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Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Masses:	Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, 8:15 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Confessions:	Thursday, 5:30-6:15 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00-9:45 a.m.; or call the office 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.

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 11, 2022

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11,
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 a.m. Betty Rambacher-Ritchey (Fox Family)
9:00 a.m. Jack Wood (Mary Lou Wood)
11:00 a.m. Pro Populo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12,
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
8:15 a.m. Glenn & Beverly Krizay
(The Avilas of St. Francis de Sales Parish)
6:30 p.m. PSR Opening Mass –
Intentions of PSR Students

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
8:15 a.m. Special Intention (Mellody Family)
6:30 p.m. Ivan & Donna Weber (Weber/Hilton Families)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14,
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
8:15 a.m. George Biecker (Pratt Family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15,
OUR LADY OF SORROWS
8:15 a.m. David Etheredge (Duckworth Family)
6:30 p.m. Deceased of the Ott & Holderbaum Families
(Therese Holderbaum)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, SS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN
8:15 a.m. Randy Berentz (Marty & Liz Misbrener)
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Samuel Leonard
(Kyle Gauthier)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
8:15 a.m. George Schnitzler (Jeff & Gail Angeletti)
1:00 p.m. Wedding: Marcus Rogers & Blanca Daniel
5:00 p.m. Kenny Houck (Rick Houck)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18,
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 a.m. Twila Paridon (Jerry & Rosanne Paridon)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
11:00 a.m. Stephen Engler (Vivian Engler)
4:00 p.m. Rudy & Elsie VanDevere (Family)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: *1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10*
Tuesday: *1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17*
Wednesday: *Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17*
Thursday: *1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35*
Friday: *1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3*
Saturday: *1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15*
Sunday: *Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13*

NEW PERMANENT DIACONATE CANDIDATE AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – ANDY DAVIS

To all my friends and soon-to-be friends at St. Francis de Sales Parish, my name is Andy Davis and I am in my 4th and final year of formation as a candidate for the permanent diaconate. God is always good and I feel especially blessed to be with you all during this time on the journey to ordination (God willing). You will meet my wife, Chris – we have been married almost 30 years and have five adult children all in their twenties. We have our first grandchild on the way on November 17th.

By day I work for Catholic Charities of Summit County as a professional counselor and clinical director. A little fun fact, in a past life Father Jeremy and I both worked at the same time for the City of Akron Engineering Bureau (small world!) Other fun facts, I love singing/guitar and have French Canadian roots. Our family is from St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Akron, and I have done previous field assignments at IHM, Holy Family and St. Joseph's in Cuyahoga Falls. In formation we take classes every Wednesday and Saturday; my favorite class last semester was Evangelization.

So, I am excited to see what the Holy Spirit will be doing this year at St. Francis de Sales and I am really looking forward to this time together!

Peace of Christ,
Andy

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
- Donut Sunday after all Masses (Memorare Center)
- Confirmation Preparation after 9:00 a.m. Mass (Gym)
- BSA Scouts – Boys, 4:30 p.m. (Refectory)
- BSA Scouts – Girls, 5:00 p.m. (Upper Room)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
- Avila Holy Hour for Vocations, after 8:15 a.m. Mass
- PSR Opening Night, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. PSR Opening Mass
- Festival Meeting, 6:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
- Women's Book Study, 9:00 a.m. (St. Gerard)
- RCIA, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Holy Family Room)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
- Senior Social Group Euchre, 1-4:00 p.m. (Beatitudes)
- Choir Practice, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Church)
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. (Upper Room)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30-3:00 p.m. (St. Gerard)
- Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision Meeting, 6:30-9:00 p.m. (Memorare Ctr.)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
- Parish Festival, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
- Outdoor Mass, 4:00 p.m.

VOCATION CRUCIFIX

Please prayerfully consider bringing the Vocation Crucifix into your home to pray with your family that we all answer God's vocation call for us, whether it be to the priesthood, religious, married or single life. Contact the parish office any time to get your name on the list – 330-644-2225.

Chris and MaryAnne DeCenzo
received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

WEDDING BANNS

III Marcus Rogers & Blanca Daniel
II Ronald Ferrell & Erna Coric

COLLECTION INFORMATION

September 3rd and 4th

Sunday Collection	$ 17,996.00
Assessment	$ 110.00
School	$ 230.00
Capital	$ 345.00
TOTAL	$ 18,681.00

Our parish is blessed by your generosity!

ADORERS NEEDED

An Adorer is needed for the following days/times:
- Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
- Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

If you are able to fill one of these times, please call Joanne at 330-338-4810.

TODAY IS DONUT SUNDAY!

Bring your family and enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut with fellow parishioners.

OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS BOX IS BACK!!!

Green Good Neighbors is open and running again after the pandemic. The steel container is located on the east side of our garages near Manchester Road. At this time, you may donate clean clothing, clean linens (towels, blankets, sheets), gently-worn shoes and boots, clean undergarments. No household goods are being accepted. Please do not leave anything outside of the container. If it is full, please return the following week. Your donations over the years are very much appreciated and the Good Neighbors of Green looks forward to helping our less fortunate neighbors in the area. God bless you.

Our school is now collecting your Acme receipts to earn 5% cash back. Submit your receipts dated between August 4 and December 24, 2022. We will accept them at the school or parish offices or in the collection basket each week. Thank you!

OUR RETREAT HOUSE

The Sacre Coeur, a Poustinia House, is located behind the Memorare Center on Diederich Lane. This house is available for overnight retreats for anyone in the parish. Contact Diane Mellody (dmellody@stfparish.com) or Michael Ott (michaelott@stfparish.com) to arrange a retreat. The Poustinia House will be open during the parish festival next Sunday, September 18 from Noon-1:30 p.m. for anyone who would like to see it. More information and pictures of the interior can be found on the parish website.

Can you ask someone else's guardian angel for help? Did you know the Angel of Fatima is a Principality, and what does that even mean? There are things we can do for angels. What are they? Have you ever wanted a mentor, someone to help you through the ins and outs of daily life, the big stuff and the little things? Come to a two-part session on guardian angels and practical ways of living with guardian angels in daily life. Part One begins at 6:00 in the Holy Family Room on Wednesday, Sept. 21st with a talk given by Therese Holderbaum. Part Two begins at 7:15 and is a discussion on the practical way of living with your guardian angel (letter 12 for those in formation to be consecrated to their guardian angel). All are welcome. Please RSVP to the parish office 330-644-2225 by September 20th.

Also, don't miss Father Wolfgang Seitz from Opus Angelorum. He will give a talk called *The Angel of Fatima and the Hearts of Jesus and Mary* at 6:00 followed by evening Mass on Monday, September 26th.

OUR LIBRARY HAS A NEW LOOK IN THE ADOREMUS ROOM!

Check out the new bookcase with our set of wonderful books for everyone to enjoy.

There is a great selection of children-themed books on the bottom two shelves along with some movies to borrow. To be honest, I enjoy reading the children books, especially on the saints! Unfortunately, we cannot take any donations of books, pamphlets or movies at this time. If you have any questions about this, please email me at lthomas@stfparish.com. To save room, I am requesting that you re-file any books you take out instead of having a basket to place them in. The books are in **AUTHOR ORDER**. Please remember to sign out your book and sign back in when you return them. Thanks so much for your support and enjoy some new reading material!

LuAnn Thomas

All are welcome!

Parish Festival
Sunday, September 18
Noon-4pm
4pm- Mass

Now is the time to join the St. Francis de Sales Music Ministry and share your gifts with our parish community. We invite you to join our talented parishioners who form our parish choir. Practices for the Adult Choir are held on Wednesday evenings in the church beginning this Wednesday, September 14th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Music Ministry, Colleen McVicker at the parish office, 330-644-2225, ext. 212, or via email at cmcvicker@stfparish.com. Or feel free to show up on September 14th! We would love to have you!

SVDP FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

When: Saturday, September 24, 2022
Where: Wood Hollow Metro Park
2121 Barlow Road, Hudson
Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Please help our St. Vincent de Paul Society fundraiser with a fun-filled family morning 1.2 mile walk through the beautiful Wood Hollow Summit Metro Park. Free coffee and donuts upon arrival and upon completion of the walk, free ice cream, and fruit if you prefer. Please bring new children's shoes, winter boots or toys to fill the SVDP van for our SVDP Ozanam Center. These will be distributed this winter to children in need. Please register your family by going to www.fopwalk.org and any donation is appreciated even if you cannot attend. Please call Bill Leahy at 330-714-6731 if you have any questions.

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Clothing Drive

October 8th & 9th

After each of the weekend Masses

Autumn is a wonderful time to clean out your closets and help Men, Women & Children who are homeless or less fortunate.

We are collecting the following items to benefit the

Peter Maurin Center and Ozanam Center

❋ Coats	❋ Jeans	❋ Gloves	❋ Long Underwear	❋ Boots
❋ Hoodies	❋ Socks	❋ Scarves	❋ Blankets	❋ Hats

Also any regular sized toiletries:

• shampoo • deodorant • chapstick • lotion • sunscreen • toilet paper
• disposable razors • Kleenex • baby wipes • bug repellant

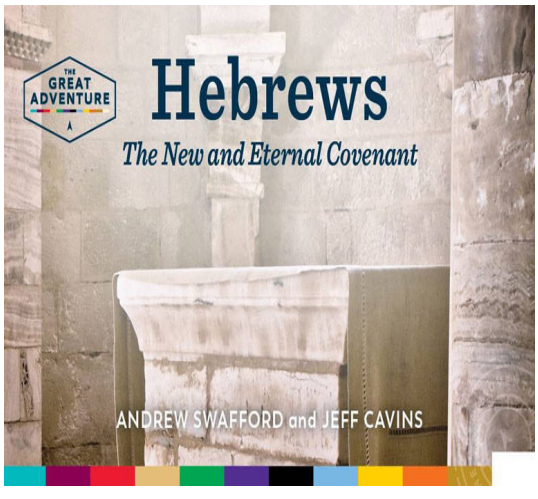
You can drive up to the St. Francis Pavilion in the parking lot after any Mass to drop off your donation.

Any questions? Call Cathy at 330-730-2137

Serving our neighbors with the hope of Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE STUDY

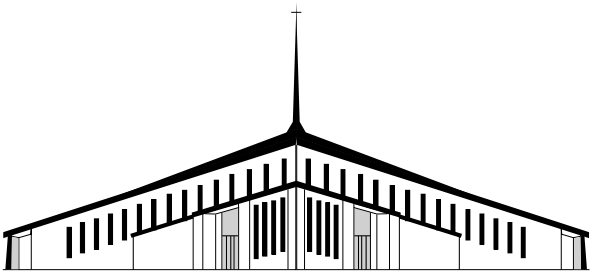
- Consider joining a small group study.
- All are welcome to study one of the great letters of the New Testament.
- Do we realize how richly we've been blessed?



Embark on a guided tour of the "Holy of Holies" of biblical theology. The book of Hebrews is like a little Catechism. It is steeped in rich truths that are foundational to our Catholic Faith, but its highly refined theological concepts can be difficult for even the most seasoned Bible scholars to unpack.

Presented by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, *Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant* draws out the riches of this sublime book in a way that makes them easier to understand. It draws connections between the Old and New Testaments, the Liturgy, the Eucharist, the priesthood, and so much more. Most importantly, Hebrews will help Catholics appreciate the astounding generosity of God as they see the wonders He has given us in the Church.

This 8-week series is a perfect way to grow in your Faith! In-person sessions begin the week of September 26th. The cost is $30.00 and includes the workbook and access to the study videos for one year. To sign up and for more information, go to the parish website at stfparish.com. You can also call or email Frank Noffsinger at 330-990-0139, franknoffsinger@gmail.com



WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS…

We're so happy you're here!

Beagle, *Christopher, Jenna, Abram*
Boncaldo, *Paul*
Crookston, *Daniel and Karen*
Dahlman, *Clifton and Sharon*
Fair, *Justice, Hannah and Sophia*
Hollenbaugh, *Michael, Erin, Jack and Sophia*
Hughey, *Quinton and Sarah*
Jacobs, *John, Sarah Landon and Xavier*
Lavery, *Sarah*
Lushbaugh, *Melina*
Meager, *Christopher and Ashtin*
Murdock, *Jahari, Kaitlyn, Gabriela, Mason and Noah*
Nagy*, James, Katie, Dawson and Zander*
Paul, *Charles*
Rowe, *Ronald, Melissa, Gianna and Marina*
Salomone, *Michael, Meghan, Dominic, Anna and Niccolino*
Schweigert, *Ben and Elizabeth*
Testa, *Joseph and Kimberly*
Van Riper, *Ryan*
Zaccaro, *Anthony, Andrea and Jeana*
VanDevere, *John, Jacqueline and Milena*

And the newly Baptized… welcome to our faith community!

Trace James Campbell
Beau Salvatore Crasi
Caleb Zane Eckenrode
Sophia Maria Kay Fair
Owen Henry Kulick
Delaney Jet Lloyd
Carla Nadine Mongiardo
Zander Isidore Nagy
Isabella Halle Rivera
Sophia Grace Saunier
Ella Marie Schmahl
Joshua Joseph VanDevere
Genevieve Lynnae Workman

QUEEN OF HEAVEN YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Queen of Heaven Young at Heart Club is a social group for adults over 55. You are invited to attend a meeting and see if this club is for you. The next meeting is September 12th at 1:00 p.m. in Rooms 4 and 5 of their Parish Life Center. The speaker will be from the MAPS Museum. If you have any questions, please contact Gerri at 330-328-6694.

DIVORCED SEPARATED AND WIDOWED CATHOLICS OF AKRON

A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on Monday, September 12th from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, a retired social worker, will facilitate this session. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. You can reach Marlene at 330-607-6284.

VOLUNTEER AT SUMMA HOSPITAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Are you looking for a rich and rewarding way to give back to the community? Make a difference today by volunteering! Summa Health has more than 15 different volunteer opportunities, including pastoral care, patient experience, Wayfinding, and much more. The Akron, Barberton and Wadsworth Campuses are in need of other volunteers, as well. Whether you work full-time, are retired or attend school, there is an opportunity that will work with your schedule. Volunteer applications can be found at summahealth.org/volunteer or they can be mailed to you directly, if you prefer. Contact Hayley Lockard at lockardh@summahealth.org or call 330-375-7595.

ITE FALL RETREAT

Join The ITE Project for an overnight retreat as we build community, share meals, deepen our faith, learn from our priests, receive the Sacraments, and more. The retreat centers on Isaiah 43: 1-7 and will be held October 8, 9:30 a.m. through October 9, 3:00 p.m. at DoubleTree by Hilton in Independence. Several ticket options are available including shared rooms, private rooms, and a daytime pass. Retreat specific details, including a schedule, is available on the website. Registration deadline is September 23rd.

https://www.theiteproject.com/events/called

***If you feel "Called" to attend the retreat and sincerely need financial help, please email Brooke at info@TheITEProject.com.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS

Join us on Monday, September 19th as we welcome our guest speaker, Deacon John Green from Holy Family Parish in Stow. He will present a talk "Living Deeply in a Shallow World" at El Rancho Mexican Restaurant (main dining room), located at 1666 W. Exchange St. in Akron. Arrival at 7:00 p.m.; program begins at 7:30 p.m. There's a $5.00 admission fee that includes free chips and salsa. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron.

BENEFIT SHOW

Bring your family, the kiddos, and all your friends to see a professional magician perform magic that will attest to the good, the true, and the beautiful! A first place winner of the International Battle of the Magicians and the Florida Close-Up Competition, Magic Mark, uses his magical performance to uniquely share the Gospel message. Join The ITE Project and Magic Mark for a unique benefit show for a local seminarian, Jem Garcia, at St. Francis de Sales from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2022. Tickets on sale at The ITE Project website: https://www.theiteproject.com/events/benefitshow and at the door. All ticket proceeds will benefit Jem Garcia for his graduate studies at St. Mary Seminary in Wickliffe.

LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE

~Praying Together: Prayer for Married Couples

Tuesday, September 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Pope Francis explains that marital love is a powerful love that is "infused by the Holy Spirit" and a "reflection of the unbroken covenant between Christ and Humanity." Come explore ways to pray together and grow in love. $30.00 per couple; includes a light supper.

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