

Roman Catholic Church



Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler Pastor

Fr. David Verbsky Parochial Vicar

Raymond Herrick Deacon

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Kathleen Ott Pastoral Associate

Colleen McVicker Director of Music Ministry

School: 330-644-0638 or stfparishschool.org **Parish Registration:** 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.



Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Jn 10:1-10

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;

Thursday: Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

Have you planned your funeral yet?

While this may seem a little strange to think about and a little depressing too, it really isn't. Because of the Resurrection of Jesus that we celebrated a couple of weeks ago, we can be confident that death is not the end of the story. During this Easter season, we see signs of new life everywhere. Whether it is the flowering buds of a tree or the new grass growth, there is hope among us. But our hope as Christians goes far beyond the new life we encounter in nature. Our hope is in Jesus. Jesus conquered sin and death so we could live forever. We celebrate that at Easter. But we also celebrate that at a Christian's funeral. We hear in Psalm 16 this weekend: "Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption." This is the God we celebrate now and forever!

Sadly, when I talk to funeral directors, it seems like our brothers and sisters in Christ have lost the real desire to pray for and to celebrate the new life God has in store for them. There seems to be a minimalist viewpoint that says "I don't need to do anything for me." I'm good. But when it comes to Christian funerals, the Church offers ample opportunity to pray for that person (which we need) and to pray for the loved ones left behind. That is why choosing the songs and readings for your funeral are important things to do as they help to form your last message to the world – what you believe in, who you believe in.

On May 4 at 7:15 p.m. in the Memorare Center, I will help to lead anyone who wants to plan their funeral. We will choose readings and songs and answer any questions you may have when it comes to celebrating the Rite of Christian Burial. Bring your Bible. I will talk about why the Church envisions celebrating a Wake, a funeral Mass and a Committal. This will be a beautiful time to plan your funeral so your remaining family will get to better know what was important to you in life.

God bless you in His Easter joy! Fr. Jeremy



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

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

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

MONDAY, APRIL 24

- PSR 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Men's Basketball, 8:30 p.m. (Gym)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

- Women's Book Study, 9:00 a.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- Confirmation Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost, 7:00 p.m. (Church)
- Choir Practice, following Confirmation Mass (Church)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

- Senior Group Euchre, 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. (Upper Room)

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30 p.m., (St. Gerard Room)
- Stephen Ministry Continuing Education & Supervision Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- First Communion Practice & Pictures, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

- BSA Boy Scouts, 4:30 p.m. (Refectory)



ADORERS NEEDED

We are in need of Adorers for the following times:

- Tuesday, 5:00-5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- Friday, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

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

COLLECTION INFORMATION

April 0/ 7							
		<u>Offertory</u>	Fa	<u>aith Direct</u>			
Sunday	\$	34,233.50	\$	14,146.69			
Assessment	\$	172.00	\$	110.00			
Capital	\$	260.00	\$	150.00			
School	\$	10.00	\$	330.00			
Central & Eastern Europe		115.00	\$				
Holy Land	\$	1,943.00	\$	75.00			
Operation Rice Bowl	\$	841.20	\$				
Catholic Home Missions	\$	11.00	\$	10.00			
Seminarian Scholarship			<u>\$</u>	14.00			
TOTAL	\$	37,585.70	\$	14,835.69			
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 52,421.39						

COLLECTION INFORMATION

April 15/16

		<u>Offertory</u>
Sunday	\$	13,477.00
Assessment	\$	35.00
Capital	\$	170.00
School	\$	60.00
Easter	\$	1,040.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$	4.00
Holy Land	\$	160.00
Operation Rice Bowl	<u>\$</u>	175.00
TÓTAL	\$	15,121.00

Our parish is blessed by your generosity!



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 at 330-644-2225 any time to get your name on the list.

Pat & Julie Jones received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.



SFDS YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

Still want to purchase your Knights of Columbus Raffle tickets? They are available at the parish office during normal business hours, or we will be selling them at the next Donut Sunday gathering, May 7. Look for our table in the entryway and get your tickets!

Tickets are \$5.00 each and the youth group will receive \$2.00 from each ticket sold, come and support the Knights and the youth of our parish.

Contact Shirley Clark with questions:

330-644-2225, ext. 215 or sclark@stfparish.com

HONORING OUR ALTAR SERVERS

The Serra Club of Akron thanks all altar servers for service to their parish community by assisting in the celebration of the Liturgy.

The 2023 Serra Altar Server Certificate was presented to the following graduating altar servers here at St. Francis de Sales Parish:

Kyle Elsass Andrew Goshe James Meyer Ethan Pham Giuliana Ciccarelli-Aloisi Aislynn McVicker Alexander Walter Michael Sudomir

The Serra Club of Akron is one of five Serra clubs in the Diocese of Cleveland and has been promoting and supporting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life since 1957.

For more information about Akron Serra, or for help in promoting and supporting religious vocations in the parish, contact: serraclubofakron@gmail.com or visit www.serraclubofakron.org.



St. Francis de Sales **Stephen Ministry**

STEPHEN

MINISTRY

We have 19 Stephen Ministers trained and ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Ann Clark: aclark2@stfparish.com Bill Dickey: wdickey@stfparish.com Jessica Quentin:jquentin@stfparish.com

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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



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.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery, 100 E. Waterloo Road, Akron. Learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and a special savings certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event at 216-641-7575, ext. 7 or email Bob DeJohn at bdejohn@ clecem.org. Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone

TO SIGN UP, TEXT

to 84576

SIGN UP ONLINE AT: stfrancisdesalesparish1.flocknote.com

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SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2023 9:00AM - 5:30PM *doors open at 8am

- Eucharistic Procession
- Keynote Presentations
- Spiritual Direction
- Confession
- Breakfast and lunch provided

concluding Mass with BISHOP MALESIC, Diocese of Cleveland CONFERENCE



SPEAKER

IGNITE 2023

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT

Rev. Jacob Bearer Diocese of Cleveland Parish Administrator

SPEAKER

Pete Burak VP of Renewal Ministries, Director of Intentional Disciples

\$55 Registration fee

Cleveland Marriott

Cleveland, OH 44114

1360 W Mall Dr.

Scan QR code below for additional details and RSVP info.



SPEAKER

Sr. John Paul Myers Dominican Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation



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