

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 21, 2025



St. Columba Parish



Saint Edward

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Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Saint Columba

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Saints Peter & Paul

421 Covington Street
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StColumbaCathedral.org

Saint Columba Parish

Mission Statement

The mission of the Cathedral Parish of Saint Columba is two fold: to participate in the saving mission of Jesus Christ by caring for the spiritual and physical needs of people in Central Youngstown, and to serve as the spiritual center of the Diocese of Youngstown by fostering the mission of the Bishop.

Saint Columba Parish Directory

Most Reverend David J. Bonnar

Bishop Of The Diocese Of Youngstown

Very Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin Rector

Reverend John Rovnak Parochial Vicar

Reverend Edward Brien In Residence

Monsignor Peter Polando In Residence

Deacon William Bancroft Deacon

Deacon Sylvester Frazzini Deacon

Ralph Holtzhauser Director of Music

Sister Martha Reed Pastoral Minister

Sister Regina Rogers Pastoral Minister

Karen Thomas Secretary

Members Of Parish Council

Laura Elder, Steve Grzywna, Louise Korhan, Joseph Markulin, Linda Puryear, David Sweeney, Julie Tarantino, Jennifer Vinkler, Bill Wainio, Mary Lynne West, Guy Young and Barb Zorn

Members of Finance Council

Denise Walters Dobson, Steve Grzywna, Dave Ivko, Michael McBride, Kathy Lewis, Ed Palumbo, Tom Poole, Frank Rossetti and Julie Tarantino



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300 Club Winner Wk #17

St. Columba Parish

Val Bogart #20

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 21

9:00 am St. Edward † Chuck Byrne and Daniel McCauley

10:30 am St. Columba † Leo Tirado

11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Magda Simonyi-Favret,

Renee L.Ples, William Uehlinger III, Tom Bergen and
Mike Karas

4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners of St.
Columba

Monday, September 22

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service

12:10 pm St. Columba † Chuck Reed

Tuesday, September 23

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service

12:10 pm St. Columba † Fr. Paul Tobin

Wednesday, September 24

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service

12:10 pm St. Columba † Priests & Deacons of the DOY

Thursday, September 25

8:30 am St. Edward † Dr. Mellie Espino, Sr. Alma Siffrin,
Isabel Tarr & Carol Desmond

12:10 pm St. Columba † Dr. Thomas Pokabla

5:45 pm Sts. Peter & Paul † Tyne Horvath

Friday, September 26

8:30 am St. Edward † Daniel McCauley

12:10 pm St. Columba † Bishop Benedict C. Franzetta

Saturday, September 27

8:30 am St. Edward † Dr. Tom Pokabla

4:00 pm Vigil St. Columba † Lena Fair

4:00 pm Vigil St. Edward † Duke Welsh & Tom Hannon

Sunday, September 28

9:00 am St. Edward † Sonia Niro

10:30 am St. Columba † Stephen & Kathryn Evans

11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Kay Novak, James Vargo, Tom
Markovich Jr., Mary & John Majernik and
Blessings Frank & Mary Schauer 60th Anniversary

4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners of St.
Columba

Pastor's Column

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Scriptures today encourage us to be good stewards of all that is entrusted to us. This is true for us as individuals, families, Parishes, Diocese and the broader Church. This should also apply in the secular world. As we face changing times in the Church, being a good steward is an important goal.

Last week was the biannual Priests' Convocation with Bishop Bonnar. It was both challenging and refreshing to work and pray together with the bishop. It was truly good and reassuring to see the faithful and loving concern of all of us for all of you.

As we continue to discuss and prepare for changes in Mass time at St. Columba Parish, I will be sharing with you the recent changes and mergers across the Diocese due to the fewer number of priests. I ask for your prayers and support as we plan to the future so that we can share our faith and the gifts God has entrusted to us so that we can promote and strengthen our Diocesan Church.

Some of the changes that will affect us are:

The 4:00 pm Sunday Mass at St. Columba will move to 5:00 pm so that we can encourage and invite the YSU community to join us. This will also assist those who regularly work on weekends.

The 4:00 pm Saturday Mass at St. Edward will be discontinued.

The 11:00 am Mass at SS. Peter and Paul will be discontinued.

Parish council discussed a scheduling arrangement that will be published next week.

Changes like this are happening across the diocese. Your prayers and cooperation are very important.

Next Sunday at all our Masses will be renewing our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after communion. Please stop and see our renovation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus chapel in the Cathedral.

Do you know anyone who has drifted from their relationship with the Lord, or someone who has not come to know the Lord? If you do, then welcome them to come with you to worship with us. Also, consider inviting people to join us in the OCIA.

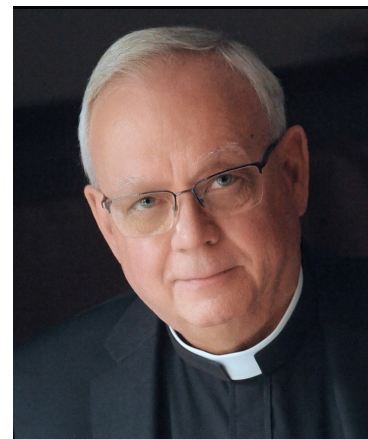
If you have not yet pledged to the Annual Appeal, please be generous!! A special thank you to everyone who has already contributed. Our parish has reached its goal, but let's all of us surpass the goal for the help of the poor and the support of the mission of the Church!

Thank you to parishioners who have called the office to let us know about family or friends who are in nursing homes or are confined to their home.

With my daily prayers for you and your families, I remain.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



Reflection

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The Clever Crook

The parable in today's the Gospel has a crooked steward who is commended by his master for being prudent, or clever, trying to protect himself. Jesus wanted us to be just as clever in serving the Lord. Let's look at the first two readings and how they challenge us to do more.

The reading from Amos talks about those "who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor" (Amos 8:4). The challenge here is to ask yourself, "What do I do for the poor?" Most parishes have organizations to help the needy and are happy to get volunteers. Do you ever think of praying for the poor?

Speaking of prayer, our second reading also challenges us to do more. Paul recommends prayers for "kings and for all in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2). It's easy to pray for friends and family; how much time do we give to prayers for government leaders and executives? Paul reminds us that God wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), sinners as well as saints, terrorists and embezzlers, atheists and agnostics. I'll bet you don't spend much time praying for the "bad guys." Yet Jesus said, "Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you" (Matthew 5:44). I can't say I've ever heard anyone say that was their favorite Bible passage. But if Jesus expects more from those who love him, who are we to let him down?

-Tom Schmidt

Saint Columba Parish

<i>Mass Times</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Greeters & Ushers</i>	<i>Altar Server</i>
St. Edward				
4:00 pm September 27	Mary Beth Loto Mike Lowry	Jimmy Weller/Host Linda Puryear/CP Mike McBride/CB	Angie Palumbo Ed Palumbo	Kathy Lewis
9:00 am September 28	John Barry Jason Vinkler	John Jablonski/Host Deacon Tony/CP Tim Herberger/CB	Barb DeCarlo Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Jennifer Vinkler
St. Columba				
4:00 pm September 27	Bill Wainio Melissa Larsen	Marilynn Butler/Host Tess Szenborn/Cup Jean Wainio/Cup	Carol Zarny Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha
10:30 am September 28	Barbara Walko Lisa Devlin	Laurie Chrobak/Host Vicki Kidd/Cup Juliann McLennan/Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Jonah Green Maddie Devlin
4:00 pm September 28	Thomas Gilmartin, Jr. Margaret Bourne	David Oaks/Host JoAnn Oaks/Cup Laura Elder/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	Sr. Martha
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am September 28	Eric Cromwell	Ed Habuda/Host Linda Habuda/Cup	Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

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"No servant can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Luke 16:13)

A vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is a call to single-hearted service to God. If you think you have a vocation to one of these, then talk to your priest or reach out to

Fr. Chad Johnson at cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org or

Fr. Will Wainio at wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org

Parishioners that require Low Gluten Communion: please stop in the sacristy before mass to let our priests know so they can make sure you get the correct communion.
Thank you!!

Stewardship Reflections

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"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." (Luke 16:13)

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

Please consider donating Peanut Butter, cereals and pancake mix for the Month of September.



Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections for:

St. Columba Cathedral Parish
September 13 & 14 \$ 12,658.30

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, September 13 4:00 pm	93
Sunday, September 14 9:00 am	104

St. Columba

Saturday, September 13 4:00 pm	105
Sunday, September 14 10:30 am	135
Sunday, September 14 4:00 pm	153

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, September 14 11:00 am	52
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The St. George Croatian Club will be having Dinner every Sunday in September at its lodge hall 3200 Vestal Rd. Youngstown Ohio (Westside) Dinners are open to the public, eat in or to go. Please call Tim at 330-519-9036 to place your orders.



**1pm to 3 pm eat in or to go,
 \$15.00 per dinner**

**Sunday Sept 21st Kielbasi &
 Kraut, Potatoes, green beans
 Sunday 28th Brunch, Eggs,
 Pancakes Sausage, Pot. Tots
 Avocado toast Coffee**

Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated at 1:00 to 1:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday and at 9:15 - 9:45 am on Saturday at St. Columba. St. Edward offers the sacrament before 8:00 am every Saturday morning. Communal celebrations are held during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Baptism

Please make arrangements with the office for the necessary preparation at least four weeks in advance. All parents and when possible, godparents, participate in the baptismal preparation program prior to their child's baptism. Call the parish office for registration and further information.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated with the eighth grade students in the spring. Our young people must participate in the preparation program according to the diocesan and our parish's guidelines.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

A person who desires to become a Catholic is encouraged to be a part of a religious process which may begin each autumn and may culminate with the Sacraments of Initiation being celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

Marriage

Please make arrangements with Monsignor Siffrin at least six months before the marriage is to be celebrated. All engaged couples participate in a preparation program for their marriage following the diocesan and our parish's guidelines.

Holy Orders Of Religious Life

Any woman desiring to become affiliated with a religious order and any man desiring to become a priest, permanent deacon, or brother is welcome to discuss her/his vocation with Monsignor Siffrin.

Anointing of the Sick

Communal celebrations are held in the spring and in the autumn. Individual celebrations may be celebrated upon request at any time.

Sick Calls

For visitation, please contact the office if a parishioner is in the hospital. The Eucharist is taken to those unable to attend Mass each week. Anyone desiring a visitation is asked to call the office at any time.

Youngstown Council of Catholic Nurses:

The Youngstown Council of Catholic Nurses (Diocese of Youngstown, OH) was founded in 1945 to encourage and advance the spiritual, professional and social contacts of Catholic Nurses.

Our Motto: In All Things, Charity.

The council consists of Catholic registered professional and licensed practical/vocational nurses, actively working or retired. We meet eight times per calendar year at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center, Youngstown, OH, 44515. We are seeking to increase our membership and would like to inform other Catholic nurses of our council.

Please contact Doreen Ghioldi at (330) 770-5299 if you would be interested in joining the Youngstown Council of Catholic Nurses.



Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother: Angela Filipski

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Grzywna

Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ St. Edward September 2025

Sanctuary:

Host & Wine:

Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ Sts. Peter & Paul for the week.

Renee L. Ples



Mission: We are a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

Join our local St. Vincent de Paul conference in supporting the annual Oktoberfest fundraising event —see the bulletin insert for details.

Our conference will serving at the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen from October 6-10. For more information and to participate, contact Diane Guarnieri at 330-501-4969.

Our next conference meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7 at 9:15 a.m. at St. Edward's Church.



You're cordially invited to:

OktoberVines!

Fri., Oct. 17, join Ursuline Sisters

Mission at

St. Mary's Assumption Social Center

356 S. Belle Vista, Yo.

from 6-10pm.

Enjoy an evening of beer and wine tastings, dinner, live music from The Cugines, raffles, a wine pull and more. Proceeds support our life-changing programs, which help vulnerable people achieve fullness of life and a future of hope. Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased at givebutter.com/oktobervines.



Blood Pressure Screening will be available the weekend of September 27th & 28th at St. Edward after mass.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 21, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
Monday	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



St. Edward Knights of Columbus Council 15959

Football CRAZR Ticket Sale!

Please consider supporting our annual K of C CRAZR ticket sale!



For a fun way to help support our St. Edward Knights of Columbus chapter as you cheer on your favorite NFL teams weekly, consider purchasing a **CRAZR** ticket from the Knights. You can double your fun by not only cheering on your favorite NFL team(s), but also your **CRAZR** teams for the week (each ticket has four teams listed weekly for ten weeks). 25 cash prizes are awarded weekly based on the highest and lowest total team scores.

Proceeds from this sale help the Knights to support local Diocesan charities, such as Catholic Charities, United Way, Potential Development, Golden String and others.

The Knights will be selling tickets at St. Edward Church after Masses the weekends of **September 13 and 14, September 20 and 21 and September 27 and 28**. \$20 per ticket (for 10 weeks of fun!) Thank you for your support!

25th, 40th, 50th and over Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 26th, 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2025.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office and obtaining your pastor's signature before September 26th.

**Twenty-Ninth Annual Red Mass:**

Bishop David J. Bonnar invites all men and women involved in the Legal and Judicial Profession across the six counties of Northeast Ohio to join in prayer for their important work for the common good of our local communities and society. All judges and attorneys, particularly those who are Catholics are encouraged to attend the Twenty-Ninth Annual Red Mass on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown, OH 12:10 p.m. For additional information, please contact Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin at (330) 744-8451 ext 225.

Please be advised: BULLETIN INSERTS

Announcement requests for the bulletin **MUST** be turned in, at the very latest **two weeks** prior to the date of the bulletin you would like it in. Our finished bulletins are sent to the printer on Monday of the week prior to the Sunday Bulletin. Therefore nothing can be added on Monday. We usually receive our bulletins by Thursday to distribute at mass on Saturday and Sunday. During Holidays we are required to get our bulletins in even sooner. Don't wait to send in your event or you may not make the bulletin. Thank you!

Saint of The Week**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (1581-1660)****September 27**

St. Vincent de Paul was born in the 16th century and lived on a small farm in Gascony, France. He worked herding his family's livestock as a child and entered seminary at age 15. He was ordained at age 19 but since he was too young to be a pastor, he continued his theological studies. Although he initially hoped priesthood would afford him a comfortable life, he had a change of heart while hearing the confession of a dying servant.

From then on, he sought to fulfill the spiritual needs of the poor in France. He eventually became the leader of the Vincentian community, whose members devoted themselves to the service of the poor in small towns and villages. Throughout his life he established confraternities of charity, organized fundraisers for missionary projects, founded hospitals and seminaries, and ransomed slaves. He also had a particular passion for training priests by conducting retreats. Vincent started out as a hard and rough man but became tender and sensitive to others' needs. Let us be uplifted by the example of St. Vincent de Paul, who allowed himself to be transformed by Christ in both character and deeds. May we follow his example and seek to serve those in need in whatever capacity God may be calling us to.

—Tami Urcia

