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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Forgive me for what I'm about to write, but...winter approaches and Advent will be here before we know it. I know. I know...Summer just got here. Some of you already have your Christmas shopping done, and that both scares me and impresses me. We will probably start hearing Christmas music in stores and on the radio soon; it seems to happen earlier and earlier every year. Unlike Lent-Easter, the Christmas season moves in a flash and is highly commercialized. It's easy to get swept up in the parties, the foods, the movies, and general business that flares up around the Advent season. Taking this into account, we might want to consider **The Saint Martin's Fast**. In times of yore, The Saint Martin's Fast was a "lent" before Christmas; people would fast, pray, and give alms as a way to prepare their minds and hearts for the celebration of Christmas. Is Jesus calling us to do the same? Maybe your heart will be moved to prepare for Christmas spiritually and in a more intentional way this year. If so, it might be time to discern and pray about this unique fast. Saint Martin's feastday is November 11th and the fast begins November 12 and runs until Christmas. Although I am still discerning what to do during the fast, here's some ideas that might be able to help. I'm not planning on doing all of these practices during Saint Martin's Fast, but just want to give some ideas.

Some ideas for your discernment regarding the Saint Martin's Fast:

- Eating only one meal on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (follow doctor's instructions regarding any fasting).
- If you generally pray for 10 minutes a day, double it.
- Read a chapter from one of the Gospels before watching your favorite shows in the evening.
- No social media on Fridays.
- Go to a daily Mass during the week, if possible.
- If you're not praying the rosary regularly, pray a rosary daily.
- Skip eating out or buying coffee from the shop, save up what you'd spend, and give it to a charity of your choice.
- Help a neighbor or family member with autumn/early winter yard work or snow shoveling.
- Look up Lectio Divina and try that method of prayer.
- Look up the Breviary and try praying Morning and Evening Prayer each day.

These ideas aren't meant to be the only things, just some ideas to discern and ponder in prayer. Is Jesus asking you to join The Saint Martin's Fast? If not, no worries. If so.. .enjoy!

Peace,
Fr. Jacob

KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS PREGNANT? SCARED? NEEDS HELP? CALL BIRTHRIGHT (440) 286-9711

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 24 Saturday Vigil
5:00pm David Soltis/Soltis Family
6:30pm Ed Klucaric/Judith Louden
Sunday, October 25 Sunday
8:30am Thomas Reminder/Valerie & Steve Frank
10:30am Joe Welch/Judith Louden
Monday, October 26 Weekday
6:00pm Don & Mary Smith/William & Diana Turner
Tuesday, October 27 Weekday
8:00am Fortenbaugh Family/Ann Kingzett
Wednesday, October 28 Weekday
8:00am Holly & Chris Soltis Family/Alice Molnar
Thursday, October 29 Weekday
8:00am Elenore Fricker/Doris Schwendeman
Friday, October 30 Weekday
8:00am Anniv. David L. Bates/Lisa Bates
Saturday, October 31 Saturday Vigil
5:00pm Aaron Wolfram and Anna Blouir/Wolfram Family
6:30pm Frank & Regina Fritz/Adrienne Fritz
Sunday, November 1 Sunday
8:30am Pro Popolo
10:30am Lloyd Elko/Elko Family

10/11 Weekly Collection	St. Edward	St. Lucy
Saturday Collection	$974.00	$858.00
Sunday Collection	$1830.00	$1955.40
Restricted Donations	$150.00	$80.00

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

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

Wednesday:
6:30 pm Youth Group E
6:30 pm Bible Study E

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

Friday:
2:00 pm Bible Study L

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 28th from 6:30 to 8pm at St. Edward in Parkman. All 6th-12th grade students are welcome to attend!

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 27th and will be covering Jesus. 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 25 from 9am to 10:30am at St. Lucy in Middlefield.

ENCOUNTER
AKRON CAMPUS
SCHOOL OF HEALING

2-DAY WEEKEND SCHOOL
& HEALING SERVICE

NOV. 6-7

"...they will lay hands on the sick & they will recover." - Mark 16:18

Saint Lucy 16280 E. High St., Middlefield, OH 44062

Jesus promised, "These signs will accompany those who believe...They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." (Mark 16:17) Jesus has called us to do what he did, and that includes healing the sick. The event is a two-day conference to teach, impart and activate Christians to be a more effective minister of Jesus' healing in the world! Are you going to give him the chance?

SESSIONS *Faithful to Catholic Teaching.*

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	THEOLOGY OF HEALING	ROLE OF FAITH & PRAYER MODEL FOR HEALING	OVERCOMING DISCOURAGEMENT & UNDERSTANDING IMPARTATION	THE POWER OF PEACE	HEALING SERVICE* *This session is free & open to the public*

Training Includes:

- Praise & Worship
- Powerful Sessions
- Opportunities to pray for and receive prayer for physical healing

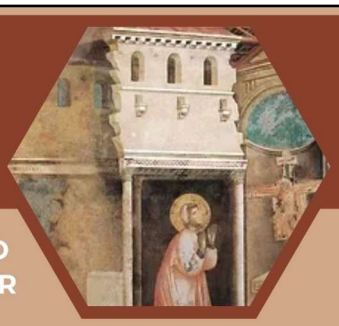
encounterschool.org/akron

Friday, November 6
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, November 7
9:00am - 5:00pm

Healing Service*
November 7 @ 7:30pm
*This portion is free and open to the public

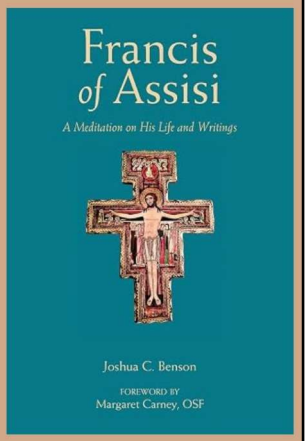
DEEPENING PRAYER WITH ST. FRANCIS



ARE YOU LOOKING TO DEEPEN YOUR PRAYER LIFE?

During this Jubilee Year of St. Francis, we will deepen our prayer lives through studying the life and writings of St. Francis. Please join us in the meeting room at **St. Edward** after Monday evening Mass (6pm) and the Rosary at approximately **7:15pm on November 9, December 7, and January 11.**

All are welcome! You do not need to attend every meeting - come whenever you are able.



(books will be provided!)

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.

Altar Decorators Needed

Ss. Ed & Lucy are putting together two teams who would like to help decorate and beautify the altar throughout each liturgical season. No experience necessary; a keen eye and attention to detail is welcomed.

If you would like to help, please contact Will at office@ssedwardlucy.com and leave the following information: 1) Name 2) Number 3) If you'd like to help St Edward, St Lucy or both. ~Thank you!

HOLY LAND GIFTS

Bulletin Announcement

After all the Masses on October 31,&November first , 2026

There will be a display of handmade articles for sale, including nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, depictions of the Last Supper, and many other beautiful religious items.

Because of the ongoing conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet. Holy Land Gifts represents over 100 Christian families who make their living selling traditional olivewood handcrafts and religious articles. When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you help artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families and live and work with dignity in a region fraught with tension.

Thank you for supporting this project to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land of Jesus' birth.

May God Bless You

Suhair Musleh **(330) 979-5523**

giftsofjerusalem.com

St. Anselm Women's Guild Annual Christmas Boutique, Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 13013 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland (Rt. 306, just south of Rt. 322), featuring handcrafted items by over 80 area craftsmen for your holiday decorating and gift giving. There will also be a Bake Sale, Snack Bar, and Prize Raffle with many prizes. $1.00 admission. For further information call Shirley at (216) 832-5158.

For the Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday	**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40
Monday	Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	**Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16
Thursday	Eph 6:10-20; Ps 114:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
Friday	Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	**Solemnity of All Saints** Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Franciscan Saint of the Week

October 26th Blessed Bonaventure of Potenza, born Carlo Antonio Lavagna in 1651 in Potenza, Italy, was a devoted Italian Franciscan friar known for his deep piety, humility, and charitable works. At a young age, he joined the Conventual Franciscan order, taking the religious name Bonaventure, and later was ordained a priest. Throughout his life, he dedicated himself to ministering in Naples and the surrounding areas, serving as a confessor, preacher, and novice master. His reputation for holiness and spiritual wisdom led many to seek his counsel, and numerous miracles, particularly healings, were attributed to him both during his life and after his death. Blessed Bonaventure died in Ravello, near Naples, on October 26, 1711, and was buried there. In recognition of his exemplary virtues and the miracles associated with him, he was beatified by Pope Pius VII in 1775. He is especially remembered in Southern Italy as a model of Franciscan humility and devotion.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There is a show on public television in which people search their attics for heirlooms, dust them off, and trek them downtown for ruthless evaluation by teams of antique experts. Occasionally the owners are surprised to learn they have been harboring priceless artifacts: a Tiffany bowl used to catch the car keys, a Van Gogh in the downstairs bathroom. What they lugged downtown in a paper bag, they carry home in bubble wrap and receiving blankets.

It's the same way with treasures in Church life. Lots of things were lugged up into the attic years ago, and it was inevitable that some treasures ended up in the trash. Many Catholics tucked the sacrament of penance away in a dusty corner. We know it's there if we need it, but it is not the weekly routine it once was, like the Saturday bath "whether I need it or not." Today, especially in Lent and Advent or as part of personal preparation for marriage, ordination, or other life transitions, the sacrament of penance is a treasure of the Christian life waiting to be discovered. What's in your attic?—Rev. James Field