

SAINT VICTOR PARISH MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



DECEMBER 25, 2022 • THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SAINT VICTOR PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Allen F. Corrigan
Pastoral Associate/Director of Religious Education: Darlene Bednarz
Administrative Assistant: Karen Napholz
PSR/JYM Assistant: John Paulett
Religious Programs Assistant: Sue Heckel
Parish Musician: Alena Miskinis

SAINT VICTOR PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9:00 AM to 12 NOON and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Parish Office: 330-659-6591
3435 Everett Road, Richfield, OH 44286
Website: www.saintvictorparish.org

SAINT VICTOR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:45 AM & 11:30 AM
Sundays Memorial Day thru Labor Day:
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 7:30 AM
Holy Days/Holidays: See schedule in bulletin.
Please go to parish website for livestream of weekend liturgies.

SAINT VICTOR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Victor parish, are a grateful family of God, joined together by the teachings of Jesus Christ. We strive to develop a relationship with God by sharing our blessings, talents and gifts through service, evangelization and community justice; our mission being greater love, worship, praise and adoration of God. Through the Holy Spirit we seek to draw nearer to God by prayer, sacramental grace, sacrifice, knowledge of the gospel and love for one another.

MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH STAFF

Administrator: Rev. Allen F. Corrigan

MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH

6034 S. Locust Street, Peninsula, OH 44264
Website: www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org

MOTHER OF SORROWS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM
Holy Days/Holidays: See schedule in bulletin.
Liturgical Minister List: Email Nancy Stokes at nstokes@uakron.edu

MOTHER OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of Mother of Sorrows Parish, established in 1882, Christ centered and empowered by the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to serve the needs of all by liturgical worship and parish ministries.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION/JUNIOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Hours: Sundays 9:50 AM to 11:10 AM Grades K-8
Revere Middle School, 3195 Spring Valley Rd, Akron, OH 44333
Religious Education Office: 330-659-6321

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM: A custodial parent or legal guardian must contact the parish to request an Infant Baptism. Baptisms will be at Saint Victor during a weekend liturgy. An indication of church attendance is required as is a pre-baptismal class for new parents. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for a Baptism and for attending a baptismal class.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment at Saint Victor.

MARRIAGE: Friday at 5:00 PM, Saturdays until 3:00 PM. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance to allow for the necessary preparation. For detailed information, visit the parish website.

OTHER PARISH INFORMATION

REGISTRATION: If you are new or have not yet registered, please register in person or call during office hours. If you are moving, please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

WEEKLY VISITATION/COMMUNION: Homebound parishioners are encouraged to receive communion regularly. To schedule a weekly visit, please call the Parish Office.

PARISH LIST OF NAMES MINISTRY: Immediate family members of the sick and deceased may contact the Parish Office so that their names can be included in the prayers at mass and published in the weekly parish bulletin for three weeks. Please call by noon on Friday at 330-659-6591 or email stvictor@roadrunner.com.

ARTICLES FOR THE PARISH BULLETIN: Items should be emailed to stvictor@roadrunner.com by 4:00 PM on the Friday which is nine days prior to the desired publication date.

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Please consider Faith Direct for weekly contributions: Faith Direct, our eGiving portal, is the safest and simplest way to support both Saint Victor and Mother of Sorrows. You can access it at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/OH1017>. Please note there are two buttons for "RESTRICTED" contributions to Mother of Sorrows.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, 12/26: St. Stephen, First Martyr
(Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 / Mt 10:17-22)

7:30 AM *No Morning Mass* (SVR)

TUESDAY, 12/27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
(1 Jn 1:1-4 / Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8)

7:30 AM The People of Saint Victor Parish (SVR)

WEDNESDAY, 12/28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
(1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 / Mt 2:13-18)

7:30 AM *No Morning Mass* (SVR)

THURSDAY, 12/29: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

(1 Jn 2:3-11 / Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 / Lk 2:22-35)

7:30 AM *No Morning Mass* (SVR)

FRIDAY, 12/30: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

(Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 / Mt 2:13-15, 19-23)

7:30 AM The People of Saint Victor Parish (SVR)

SATURDAY, 12/31: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
(1 Jn 2:18-21 / Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 / Jn 1:1-18)

5:00 PM Marie & Edward Lukacevic / The Lehky Family (SVR)

5:00 PM Charles Sofchak / Carol Kamphuis (MoS)

SUNDAY, 1/1: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

(Nm 6:22-27 / Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21)

8:45 AM The People of Saint Victor Parish (SVR)

9:30 AM The People of Mother of Sorrows Parish (MoS)

11:30 AM Vitold Chmielewski / Bogusia Chmielewski (SVR)

Your Parish Offering

	<i>SV Online</i> 11/30/2022	<i>SV In Pew</i> 12/11/2022	<i>MoS In Pew</i> 12/11/2022
Sunday Collection	\$ 9,114.00	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 1,421.00
Christmas	\$ 2,110.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 5.00
Building Fund (BF)	\$ 957.00	\$ 7,315.00	
Candles		\$ 74.00	\$ 3.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 12.00		
St. VdP Giving Tree	\$ 50.00		
Cath Camp Hum Dev		\$ 5.00	
Retired Religious	\$ 227.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 239.00
All Saints		\$ 10.00	
Immaculate Concept	\$ 102.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 140.00	\$ 145.00	
Oplatki		\$ 42.00	
Solemnity of Mary		\$ 5.00	
MoS - GEN RSTRCT	\$ 220.00		
MoS - BF RSTRCT	\$ 160.00		
Poinsettia Fund			\$ 55.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sun 12/25		<i>Merry Christmas!</i>
Sun 12/25	9:50 AM	No PSR/JYM Sessions (REVERE MS)
Mon 12/26		<i>Parish Office Closed/No Morning Mass</i>
Sun 1/1		<i>Happy New Year!</i>
Sun 1/1	9:50 AM	No PSR/JYM Sessions (REVERE MS)
Mon 1/2		<i>Parish Office Closed/No Morning Mass</i>
Sun 1/8	9:50 AM	PSR/JYM Sessions (REVERE MS)
Thu 1/12	1:30 PM	Bible Study (SVR)
Sun 1/15	9:50 AM	No PSR/JYM Sessions (REVERE MS)
Sun 1/15	10:00 AM	Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting (SVR)
Mon 1/16		<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>
Mon 1/16	7:30 AM	<i>No Morning Mass</i>
Thu 1/19	1:30 PM	Bible Study (SVR)

Parish Faith Formation For All Ages

Merry Christmas to everyone. Our **Bible Study** will resume on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 1:30 PM in Saint Victor's Religious Education Office. This year we will begin with Paul's letter to the Romans using the New Collegeville Bible Commentary "*Galatians and Romans.*" The book can be purchased through Amazon or Liturgical Press. Join us for coffee and conversation.

PSR/JYM Christmas Break. The Saint Victor PSR/JYM Program will not be in session this Sunday and the next, December 25, 2022, and January 1, 2023, so our catechists, students and parents can enjoy the Christmas Break. We wish all our PSR/JYM families a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Confirmation Parent Meeting. On Sunday, January 8, 2023, we will have a *Families of Faith* for students, parents and/or sponsors in Grade 8 in the Revere Middle School Cafeteria during our regular PSR/JYM time. We will continue our preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Thank You, Father Acker! Father Acker is still recovering from a recent illness and has been transferred to a Jesuit residence in Michigan for the time being. We will certainly miss his faithful service and wish him the very best. We thank Father Acker not only for his ministry, but for the mutual friendship that has been a blessing to Mother of Sorrows Parish and Saint Victor Parish.



*The time came for her to have her child
 and she gave birth to her firstborn son.
 She wrapped him in swaddling clothes
 and laid him in a manger,
 because there was no room for them in the inn.
 - Lk 2:6b-7*

Dear People of God,

It is common for grownups to teach small children that “Christmas is the birthday of Jesus,” or perhaps even to sing “Happy Birthday to Jesus.” And that’s okay. But as we learn more and more about the Feast of the Nativity of Jesus that viewpoint begins to mature.

For instance, we really can’t assume that Jesus was actually born on December 25; in fact we can’t be entirely sure what year Jesus was born. We have a fairly good idea of the date of the Crucifixion, which was probably April 3, 33 A.D. Most likely, Jesus was born on an unknown date between 6 and 4 B.C.

While it would be nice to be able to pin down the first Christmas to a particular date, it’s probably best that we can’t, because it allows this great feast to become something more than a mere anniversary of a historical event. The enfleshment of the second person of the Trinity is a mystery that imbues each and every day with cosmic significance; a kind of “divinization” of the world of time, space, matter and gravity.

Today we celebrate a profound mystery that calls adult, formed Catholic Christians to wish one another not only a “happy” or “merry” Christmas, but a Joyful Christmas, or Holy Christmas. That is certainly the wish that I have for all parishioners during this solemn time of the year.

I would also like to thank all parishioners for their many sacrifices over the past year and now at Christmas time. The fiscal health of our parishes will ensure that we can move forward to meet both our program needs and capital necessities. And so I would like to remind everyone about the eGiving portal “Faith Direct” that is serving both parishes which is accessed via <https://membership.faithdirect.net/OH1017> or the following QR:



Many thanks to everyone! And a “Joyful Christmas” and “Holy Christmas” to all!



Sincerely,

Allen F. Corrigan
 Pastor, Saint Victor
 Administrator, Mother of Sorrows
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PLEASE SHARE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. If you are not receiving weekly email newsletters, please contact the Saint Victor office (stvictor@roadrunner.com). We are sending out detailed updates on the leadership transition for Saint Victor and Mother of Sorrows. Please make sure you are receiving our weekly email newsletter and also check your “spam” or “promotions” folders and make sure you approve the acorriga@roadrunner.com and stvictor@roadrunner.com addresses. There is more news to know that cannot fit into the weekly bulletin.

PLEASE CONSIDER FAITH DIRECT FOR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS. “Faith Direct,” our eGiving portal, is the safest and simplest way to support both Saint Victor and Mother of Sorrows. You can access it at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/OH1017> and there are two buttons for “RESTRICTED” contributions to Mother of Sorrows. Parish Accountants Stanley and Lydia will make sure funds are credited accordingly. Also, Mother of Sorrows envelopes can be put into the basket at Saint Victor, and those funds will be credited to Mother of Sorrows.



Saint Victor Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting at the Richfield Library on the following Tuesdays: January 10, and February 7 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to join us whether you knit, crochet or use a loom. If you are unable to attend meetings, but want to join, please let us know. Anyone wishing to contribute ready-made shawls can drop them off at the Saint Victor’s Parish Office.

Clothing Donations. Thank you for your donations of new or gently used items for Saint Victor’s SVDP clothing box. We ask that you bring only season appropriate, practical clothing that is either new, or clean and gently used. Our space is very limited.



Protecting God’s Children. The Diocese of Cleveland’s “Protecting God’s Children” program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers, or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Services Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

<p>Please pray for those who are sick Fr. Tom Acker, Lee Bush, Tom Butcher, Krystyna Chmielewski, and Carol Zaranec; for those recently passed away: Jeni Gaffney, Janice M. Kuharski, Karl Liebenauer, and Ralph McNerney; and for those that have lost their life serving in our nation’s military. Please pray for all victims of violence and terrorism throughout the world – especially the people of Ukraine, all those affected by natural disasters, and all those affected by the coronavirus especially our first responders and health care workers.</p>	
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