SS. Edward & Lucy Parish

Clustered with St. Helen Church

St. Edward

16150 Center St. Parkman, OH

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

Adoration

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

St. Lucy

16280 East High St. Middlefield, OH

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6:30 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Adoration

Thursday: 1:00 - 6:00 PM

Weekday Mass Times @ St. Edward in the Chapel

Monday: 6:00 PM Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM

Confession @ St. Edward Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

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A quick read through this Sunday's gospel passage might leave us judging the harshness of the king. When placed within the wider biblical story, with its matrimonial allegory strewn throughout, we might then ponder the carelessness of the guest. The Bible begins with a marriage between Adam and Eve and ends with the wedding banquet between the Bridegroom and the New Bride, the Church. This analogy can befuddle us when we meditate from a worldly mindset. When we think from God's perspective, however, we can begin to understand the mystery of God's love towards us more profoundly through this parable. The wedding garment in Jesus' day would signify the dignity of the feast and show respect for the newly weds. A wedding, then as now, was a festive occasion with ritual and traditions, banqueting and dance. Most people "dress up" a little more for a wedding than they do for Walmart. Paul admonishes his flock to "clothe yourselves in Christ" (Rom. 13:14). At baptism today, like in the early church, people often change clothes after their baptism into a white garment. Baptism and the wedding banquet become interlocked through the puzzle piece of the garment. Through this parable Jesus challenges those invited to the banquet to ask themselves if they're living from the dignity of the Supper of the Lamb. Have we accepted the invite but live as if we weren't really called to holiness of life? Do we live in communion with Jesus throughout our lives or simply check in every now and then? Are we drawing from the banquet provided through personal prayer, Scripture, service to those in need, and the sacraments? It's easy to brush off the parable and think the king was crazy in the story. Yet, how crazy is it that we become a new creation in Christ and live like everybody else? Isn't that crazier? Isn't it a touch wilder to realize that we are called to be clothed with Christ Jesus, filled with the glory of heaven, and doing the works of Jesus, having been chosen and blessed, only to then forget about this as soon as Mass ends? The Gospel of Jesus will always console us by his mercy, but his mercy will likewise summon us to sanctity; these two are not opposites, but reflections of the same mercy. There's nothing merciful about treating sin lightly and nothing kind about pretending like we are called to an unimaginably profound life of union with the Holy Trinity. If we've found ourselves growing a bit tepid in our faith, it's time for a "heart check." Are we wearing the wedding garment of heaven or have we tossed on pajama pants and started lounging around like the Electric Slide isn't going on and the angels and saints aren't waiting for us to partake?

Peace,
Fr. Jacob

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OCT 23-25
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SS. EDWARD & LUCY PRAYER LINE: Call Rebecca 330-389-0728 or email prayer request to Rebbanne@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 10 Saturday Vigil
5:00pm Marcianne Kimpton/Mary Smith
6:30pm Edward Bugajski/Joanne (wife)
Sunday, October 11 Sunday
8:30am Charles & Jude Kellogg/Family
10:30am Agustin Sr. Consuelo Jose Antonio Bernal/Family
Monday, October 12 Weekday
6:00pm Lance Corporal & Stanley J Sliwinski/Sarah Mitchell
Tuesday, October 13 Weekday
8:00am Marcianne Kimpton/Dave & Mary Lou Fuhry
Wednesday, October 14 Weekday
8:00am Ed Pawlowski/Mary Nichols
Thursday, October 15 Weekday
8:00am William R. Fisher/Family
Friday, October 16 Weekday
8:00am Kathy Love/M+M Nick Frank
Saturday, October 17 Saturday Vigil
5:00pm Cameron Toth & Rachel Lewis/Family
6:30pm Tom Browske/Maddox Family
Sunday, October 18 Sunday
8:30am Frank & Regina Fritz/Adrienne Fritz
10:30am Jane Makar/Mary Husek

9/27 Weekly Collection	St. Edward	St. Lucy
Saturday Collection	$1709.00	$657.35
Sunday Collection	$1557.00	$2465.00
Restricted Donations	$295.00	$175.00

Thank you for you generosity and supporting our parish!

Weekly Schedule of Events:

Monday:
10:00 am - 6:00 pm Adoration E - Chapel
6:00 pm Mass & Rosary Devotion E - Chapel
7:15 pm Confraternity of Penitents E

Tuesday:
8:30 am Rosary Group E - Chapel
6:30 pm OCIA L
7:00 PM Brothers in Christ L

Wednesday:
5:45 pm Generations of Faith L
6:30 pm Youth Group L

Thursday:
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Adoration L
2:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle L
6:30 pm Jesus Night L

Friday:
10:00 am Rosary Makers E

Sunday:
8:00 am Rosary Before Mass E
9:30 am Gathering E
10:00 am Rosary Before Mass L
11:30 am Gathering L

Youth Group

Our youth group will be meeting this Wednesday, October 14th at St. Lucy during Generations of Faith. All 6th-12th grade students are welcome to attend. Students may join us for the potluck dinner at 5:45pm, or jump in at 6:30pm when youth group begins.

Can you pray for our teenagers? Prayer is the most important thing our parish can offer our teenagers. There are envelopes available at the entrance of each church with prayer cards inside that has the name of one of our teenagers on it. Please pick one up and pray for that teenager by name. You will never know the difference your prayers can make in their life!

OCIA

OCIA will be meeting this Tuesday, October 13th and will be covering the Trinity. 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 at St. Lucy.

Sacramental Classes

All First Communion and Confirmation students have class this Sunday, October 11 from 9am to 10:30am at St. Lucy in Middlefield.

Generations of Faith

Our Generations of Faith program is meeting this Wednesday, October 14th at St. Lucy! Our session begins at 5:45pm with a potluck meal – please bring a dish to share. Join us as we learn about the gift of prayer. All are welcome to attend!

CALLED TO FLOURISH: WORSHIP

Caring for the sacred spaces and individuals within our ministry

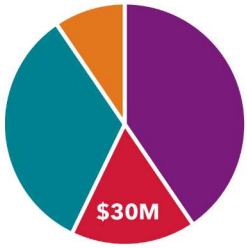
Worship is the heart of our Catholic faith, made possible through the faithful service of our priests and those who minister alongside them. Through *Called to Flourish*, $30 million will be dedicated to strengthen and sustain worship by investing in the formation of clergy and lay leaders.

This support includes **ongoing formation** for seminarians at Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminary, as well as continued training for priests and lay leaders in theology and pastoral ministry. The campaign will also bolster the **Clergy Health and Well-Being Fund** to ensure our active and retired leaders remain vibrant throughout their lives. Important improvements will be made to **Cathedral Square**, including restoration of the Cathedral sanctuary and a new Welcome Center in the Chancery.

If you have not yet received your personalized materials for the campaign, please stop by the parish office.

PARISH PRIORITIES

- **St. Edward:** Enhancing worship and gathering spaces, including meeting room space, sacristy enhancements, and sound system upgrades
- **St. Lucy:** Renewing parish and community spaces, including replacing the church carpet and important kitchen upgrades
- **Shared Priorities:** St. Edward Chapel restoration, youth ministry and continued formation, and liturgical enhancements



OUR PROGRESS – St. Edward

- Parish Goal: $240,000
- Total Pledged: $73,820

Last updated 10-06-26

OUR PROGRESS – St. Lucy

- Parish Goal: $260,000
- Total Pledged: $106,000

CALLED to FLOURISH
OUR CHURCH FOR THE FUTURE

The daily Mass Record for 2027 is open. Please contact the office to schedule a mass for next year. There are a few 2026 masses available as well.

We are limiting everyone to 10 mass requests at a time for the first half of the year. We thank you for your understanding.

The Sisters on Christ are having a Rosary around the campfire on Saturday October 24 at 7:45, after the 6:30 Mass. Please bring a chair or blanket and a snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

Altar Decorators Needed!

St. Lucy is putting together a team of interested folks who want to help beautify the altar throughout each liturgical season. When necessary, most decorating will take place after the 10:30 am mass. If interested, please contact Mary Milko @ 240-481-9462. No experience necessary; a keen eye and attention to detail is welcomed.

If you would like to help decorate the altar at St Edward's, please leave your info with Will at 440-548-3812 and someone will reach out to you with further info. Thank you in advance!

Pine Grove Trail in Chardon, Ohio

Tucked away under stately trees in Euclid, Ohio sits Our Lady of Lourdes National Shrine, a peaceful sanctuary steeped in history that draws thousands of people from around the world each year. In 1870, the Blessed Mother appeared to Julia Harms in the Euclid spot where a statue of Mary stands today and in 1926, a replica of the original Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine was built on the property. Join us as we host local author Jennifer Boresz Engelking for a free program sharing stories and history from her latest book about the Shrine, co-written with her mom, Joanne Boresz. For details or RSVP, visit jenningsohio.org/events or call (440) 901-4173.

For the Week of October 11, 2026

Sunday	**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10
Monday	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	**Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	**Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr** Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Franciscan Saint of the Week

October 12th - Saint Seraphin of Montegranaro (born Felice de Nicola; 1540–1604) was an Italian Capuchin friar known for his humility, simplicity, and deep piety. He was born in a poor family in Montegranaro, in the Marche region of Italy. Despite having little formal education and working from a young age as a shepherd and laborer, Felice was drawn to a deep spiritual life.

He joined the Capuchin branch of the Franciscan order as a lay brother, taking the religious name "Seraphin." Seraphin was assigned to various duties, often humble ones such as porter or doorkeeper in several friaries. Renowned for his charity, devotion, and obedience, he endured many hardships and misunderstandings with patience and faith.

Seraphin practiced a simple and austere life, was devoted to prayer, and was said to have mystical experiences. Many people sought his advice and prayers, believing he was blessed with spiritual gifts. He died in 1604 in Ascoli Piceno, and was canonized as a saint in 1767 by Pope Clement XIII. Saint Seraphin of Montegranaro is remembered as a model of humility and service, especially for lay brothers.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the fathers of the Second Vatican Council met to discuss the sacrament of penance, they were required to draw up a new rite, including several forms. The hot button for debate was so-called “general absolution,” by which a penitent could be absolved of sin without confessing to a priest. This was a difficult debate, compounded by widely varying traditions in both East and West. Some were surprised to learn that the Holy See had already given permission, during the First and Second World Wars, for this form. In 1944 the Vatican issued a decree saying this form was valid under extreme conditions, which bishops in mission lands and Latin America took as a kind of “blanket permission.”

Thus, the fathers of the Council were alarmed to find this practice fairly widespread, not only in war, but in peaceful places with huge numbers of faithful and few priests. Although they eventually produced a ritual with three different forms, the forms are not considered equal, and the enriched and revised individual form is preferred. The enrichments include a welcome of the penitent, a sign of the cross with an encouragement to trust in God’s compassion, new texts rich in the Word of God, praise for God’s mercy, and a dismissal.—Rev. James Field