



St. Basil the Great

CATHOLIC CHURCH



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come
after me must deny
himself, take up his cross,
and follow me. For whoever
wishes to save his life
will lose it, but whoever
loses his life for my
sake will find it."
- Mt 16:24b-25

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AUGUST 30, 2026
TWENTY-SECOND 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

Stay Connected



@stbasilthegr8

Welcome!

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SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9
SECOND READING: ROMANS 13: 8-10
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18: 15-20

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

8:00am + Richard & Julie Rowan (*The Rowan Family*)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

8:00am Roy Hewitt (*Linda Hewitt*)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

8:00am + Sheana Lehman and Ann-Marie DiPaole
(*Husband and Father, Robert Lehman*)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

8:00am + Roman Boc (*Ursula Boc*)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

8:00am + Helen Nowak (*Debbie Swearingen*)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

2pm Wedding- Gage Brady-Mia Stanfar
(*Fr. Jeffrey Liptak*)

5:00pm + The Deceased Members of the Bulazo and Murar Families (*Laura Eby*) (*Fr. Liptak*)

SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 6, 2026-

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

9:00am + The Nowoczynski and Hnas Families
(*Bob & Toni Nowoczynski*) (*Fr. Scott Harter*)

11:00am + Doctors Saturnino and Caridad Agdinaoay
(*The Agdinaoay Family*) (*Fr. Mann*)

5:00pm + Rita Gudz (*The Golembiewski Family*) (*Fr. Mann*)

Stewardship

WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2026

Regular Collection	\$33,400.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$2,626.00
Assumption	\$2,302.00



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

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.

Searching, Curious,
Interested in the
Catholic Church?

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



Labor Day- September 7th

Join us for Mass on
Labor Day, Monday,
September 7th at 9am.

The Adoration Chapel
will be closed.

Also, the parish office will
be closed.

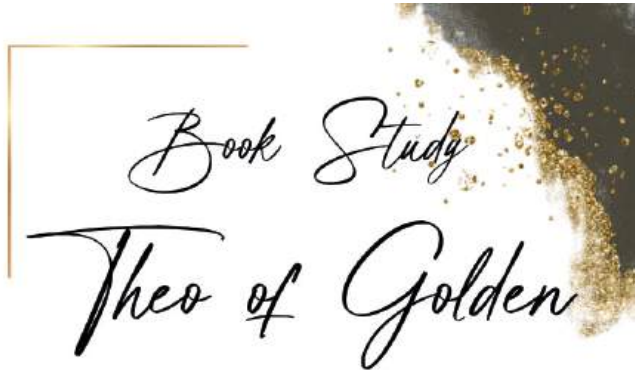


Thank you
— FOR YOUR —
Hardwork



Adoration
Chapel
Will Be Closed:
Wednesday,
September 9th
for carpet
replacement.

Book Studay



Join us for a book study of *Theo of Golden*, a moving novel that explores faith, hope, forgiveness, and the quiet ways God works through ordinary people. Together we'll reflect on the characters' journey, share meaningful conversation, and discover how their story can strengthen our relationship with God and one another.

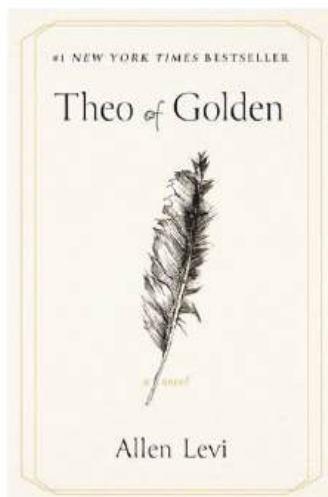
Monday's at 9:00 am September 21, 28, October 5 in the Parish Center. Coffee and pastries included. Participants are asked to read the book before September 21. For more information email ryoungs@basilthegreat.org.



Register at
basilthegreat.org/forms



"Words and stories have the power to challenge, change, and inspire us"
Allen Levi



Why celebrate Labor Day?



Labor Day is celebrated to honor the social and economic achievements of workers. Observed on the first Monday in September, it recognizes how the labor movement fought for fair wages, safe conditions, and reasonable hours during the Industrial Revolution.

History of the Holiday

- Began in the late 19th century when workers faced 12-hour days and 7-day workweeks.
- The first parade took place on September 5, 1882, in New York City, organized by labor unions.
- President Grover Cleveland made it a federal holiday in 1894 after the violent Pullman Strike.

Volunteers Needed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:

THURSDAY MORNING BABYSITTING



We invite you to volunteer for babysitting during our Thursday morning Women's Bible Study. Any time you can dedicate to support our young moms will allow them the chance to engage in fellowship while their little ones are cared for, and it would be greatly appreciated!

For more information and to sign up, please visit our [Basilthegreat/forms](https://basilthegreat.org/forms) page or scan the QR code to access the forms page.

Men's Ministry

ST. BASIL THE GREAT MEN'S MINISTRY

REORIENT

KICK OFF NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
7:00 PM

We will begin in the Church at 7:00 pm with a talk on reorienting our masculinity toward God by Fr. Liptak, then celebrating Mass together, followed by a social in the Family Life Center Meeting Room. Light snacks and soft drinks will be provided.

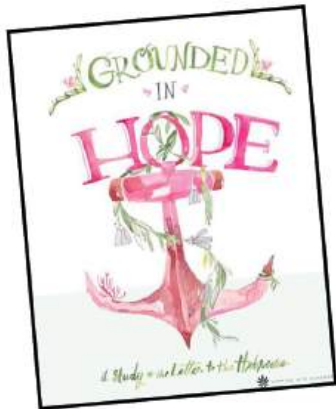


Men's Ministry meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at St. Basil the Great.

Join us for guest speakers, time for reflection, prayer, and brotherhood.

Women's Bible Study MMGSI

WALKING WITH PURPOSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Grounded in Hope, based on the book of **Hebrews**, will help you encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He can become your lifeline.

- Wednesday nights 7:00-8:30pm or Thursday mornings 9:00-10:30 am (Babysitting available)
- Registration is now OPEN! To be included in our book order, you must register by Tuesday, Sept 1st
- Registration and book: \$ 55
- Study dates and more information at: basilthegreat.org/flourish

Register via QR code
or at basilthegreat.org/forms



MMGSI

Three in One

The Mystery of the Triune God

Sept 1 - Dec 15, 2026
Tuesdays 6:00-8:45pm

Alex Scotton
Director of Young Leaders Program
MMGSI
Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

St. Basil the Great Catholic Church
Brecksville, Ohio

Standard Rate:
\$300*

*The standard rate reflects the actual cost of our programs. If \$300.00 is a barrier, please pay what you can.

MMGSI.ORG/EVENTS

Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew: 5: 3-12

St. Basil Music Ministry Children's Christmas Choir



Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful song. Psalm 100:2

RESURRECTION CHOIR Sings at parish funerals, offering peace and comfort through song.	YOUNG ADULT CHOIR Open to young adults (20s & 30s), sings once a month.
CONTEMPORARY CHOIR Rehearses: Tuesdays at 6:30 pm Sings: Saturdays at 5:00 pm Mass	SUNDAY CHOIR Rehearses: Thursdays at 6:00 pm Sings: Sundays at 9:00 am Mass



St. Basil the Great CATHOLIC CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIRS RESUME THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14TH!

All are welcome to join us in prayer, community, and praise! Sign up at basilthegreat.org/forms



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR 2026

Children's Choir starts Tuesday October 6 from 5:30-6:15 pm with rehearsals every Tuesday following October 7 after until Christmas. All rehearsals are in the church. The Children sing at our Christmas Pageant with costumes before Christmas Eve Mass at 3:30pm and at 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Baka, sbaka@basilthegreat.org.



Sign up at basilthegreat.org/forms!



OPEN TO CHILDREN AGES 5 - GRADE

Why sing at Mass?

Catholics sing at Mass because music is a form of prayer. An ancient saying attributed to St. Augustine states, "Whoever sings prays twice". Singing expresses deep joy, unites the community, and imitates the song of angels and saints in heaven.

Whether it is used for proclamation or prayer, music joined to the Word of God is meant to draw people into an encounter with the living Word of God, who is Christ. The Second Vatican Council declared that in the liturgy the presence of Christ is revealed in many ways—in the person of the ordained minister, in the proclamation of God's Word, in the eucharistic species, and lastly "when the Church prays and sings" (Second Vatican Council, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, no. 7). Music is a gift of God that opens for us a glimpse of God's glory. Through beauty, music and other arts reveal dimensions of truth that words alone cannot convey. Pope John Paul II noted that "on countless occasions the biblical word has become image, music and poetry, evoking the mystery of 'the Word made flesh' in the language of art"

(Letter to Artists, no. 5, www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/letters/documents/hf_jp-ii LET_23041999_artists_en.html). "A cry from deep within our being, music is a way for God to lead us to the realm of higher things" (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB], Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, Pastoral Liturgy Series 4 [Washington, DC: USCCB, 2007], no. 2).

Whether we are singing or listening, music has the power to bring us into an experience beyond the words—to a personal encounter with Christ himself, the Word made flesh. -USCCB

Sandwich Saturday

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



Upcoming Sandwich Saturdays

September 19
October 24

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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Life Teen



ST. BASIL THE GREAT
LIFE TEEN

KICK OFFS



SEP 3 | PARENT KICK OFF
7PM IN THE PARISH CENTER



SEP 13 | TEEN KICK OFF
5PM MASS - 6PM PARISH CENTER

GET UPDATES

Please sign up for our weekly newsletter for more updates on Life Teen events. Scan the QR code below to join!



Play and Pray



PLAY AND PRAY

KICK OFF WITH THE BUBBLE LADY!

DATE CORRECTION!
Friday September 11
9:00-10:30 am

Play and Pray is a time for parents, caregivers, and littles to play and pray together. All are welcome, invite a friend!

Join the Play and Pray GroupMe to get updates for upcoming dates!



Medical Volunteer Opportunity: Womankind's Free Prenatal Clinic

Obstetricians or Family Medicine physicians, nurse practitioners with prenatal experience, & nurse midwives are needed to volunteer at our free prenatal clinic and help provide compassionate care to those with limited access to services.

Womankind has been serving the community for over 50 years, and the demand is even greater today. We need your help!

Even a couple of hours a month can make a difference. To learn more, please contact Bridget O'Callahan at 216-400-0625 or bocallahan@womankind-cleveland.org

Oktoberfest



ST. BASIL THE GREAT OKTOBERFEST

September 25, 2026 | 6:00-9:00 pm | Family Life Center



**LIVE MUSIC FROM
NORTH COAST PROST!**

**Buffet Catered by
Hofbrauhaus**



- Schnitzel Wiener Art
- Assorted Sausages
- Pierogies
- Buttered Spaetzle

OKTOBERFEST BEER AND WINE - CASH BAR

BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

\$40 PP

Tickets on sale at
basilthegreat.org/forms
or scan the QR Code
Limited tickets available until
Sept 14 or they sell out.



Volunteers needed, sign up at basilthegreat.org/forms.



**PRIZES
AWARDED
FOR THE BEST
LEDERHOSEN
AND DIRNDL!**

Middle School

IGNITE

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERIES

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
FALL KICKOFF!!**

AUGUST 30TH

SUNDAY, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
ST. BASIL FAMILY LIFE CENTER

OPEN TO ANY MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED
STUDENT

PREPARE TO GET MESSY..;)

New School Year

**WELCOME
BACK TO
SCHOOL**

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for a new school year. Bless all teachers with wisdom, patience, and strength. Fill their hearts with love and patience for every child. Fill their hearts with excitement and love for each student they guide. Remind them that their work makes a lasting difference.

Protect all students, guide their minds, and fill their classrooms with peace, kindness, and joy. May this year be a time of great growth and safety for everyone. To learn new things with joy and curiosity. Give them courage to face challenges and make good friends. Help them grow in kindness, understanding, and character. Let them reach out to those students who don't feel included.

Bless all those who will begin higher education as they strive to chart their course in life. Help them to make good decisions and protect them from decisions that may harm them.

Bless our parents and those who help nurture our youth...on those busy days help them to be supportive and present to our youth even when they are overwhelmed with the busyness of their own lives.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

St. Ignatius-14 rules to live by

Sensing the Spirit of God

Ever wanted God to just tell you what to do and when to do it?
500 years ago, St. Ignatius composed 14 clear and concrete rules to live by.
This book is for all who desire greater awareness of God's action in everyday life.

8 week series begins Tuesday, Sept. 22nd
at St. Basil the Great
Mornings 9 - 10:30 a.m.
or Evenings 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Weekly series led by:



Fr. Ryan Mann
Pastor, St. Basil the Great



Jen Ricard
Director, TOB CLE



Tommy Dome
Director of Evangelization



St. Ignatius of
Loyola

- \$45/ticket
- includes a copy of the book & refreshments

Register at tobcle.org



Why be involved at Church- how do we make others feel welcome to be a part of our community/ministries?

A young woman slides into the rear pew of St. Basil a few minutes before mass starts. She sings with the congregation and takes notes during the homily, but seconds after the final “Amen” she slips out the back door, just to appear again the next week and do the same thing. You don’t know her name and she doesn’t know yours, but you’re a part of the same family, the same body. You wouldn’t know it, though, from the outside looking in.

Do we ever bother to say hello, ask how they are doing or even smile at that person? Invite them to consider going to a book study, coffee & donuts or any of the many wonderful opportunities to grow in our faith or a fun-filled events that will be held here? How welcome do we make the “*Stranger*” feel? How about the parents with a crying baby...do we act annoyed -do we forget that through that crying baby is the voice of God?

While it’s true that our level of involvement in the church can vary greatly depending on the season of life that we’re in, it is also true that we miss out on much of what the Body of Christ was intended to be when we slip in and out of the doors of our church anonymously. The church is God’s plan for us as believers, and there are many blessings readily available to us when we are involved in the community that the Lord has graciously provided.

Being involved in church allows you to walk out your calling. Scripture is clear that as believers filled with the Holy Spirit, we have been given spiritual gifts. Scripture is also clear that the purpose of our gifts is not self-serving, but rather, these gifts are intended for the benefit of the community of believers (1 Pet. 4:10).

In 1 Corinthians 12:7, Paul emphasizes the communal aspect of our spiritual gifts by stating that they were given to us “for the common good.” And in Ephesians 4:12, he reminds us that our spiritual gifts are meant to “build up the body of Christ.” This means that my gifts belong to you and your gifts belong to me.

When you were called into union with Christ, you also entered into union with fellow believers as members of the Body of Christ (Rom. 12:4–5). That means that if you are not involved in church where you can serve others with your gifts and be served by the gifts of other believers, you aren’t walking in the fullness of who God has made you in Christ. When we fail to engage in the mutual “building up” of the church through our spiritual gifts, we deprive ourselves and others of the edification and encouragement that God intended for us. When we are involved, we will find the blessings of both serving others and being served.

Sharing together in Christ helps you fight sin. Hebrews 3:12–13 says, “Watch out, brothers and sisters, so that there won’t be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin’s deception.” The author of Hebrews emphasizes the importance of community between believers to guard against sin and spiritual decline. Believers are told to “watch out” and “encourage one another daily” so that they are not hardened by sin and unbelief. How can we minister with and encourage other believers if we are not in each other’s lives? The answer is simple: we can’t.

The community shared among believers serves as a powerful tool in our ongoing battle against sin, helping to safeguard our hearts and minds. The community shared among believers serves as a powerful tool in our ongoing battle against sin, helping to safeguard our hearts and minds. When we actively share in Christ together, should we or another brother or sister fall into sin, other believers are there, ready to encourage and admonish us as we continue our journey.

Finding community in the church allows you to participate in the burdens of others. Most of us are familiar with the command to bear one another’s burdens found in Galatians 6:2. Jesus’ yoke is easy and His burden is light (Matt. 11:28–30). Instead, it was meant to remind us that as believers, we are all a part of one body and when one of us suffers, we all suffer (1 Cor. 12:26). Part of the beauty of the body of Christ is that no one has to bear their burdens alone. As we share each other’s burdens, we emulate the sacrificial love of Christ and fulfill His commandment to love one another as He has loved us (John 13:34–35).

An additional blessing of bearing the burdens of others is that it helps us look beyond ourselves. When we try to bear the weight of our burdens on our own, it’s easy to become consumed by them. But when others are helping us bear the weight, we are freed to love and serve others because we are no longer engulfed by carrying the weight alone. Don’t miss out on the blessing- There are abundant blessings to be experienced when you are actively involved with a body of believers. It can be tempting to slip quietly in and out of the church, but my prayer is that you would linger, that you would serve, that you would put down roots and invest in the people around you. The church is God’s plan for us as believers, and when we are actively involved in it, we can experience the fullness of the blessing it was intended to be.

-USCCB, L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO, ANONONYMUS

Adult Altar Servers-We Need You!



Additional Adult Altar Servers are needed to serve at funerals. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Terri Shawhan at the Rectory Office at 440-526-1686 or tshawhan@basilthegreat.org.



Do you have questions on the Virtus training and documentation process? Please visit the Virtus page on the St. Basil website at <https://basilthegreat.org/protection/> for a list of steps to complete, documentation to review, and FAQ. There is also a page of resources for ministry leaders and coaches. Please reach out to our Virtus Coordinator at ProtectOurYouth@basilthegreat.org with any questions.

Eucharistic Adoration



During Eucharistic Adoration, Catholics spend quiet time in prayer and worship before the consecrated host (the Blessed Sacrament), which is displayed in a monstrance or reserved in the tabernacle. It is a time for personal reflection, meditation, and growing closer to Jesus Christ in His physical presence.

What do I do when I come to Eucharistic Adoration:

- Silent Prayer: Sit or kneel quietly, focusing entirely on the presence of Christ.
- Pray Scripture: Read and meditate on Bible passages using a method like Lectio Divina.
- Recite Devotions: Pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or various litanies.
- Journal or Read: Write down personal prayers, gratitude, and struggles, or read spiritual books and daily reflections from the USCCB.
- General Reverence: Genuflect upon entering and leaving the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

Please consider spending time sitting quietly in the presence of Jesus this week..just bring yourself...Jesus will take care of the rest!

Jesuit Retreat Center Life of Our Saints



Jesuit Retreat
Center

Following St. Francis of Assisi Into the Heart of Jesus and Abba Father

Following St. Francis of Assisi into the
Heart of Jesus and Abba Father

Spend a prayerful weekend (October 2nd to 4th) reflecting on the life and spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi and his profound conversion to Jesus Christ on the 800th Anniversary of his death. Themes to be addressed: his growing reverence for all creation and rapid growth of followers in the Lord, his commitment to dialogue, non-violence, and peace-making, and the Franciscan Way. The weekend will be conducted in prayerful silence after each talk. Weekend includes topical talks, liturgy, adoration, meals, and optional group sharing session.

Learn more and register at:

<https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar>

Join our email list by scanning the QR code!



St. Carlos Acutis

Born May 3, 1991, London,
United Kingdom

Died October 12, 2006 (age 15
years), Monza, Italy

Movies Heaven Can't Wait

Parents Antonia Salzano,
Andrea Acutis

Buried April 6, 2019, iglesia de
Santa Maria Maggiore, Assisi,
Italy

Who is this Millennial Saint?

St. Carlo Acutis was an Italian teenager (1991–2006) known for his deep love of the Eucharist and his use of technology to share the faith. He created a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles around the world and lived a life of remarkable charity, prayer, and joy.

Why is St. Carlo Acutis called the “millennial saint”?

He is the first canonized saint who grew up fully in the digital age. He used computers, coding, and the internet as tools for evangelization, showing that holiness is possible in promoting Catholic devotion

What was Carlo's devotion to the Eucharist?

Carlo called the Eucharist his “highway to heaven.” He attended daily Mass when possible and spent time in Eucharistic adoration, believing that closeness to Christ in the Eucharist was the source of all joy and strength.

Why is St. Carlo Acutis important for young people today?

He shows that sainthood is attainable now, not just in the past. His life speaks directly to young adults navigating technology, school, friendships, and faith in a digital world.

Carlo Acutis became a saint because he lived a life of deep personal holiness, used his computer skills to spread the Catholic faith online, and was credited by the Church with performing two miracles after his death.

O God, You have given us in St. Carlo Acutis a model of virtue and holiness for our digital age. We thank you for making him an inspiration to young people through his devotion to the Eucharist, his love for the poor, and his ability to use modern means to spread the Gospel.

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.



THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST For Adults 40 & Over

It's a FIELD TRIP to the Seminary
Center for Pastoral Leadership
28700 Euclid Ave.
Wickliffe OH 44092

Monday, Sept. 7 – 8:30pm

Join us as we see where our seminarians live, are formed & grow in faith on their journey to becoming future shepherds of our diocese.

Our evening will begin in the Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd Chapel where we'll learn about the recent renovations. We'll then enjoy light appetizers & refreshments as we engage with a few of our seminarians and hear about life in the seminary. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers & nonalcoholic beverages included. Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance:

www.theologyontherockswest.com.

Doors will open at 6:30pm.



IN LOVING MEMORY



GEORGE R. PROCHASKA
Brother of Donna Prochaska,
Lenore Guzowski and Karen Manista
August 19, 2026



ELDA CROGNALE
Aunt of Nicki Esposito
August 16, 2026

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



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Today's Gospel reading relays the story of Jesus telling St. Peter to "get behind me Satan." This can be jarring to read, especially as it follows immediately after Matthew's account of Jesus telling Peter that he is the rock upon which he will build his church! How is it that St. Peter can be both "Satan" and "Rock?" I think that we can all identify with having moments of triumph and moments of great weakness. Sometimes they may even follow right after one another as they do here for Peter! There are some important lessons that we can learn from this Gospel and from Peter's very human, relatable moments. First, we all have moments where we do the right thing, make good choices, and put God first. Jesus celebrates one such moment when Peter is the first to recognize that he is the Messiah. Second, we all will also have moments of failure, like when Peter tries to stop Jesus from fulfilling his call to lay down his life for the world. We too fall on our faces sometimes and make choices we regret. In these moments, we too need the Lord to point out to us where those areas are for growth. Peter took the correction of the Lord and went on to become St. Peter, our first pope. His life shows us that even with many bumps along the road, it is possible for all of us to become saints. He persevered through his weakness and trusted in the Lord to supply what he lacked. When we feel discouraged about our own mistakes and weaknesses, let us remember the life of Peter. I leave you with this quote from Pope John XXIII. "Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible for you to do."

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