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The Shepherd's Family

The mark of Christ's sheep is their willingness to hear and obey, just as the sign of those who are not His is their disobedience. We take the word "hear" to imply obedience to what has been said. People who hear God are known by Him. No one is entirely unknown by God, but to be known in this way is to become his kin. Thus, when Christ says, "I know mine," He means, "I will receive them, and give them permanent mystical kinship with Me."

It might be said that inasmuch as He has become man, He has made all human beings His kin, since all are members of the same race; we are all united to Christ in a mystical relationship because of His incarnation. Yet those who do not preserve the likeness of His holiness are alienated from Him. "My sheep follow me," says Christ. By a certain God-given grace, believers follow in the footsteps of Christ. No longer subject to the shadows of the law, they obey the commands of Christ, and guided by His words

rise in grace to His own dignity, for they are called children of God. When Christ ascends into heaven, they also follow Him.

Christ promises His followers as a recompense and reward eternal life, exemption from death and corruption, and from the torments the judge inflicts upon transgressors. By giving life Christ shows that by nature He is life. He does not receive it from another, but supplies it from His own resources. And by eternal life we understand not only length of days which all, both good and bad, shall possess after the resurrection, but also the passing of those days in peace and joy.

We may also see in the word "life" a reference to the Eucharist, by means of which Christ implants in believers His own life through their sharing in His flesh.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of Saints Philip, Theophan, and Zena -- October 11th

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!



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October 14 – Alicia Muzina
October 16 – Peter Dubos

Church Attendance
Saturday 10/3 – 22 (6:00 pm)
Sunday 10/4 – 64 (11:00 am)



SAT., OCT 10
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Gerald “Jerry” Macala

requested by: Family

SUN., OCT 11

11:00 a.m.

The Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council — *Pastor Appreciation Sunday*

+Francis J. Kotasek
(2nd anniversary of passing 10.8)

requested by: Daughters



Tues., Oct 13
6:00 p.m.

Fourth class
ECF classes at Hall



SAT., OCT 17
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) Fr. John Welch, celebrant

For the Parishioners

SUN., OCT 18
11:00 a.m.

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

+Lucille M. Puhak
(1st anniversary of passing 10.6)

requested by: Daughter: LouAnn Bajnok
& Family



Pray for the Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & in Recovery updated: October 9, 2026
RESIDING AT HOME – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Michael Katula, Kathi Klimis, Paul Kotch, Betty Macala, Greta Marks, Patty Orenic, Frank Phillips, Martha Swantek.
The Inn at Ironwood (6699 Ironwood Blvd., Canfield, OH 44406) – Dorothy Leone.
Windsor House at St. Mary’s (1899 W. Garfield Rd., Columbiana, OH 44408) – Anne Thomas.

Church offerings from Oct. 3 & 4, 2026

Sunday Offering....\$1,777.00
Loose Currency....\$56.00
Candles....\$80.00
Holyday (Oct. 1)....\$180.00
_TOTAL: \$2,093.00

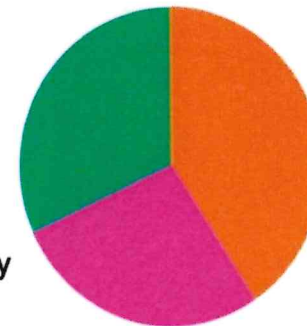


October 4th TOTAL:
\$129.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Oct. 4	\$ 2,093	\$2,950	(\$857)
YTD	\$103,875	\$118,000	(\$14,125)

Benefits of being a pastor

- Great Pay
- Lots of time off
- Everyone is always happy with you



Quote of the Week

“Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.”
— F. Scott Fitzgerald

Pumpkin Patch

Word Find

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WEIGHT

BUMPS

WHITE

MAZE

BARN

FIRM

FARMER

GOURDS

ORANGE

TOUCH

ACRES

FIELD

COLOR



5 major intercessions by the Theotokos



The Siege of Constantinople (626 AD) — Saved the Capital of Christendom

When a massive alliance of Avar and Persian forces besieged Constantinople by land and sea, the situation appeared hopeless. The city's patriarch, St. Germanus, led the faithful in daily processions around the city walls carrying a venerated image of Mary. A sudden, violent storm tore through the invading fleet, scattering the enemy and forcing them to abandon the siege.

The Battle of Lepanto (1571) — Saved Christian Europe

As the expanding Ottoman Empire threatened to invade and conquer mainland Europe, Pope St. Pius V formed a defensive coalition known as the Holy League. Outnumbered, the Pope ordered all of Rome's churches to remain open day and night and commanded Catholics across Europe to pray the Rosary. On October 7, 1571, the Christian fleet won a stunning, unexpected naval victory against the Ottomans after the wind miraculously shifted 180 degrees in their favor

The Siege of Jasna Góra (1655) — Saved Poland

During a period known as "The Deluge," the Protestant Swedish Empire invaded Poland, capturing nearly the entire country. A tiny garrison of roughly 70 monks and 180 volunteers at the Jasna Góra Monastery—home to the Our Lady of Częstochowa icon—stood against a Swedish siege force of several thousand soldiers. The monks credit a series of miraculous fog coverings and altered bullet paths to Mary's protection. The monastery held out, inspiring the entire nation to rise up and successfully repel the invaders.

The Battle of Vienna (1683) — Defended Central Europe

Over 100,000 Ottoman troops laid siege to Vienna, the gateway to Central Europe. Polish King John III Sobieski marched to the city's rescue, placing his entire army under the protection of the Blessed Virgin. Sobieski launched the largest cavalry charge in history, completely shattering the Ottoman lines and liberating the city. Upon entering Vienna, Sobieski famously declared, *"We came, we saw, but God conquered."*

The Battle of New Orleans (1815) — Saved the American South

During the War of 1812, a vastly superior British force marched on New Orleans. On the eve and morning of the battle (January 8, 1815), the citizens and Ursuline nuns spent the entire night on their knees praying before a statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor ("Quick Help"). During the Liturgy, a courier burst in to announce that General Andrew Jackson's vastly outnumbered forces had achieved an impossible, decisive victory in less than half an hour. General Jackson himself went to the convent to personally thank the nuns for their prayers.

Pastor Appreciation Day today



Pastor Appreciation Day began with the establishment of Clergy Appreciation Month. In Timothy 1 (5:17), St. Paul began the concept of clergy appreciation when he stated that the elders of the church are worthy of a double honor. He reiterated this idea in Thessalonians 1 (5: 12-13) when he stated that those who work hard among you should be held in the highest regard for their work. This idea became Clergy Appreciation Month in 1992, established by pastors and religious workers. Eventually, Pastor Appreciation Day would form out of the second Sunday in October.

Celebrating the 7th Ecumenical Council today

The Seventh Ecumenical Council was held in Nicea September 24-October 23, 787. It was the Second Ecumenical Council held in the city of Nicea and is also known as the Second Council of Nicea. In the eighth century an outburst of heated controversy concerning the sacred images, the holy icons: Were they true worship, or were they idolatry which is forbidden by the Ten Commandments? The conflict broke out in 730 when Byzantine Emperor Leo III order the destruction of icons. This action met with great opposition especially from the monastic community. This controversy raged through the succeeding decades. Upon the accession to the throne of Empress-Regent Irene who favored the veneration of the holy icons, an Ecumenical Council was called to judge what the teaching regarding the holy images should be. The Seventh Council did not merely declare that using the holy images was acceptable. Rather, they went so far as to declare that refusal to use the holy icons and to venerate the holy images is a denial of the incarnation of the Word of God, Jesus Christ! The Council went on to solemnly define that the veneration of images is quintessentially true worship. The seventh session of the Council held on October 13 formulated this decree which is why the Church still reserves the Sunday between October 11-17 for the commemoration of the Holy Fathers who participated in this 7th Ecumenical Council.



Civic Club today

The Civic Club will have its second meeting **TODAY, Sunday, October 11th** at 12:15 p.m. in the Hall bar room. **Note:** this is moved one week earlier than the usual third Sunday of the month.

2026 Reverse Raffle thanks

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to Parishioners, Friends, City Officials, Attorneys, and Businesses who supported the 2026 Reverse Raffle held last Saturday. Congratulations to all the winners! The profit will be announced soon. (some invoices haven't been received yet). The final 5 remaining names were: Phil Ford, Anthony Vargo, John Zehentbauer, Denise Kotasek, & Joe Kinnick. These last five went for the grand prize until the final two, Denise & Joe. They decided to split and got \$1,250.00 each. Just out of fun to see who would've won if they didn't split, the winner would've been Joe Kinnick.

Final Banns of Marriage

Gneeve Adams and Christopher Ryan to receive the Holy Sacrament of Crowning (Marriage) at our St. Michael Church on Friday, October 23, 2026.

New speakers and mic's to be installed at Hall

During the time of the upgrade of the Church speakers and microphones, our St. Michael Hall was quoted to install new speakers and microphones. The quote is still honored and now the project will begin this week. New speakers throughout the main Hall as well as the bar room and foyer will be installed. Also, a TV screen will be installed above the stage for use of pictures, apps, music, and just about anything one wants to show on it during a parish event or rental. These upgrades will benefit our St. Michael events as well as our rentals. The work is being done by John Markovich.

Food drive underway

In conjunction with the GCU, our parish is participating in a food drive during the month of October to donate to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Youngstown. The GCU will match donations up to \$500.00. You may bring in non-perishable food items and set them by the autumn tree in the church.



Chicken parm dinner next Sunday



There will be a Chicken Parm dinner **next Sunday, October 18th from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.** at the Hall. You can either EAT IN or TAKE OUT. \$15 per dinner. Drinks will be available for eat in only. Pre-Order by contacting Regina by calling or texting at 330-720-2100.

Volunteers needed for upcoming events

--Preparation for the chicken parm dinner will be this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Hall. Friday & Saturday prep will be at 10 a.m. Call or text Annette for Sunday's time.

--Election Day workers will be needed in the kitchen on Tuesday, November 3rd. Also, parishioners are asked to donate baked goods for Election Day food sales.

--Volunteers will be needed to work the Christmas Market, November 14-15. Please sign the list in the narthex if you can offer some time.

Kitchen food sales profit

Friday, September 11, 2026 **Halushki Sale:** **TOTAL PROFIT: \$640.00**

Sunday, September 20, 2026 **Holupki Dinner Sale:** **TOTAL PROFIT: \$1,706.00**

Pray for our future priests

The Archeparchy of Pittsburgh has 7 candidates who are studying for the priesthood at our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Please remember in your prayers our seminarians as they journey to the altar of Christ as future ordained priests:

Subdeacon Alex Broussard (3rd Theology)
Seminarian Harrison Otto (1st Theology)
Seminarian Evan Groom (1st Aspirancy)
Seminarian Jordan Sonnett (1st Aspirancy)

Subdeacon Chad Durante (3rd Theology)
Seminarian David Augustini (1st Aspirancy)
Seminarian Owen Jarvis (1st Aspirancy)