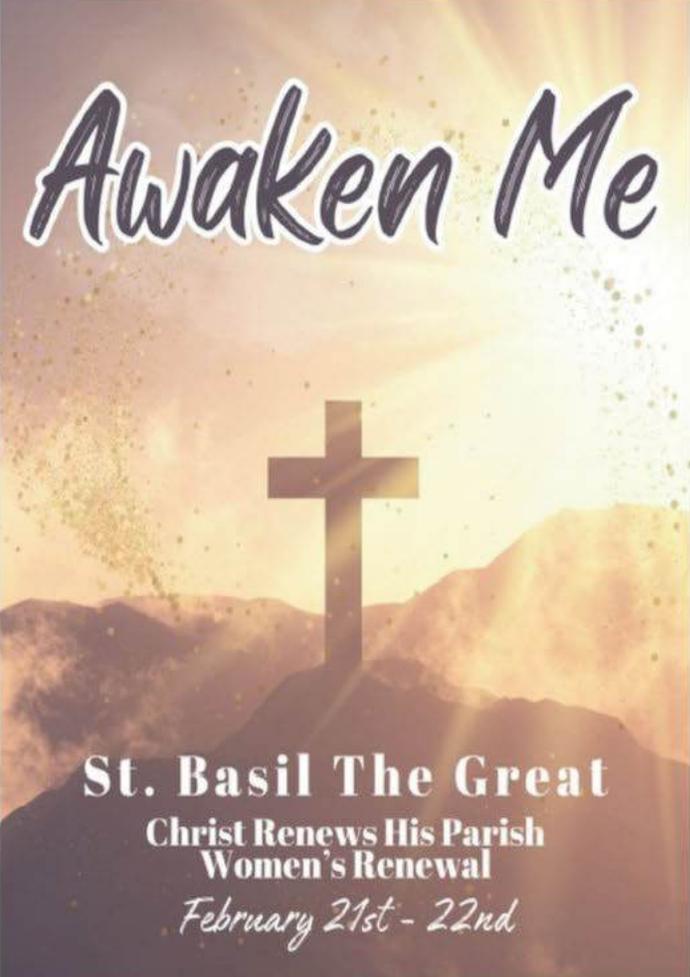
Join us for **Sandwich Saturday!**
9:00-10:00 am in the Parish Center
Spread the love!



Upcoming Sandwich Saturdays
December 13
January 17
February 14

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.

Awaken Me



St. Basil The Great
Christ Renews His Parish
Women's Renewal
February 21st - 22nd



Lunch and Speaker Series

Seasonal Affective Disorder and the Winter Blues

Mount Alverna Village 6765 State Road – Parma, Ohio
Life Enrichment Area
December 2, 2025 - 12:00 pm

Madeline Hodgman Korth, LISW-S Psychoeducation presenter with NAMI Greater Cleveland Define seasonal affective disorder/SAD, identify signs and symptoms of SAD, explain the prevalence, causes and treatment options for SAD in the winter months and outline strategies for maintaining wellness and self-care during the winter and holiday season

You MUST RSVP Michelle Young

mmyoung@franciscancommunities.org or call 440-663-3301

Kindness

Spread Love everywhere you go, first of all in your own house, give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting.



-Mother Teresa



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The Diocese of Cleveland's
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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.



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



ROBERT W. EIDEN

Husband of Ann

November 18, 2025



JOSEPH J. HUMEL

Father of Hollis Corp

November 17, 2025



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Daughter of Celia Corrigan Day

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Advent is already here! As I have grown in my faith, I have started to think about Advent as being similar to Lent in a lot of ways. Both involve waiting and preparing ourselves for God's presence and mercy. Lent calls us to make a sacrifice during the season that often causes people, myself included, to somewhat dread that part of it. If we are viewing our sacrifice of ice cream or Netflix as simply following some archaic practice or tradition the Church requires, and not as a chance to pray more, love more, and focus on God more, we may want to reflect upon and revisit why we as Catholics participate in this practice. The meaning behind the call to sacrifice is to rely entirely on Christ. We sacrifice the base, finite, and lowly things of this world to make room for the coming of Christ into our hearts. If you have not already, I would suggest reflecting on this message in relation to the season of *Advent!* The more we make room for Christ in our hearts, the better our mental health is. The more we base caring for our mental health on the infinite, eternal, and loving Christ and less on the base, finite, and empty promises this world offers, the more peaceful our hearts will be. This week, consider praying about how you can improve your prayer life and mental health during this Advent season.

-Luke Brown, LPCC



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