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CATHOLIC CHURCH



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus it will be at the
end of the age.
The angels will go out
and separate the wicked
from the righteous."
- Mt 13:49-51

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JULY 26, 2026
SEVENTEENTH 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

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Children's Faith Formation

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8 am - 7 pm
Friday 8 am - 5 pm
Saturday 8 am - 12 noon
Sunday closed

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AUGUST 2, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55: 1-3
SECOND READING: ROMANS 8: 35, 37-39
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14: 13-21

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026

8:00am + Dorene Harwood (*Dawn Russell, Daughter*)

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

8:00am + Rosa Reale D'Agostino (*Family*)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

8:00am + The Deceased Members of the Cerny Family
(*Richard Cerny*)

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

8:00am + Bob Mallinak & Quentin Spittler
(*Gerri Mallinak-Spittler*)

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026

8:00am + Richard Cerny (*The Cerny Family*)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

2:30pm Wedding: Nicholas Coberly & Lindsay Thut
(*Fr. Ryan Mann*)

5:00pm + John Stankiewicz (*Mary Ann, Wife*) (*Fr.*)

SUNDAY- AUGUST 2, 2026-

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am + Robert Eiden (*Friends & Family*) (*Fr.*)

9:00am + Parishioners of St. Basil (*Fr.*)

11:00am + The Deceased Members of the Vopat &
Honacki Families (*Len & Cher Honacki*) (*Fr.*)

5:00pm + Elizabeth Ellsworth (*Family*) (*Fr.*)

Stewardship

WEEK OF JULY 19, 2026

Regular Collection	\$32,596.38
Monthly Maintenance	\$2,932.25



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

We will have Mass at 10am
in honor of our Blessed Mother.

There will **not** be a Vigil Mass on
Friday, August 14th, 2026.

*This year the Assumption of Mary is
NOT a Holy Day of Obligation—however,
we encourage you to attend Mass in
honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ and, as such, possesses the title and identity of “Mother of God.” Throughout the history of the Church, Mary has enjoyed a singular place of honor and pre-eminence among the communion of saints. Chosen by God to be the mother of his only begotten Son, Mary was “immaculately conceived,” that is conceived in the womb of her own mother without the stain of original sin and “full of grace,” as the Angel Gabriel announced when she, in turn, conceived the Lord Jesus (Luke 1:28).

Similarly, because of her unique and privileged relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ, she was assumed body and soul into heaven when her life on earth was ended. These two intimately related convictions of faith definitively proclaimed and held by the Church – the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption – understandably merit special recognition and observance by the Church, hence they are both holy days of obligation, December 8 and August 15 respectively.

The doctrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven was defined and declared “divinely revealed dogma” (that is, infallible and beyond doubt) by Pope Pius XII in his 1950 apostolic constitution “*Munificentissimus Deus*” (November 1, 1950). -USCCB

The Hail Mary
Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



*Interested in becoming Catholic?
Know someone that is searching?
All are welcome to OCIA at St. Basil!*

St. Basil The Great Parish welcomes anyone who wishes to inquire about the Catholic faith. Maybe you have been attending Mass for awhile and would like to learn more about the beliefs and practices of Catholics. You might be married to a Catholic, or you have a Catholic friend or relative and would like to discuss your questions or concerns about Catholicism with someone from the church. We invite you to continue searching at OCIA (Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults)

If you would like to fully explore the possibility of becoming Catholic or refer a friend, please reach out to Fr. Liptak at jliptak@basilthegreat.org or 440.373.7560.

OCIA will begin this August.



Featured on the St. 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.



Aaron



Matt



Listen as Matt explains his experience helping with OCIA, what the process is like, and what he learned from those coming in to the Church.

Stay tuned for more OCIA stories coming to the podcast this summer!

Searching, Curious, Interested in the Catholic Church?

Share more about your journey through this form and we will be happy to accompany you.



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LIFE TEEN

Upcoming Events

SEP 3

7-8:30PM

**PARISH
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Parent **KICK OFF**

Please join us for fellowship, prayer, and practicals on how we can work together in bringing our teens closer to Christ. Light refreshments (including beer, wine, and charcuterie) will be provided. Open to all parents and caregivers of 9th-12th graders.



ST. BASIL THE GREAT
LIFE TEEN

**Attention all
9th-12th graders!!**

Please join us for our annual

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Water fun + food + friends

AUG 15 | 1-5PM

ST. BASIL BACK FIELD

More info at basilteen.com

A From Our Music Ministry



JOIN OUR ST BASIL *Resurrection Choir*

Join the choir that sings for all of our Parish Funeral Liturgies. Our Resurrection choir brings comfort and peace to the family's of our Parish that have lost a loved one.

If you've ever experienced a funeral at St. Basil, the choir fills the church with beautiful music at a time when it is difficult for those in attendance to sing. It's a wonderful and fulfilling ministry. No experience necessary, just a desire to bring comfort and healing during a difficult time.

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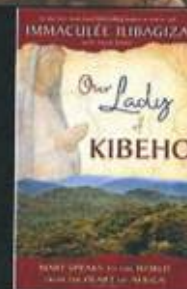
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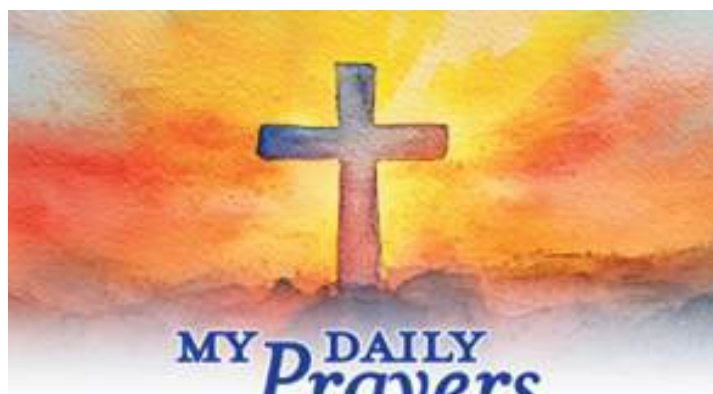
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Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026 @ 6:45 PM
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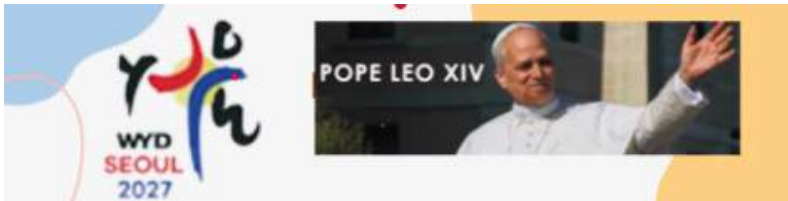


TV Mass



The Sunday TV Mass broadcast is intended for those who cannot attend Mass at a parish because of short-term or long-term health reasons. The broadcast takes place at WUAB Channel 43 at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

World Youth Day 2027 – Diocese of Cleveland Pilgrimage



The Diocese of Cleveland Young Adult Ministry invites young adults ages 18–39, along with college students and recent high school graduates, to join the diocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027, taking place August 1–10, 2027. This extraordinary global gathering with the Holy Father brings together millions of young Catholics for prayer, catechesis, cultural celebration, and a profound encounter with Christ and the universal Church.

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Edward Malesic will accompany the pilgrimage, walking with and supporting young adults throughout this faith-filled journey.

World Youth Day offers a unique opportunity to deepen one's relationship with Christ, experience the global Church, and grow in missionary discipleship alongside pilgrims from around the world.

The deadline to register is September 15, 2026. Space is limited, and early registration is strongly encouraged. For more information or to express interest, please contact Dr. Megan Lowes-Bolin, Director of Young Adult Ministry, at mbolin@dioceseofcleveland.org or visit dioceseofcleveland.org/youngadultministry

Sandwich Saturday



Around Our Parish

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Dinner, snacks, and breakfast provided.

Families bring your own tents, sleeping bags, and camping needs.

Indicate on the form if you are able to bring a griddle (Blackstone) to help cook breakfast.

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St. Basil the Great Golf Outing





The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next Sunday **Grief Support Group** will be on Sunday, August 16th. In-person will meet at 3pm, virtual at 5pm. In a welcoming and supportive setting, find fellowship among others who share their experiences and understand the pain of loss. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday this month, at no charge to you. Please join us for an hour of listening, healing, and finding comfort with others who understand. For details, call Suzi at 216-930-4866 or visit <https://www.clecem.org/Events/Events.aspx>.

Topics for the August 2026 meeting are Seasons and Types of Grief, and Returning to Work.

In-Person Locations (Main Office Buildings):

- All Saints Cemetery, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road
- All Souls Cemetery, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron | 100 E Waterloo Road
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road
- St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road

Virtual – Please register at <https://clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>.

Handouts for the meeting will be available when you register online.

All Saints Cemetery – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour, educational pre-planning seminar on Saturday, August 8th, 2026, at 1pm in the main cemetery office at All Saints Cemetery, Northfield. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic Burial Rite. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to All Saints Cemetery – 480 West Highland Rd., Northfield, Oh. 216-641-7575 ext. 5 or email bstrauchon@clecem.org.

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ST. PETER



If you've ever made a mistake, said the wrong thing, or felt unworthy of your calling—St. Peter is your guy. He's the disciple who sank in the water, cut off a man's ear, swore he'd never betray Jesus... and then did. And yet, Jesus built His Church on this man.

St. Peter's story is one of dramatic highs and painful lows—but more than anything, it's a story of mercy, mission, and what happens when we let Jesus keep writing our story, even after failure.

St. Peter (d. c. 64–68 A.D.) was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ and is regarded as the first pope by the Catholic Church. Born as Simon in Bethsaida, a village in Galilee, he was a fisherman by trade along with his brother Andrew, who first introduced him to Jesus. Upon meeting Simon, Jesus gave him the name “Cephas” (Aramaic for “rock,” translated in Greek as Petros or Peter), saying, “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church” (Matthew 16:18).

Peter quickly became one of Jesus' closest followers. He was bold, outspoken, and often the first to act. He witnessed major events in Jesus' ministry, including the Transfiguration, the raising of Jairus's daughter, and Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Despite his deep faith, Peter experienced moments of fear and failure—most notably, denying Jesus three times on the night of His arrest.

After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter and lovingly restored him, asking three times, “Do you love me?” and commissioning him to “Feed my sheep” (John 21:15–17). This moment reaffirmed Peter's role as the visible head of the early Church.

Peter went on to preach courageously, heal the sick, and lead the apostles in proclaiming the Gospel, especially after receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He played a key role in the Council of Jerusalem and extended the Church's mission beyond Jewish converts.

Eventually, Peter traveled to Rome, where he served as bishop and shepherd of the Christian community. Under Emperor Nero's persecution, Peter was arrested and martyred around 64–68 A.D. According to tradition, he was crucified upside down, by his own request, feeling unworthy to die in the same manner as Christ.

Peter's relics are believed to be buried beneath St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, making it one of the holiest sites in Christianity.

Feast Day: June 29 (celebrated with St. Paul)

Patronage: The papacy, fishermen, net makers, shipbuilders, and those who struggle with faith or forgiveness

Symbols: Keys (representing authority), a rooster (recalling his denial), a boat (the Church), and an upside-down cross

Legacy: First pope, martyr, and a symbol of God's mercy and leadership through humility





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Prayers

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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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.



"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others."

-St. John Paul, II



IN LOVING MEMORY

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Wife of Jim

July 10, 2026



DR. ANTHONY F. KURE

Husband of Marianne

July 11, 2026



ROBERT J. MOTISKA

Brother of William

May 23, 2026



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



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I have always been drawn to this particular parable. In it, God invites us to understand the significance of our relationship with Him. The treasure of the Kingdom of God is of such immense value that it must take first priority in our lives. Christ must be at the center so that everything else may be rightly ordered, leading us along the path of holiness. When we view this parable through the lens of marriage, we can reflect on what God is calling us to within our union with our spouse. Just as the person who discovers a treasure hidden in a field joyfully sells everything he owns to purchase that field, and just as the merchant sells all he has to obtain the pearl of great price, we are called to recognize the profound worth of our spouse and to give ourselves fully to that relationship. We can only truly do this when God remains at the center of our lives and our marriage.

Jesus then goes on to describe the Kingdom of Heaven as a fisherman who casts his net into the sea and, once it is full, sits down to separate the good fish from the bad. In marriage, it can be easy to focus on our spouse's faults, shortcomings, and mistakes. We are not called to ignore these realities, but neither are we called to dwell on them. Rather, we are called to recognize them, extend mercy, and focus on what is good. Through forgiveness and grace, we cast aside resentment so that it does not overshadow the treasure we have been given in our spouse.

Jesus calls us to engage in this same process within ourselves. We must acknowledge the areas of our lives that need healing—the sins, weaknesses, wounds, and struggles we carry—and bring them before Christ. In doing so, we allow Him to purify our hearts and transform us. Each day with our spouse presents new opportunities to choose patience over frustration, understanding over judgment, forgiveness over bitterness, and self-gift over self-interest. Marriage continually invites us to sift through our own hearts, identifying those things that draw us away from God and from one another. As we die to self and allow Christ to purify us, we become more capable of authentic love. We learn to move beyond our own desires and preferences toward a sincere gift of self.

Ultimately, these parables teach us that love requires both recognition and sacrifice. We must recognize the treasure before us—in God, in our spouse, and even in the person God created us to be—and then be willing to surrender whatever prevents us from fully embracing that treasure. In doing so, we grow in holiness, becoming more fully the people God calls us to be and drawing ever closer to Him through the vocation of marriage.

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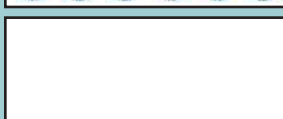
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