

Communiqué

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Below you will find ONLY the ***text*** bulletin announcements and intercessions with the red boxes removed for you to easily copy & paste. If you have any questions about accessing the folder, or other feedback on how we can best support your work, please contact Meagen at [communications@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:communications@youngstowndiocese.org) or (330) 744-8451 x 275.

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# CHANCERY OFFICE

## OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT (Bulletin Materials | Materiales de Boletín)

**PARISH BULLETINS/PUBLICITY**

### Safe Environment Bulletin Announcements (Bulletin Materials | Materiales de Boletín)\*\*

The following bulletin announcement regarding education, screening, reporting, and victim assistance, should be included bi-monthly (every two months) in all parish bulletins:

* [English Bulletin Insert: PDF](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Bulletin-Insert-Revised-2.pdf)
* [English Bulletin Insert: Image (PNG)](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Bulletin-Insert-Revised-2.png)
* [Spanish Bulletin Insert: PDF](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/DIOCESIS-CATOLICA-DE-YOUNGSTOWN.pdf)
* [Spanish Bulletin Insert: Image (PNG)](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/DIOCESIS-CATOLICA-DE-YOUNGSTOWN.png)

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

EDUCATION & SCREENING

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, and employees, as well as any volunteers who work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about our safe environment compliance requirements visit: doy.org/safe-environment/.

REPORTING & VICTIM ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint.

Contact Information

Confidential Response Line: 330-718-1388

**Email:** dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org

**By Mail:** Catholic Diocese of Youngstown,Attn: Dominic Colucy

144 W. Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503

Contact information for Civil Authorities can be found at: doy.org/safe-environment/.

DIÓCESIS CATÓLICA DE YOUNGSTOWN

POLÍTICA DE AMBIENTE SEGURO

PARA LA PROTECCIÓN DE NIÑOS Y ADULTOS VULNERABLES

EDUCACIÓN Y DETECCIÓN

Los clérigos, religiosos, seminaristas/personas en formación, y empleados, así como cualquier voluntario que trabaja con niños, jóvenes o adultos vulnerables, están obligados a completar una verificación de antecedentes y capacitación en la política de ambiente seguro. Para más información sobre nuestros requisitos de cumplimiento de ambiente seguro visite doy.org/safe-environment/.

DENUNCIA Y ASISTENCIA LAS VICTIMAS

La Diócesis lo alienta a presentarse y denunciar el caso contactando a las autoridades civiles y/o al Sr. Dominic Colucy, Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas. El Sr. Colucy está disponible para ayudarlo a usted o cualquier otra persona que haya sido abusada o víctima de alguien que representa a la Iglesia Católica. Él lo escuchará y lo apoyará en lo que necesite. Él lo ayudará a redactar una denuncia formal.

Información del contacto

Línea confidencial: 330-718-1388

Email: dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org

Por correo: Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Attn: Dominic Colucy

144 W. Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503

La información para contactar a las Autoridades Civiles puede ser encontrada en: doy.org/safe-environment/.

## EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL (Bulletin Materials)

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**Eucharistic Revival: Adoration and Holy Hour**

All are invited to join Bishop Bonnar as the Eucharistic Revival continues! The Holy Hour will begin with a brief understanding of the importance of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by time spent in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Our first celebration will be:

**Sunday, December 11 at 1:00pm at Little Flower Parish in Canton**

Please consider joining us on this joyful Sunday of our Advent journey as we spend time in prayer with our Lord.

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## MINISTERIO HISPANO | HISPANIC MINISTERY (Bulletin Materials | Materiales de Boletín)

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Diocesan Celebration | Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Celebración Diocesana**

All are welcome to join Bishop David J. Bonnar in a Diocesan Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2022. 6:00pm Mass at the Cathedral of St. Columba includes mariachi music and presentation of roses to Our Lady. Reception to follow at 7:00pm at Ursuline High School (Youngstown) with food from local Mexican restaurants, dance presentations, and the story of Our Lady's appearance to Juan Diego.

[FULL PAGE FLYER](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Copy-of-Our-Lady-of-Guadalupe-11-%C3%97-17-in-1.pdf)

Diocesan Event Page:<https://doy.org/events/fiesta-de-guadalupe-2022/>

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## DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION (Bulletin Materials)

**Weekend of December 31/January 1 (or earlier):**

**Diocesan Communications Collection: Epiphany Weekend**

In the Christmas Season, we are also called to share the good news of Jesus who is made known in our faith community. One way we can do this is by supporting the “Diocesan Communications Collection” on January 7 and 8, the Solemnity of the Epiphany. This collection supports the new initiatives of the Diocese of Youngstown's Communications Office, including *The Catholic Echo* - a new magazine and multimedia website - along with a contemporary social media studio that will help us produce videos, podcasts and more. Your gift will help us to reach out to younger Catholics and help support critical services to the homebound, including the recorded Sunday Mass and radio and television ministry. Thank you for your gift on January 8, or online through your parish’s e-giving, or at [doy.org/communications-collection/](http://doy.org/communications-collection/).

**Weekend of January 7/8, 2023:**

**Diocesan Communications Collection: Epiphany Weekend**

On this celebration of Christ's Epiphany, we dare to believe that the light of Christ shines in each one of us. Our new diocesan Communications initiatives will shine a light on the good news of our Catholic community in every county of our diocese, through *The Catholic Echo* - a new magazine and multimedia website - and a contemporary social media studio that will help us produce videos, podcasts and more. Our diocesan Communications Department also provides necessary publicity and information services to parishes and diocesan offices. Your gift will help us to reach out to younger Catholics and help support critical services to the homebound, including the recorded Sunday Mass and radio and television ministry. Thank you for your gift in today’s second collection, online through your parish’s e-giving, or at [doy.org/communications-collection/](http://doy.org/communications-collection/).

**After January 7/8, 2023:**

**Diocesan Communications Collection: Gratitude**

Many thanks to those who already supported this year’s Diocesan Communications Collection on January 7 and 8. Your gift will help us spread the good news of our Catholic community in every county of our diocese, through *The Catholic Echo* - a new magazine and multimedia website - and a contemporary social media studio that will help us produce videos, podcasts and more. As we celebrate the “Sunday of the Word of God” on January 21 and 22, please pray for our communications ministries, and all who echo God’s word in liturgical, catechesis and service ministries. Please know that your contributions will help us reach out to younger Catholics and help support critical services to the homebound, including the recorded Sunday Mass and radio and television ministry. If you are able, you can still give to our Diocesan Communications Collection online at [doy.org/communications-collection/](http://doy.org/communications-collection/).

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## BISHOP BONNAR’S 2023 PILGRIMAGE (Bulletin Materials)\*\*

[Pilgrimage to Scotland and Ireland: PDF](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Pilgrimage.pdf)

[Pilgrimage to Scotland and Ireland: Image (PNG)](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Pilgrimage.png)

Event details at DOY.org: <https://doy.org/events/2023-scotland-pilgrimage/>

Make plans to join Bishop David J. Bonnar and parishioners throughout the diocese on a Pilgrimage to Scotland and Ireland as we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of The Diocese of Youngstown.

**June 4-14, 2023**

Highlights of the trip include visits to: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Stirling, Oban, Belfast, Knock, Galway and Dublin. A special part of the pilgrimage is a visit to the Isle of Iona on the Feast of Saint Columba, where he founded Scotland’s first Christian community.

To receive more information as the trip develops, please email Fr. Lavelle at jlavelle@youngstowndiocese.org.

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES (Bulletin Materials)

**Christmas Gifting**

[Flyer](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Flyer-Christmas-Gifting.png) and [image](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Image-Christmas-Gifting.png) attached.

Catholic Charities’ Christmas Gifting Project is a great way to support the work of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Youngstown, while giving a gift that has real meaning. All you have to do is make a donation in any dollar amount, and we will send a personalized, customized greeting card to the recipient(s) of your choice, acknowledging your gift in their honor (but not mentioning the specific dollar amount).

Visit our website [www.ccdoy.org](https://15181.thankyou4caring.org/gifting) for more information and to make your gift online.

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### Season of Giving

[*Image attached*](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/LOGO-Season-of-Giving.png)*.*

**Season of Giving**

Each year, from November 1 through December 31, Catholic Charities hosts our annual "Season of Giving."  It is during this time of Thanksgiving and Christmas blessings that so many of our loyal friends are inspired to get involved and give back to the community.  We offer a variety of ways that you too can get involved in this season of giving back to those who need our help the most.

-Pray

-Donate

-Volunteer

-Participate

-Get Social

To get more information on how you can get involved, please visit our website [www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org)

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### Breakfast with the Bishop Event

[*Flyer*](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/FLYER-Breakfast-with-the-Bishop.pdf) *and* [*image*](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/LOGO-Breakfast-with-the-Bishop.png) *attached.*

**Breakfast with the Bishop**

To kick off **#GivingTuesday**, we are hosting our very first **“Breakfast with the Bishop.”** This event will take place on Tuesday, November 29; from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica, Youngstown.  Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a hearty breakfast, learn about Catholic Charities, and hear from The Most Reverend, David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown.  All proceeds from this event will support Catholic Charities’ basic needs assistance programs throughout the Diocese of Youngstown. Tickets are on sale now and must be purchased in advance as space is limited.

To reserve your tickets or to make a donation, please visit our website. For parishes or local businesses interested in purchasing AD space in our event program booklet, please contact Jennifer Lucarelli at 330-744-8451, or [jlucarelli@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:jlucarelli@youngstowndiocese.org).

[www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org)

### Giving Tuesday

[*Image attached*](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/LOGO-Giving-Tuesday.png)*.*

**Giving Tuesday**

#Giving Tuesday is one of the largest giving days and one of the most successful social media campaigns all over the world!  You, too, can participate in this global event. You can make a difference! Visit the Catholic Charities website on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022 and make a gift, and your gift will automatically be DOUBLED thanks to our corporate sponsors! A list of sponsors will be available on our website beginning on November 1, 2022.

Proceeds from #GivingTuesday will help support the many programs and ministries of Catholic Charities in all (6) counties of the Diocese of Youngstown.

[www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org)

### **Support for Ukraine – Financial Support**

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Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Youngstown continues to accept financial contributions to assist the people of Ukraine. 100% of the funds we receive in the Diocese of Youngtown for Ukraine will be divided between the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe and Catholic Relief Services, unless otherwise specified by the donor. Both of these organizations are uniquely suited to help, since they and their partners have been “on the ground” for years doing critical work. Both are intently focused right now on supporting the emergency needs of Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees, with any additional funds (if applicable) supporting ongoing needs in Eastern Europe and globally. Please note that Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Youngstown does not process or keep any of these disaster donations for Ukraine for our local efforts in the collection process. All of the money goes to the people who desperately need it.

### **Support for Ukraine – Sponsor Support**

**Uniting for Ukraine** is a streamlined process that allows for Ukrainian citizens who have been displaced by Russia’s aggression to apply for humanitarian parole in the United States.

According to the USCCB, this program will need an additional 30,000 to 40,000 American households to register as sponsors in the months to come. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, learn more about how you may be able to connect with someone in need in order to become their sponsor by viewing the links below.

**SPONSORS**:  <https://ukraine.welcome.us/resources>

**CONNECTIONS:**  <https://ukraine.welcome.us/connect>

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVING PORTAGE AND STARK COUNTIES (Bulletin Materials)

### Adult Day Services in Louisville is Accepting Participants

The Adult Day Services (ADS) facility operated by Catholic Charities serving Portage and Stark Counties is open and accepting participants on a limited basis. ADS offers a safe and secure environment for older adults in need of supervision or assistance with activities of daily living while family caregivers are at work or attending to other responsibilities. We have implemented strict pandemic related protocols to ensure the health and safety of participants and staff alike. Our well-maintained facility is located on the St. Joseph Senior Living Campus in Louisville, Ohio. For more information about the program, please call 330-875-7979 or send an email to Troy Cochran at [troy.cochran@catholiccharitiesps.org](mailto:troy.cochran@catholiccharitiesps.org)

## OFFICE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE (Bulletin Materials)

### **Prison Ministry Presents - Kolbe Gathering**

[*Flyer*](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/KolbeGathering-Flyer-Sept2022.pdf) and [*image*](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Kolbe-Gathering.png) attached.

Kolbe Gathering is a place for the formerly incarcerated and their families to join with parish-based volunteers in spiritual support and fellowship. Embrace spirituality in prayer, music, scripture reading and fellowship, all in a welcoming and warm environment.

St. Maximilian Kolbe is Patron Saint of prisoners and drug addicts.  He was martyred at Auschwitz Concentration Camp.

For further information contact William Barber, Coordinator for Prison Ministry, at 330.235.3920.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

## MULTIMEDIA (CTNY) (Bulletin Materials)

### Wineskins \*\*

***Wineskins*** airs every Sunday:

7:30 a.m. on WKBN 570 AM in Youngstown

7:30 a.m. on WRQX 600 AM in Salem

9:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on WILB AM Canton 1060, WILB FM 89.5 Youngstown, WILB FM 94.5 Canton

A new episode of **Wineskins** airs every Sunday.Listen to Wineskins on the diocesan website at [www.doy.org/live/](http://www.doy.org/live/) and click the Wineskins button. Subscribe to our YouTube channel for updates when we post a new episode: <https://www.youtube.com/CTNYDOY>

**December 4, 2022**

* **Current Issue:** Fr. Korda talks with Jill Valentic about Catholic Charities.
* **Saint:** Anthony Huff from St. Angela Merici Parish in Youngstown will tell us about St. Nicholas.
* **Interview:** Fr. Korda will begin a series on Vatican II this week’s topic is The Liturgy.
* **Music:** From the CD “Joy to The World” by Daniel Smith.
* **Scripture:** Fr. Zach Coulter will tell us about the Scriptures for the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

**December 11, 2022**

* **Current Issue:** Fr. John-Michael Lavelle will talk about Racism.
* **Saint:** Anthony Huff from St. Angela Merici Parish in Youngstown will tell us about Our Lady of Guadalupe.
* **Interview:** Fr. Korda continues a series on Vatican II this week’s topic is Communication.
* **Music:** From the CD “Joy to The World” by Daniel Smith.
* **Scripture:** Fr. Zach Coulter will tell us about the Scriptures for the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

**December 18, 2022**

* **Current Issue:** Fr. Korda talks with Fr. Brian Smith about Hispanic Ministry.
* **Saint:** Anthony Huff from St. Angela Merici Parish in Youngstown will tell us about St. Peter Canisius.
* **Interview:** Fr. Korda continues a series on Vatican II this week’s topic is The Church.
* **Music:** From the CD “Joy to The World” by Daniel Smith.
* **Scripture:** Fr. Zach Coulter will tell us about the Scriptures for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

**December 25, 2022**

* **Current Issue:** Fr. Korda talks with Nancy Voitus about Catholic Charities.
* **Saint:** Anthony Huff from St. Angela Merici Parish in Youngstown will tell us about St. Stephen.
* **Interview:** Fr. Korda continues a series on Vatican II this week’s topic is Ecumenism.
* **Music:** From the CD “Joy to The World” by Daniel Smith.
* **Scripture:** Fr. Zach Coulter will tell us about the Scriptures for The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day.

# CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### Come and See the Seminary: February 10-12, 2023

Saint Mary Seminary & Borromeo Seminary are once again offering “Come and See” Weekends. These are opportunities for men who are open to priesthood formation can experience life in the Seminary. The next Come and See Weekend is scheduled for February 10-12, 2023. If you know of anyone interested in this time of prayer, discovery, and discernment, please contact Fr. Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or by email at cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org

[Image attached](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Seminarians-Come-and-See.jpg)

Diocesan event page:<https://doy.org/events/come-see-seminary-feb2023/>

**Vocation Bulletin Inserts December 2022/Cycle A**

The following parish bulletin blurbs are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar for placement in your weekly bulletin. Your support is most appreciated.

First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2022

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest

as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org)

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

Are you called to be “a herald’s voice in the desert” preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org)

Third Sunday of Advent – December 11, 2022

“I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.” Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org)

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 18, 2022

“When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.” Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org)

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord – December 25, 2022

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father’s love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org)

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God – January 1, 2023 “God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.” If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org)

Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord – January 8, 2023

“And after they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and worshiped Him.” God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy and worship Him through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org)

**Vocation General Intercessions December 2022/Cycle A**

The following intercessions are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar.

Please consider including them in your mass intentions.

First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2022

That we all may be attentive in listening for God’s call, and especially that those who God has called to the priesthood or consecrated religious life will hear Him and answer, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Advent -- December 4, 2022

For all those chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts and in the hearts of His people as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Advent -- December 11, 2022

For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 18, 2022

For a deeper trust and docility to the Holy Spirit among persons discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Christmas -- December 25, 2022

That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully foster each of their children’s vocations in Christ and especially welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- January 1, 2022

That through our Blessed Mother’s intercession, all those being called to holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will find joy and faithfulness in their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

The Epiphany -- January 8, 2023

For an increased understanding among our young people that they are uniquely chosen by God to be holy through their specific vocation to their state in life in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

# DEVELOPMENT AND STEWARDSHIP OFFICES

### **Stewardship Bulletin Thoughts**

Please see this website for upcoming Stewardship Bulletin Thoughts in English y Reflexiones del Boletín de Corresponsibilidad en español: <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

December 4, 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

December 11, 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent

“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

December 25, 2022

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas

“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us…” John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn’t about the material gifts we receive, it’s about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

### REFLEXIONES DEL BOLETÍN DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

27 de noviembre de 2022

1er. Domingo de Adviento

“¡Por lo tanto permanezcan despiertos! Ya que no saben que Día vendrá nuestro Señor.” Mateo 24: 42

Las personas que tiene problemas de salud o experiencias cercanas a la muerte generalmente aprecian mejor el hecho de que cada día es un don de Dios. El resto de nosotros da por sentado que estaremos aquí el día de mañana. Sin embargo, al comenzar a ver cada día como un don, se dará cuenta de todos los pequeños milagros que suceden diariamente y comenzara a ver la presencia activa de Dios en su vida. Su gratitud crecerá cada día, por todo lo que se nos ha dado.

4 de diciembre de 2022

2do Domingo de Adviento

“Por lo tanto, cada árbol que no de buenos frutos será cortado y tirado al fuego.” Mateo 3:10

¿Da bueno frutos para Jesus? ¿Pasa tiempo en oración o pierde su tiempo con actividades sin sentido? ¿Utiliza sus talentos para ayudar a los demás o está demasiado ocupado? ¿Usa sus tesoros para apoyar a la Iglesia o para comprar más cosas que no utiliza? Nuestro tiempo y nuestro talento son dones de Dios.Lo que nosotros hacemos con estos dones es nuestro regalo de vuelta a Dios. ¿Qué regalos planificas darle al Señor durante esta próxima temporada navideña?

11 de diciembre de 2022

3er. Domingo de Adviento

“Sean también pacientes. Fortalezcan sus corazones, porque la venida del Señor está cerca.” Santiago 5:8

La paciencia es otra de esas cosas con las que muchos de nosotros luchamos. Queremos que las cosas que vayan de acuerdo con nuestros planes o nuestros horarios; nos gustan las cosas convenientes. Cualquier cambio conlleva ansiedad y temor. A través de la oración diaria Dios nos revela lo que Él quiere de nosotros con los dones que Él nos ha dado. Seremos capaces de alinearnos con la voluntad de Dios y Su plan, que es mucho mejor que cualquier cosa que se nos ocurra por nuestra cuenta.

18 de diciembre de 2022

4to. Domingo de Adviento

“Cuando José se despertó, hizo lo que el Angel del Señor le había ordenado y llevó su esposa a su hogar.” Mateo 1:24

Poner nuestra completa confianza en el Señor sin esperar nada a cambio. Esforzarnos en poner a Dios primero en todas las cosas y seguirlo a dondequiera que Él nos lleve. José fue un ejemplo de esos pilares de nuestra fe. A medida que nos preparamos para el nacimiento de nuestro Señor, oremos por la fortaleza y el valor para ser un modelo de discipulado, tal como lo fue José.

25 de diciembre de 2022

Solemnidad de la Natividad del Señor, la Navidad.

“Y el Verbo se hizo carne, y habitó entre nosotros...” Juan 1:14

Dios nos hizo para estar en relación con Él, y nos ama a cada uno de nosotros individualmente. A través del pecado, nuestra relación con Dios se rompió. Él nos dio a Jesús para restablecer nuestra relación. Siendo discípulos de Jesús se nos dio el modelo para obtener la vida eterna en el Cielo. Las Navidades no son acerca de los regalos materiales que recibimos, es acerca del amor que Dios, Nuestro Padre, nos dio al darnos a Su Hijo, Jesús, el mejor regalo que podríamos recibir.

### Resources for #iGiveCatholic

#iGiveCatholic downloads (logo, etc): <https://www.igivecatholic.org/info/downloads>

# PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

## OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE (Bulletin Materials)

### Project Rachel Outreach

Jesus came for all of us and knows our pain. There is Hope and Healing from abortion. For CONFIDENTIAL help text or call Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio at 330-360-0430 or go to <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/>.

### Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin briefs prepared by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities may be found at [www.respectlife.org/word-of-life](http://www.respectlife.org/word-of-life).

### National Night of Prayer for Life at the Basilica of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Youngstown

As part of the annual National Night of Prayer for Life on Thursday, December 8, the Basilica of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at 343 Via Mt. Carmel, Youngstown is hosting a Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Eucharistic Adoration from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

### 9 Days for Life – Thursday, January 19 to Friday, January 27, 2023

[Full Page Flyer](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/ProLife-flyer-9DaysForLife.pdf)

[Diocesan Event Page](https://doy.org/events/9-days-for-life/)

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena*, 9 Days for Life,* praying for the protection of human life. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com/).

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### Mass for Life: Sunday, January 22, 2023 at St. Columba Cathedral

Full Page Flyer: [Word Doc](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/ProLife-Mass-for-Life-2023-Flyer.doc) and [PDF](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/ProLife-Mass-for-Life-2023-Flyer.pdf)

Diocesan Event Page:<https://doy.org/events/mass-for-life-with-bishop-bonnar-jan2023/>

Bishop Bonnar will preside at a Mass for Life on Sunday, January 22, at 4:00 pm at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown (154 W. Wood St.). Bishop Bonnar will offer a special Blessing of Children in the Womb to women who are with child, and their families. In addition, there will be a blessing of pilgrims returning from the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. A reception will follow. All are welcome – no reservations needed. For more information contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext.272.

### Do You Know Someone Who is Expecting a Child?

If you know someone who is expecting a child, invite her and her family to attend the Mass for Life on Sunday, January 22, at 4:00 pm at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown (154 W. Wood St.). Bishop Bonnar will offer a special Blessing of Children in the Womb to women who are with child, and their families. The Mass will be followed by a reception. All are welcome – no reservations needed. For more information contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext.272.

### Annual White Mass for all Health Professionals Including Mental Health Workers

[Diocesan Event Page](https://doy.org/events/white-mass-2023/)

The Annual White Mass – celebrating and recognizing the ministry and work of those in the health professions – will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columba located at 154 W. Wood St. in Youngstown. Bishop David J. Bonnar will preside. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. All are welcome. For more information call 330-744-8451 ext.272 or contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

## OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (Bulletin Materials)

### Spirits and Spirituality – December 1

All Young Adults are invited to join St. Michael the Archangel for their next Spirits and Spirituality gathering, Adoration and Appetizers on Thursday, December 1st. They will begin with Adoration at St. Michael's (3430 St. Michael Dr. Canton, OH 44718) in their Chapel at 5:00 pm. Following Adoration, they will have a Christmas Party at Winking Lizard on Fulton Dr.

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Diocesan Event Page:<https://doy.org/events/spirits-and-spirituality-adoration-and-appetizers/>

## OFFICE OF ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

### “The Meeting of Two Bishops: East and West” on December 13 at 6:30pm

The Society of St. John Chrysostom Youngstown-Warren Chapter presents:

**The Meeting of Two Bishops: East and West**

**Addressing Contemporary Issues of Mutual Concern to Both East & West**

**December 13 at 6:30pm**

**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church**

**220 N. Walnut St.**

**Youngstown, OH 44503**

Guests: Bishop David Bonnar (Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown)

Metropolitan Savas Zembillas (Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh)

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# MISCELLANEOUS

## DIOCESAN CEMETERIES (Bulletin Materials)

[Flyer: Divine Mercy Chaplet at Cemeteries](https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/DivineMercyCemeteries.pdf)

Event: <https://doy.org/events/divine-mercy-chaplet-cemetery/>

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Fridays at 3pm

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Youngstown will be offering The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer Service in the chapels of our 4 Cemeteries at 3:00pm every Friday at alternating locations:

First Friday of the month at Calvary Cemetery Chapel in Youngstown.

Second Friday of the month at Resurrection Cemetery Chapel in Austintown.

Third Friday of the month at All Souls Cemetery Chapel in Cortland.

Fourth Friday of the month at Calvary Cemetery Chapel in Massillon.

### Rosary at Calvary Cemetery (Youngstown)

Join us as we pray the Rosary at Calvary Cemetery in Youngstown on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 in the Chapel. We will be led by the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart. All are welcome.

### Christmas of Remembrance at Diocesan Cemeteries, Dec. 6 at 5pm

Event:<https://doy.org/events/christmas-of-remembrance/>

We would like to cordially invite you and your family on **Tuesday, December 6 from 5-7pm**, to attend our Christmas of Remembrance Evening at all 4 of our cemeteries: Calvary in Youngstown, Resurrection in Austintown, All Souls in Cortland and Calvary in Massillon. We will have local choirs with seasonal songs, a prayer service and an opportunity to hang an ornament on the Christmas tree in remembrance of a dearly departed loved one. All are welcome!

## PARISH EVENTS (Bulletin Materials)

### Mahoning County

### Cursillo Women's Weekend Jan 12-15, 2023

The Cursillo Movement of the Youngstown Diocese will be hosting a Women's weekend from January 12 to 15, 2023. The weekend helps you experience your Catholic faith and encourages a spiritual life that is filled with joy and enthusiasm. From Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon, a team of Catholic religious and lay people will share insights on the lay person's role within the church, the meaning of grace and the sacraments, and the importance of supporting one another in our efforts to live a Christian life. Throughout the weekend the participants will pray together, attend daily Mass and have an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. To register or for more information, contact Peg Elston at [Youngstown4thday@gmail.com](mailto:Youngstown4thday@gmail.com)

### Lessons & Carols at St. Columba (Youngstown) Dec 11 at 6pm

Diocesan event page:<https://doy.org/events/festival-of-lessons-and-carols/>

Full page flyer:<https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Music-Flyer-LessonsandCarols2022.pdf>

**Festival of Lessons & Carols**

**December 11th at 6pm**

**St. Columba Cathedral**

**159 W Rayen Ave., Youngstown, OH 44503**

The Cathedral will be having the annual Lessons and Carols service with Bishop Bonnar presiding. The music featured will reflect the "O Antiphons" tradition and will feature different instrumentalists and the Cathedral Choir. A reception will follow. This event is free and open to the public. Donations are greatly appreciated.

**"Aid for Ukraine" Special Concert Still Accepting Donations**

St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, Ohio held a unique concert on Sunday, November 20th that featured Ukrainian choirs, world renowned concert pianist Roman Rudnytsky, and the debut of the barbershop quarter “Tuned Up.”

The recorded concert is now available online at<https://vidultra.com/concert>

St. Anne’s Church can receive donations by mailing a check or online at<http://www.stanneucc.com/donate.html>

All collected donations will be forwarded to Ukraine through the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma, Ohio. Thank you for your generosity and your support of Ukraine! Please pray for peace in Ukraine. May our Lord reward you abundantly in this life and the life to come!

### First Friday Club on January 5, 2023

Full page flyer:<https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Dr.-Wilkins-Flyer.pdf>

We continue the First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown 2022-23 Speaker Series season with a luncheon on the first Thursday in January! Join us as we welcome **Charles E. Wilkins, M.D., expert and pioneer in geriatric medicine, on January 5, 2023. Dr. Wilkins** will present **“The Baby Boomer Generation a.k.a. the Alzheimer’s Generation”** at Avion on the Water Banquet Center, 2177 W. Western Reserve Road in Canfield.

There will be an opportunity for participants’ questions to follow. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. with the presentation beginning at noon. The cost is $20.00. Call by December 30, 2022, 330-720-4498. Reservations are limited!

Visit our website [www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org/)

### First Friday Club in December-CANCELED

DO NOT POST THIS MESSAGE! The First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown 2022-23 Speaker **on December 1, 2022** has been canceled due to illness of the speaker. Please pray for John Allen, Jr., remove any flyers or bulletin announcements, or mark the event as “CANCELED.”

### The Men of Independence Christmas Show at St Joseph (Youngstown) Dec 9 at 7pm

Full page flyer:<https://doy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Dec-9_St-Joseph_2022_12_09_MenOfIndependence-1.png>

**The Men of Independence Christmas Show**

**December 9th at 7pm**

**St. Joseph Church**

**4545 New Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44515**

Come and enjoy all-time, favorite sacred selections and old classics. Many quartets will be featured. The Men of Independence are ranked 19th in the world by The Barbershop Harmony Society and are directed by 4 time gold medalist Gary Lewis. This event is free and open to the public. Donations are greatly appreciated.

### Stark County

### Christmas Bells at St Joseph (Massillon) Dec 11 at 3pm

**Christmas Bells**

**December 11th at 3pm**

**St. Joseph Church**

**322 3rd St SE, Massillon, OH 44646**

The Harmony Ringers, a premiere auditioned handbell choir, will give a Christmas concert entitled “Christmas Bells” at St. Joseph Catholic Church on December 11th at 3:00pm. This event is free and open to the public. Donations are greatly appreciated.