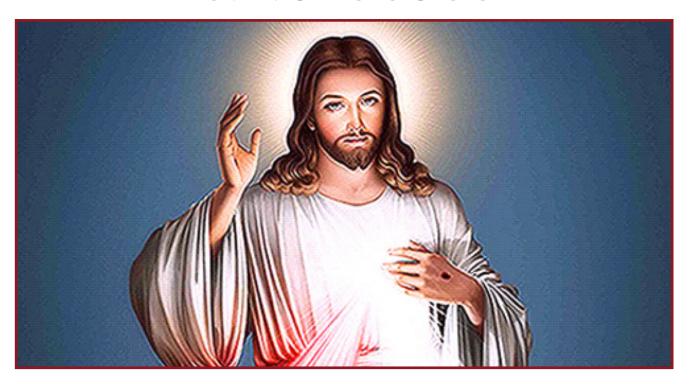
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Please see the Priest after any of the weekend Masses.

**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.

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023



#### SUNDAY, APRIL 16, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. Anna & C.R. Reiter, Patricia Meredith (John & Helen Deibel)

11:00 a.m. Cindy Matheny (Marty & Liz Misbrener)

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 17**

8:15 a.m. Bob Baltrinic (Delorse Kennedy & Family)

Charles F. Schaefer – Month's Mind

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 18**

8:15 a.m. Elizabeth Buckohr (Donald Buckohr, Son) 6:30 p.m. Ray Robinson (Mary Ebert)

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

8:15 a.m. Ed Murawski (Dan & Marge Darrow)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

8:15 a.m. Wilbur & Lucille Warner (Warner Family) 6:30 p.m. Anna (Pinkston) Feltrup

(Tom & Patty Hercules)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 21, ST. ANSELM

8:15 a.m. Mary Donohoe (Mellody Family) 9:00 a.m. Jeff Hershey (Kovesci Family)

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

8:15 a.m. Elizabeth Doyle (Schnitzler Family) 5:00 p.m. Mike & Mary Oravec (Jim & Pat Mesko)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 a.m. Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. Donna Busson (Matthews Family)

11:00 a.m. Leonard "Mooch" Morlan

(Dan & Sue Wargo)

Donald Brasaemle - Month's Mind

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8Tuesday:Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15Wednesday:Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21Thursday:Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36Friday:Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15Saturday:Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-28; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

#### Are You Ready to Receive His Mercy?

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:22-23).

When Jesus appears to His disciples after the crucifixion and Resurrection, He could have done anything but what He did. Because of their abandoning and denying Jesus, He could have justly rejected them and found new disciples to follow Him. But He did not. Instead, He offers them peace and the very gift of His Spirit. It is His Spirit that enables them to forgive themselves and one another. We have received the same Holy Spirit and can experience the same forgiveness that the apostles experienced in the Upper Room.

This Divine Mercy Sunday is an awesome opportunity to receive God's forgiveness—a gift that God never tires of offering to us. To speak more on Divine Mercy Sunday, I will share the words of Jesus to St. Faustina, who asked that she help to spread this message of mercy to all...

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary, 699)

Are you lacking peace? Do you desire His mercy? If so, celebrate His mercy! Come to Him! Isn't it awesome that all of eternity will be spent contemplating His love and mercy? Why wait? Contemplate it now! Enter into His mercy and come to the Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 p.m. If the divine floodgates are opened on this day, let us then open our hearts and receive what He is ready to give!

## Have mercy on us and on the whole world! Fr. Jeremy

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023

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

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

- BSA Cub Scouts, 1:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Divine Mercy Service, 3:00 p.m. (Church)
- BSA Boy Scouts, 4:30 p.m. (Refectory)

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 17**

- Families for Families, 6:30 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- PSR, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Men's Basketball, 8:30 p.m. (Gym)

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 18**

- Women's Book Study, 9:00 a.m. (St. Gerard Room)

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

- Holy Angels Formation, 3:30 p.m., (Holy Family Room)
- Angels 101, 6:00 p.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Guardian Angels Formation, 7:15 p.m., (Holy Family Room)
- Flow in Faith, 7:00 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. (Upper Room)

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30 p.m., (St. Gerard Room)
- First Communion Retreat Children only, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Refectory & School)

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- BSA Boy Scouts, 4:30 p.m. (Refectory)
- Prayers for Healing after the 11:00 Mass, meet by the St. Anthony Statue

# Give thanks to the LORD for he is good his mercy endures forever

Psalm 118: 1

## COLLECTION INFORMATION April 1/2

	<u>Offertory</u>
Sunday	\$ 19,665.50
Assessment	\$ 50.00
Capital	\$ 195.00
School	\$ 260.00
Easter	\$ 115.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$ 11.00
Holy Land	\$ 100.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 125.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,521.50

Information on the April 8/9 collection will be published in the forthcoming bulletin.

Our parish is blessed by your generosity!



#### **ADORERS NEEDED**

We are in need of Adorers for the following times:

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

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

#### **VOCATION CRUCIFIX**

Whether God calls us to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, or the single life, we all need His constant, loving support to answer Him faithfully. In His wisdom, He uses our prayers to strengthen each other's vocations. Please consider bringing the Vocation Crucifix into your home to pray that all will discover and live the joy of God's call for them! Contact the parish office any time to get your name on the list at 330-644-2225.

**Nichols Family** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

#### **REST IN PEACE**

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Ethel Thompson**, mother of Dwayne Thompson of our parish. May she share in the eternal joy of Christ and His saints, and may God console her family and friends.



With joy and thanks to God You are invited to the

## Ordination to the Order of Deacon

For the Diocese of Cleveland of

Andrew Joseph Davis

Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist 1007 Superior Ave, Cleveland, OH Also join us for his first

## Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Parish
164 West Market St., Akron, OH
Followed by a reception in Corrigan Hall

We would be honored by your presence at one or both of the Masses



Live stream of both Masses will be online at: Ordination: www.dioceseofcleveland.org Mass of Thanksgiving: www.stvincentchurch.com

#### **SFDS YOUTH GROUP**

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter week with their families and friends. Join us for a fun night together:

Sunday, April 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Beach Volleyball and Pizza SFDS gym

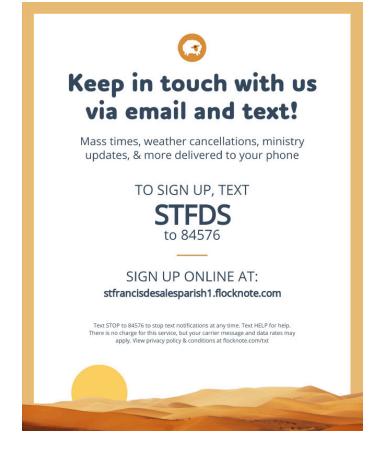
Bring your A-game, your summer attire, and a friend.

Happy Easter!

Contact Shirley Clark with questions: sclark@stfparish.com 330-644-2225, ext. 215



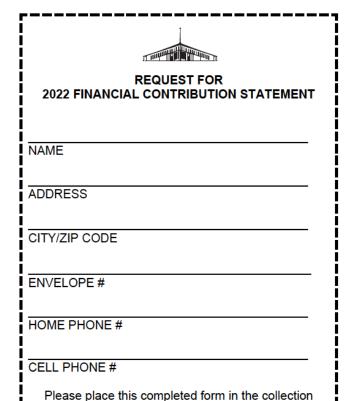
The St. Francis de Sales Golf League is back every Tuesday, starting May 2nd at 5:15 p.m. at Chenoweth Golf Course in Green until Labor Day. Contact Dominic Rizzo, Jr. at drizzo@rcrg.net to sign up.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023



Expiation teaches us to make sacrifices out of love for God and neighbor. Our holy Guardian Angel helps us to make expiation beginning with small sacrifices of daily life. He does not take away our sufferings, but he inspires and encourages us to accept them out of love for God and neighbor. We must not fear the cross but believe God does not demand of us more than we can carry. Come to a talk on the Holy Angels on April 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room at the Memorare Center. You are welcome to stay and participate in a discussion about Angels and Expiation (letter 7 for those in formation for consecration to their Guardian Angel). The discussion begins at 7:15 p.m. Please RSVP to the parish office at 330-644-2225 for either or both.



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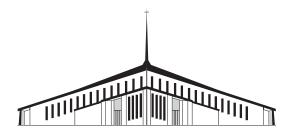
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#### WECLOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

St. Francis de Sales Parish was overjoyed to bring 14 amazing people into full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Each followed the yearning in their heart to learn more about the Catholic faith and prayerfully made the decision to become fully initiated Roman Catholics. We are blessed to welcome our sisters and brothers in Christ!

Payton Shea Roch Coughlin
Riley Christine Mary Ann Coughlin
Anthony Russell Joseph Cremi
Michael David Dymphna Fair
Sherry Margaret Padre Pio Greene
Madyn Ann Bernadette Hillyer
Donald James Philip McGill
Terry Norman Joseph Perona
Nicholas William Michael Raymond
Karl Thomas Thomas Rybczynski
Carley Brooke Anne Segers
Amanda Marie Mary Skinner
Nicole Michael Vinson

These men and women prayed and learned together as an RCIA group and have each fallen deeply in love with Christ and His Church. Thank you for welcoming the newest members of our parish family!

If you have questions about RCIA, please contact Kathleen Ott at kott@stfparish.com or 330-644-2225

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#### **Evenings of Recollection**

On April 21, Fr. Matthew Hincks, ORC of the Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross and Opus Sanctorum Angelorum will share a talk on Twelve Steps to Friendship with Your Guardian Angel at St. Sebastian Parish, 476 Mull Avenue, Akron, OH 44320. The talk will begin at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come for the Rosary and Confession opportunities before the talk at 6:30 p.m. and to stay for Mass following the talk.



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