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Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

I am very glad to introduce the third edition of our guide book and parish directory for your convenience and information.

As you can see, this guide book contains a great deal of information concerning our parish and all the different ministries that are conducted here. It is easy to see that Sacred Heart Parish is a vibrant and faith filled community with many people who are committed to their Catholic Faith and have a desire to share that faith with others. We are a community that is very dedicated to teaching our children and young people what it means to follow Jesus in our daily lives and that includes a commitment to help the poor, the homeless, the sick and suffering as well as the elderly and the homebound.

I invite you to take time to read through the information in this guidebook and prayerfully discern where God is calling you to help or become more involved. I know that many of you are very committed to some of the ministries already and for that I thank you and ask that God will bless you for all you do for others. I would like to extend a special invitation to anyone who is not active in one of our ministries or parish groups to prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do. I believe that God calls all of us to share our gifts and talents with others to build up the kingdom of God here on earth.

Our parish community continues to grow in **GRACE and SERVICE** thanks to the generosity and sacrifice of so many good people; people who are anxious to take the words of the Gospel to heart by placing themselves at the service of God and His people by using their gifts and talents for the good of others. This is who we are as followers of Jesus imitating His love by laying down their lives for others.

We continue to be a vibrant parish community because more and more people are willing to put the words of Jesus into practice by being involved in our parish community. Our school is growing and expanding and so too are the PSR program, the RCIA and RCIC as well as the opportunities for adult faith formation through our Bible studies, men's and women's groups and retreats, as well as the parish mission. There are so many ways for all of us to grow in our Catholic Faith. I hope this guide book will help many to do just that.

I am very grateful to our Stewardship Committee for their efforts in putting this guide book together and to all the advertisers who have supported this effort with their ads. Please take the time to patronize these businesses whenever you are able.

In Jesus' Name,


Fr. Joe Labak
Pastor



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00, 9:30 am and 12:00 Noon
Weekdays	8:00 am Monday to Saturday 5:30 pm Wednesday 9:30 am Thursday when Sacred Heart School is in session (consult bulletin for details)

Sunday Liturgy on Wadsworth Cable TV WCTV Channel 15
9:00 am and 1:00 pm Sunday, 8:30 am Monday

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Registration: Everyone in the parish should be properly registered as a member. New parishioners, as well as those moving out of the parish, should contact the Parish Office.

Baptism: By prior arrangement with the Parish Office, parents are expected to attend a Pre-Baptismal Instruction which is held the first Sunday of March, June, September and December.

Marriage: Couples intending to marry must meet with a Priest or Deacon of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. At least one of the parties getting married must be a registered member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or before surgery, please call the Parish Office or speak with one of the Priests.

Communion Calls: Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the Parish Office so that Holy Communion may be brought to their home.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon and 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment with one of the Priests.

To be a Godparent or Sponsor: You must be a registered member of a Catholic Parish and a practicing Catholic at least 16 years old and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist and, if married, be in a valid marriage recognized by the Church.

Funerals: Arrangements are made with the Parish Office through the funeral director before publication in the newspaper.

Crisis Pregnancy: Don't Panic. Help of ALL KINDS is available. If unsure of what to do, call the Community Pregnancy Center at 330.825.1900. You will find lots of support for you and your unborn child. Every human life is sacred and a gift from God.

Bequests: A bequest to your Parish is a way to honor your church and faith of your lifetime. A bequest, included in your will, is exempt from state and inheritance taxes and reduces the amount of estate to be taxed. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

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A Short History of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

By Dr. Caesar Carrino

Until about 1870, there were no Catholics living in Wadsworth. In the early 1870's, when men were needed to work in the Silvercreek coal mines, Irish miners from Doylestown were enticed by the mine owners to move to Wadsworth. However, these Irish Catholics were not welcomed by the anti-Catholic Protestants who had settled the area.

There was no Catholic church in Wadsworth. To attend Mass, people had to travel to SS. Peter and Paul Church in Doylestown or SS. Phillip and James Church in Canal Fulton, distances of four and nine miles respectively.

John Gallagher, whose house was where Sacred Heart School is now situated, offered his house for Mass. Fr. Edward Vattmann, Pastor of SS. Phillip and James Church in Canal Fulton, Ohio, came to celebrate Mass on horseback whenever he could. Parishioners were buried in the SS. Peter and Paul cemetery.

Soon, numbers attending Mass became too great for the small quarters afforded by the Gallagher house. On July 26, 1886, ground was broken for the new frame church on a lot fifty by one-hundred feet, located where the present church now stands. It seated approximately seventy-five worshippers and had an ornate altar that resembled ones found in Germany, the country of origin of five of the first six priests to serve Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

Fr. Thomas F. Quinn was the first Irish priest to serve at Sacred Heart. He was born in Ireland and was the delight of the Irish parishioners. In 1910, Fr. John Ryan, also born in Ireland, became pastor. Fr. Ryan was the last foreign-born priest to serve until Fr. Oldrich J. Korab [later Monsignor], who was born in Bohemia.

In 1923, Fr. Charles Leo Brown became the first *resident* priest to serve Sacred Heart Church. His charge was to integrate the wave of Europeans who were immigrating to the United States and to enlarge the church. Fr. Brown made all the plans, but Fr. Carl Anthony was installed to actually build the new church.

The new church was begun on August 3, 1929. About three months later, the Great Depression started, and the bank where Sacred Heart had deposited its money defaulted and closed. Prayer, ingenuity and sacrifice were needed to complete the church. The wooden church rolled on logs just east of where it stood, and was later dismantled and rebuilt on the corner of Broad Street and Durling Drive. Sale of the former church building brought in a few dollars. Miraculously, despite the challenges, the church was dedicated on November 24, 1929, less than a month after the Great Depression started.

Fr. James Downie served during the World War II years. New challenges faced the church: men and women working together, resulting in questionable relationships; new money in the hands of a depressed people who were unaccustomed to dealing with their new emancipation from want; and a shift in the stern moralistic values that deprivation and fear generate.

Fr. Oldrich J. Korab became pastor in 1945, following the end of WWII. To assist the increased numbers of parishioners, the first assistants were assigned to Sacred Heart: Fr. William Englert and, later, Fr. Donald Fromm. The Church did not have a bell, a casualty of the Depression. Fr. Korab had a bell installed in the belfry.

Fr. Lawrence Andes added the west transept and the new altar. His sudden death on October 15, 1963, while golfing, was the first death of a pastor while serving. His former altar boy, Fr. Thomas McMahon, became pastor in 1963. Fr. Norman Riley became the assistant pastor during Fr. Andes' tenure and remained during Fr. McMahon's pastorate. During the reception for Fr. McMahon, Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald, President John F. Kennedy's assassin. Although the reception continued, all thoughts were on the breaking news. Fr. McMahon was the first pastor to retire from Sacred Heart.

Fr. James Conry became pastor until his retirement. During Fr. Conry's pastorate, the east nave was built, the old altar was removed and a new one installed. Fr. Paul Schindler became the assistant, followed by Frs. Raymond Durant, Michael Smith, Donald Rooney, Dave Ireland and Neil Crosby. The first permanent deacon, Roger Klaas, was ordained during Fr. Conry's pastorate.

In 1996, Fr. James Conry, then pastor, convened a *Blue Sky* committee, comprised of various people in leadership positions, ranging from the very young to the elderly. The purpose was to present a long-range plan for the parish about how Sacred Heart would look twenty years from then. Several basic benchmarks evolved from this meeting: a cover over the entrance of the east nave to protect the elderly when leaving their cars, especially in bad weather; upgrading the parish grounds by adding more parking and remodeling/reconstructing the parish office and rectory; adding air conditioning to the school and making it more handicapped-accessible by installing an elevator; building a new parish center to accommodate meetings and activities; purchase land around the Church for future expansion; and develop an active youth group.

In 1997, the world began preparing for Y2K, the turn of the century event that was designed to prepare for any unknown occurrences. The uncertainty of what might happen to life as we knew it caused people to withdraw to their comfort zones and not make plans for the future. Since nothing changed when 2000 arrived, there was a sense of relief. One year later, on September 11, 2001, terrorists flew into the twin towers in New York, the Pentagon, and one plane crashed in Pennsylvania that allegedly was en route to crash into the White House. Again, uncertainty and fear gripped the nation, and little was done toward the *Blue Sky* plan.

To make matters worse, the economy took a serious downturn and people were without money. Despite this, the germ of hope and survival impelled the congregation at Sacred Heart to take the leap of faith toward moving forward with the plans laid out nearly ten years earlier.

When Fr. Conry retired in 1997, Fr. Joseph Labak became pastor and serves to the present day. Two former priests, Fr. James Conry and Fr. Norman Riley, died. Both had been in ill health, Fr. Conry for several years and Fr. Riley, for only a few months. Fr. Riley died on January 22, 2007 and Fr. Conry died on July 13, 2008.

Fr. Michael Ausperk was assigned Parochial Vicar on January 1, 2010, after the Church operated for thirteen years without an assistant. Dr. Richard Michney was ordained a permanent deacon during Fr. Labak's pastorate.

By the beginning of 2011, Fr. Joe with the support of the Parish Council and Finance Council, decided it was time to put the money raised from the building campaign a few years earlier to good use. Plans were drawn and the Parish, Religious Education, Youth Ministry and St. Vincent dePaul Society Offices were relocated. The houses where those offices were located were demolished to make way for the building of a new Parish Center. In November, 2011, the new Parish Center was opened housing the Parish, Religious Education, Youth Ministry and St. Vincent dePaul Society offices. In June, 2012 construction for a new rectory began behind the existing rectory. By December, 2012, the new rectory was completed, the priests were moved into their new quarters and the old rectory was razed to make room for a new parking area to the west of the church.

On September 1, 2013, Bishop Richard Lennon appointed Fr. Michael Ausperk as Administrator of St. Anne Parish in Rittman, to replace Sr. Joan Rader, OP, who retired. Fr. Mike remained in residence at Sacred Heart and continued his regular duties. The new appointment was in addition to serving Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish as Parochial Vicar.

During the summer of 2014, new science and technology labs were constructed as an addition to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish School to stay ahead of the ever-advancing curricula facing students for tomorrow's world.

With faith in God and a strong-willed resolve from the congregation, some generous and surprising donations, and hard work by numerous people, most of the 1996 *Blue Sky* proposals had become a reality.



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Ministries

Acolytes - Altar Servers at Mass

Purpose: To assist the priest and deacon by serving at the altar during Masses.

Commitment: To arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass, assist during Mass and clean-up for 15 minutes after Mass.

Preparation: Knowledge of what needs to be done to assist the priest at Mass, aided by the deacon.

Contact: Fr. Joe Labak at 330.336.3049, ext. 2003 or fatherjoe@shofjesus.com.

Adult Faith Formation Commission

Purpose: To schedule, promote, and coordinate activities that will encourage parishioners' spiritual growth, helping them to grow in grace and foster closer relationships with Christ.

Commitment: Meetings are held bi-monthly for 1/2 to 1 hour in order to plan and coordinate activities and follow-up to expedite those activities.

Contact: Kurt Gerschutz at 330.334.5366 or gerschutz@yahoo.com or Mark Smith at 330.606.7195 or smithme2300@gmail.com.

Adult Servers at Funerals

Purpose: To assist the priest and deacon by serving at the altar during funeral Masses.

Commitment: 2 hours for each funeral Mass, from readying the church, to assisting during Mass, to returning items back to their proper storage places.

Preparation: Knowledge of what needs to be done to assist the priest at Mass, aided by the deacon.

Contact: Dave Hammerly at 330.334.0125 or hammer.hammerly@gmail.com.

Altar & Rosary Society

Purpose: To financially support the needs of the parish-primarily materials needed for liturgies, e.g., candles, wine, hosts, flowers. Altar and Rosary also provides for spiritual development of members of the parish by supporting a daily rosary before Mass and twice a year, a Living Rosary and an Evening of Spiritual Reflection in November. We also support both the Funeral Meals Ministry and the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Meetings are held throughout the year. Fundraisers will be held once a year or as needed.

Commitment: Technically all women of Sacred Heart are members of Altar and Rosary but we request annual dues of \$10.00.

Preparation: No training is required. Bring time, talent, and support.

Contact: Martina Morris at 330.607.7276 or martina65@frontier.com.

Art & Environment

Purpose: To enhance our worship space and experience by use of color, form, and layout, working closely with the Liturgy Commission and local florists.

Commitment: Average time commitment is 1 to 2 hours per week. The main efforts each year are during the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons, although there may be some special times during the church calendar year that require more time.

Preparation: Parishioners who are gifted in arts, crafts, sewing, and design are especially needed.

Contact: Janet Jones at 330.335.2530 (January to June) or Rosemary Guzzo at 330.334.0055 (July to December).

Baptismal Garments

Purpose: To sew bibs to be used in parish baptismal rites.

Commitment: Bibs are sewn as needed; 16 hours every 3 months.

Preparation: Basic sewing skills.

Contact: Sue Fajt at 330.801.5653 or susiekfajt@yahoo.com.

Bereavement

Purpose: To help parishioners who have lost loved ones within the past year with the grieving process by conducting bereavement services.

Commitment: Meetings are held on four Tuesday nights in October and November; at the last session, the group attends the Poor Souls liturgy.

Contact: Deacon Roger Klaas at 330.336.3049, ext. 2007 or rklaas423@gmail.com.

Boy Scouts

Purpose: To provide boys and young adult males an effective educational program designed to build character, responsible citizenship, and personal fitness, all in a faith-based environment.

Commitment: Meetings are held weekly on Monday evening.

Requirements: Parent ministry requires parent leaders who are willing to learn and grow themselves as they teach the boys the values of scouting. In addition, the Diocese of Cleveland requires completion of a 5-step process prior to working with the youth (see "Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Volunteer Requirements" page at the end of these descriptions).

Contact: Ron Paydo at 330.416.7927 or Ron.Paydo@firstmerit.com.

Buildings & Grounds

Purpose: To help in the maintenance, repair, and improvement of the parish buildings and grounds.

Commitment: Availability on an occasional, as-needed basis for various projects as well as assisting in the planning and hosting of two parish volunteer days.

Preparation: Construction skills such as carpentry, plumbing, and electrical.

Contact: Bill Bees at 330.336.4668 or wjbees@gmail.com.

Charismatic Prayer Group (CPG)

Purpose: To deepen peoples' spiritual lives through praise and worship in song, word, and deed as well as teaching and small group healing prayer.

Commitment: Meetings are held in the Andes Room of the church lower level on the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Contact: Jeff Flaherty at 330.715.2282 or 330.336.3049, ext. 2002 or jeff@jpfcompany.com or jeff@shofjesus.com.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Purpose: To provide young children (preschool and early elementary school age) of the parish an opportunity to experience the Scriptures at a preschool level and in an atmosphere more suited to their ages and understanding during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. Children proceed to the lower level of the church prior to the Mass readings and rejoin their families during the offertory.

Commitment: A schedule is made in August for Sundays from September to May. The number of weeks of commitment for each person is determined by the number of volunteers; currently, each volunteer serves 3 to 4 times a year. In addition, the Diocese of Cleveland requires completion of a 5-step process prior to working with the youth (see "Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Volunteer Requirements" page at the end of these descriptions).

Contact: Karen Kennedy at 330.336.1212 or drkkak@roadrunner.com.

Church Cleaning

Purpose: To clean the church, including the chapel, choir loft, and vestibules.

Commitment: 1½ to 2 hours per week.

Contact: Helen Klaas at 330.336.4826 or rklaas423@gmail.com.

CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)

Purpose: Endeavors to help young people be more Christ-like in the way they live. This occurs when the young person, not the athletic activity, is the main focus of what we do. Each participant, parent, coach, official and volunteer need to work together to bring our Gospel vision and values to life in every aspect of CYO programs.

Commitment: Coach a season.

Preparation: Diocesan coach's training and Virtus certification.

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Eucharistic Ministers at Mass

Purpose: To assist the priest and deacon in distributing Holy Communion at Sunday and Holy Day Masses.

Commitment: Varies somewhat with the number of active Eucharistic ministers in the parish, but averages 20 times per year. Ministers assigned to Mass are expected to fulfill their assignment or find a substitute.

Preparation: Must be a confirmed Catholic in good standing and attend a half-day diocesan training session once every 5 years. Ministers should also attend a special parish evening of reflection once or twice/year, at which time they may receive updates from the priests. An additional meeting is held with new Eucharistic ministers to explain the procedures used at Sacred Heart.

Contact: Cathy Anderson at 330.334.1297 or anderson.cath10@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Ministers to Nursing Homes & Homebound Parishioners

Purpose: To take Holy Communion to those who cannot be with us for the Lord's Day liturgies, including the ill, homebound parishioners and those residing in nursing and assisted-living homes.

Commitment: Depends upon which group one serves: once every 4 to 6 weeks for area nursing and assisted living home residents and once or twice a month for homebound parishioners.

Preparation: Must be a confirmed Catholic in good standing and attend a half-day diocesan training session. Ministers are asked to attend a special parish evening of reflection once or twice a year.

Contact: Carolyn Hawkins at 330.334.4414 or cccjhawk@aol.com, Jean Hricko at 330.336.7253 or jeanhricko@yahoo.com or Candi Weber at 330.607.1992 or candiweb3@gmail.com.

Evangelization

Purpose: To bring Christ to all: ourselves, our parish, and our community. The team aims to invite and welcome baptized members of the Church who feel alienated and separated from her, sharing their faith with them and attempting to heal the divisions, as well as to reach out to the unbaptized and those seeking Confirmation.

Commitment: The openness to grow in faith and the willingness to learn how to share it. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month.

Contact: Fr. Joe Labak at 330.336.3049, ext. 2003 or fatherjoe@shofjesus.com.

Faith in Action: Medina County Caregivers

Purpose: To help Medina County seniors who are ill, frail, or isolated maintain their independence in their homes by offering transportation services and assisting their caregivers.

Commitment: Each volunteer determines the amount of time they are interested in offering.

Preparation: A one-time training session of 1½ - 2 hours.

Contact: Betty Ruppel at 330.334.1833 or ruppmmom@aol.com.

Family Prayer Group

Purpose: To approach “Jesus through Mary,” i.e., nurture relationships with the Lord by fostering a devotion to Mary, His mother, through consecration to her. Families are encouraged to participate in this devotion as a way to facilitate quality family prayer time.

Commitment: 1 hour on the first Sunday of every month.

Contact: Tom Palecek at 330.697.6629 or palacek.tom328@gmail.com

Funeral Meals

Purpose: To provide meals for families and friends of deceased parishioners after their funerals as a ministry of the Altar and Rosary Society. Two groups of volunteers are needed: one group prepares side dishes and desserts at their homes and brings them to the church kitchen while a second group sets up, serves, and cleans up after the meal.

Commitment: Four teams rotate responsibility for hosting the luncheons, with an average of 5 hours/funeral, depending upon the number of mourners attending.

Contact: Jean LeFevre at 330.334.2554 or glefevre@neo.rr.com.

Girl Scouts

Purpose: To help girls gain an awareness of themselves, their communities, and the world around them through leadership training, interest patches, career exploration, service projects, and spiritual and self-discovery exercises.

Commitment: Women leaders spend time helping girls increase skills in many areas and develop values to guide their actions. In addition, the Diocese of Cleveland requires completion of a 5-step process prior to working with the youth (see “Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Volunteer Requirements” page at the end of these descriptions).

Contact: Dianna Davies at 330.336.6064 or da8bunch@gmail.com.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Purpose: To offer health and wellness improvement activities through blood pressure screenings, health fairs and low impact exercise.

Commitment: 1 hour a month.

Contact: Fr. Mike Ausperk at 330.336.3049, ext. 2004 or fathermike@shofjesus.com.

Jail Ministry

Purpose: To meet the spiritual needs of those incarcerated by celebrating Mass and praying with the inmates at the Medina County Jail.

Commitment: 5 hours a month, every fourth Tuesday.

Preparation: The jail staff provides safety training to volunteers.

Contact: Deacon Roger Klaas at 330.336.3049, ext. 2007 or rklaas423@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus - 4th Degree

Purpose: To provide a venue for Catholic men to come together to support the parish by supporting the priests, defending the Church, and promoting vocations.

Commitment: \$30 annual dues, plus volunteer time to help with fundraisers, and attendance at monthly meetings which are held the first Thursday of every month at 148 North Lyman Street in Wadsworth. The total time commitment is 8-12 hours a month.

Preparation: Training is provided.

Contact: Chuck McEvoy at 330.334.2581 or happy2tex@yahoo.com.

Knights of Columbus - 3rd Degree

Purpose: To provide men the opportunity to use their God-given talents to serve and defend the church, support priests and religious, encourage and support Catholic education, protect the unborn, assist those in need, show compassion for people with developmental disabilities, and set an example for others in our community.

Commitment: Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 8:00 to 9:00 pm at 148 North Lyman Street in Wadsworth. There are many opportunities to volunteer as little or as much time as you have available.

Preparation: Men 18 years old and older. Training is provided.

Contact: Chuck McEvoy at 330.334.2581 or happy2tex@yahoo.com.

Lectors

Purpose: To allow God's people to receive His Word through the proclamation of the Scriptures at Mass.

Commitment: Preparation time before Mass depends on each lector's need. A workbook for \$10 is offered to assist in preparing to proclaim the readings.

Preparation: Ability to speak slowly, loudly, and clearly and to understand what is being proclaimed. Training is held once a year.

Contact: Jean LeFevre at 330.334.2554 or glefevre@neo.rr.com or Marty Ligas at 330.336.2851 or sagil58@aol.com.



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Legion of Mary (Senior)

Purpose: The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of Catholics, men and women, who offer their services to their pastor to aid him in performing spiritual works in the parish. This is done hand in hand with Mary so that with her help they may develop greater holiness in their own lives as well as spread a deeper devotion to her Son among others.

Membership in the Legion of Mary answers the call to apostleship, carrying on Christ's work. The work of the Apostles was to give Christ to every soul; likewise this is the work of the Legion apostolate. Legionaries concern themselves with the Spiritual Works of Mercy, charitably recognizing in their neighbor somebody for whom they themselves are responsible, realizing that they are called to do something beautiful and good for God in their neighbor by doing their simple part in His plan.

Commitment: *Active legionaries* (prayer + work): make visits in pairs -- to practicing Catholics, lapsed Catholics within and unevangelized without -- to the sick, the bereaved, to those new to the parish -- to families, singles, elderly, lonely -- going everywhere they are sent, acting on their conviction that "to love another in the highest sense of the word is to wish the other the eternal possession of God and to lead him to it". 3 1/2 hours a week, which brings new meaning in your life.

Auxiliary legionaries (prayer only): pray the Rosary and the Legion Tessera prayer daily, giving their prayers to Our Blessed Mother, sharing in all the prayers and works of the 13 million members throughout the world.

Preparation: Legionaries learn in actual practice that the work is easy and within their power, by coming along and doing the work with someone like themselves who has already been doing it. The Legion enlists in the service of the Church a hidden force, seemingly ordinary men and women, tapping sources of energy unknown. Share the greatest gift you have, the God-given gift of your faith.

Contact: Bob Smith at 330.336.6748.

Legion of Mary (Junior)

Purpose: The Junior Legion of Mary is an organization for the spiritual development of persons under the age of 18. Its purpose is to increase the holiness of its members and be missionary, i.e. bring the love of Christ into the world. Members meet weekly for prayer, instruction, and works of spiritual charity. Projects which forward the reign of God in the world are undertaken. This is a group for anyone called by words like those spoken by the pope at World Youth Day: “Young people, do not be afraid of being a saint!!!” The world needs heroes and saints who show what the grace of God can do. Mary was only 14 or 15 when God performed His greatest work with *her* “yes”.

Commitment: Weekly 1 to 1½ hour meetings on Mondays (except holidays and vacation days) throughout the school year.

Preparation: For junior members, there is no preparation required. For adults who wish to work with the junior Legion, active membership in the Legion of Mary. In addition, the Diocese of Cleveland requires completion of a 5-step process prior to working with the youth (see “Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Volunteer Requirements” page at the end of these descriptions).

Contact: Patti Hunt at 330.335.5203 or passiflora44281@gmail.com.

Liturgy Commission

Purpose: To assist the clergy in planning and preserving the reverence and integrity of liturgical services and special events.

Commitment: Monthly hour-long meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month from September through April, with additional time commitments varying with each individual and sub-committee.

Contact: Don Drouhard at 330.464.2903 or dbddrhrd@gmail.com.

Men’s Prayer Group

Purpose: To provide a place where Catholic men can have a dedicated time to come together to pray and grow in their faith and love of the Lord.

Commitment: Meetings are every other Wednesday.

Contact: Mark Smith at 330.606.7195 or Dave Armstrong at 330.701.8818.

Music

Purpose: To use our musical gifts to enrich the Liturgy and proclaim the Gospel through song.

Commitment: 2 to 5 hours a week, including weekly Thursday evening rehearsals lasting 1½ hours during the school year and bi-monthly meetings of varying length as needed between the directors and cantors.

Contact: Eric Pandrea at 330.419.0504 or eric@shofjesus.com or Regina Strumbly at 440.221.2419 or sah_rstrumbly@tccsa.net.

Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Purpose: To help other couples live out the Church's teaching on married life, particularly with regard to contraception, promoting natural family planning through *the Couple-to-Couple League*.

Commitment: Three class series are offered each year, with each series consisting of three two-hour classes spaced approximately one month apart.

Preparation: Certification and an ability to speak in public.

Contact: Margarita Lasaletta at 330.335.7085.

Parish Office

Purpose: To assist the office staff with general office tasks.

Commitment: Volunteers are called as needed.

Contact: Debbie Mlazovsky at 330.336.3049, ext. 2000 or debbie@shofjesus.com.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Purpose: To educate and form school-aged children in the Faith.

Commitment: Approximately 3 hours per week, which includes prep time as well as Sunday classes every Sunday from 10:45 to 11:45 am, September through April.

Preparation: Faithful and knowledgeable adults. In addition, the Diocese of Cleveland requires completion of a 5-step process prior to working with the youth (see "Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Volunteer Requirements" page at the end of these descriptions).

Contact: Kathy Principe at 330.336.3049, ext. 2009 or kathy@shofjesus.com.

Perpetual Adoration

Purpose: The Blessed Sacrament is in exposition in the Chapel of Divine Mercy at Sacred Heart at all times (24/7/365), except during Masses. This prayer ministry is therefore committed to "keep watch" with Jesus there around-the-clock.

Commitment: One hour each week and perfectly answers Jesus' own query "can you not keep watch one hour with Me?" It can be served individually or can be shared with others.

Contact: Patti Hunt 330.335.5203 or passiflora44281@gmail.com.

Peter Maurin Food Outreach

Purpose: To prepare and deliver meals to the Peter Maurin Center in Akron.

Commitment: Weekly need for food and meal preparation for 50 to 60 people and transportation of the meal to the Peter Maurin Center in Akron, with optional assistance in serving the meal and cleaning up afterwards. Volunteers spend 1 hour a week and provide financial support for the meal (\$50).

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Pilgrim Madonna

Purpose: The statue of the Pilgrim Madonna travels throughout the parish encouraging families to pray together and grow in their love and knowledge of our Blessed Mother. We leave the statue as well as rosaries, pamphlets, and a video on the Marian Movement with the families.

Commitment: Weekly transport of the statue from house to house takes an individual or couple no more than 2 hours each Sunday.

Contact: David Houk at 330.769.2308 or danor3293@toast.net or Tom Hirschinger at 330.336.8227.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Purpose: To provide comfort and a reminder of God's love and healing presence to those who are sick, grieving, or under some sort of burden or stress by prayerfully knitting or crocheting prayer shawls as a ministry of the Altar and Rosary Society.

Commitment: Time commitment is entirely dependent upon the volunteer. You can knit or crochet at home on your own schedule or join us at one of our monthly meetings on the fourth Monday of each month.

Contact: Carol Heim at 330.334.6746 or eaheim@wadsnet.com.

Pro-Life

Purpose: To increase awareness and support of the Church's teachings while promoting pro-life causes. Our efforts encompass the entire parish mission statement, particularly evangelization, the teaching of Catholic doctrine, and caring for the needs of all of God's children.

Commitment: Volunteers with a passion for protecting the lives of the unborn are needed for education, prayer, and fundraising. There are no set meetings. Volunteers will help with fundraising and prayer at abortion clinics.

Contact: Teri Johnenning at 330.334.2654 or terijohanning@yahoo.com or Carolyn Hawkins at 330.334.4414 or cccjhawk@aol.com.

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Purpose: To prepare adults to be received into full communion with the Church and to receive the Church's Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. A comprehensive overview is given of the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Commitment: Sessions are held Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm, September through Easter. "Breaking Open the Word" sessions are held on Sundays for 1/2 of an hour during the second part of the 9:30 am Mass from November to Easter. Average time commitment is 2 hours per week or up to 5 hours per week if preparing a presentation.

Preparation: Team members have to be deeply rooted in their Catholic faith and have a willingness and openness to share their faith experiences. Interested team members will be assigned certain topics to lead, as well as facilitate "breaking open the Word" for the group after Sunday's Liturgy of the Word.

Contact: Deacon Rich Michney at 330.607.4782 or richmichney@gmail.com.

RCIC (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)

Purpose: To prepare unbaptized children who have reached the age of reason (i.e. ages 8 to 15) for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Commitment: Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm, beginning in September and lasting through the Easter Season. Additional time is needed to prepare the lessons. Phone calls or email communication is necessary during the week in order to maintain connection with the families.

Preparation: A solid foundation in the Catholic Faith. In addition, the Diocese of Cleveland requires completion of a 5-step process prior to working with the youth (see "Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Volunteer Requirements" page at the end of these descriptions).

Contact: Kathy Principe at 330.336.3049, ext. 2009 or kathy@shofjesus.com.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish School Volunteer

Purpose: To be a classroom aide, playground or activity volunteer.

Commitment: Varies with activities and teachers as needed during the school year.

Preparation: The Diocese of Cleveland requires completion of a 5-step process prior to working with the youth (see "Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Volunteer Requirements" page at the end of these descriptions).

Contact: Beth Sobnosky at 330.334.6272, ext. 1107 or sah_sobnosk@tccsa.net.

Sacred Heart University of Religion (SHUR)

Purpose: To offer adult education programs that enrich and cultivate life-long learning of Church related topics.

Commitment: Attendance and participation in adult education classes.

Contact: Dick or Barbara Hills at 330.336.6946 or dick.barbara.hills@frontier.com.

Course Offerings:

Quick Journey is an introduction to Scripture. Meets on Mondays from February 16th to April 6th at 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Andes Room. Contact Mary or Gene Ciofani at 330.336.8410 or Brad and Nancy Brigeman at 330.334.4774.

A Biblical Walk through the Mass is a powerful tool for understanding our Mass. Offered Monday evenings January 12th to February 9th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Contact Mark Smith at 330.606.7195 or smithme2300@gmail.com.

Jesus of Nazareth-The Infancy Narratives is a book study of Pope Benedict's book. Meets on the 3rd Tuesdays of the months of September, October, November, April and May from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Andes Room. Contact Kathleen Roberts at 330.334.2271 or groberts24@roadrunner.com.

Women's Book Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Andes Room. Contact Kathleen Roberts at 330.334.2271 or groberts24@roadrunner.com.

Acts of the Apostles meets on all Mondays from September 8th to December 15th and then April 13th to May 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Andes Room. Contact Dick or Barbara Hills at 330.336.6946 or dick.barbara.hills@frontier.com.

Men and Boys Conference, Manning-Up-Rise and Be a Man of God will be on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. To register or for more information contact Mark Smith at 330.606.7195 or smithme2300@gmail.com

Sacristans

Purpose: To assist the priests and deacons by placing all the necessary vessels, linens, hosts, and wine in the sanctuary of the church prior to the celebration of the liturgy and by cleaning and restoring the items to the sacristy afterwards.

Commitment: Approximately 6 hours a week or smaller amounts of time if needed.

Contact: Sue Komjati at 330.336.6732 or skomjati@wadsnet.com.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Purpose: To help the poor and less fortunate of our community, thereby sharing Christ with them and furthering the social justice of the Church, while fostering the spirituality of our lay members.

Commitment: Our doors are open on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm (at Broad and Humbolt, on the west side of the Parish Center) for applications to those who are in need. Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month.

Contact: Jim Whalen at 330.336.2183 or catawbamfg@aol.com.

Social Justice in Action

Purpose: To shape a more caring society and a more peaceful world through justice education, advocacy, community development and organizing. Our work is based on the call of the Gospel to work for the respect and dignity of all human life, the elimination of poverty, to speak out against injustice, and to promote the common good.

Commitment: Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month in the evening. Each Friday afternoon we collect items needed by the homeless in support of Matthew 8:20 Outreach, and on some Saturday afternoons, we supply furniture for those moving into housing. There are additional opportunities throughout the month to both promote social justice and put it into action.

Contact: Jan Knight at 330.336.3086 or janlknight344@gmail.com.

Stewardship

Purpose: To promote the stewardship opportunities available at Sacred Heart, helping parishioners find ways to use their time, talent, and treasure to grow Christ's Church.

Commitment: Bi-monthly meetings of 1 hour as well as serving on various subcommittees.

Preparation: Looking for volunteers with broad contacts within the parish as well as those with event planning and communication skills.

Contact: Deacon Rich Michney at 330.607.4782 or richmichney@gmail.com.

Ushers/Greeters

Purpose: To assist the parish community during Lord's Day and special Masses in a variety of ways: to welcome congregants and help them feel welcome; to assure smooth communion processions, to collect the offertory donations; and to distribute bulletins and programs.

Commitment: Volunteers work in teams of 6-8 at a particular weekend Mass and are also asked to volunteer for Holy Days or other special Masses.

Contact: Joe Gains at 330.644.0721 or joe213@frontier.com.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Purpose: To share the Gospel with the parish's children ages 4 to 10 during a week of summer fun and learning.

Commitment: Many volunteers, both youth and adult, with various talents are needed: teachers, crafters, organizers, musicians and singers, gamers, actors, food preparers, audio-visual techs, and many other behind-the-scene helpers are needed. The time commitment varies, but averages 5-10 hours before VBS begins and 25 hours during VBS (Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm for one week in June).

Preparation: The Diocese of Cleveland requires completion of a 5-step process prior to working with the youth (see "Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Volunteer Requirements" page at the end of these descriptions).

Contact: Kathy Principe at 330.336.3049, ext. 2009 or kathy@shofjesus.com.

Videography

Purpose: To film the Mass on Saturday at 5:00 pm or Sunday at 8:00 am to be aired on local TV in the Wadsworth area so that parishioners who cannot attend Mass in person can watch it on television.

Commitment: Volunteers spend approximately 1½ hours for each Mass they record, which includes set-up, filming, and delivering the tape to the TV station.

Contact: Chris Bott at 330.336.5246 or cbott@neo.rr.com or Joel Lutz at 330.801.2122 or Jmlutz70@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship

Purpose: To gather with other Catholic women to study and discuss the Bible and other Catholic materials in order to cultivate our personal relationships with Christ and to better understand our Faith. Members also provide support for one another in finding practical ways to live the faith in our families and in the community at-large.

Commitment: Meetings are held bi-weekly, from September through May, and last 90 minutes. Depending on the course, resource materials cost between \$15 and \$40. Cost of babysitting and kid's snacks, approximately \$20 a meeting, is a shared expense of the group.

Contact: Lisa Reeling at 330.334.9211 or LisaReeling@gmail.com.

Youth Group

Purpose: To reach out to high school students, to invite them to worship, to care for them by connecting them with a faith community which encourages them to grow in their relationships with God and to be of service to Him.

Commitment: A one-year commitment for the adult and youth leaders who help shape and implement the youth ministry vision. Volunteers average 3 to 5 hours per week. The ministry is lead by adult parish staff. Weekly meetings are held on Sunday evenings. Alternating Bible study or praise and worship sessions are held on Thursday evenings. Monthly guys or gals nights are held on Saturdays. Service experiences including soup kitchen work, mission trips, and other activities and pilgrimages are also held.

Preparation: The Diocese of Cleveland requires completion of a 5-step process prior to working with the youth (see “Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Volunteer Requirements” page at the end of these descriptions).

Contact: Taylor Gosiaco at 330.217.3079 or taylorshoj@gmail.com.

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Volunteer Requirements

The Diocese of Cleveland's March 1, 2003 *Policy for the Safety of Children in Matters Regarding Sexual Abuse* requires that every Parish (Church or School) employee and every Parish volunteer 18 and older who has contact with or access to children is **required** to do the following:

- 1) A volunteer application with 3 personal references with addresses. (Available at www.shofjesus.com under About, Volunteers.)
- 2) Attendance at a 3-hour *VIRTUS* Training Workshop. Upcoming Virtus workshops can be found at: <http://www.clevelandchildprotection.org/website/>, choose "Virtus", "click to see a schedule or register for a training session" and "Cleveland, Ohio (Diocese)".
- 3) A signed acknowledgement form that you have read the Diocese of Cleveland's ***Policy for the Safety of Children in Matters of Sexual Abuse, Revised 2007.***
Go to: <http://www.clevelandchildprotection.org/website/>
Choose "Documents and Policies" in the left banner
Choose the link "[Click to download the Policy for the Safety of Children in Matters of Sexual Abuse: Rev. 2007](#)"
Read the *Policy for the Safety of Children in Matters of Sexual Abuse: Rev. 2007*
Print page 57 of the policy, complete and sign
- 4) A signed acknowledgement form that you have read the ***Standards of Conduct for Ministry.***
Go to: <http://www.clevelandchildprotection.org/website/>
Choose "Documents and Policies" in the left banner
Choose the link "Click to download the *Standards of Conduct for Ministry.*"
Read the *Standards of Conduct for Ministry.*
Print page 16 of the policy, complete and sign

- 5) A current successful background check through the State of Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII). If you have been a resident of Ohio for **less** than five years, you must also complete a successful FBI (national) background check. Volunteers are required to pay the cost of these background checks themselves. Call to make an appointment at one of the following locations, take your driver's license or state ID and have them mail the background check to Sacred Heart Church:
- Alpha Background Investigation, 1234 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Copley, 330.336.5509.
 - CYO and Community Services, 812 Biruta Ave, Akron, 330.762.2961.
 - Holy Family Parish Office, 3450 Sycamore Dr, Stow (1/2 mile west of Route 91 on Route 59), they have Saturday and Sunday hours, 330.688.6411.

If you are a Parish or School employee or volunteer who has contact with or access to children, you are required to complete the above steps PRIOR to beginning employment or volunteering. If you plan on ever being a Parish employee or volunteer, the above will be required. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Principe at 330.336.3049 ext. 2009 or at kathy@shofjesus.com.

Other Church, Area Parish And Catholic High School Information

The Holy See (Vatican)

www.vatican.va

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.usccb.org

Diocese of Cleveland

www.dioceseofcleveland.org

Area Catholic Parishes

Guardian Angels Church, 1686 Cleveland-Massillon Rd, Copley OH 44321, 330.666.1373
Masses Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Prince of Peace Church, 1263 Shannon Ave, Barberton OH 44203, 330.825.9543
Masses Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 am

St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 4022 Johnson Rd, Norton OH 44203, 330.825.2617
Masses Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30, 10:20 and 11:30 am

St. Anne Church, 139 S First St, Rittman OH 44270, 330.927.2941
Masses Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am

St. Augustine Church, 204 6th St NW, Barberton OH 44203,
330.745.0011
Masses Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 am and
5:15 pm

St. Francis Xavier, 612 E Washington St, Medina OH 44256,
330.725.4968
Masses Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00, 10:00 and 5:30 pm

St. Hilary Church, 2750 West Market St, Fairlawn OH 44333,
330.867.1055
Masses Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am
and 5:30 pm

Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 169 W Clinton St, Doylestown OH 44230,
330.658.2145
Masses Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 am

Area Catholic High Schools

Archbishop Hoban High School, 1 Holy Cross Blvd, Akron OH
44306, 330.773.6658
www.hoban.org

Our Lady of the Elms High School, 1375 W Exchange St, Akron OH
44313, 330.867.0880
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St. Vincent - St. Mary High School, 15 N Maple St, Akron OH 44303,
330.253.9113
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Walsh Jesuit High School, 4550 Wyoga Lake Rd, Cuyahoga Falls OH
44224, 330.929.4205
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