

Roman Catholic Church



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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.

Sunday:



Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

ALLELUIA IS THE CURE!

What we need now and always is Alleluia! It is the cure to death. It is the cure to sin! It is the cure to almost everything! Alleluia! It raises our souls as we proclaim it. There is a hunger, there is an outcry for God now more than ever. Our Church is calling for a Eucharistic Revival! Even in our culture, the movie Jesus Revolution reminds us how even in the non-Catholic churches in the US, there has been and, we pray, will continue to be Christian revivals among us. Within our Catholic Church, we are seeing grassroots Eucharistic revivals popping up over the nation. Whether it is in the Bronx or at Asbury University in Kentucky, we see how God wants to continue to awaken us to the Good News of Jesus Christ. The main message of these revivals is principally that if you listen to the Holy Spirit, you can expect the unexpected. This is what the Resurrection is all about. The disciples were not expecting this one bit, but it happened. In essence, their whole walk with Jesus was filled with moments that surprised them. The many different miracles of Jesus began to touch their hearts, and they slowly began to believe in who Jesus was in their lives.



The great paradigm shift that we see Alleluia! in the 1st Reading for Easter Sunday is that we get a glimpse at what the

Holy Spirit can do after Jesus shares It with the apostles. For what do we see but Peter boldly proclaiming Christ? This was not the Peter we saw before the Resurrection and before Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon him. Before this, Peter denied Jesus. Peter lived in fear. Jesus even called him Satan at one point. But after encountering the empty tomb and receiving new life from Jesus, he changed and was able to do amazing things and was able to testify and become a witness of Christ's love to the world. I pray and hope that this is our desire as we celebrate Easter. I know deep within my heart that I long for change, I long for conversion, I long for a new way of living. We need revival. We need Alleluia. Alleluia is the cure. What does Alleluia mean but "Praise God"? Praise Him today and always as you get to know His power in your life. Praise Him today and always as you look forward to how His Holy Spirit will bless you, renew you and form you into a bold proclaimer of Jesus Christ in the world! Alleluia! Praise God!

Happy Easter, Fr. Jeremy

P.S. Please come to the Divine Mercy Service next Sunday at 3:00 p.m. We have an amazing speaker, Fr. Samuel Leonard, IVE, who will speak on God's mercy in our lives. We will also praise the Lord, adore Him, reverence His image, and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever." Psalm 118.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

- Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

- No School
- Parish Office Closed
- No PSR
- Avila Holy Hour for Vocations, after 8:15 Mass
- Men's Basketball, 8:30 p.m. (Gym)

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

- No School
- Parish Office Closed
- Women's Book Study, 9:00 a.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00 p.m. (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

- No School
- Parish Office open 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Senior Social Group Euchre, 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. (Upper Room)

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

- No School
- Parish Office open 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30 p.m.,

(St. Gerard Room)

- Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

- No School
- Parish Office open 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Eucharistic Revival & Discipleship Gathering, 6:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)

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)

COLLECTION INFORMATION

March	25/26

	<u>Offertory</u>		<u>Faith Direct</u>		
Sunday	\$	11,976.45	\$	6,882.75	
Capital	\$	250.00	\$	142.00	
School	\$	143.00	\$	132.00	
Easter	\$	50.00	\$		
Catholic Home Missions	\$	30.00	\$		
Catholic Relief Services	\$	55.00	\$	547.00	
Operation Rice Bowl	\$	91.55	\$		
Black & Indian Missions	\$		\$	247.00	
Church in Eastern Europe	\$		\$	172.00	
Assessment	\$		\$	52.00	
TOTAL	\$	12,596.00	\$	8,174.75	
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 20,770.75			

Information on the April 1/2 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.

Sean Costello received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed April 10 and 11 in observance of Easter. April 12 through 14, the office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We wish you a joyful Easter! He is Risen!



Rice Bowls will be collected this Sunday, April 9. If you are able, please count the money inside your box and write a separate check to St. Francis de Sales and place it in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl." Thank you for helping those in need!

BLOOD DRIVE

On April 11, St. Francis will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in the school gym from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thank you for taking the time to give this special gift of life.

REQUEST FOR 2022 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT
NAME
ADDRESS
CITY/ZIP CODE
ENVELOPE #
HOME PHONE #
CELL PHONE #
Please place this completed form in the collection basket and your statement will be mailed to you.



Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Patrick McCallum, Jim Mesko, and Gary Heller.** May they enter into eternal life this Easter and may God comfort their family and friends with the promise of resurrection.



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.

Food for the Journey: Saturday Eucharistic Revival & Discipleship Gathering

Mark your calendar ... immediately after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass

April 15- Easter Continues!

We will gather for food, fellowship, faith and fun. All are welcome and encouraged to attend This will be Andy and Chris Davis' last dinner with us. Come for the faith & friendship, stay for the food!



The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish is in need of helpers at the Ozanam Center on Saturday, April 15. We will team up with Queen of Heaven Parish. Please come if you can - we'll meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Center, located behind Visitation of Mary Parish, at 93 Kent Street, Akron 44305.



TALK ON MARIAN APPARITIONS **AT MEDJUGORJE**

Ivan Dragicevic, a visionary from Medjugorje, will be hosted from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. for an evening of prayer at St. Mary Parish in Akron on Friday, April 14, and at St. Justin Martyr Church in Eastlake on Sunday, April 16. The evening of prayer will include the celebration of Mass, recitation of the Rosary, and conclude with Ivan speaking. You may bring articles to be blessed and petitions to be recommended in prayer. There will be a freewill offering. For more information, please contact Peggy Golden at mepgoldie@gmail.com.



Monday, April 17th Fr. Joe Menkhaus, Parochial Vicar, St. Bernadette Parish, Westlake on "The Language of Angels: Music and Prayer" The Tangier 507 S. Cleveland Massillon Road Fairlawn, OH 44333

Doors open 7:00 p.m., Speaker at 7:30 p.m. \$15.00 Admission includes light appetizers. Cash bar available. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron.

THE DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

Do you struggle to make decisions? How do you know what God is calling you to do? How can you tell the difference between the voice of God and the voice of the devil? Come learn about the essential art of discernment. Fr. Pfeiffer will lead women through "The Discernment of Spirits" by St. Ignatius of Loyola on April 14, May 12, and June 9. All Catholic women are invited to this series at St. Paul's in Akron, sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. There is Mass at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and Father's talk will begin at 7:00 p.m. We ask that guests either bring a dish to share or give a donation to defray the dinner costs. Guests should RSVP to Amy Karcher at amykkarcher@gmail.com.



St. Francis de Sales 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



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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Cluster Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at **10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 11, at Nativity Catholic Church**. Please bring your shawls and any work in progress. Also, donations to our homeless shelter can be brought at this time. If anyone in the parishes knows of someone in need of a prayer shawl or if you have any questions, please contact Barb Zimmerman at 330-699-4769 or Louise Golden at 330-571-3384.



