



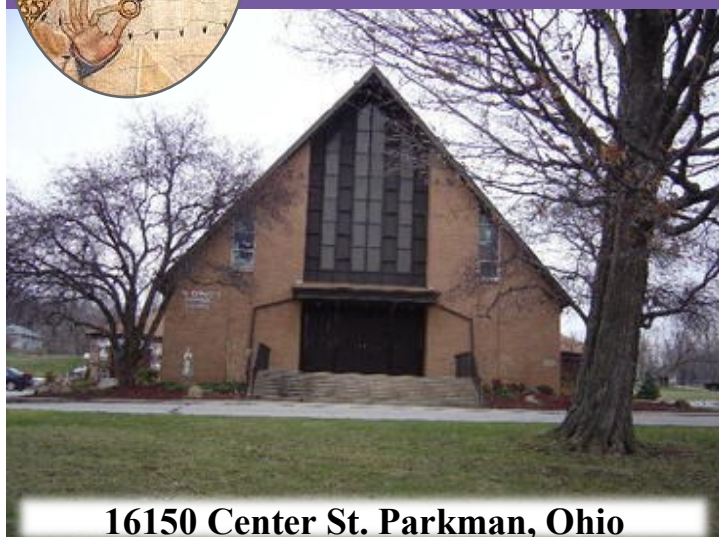
SS. Edward & Lucy Parish

Clustered with St. Helen Church



OUR MISSION

"The vibrant Catholic community of SS. Edward and Lucy teaches, proclaims and lives the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We do so through the celebration of the Eucharist, the administration of the sacraments and in loving and merciful service to all."



16150 Center St. Parkman, Ohio



16280 East High St. Middlefield, Ohio

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm-St. Edward
6:30pm-St. Lucy
Sunday: 8:30am-St. Edward
10:30am-St. Lucy

Confession Schedule

Saturday: St. Edward: 4:00-4:45pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: 6:00pm-St. Edward Chapel
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00am-St. Edward Chapel

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass: 6:00pm-St. Edward
Holy Day: 9:00am-St. Edward
Holy Day: 6:30pm-St. Lucy

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Registration

Call the office or download a form at
www.ssedwardlucy.com



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**SS. Edward &
Lucy Parish**



We live in a secular age that often relegates the spiritual to the hyper-individualistic world of mental health and well-being. Instead of spirituality drawing someone into the most profound meaning of life, it becomes about someone's likes or dislikes regarding an intuition about the cosmos. When this happens, metaphysical claims about life and death, angels and demons, the power of the supernatural and so on, become mere opinions, rooted in someone's culture or ideology. Spiritual health becomes about mental equilibrium. Whatever doesn't bring peace is deemed unspiritual. The secular world will tolerate spirituality when it fits into this relativistic way of thinking: "you believe whatever you want to believe and leave me alone to believe whatever I want to believe." As soon as one's spirituality or faith begins to make claims on others or

claims about how the world should be, then it becomes "dangerous" in the minds of the world.

Christianity is not a secular spirituality; Jesus did not save us for the sake of emotional equilibrium, although the Holy Spirit can bring us a peace beyond understanding. At times, when we journey as disciples, Jesus will summon us to give more of ourselves and to turn away from sins. Instead of peace, this might bring confusion, fears, worry, guilt, and a sense of loss. If we live by the tenants of the secular world's version of spirituality, we will think that Jesus is mean because the feelings I have are unpleasant. After all, it doesn't "feel good" to sense one's sinfulness. But, when the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin and draws us away from sin, then the pain will be a part of the process of greater freedom. Sin confines us and it has a "grip" on our lives that needs to be challenged. This will often be a battle, and an interior battle. To cut loose the habits of sin, to learn new virtues, to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus, it will cost us. But the cost is worth it, because the only thing "leaving" is what holds us back from the eternal life God has for us. When we fast this Lent, we will need to remember that the hunger pain is but a shadow of the hunger Jesus has for our salvation and that of others. We will need to remind ourselves that the hunger we feel becomes a prayer reaching out to heaven, making of our very bodies a spiritual sacrifice. We forego food (remember to follow doctor's directions and fast according to your health and ability) as a fast to offer the hunger as an act of reparation for sin and cry out to God for mercy from our very gut. Fasting is a powerful spiritual weapon in the interior battle for holiness. Saint Augustine said, "Fasting and almsgiving are 'the two wings of prayer' which enable it to gain momentum and more easily reach even to God." Saint Peter Chrysologus said, "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So, if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself." Jesus has so many good things he wants to pour out upon the Church this Lent. Will we fast, pray, and give as an intercessory act of prayer for the Church to step into the glory God the Father desires to share with us?

Peace,
Fr. Jacob

With the Chicken Dinner approaching, it will be time to print and sell large prize raffle tickets soon. If you are interested in donating anything over \$300, those donations must be given to the office within the next few weeks so that tickets can be made in time. We thank you for your continuous generosity, support, and understanding. Thank you and God Bless. - Chicken Dinner and Car Show Committee

The Rosary Group is looking for Help!

Make serving others a part of your Lenten Journey! As the group that prays the rosary at 8:30 am every Tuesday grows, so does the need for people to be prayed with. Individuals who are willing to pray the Rosary every 3rd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM at the Inn at the Pines in Troy Township are greatly needed. For more questions and information, please call Barbara Hill at (330) 569-7480

KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS PREGNANT? SCARED? NEEDS HELP? CALL 1-800-712-4357 24 HOURS

SS. EDWARD & LUCY PRAYER LINE: Call Rebecca 330-389-0728 or email prayer request to Rebbanne@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 2 Saturday Vigil

5:00pm Harriett Tetzlaff/Alice Molnar

6:30pm HB Stacy Scharf/Norm & Angela

Sunday, March 3 Sunday

8:30am Pro Popolo

10:30am Michelene Szabados/Bruncak Family

Monday, March 4 Weekday

6:00pm Natalie Schaublin/Milko Family

Tuesday, March 5 Weekday

8:00am H+B Linda Spriggs/Milko Family

Wednesday, March 6 Weekday

8:00am Lawrence Politzer/Sue Mullett

Thursday, March 7 Weekday

8:00am HB Dwight Milko/Milko Family

Friday, March 8 Weekday

8:00am Dan Nichols/Alice Molnar

Saturday, March 9 Saturday Vigil

5:00pm Halina Jasinski/Alice Molnar

6:30pm Jason Kankula/Carolyn Sokol

Sunday, March 10 Sunday

8:30am Dad & Ed Pawlowski/Alice Molnar

10:30am Jane Makar/Mary Husek

WEEKLY OFFERING

| 2/18 | St. Edward | St. Lucy |
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| Saturday Vigil | \$1056.00 | \$672.00 |
| Sunday Morning | \$2601.00 | \$2221.31 |
| Candles | \$176.00 | \$22.00 |
| B&I Mission | \$230.00 | \$166.00 |
| Utilities | \$50.00 | \$10.00 |
| Restricted | \$190.00 | \$220.00 |
| Ash Wednesday | \$1106.00 | \$1099.00 |
| Thank you so much for your generosity! | | |

Weekly Schedule of Events:

Monday: 6:00 pm Mass & Rosary Devotion E

7:00 pm High School Small Group E

Tuesday: 8:30 am Rosary Group in the Chapel E

6:30 pm RCIA E

Wednesday: 5:00 pm Evening of Confession E

6:30 pm Youth Group E

7:00 pm Bible Study E

Thursday: 10:00 am Rosary Makers E

1:00 - 6:00 pm Adoration L

2:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle L

6:30 pm Sisters in Christ

Friday: 8:30 am Stations of the Cross E

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross L

Saturday: 9:00 am Parish Clean Up Day E & L

12:00 pm Adoration E

Sunday: 9:00 am First Communion Class L

CASSIE'S COLUMN

Youth Group

Our High School Small Group is meeting this Monday, March 4 from 7 to 8pm at St. Edward. All 9th-12th grade students are invited to attend!

Our youth group is meeting this Wednesday, March 6 from 6:30 to 8pm at St. Edward. All 6th-12th grade students are invited to attend!

RCIA

RCIA will be meeting this Tuesday, March 5 for a Q&A night with Fr. Jacob. All are welcome to attend, whether you are Catholic or non-Catholic, practicing the faith or have questions about it. We will meet from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the meeting room at St. Edward.

We are in need of baked goods for our reception after the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 30. We will be hosting a reception to welcome those who are being received into full communion with the Catholic Church following the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. If you are able to donate baked goods for the reception, please contact Cassie in the Religious Education office at (440) 548-3812 or DRE@ssedwardlucy.com

Sacramental Classes

All First Communion students have class next Sunday, March 10 from 9am to 10:30am at St. Lucy.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be taking place on Saturday, March 30 at 11am at St. Edward. We will have separate Easter Egg Hunts for the following age groups: 0-5, 6-9, 10-12 and 13+.

We need volunteers to help us hide the eggs the morning of the Easter Egg Hunt! If you are able to arrive at 9am on Saturday, March 30 to help us hide eggs, please notify Cassie in the Religious Education office at (440) 548-3812 or DRE@ssedwardlucy.com

Vacation Bible School

Save the date! SS. Edward & Lucy Parish will be hosting Vacation Bible School June 17-21, 2024.

From the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska

Tell [all people], My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls.

Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8 Week Support Group

designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated will begin **Tuesday, March 12 and conclude on April 30, 2024, at St. Gabriel Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord.** The group meets from 6:30-8:30 PM in the school building with a caring, trained facilitator. Our goal is to provide a place where we can share support and encouragement while offering direction and guidance for those that are struggling with separation/divorce. Sessions are tailored to meet the needs of the participants and provide the tools for coping and moving on. For more information or to register, please call Karen at 440-352-8282 or email kjubeck@st-gabriel.org. There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.

The Divine Mercy Cenacle will be leading Stations of the Cross on March 15th at 7:00 PM at St. Lucy. Please join us as we take this time to reflect on the Passion of Christ.

Healing Mass

On March 11th, Fr. Jacob will be saying a healing mass at 6:30 PM in the main church at St. Edward. The regular rosary devotions will be moved to 6:00 PM. Following the healing mass will be an opportunity to pray with and over each other for healing.

We hope to see you there!

You are invited to attend Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Parish Mission "Basics of Spiritual Life" on March 12, 13, & 14, 2024 at 7 PM each night in the church.

Presenters are: Tuesday – Fr. Eric Garris, Wednesday – Fr. Andrew Turner, and Thursday – Fr. Michael Gurnik.

Parish renewal begins with Me.
29850 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, Ohio 44092
(440) 585-0700. All are welcome.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year. The next Grief Support meeting is Sunday, March 17th at 3:00pm for in-person support (at 6 locations), and 5:00pm for virtual support and the topic is "Spring, Easter, and Grief: Times of Sacred Transition". For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>.

For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

FREEDOM *through* **FORGIVENESS**

Retreat Day
Led by John Smith

Saturday, March 23

9AM - 1PM

RSVP required at
www.trilogy.center/retreats

\$40
lunch included



14th Annual Chicken Dinner and Car Show **August 18th at St Edward**

All are welcome to join the Chicken Dinner Planning Committee. It does not matter if you are interested in helping in one specific area, all of the areas, or simply are willing to help out wherever is need, all are welcome. Please see the parish calendar for the scheduled meetings. If you are unable to make the meetings, please contact the office expressing your desire to help with the Chicken Dinner, and we will get you in touch with those involved. Thank you so much for the constant service and help to the parish.

Next Meeting: March 14th at 6:30 PM @ St. Lucy

St Helen School Black & White Gala - Tickets on sale!

We are excited to announce our spring fundraising event, the St. Helen School Black & White Gala, presented by the Chevy Network and Preston Chevrolet! This will be a 2-part event:

1. In-Person Gala, March 23, 2024 at the EOUV Club in Newbury. Gala attendees can bid on online items and in-person items. Tickets include dinner, open bar, music & dancing, live auction (these items will **not** be available online) and some exclusive side raffles.

2. Online Silent Auction & Raffle, open March 20-23, 2024. This event will be open to the public, no Gala ticket necessary.

Funds raised support our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and Athletic Boosters Club.

Tickets, sponsorships, and advertisement opportunities are detailed at: <https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/st-helen-auction-24>

Please contact the office for any questions regarding the schedule and if you are looking at add any events to our online calendar or bulletin. All events will be considered at the discretion of the office. Thank you for understanding.

Scripture Readings
For the Week of March 3, 2024

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| Sunday | Third Sunday of Lent Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 |
| Monday | 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30 |
| Tuesday | Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35 |
| Wednesday | Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19 |
| Thursday | Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23 |
| Friday | Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34 |
| Saturday | Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14 |
| Sunday | Fourth Sunday of Lent 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 |

He Understands Us Well

Jesus came to save. From what? From sin, yes. From death, yes. But he goes to the very root cause of those things in every word and action of his life – and the root is hypocrisy and egoism, which is pride. In order to restore and defend man’s authentic relationship with God, Jesus must cleanse us from everything that gets in the way of that relationship, particularly whatever detracts from authentic faith and sincere worship. He came to save us from ourselves and our own contradictions.

The Temple officials directed their fellow Jews in the proper rituals, but had allowed the provision for that worship to gradually become adulterated with unholy practices. So when Jesus sees how the Temple has become a place of buying and selling, greed and worldly ambition (the businesses that provided proper sacrifices and the currency exchange making a lot of money for themselves), he cannot bear the hypocrisy that is detracting from true worship and sacrifice.

In his righteous anger, Jesus demonstrates uncharacteristic outrage. The very few times in the Gospel that we see Christ angry, it is to condemn hypocrisy. Hypocrites are holding themselves outside of the Kingdom, even as they claim to be at the pinnacle of it. We are all prone to this, due to the effects of Original Sin; by thinking of ourselves as exemplary citizens of God’s Kingdom, we are subtly seeking to be rulers of our own kingdom.

We are created to be Temples of the Lord’s Presence, but too often we allow lesser things to gradually occupy us and obscure the One Thing That Matters. Even if we are doing all the proper things on the outside, our hearts can become distracted and filled with lesser things.

Jesus understands us well. He knows the needs and desires and contradictions of our hearts and the many ways we fall as we try to walk in His ways. While our failures may surprise us, they do not surprise him. While we may forget we need to be saved and cannot save ourselves, he is ever our strong Savior, redeeming and refreshing and reminding us that we need to get up and look anew in the right direction.

And he delights to come to our aid! Lent is a time when we repent and ask the Lord to dust us off and clean our glasses so that we can see aright who we are and who He calls us to be, and adjust our course. We do not need to be perfect before we place all our confidence in Him – it is in placing all our confidence in Him that we grow in the way of perfection. He allows us to see our need so that we can entrust ourselves completely to His Heart, aching and beating and burning and pouring Himself out completely for love of us. This Lent, we can open ourselves anew to His Presence within us and entrust all our needs to Him.

By Kathryn Mulderink

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.