

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Michael says.....

When you look at it from the outside, it could seem pretty bizarre that Christians use the cross as a symbol of our faith.

For the people of Jesus' time, the cross was a brutal method of execution used by the Romans. It was a demonstration of the terrible authority of the empire and a powerful tool to keep people in line.

Jesus' death on the cross, along with every other victim, was a horrifying experience and a terrible thing to witness.

But today, churches around the world are marked with a cross. We wear cross jewelry and put bumper stickers with crosses on our cars. Every time we walk into a Catholic church, we make the sign of the cross.

What was a symbol of death has become the ultimate sign of life.

This Monday is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (the feast that gave our local Triumph of the Cross Parish its name).

It commemorates the finding of Jesus' cross by St. Helena, mother of the emperor Constantine, in the 4th century.

She had gone to the Holy Land to find the sites of Jesus' life. After tearing down a temple to Aphrodite, the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher was built on the site of Jesus' crucifixion and burial.

According to tradition, three crosses were found during excavations. The true one was identified when a dying woman was healed by touching it.

We should always remember the true meaning of the cross. When we see one in our churches or our homes; when we make the sign of the cross over ourselves - we

*May God bless you for your
goodness to His Church for the week of
September 6, 2026*

(BLS) Adult Envelopes	\$6,830.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0.00
Candles	\$469.00
Assumption	\$0.00
SVdP	\$1,887.00
Improvement Fund	\$0.00
Loose	\$237.00

(OLL) Adult Envelopes	\$1,373.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0.00
Candles	\$60.00
Assumption	\$0.00
SVdP	\$350.00
Improvement Fund	\$0.00
Loose	\$50.00

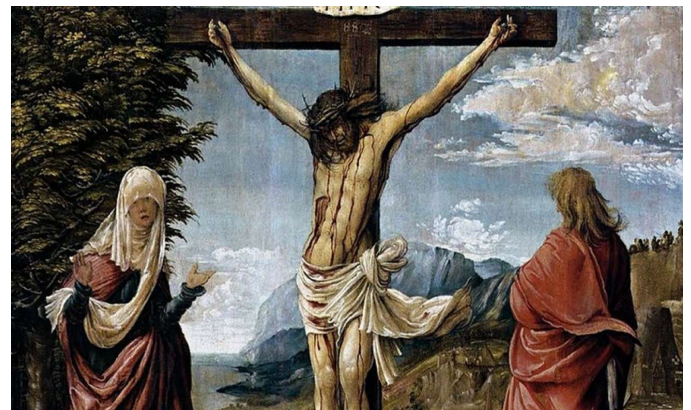
*May God bless you for your
goodness to His Church for the month of
August Online Giving*

(BLS) Adult Envelopes	\$4,116.32
Improvement Fund	\$260.00
SVdP	\$253.70

(OLL) Adult Envelopes	\$379.15
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are calling to mind the incredible, sacrificial love of Jesus.

He went to the cross for you and me. He gave everything so that we could be united to Him forever.



PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

HOSPITAL: as of Wednesday, September 9
Shirley Graham and Mary Darago

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH GOLF LEAGUE: (Began on Monday, May 11th) Will meet each Monday until Oct. 12th at 5:30pm, at the Steubenville Country Club All men of our parishes are encouraged and invited to participate!

TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARISHES DIRECTORY:
All you need to do is send your email address to Wintersvillecatholicparishes@gmail.com with your family name, then download the Instant Church



Directory app. It may be several days till you are inputted into the system, and then you can edit your info. **FYI:** Please contact the parish office to register as a member of the parish!!!!

ONLINE GIVING: Simply use these QR codes or go to our parish website (wintersvilleparishes.org) and go to "Giving."

Blessed Sacrament:

Our Lady of Lourdes



PSR Student Registration is now Open!

To register, please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/ykz2du7c>

If questions, email

WintersvilleParishesPSR@gmail.com

Infant of Prague Novena Begins on September 14

The Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling invites you to join us for the annual Infant Jesus of Prague Novena, beginning Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. The novena is held for nine consecutive Monday evenings, concluding on November 9. Each week includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a reflection by a guest homilist, music, and prayers to the Infant of Prague. This year's theme, "Unless You Become Like Children," will guide us as we reflect on the importance of childlike trust and humility. All are warmly invited to take part in this beautiful devotion and experience the powerful intercession of the Divine Child Jesus.

The parish Bible study is every Wednesday 9-10am at the rectory. All are welcome!

OCIA sessions start September 17th every Thursday
Contact: 740-264-0868 or mail@wintersvilleparishes.org

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for childcare for the women's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at Holy Family Church beginning September 15th. Please consider participating in this wonderful ministry, even if it's once a month. We would gladly welcome pre-teens to grandparents, and all ages in between! If you are interested, please call or text Alicia Hernon at (740)-418-8585 or Shannon Federhoff at (520)-369-9675. If you cannot volunteer, please pray that God provides volunteers so that the women with children at home can attend this great Bible Study! Thankyou so very much and God bless you!

On September 19th Grief Share will explore the topic of "Fearful & Overwhelmed: Facing the Unknown." It will cover how worry is a fear of what *might happen*, not what *will happen*, having a plan can prevent "Grief Overload," and fear reminds you to depend on a trustworthy God.

The Arise Group for women experiencing infertility will meet from 9-11 am on 2nd and 4th Saturdays beginning October 10th in the Marian Room at Triumph of the Cross (200 Rosemont Ave, Steubenville, OH). We will be discussing Mary Bruno's book *Twelve Stripes Deep: How Infertility & Other Suffering Delivered My Greatest Joy*. We welcome those affected by primary or secondary infertility to join us in striving to grow closer to the Lord while experiencing this cross. For more information or to join please contact us at arisesteubenville@gmail.com

Our Lady of Lourdes C.W.C. will have their September meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm. All Women 18 years and older are welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Knights of Columbus fall pasta dinners will be the 1st Sundays of the month: Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, & Dec. 6 from 1pm – 5pm. **Pasta, salad, bread, and cake: \$12.00.** Dine in or carry out call 740-535-8037.

PSR meet & greet 6pm-7pm September. 17th Upper Sargus Hall.

Announcement (25th Sunday)

OLL Women's club is visiting Rhoda Wise's house & grotto and the Mother Angelica Museum! If you wish to attend, please meet at 7 am in Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot on Saturday October 3rd. We will caravan to Canton together. All are welcome! Please call/text Mary Beth Mascolino-Engle (412-860-8866) by Oct. 1st if you would like to attend.

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Blessed Sacrament is in need of another sacristan. Specifically, we are in need of someone to assist at the 4:30pm Saturday evening Mass. No experience is necessary. All training will be provided by the other sacristans. If you are interested in learning more please contact Harrison Juliano,

[Harrison.Juliano@gmail.com](mailto:Harrison.Juliano@gmail.com), 631.223.6376, or after Holy Mass any day of the week. Thank you."

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **SUNDAY September 13 / 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Vigil (BLS) (9/12) - Living and deceased members of our Wintersville Parishes

8:00 AM (BLS) - Bonnie Kaine by Bob (husband)

9:30 AM (OLL) - Joe & Betty Rozsa by Family

11:00 AM (BLS) - Albert Jungers by Milo & Joanne Milburn

### **MONDAY September 14 / The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:00 AM (BLS) - Bonnie Kaine by husband

### **TUESDAY September 15 / Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:00 AM (BLS) - Michael (Mickey) Barber by his children & their families

### **WEDNESDAY September 16 / Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

8:00 AM (BLS) - Joshua Merriman by family & friends

5:30 PM (BLS) ADORATION & ROSARY

### **THURSDAY September 17 / Weekday**

8:00 AM (BLS) - Virginia Riley by family

5:15 PM (BLS) - Shirley Huscroft by Marsha Phillipson

### **FRIDAY September 18 / Weekday**

8:00 AM (BLS) - Roger Wells by LT & Elaine Wright

### **SATURDAY September 19 / Weekday**

8:00 AM (BLS) - Deacon Mike Welker by Mark & Jeanette Roberts

### **SUNDAY September 20 / 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Vigil (BLS) (9/19) - Joseph "Slugs" Smarrella by William & Joanne Kovalchik

8:00 AM (BLS) - Living and deceased members of our Wintersville Parishes

9:30 AM (OLL) - Renee Griffiths by Laura Froehlich & Cindy Gregor

11:00 AM (BLS) - Rosemary O'Brien by Craig & Linda McGinness



# Liturgical Ministries

| September 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>                                                          |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Saturday 9/19<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                      | <b>4:30pm</b>     |
| Lector:                                                                                                | Donna Cole        |
| EMOHC:                                                                                                 | Ben Osso          |
| Altar servers                                                                                          | Marrow/Mitchell   |
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| <b>Sunday 9/20<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                        | <b>8:00am</b>     |
| Lector:                                                                                                | Ben Erste         |
| EMOHC                                                                                                  | Patricia Doyle    |
| Altar servers:                                                                                         | Tsohantaridis     |
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| <b>(OLL)</b>                                                                                           | <b>9:30am</b>     |
| Lector:                                                                                                | Rob Yocum         |
| Altar servers:                                                                                         | (Volunteer)       |
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|                                                                                                        | <b>11:00am</b>    |
| Lector:                                                                                                | Rob Zaleski       |
| EMOHC                                                                                                  | Jodi Taylor       |
| Altar servers:                                                                                         | Inverso/Krivoniak |
| <p>As faithful ministers, you know what to do if you are unable to be at your Mass!<br/>Thank you!</p> |                   |

# Prayer Line

Intentions: Pray for Marcie, Lyle, Jeremiah, Beckie, all residents of local nursing homes, & the souls in purgatory

*"If each one prays for himself, he receives less from God's goodness than the one who prays on behalf of others"*

--St. Ambrose, bishop (340-397 A.D.)

Please reach out with your prayer intentions to the parish email and it will be printed in the bulletin.  
[mail@wintersvilleparishes.org](mailto:mail@wintersvilleparishes.org)



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