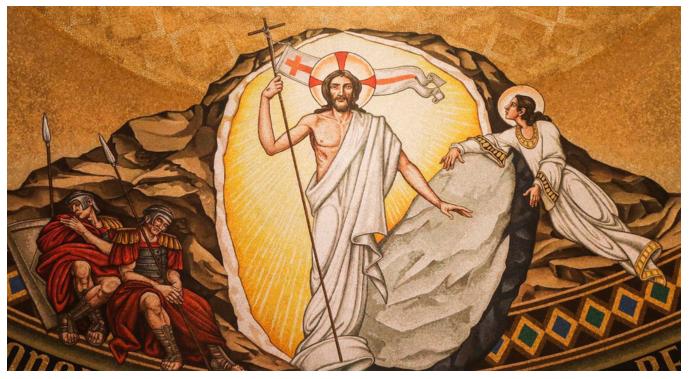
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Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

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at 330-644-2225 for an appointment.

Baptisms: Please make arrangements with the Parish Office.

Weddings: Arrangements with the Parish Priest are to be made at least six months before the

wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: At any time. Please call the Parish Office at 330-644-2225.

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024



SUNDAY, MARCH 31, EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. Betty J. Phillips (Ann Marie Phillips)9:00 a.m. For the Sanctification of Priests

(Anonymous)

11:00 a.m. Pro Populo

MONDAY, APRIL 1, MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:15 a.m. Gary Heller (Family)

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:15 a.m. Ann Scalise (Family)

6:30 p.m. Drew Karson (Janet Karson)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:15 a.m. Margaret Pfeiffer (Kathy Welsh)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:15 a.m. Donna Ott (Family)

6:30 p.m. Anointing Mass - Intentions of Fr. Bline

(Susan Muzljakovich)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:15 a.m. Carol Swam (Sister, Linda)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:15 a.m. Edward Fraszczyk (Maria Murawski)

2:00 p.m. Wedding: Books & Fahey

5:00 p.m. Deceased of the Hazy-Valent Family

(Anna Mantel)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

7:30 a.m. Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. Deceased of the Pfeiffer & Trockle Families

(Kathy Welsh)

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Julianne Watson

Family (Tammany Family)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15Tuesday:Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18Wednesday:Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35Thursday:Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48Friday:Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14Saturday:Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE PARISH THIS WEEK...

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- Happy Easter!

MONDAY, APRIL 1

- No School
- Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

- No School
- -Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- No School
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. (Upper Room)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

- No School
- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30-3:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Small Group, 6:00 p.m. (Archangels Room)
- Scripture Study, 7:15 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

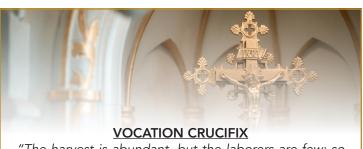
- No School

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- First Saturday Devotions, after 8:15 a.m. Mass
- Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Gym)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- Donut Sunday
- Divine Mercy Sundaes Ice Cream Social, 4:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)
- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Divine Mercy Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m. (Church)



"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest" (Mt. 9:37-38).

Receiving the Vocation Crucifix and praying for vocations is a beautiful and simple way to ask the Master to send out more laborers for His harvest! Please contact the Parish Office any time to get your name on the list; there are many slots to be filled – 330-644-2225.

Jim & Robin Kulick received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024



Alleluia! He is Risen! Alleluia!

Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' Resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee He goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

Victimae Paschali Laudes, also known as the "Easter Sequence," is an ancient expression of the Church's worship during the Octave of Easter. It has remained an official element of the Easter liturgies since its composition in the eleventh century.

The line that impacts the core of my soul is "Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining." At the heart of what we celebrate as a Church today is, not only has Jesus conquered death in His own life, not only has He emptied the tomb, but He does this so that we can experience it, too – truly, fully, really! Jesus entered the tomb and broke it open, and He wants to do that in our lives, too! Jesus wants us to obtain (get, find, gain, take a hold of) everything He did and experienced in His Resurrection. That is the great news we celebrate as a Church today. Alleluia! Everything He does is for our sake so that everything we do can be for the sake of others, too. The new life that Jesus experiences was handed on to His apostles and then was handed on to their apostles. This has carried on till this day! Our celebration of Jesus Risen from the dead continues this ripple effect that is continually transforming the world till the end of time! We have obtained new life in Jesus! Alleluia!

Alleluia is the core of our message as Christians. Without it, we have nothing. St. Paul says, "and if Christ has not been raised, then empty, too is our preaching; empty, too, your faith (1 Cor 15:14). Without the Resurrection, our message is empty. Without the Resurrection, there is no reason to have faith. This is the factor that changes everything for us and has changed everything for those who went before us in time.

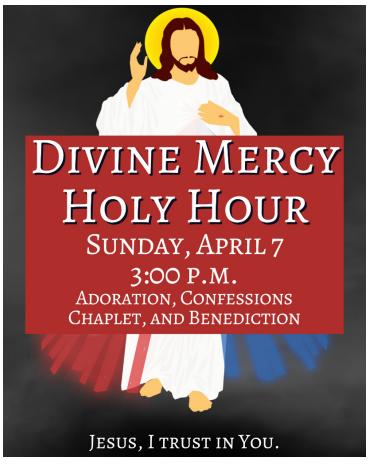
St. Vincent Ferrer once said, "The greatest of all feast days is Easter Day, the day of the Lord's Resurrection, because today assurance was given to us to obtain eternal and immortal life in soul and body. Christ gave it to us through His Resurrection, which is the cause and the assurance of our resurrection... Why should we today sing 'Alleluia, Praise the Lord?' Because this day we are fed, freed, assured of the truth, and given promises of being endowed, in our resurrection, with the gifts of clarity, agility, brightness and impassibility, which Christ showed in His Resurrection."

St. John XXIII said this about His Resurrection... "Christianity is not that complex of oppressive factors ... but it is peace, it is joy, it is love, it is life that is always renewed, like the secret pulsing of nature at the beginning of spring. The source of this joy is in the Risen Christ, who frees men from the slavery of sin, and invites them to be with Him a new creature, waiting for blessed eternity."

As we enter the Easter season, let's pray for the grace to embrace what the Resurrection means so devotedly that we echo the words of St. Francis of Assisi with our lives... "All I want to know is Christ and the power flowing from His Resurrection!"

Alleluia! He is Risen! Fr. Jeremy

P.S. On Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m., we will gather in the Church for a **Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service**. This is a great opportunity to pray for the world and for us as we continually open up our lives to the power of His Resurrection.





COLLECTION INFORMATION

March 16/17

	Offertory
Sunday	\$ 12,815.00
Assessment	\$ 130.00
Capital	\$ 225.00
School	\$ 130.00
Easter	\$ 60.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 460.00
Welcome Circle	\$ 45.00
TOTAL	\$ \$13,865.00

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the collection information for March 23rd and 24th will be published in the forthcoming bulletin.

Our parish is blessed by your generosity!



ADORERS NEEDED

Thank you to all who commit to a weekly time of Adoration. We need adorers to cover the following time slots:

Tuesday 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday 5:00-5:30 p.m.

If you are able to fill these slots, please contact Joanne Reich, 330-338-4810.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers *Fran Schindewolf* and *Diane Shenal*, aunt of parishioner Ashley Clark. May they who have died with Christ, also rise with Christ and share in the joy of eternal life.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

Blessed Easter to you and your family! In honor of the holiday, the parish office will be closed April 1st and 2nd. We pray that your homes and hearts will be renewed by the joy of Christ's Resurrection.

- Your Parish Staff



Are you new to the parish? To register as a new parishioner, give our parish office a call at 330-644-2225, see the priest after Mass, or join us at Donut Sundays to meet with a fellow parishioner.

"BE WHO YOU ARE AND BE THAT WELL."

St. Francis de Sales

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024

THANK YOU!

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor" Proverbs 22:9

It is with grateful hearts that the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the students, families and staff of our PSR program, the parish day school, and St. Francis de Sales parishioners who contributed so generously to the Lenten food drive. The outpouring has been overwhelming. Our pantry shelves are packed! We hope this will get us through the summer months for our weekly food pantry requests. On March 23, SVDP members distributed nearly 60 Easter baskets to neighbors in need. We could not serve to this extent without your help!

Here are some photos of the SVDP food pantry's well-stocked shelves.



The SVDP food pantry is open Mondays, 9:00-9:30 a.m. and Thursdays, 6:00-6:30 p.m. for anyone in need of food. Please encourage those you think might need help to visit the pantry. The pantry is located just off Manchester Road in the garage/offices on the right.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society welcomes monetary donations anytime. Our ministry goes well beyond the food pantry, helping families with utilities, homelessness, gift cards for immediate needs and much more. You can place your donation in an envelope marked SVDP and drop it in the weekly collection basket or place it in the SVDP collection box located in the Narthex.

We sincerely hope that all who participated in this Lenten almsgiving/food collection found it to be a special part of your Lenten journey.

Here is a real case scenario to think about: J. is a single mother with two children and just started a new job. The food bag helps stretch her grocery budget.



FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT!

Our parish was privileged to host the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit this fall, which was not only extraordinary but was also compiled by a teenager! The Women's Study Group invites you to join us as we learn more about this young man and his deep devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist. We will be studying *Carlo Acutis, The First Millennial Saint*, by Nicola Gori. We meet Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m., in the Memorare Center, beginning April 9. For more information, contact Lori at gutbrods@att.net. For help obtaining a book, contact Michelle at mypower36@yahoo.com.

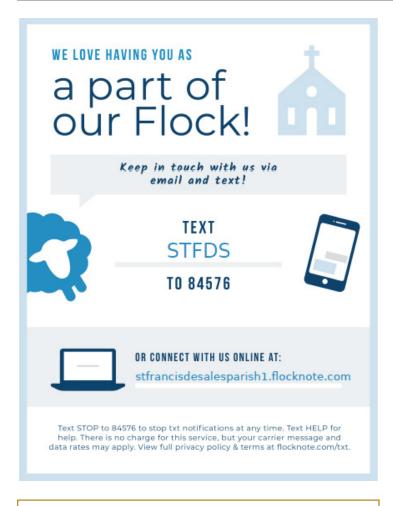
RICE BOWL COLLECTION

Thank you for saving your nickels and dimes this Lent to feed those in need! Please count the money in your Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl and write a check for the total amount. Make out checks to St. Francis de Sales Parish and put "Rice Bowl" in the memo line. Then, put your check in a separate envelope and place it in the collection basket at Mass.



PARENT FORMATION SERIES

Parents of our PSR, parish school, and homeschool students are invited to a 3-part series: "Creation in the Bible." Each session will include a short presentation and time for prayer. In addition, we will discuss how to share the fruits of your Biblical study and prayer with your children. Our final session is on Monday, April 8th from 6:45-7:45 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. Even if you did not come to the previous sessions, you are welcome! Contact Abby with any questions: agresser@stfparish.com.



A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Alleluia! He is Risen! The Stephen Ministry Team wishes all of you the hope, peace and joy that our Risen Lord can provide!

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Stop by the Parish Office to buy some \$5.00 Knights of Columbus Super Cash Bonanza raffle tickets. The youth group will get \$2.00 for every ticket sold. 25 raffle prizes will be awarded, with the first prize being \$414.00 per month for

TEN years. So, help the Knights, help the youth, and who knows, maybe help yourself!

CHESTERTON ACADEMY GALA DINNER

Chesterton Academy of Akron is hosting their 3rd annual Gala Dinner "An Evening in Roma" on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at St. Sebastian's Zwisler Hall, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of merriment and good cheer to benefit the students of the Academy. Prof. James Gaston of Franciscan University of Steubenville will speak about "The Role of Culture and Education in the Modern World." A special encounter with G.K. Chesterton himself will be part of the festivities as well as an open bar, dinner, entertainment, and silent auction. For tickets and more information, visit our website at www.AkronChesterton.org. Join local businesses in supporting the Academy with our Sponsorship Program. Business Program ads are also available. Reach out to Marie at 330-328-5695 or mariemonsour83@gmail.com for more information.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN YOUNG AT HEART GROUP

The Queen of Heaven Young at Heart Meeting will be on April 1, 2024 in the Parish Life Center Rooms 7 & 8, at 1:00 p.m. The speaker will be Elliot Kolkovich, the Summit County Prosecutor, who will speak about "Senior Safety."

HOW TO WIN THE CULTURE WAR



Dr. Peter Kreeft, renowned author and speaker, will present "How to Win the Culture War – The Call, The Enemies, and The Battlefields" in two separate talks on Saturday, April 6th at St. Sebastian Parish,

476 Mull Avenue, Akron 44320. There will be an optional 8:00 a.m. Mass, followed by the program from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per person. All are welcome! More details at https://one.bidpal.net/wsccpeterkreeft or scan this QR code.

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HOLY CROSS CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour, pre-planning seminar in the Holy Cross cemetery office on Saturday, April 20th, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron, 100 East Waterloo Road, Akron, OH 44319, 216-641-7575, ext. 7 or email bstrauchon@clecem.org.



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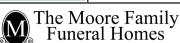
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