

*Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 9, 2018*



**Monday, September 10**

8:15 a.m. Amelia (Dolly) Regec (Ruth Zuchowski)  
6:30 p.m. Donald Carruthers (Family)

**Tuesday, September 11**

8:15 a.m. Mike Mitchin (Family)  
6:30 p.m. Margaret & John Miskalo  
(Rob & Mary Armbruster)

**Wednesday, September 12, The Most Holy  
Name of Mary**

8:15 a.m. William Flickinger (Helen Flickinger)

**Thursday, September 13, St. John Chrysostom**

8:15 a.m. The Intentions of the Evans, Lennard,  
Donohoe, Sonneberger and Bline  
Families (Fr. Bline)  
6:30 p.m. Floyd Gottsman (Tom & Dolores Bohley)  
*Anniversary – Paul Brailer*

**Friday, September 14, The Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross**

8:15 a.m. Marion Bisesi (Terri Evans)  
9:00 a.m. Mina Bauer (Helen Strelbicki)  
6:30 p.m. Joe & Mary Hinkle (Family)

**Saturday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:15 a.m. Thomas Ennich (Bernice Bosela)  
5:00 p.m. Mary Speck (Don & Kathy McCabe)

*September 16, 2018*

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am, 9:00 am - Pro Populo, 11:00 am

Scripture Readings for the Week:

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday



The summer has had its heat, the garden tomatoes are abundant, the school bells have rung, the multitude of celebrations for September 8th (our 70th Jubilee 5K Run/Walk, Mother Mary's birthday, my sister and brother-in-law/Debbie & Bob celebrate their 40th Anniversary while Joshua & Hannah became Mr. & Mrs. Masters) so, that means it's time for our annual Parish Picnic! That's right...come to any part of it or all of it, just come! We will have the chance to rejoice in the gift of our parish family in the midst of 70 years of joys and struggles. Besides the food and fellowship, we will offer the chance for Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration. We will also be announcing some wonderful hopes and dreams to strengthen our parish life. I'm looking forward to being with you this Sunday (on the feast of St. Kieran, Sept 9th from Noon to 4p).

Even though it may seem odd, most parishes run things on a school year calendar. In other words, this week marks our startup for PSR and R.C.I.A. When parents drop their children off on Monday at 7p for PSR, why not offer a holy hour in our Church for their joy and growth in faith? If you haven't already considered it, why not invite someone to participate in learning what it means to become a Roman Catholic through our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. in the Upper Room (begins this Tuesday, Sept 11).

At all the Masses next weekend Fr. Bearer and I will preach on the book our parish is offering for our Fall Book Study, Lift Up Your Heart. It is a book written by Fr. John Burns based on ten spiritual meditations from St. Francis de Sales. This book comes at the perfect time for where we are. It goes right to the heart of helping you kick the habit of floating along on your spiritual journey to start actively pursuing holiness and devotion to God. It promises to help you examine/reorder your priorities and relationships, as well as discern between good and evil in your life. Consider signing up with a group or working through it on your own (registration is available at the tables in the main narthex or through our parish office).

Last week I invited the priests/sisters (and their parents) who grew up at our parish and were supported by your prayers for a 70th Anniversary dinner. What a delight it was. Many thanks to Chris Robbins and the 70th Jubilee Committee (Jeff Koncz, Terri Bachtel, Jacqui Clark, Daryl Quentin, David Beitko) who honored the gift of vocations from our parish. ***Verso l'alto, Fr. Bline***

## Here's What's Happening Around the Parish This Week...

### **Sunday, September 9**

- Parish Picnic, Noon-4:00 p.m.

**SEE YOU THERE!**

### **Monday, September 10**

- Avila Holy Hour for Vocations, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

- PSR Opening Night, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, September 11**

- RCIA Opening Night, 7:15-8:30 p.m. (Upper Room)

### **Wednesday, September 12**

- Senior Social Group Euchre, 1:00 p.m.

(Upper Room)

- Falcon Family Network Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

(Upper Room)

- Choir Practice, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Church)

- AA/Al Anon, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Refectory)

### **Thursday, September 13**

- Thursday Scripture Study Group, 12:30 p.m.

(Upper Room)

### **Saturday, September 8**

- Men's Group, 7:00-8:15 a.m. (Upper Room)

### **Sunday, September 16**

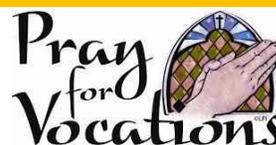
- Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, 12:30 p.m. (Refectory)

- Boy Scouts, 5:00-6:30 p.m. (Pavilion)



### **BARE NECESSITIES TREASURE CHEST**

Please consider donating sample-size or travel-size toothpaste, soaps, shampoos and lotions. The Social Action Committee of our Parish Pastoral Council will be collecting these items this weekend. All items for the Bare Necessities Treasure Chest from last year were donated to the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. Thank you for keeping this ministry in your thoughts and prayers. Any and all donations will be directed to a worthwhile cause, yet to be determined.



The parish can always use more volunteers to receive the Vocation Crucifix. Even if you've received it before, you may receive it again. There's no limit! Vocation prayers are always needed and appreciated! Please call the parish office at 330-644-2225 to have your name added to the list.

**Jan Dodson** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

### **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

The collection for last weekend will be reported next weekend as an early deadline was necessary for this bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

### **WEDDING BANNS**

II Jeffrey Gahan and Natalie Maloy

II Steven Rivera and Jessica Wallace

Learn. Believe. Soar.

St. Francis  
deSales  
SCHOOL

"Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen, but ever-present, teacher in its classrooms. He is the model for its faculty and the inspiration of its students."

~Author Unknown



**Have you been thinking about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but never received your First Holy Communion or Confirmation?**

Join us for prayer, reflection, and learning on Tuesday evenings, starting this Tuesday, September 11, 2018, from 7:15-8:30 pm in the Upper Room

If you would like to register or have questions, please call Kathleen Ott at (330) 644-2225



### **OPUS ANGELORUM**

Opus Sanctorum Angelorum means "Work of the Holy Angels". It is a public association of the Church with the special mission to "spread devotion to the Holy Angels among the faithful, exhort them to pray for priests and promote love for Christ in His Passion and in union with it". We have the special honor of hosting a priest from Opus Angelorum for an Evening of Reflection on Wednesday, September 19th. Now, more than ever, priests need our prayers and support. Come at 6:00 on Sept. 19th and hear Father Wolfgang Seitz give a talk called "The Trial of the Holy Angels and the Battle for the Human Family", and learn how we can support the priesthood. Mass with reception of the Consecration to the Guardian Angel of those who have completed their formation will follow the talk. Bring a friend. Don't miss this!!!



### **PIZZA BOX MINISTRY** **WOMEN OF FAITH**

It's that time of the year again when the college students head off to the university or to an apartment. We, as a parish, want to stay connected to our young adults, so if you know of a student leaving home for the first time or going back to campus, please call the Parish Office (330-644-2225) with their name and address. The Women of Faith will send them a "Pizza Box" later this fall filled with food for the body, mind and spirit. They will feel the love of Jesus and His Church when they receive their pizza box.



The Falcon Family Network is excited to announce a new fundraiser for the 2018 - 2019 school year! For a \$25.00 donation, you receive a 3-digit number for a chance(s) to win \$50, \$100 or \$500 between the dates of November 1, 2018 - April 30, 2019. 100% of all proceeds will benefit the children of St. Francis de Sales School.

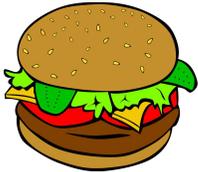
Open to all! Be sure to tell your family & friends! A great gift idea! Be the person/family to sell the most numbers and you will receive a free Luck of the Draw number - "070" to commemorate St. Francis de Sales Parish 70th Anniversary!

To purchase a number, please visit the FFN Table at the St. Francis de Sales Parish Picnic:  
**Sunday, September 9th from 12:00pm - 4:00pm**

Any inquiries can be directed to Michelle Sovacool at [mrssovacool@stfparishschool.org](mailto:mrssovacool@stfparishschool.org)

# The St. Francis de Sales Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 to 4:00



Caricatures

By Louise Udovich



Bring the whole family to enjoy a day of fun and community!

## Bake Sale

Bring your canned goods to donate



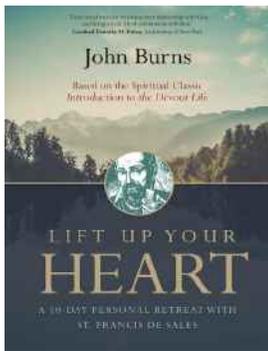
*Check this out!* ↪

This year we are marking the 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first known Mass celebrated in the city of Akron. The first record of a Catholic priest visiting Akron was in 1833 when this area was still a part of the Diocese of Cincinnati. The Rev. John Martin Henni, who would later become the Archbishop of Milwaukee, came to say Mass in the log cabin of James

McAllister, a local contractor.

To help celebrate the Mass coming to our area, Akron area parishes are invited to a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday, the 27th of September at 7PM, the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, at St. Vincent Parish, the mother parish of Akron. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo and Bishop Martin Amos will be here to help celebrate.

So that you may all attend this very special Mass, we will not have a 6:30 Mass that evening here at St. Francis. However, Father Bline and Father Bearer will see you there!



## ***Are you seeking to know God more fully, love Him more deeply?***

This year's small group study focuses on a 10-week personal retreat with St. Francis de Sales.

Father Bline will open these 10 weeks with ALL study groups on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. in church. Father will lead us in the first meditation.

The series will end on November 20<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Emmanuel presenting the 10<sup>th</sup> meditation during the Advent mission.

### ***“Lift Up Your Heart” by John Burns***

For more than four hundred years, *Introduction to the Devout Life* by St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church, has been regarded as the essential guide to holiness and loving God. This spiritual classic takes on new life in *Lift Up Your Heart*, where Rev. John Burns has interpreted ten meditations for the modern reader and distilled them into a ten-week study that can easily be completed in the midst of a busy life. This practical book goes right to the heart of helping you kick the habit of floating along on your spiritual journey to start actively pursuing holiness and devotion to God. During the course of the study, you'll learn the basics of forming a daily prayer routine, including how to offer yourself to God, meditate on His love, maintain peace in the face of suffering and clarity in the midst of temptation.

#### **The meditations will help you:**

- **Adopt gratitude as a daily prayer practice.**
- **Examine and reorder your priorities and relationships to better reflect your love for God.**
- **Discern between good and evil in your life.**
- **Desire to love and serve as Jesus did.**

In a very real sense, Father Burns helps you take St. Francis de Sales as your spiritual director. As you do so, you'll feel God's fatherly love and restart your faith life, equipped with the tools to connect with God and live for heaven now.

Sign up pages will be in the Narthex after all Masses.

Books will be distributed prior to the September 18<sup>th</sup> opening - \$10.00

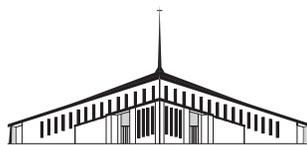


It's our turn to work the Hunger Center (beneath St. Bernard Church) and we will be partnering with Our Lady of Victory and Friends on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive by 4:00 and we will be finished by 7:00. Questions? Give Denise Howell a call at 330-472-2273.



#### **HELPERS NEEDED AT THE OZANAM CENTER**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish is in need of helpers at the Ozanam Center on Saturday, September 22, 2018. We will team up with Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Please come if you can – we'll meet at 9:00 at the center, located behind Visitation of Mary Parish, at 93 Kent Street, Akron 44305.



## ***We welcome our newest parishioners:***

**Alvarado**, Cyril, Andrea and Sofia  
**Anders**, Brian, Meridith, Emmersyn, Henry and Sloane  
**Babcock**, Zachary and Lisa  
**Bowser**, John, Laura, Benjamin and Brody  
**Brayden**, Nancy Jane  
**Cerankowski**, Ronald and Christine  
**Clark**, Joel, Sarah and Kieran  
**Cochran**, Christopher, Jennifer, Samuel and Sarah  
**Crookston**, Max and Sarah  
**Dies**, Luke and Makayla  
**DiSpina**, Ron and Carole  
**Fiorella**, Bill and Dorothy  
**Flaker**, Jeremy and Melissa  
**Franz**, Joann  
**Freymoyer**, Gerald and Marianne  
**Gnap**, Bernie  
**Gutshall**, Chris, Nichole, Cooper and Collin  
**Mathews**, Randy, Morgan, Karsyn and Randy  
**Micire**, Beau, Aiden and Audrey; **Hammer**, Nicole  
**Oberhauser**, Sara, Tenley and Caden  
**Roth**, Joshua, Nicole, Christopher, Jonathan and David  
**Salibi**, Paul and Karley  
**Schillinger**, Kaitlin  
**Schillinger**, Stephen, Lisa and Jack  
**Staron**, Susan  
**Swaino**, Shannon, Angela, Abigail, Avery and Greyson  
**Williams**, Debbie and Mary Ellen  
**Zimmerman**, John and Janice

## ***And the newly Baptized***

Bennett, James Alan  
Bowser, Brody Michael  
Bullock, Colin Emrick  
Cooper, Vincent Joseph  
Clark, Kieran Alexander  
Ditto, Gavin Glenn  
Facteau, Josephine Marie  
Fentner, Avery Julia  
Foss, Isabella Catherine  
Hysell, Ayden John  
Jackson, Joshua Daniel  
Jansen, Stephanie Ann  
Mason, Matthew Clayton  
Molnar, Emerson Marie

Muleba, Amara Am'di  
Muleba, Benisha Djani  
Muleba, Munia Sukrani  
Muleba, Nehema Batela  
Palermo, Rocco Alexander  
Prinzo, Megan Lynn  
Rice, Corban Michael  
Rihn, Andrew John  
Scherer, Gianna Marie  
Sebe, Anderson James  
Thompson, Elaina Faith  
Thompson, Fiona Lynn  
Tournier, Jeffrey Tyler Walter, John Xavier

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Theology on Tap Akron will again be at The Harbor Front Grille & Party Center on Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 pm. Theology on Tap welcomes all young adults to come listen to our very own Fr. Jacob Bearer speak on "The Dangerous Christ: Living a Gospel of Power." Admission is \$5 and includes appetizers. The bar will be open for those who would like to purchase beverages. Come experience faith, fellowship, and food with other young adults in their 20's and 30's at Theology on Tap Akron. The Harbor Front Grille & Party Center is located at 562 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, OH 44319.

### **THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS**

On Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. all adults are invited to attend Theology on the Rocks to hear Fr. John Valencheck, Pastor of St. Sebastian Parish. His topic will be "To Judge a Book by Its Cover: How to Read Liturgical Art, Statues and Heraldry." Admission is \$10 and includes appetizers; a cash bar is available. Join Fr. Valencheck at D'Agnese's at White Pond Akron, 566 White Pond Dr.

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl ministry for our cluster parishes will meet this Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Nativity of the Lord Jesus Church. Please remember to bring your completed shawls for blessing, your current shawl to work on and any leftover yarn to share with others as we celebrate God's love and blessings. New members are always welcome. Come join us as we gather, pray, knit and crochet prayer shawls. Call Ginny at 330-644-4132 or Barb at 330-699-4769 with any questions.

### **DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED CATHOLICS OF AKRON**

The DSW Catholics of Akron will be sponsoring a talk given by Deacon Greg Hoeffler of IHM. His topic will be "What Happens When Your Life Suddenly Changes?" As a result of death, illness, separation or divorce, the life you planned turns into the painfully unexpected. This event will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls, on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. This event is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments will be at 7:15; speaker starts at 7:30. For further information, call Sue at 330-554-5626.

### **UP CLOSE WITH BISHOP PEREZ**

Would you like to learn more about the Bishop? Tune into AM 1260 The Rock on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for the third episode of Table Talk with Bishop Nelson Perez. Join host Dick Russ for a one hour conversation with Bishop Perez including questions submitted by you. What would you ask Bishop Perez if he was sitting at your kitchen table? Submit your questions to [tabletalk@am1260therock.com](mailto:tabletalk@am1260therock.com). For audio archive of previous episodes, visit [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com).

### **ANNUAL DINNER/REVERSE RAFFLE**

You're invited to attend the annual fundraiser of Friends of Camp Christopher, a group dedicated to supporting our excellent diocesan program of Catholic camping. Join them on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2055 Glenmount Avenue in Akron, for a scrumptious dinner and the chance to win various cash prizes (grand prize is \$1,000). Take home unique raffle and auction items. Main board tickets (includes dinner) are \$50; dinner only tickets are \$25. Call Tim or Patti: 330-724-9225.

### **COME AND SEE RETREAT**

September 15, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

At the home of the Franciscans of the Little Way

Beginning with Mass at St. Hilary Church

2750 W. Market St. - Fairlawn

The Franciscans of the Little Way are a new Association of the Faithful in the Diocese of Cleveland that is working toward becoming a women's religious order. They strive to live out the Little Way of St. Therese of Lisieux in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and to spread the gospel of joy. Single Catholic women over 20 years old are invited to come, pray, and learn more. Register online by September 7 at [www.tinyurl.com/FLW-ComeAndSee](http://www.tinyurl.com/FLW-ComeAndSee) Questions? Call Anne Rollick at 330-794-7648 or [franciscansofthelittleway@gmail.com](mailto:franciscansofthelittleway@gmail.com).

### **THE BEAT GOES ON**

A Night for Life will be presented by the Embrace Clinic and Care Center on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Queen of Heaven Parish Center, located at 1800 Steese Road in Uniontown. The doors for the event open at 6:00 p.m. The music of well-known local band La Flavour kicks off the dancing after dinner. La Flavour is celebrating 51 years of playing great dance music from the 1970s up to current-day hits. This evening will include the opportunity to financially partner in the mission of Embrace Clinic and Care Center. The Night for Life is dedicated to defending the sanctity of life from conception to adulthood. Call 330.825.1900 for tickets or purchase online at [embraceccc.org](http://embraceccc.org) – click the "Donate" tab.

**Stop by the parish or school office to purchase Scrip gift cards for the following:**

Acme	Bob Evans	Claire's	Handel's Ice	Lowe's	Panera	Steak 'n'
Aeropostale	Bonefish Grill	Cracker	Cream	Macy's	Pat Catan's	Shake
Amazon	Bravo	Barrel	Home Depot	Marathon	PF Chang's	Subway
Applebee's	Buehler's	CVS	HomeGoods	Marshall's	Pier 1 Import	Sunoco
Arby's	Burger King	Dick's	Honeymoon	Menches	Pizza Hut	Taco Bell
Banana	Carrabba	Dillard's	Grille	Brothers	Red Robin	Target
Republic	Grill	Dunkin	iTunes	Michael's	Red Lobster	TGIFridays
Bath & Body	Chili's Bar &	Donuts	JCPenney	Old Navy	Regal	Tinseltown
Works	Grill	Game Stop	Jo-Ann	Olive	Cinema	Theaters
Bed Bath &	Chipotle	The Gap	Fabrics	Garden	Sam's Club	TJ Maxx
Beyond	Cinemark	GFS	Kohl's	Outback	Sheetz	Walgreen's
Best Buy	Circle K	Giant Eagle	Longhorn	Steakhouse	Speedway	Walmart
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