



Holy Family Parish

216 Wooster St. NE ~ Navarre, Ohio 44662 Brewster ~ Navarre

Office of the Pastor

Very Rev. Kevin Peters V.F. - Pastor Rev. Frederick Schlueter - Associate Pastor
Deacon Alfredo Aguirre - Parish Pastoral Associate ~ Pattie Condello - Parish Pastoral Associate

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Thursday - Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00am -4:00pm

Parish Email: parish526@youngstowndiocese.org
Parish Website: holyfamilyparishnavarre.org
Pre-Need Cemetery Sales ~ Call Office For Appointment

CONTACT INFORMATION

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Fridays at Noon for the following week's bulletin.
Information may only be included in upcoming bulletins
when space permits. Information may be faxed to
330-879-5138 or emailed to
parish526@youngstowndiocese.org

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

Weekday Mass & all times of Eucharistic Adoration
will be cancelled when Fairless Schools are closed or delayed.
Visit our Website for any additional event
cancellations or closings.

BINGO

Bingo is played every Friday evening (unless otherwise stated)
at St. Clement Hall in Navarre - 7:00 PM.

OUR STAFF

Sarah KobilarcsikCommunications / Hall Rental
Stefanie Coletti.....Bookkeeper
Carolyn Collins-Soehlnen.....Minister of Music
Maggie Connor-Spitale...Coordinator of Religious Education
Judi Smith.....Church & Hall Custodian, Navarre
Walter Davis..... Maintenance Coordinator
Lori Josefczyk & Kathy WohlwendSacristans, Navarre
Virginia Heckathorn.....Sacristan, Brewster
Rev. Michael D. Seifert.....Pastor, Emeritus

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

Please stop in the office to say hello!

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Holy Family Parish, a Roman Catholic Church, comes
together as one to accept as our mission:
To live our faith centered in the Eucharist;
To share the Gospel by Word and example;
To gain knowledge by serving others with mercy and justice;
and To Love by opening our hearts to the world around us.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 8:30am ~ St. Benedict
Wednesday: 8:30am ~ St. Clement
Thursday : 8:30am ~ St. Therese
Friday: 8:30am ~ St. Anthony

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30pm ~ St. Therese
Sunday: 9:00am ~ St. Clement

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, 9:30am thru 8:30pm ~ Navarre

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Celebrated EVERY WEEKEND OF THE MONTH
Saturday, 3:45 to 4:15 pm, Brewster
Sunday, 8:15 to 8:45 am, Navarre

Sacrament of Baptism

Arrangements are made with
the Coordinator of Religious Education
to schedule a date for baptism and for a sacramental
preparation class for parents and godparents.

Sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation
Families requesting First Communion and
Confirmation for their children must have them
enrolled in our CCD program or Catholic School at least 2
years prior to receiving Sacrament.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements made with either Fr. Kevin or Fr. Fritz
six months prior to the Wedding.
Marriage preparation classes are required.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the church office for arrangements.
If you are hospitalized, home bound or in a nursing facility,
please let us know. Because of the HIPAA laws,
we are unable to inquire.

Masses, Services & Intentions

- March 14 Saturday (Brewster)
4:00pm Rosary
Bishop George V. Murry (Holy Family Parish)
- March 15 Sunday (Navarre)
8:25am Rosary
9:00am Mass
Susan Dutton Gang (Dorkoff Family)
- March 18 Wednesday (Navarre)
8:30am Mass
Roberta "Bobbie" Groff (Ernie & Shirley Burger)
- March 19 Thursday (Brewster)
8:30am Mass
Joseph R. Gang (Dorkoff Family)
- 9:30am - 8:30pm Adoration (Navarre)
- March 21 Saturday (Brewster)
4:00pm Rosary
4:30pm Mass
Pope Francis (Holy Family Parish)
- March 22 Sunday (Navarre)
8:25am Rosary
9:00am Mass
Doug Pauly (Family)

Holy Family Parish Giving

Sunday Collection, March 8\$7,607.00

Weekly Parish Expense \$11,051.00

Thank you for your Financial Support of our Parish!

Online Giving: To access our online donation portal:



Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera, and tap the link that appears. Select where your donation is to go: Sunday Weekly Tithing, Church Maintenance, Building Fund or Fairless Food Cupboard

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, and talent in creating an appearance that doesn't matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday March 21 - 4:30 pm (Brewster)

Lector: Jill Rohr

EMs: Theresa Bontrager, Beth Musacchia, Virginia Heckathorn

Servers: Bonners

Greeter: Mary Damewood

Sunday March 22 - 9:00 am (Navarre)

Lectors: Mary & Phil Rohr

EMs: Barb Barnhart, Vicki Rodriguez, Vic & Marybeth Flinner

Servers: Reese Elliott, Crissy Shaver

Greeters: Leola Reese, Need one more

Festival Sponsorship Opportunity

If you own a business or would like to support our Parish as a sponsor for our 2026 Festival, We would love to partner with you! Sponsorship is a wonderful opportunity to promote your business while supporting a cherished parish event that brings our community together for fellowship, food, and fun.

As a sponsor, your business will gain valuable visibility and recognition throughout the festival and in our promotional materials.

For more information, please contact Sarah at the Parish Office at 330-879-5900 or email parish526@youngstowndiocese.org.

THANK YOU!

Please Support Our Sponsor

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Understanding Lent

Walking with Christ Toward Easter

Lent is a sacred season, a time set apart for renewal of heart and soul. Each year, the Church invites us to step away from distractions and walk with Christ in a deeper way. For forty days, we trace his footsteps—entering the desert with him, learning to listen, pray, and trust. This sacred journey mirrors the rhythm of our own lives: seasons of challenge that prepare us for new life in God.

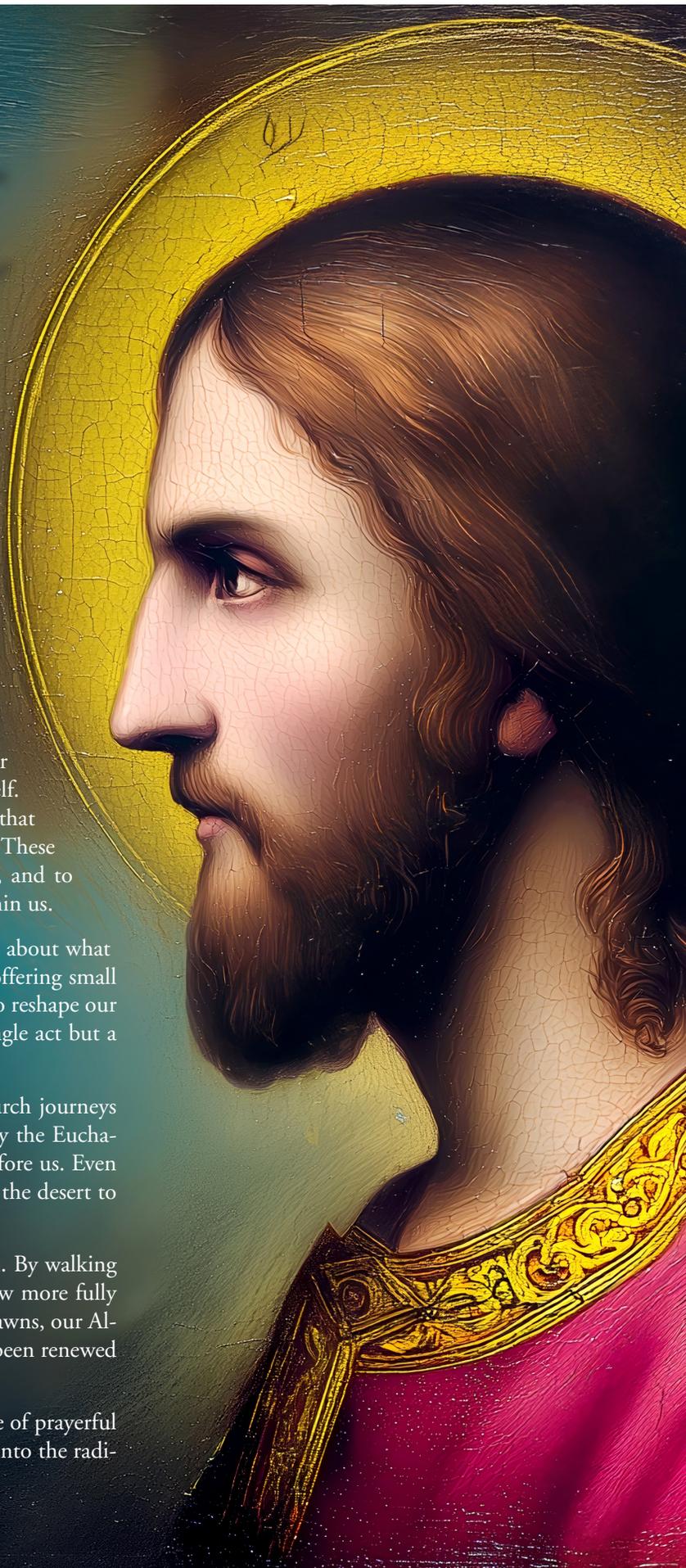
The practices of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—are not burdens but pathways. **Prayer** deepens our friendship with God, opening our hearts to his voice. **Fasting** teaches us that we are not ruled by our appetites but created for something greater—communion with God himself. **Almsgiving** lifts our gaze outward, reminding us that love of neighbor is inseparable from love of God. These disciplines work together to form us, to free us, and to awaken us to the life of grace already present within us.

Lent is not simply about what we “give up.” It is about what we receive: mercy, forgiveness, and renewal. By offering small sacrifices and acts of love, we allow God’s Spirit to reshape our hearts. In this way, conversion becomes not a single act but a daily turning—away from sin and toward Christ.

We do not walk this road alone. The entire Church journeys together, nourished by Scripture, strengthened by the Eucharist, and inspired by the saints who have gone before us. Even in our struggles, God is near, leading us through the desert to the joy of Easter morning.

Ultimately, Lent prepares us for the Resurrection. By walking the way of the cross with Jesus, we come to know more fully the life that only he can give. And when Easter dawns, our Alleluia rings out with deeper joy because we have been renewed in heart and spirit.

May this Lent be a season of grace for you, a time of prayerful return to the Lord, and a journey that leads you into the radiant light of Easter.



SYMBOLS AND PRACTICES OF LENT

Lent is rich with symbols that help us live out this season of renewal. The most visible sign is the **ash cross** traced on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. It reminds us of our mortality—“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”—and of our call to repentance.

The **liturgical color purple** is used in churches throughout Lent, symbolizing penance, humility, and preparation. In some parishes, crucifixes and statues may be veiled in the final weeks, creating a sense of longing and anticipation for Easter’s joy.

Another central devotion is the **Stations of the Cross**, traditionally prayed on Fridays during Lent. By reflecting on Christ’s Passion step by step, we learn to unite our own sufferings with his and to see the depth of his love.

Many Catholics also embrace **simplicity and silence** during Lent—reducing entertainment, quieting daily noise, and creating space for God’s voice. Acts of service and charity flow naturally from this spirit, reminding us that Lent is not just about discipline but love of neighbor. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** holds special importance, offering grace and renewal as we return to God’s mercy.

The Church teaches that Catholics in **good health** are to observe the following rules for **fasting** and **abstinence**. From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

“Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Fasting is required from age 18 until age 59. It permits one full meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat binds Catholics from age 14 and older.”

Together, these symbols and practices point us toward the heart of Lent: a season of turning back to God and preparing to celebrate the Resurrection with renewed faith.

THE MEANING OF LENT

The word *Lent* comes from the Old English *lencten*, meaning “springtime.” In the Church, Lent refers to the forty-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that prepares us for Easter. The number forty has biblical significance: Moses fasted forty days before receiving the Ten Commandments, Elijah journeyed forty days to Mount Horeb, and Jesus fasted forty days in the desert.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday** and concludes at the start of the **Paschal Triduum**—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Sundays are not counted in the forty days, as each Sunday is a “little Easter,” a celebration of the Resurrection.

The focus of Lent is conversion of heart. The Church encourages us to pray more faithfully, fast from food or distractions, and give generously to the poor. These practices are not ends in themselves but signs that we are turning away from sin and toward God. Lent invites us to renew our baptismal commitment and prepare joyfully for the Resurrection of Jesus.

HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM

The final days of Lent lead into **Holy Week**, the most sacred time of the Church year. Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**, when we remember Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The palms we carry remind us both of his kingship and the Passion that follows.



On **Holy Thursday**, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, recalling the institution of the Eucharist and Jesus washing the disciples’ feet. After Mass, the Eucharist is placed in a place of repose, inviting quiet adoration.



Good Friday commemorates the Passion and Death of Jesus. The liturgy includes the reading of the Passion, solemn intercessions, veneration of the Cross, and for some, Holy Communion, but no Mass. It is a day of fasting and abstinence, uniting us to Christ’s sacrifice.



Holy Saturday is a day of waiting and reflection. That night, the **Easter Vigil** begins in darkness with the blessing of the new fire and the Paschal Candle. We hear salvation history proclaimed, celebrate baptisms and confirmations, and rejoice in the Resurrection.

These three days form the **Paschal Triduum**. They are the heart of the Christian faith, leading us from the cross to the joy of Easter morning.

From me to you

This past week a number of our parishioners along with the Office of the Pastor had the privilege to be at the funeral for sixteen of our brothers and sisters whom we never met. Funeral homes often find themselves with cremated remains of people whose families may have all preceded them in death, were not able to be located or were unable to pay for their funeral. Three times a year, Calvary Cemetery in Canton will celebrate the Funeral Rite for these people and invite those of Catholic faith to attend.

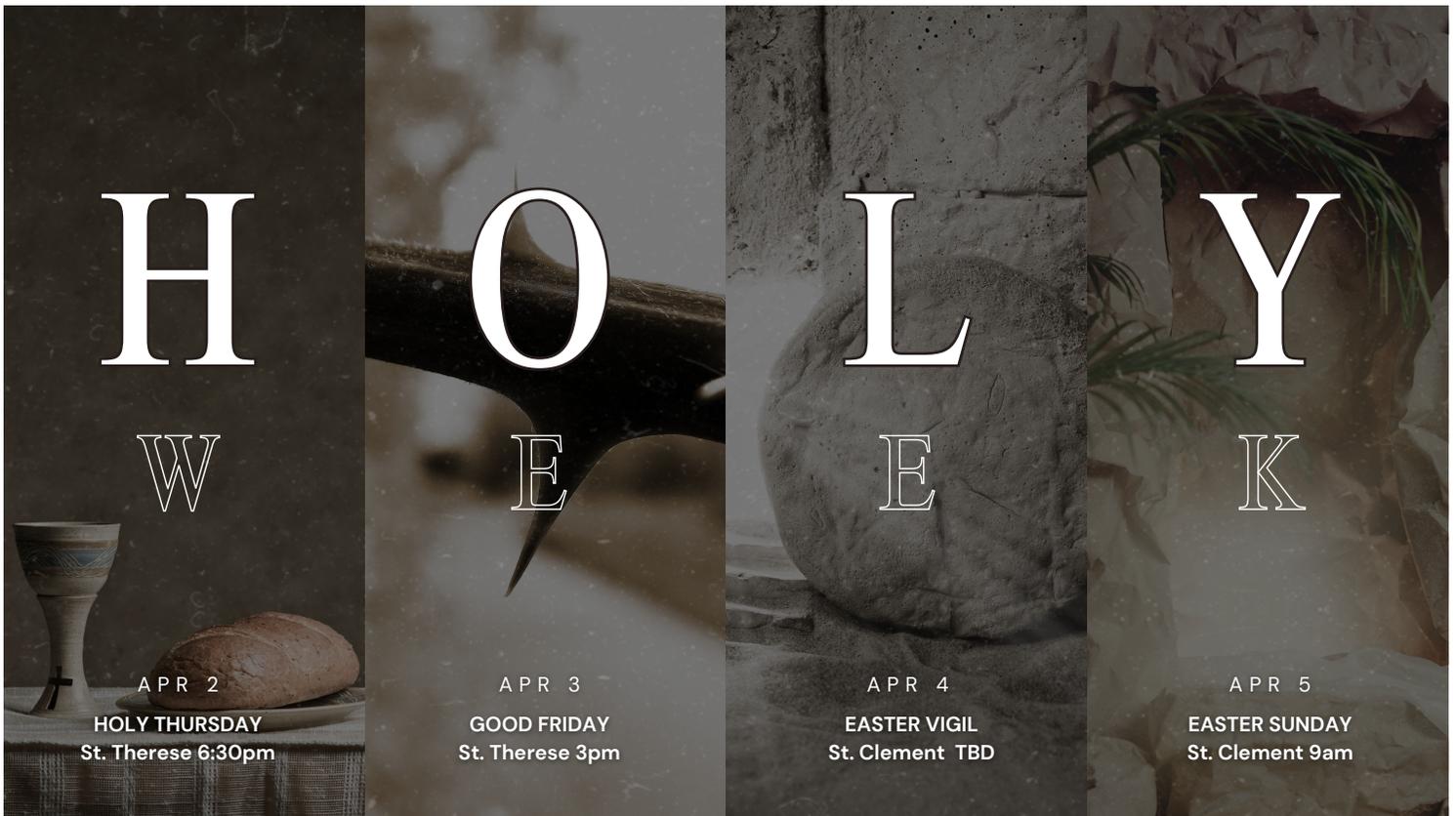
Held in the Mausoleum, there were chairs set up to face the celebrant, Fr. Edward Brienz, Pastoral Chaplain of the Diocese of Youngstown Cemeteries, who sat beside the table holding the sixteen cremated remains. Each box had the person's name and location of the plot if they had an existing grave, possibly next to a deceased family member. Those boxes without a plot listed would be buried in the All Souls section of the Cemetery. On the other side of the room was a long table with sixteen glass votive candle holders, each with the name of one of the deceased. As Fr. Brienz read the prayers from The Order of Christian Funerals, I could not help imagine those sixteen people present in their earthly bodies sitting across from us - as Father reminded - together we are as brothers and sisters, related by our birth in Christ and called to perform Corporal Works of Mercy.

We, as mourners, lined up to light the candle of the person whose name was called. It was profoundly solemn and silent. It was a gift to each of us, as we hope from their place in the afterlife, a gift to each of them.

Please say a prayer for their souls and the souls of all our brothers and sisters, no matter their religious affiliation, who had no one to bury them.

Pattie





🕯️ Help Wanted: Co-Chair for the Stark County Fair Ice Cream Barn! 🕯️

We're looking for a Co-Chair for the Stark County Fair - Ice Cream Barn to help make this year another sweet success! The Ice Cream Barn is a fun and important tradition at the fair, that helps support Holy Family Parish

Responsibilities include:

- Helping organize volunteer workers and schedules.
- Assisting with planning and preparation before the fair.
 - Supporting daily operations during fair week.
- Working alongside the chair and team to keep everything running smoothly.

This is a great opportunity to serve the parish, meet new people, and help keep a beloved Stark County Fair tradition going strong.

If you're interested in helping or would like more information, please reach out to Vic Flinger 330-546-2786.

We'd love to have you on the team! 🕯️

Fairless Lenten Service Schedule

Join the Fairless Community on Sunday evenings during this Lent season at 6:00pm for worship:

March 15 - St. Paul's UCC
 March 22 - Grace Church
 March 29 Brewster Friends

Festival Meeting



The next meeting will be held in the Meeting Room on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30pm

If you are interested in volunteering Please call the parish office at 330-879-5900

We Mourn The Loss Of
Steve Ottiger
*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord
 and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him.*

Stations of the Cross

Join us after weekday Mass on Wednesday at St. Clement and Thursday at St. Therese Along with Fridays at St. Clement at 7pm. As we pause, pray, and reflect together.

Saint Matilda of Ringelheim (c. 895–968)

(also called St. Mathilda)
Feast Day: March 14th

About her: She was a 10th-century queen of Germany and the wife of Henry the Fowler, King of East Francia. (Often considered the first King of Germany)

Known for her deep faith, generosity to the poor, and support of monasteries and churches. After her husband died, she dedicated much of her life to charity, prayer, and founding religious institutions.

✦ Patron of: large families and parents who have conflicts with their children.

Mass Intentions

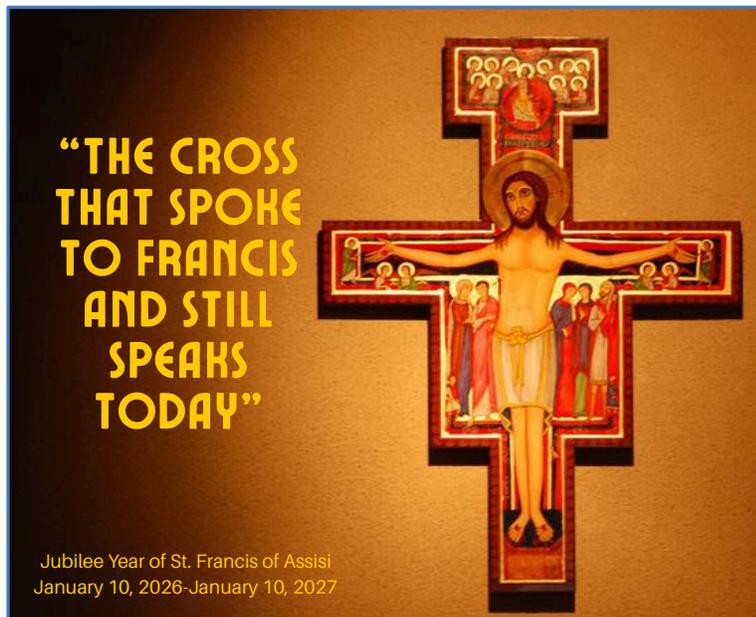
Mass intentions are a beautiful way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. If you would like to request a Mass intention, please submit your request to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket.

The offering is \$10 per intention. Please include the name of the person, the preferred date(s), and who the intention is from.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and for remembering your loved ones in prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues, March 17.....Festival Meeting 6:30pm (St.C.)
Sat. Mar 21.....Bear Creek Dinner 4:30pm (St. C Hall)
Sat. Mar 28 Men's Retreat 8am (St. C)



DISCOVER THE STORY OF THE SAN DAMIANO CROSS

Thursday, March 26, 2026

6:00pm-8:30pm

Presenter: Sr. Roberta Doneth

Light refreshments provided

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

St. Anthony Church

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Canton, Ohio 44707

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Designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Site

Ever wonder about the story behind the unique cross that spoke to St. Francis? Join us for a presentation on the San Damiano Cross, the icon cross that inspired St. Francis to “rebuild the church.” Learn about the rich symbolism—from the welcoming eyes of the risen Christ to the witnesses surrounding Him—how this 12th century masterpiece speaks to us today.

Knights of Columbus #5582

Upcoming Meetings: March 23
April 12 & 27



If you're interested in joining the Knights of Columbus and becoming part of a brotherhood we'd love to hear from you. Please call Aaron Shiplett 330-353-1471 for more information.

Prayer for the week:

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the gift of warmer days and the beauty of spring beginning around us. As the earth comes to life again, renew our hearts with hope and gratitude. Bless this week with sunshine, peace, and reminders of Your goodness in all creation.

Amen. 🌸 🌻