

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN



**SAINTS
ALPHONSUS & JOSEPH**



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Confessions: 4:00pm Saturdays before the
5pm Mass; during holy half hours prior to
each daily Mass and by appointment.

Marriage: Please call the parish office, and
provide at least six months' notice for prep

Baptism: Call the parish office to schedule

Anointing of the Sick: Please call parish office
or have a family member to call timely.

Communion to the Shut Ins: Call parish
office.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for
Adults):** Interested in joining the Church?
Please call the parish office for details.

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Historic SA Website: historicstalphonsus.org

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Mission Statement: We are a Eucharistic
people, dedicated to enabling each other to
grow spiritually and serve the needs of our
families, parishes and community by using
our time, talent, and treasure to pass on the
best of our Catholic traditions.

January 17, 2016



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan 16 Weekday

4:00 PM (SJ) Confessions

5:00 PM (SJ) Todd & Kelly Jones, Rich Dreschel,
Charles Fitch

Sun. Jan 17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM (SJ) Estelle & Warren Donaldson

9:30 AM (SA) Sts. Alphonsus & Joseph Deceased

Mon. Jan 18 Weekday

No Mass

Tues. Jan 19 Weekday

6:15PM (SA) Silent Adoration/Confession

7:00PM (SA) Special Intention for Albino & Joyce

Wed. Jan 20 Weekday

7:15AM (SJ) Silent Adoration/Confession

8:00AM (SJ) Sts. Alphonsus & Joseph Deceased

Thurs. Jan 21 St. Agnes

6:15PM (SJ) Silent Adoration/Confession

7:00PM (SJ) Leroy Bauer

Fri. Jan 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:15AM (SJ) Silent Adoration/Confession

8:00AM (SJ) Special Intention for all Children

Sat. Jan 23 Weekday

4:00 PM (SJ) Confessions

5:00 PM (SJ) Dave Gerber, Alice Bores Alf Schafer

Sun. Jan 24 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM (SJ) Hubert & Agnes Morman,
Rosemary Grenzebach

9:30 AM (SA) Jim & Sue Schindley —
50th Wedding Anniversary

Hope after Abortion "I don't deserve to be happy." God wants to restore your happiness. Come back to God who is love and mercy. For hope and healing after an abortion, contact the local confidential Project Rachel Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE or projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Learn more at www.hopeafterabortion.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 23—5:00 p.m.—St. Joseph

L Pat Scheid

U Ted Kluding, Roddy Holland, Marvin Pierce

CU Cayden/Caleb Dixon

EM Deacon Mike, Sheila Meikle, John Miller,
Ellen Wensink, Cherri Schaffer

S Mason, Ethan & Jake Kluding

Sunday, January 24—8:00a.m.—St. Joseph

L Angie Roth

U Frank Edwards, Bob Good, Dave Mahl

CU Jacob Fries

EM Deacon Mike, Barb Good, Barb Mahl,
Julie Jarrett, Diana Brown, Chris Raftery-C

S Jasmine Edwards, Kirsten Stieber, Isabelle Roeder

Sunday, January 24—9:30 a.m.—St. Alphonsus

L Deacon Mike & Diane Wasiniak

U Tom Brown, Gregg Moore, Tom Smith
Donald Schaffer

CU Nolan Jones

EM Gregg & Susan Moore, John & Ian Miller,
Vicki Schaffer, Ruth Ann Foltz

S Ryan & Cayla Sowders, Anna Mainzer

G Linda & Chuck Furey

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS Jan 24—Barb Good

COUNTERS—January 19 Tuesday—Alice & Bob Crist,
Catherine, Carol Martin, Mary Dreschel

K of C Club Winners \$50:Tom Smith
\$25:Cheryl Doughty, Owen Schafer

CONTRIBUTIONS—Jan.10—St. Alphonsus

Offertory: 2,611.00

Weekly budget: 2,690.00

Under budget: (79.00)

YTD over budget: 15,902.69

Other donations: Children-17.50, Sol of Mary-75, Votives-198, Initial-40, Fuel/Utility-150, 2nd Collection/Needy-471.

CONTRIBUTIONS—Jan. 10—St. Joseph

Offertory: 4,649.99

Weekly budget: 3,880.00

Over budget: 769.99

YTD over budget: 10,168.30

Other:Children-6, Christmas-105, Sol of Mary-35,
Fuel/Utility-40, School-245, Initial-70, 50-50-60,
Rel Retired-20, Holy Name-5, 2nd Collection/Needy-577.37, **SJS Annual Fund**-33,263.

Reflections of a Country Priest

It is good to be home! I pray you and your families are doing well. Next weekend, Jan. 24, our high school youth will be gathering in the social hall at Noon. We will have lunch and then have a presentation on Scriptures. After discussion and prayer, we should be wrapped up by 1:30 pm. We will schedule our upcoming meetings at that time as well. Invite your friends! All are welcome!

This week also marks the 43rd anniversary of terrible Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. To mark this anniversary the Huron County Right to Life is sponsoring their Annual Right to Life March. The March will begin at 1:15 pm at the St. Paul Convocation Center. Michelle McCauley from the Pregnancy Center in Toledo will be the featured speaker. The day will conclude with the March to the Courthouse and back. Let our voices ring out for the unborn babies who have no voice to cry out and protect them.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Ron



Annual Right to Life March —Sunday, January 17th

On Sunday, January 17th, the Huron County Right to Life will hold its annual march commemorating the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

1:15 pm

We will assemble at the St. Paul Convocation Center lobby.

1:40 pm

Invocation prayer. A short presentation by Michelle McCauley of Toledo, representing The Pregnancy Center, will follow.

2:00 pm

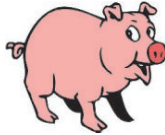
We will march to the county courthouse on Main Street. There, we will have a short service to remember all those lives lost to abortion. Upon completion of the service we will march back to the Convocation Center Lobby for the benediction prayer by Pastor Roger George.

Please join us and show your opposition to the Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion through all nine months.

PARISH CALENDAR



K of C Breakfast — **Sunday, January 17th** in Monroeville, 8am until noon. Adults \$7.00, Children \$3, under 6yrs free. Public Welcome!



SJS Sausage Sale—until **January 19th** call the school or ask a student from 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade. All proceeds go to the 2016 class trips. \$7/2lb pack.

The Health Ministry Team invites you to join us for a class on ***Essential Oils for New (and experienced!) Users***. Learn from others! Join us and share your own personal experiences as we discuss the many benefits of essential oils! Wednesday, **January 20th** at 6:30pm St. Alphonsus Parish Hall.

High School Lunch & Meeting —at St. Joseph Social Hall with Fr. Ron— Sunday, **January 24th** noon until 1:30pm.

Pastoral Council Meeting— 6:30pm Wed., **Jan. 27th** at the rectory.

First Reconciliation —for SJS & PSR students on Wednesday, **Feb. 3rd** at St. Joseph Church 6—7PM.



Fish Fry in Monroeville at the American Legion every Friday from 11am—1pm & 5:30 - 8pm

Census Update in Progress—Please take the time to *update your registration* with **current phone number, email, and family names**. BLANK REGISTRATION FORMS are in back of church if you are interested in joining or can be used to update your information. Your children 18 and older are to be registered separately if they are out of college. *Please call the office if you did not received your registration by mail.*

Please pray for **Zachary Brown**, of Attica our adopted Seminarian. His mailing address is:

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EXCITING NEWS! Fr. Ron would like parishioners to plan on being included in our **new** pictorial church directory for Sts. Alphonsus & Joseph. You may have your photos taken at either location March 17, 18 & 19 at St. Joseph or April 4, 5 & 6 at St. Alphonsus. Universal Church Directories will take quality photos!

Please call the parish office to volunteer to help with Sign ups begin after Masses the weekend of January 30 & 31.



Early Birds who sign up before Valentines Day will be placed in a drawing to receive a \$50 certificate to put towards additional portraits! You will receive 4 chances—there are (4) \$50 dollar certificates to be given out.

LAUDATO SI' ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



POPE FRANCIS

ENCYCLICAL LETTER

Laudato Si
On the Care of Our
Common Home Encyclical

Quote for the week:

“I will point to the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle”.

Discussion question for the week:

What do you think the Pope means by “throwaway culture”? Do you agree with him and why? How much do you and your family contribute to being a part of the “throwaway culture”?

Suggestion: Purchase only

produce and groceries that you will use within expiration dates. Go thru closets and drawers. Are there items you have not worn or that are in surplus that could benefit someone else i.e. Clothing Bank clients, Goodwill or Easter Seals? OR box them up for our 2 parish garage sale that will be held the weekend of April 15 & 16 at the Avery Commons (old outlet Mall). We will announce the beneficiaries of the profits and more details in the coming weeks.

Catholic and Lutherans Come Together

Join Bishop Thomas and Bishop Marcus Lohrmann from the Northwest Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for a presentation and discussion on Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*) followed by Evening Prayer and a light reception. This special day will take place at Rosary Cathedral on Sunday, **January 24, 2016** at 3:00 pm. Dr. Gregory Hitzhusen from The Ohio State University will be our guest presenter. Invite your Lutheran friends, neighbors, and family members to join with you in this special opportunity hosted by both bishops.

DOORS OF MERCY PROGRAM: During the season of Lent, the Sorrowful Mother Shrine (4106 S.R. 269, south of Bellevue) will offer an 8 week program called "Doors of Mercy." It shares humanity-falling away from God; and the story of God-Mercy. We will explore how God shows mercy to His people from Adam and Eve to the Israelites to the early Christians to the faithful today. We will learn about the five great Covenants of the Bible and understand how the Sacraments are "Doors of Mercy." During the Saturdays of February and March 2016, plan to join us for part or all of this exciting new program. **The first session will be Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 9 a.m. in the Shrine cafeteria.** For more information, call 419-483-3435 ext. 6. A great way to journey through Lent!



Theology on Tap is a gathering for young adults, ages 18 (post high school) to 39. It is an opportunity to talk about God and faith in a relaxed, comfortable setting.

Our next gathering will take place on Thursday, **January 21st** at Legends Sports Grill & Pub 63 W. Main St. Shelby, OH 44875 6:00 pm (Reservation made under Theology on Tap) **Speaker:** Fr. Eric Culler, Pastor of St. Francis & St. Bernard **Topic:** Shopping your Conscience For more information please contact Sheila at cre@willard-oh.com 419-935-1149



Catholic Charities
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**Catholic Charities
is Seeking
Volunteers in
Mansfield and
Norwalk**

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers for our Mansfield and Norwalk office locations. Volunteer opportunities include: office support, volunteer guardians, H.O.P.E Food Pantry volunteers and drop-off drivers, LifeSkills Workshop assistant, and case aides. If you are interested, please contact Dan Stephens, Catholic Charities Volunteer Coordinator, at 419-244-6711, ext. 231 or visit www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org/get-involved.

ATTICA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FRIDAY
February 5, 2016
5:00 to 7:00 PM

K of C Hall
111 Heyman Drive, Attica



ALL YOU CARE TO EAT
FISH

Baked Potato or French Fries
Coleslaw, Apple Sauce,
Bread & Drink

ADULTS:	\$9.00
CHILDREN:	\$6.00

*** Also Chicken Tenders Dinner**

BENEFIT FOR ADAM

In September, Adam was in a serious motorcycle accident losing both legs in the crash and almost his life! He has been in MetroHealth Trauma Care and Rehab in Cleveland, since the accident. Over the past couple months, with lots of prayers and God's intervention, he has made remarkable progress. Adam is the nephew of Deacon Fred Stockmaster, Pastoral Associate at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Plymouth.

Adam and Shelly, his wife have two children ages 1 and 4 living in Shelby. Adam is expected to come home sometime toward the end of the month, however the house has to be modified to accommodate a double amputee. The expected costs of these minimal renovations is \$13-18,000.

A BENEFIT BRUNCH from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. is being held February 7th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 117 Sandusky Street, Plymouth, OH. A free-will offering and donations are being accepted. Let us reach out and be Christ's merciful and compassionate touch to this family with your support!



What kind of world is created *without* mercy?

What kind of world is created *with* mercy? Come experience Fr. Crosby's deeply moving teaching as we explore the spirituality of mercy in Scripture, Church teachings, and modern culture. Here are the details:

- Who?** All area adults are invited!
- What?** Six two-hour sessions featuring Fr. Dan Crosby, OFM Cap. in his DVD program, "Mercy: The Heart of Faith, The Reason for Hope".
- Where?** St. Paul Catholic Church, 91 E. Main St., Norwalk, OH 44857 419-668-6044
- When?** Two Options!
1. Six Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Juan Diego Room from February 11 through March 17,
 2. Six Friday mornings ("LUNCH & LEARN") from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Gathering Space from February 12 through March 18, 2016.

Note: Registration is required. To register or for more information, contact St. Paul Parish Office at admin@stpaulchurch.org or 419-668-6044. **OR** contact Marian Bermudez at mbermudez@neo.rr.com.

There is no fee for this program; a good will donation is requested for the Friday "LUNCH & LEARN" sessions.

SAVE THE DATE!!! Wednesday, February 10th is



Ash Wednesday. Kick off the Lenten season right with St. Joseph School's 1st Annual

"Run Your Ashes Off" 5K! Receive your ashes at St. Joseph Church then run or walk them off in a 5K around town. Registration will begin at 4:30pm, ashes at 5:30pm and Run/Walk at 5:45pm. Watch for more details to follow including early registration dates and instructions... Spread the word! Public is invited, you can join us if you receive ashes or not – for this winter 5K school fundraiser!

Planet Aid at St. Joseph School You may have noticed the yellow Planet Aid bin just inside the fence on the south side of our St. Joseph School playground.



Planet Aid is a non-profit organization that collects shoes and clothing for distribution in developing countries. Through clothing donations and additional grant support,

they are able to provide assistance to orphaned children, increase HIV/AIDS prevention, and fight disease. Our school earns \$.03 for every pound of items donated. We hope you can help by donating used shoes and clothing that can be recycled for further use. For more information, please see their website at: www.planetaid.org

Wellness Fair with a Focus on Heart Health

Sat., Feb. 13, 7 - 9:45 a.m.

Fisher-Titus Snyder/White Heart & Vascular Center

Talk with our medical professionals, receive health screenings and visit exciting exhibits. Appointments and fee required for screenings listed below, all other screenings are free.

- Blood Analysis, \$45
- Lipid Profile & Fasting Glucose, \$15
- A1C Blood Screening, \$20
- Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Test, \$25
- Thyroid Test (TSH), \$20
- Colon-Rectal Home Screening Kit, \$4

Space is limited; registration begins Jan.12 and ends Feb. 11. You are required to provide the name of your physician when making your appointment.

Registration: 419-660-2646



Discover Natural Family Planning Natural Family Planning (NFP) will be taught by the Couple to Couple League in a series of three classes beginning **Thursday, February 11th** at 7 pm at St. Paul Parish, Norwalk. NFP method is different from other artificial contraception because it cooperates with, rather than suppresses, a couple's fertility; can be used both to achieve and avoid pregnancy; fosters respect for and acceptance of the total person with no harmful side effects; and is virtually cost free. NFP is unique because it enables its users to work with the body rather than against it. For additional information, registration, or to learn of other classes in the area, please call Paul or Monica Depinet at 419-660-0534 or visit www.ccli.org.



Inclement Weather Policy:

Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, the Catholic churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled

Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan or parish events in that geographic region also are cancelled.

If you live outside of Huron County and a Level 3 Snow Emergency is declared in your county, even if not declared in Huron County where our parishes are located, you are still dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. Also, if Mass is cancelled due to a Level 3 Snow Emergency and then later the alert is lowered to Level 2 shortly before Mass, Mass will remain cancelled at our parishes if there are less than two hours before Mass time.

Local media, including radio station WLKR 95.3 FM (www.wlkr.northcoastnow.com), and the Huron County Sheriff's Office (www.huroncountysheriff.org) will post weather emergency information.

Prepare for BEST LENT EVER pick up your copy of Redicover Jesus few copies still in back of church!

Health Ministry News for January: Have you developed your New Year's resolution? Whether we write them out or just think about them, most of us can't help but consider the fresh beginning a New Year brings. The making of resolutions brings with it thoughts of past failures and guarded hopes for the future. (Here are some thoughts by Jan Burg RN) *My Resolution*

I won't look back; God knows the fruitless efforts, the wasted hours, the sinning the regrets: I'll leave them all with Him who blots the record, and mercifully forgives and then forgets.

I won't look forward. God sees all the future, the road that is short or long will lead me home. He will face with me every trial, and bear with me the burdens that may come. But I'll look up- into the face of Jesus, for there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled; and there is joy and love, light for darkness. Perfect peace, every hope fulfilled. The Lord is your partner and he will bless your efforts at growth. (... He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus! Php 1:6). Enjoy the knowledge that all things are in the hands of our loving God.



Fr. Martin Holler of UNBOUND **THANKS the parishes of St. Alphonsus & St. Joseph**

I came to Monroeville and Peru with 35 names of children, youth and elderly. The appeal was very, very successful! I would like to thank you, the parishioners, and Fr. Ron for inviting me to your lovely parishes and for your generous support, 26 needy people were sponsored because of you and will have new hope for their lives! I was able to leave 7 folders for others to become unbound sponsors, they are at Mass today and will be in the parish office for one more chance if you would kindly consider sponsoring one of them. Come and view them in back of church this weekend or stop by the parish office. The parish office will hold the folders on these needy individuals until January 26th

God Bless, Fr. Martin Holler

Unbound is a sponsorship program that began in 1981 by lay Catholics to help children and elderly—empowering them to live lives with dignity and reach their potential.

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Matthew 5:16

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