

# Our Lady of Grace Church

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## *Mission Statement*

*We, the Roman Catholic faith community of Our Lady of Grace, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and dedicated to our Blessed Mother, value our mission to make God's presence visible in today's world. In service to God's will, and with the Holy Spirit's guidance, we manifest God's peace, love and saving presence as we pray, worship, work and live together in His Name.*

July 22, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **Sunday Masses**

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 am

## **Weekday Masses**

Monday: 8:00 am

## **Holy Day Masses**

8:00 am & 7:00 pm

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

First & third Sundays at 12 pm

Baptism classes required for first child.

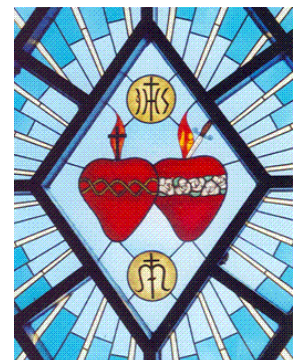
## **Sacrament of Marriage**

Six months preparation. Call parish priest to set a date.



## **Home of Triumph of the Two Hearts Shrine**

- \* Open 24 hours a day all year long
- \* Unique statue of Jesus with the Blessed Mother
- \* Outdoor Stations of the Cross
- \* Beautiful country scenery
- \* One of Ohio's newest Shrines



**OLOG MINISTRIES**

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

July 28, & 29, 2018

4:00 pm	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	G. Faciana A. Bures, R. Manley, C. Caluya J. Pesarchick, Deacon
8:00 am	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	C. Cook S. Cerrito, L. Kremser, D. Holztrager L. Smith, Deacon & S. Dobbins
11:00 am	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	C. Valasik N. Gaj, T. Smith, A. Chesnick C. Horwitz, Deacon

**RCIA**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Are you someone or do you know someone who...  
 \*has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?  
 \*has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?  
 \*was baptized Catholic, as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or the Eucharist?

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Bill. This year classes will be offered through Saint Albert the Great. The Rites and Sacraments will be held here during the Easter season.

*The rosary is a school for learning true Christian perfection. Pope St. John XXIII*

**WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR!**

This weekend we welcome Fr. Illuri from the Nellore Diocese, India who will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. He is here this weekend talking about his diocese in India and how they are in need of financial help in order to survive since it is such a poor area. There is a second collection today for his diocese. Please be as generous as possible.

Psalm 23 is probably one of, if not the best known Psalm. The Lord is our Shepherd is very true. If we turn our life over to God, life may not be perfect, but it is a much easier than handling it by ourselves. God is there for us at all times but sometimes we do not recognize His presence since we are so focused on our problems, hurts, illnesses, etc. It is like putting blinders on which keeps us from noticing anything else. We need to take off those blinders and try to recognize God around us in the people who are trying to help. And if we do take off those blinders, we may be amazed at what we see.

I will be leaving on vacation on Sunday afternoon. While I am away Frs. Estok, Pfeifer and Kim will be covering for Masses and anything else that is needed. I thank them for taking on this responsibility.



Have a Blessed week!

Fr. Bill

**REGISTRATION OPEN!**

We are currently registering for the 2018-19 PSR school year. Students must register every year. Please see the vestibule of the church or the Moses Room for registration forms. Classes begin September 9<sup>th</sup>!



**TEACHERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for teachers and aides to fill out our teaching staff for this year. The Elementary classes (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) meet on Sunday mornings between masses and the Middle School classes (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) meet a couple of Monday evenings per month. This is a wonderful way to pass on our Catholic Faith to the youth of our parish. If you are interested in being a teacher or an aide, please email or call Bridget Kovalik at [ologpsr@gmail.com](mailto:ologpsr@gmail.com) or 330-391-0438. Thank you!

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

Pattern your family life after that of Jesus and the apostles They took time out to go to a deserted place and rest with Jesus. Renewed, they were able to attend to the multitudes who came looking for Jesus. The Christian life has a rhythm alternating between activity and rest and prayer. Be sure to find time for rest and renewal.

**HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT**

Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, is excited to have several students from China joining the Hoban community for the 2018-19 academic year. They are looking for great families to welcome these students into their home for the school year. Families received a monthly stipend to help with the cost of hosting the student. Host families are only required to provide their visiting student with their own room, all meals outside school lunches, and transportation to/from school (the school bus is ok). Otherwise host families are asked simply to welcome their exchange student as part of the family and help them experience American culture! If you are interested, please contact Kileigh Su at [hostfamily@iperc.org](mailto:hostfamily@iperc.org) or 330—703-1643.

**TWO WEEKS AWAY!**

The FEST takes place in just two weeks from noon-10 pm at the CPL (28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe). Join with thousands from across our region for a day of faith, family, and great fun! It's all FREE. Listen to inspiring music. Visit activities for your kids, displays to help you strengthen your family life and so much more. There's plenty of free close parking. There's great family affordable food. There's something for everyone at The FEST. The day concludes with a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8 pm with Bishop Perez followed by an incredible firework display. Check out all the details online at [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us).

**LEAF MINISTRY**

Do you have a loved one or family member who was, is or may be incarcerated? Consider attending a LEAF Ministry meeting. The LEAF Ministry meets at Medina Count Jail on the fourth Monday of each month (July 23 is their next meeting) at 7 pm. Leaf Ministry offers support, comfort and fellowship as families and friends of the incarcerated gather together. Meetings are confidential, non-denominational, no registration, and there is no cost to you. For more information call Connie at 330-648-2602 or [connieebaugh@gmail.com](mailto:connieebaugh@gmail.com)

**ADDICTION AWARENESS WORKSHOP**

The Samaritan Ministry of St. Malachi Parish is offering a FREE one-day Addiction Awareness Workshop at St. Malachi Center, West 25th & Detroit, on Saturday, August 4th from 9 am to 4 pm. Snacks and beverages provided. Relevant topics include: *the opiate epidemic; addiction/alcoholism as a brain disease; effects of drinking/using on others; treatment options; 12-step programs of recovery; resources in the community.* For a brochure or to register visit [www.stmalachi.org/samaritan-ministry-2018](http://www.stmalachi.org/samaritan-ministry-2018) or contact Judy Stowe at 440—250-9959 or St. Malachi Rectory at 216-86-5343.

**A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES**

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. Retrouvaille is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org). The next Retrouvaille Weekend is September 14-16.

**CRAFTERS WANTED**

Crafters are wanted for Elyria Catholic's Holiday Craft Show and Bazaar which will be held Saturday, November 10 from 9 am-3 pm. Our crafters are treated right with students to help load and unload your car, and free coffee and pastry. Tables are \$35 or \$40 with electric if your registration is post marked by September 30th. After September 30th will be \$40 or \$45 with electric. For additional information or a packet with an application, please call—Lynette Patton at 440-288-8034 or email [elyriacatholicband@gmail.com](mailto:elyriacatholicband@gmail.com)

**PRAYERS WORK WONDERS**

Remember the sick and suffering of parish family especially: Blanche Bieda, Barb Blake, Claudia & Patti Bulkowski, Colleen Darabant, Arthur DePiero, Elaine Frygier, John Hanna, Cheryl Henderson, Linda Joseph, Megan Keefe, Debbie Klein, Kathleen Klosinski, Richard Konnerth, Jeanne Krywicki, Carl Lemke, Carmello Leo, Ian M., Nick Piro, Lois Rhodes, Dennis Rogozinski, Braidyn Schneid, Jim Steed, Cara T., Michelle Trisk, Derek Vitas, Mort Winer.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Our next *Pride Day* will take place on Saturday, October 13 from 9 am to 1 pm. More information to come.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 25	Choir	7:00 pm
July 26	Rosary for Peace	7:00 pm
July 27	Moms' Bible Study	7:00 pm

### MISSIONARY CO-OP

“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation.” Mk 16:15. Jesus has called us all to be witnesses of Him and His teaching. However, not all of us are called to travel to foreign countries to witness to Christ.

This weekend Father Illuri, will be visiting us from India. He will be telling us about the church in his Diocese of Nellore located along the sea coast of the Bay of Bengal. We will have the opportunity to help Father Illuri and his diocese by donating to the second collection this weekend. In this way we can help promote the mission of Christ. Please be generous to this appeal.

### THE BREAD OF LIFE

In order to draw closer to men and give them a more convincing proof of his love, Eternal Wisdom went so far as to become man, even to become a little child, to embrace poverty and to die upon a cross for them.

How many times while here on earth could He be heard pleading, “Come to Me, come to Me, all of you. Do not be afraid, it is I. Why are you afraid? I am just like you; I love you. Are you afraid because you are sinners? But they are the very ones I am looking for; I am the friend of sinners. If it is because you have strayed from the fold through your own fault, then I am the good shepherd. If it is because you are weighed down with sin, covered with grime and utterly dejected, then that is just why you should come to me for I will unburden you, purify you and console you.

Eternal Wisdom, on the one hand, wished to prove His love for many by dying in his place in order to save him, but on the other hand, He could not bear the thought of leaving him. So He devised a marvelous way of dying and living at the same time, and of abiding with man until the end of time. So, in order fully to satisfy His love, He instituted the sacrament of Holy Eucharist and went to the extent of changing and overturning nature itself.

He does not conceal Himself under a sparkling diamond or some other precious stone, because He does not want to abide with man in an ostentatious manner. But He hides Himself under the appearance of a small piece of bread—man’s ordinary nourishment—so that when received He might enter the heart of man and there take His delight. Those who love ardently act in this way. “O Eternal Wisdom,” says a saint, “O God who is truly lavish with Himself in His desire to be with man!” *St. Louis de Montfort*

On September 10th, Eucharistic Adoration will be available for 24 hours after every Monday and continue through the day and night until 8 am on Tuesday. Seventy-two parishioners are needed for this important endeavor (three people per hour). Twenty-six people have committed to an hour. Surely 46 more parishioners feel called to spending precious time with Jesus. Please sign up now. You will find the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule.

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, JULY 21**

4 pm Judy Ogrin (Living)

**SUNDAY, JULY 22** *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8 am Living &amp; Deceased of Parish Family

11 am John &amp; Mary Lou Ascherl

**MONDAY, JULY 23**

8 am Rev. Edward Lajack / Pat Witkiewicz

**TUESDAY, JULY 24 TO FRIDAY JULY 27**

8 am (No Mass)

**SATURDAY, JULY 28**

4 pm Pamela Bernasek / Family

**SUNDAY, JULY 29** *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8 am Those Remembered at Two Hearts Shrine

11 am Luella Lindholm / Smith Family

**OUR FRIENDS THE SAINTS**

*Blessed Stanley Rother* -The first recognized martyr in the U.S. and the first U.S. born priest to be beatified was Father Stanley Francis Rother. The son of Franz and Gertrude Rother, he was born in Okarche, Oklahoma on March 27, 1935. Stanley was raised on a farm and did the usual farm chores. He attended Holy Trinity Catholic School, played sports and was an altar server. While in high school, Stanley began to discern the possibility of a priestly vocation. After graduating, he entered the seminary. However, he struggled with learning Latin and was advised to withdraw. After consulting with his Bishop, he was given a second chance and enrolled in another seminary. He was ordained for his home diocese On May 25, 1963 and served in parishes for five years until he volunteered for the mission in Santiago Atitlá, Guatemala.

Father Rother served the native tribe of the Tz'utujil. Surrounded by poverty, he lived a simple life, visiting the sick and saying as many as five Masses on a Sunday. He put his farming background to work helping the people plant crops and build an irrigation system. Despite his past difficulty with learning Latin, Father Rother not only learned Spanish, but also the native language of the Tz'utujil. He helped to translate the New Testament into the Tz'utujil language.

During this time, civil war was raging in Guatemala. The violence in the cities soon spread to the highlands and Santiago Atitlá. Thousands of Catholics were killed and catechists began to disappear. Father Rother's name appeared on a death list, and the mission team returned to Oklahoma. However, after three months of visiting with family and friends, Father Rother returned to Santiago Atitlá against the advice of his family and bishop saying, "The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger." Within a few months of his return, three men entered the rectory around 1 a.m. on July 28, 1981 and executed him.

Pope Francis officially recognized Father Rother as a martyr for the faith on Dec. 2, 2016, and the Rite of Beatification was celebrated on Sept. 23, 2017 in Oklahoma City. His memorial is July 28.