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JULY 19, 2026
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule

WEEKEND

Saturday Vigil

5:00pm

Sunday

7:30am, 9:00am,
11:00am, 5:00pm

WEEKDAYS

Monday-Friday

8:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

8:30am-9:30am

or by appointment

ADORATION

Mondays & Wednesdays

8:30am-9:00pm

Parish Directory

Parish Office

440-526-1686

St. Michael School

440-717-0398

Children's Faith Formation

440-526-3520

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8 am - 7 pm

Friday 8 am - 5 pm

Saturday 8 am - 12 noon

Sunday closed

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JULY 26, 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: WISDOM 12:13, 16-19
SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:26-27
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-43

*"THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET,
AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH."*



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

8:00am + Kirsten Kasper (*Jane McNamara*)

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

8:00am + Terry Bryant (*Drew Stronczer*)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

8:00am + Mary C. Mackert (*Debbie Tisdel*)

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

8:00am + Ralph De Santis (*Renee De Santis*)

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

8:00am + The Deceased Members of the Dziwis and Kantor Families (*Family*)

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

5:00pm + Ethan Hall (*Family*) (*Fr. Liptak*)

SUNDAY- JULY 26, 2026-

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am + Parishioners of St. Basil
9:00am + Al Kocisko (*Shirley Kocisko*)
11:00am + Robert Middleton (*Family*)
5:00pm + Ted & Grace Sokolowski (*Family*)

Stewardship

WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2026

Regular Collection	\$ 50,894.50
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 2,737.25

Precious Blood of Jesus Christ



“The Catholic Church dedicates the month of July to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. This devotion centers on the infinite price of redemption and the blood Jesus shed on the cross for salvation. During this month, the USCCB encourages the faithful to focus on Christ's sacrificial love through prayer, Scripture reading, and frequenting the sacraments” - *USCCB*

“The Body and Blood of Christ is a celebration of God’s providential care for us. The Word made flesh becomes food for our journey toward God. The bread and wine we offer at Mass are gifts to us from God. We give them back to God to be multiplied, or rather, transubstantiated. We say it in the prayer over the gifts, “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the gifts we offer you...” We offer the Lord our gifts, and he, in return, offers us himself, present in the Eucharist, Body and Blood, soul and divinity.

Then the Lord asks us to share what we have received. He asks us to share him where he is needed the most.” -*Bishop Edward Malesic*



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would like to learn more about
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have a Catholic friend or
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OCIA will begin this August.

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Basil Podcast



Hear Aaron's story of
going through OCIA
at St. Basil, what led
him to it, what the
experience was like,
and how the Lord
touched his heart.

*Searching, Curious,
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Catholic Church?*
Share more about your
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accompany you.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

CLOW will not meet
August 2nd & 9th.

**2nd Thursday
of the Month**
Join us!

Seeking an annulment?

Terri Shawhan, D. Min., retired
from the Diocesan Tribunal
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Around Our Parish



St. Catherine Food Pantry in the month of June, 2026

382 households were served including a total of 1225 individuals and an estimated 18,375 meals were provided.

Some numbers of interest for June, 2026:

- Our volunteer **"rescue warriors"** collected 8,500 pounds of food products from our 4 neighborhood grocery stores.
- As a partner agency of the Greater Cleveland Foodbank, we distributed 9,000 pounds of produce, delivered to us every Tuesday morning.
- As a ministry of our St. Basil Parish and with your generous donations, we served 1200 visitors, 200 of which visited our food pantry for the first time this year. **Thank you!!!**

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 please contact: Kathy Sejba: kathsejba@gmail.com

Donations are gratefully accepted!



ST. JOCHAIM & ST. ANNE



July 26th is the feast day of St. Joachim and St. Anne,
the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus.

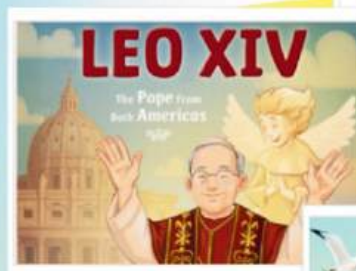
Saints Joachim and Anne are the patron saints of parenting and grandparents. Having been childless for the majority of their married life, the two continued to pray for God's favor and have hope. While Joachim retreated for prayer far from home, Anne grievously prayed for her husband's safety in exchange for dedicating any future child's life in service to God's plan. The two then shared a dream and vision where an angel told them that their fervent prayer had resulted in God choosing them to conceive a "wondrous" child. When Mary was born and became of age to be presented in the Temple, they brought her and followed the plan of God. There are parallels in their hope and dedication to faith that have been seen in so many parents, and their faith is admirable and should be celebrated.

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne were faithful examples of the hardship that parents and grandparents can face. They suffered in ways we as parents similarly suffer, but they remained resolute in their fervent prayer and unshakeable love for God and for each other. Their daughter became the Virgin Mary, and their grandson became Christ himself. Although this is a little bold, we as Catholic parents cannot deny that our little rascals could one day become the saints of future generations who love and also remain faithful to Christ. Parents, pray for courage to love. Grandparents, pray for your children and grandchildren's hope. Stay faithful and the Lord will see your love.

In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI said that grandparents are "witnesses of a personal and community history" that continues "to live on in their memories and in their wisdom." More quotes from Benedict's talk: "Who does not remember their grandparents? Who can forget their presence and their witness by the domestic hearth? How many of us bear their names as a sign of continuity and gratitude!" "May grandparents return to being a living presence in the family, in the Church and in society. With regard to the family, may grandparents continue to be witnesses of unity, of values founded on fidelity and of a unique love that gives rise to faith and the joy of living." "In the face of the crisis of the family, might it not be possible to set out anew precisely from the presence and witness of these people – grandparents – whose values and projects are more resilient?"

SUMMER BOOK READING

HIS PASTORAL APPROACH ALSO EXTENDS TO WORDS.



Over the course of these last 365 days, the Pope has offered book recommendations, including *The Practice of the Presence of God* and *Lord of the World*. He has also cited *Confessions* and *City of God* by St. Augustine on numerous occasions.

Just this week, he reminded the faithful of the place of reading in the digital age: “I urge everyone to read books,” he said, noting that, through the printed word, “we meet those who have read it before us, or who are reading it now or will read it in the future.”

To mark the papal anniversary literarily, turn to some good reads about Leo for all ages:

White Smoke, Two Gulls and a Pope (Sophia Institute Press) by Register contributor Katie Warner for young readers illustrates how captivated the world was by “a mother and baby seagull sharing a cute moment on the roof of the Sistine Chapel as white smoke billowed out of the chimney, signaling that a new pope had been elected ...” and then imagines what the sweet duo saw as they observed the faithful — and Pope Leo — from a literal bird’s-eye view; charming pictures accompany this new debut for ages 3-8.

In *Leo XIV: The Pope from Both Americas* (Magnificat/Ignatius Press) by Thereza Ameal, kids age 7 and up will discover how a young Bob Prevost, accompanied by his guardian angel, liked to “play Mass” and studied hard before becoming a priest and serving in various places, from his hometown of Chicago to Peru and the Eternal City. Along the way, they will learn fun facts about him (like his enjoyment of baseball and hot chocolate) and his caring nature: “In all of his actions, he handed out hope like candy: with a smile, with kindness, and always with enough to go around.”

Leo XIV: Portrait of the First American Pope (EWTN Publishing) by Matthew Bunson:

In one of the first books released about Leo, EWTN News’ vice president and editorial director traces Leo’s papal path of priesthood through assorted locales and roles —

“Chicago. Peru. Rome. Pastor. Teacher. Missionary. Prior general. Bishop. Cardinal” — to the Vicar of Christ, living out his motto, “*In the One, we are one.*”

Sandwich Saturday



Outside of the Parish



"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love."

—
St. Francis of Assisi



CRM 43rd Annual Charismatic Conference

Catholic Renewal Ministries' invites you to the 43rd Annual Charismatic Conference to be held on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at St. Albert the Great's Parish Life Center. This year's theme is *"Be Renewed in the Power of the Holy Spirit"*.

Guest speakers will be Monica Richards, Fr. John Gordon, and Fr. Bob Franco. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music.

Visit www.crmweb.org or call 440-9445 for more information. This is a wonderful time of prayer, lively teachings, and praise and worship of Jesus in the power of the *Holy Spirit*.

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Appalachian Collection September 19, 2026



There will be two trucks in the parking lot next to the Annex from 8am to 6pm or until the trucks are full.

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Family Fun



The poster for 'THE FEST' is set against a purple and blue background with confetti. At the top, logos for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Cleveland Browns, A.D. Martin Bros., Inc., and Petitti are displayed. The title 'THE FEST' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the location 'at ForeFront Field (home of the Crushers) in Avon' and the tagline 'An inspiring day of faith, family and fun!' are written. The date 'Saturday, AUGUST 15' is prominently featured, with 'from 12-10 PM' below it. A paragraph describes the festival as a one-day Catholic event with live Christian music, family-friendly activities, and opportunities to grow in faith, including a Mass at 8 p.m. and a fireworks show. A QR code and the text 'Get Your Tickets! Learn more at www.TheFEST.us.' are included. A list of activities follows: Kid-Friendly Fun!, Faith-Based Activities, Great Food, Live Christian Music, Adoration, Prayer & Confession, Giveaways, Catholic Ministries, and Mass & Fireworks. Three photos of performers are shown: Riley Clemmons, Matt Maher, and the band CAIN.

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Life of Our Saints



St. Jude is the patron saint of the hopeless and despairing. His feast day is October 28th. Born in the first century A.D. Jude was one of the 12 Apostles of Jesus. With unwavering faith, Jude sought to love God through challenging times. We continue to call upon him for fortitude in overcoming seemingly impossible odds in life.

He began preaching in Galilee, Samaria, and Judea. He later became a leader of the Eastern Church in Mesopotamia and is credited with helping in the early creation of the church in places beyond the Roman Empire.

He preached the Gospel with great passion, often in the most difficult circumstances. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, he made profound differences in people's lives as he offered them the Word of God.

The Gospel tells us that St. Jude was a brother of St. James the Less, also one of the Apostles. They are described in the Gospel of Matthew as the "brethren" of Jesus, probably cousins. St. Jude is often confused with Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus.

After St. Jude's martyrdom, pilgrims came to his crypt in Rome to pray and many of them experienced favors from God through the powerful intercession of St. Jude.

St. Jude Pray For Us!

Prayers

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.



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

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers.



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July 5, 2026



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Retired-Diocesan Priest

June 30, 2026



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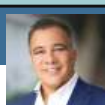
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