

SAINT VICTOR PARISH MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



DECEMBER 31, 2023 • THE HOLY FAMILY

SAINT VICTOR PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Allen F. Corrigan
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Administrative Assistant: Karen Napholz
PSR/JYM Assistant: John Paulett
Religious Programs Assistant: Sue Heckel
Director of Liturgical Music: Herbert Dillahunt

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, 1/1*: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
(Nm 6:22-27 / Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a) / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21)

7:30 AM The People of Saint Victor Parish (SVR)
 9:30 AM The People of Mother of Sorrows Parish (MoS)
(This is not a holy day of obligation in 2024.)*

TUESDAY, 1/2: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
(1 Jn 2:22-28 / Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / Jn 1:19-28)

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

WEDNESDAY, 1/3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
(1 Jn 2:29-3:6 / Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 / Jn 1:29-34)

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

THURSDAY, 1/4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
(1 Jn 3:7-10 / Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 / Jn 1:35-42)

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

FRIDAY, 1/5: St. John Neumann, Bishop
(1 Jn 3:11-21 / Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 / Jn 1:43-51)

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

SATURDAY, 1/6: St. André Bessette, Religious
(1 Jn 5:5-13 / Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 / Mk 1:7-11)

5:00 PM Rob Lucas / Bob & Martha Lucas (SVR)

5:00 PM The People of Mother of Sorrows Parish (MoS)

SUNDAY, 1/7: The Epiphany of the Lord
(Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11) / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12)

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

9:30 AM Frank Nicotera / Bell Kids (MoS)

11:30 AM The People of Saint Victor Parish (SVR)

Your Parish Offering

	<i>SV Online</i> 12/15/2023	<i>SV In Pew</i> 12/17/2023	<i>MoS In Pew</i> 12/17/2023
Sunday Collection	\$ 4,955.00	\$ 4,022.00	\$ 1,400.00
Building Fund (BF)	\$ 687.00	\$ 5,380.00	\$ 6,561.46
Candles		\$ 67.50	\$ 2.00
Donuts		\$ 62.00	
Mass Intentions		\$ 110.00	
Initial Offering		\$ 5.00	
Retired Religious	\$ 242.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 300.00
Oplatki		\$ 50.00	
Giving Tree	\$ 200.00		
Immaculate Concep.	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 75.00	\$ 70.00	
Christmas	\$ 1,642.00	\$ 5,170.00	\$ 80.00
Stipend			\$ 20.00
MoS GN RSTRCTD	\$ 150.00		

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sun	12/31	9:50 AM	No PSR/JYM ~ Christmas Break!
Mon	1/1		<i>Happy New Year!</i> ~ Parish Office Closed
Thu	1/4	1:30 PM	Bible Study (SVR)
Sat	1/6	5:00 PM	Baptism: Isabella Scavuzzo
Sun	1/7		<i>Epiphany</i>
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!
Thu	1/18	1:30 PM	Bible Study (SVR)
Sat	1/20	10:00 AM	First Reconciliation for Grade 2 (SVR)
Sun	1/21		Donut Sunday (SVR)
Sun	1/21	9:45 AM	Saint Victor Choir Practice (Parish Hall)
Sun	1/21	9:50 AM	PSR/JYM Sessions (Revere MS)
Sun	1/21	9:50 AM	FOF: Confirmation Parents &/or Sponsors
Sun	1/21	10:00 AM	Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting (SVR)

Parish Faith Formation For All Ages

PSR/JYM Christmas Break. The Saint Victor PSR/JYM Program continues to be on break this December 31, 2023, so our catechists, students and parents can enjoy the Christmas Break. We wish all our PSR/JYM families a 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.

Happy New Year to everyone. 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!



*"For my eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples,
 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
 and glory for your people Israel."
 - Lk 2:30-32*

Dear People of God,

Thank You! Many thanks to all parishioners for their generosity to the parishes through the Christmas Collection and Building Fund contributions. Thanks also to everyone who participated in decorating the liturgical environments and properties for the holiday season. Once again, thank you to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree programs. Many families in our neighborhoods benefitted. Thank you for your generosity! Thanks also to all of our musicians and singers who enhanced the beauty of the liturgies.

Fiducia supplicans. Pope Francis has directed the Vatican Office for the Doctrine of the Faith to issue a clarification on the nature of blessings. There has been a lot of buzz about this 5,000 word document, so the best advice would be for interested parties to read it for themselves. Since there has been lots of mixed commentary about this declaration, some from disreputable pseudo-Catholic media sources, I wouldn't suggest googling the actual title. Here is a "Tiny Url" that will direct you to the text itself: <https://tinyurl.com/5efjv7ck>. Then scroll down to the English translation.

As Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernández, Prefect of the Church's teaching office writes in the introduction, "The value of this document ... is that it offers a specific and innovative contribution to the pastoral meaning of blessings, permitting a broadening and enrichment of the classical understanding of blessings, which is closely linked to a liturgical perspective. Such theological reflection, based on the pastoral vision of Pope Francis, **implies a real development** from what has been said about blessings in the Magisterium and the official texts of the Church." (Emphasis added.)

Among other things, Pope Francis is making it clear that blessings of all couples, including those of the same sex, may be imparted. He makes it clear that we all need God's grace in order to become our best selves: "Indeed, the grace of God works in the lives of those who do not claim to be righteous but who acknowledge themselves humbly as sinners, like everyone else. This grace can orient everything according to the mysterious and unpredictable designs of God. Therefore, with its untiring wisdom and motherly care, the Church welcomes all who approach God with humble hearts, accompanying them with those spiritual aids that enable everyone to understand and realize God's will fully in their existence."

While there are some voices complaining that this document goes too far and other voices saying that it does not go far enough, it cannot be understated that acknowledging that every person, and every couple, has access to God's loving grace through presbyteral blessing is a wonderful prefigurement of the Kingdom of God, where all are welcome and all belong.



Sincerely,

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 Administrator, Mother of Sorrows
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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.



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!

The 2024 Stow-Hudson-Peninsula Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. The contest will be held the evening of Friday, January 12, 2024, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Holy Family School gymnasium. Free registration will take place the night of the event at 7:15 PM. Registration forms will be available and must be signed by a parent or guardian. The contest will consist of 15 free throws and is open to girls and boys ages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. A girl winner and a boy winner of each age will advance to the Knights District competition in February. Ages 9-11 shoot a 12-foot shot while ages 12-14 shoot a 15-foot shot. For more information, contact Chris Schrickel at 330-688-3788.

Please pray for those who are sick
 Mary Perkins, 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.

