

SAINT VICTOR PARISH MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



DECEMBER 24, 2023 • 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAINT VICTOR PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Allen F. Corrigan
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PSR/JYM Assistant: John Paulett
Religious Programs Assistant: Sue Heckel
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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
Email: stvictor@roadrunner.com
Website: www.saintvictorparish.org

SAINT VICTOR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:45 AM and 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 Diane Griffiths at dianeg4mos@gmail.com

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
Religious Education Office Email: stvictorpsr@roadrunner.com

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: Fridays 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.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS: Due to bulletin deadlines and other factors, please submit requests two months in advance.

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, 12/25: The Nativity of the Lord
(Vigil: Is 62:1-5 / Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25; Night: Is 9:1-6 / Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14; Dawn: Is 62:11-12 / Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 / Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20; Day: Is 52:7-10 / Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18)
 12:00 AM The People of Saint Victor Parish (SVR)
 9:30 AM Frank Nicotera (MoS)
 10:00 AM Barbara & Paul Napholz / Napholz Family (SVR)

TUESDAY, 12/26: St. Stephen, First Martyr
(Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17 / Mt 10:17-22)
 7:30 AM The People of Saint Victor Parish (SVR)

WEDNESDAY, 12/27: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
(1 Jn 1:1-4 / Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8)
 7:30 AM *No Morning Mass* (SVR)

THURSDAY, 12/28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
(1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 / Mt 2:13-18)
 7:30 AM *No Morning Mass* (SVR)

FRIDAY, 12/29: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
(1 Jn 2:3-11 / Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 / Lk 2:22-35)
 7:30 AM The People of Saint Victor Parish (SVR)

SATURDAY, 12/30: Weekday
(1 Jn 2:12-17 / Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 / Lk 2:36-40)
 5:00 PM Henry Senyak / Gary & Mickey Kroggel (SVR)
 5:00 PM Charles Sofchuk / Carol & Ed Kamphuis (MoS)

SUNDAY, 12/31: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve
(Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:22-40)
 8:45 AM The People of Saint Victor Parish (SVR)
 9:30 AM The People of Mother of Sorrows Parish (MoS)
 11:30 AM The People of Saint Victor Parish (SVR)

Your Parish Offering

	<i>SV In Pew</i>	<i>MoS In Pew</i>
	<i>12/10/2023</i>	<i>12/10/2023</i>
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,110.00	\$ 1,010.00
Building Fund (BF)	\$ 4,260.00	
Candles	\$ 325.00	
Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00	
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00	\$ 250.00
Retired Religious	\$ 185.00	\$ 327.00
Oplatki	\$ 40.00	
Immaculate Concep.	\$ 125.00	\$ 470.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 205.00	\$ 175.00
Christmas	\$ 595.00	\$ 5.00
Solemnity	\$ 30.00	

Thank you for your generosity!



*And the angel said to her in reply,
 "The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
 and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.
 Therefore the child to be born will be called holy,
 the Son of God." - Lk 1:35*

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Sun 12/24 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
- Sun 12/24 9:50 AM No PSR/JYM ~ Christmas Break!
- Sun 12/24 3:30 PM Sacred Choral Prelude (SVR)
Please see Holiday Mass Schedule on next page.
- Mon 12/25 *Merry Christmas! ~ Parish Office Closed*
- Sun 12/31 9:50 AM No PSR/JYM ~ Christmas Break!
- Mon 1/1 *Happy New Year! ~ Parish Office Closed*
- Thu 1/4 1:30 PM Bible Study (SVR)
- Sat 1/6 5:00 PM Baptism: Isabella Scavuzzo
- Sun 1/7 *Epiphany*
- Sun 1/7 9:50 AM PSR/JYM Sessions (Revere MS)
- Sun 1/7 9:50 AM Grade 2 with Father Corrigan (SVR)
- Sun 1/7 10:00 AM Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting (SVR)
- Tue 1/9 8:00 AM Saint Victor Parish Council Mtg (SVR)
- Thu 1/11 9:00 AM Taking Down Christmas Decorations (SVR)
- Thu 1/11 1:30 PM Bible Study (SVR)
- Sat 1/13 6:00 PM Pizza Saturday (SVR)
- Sun 1/14 9:50 AM No PSR/JYM ~ MLK Day Break!

Parish Faith Formation For All Ages

PSR/JYM Christmas Break. The Saint Victor PSR/JYM Program will not be in session the next two Sundays December 24, 2023, and December 31, 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.

Grade 2 Parent Meeting. On Sunday, January 7, 2024, we will have a Families of Faith for students and parents in Grade 2 during our regular PSR/JYM time. We will meet in Church with Father Corrigan to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is on Saturday, January 20 at 10 AM.

Our **Bible Study** will resume on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 1:30 PM in Saint Victor's Religious Education Office. This year we will do a Bible Study on St. Paul that will last for six weeks. Books will be provided and all are welcome.



Saint Victor/Mother of Sorrows Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting at the Richfield Library on the following Tuesday: January 9 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. All are welcome to join us whether you knit, crochet, sew 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. To request a shawl, please contact the Saint Victor's Parish Office at 330-659-6591.

ACME Community Cash Back Program. The ACME Community Cash Back Program will run until February 15, 2024. Please place your receipts in the "ACME Community Cash Back" box in Saint Victor's Gathering Room, mail or drop them off at Saint Victor's Parish Office. Thank you!

A Special Mother of Sorrows Thank You

*Thank you to the Fleming Family
 for setting up the outside Manger Scene and
 thank you to all those who donated poinsettias
 especially Terry Lahoski/Terry Lumber.*

Dear People of God,

Special 12/24 Sunday Morning Schedule at Saint Victor: Today, Christmas Eve Day, December 24, is a Sunday, resulting in a modified schedule. At Saint Victor, there will be only one mass at 10:00 AM. There are four masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, 4 PM, 6 PM, 12 Midnight and 10 AM. As a result, attendance for Sunday morning, December 24 is anticipated to be light, so the two Sunday morning masses will be combined at 10 AM. We've done this the last two times Christmas fell on a Sunday, and it worked quite well. In fact, that last single Advent Mass at 10 AM Sunday morning had a very good "feel" to it.

Additional Mass at Mother of Sorrows: A mass has been added to the Christmas Schedule at Mother of Sorrows where there will be mass on Christmas Eve at 5 PM and Christmas Day at 9:30 AM. The entire schedule is published in this bulletin; please review it with care due to these updates.

Sacred Choral Prelude at Saint Victor: The Saint Victor Choir under the direction of Herb Dillahunt will be singing prior to the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass, beginning at 3:30 PM. It would not be unreasonable to arrive by 3:15, or even 3:00 in order to be seated. Thanks, Herb, for the hard work contributing to the beauty of our celebrations.

The Readings for Christmas at Saint Victor: The official book of readings for the liturgy is called a "lectionary," and it specifies which readings are proclaimed for any given day. The same readings are used everywhere in the world on the same day. But for Christmas, there are four choices for sets of readings; The Vigil of Christmas, Midnight on Christmas, the Dawn of Christmas and Christmas Day. In order to prepare one cohesive homily for Christmas, and as a means of unifying the worshipping community, it is best to select one set of readings and use them for each mass. This year we will use the readings for Christmas Day for all four Christmas masses at Saint Victor, which includes the beautiful "Prologue" from the Gospel according to John.

Parish Support: Please keep in mind the support of our parishes this Christmas. In addition to the regular collection basket, the easiest and most secure way of doing so is by utilizing our *Faith Direct* eGiving platform. It can be accessed here (<https://membership.faithdirect.net/OH1017>) or via the QR code below. There are two dedicated funds restricted to Mother of Sorrows. Contributions to the Building Funds of both parishes are not assessed by the diocese, thus 100% remains at the parish. Thank you very much!



Christmas Schedules: Thanks to Donna, our Bulletin Editor, for the clear presentation of the Christmas Schedules at both parishes found elsewhere in this bulletin. It will be a very busy but joyful time for our parishes. Thanks to everyone for adding to the celebration of this Holy Season!



Sincerely,

Allen F. Corrigan
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 Administrator, Mother of Sorrows
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Holiday Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent ~ Saturday, December 23, 2023
 5:00 PM 4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass (SVR)
 5:00 PM 4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass (MoS)

4th Sunday of Advent ~ Sunday, December 24, 2023
 9:30 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Mass (MoS)
 10:00 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Mass (SVR)

Christmas Eve ~ Sunday, December 24, 2023
 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (SVR)
 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (MoS)
 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (SVR)

Christmas Day ~ Monday, December 25, 2023
 12:00 AM Christmas Midnight Mass (SVR)
 9:30 AM Christmas Day Mass (MoS)
 10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass (SVR)

Holy Family ~ Saturday, December 30, 2023
 5:00 PM Holy Family Vigil Mass (SVR)
 5:00 PM Holy Family Vigil Mass (MoS)

Holy Family ~ Sunday, December 31, 2023
 8:45 AM Holy Family Mass (SVR)
 9:30 AM Holy Family Mass (MoS)
 11:30 AM Holy Family Mass (SVR)

New Year's Day ~ Monday, January 1, 2024 *
 7:30 AM Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Mass (SVR)
 9:30 AM Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Mass (MoS)
 (* This is not a holy day of obligation in 2024.)

Ohio EdChoice Scholarship. New funding through the Ohio EdChoice Scholarship, working together with the Angel Scholarship, plus Saint Hilary and Diocesan scholarships and assistance, will make a Saint Hilary School education affordable for all beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. Please watch the bulletin for more information.



The Angel Scholarship established last year by the Catholic Community Foundation, offers a win-win-win opportunity for taxpayers, scholarship recipients, and Saint Hilary School, with which our parish is clustered. In 2022, donor support helped raise over \$87,000 for direct student assistance, and we hope to double that in 2023. Please visit st-hilaryschool.org to learn how you can turn your taxes into tuition. Be sure to specify your contribution for Saint Hilary School. Thank you!

Please pray for those who are sick
 Theresa Slenn and Jesse Snider;

for those recently passed away
 Steven Kaminski, Gary Leden,
 Father Robert E. Pahler,
 Benjamin Paulionis, and Irene Tramonte;

**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.**