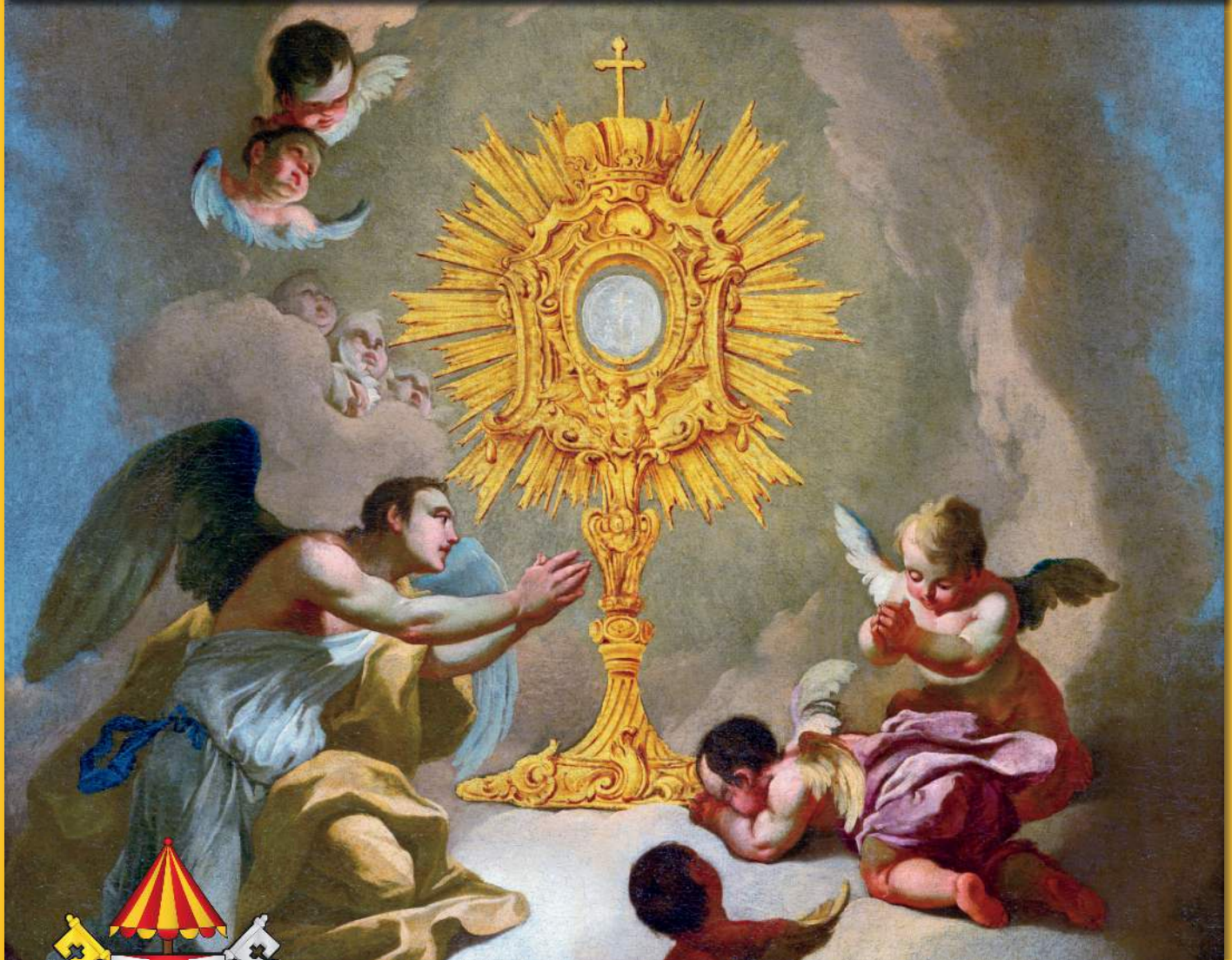


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SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026



Corpus Christi

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

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Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Anthony of Padua Church St. Columba Cathedral St. Edward Church St. Angela Merici Parish
Sunday	9:00 AM	
Sunday	10:30 AM	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica St. Columba Cathedral St. Patrick Parish
Sunday	11:00 AM	St. Patrick Parish
Sunday	5:00 PM	St. Columba Cathedral

WEEKDAY MASSES - Youngstown City Collaborative

Mondays	8:30 AM 12:10 PM	St. Patrick Parish St. Columba Cathedral
Tuesdays	12:00 PM 5:30 PM	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica St. Anthony of Padua Church
Wednesdays	8:30 AM 12:10 PM	St. Angela Merici Parish St. Columba Cathedral
Thursdays	8:30 AM 12:10 PM	St. Edward Church St. Columba Cathedral
Fridays	8:30 AM 12:10 PM	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica St. Columba Cathedral
Saturdays	8:30 AM	St. Edward Church
1st Saturdays	9:00 AM	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica

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1st Saturdays 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica
2nd & 4th Saturdays 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM St. Anthony of Padua Church
3rd & 5th Saturdays 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica
Or call the parish office to book an appointment.

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Sundays 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Wednesdays 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Mondays 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Thursdays 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Tuesdays 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Fridays 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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If a member of your family would like to receive visits and have Holy Communion brought to them, please call the Parish Office at 330-743-4144 to make arrangements. Please let us know if you or a family member is in the hospital as hospitals no longer inform us.

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More than a Symbol

In 1950, the young Catholic author Flannery O'Connor was invited to a dinner party. She was a bit nervous since the party was hosted by Mary McCarthy, a widely esteemed writer. During the party, the discussion turned to the topic of the Eucharist. McCarthy, a fallen away catholic said how the Eucharist was a beautiful, powerful symbol. At that point Flannery O'Connor replied, "Well if it is only a symbol, to hell with it!" Flannery O'Connor was dead right. If the Eucharist is only a symbol, if it is nothing more than that, then we Catholic are guilty of only worshipping a piece of bread.

A few years ago, a Catholic social-science group named CARA asked the question: which of the following statements agree best with your belief about the Eucharist?

Option 1 - that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

Option 2 - that the bread and wine are symbols of Jesus, but Jesus is not really present.

Only 57% of Catholics chose the first statement meaning 43% thought the Eucharist was nothing more than a symbol of Jesus' presence.

The presence of Christ in the consecrated species of bread and wine is called the "real presence." The term transubstantiation expresses that at the consecration of the Mass, the bread and wine change into the reality of Jesus. We as Catholics believe that it is a privilege to receive our Lord in holy communion. We cannot be more closely united to Christ and to one another, than in our reception of the Eucharist.

The Eucharist reminds us that because we have received the body of Christ, we must become the body of Christ. We are the Lord's hands that touch and care for one another, his feet that walk to befriend the lonely, his understanding eyes that reveal compassion to the hurting, his voice that speaks out for justice.

Msgr. Zeman

Available today on Formed.org:

Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist

This visually stunning film takes viewers on a global journey to uncover the transformative power of the Eucharist. This exploration makes it unmistakably clear that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but is indeed Jesus Christ Himself - fervently desiring to quench our spiritual thirst with His boundless love. app.formed.org/app/collections/1491785



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**This Week's
 Daily Mass Readings**

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**THE MOST HOLY BODY
 AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a
 1 Cor 10:16-17
 Jn 6:51-58

MONDAY, JUNE 8

1 Kgs 17:1-6
 Mt 5:1-12

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

(St. Ephrem)
 1 Kgs 17:7-16
 Mt 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

1 Kgs 18:20-39
 Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

St. Barnabas, Apostle
 Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3
 Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

**THE MOST SACRED
 HEART OF JESUS**

Dt 7:6-11
 1 Jn 4:7-16
 Mt 11:25-30

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

*Immaculate Heart of Mary,
 St. Anthony of Padua*
 1 Kgs 19:19-21
 Mt 5:33-37

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ex 19:2-6a
 Rom 5:6-11
 Mt 9:36—10:8

**INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV
 FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE
 For the values of sports.**

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

INTERCESSION FOR VOCATIONS

We pray for those discerning their vocation, that they may be nourished by the Eucharist.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 6: *FIRST SATURDAY*

4:00 PM St. Anthony Pecchio Family by Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

10:30 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Bishop George Murry by the Ziobert Family


TUESDAY, JUNE 9: *13TH WEEK OF THE ST. ANTHONY NOVENA*

12:00 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
 1. Evelino & Bertha LaRocca by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaRocca & Family
 2. Lisa Ferenchak Currao by the Bettura Family
 5:30 PM St. Anthony For the deceased Pastors of St. Anthony Church


FRIDAY, JUNE 12: *SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS*

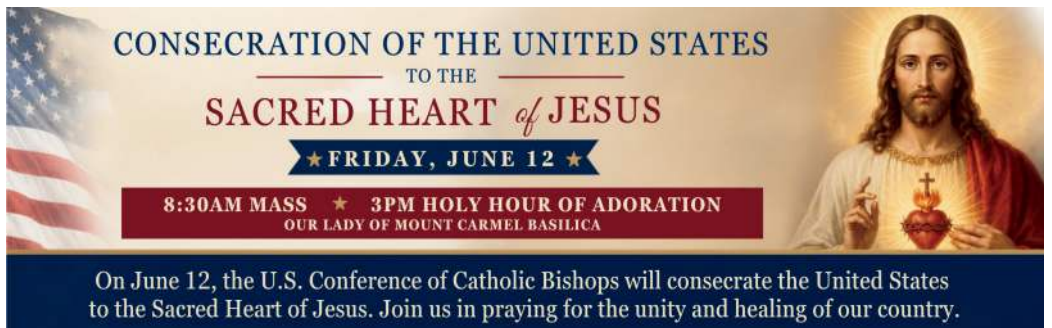
8:30 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Jean Zuraw by Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 13: *FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA*

3:00 PM St. Anthony *Sacrament of Confession*
 4:00 PM St. Anthony
 1. Phyllis & Dominic Bettura by Joe & Sharon Bettura
 2. Noreen, Eleanor & Nicholas Moderalli, Michael & John Mancini by Anna Eggleston

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

10:30 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Bob Zack (B) by Cathy & Family




Liturgical Ministers & Volunteers - June 13 & 14				
MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	FINANCIAL CLERKS
4:00 PM	Gabriella Howe - H Debra DiTullio - B	Joseph Meranto Sr. (1) Kimberly Howe (2)	Jeffrey Howe Gianna Howe Nicholas Keish	Sam Frasco Diane Laudo
10:30 AM	Atianna Caggiano - H Jim DeToro - B Tom DeToro - C	Dan Rossi (1) Tom Smith (2)	Michael Hollobaugh Jr. Luciano Marsco Phillip Pillin Antonio Ricchiuti Bennett Smith Dominico Tocco Gianni Tocco	Mike & Norma Baca Frank Mazzocca Troy & Christine Rhoades Phil Pillin
H - Host • B - Blood • C - Choir				

Candles, Lights and Eternal Flames for the Week of June 7

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BASILICA

BLESSED SACRAMENT LIGHT

In memory of Francis & Virginia Bellino
by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaRocca & Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

In memory of Mary Knorr by son, Jeff Knorr

SACRED HEART LIGHT

In memory of Philip J. Pillin by Frances Jeswald

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL LIGHT

In memory of Thomas & Grace Giampetro
by JoAnn Nuzzo

ST. ANTHONY LIGHT

In memory of Paul DeTunno
by Daughter & Family

GUARDIAN ANGEL LIGHT

In memory of Michael McCaffrey
by George & Mary Anne Gania

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX LIGHT

In memory of Rose & Sam DiBacco
by Ron & Edie DiBacco

HOLY CROSS LIGHTS

June 9: In memory of Phyllis & Dominic Bettura
by Bettura Family

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

ST. JOSEPH LIGHT

In memory of Lisa Ferenchak Currao
by Sharon & Joe Bettura

ST. ANTHONY LIGHT

In memory of Rev. Nicholas Mancini
by Anita & Nickie Marsco

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART of JESUS

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts,
and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out
the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to
return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this
nation, founded on the self-evident truths that
our Creator has endowed all people with
the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
We make reparation for the offenses against you and
against human dignity that have taken place in this
nation. May our hearts be united to yours, so that our
families and communities enjoy peace and happiness;
may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices
repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign,
pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History,
we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Garden of St. Anthony Shrine

MAY 24, 2026

Mr. Allan Grossman & Ms. Tina Fabry

In memory of Phil Pillin
by Mr. & Mrs. Theodore F. McCoy

In loving memory of Mary Ann Pellegrini
by Cleto

For Betty Gugliotti by Mr. James Gugliotti

For good health for both of us, a long life, and
that our family will stay in town
by Mr. & Mrs. Michael A. Luchey

For a special intention by Carolyn Matey

In loving memory of Philomena Bonace
by daughter Sandi

For Joseph Naples by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Naples

In memory of Joseph Schiavone
by Mary Rita Pillin

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rimedio

For Special Intentions
by Mr. & Mrs. Donald F. Ronyak Sr.

MAY 31, 2026

For Lucia Mary Caughey, Mark John Caughey,
Patty Frease by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Caughey

Mr. & Mrs. John DeCenso

In memory of John J. Kuzman Jr. by wife

In loving memory of Marie Owens (B)
by Mr. & Mrs. John R. Johnston

Mr. Chelsey N. Santucci

In memory of Liz & Joseph Cavallaro
by daughter Cathy Agresta & son RJ

Mrs. Phyllis Chila

In loving memory of Nickolas Minnie
by wife Helga & Family

In loving memory of Mary Ann Pellegrini
by Cleto

In memory of Theresa Guerrieri, Catherine
Fedor & Gloria Fedor
by Mr. & Mrs. Troy & Christine Rhoades

For the Family by Mrs. Wanda Centofanti

In memory of Don Cheffo by wife Jaci

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are ill, homebound, or in nursing homes:

Sandra Ambrose
Justine Antol
Arlene Avdey
Tina Batcha
Virginia "Gigi" Cannone
Giovanna Cipriano
Phil Conti
Patricia Dawson
Anthony DeAscentis
Phyllis DeChurch
Anna DeLuco
Michelina DiVito
Bill Duffy
Roberta Elmo
Dolores Fusillo
Bob Giampetro
Frank Heri
Robert Julius
Joann Knuth
Julie Kobak
John Kopnisky
Jacob LaLama
Jennie Marinelli
John Mascardine
Louise Matash
A. J. Napoli
Lisa Marie Napoli
Tony Parish
Bonnie Pesce
Edward Pesce
Ronald Pesa
Frank Righetti
Bob Rimedio
Maria Valley
Robert Wallis
Rose Wydick
Eleanor Ziobert

Names will be listed in the bulletin for three months unless otherwise requested.

WEDDING BANNES

Please remember in your prayers couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, especially

Matthew Morahan and Jillian DiCesare



Corpus Christi Challenge

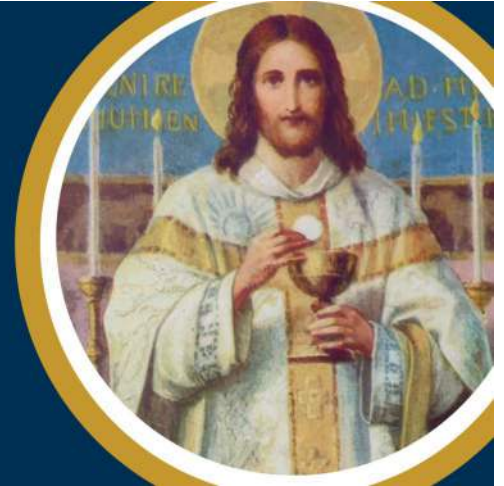
Set a specific plan to spend time with Jesus this week, whether in an Adoration Chapel or simply a visit to church, where He is always present in the tabernacle. Write down the date you will go, and make it concrete like an appointment card. (Consider putting the plan on your phone calendar.) Write it here, too, to make sure that it's a true appointment.

Date:

Time:

Place:

To learn more about Eucharistic Adoration, phone Maria Panozzo at 330-372-5141.



BASILICA KEYPAD CODE UPDATE

Beginning Sunday, June 7, the feast of Corpus Christi, the keypad entry code for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica will be changed for security purposes. If you are a parishioner who requires regular access and would like to receive the new code, please contact the parish office at 330-743-4144 to update your information.



PARISH GOAL
\$85,000

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Our parish has reached 48% of our goal.
Prayerfully consider making a gift to help us reach our target.

Scan the QR Code or visit www.doy.org/appeal

Faithful Stewardship

MAY 23 & 24, 2026

Attendance	4pm: 135 10:30am: 273
Total Sunday Collection	\$8,819.00
St. Anthony Shrine & Novena	\$392.00
Feast of the Ascension	\$1,045.00

MAY 30 & 31, 2026

Attendance	4pm: 118 10:30am: 270
Total Sunday Collection	\$11,080.60
St. Anthony Shrine & Novena	\$521.00
Online Contributions (May)	\$3,395.01
St. Vincent de Paul (May)	\$1,689.00

BUON COMPLEANNO!

Tim Danilov, Lena Gabriele, Michael Hollobaugh, Aaliyah Hollobaugh, Elizabeth Koulianos, Carmela Minnie, June Palermo, Frank Pirone, Lorenzo Sorice, Rocco Villone, Kimberly Boninsegna, Joy DeCapita, Thomas J. DePinto, Joseph DiDomenico, Declan DiDomenico, Ann Gresko, Sharon Kelty, Carl LoCicero, Dominic Marchionda, Jennifer Mascardine, Keith Micco, Dannielle Slaven, Sveva Ceccarani, Maureen Chila, Mary Anne Creatore, Madison DiTullio, William Kelly, Mario Minnie, Janet Audi, Luca DiFrangia, Joseph Dorsey, Darnell MacDonald, Dominic Vigarino, Reese Cuckovich, Susan Holzschuh, Megan Honsaker, Ken Kadilak, Margaret Napoli, Franki Nicholson, Christine Novicky, James Salreno, Justin Wagner, Nicole DeLaurentis, Laurel Ducay, Josa Ferreri, William Hack Sr., Donna Hecker, Gabriella Howe, Gianna Howe, Jeffrey Howe, Anna Marie Meranto, Frank Napolitano, Nicholas Ballabon, Joseph Meranto, Gianni Tocco.

Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus

COME AND SEE: JESUS WAITS

Why visit Jesus in the Eucharist?

Today is a feast dedicated to Jesus' Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Not only can, and should, we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we can—and should!—spend time adoring him in the Eucharist beyond the Mass. Fr. Mike Schmitz modernizes an ancient invitation today.

A Visit Changes Everything

I want to present to you an invitation to visit Jesus in the Eucharist. But before I do, think about this (and a few other things): Jesus makes himself so vulnerable that he sometimes gets placed in our hands or on our tongue. He abides in the tabernacle, just waiting for us to come by, waiting for us to enter into his Real Presence—and not only to enter into a “music” that is awesome and a “video” that is incredible, but also to enter into a silence that envelops our heart. Do that, and do not fear the silence or be afraid if anyone is going to be there.

When I was in high school at the age of fifteen or sixteen, I encountered Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. I had read about it, and when it happened, I was like, “Oh my gosh, this changes everything! That blows my mind.” I said, “OK, I’m going to go to Adoration for one hour every week.”

About the Saints...

I had read stories of the saints who would go into the Lord's Presence in the tabernacle, and I'd read that, for them, hours would feel like minutes. And so, I settled in. Well, I'll tell you this: minutes felt like hours. I didn't know what I was doing. I didn't know what I was supposed to be doing. I put a lot of pressure on myself to just say, “OK, how do I do this right?” The answer, of course, is there's no wrong way to adore the Lord. There's no wrong way to abide or rest in his Presence. Jesus just waits for you in the Eucharist.

But I have to tell you this. There are many times when I have not wanted to pray. There are many times when I've been like, “I'm so busy. I can do other things; I'll just drive past the church.” But when I have stopped and gone inside to the tabernacle, I have never thought afterward, “Well, I just wasted ten minutes,” or “I just wasted half an hour.” Never. Any time with Jesus is precious.

The Invitation

So here is your personal invitation: Just be with Jesus, no matter how much time, whether a lot or just a little, you may have with him. He always wants to spend time with you. Jesus is so humble. He is so vulnerable, and he waits for you.

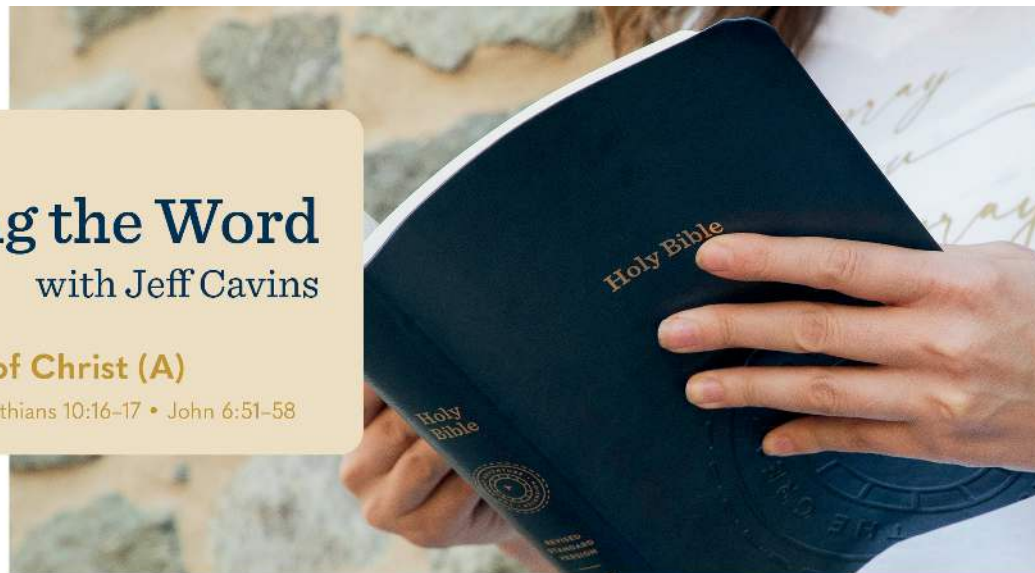
So why keep him waiting?

Encountering the Word

with Jeff Cavins

Body and Blood of Christ (A)

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a • 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 • John 6:51-58



My Flesh is True Food



At the heart of the Catholic Faith is a mystery so profound that it cannot be reduced to a mere symbol or sentiment. In the Eucharist, God gives himself to us fully as a Person to be received, not simply a remembrance to be observed. Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity are offered so that divine life might dwell within us. This gift stands at the very center of who we are as Catholics.

From the very beginning of salvation history, God has used food as a means of communion. In the Garden of Eden, humanity lost access to the Tree of Life through sin. Out of mercy, God prevented Adam and Eve from eating of that tree in a state of death. Later, during the Exodus, he

sustained his people in the wilderness with manna, the mysterious bread from heaven that preserved them on their journey. Yet even that bread could not give eternal life.

In the fullness of time, Jesus reveals himself as the true Bread from Heaven. He does not speak symbolically, nor does he soften his words when they are misunderstood. He insists that his flesh is real food and his blood real drink, and that without receiving him, there is no life within us. What was once lost is now restored. The Tree of Life is no longer guarded. It is the Cross of Christ, and its fruit is given to us at every Mass.

In the Eucharist, we participate in Christ's sacrifice. We are drawn into his life, united to him and to one another. Through this sacrament, God fulfills his desire to dwell with his people, nourishing us with the very life of heaven so that we may live forever.

Living the Gospel

This week, allow your Eucharistic faith to shape your actions. Attend Mass with intentional preparation, arriving early enough to place your heart before the Lord and recall whom you are about to receive. Receive the Eucharist consciously, acknowledging that Christ Himself is entering your life.

Let the unity formed at the altar extend into your daily relationships. Seek reconciliation where division exists, remembering that you share one Bread and one Body. Consider spending time in Eucharistic Adoration, allowing yourself to remain in the presence of the Tree of Life and receive the grace that He wants to give you.

Dive Deeper

Scan this code to watch:



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Magnifica Humanitas

POPE LEO XIV'S FIRST ENCYCLICAL

“Let us become ‘weavers of hope’ in our world, sharing who we are and what we have, so that the presence of Jesus may grow among us and his Kingdom take shape. In the humble fidelity of daily life, even the era of AI can become a time in which the Holy Spirit brings about the civilization of love in our lives.”

—Pope Leo XIV, *Magnifica Humanitas* 245

On May 25, 2026, Pope Leo XIV released his first encyclical titled *Magnifica Humanitas* (“Magnificent Humanity”), which primarily addresses the growing concern about the use of AI (artificial intelligence) worldwide and the inherent need to safeguard the dignity of the human person. Many of us are familiar with the common (and often ethical) discussions that surround AI use—from chatbots to AI programs such as ChatGPT, Gemini, and Claude, to name a few. We have all heard the concerns surrounding how we “should” use AI safely.

Pope Leo notes these concerns and delves into even greater and subtler dangers about what AI could mean for the human person and, consequently, the world. Instead of maintaining our human dignity, we stand on the precarious threshold of using AI to “optimize” humanity. Pope Leo explores these issues by calling us to root ourselves in humanity’s limitations. Without human limitations, we would not be able to discover wisdom, experience the same closeness with others, or encounter the Lord. We then need to look at AI not as a means of “optimization” but as a tool to aid us in our communication and connection with others across the world.

What is a papal encyclical?

A papal encyclical is a pastoral letter from the pope that offers reflection, teaching, and direction on matters of faith and morals in response to modern questions and issues. Even though encyclicals are primarily written to bishops, they are for each and every person, addressing the modern concerns that we, as lay faithful, face on a daily basis.

What are some key takeaways from *Magnifica Humanitas*?

Pope Leo warns us that “when efficiency becomes the ultimate measure of value, human beings are tempted to see themselves as a project to be optimized rather than as persons called to relationship and communion” (MH 112).

In response to this present temptation, we should ask ourselves practical questions about AI-assisted technology in ordinary daily life:

- Does it help me remain faithful to the truth “despite the most appealing content” (MH 237)?
- Does it help educate me and allow me to educate others (MH 238)?
- Does it help me cultivate “genuine closeness” in relationships and “cherish places and times where physical presence remains crucial” (MH 239)?
- Does it help me participate in the promotion of justice and peace (MH 240)?

The encyclical is not a call to reject AI. It is a call to guide our development and use of AI toward the magnificence of humanity (MH 4).

Magnifica Humanitas FAQs

Q. Why is this encyclical called *Magnifica Humanitas*?

The title is Latin for “magnificent humanity.” It points to the document’s teaching that no machine can replace the God-given magnificence of the human person. As Pope Leo writes, “We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendor of which no machine can ever replace” (MH 15).

Q. What is the encyclical’s most important message about AI?

The encyclical acknowledges familiar concerns about AI, including “job insecurity and inequality” (MH 151), “manipulation of information or violations of privacy” (MH 102), “ideological bias” (MH 102), “autonomous weapons systems” (MH 197), and “a futuristic vision of an ‘enhanced human being’” (MH 115).

But Pope Leo identifies a deeper danger: Human beings may begin to see themselves and others as projects that can or should “be optimized” (MH 112). The encyclical teaches that what seems to be human “limits”—such as “incapacity, illness, old age, suffering, [and] vulnerability”—must not be seen simply as defects “to be corrected.” Rather, the magnificence of humanity is that we flourish “not *despite* [our] limitations, but often *through* them” (MH 118).

In those moments, “we can discover a new wisdom, tangibly experience the closeness of others and encounter the presence of the Lord” (MH 119). Therefore, AI should serve the common good of humanity not by tempting us to escape human limitations through optimization but by supporting a life of “openness and communion” (MH 231).

Q. Is Pope Leo XIV against AI? Is he saying AI is “good” or “bad”?

No, Pope Leo is not against AI. He does not issue a blanket condemnation of AI, nor does he praise AI as inherently good. The encyclical addresses both the benefits and dangers of the technology, including how AI supports innovation, productivity, and business enterprise. It teaches that AI must remain ordered to human dignity rather than becoming the ultimate measure of value.

Pope Leo explains that technology can “heal, connect, educate and protect our common home; but it can also divide, exclude and generate new forms of injustice” (MH 9). While “AI can be a valuable tool” (MH 100), it is not morally neutral in practice “because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate and use it” (MH 9).

The key question is not simply whether to use AI or avoid it, but whether our use of AI is ordered toward the dignity of the human person and the common good.

Q. How should I respond to this encyclical’s message?

Here are a few suggestions as you read *Magnifica Humanitas*:

- 1. Pray:** Begin by praying with the encyclical, inviting God to guide you through this teaching from the pope and help you note areas that are intriguing or troubling.
- 2. Examine:** As you enter deeper into prayer, start examining your own life. Do you find yourself relying on AI for answers instead of taking them to prayer? Do you get caught up in maintaining your life online rather than in the present? How can you draw closer to Christ and encounter his divine presence?
- 3. Invite:** Discuss the encyclical’s message with friends and family. Oftentimes, we can gain insights and ideas that we hadn’t originally considered. Invite others into conversations around this topic over the next few days.
- 4. Build Community:** Pope Leo reminded us that a reliance on AI and the digital world can lead us to forget community. Be intentional about stepping away from heavy reliance on AI/technology and challenge yourself to have regular, genuine conversations with others.

Where can I find *Magnifica Humanitas*?

The full text of *Magnifica Humanitas* can be found on the Vatican’s website:



Additional explanatory infographics about *Magnifica Humanitas* are available from the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development:



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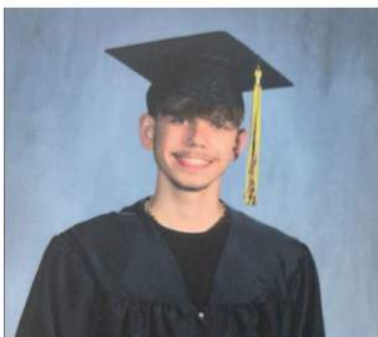
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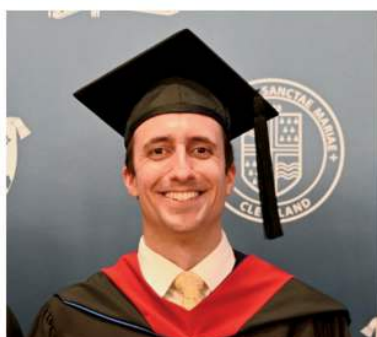
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KNIGHTS HONOR VETERANS

Knights of Columbus Assembly 3760 placed flags on the graves of Veterans at Tod Cemetery for Memorial Day. A wonderful tribute to our Veterans who gave so much for our freedom. The Assembly meets at 7pm on the third Thursday of every month.

CPR/AED TRAINING

Thank you to our Safety Committee for organizing the HSI CPR/AED training on Tuesday, May 19. Seventeen parishioners completed the course! We extend a special thank you to our parishioner and instructor, Phillip J. Pillin, for sharing his expertise. Certification cards for all attendees are now available for pickup at the Parish Office.



MEET MOTHER CABRINI

Our parish hosted this wonderful and engaging event on May 24. We send a very special thank you to Phil Micali of Phil Italy Cultural Exchanges LLC (www.philitaly.co), who generously sponsored this presentation. Phil is passionate about bringing historical figures of our faith and country to life. He looks forward to seeing everyone again at this summer's Italian Festival.



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

This year we will again have a Bake Sale at the St. Anthony Feast Day Indoor Festival. Baked goods such as cookies, cakes, and pastries are needed. Thank you in advance for your wonderful generosity.

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Thank you to everyone who has purchased raffle tickets. Help make our Festival a success by continuing to sell your tickets. Additional tickets are available at the Parish Office.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Italian Fest Scholarship is offered to full-time YSU students enrolled in the 2026 Fall Semester. Deadline June 15, 2026. **Download the application form at:**
www.olmcsta.com/Italian-Fest-Scholarship-2026

ITALIAN AUCTION DONATIONS

We are joyfully looking forward to the 2026 Italian Festival. We have received a collection of beautiful gifts and monetary donations and would like to thank those who have generously donated. We are still in need of many gifts to provide a worthwhile and respectable auction. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 3pm, or give us a call for pick up.

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THIS WEEK'S SNAPSHOT

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

13th Week of St. Anthony Novena

12 PM | OLMC Basilica

5:30 PM | St. Anthony Church

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Visitation of Mary Society

10 AM | OLMC, John Paul II

Ultreya

7 PM | OLMC, St. Joseph Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

3 PM - 4 PM | OLMC Basilica

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Divine Will Prayer Group

12:30 PM | OLMC, John Paul II

Sacrament of Confession

3 PM | St. Anthony Church

St. Anthony Feast Day & Festival

4 PM | St. Anthony Church

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Deadline for Italian Festival Scholarship Applications

Italian Festival Meeting

6 PM | OLMC, St. Joseph Hall

Unfailing Novena to St. Anthony of Padua Concludes

12pm Mass & Novena | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica

5:30pm Mass & Novena | St. Anthony of Padua Church

Join us for this powerful devotion honoring the “Saint of Miracles”.

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, June 12 | 8:30am Mass | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica

Friday, June 12 | 3pm Holy Hour | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica

In observance of the nation’s 250th anniversary and the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the U.S.

Conference of Catholic Bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11-12. **All Catholics are encouraged to join the bishops in praying for the unity and healing of our country.** On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Mass will be offered at 8:30am and

a Holy Hour including the [Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus](#) will take place at 3pm. This 3pm Holy Hour will go towards the USCCB’s [250 Hours of Adoration](#) initiative.

St. Anthony Feast Day Celebration

Saturday, June 13 | 4pm | St. Anthony of Padua Church

Celebrate St. Anthony of Padua with a special Feast Day Mass and Indoor Festival, featuring traditional Italian Foods including St. Anthony’s Brier Hill Pizza, and music by the Lowellville Marching Band.

Marriages of Grace CanaNight

Friday, June 26 | 7pm-9:30pm | OLMC Basilica and Social Hall

Sponsored by Marriages of Grace, this date night is open to married and engaged couples. The evening includes Eucharistic Adoration and a light reception for \$35 per couple. Register at www.marriagesofgrace.org.

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Monday, June 29 | 11am Confessions | 12pm Mass

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica

Join us in celebrating the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Plenary Indulgences are available to the Faithful who devoutly visit the Basilica on this day, received Eucharistic Communion and Sacramental Confession (within several days before or after), pray for the Pope’s Intentions, and are detached from all sin.

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Parish Golf Day on the Links

Monday, July 13 | RSVP by Tuesday, June 30

Join fellow parishioners for a casual day of golf and fellowship for both men and women on Monday, July 13. If you are interested, please RSVP by Tuesday, June 30, by calling Rick Cappellino at 330-727-8243 or John Didek at 330-550-3824 so final details on time, location and cost can be determined.



ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS

How about a Day on the Links!

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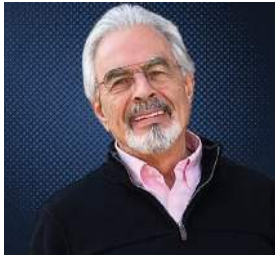
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