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Please see the Priest after any of the weekend Masses.

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Monday through Friday,  
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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.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MAY 14, 2023

**SUNDAY, MAY 14, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:30 a.m. Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving (Stanley Family)

11:00 a.m. Theresa Ambach (Al Schafer)

**MONDAY, MAY 15, ST. ISIDORE**

8:15 a.m. Elizabeth Buckohr (Son, Donald)

*Fr. Clark Anniversary of Ordination***TUESDAY, MAY 16**8:15 a.m. Frank & Jean Hanzel  
(Al & Karen Smith Family)6:30 p.m. Stephen Evanicki (Tom & Monica Brately)  
*Fr. Merzweiler & Fr. Suso  
Anniversary of Ordination***WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**

8:15 a.m. Carole Darrow (Dan Darrow, Sr.)

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, ST. JOHN I**

8:15 a.m. Nestor Katigbak (Mariza Meredith)

6:30 p.m. Richard Muha (Veronica Hegarty)  
*Fr. Thomas & Fr. Stavarz  
Anniversary of Ordination***FRIDAY, MAY 19**8:15 a.m. Genevieve Hyrnick  
(Hyrnick & Eckman Families)9:00 a.m. Gary Heller (Theresa Evans)  
*Fr. Bearer & Fr. Jordan  
Anniversary of Ordination  
Sharon Smith – Anniversary of Death***SATURDAY, MAY 20, ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

8:15 a.m. Frank Williams (Karen Conroy)

5:00 p.m. Jim &amp; Steve Scherer (Family)

**SUNDAY, MAY 21, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

7:30 a.m. Betty &amp; Jim Geig (Geig Family)

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. Tom Pastor (Linda Pastor)  
*Fr. Verbsky Anniversary of Ordination  
Marianne Altmayer – Anniversary of Death***SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!***"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."*

Indeed, we cry out to God with joy. On this Mother's Day, we thank God for the gift of our heavenly mother, Mary; our biological mothers; our God-mothers; our spiritual mothers who pray for us. These presences of love forever change who we are and who we will become as beloved sons and daughters of God. Thank you!

As we enter into the Scriptures for this weekend, the words of St. Peter reminded me of the words a loving mother would share with her children....

*"Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil." It is better to suffer than to do evil. It is better to stand up for what is good, true and beautiful than to succumb to what is evil or enticing in the world. No matter what we do, we need to continually form our conscience, to respond to the conscience God gave us and truly let Jesus rule our hearts.*

That is why it is so important that parents and grandparents get continually formed in the faith – so that they can share that formation with their children. In light of this, please sign up for the **"Joachim and Anne Workshop," a grandparenting workshop that is happening on May 22 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. here at St. Francis de Sales in the Memorare Center.**

This workshop will help grandparents better pass on the faith to their grandchildren. The questions they ask are these: WANT YOUR GRANDKIDS TO CATCH THE CULTURE OF CATHOLICISM? WANT TO KNOW MORE ON HOW TO MINISTER TO YOUR GRANDKIDS? This workshop will include training on how to approach sensitive topics with your family with the truth and love of Jesus. Please RSVP to <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events/2023/05/22/anne-joachim-grandparenting-workshop-summit-co>. or to Erin Marie Raines at 216-696-6525, ext. 7670. Please RSVP by Monday, May 15. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Thanks for considering.

May God bless our mothers,

Fr. Jeremy



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

### SUNDAY, MAY 14

- Happy Mother's Day!

### MONDAY, MAY 15

- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 9:00-9:30 a.m.
- Families for Families, 6:30 p.m. (St. Gerard)
- Men's Basketball, 8:30 p.m. (Gym)

### TUESDAY, MAY 16

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 18

- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30 p.m.,  
(St. Gerard Room)
- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 20

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Golf Outing, 8:00 a.m. (Mayfair Country Club)
- Priestly Ordination, 10:00 a.m.  
(Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist)

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

- Cub Scouts, 1:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Boy Scouts, 4:30 p.m. (Refectory)



### ADORATION

Thank you to all who have given time to cover a Holy Hour and make daily Adoration possible at our parish! All the slots are filled, but anyone is welcome to stop in and find rest in the presence of the Lord:

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 a.m., 6:00-10:00 p.m.  
Tuesday through Friday, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.,  
(Breaking for Masses)

### WEDDING BANNES

III Richard Douglas & Kelsey Radabaugh  
II Jameson Smith & Kathryn Havens  
II Christopher Suarez & Alicia Durkin

## Rest in Peace

Please remember in prayer **Ellen Bline Kurek**, sister of Fr. Bline, as well as **Sam Eaton, Fr. James Kramer** and **Fr. Robert McCreary, OFM Cap.** May they enter into the joy of eternal life, and may God console their family and friends.

## COLLECTION INFORMATION

May 6/7

	<u>Offertory</u>
Sunday	\$ 16,682.25
Capital	\$ 490.00
School	\$ 185.00
Easter	\$ 40.00
Ascension	\$ 50.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 13.00
Project Rice Bowls	\$ 16.75
Catechetical Services	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 17,507.00

*Our parish is blessed by your generosity!*

## VOCATION CRUCIFIX

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest" (Mt. 9:37-38). Receiving the Vocation Crucifix and praying for vocations is a beautiful and simple way to ask the Master to send out more laborers for His harvest! Please contact the parish office any time to get your name on the list; there are many slots to be filled – 330-644-2225.

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



## MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS FOR LIFE

After all the Masses this Sunday, May 14, flowers will be available for purchase outside the church. Proceeds will go to Right to Life of Northeast Ohio. Please stop by to buy some flowers for mom and support the building of a culture that embraces life! Pray for all expectant mothers and for the legal protection of life in our state.

*Congratulations to these young ladies and gentlemen!  
How blessed they are to have been able to receive the  
Body and Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, for the first time.*

*St. Francis de Sales  
First Communion Class of 2023*

First	Middle	Last	Greyson	James	Kinsinger
Henry	Michael	Anders	Kensley	Ann	Konen
Mia	Carol	Angeloni	Leia	Marie	Maglio
Kamden	Michael	Batchik	Leo	Francesco	Maione
Daniel	Christopher	Bellis	Mia	Ann	McIntosh
Colton	Patrick	Brod	Gannon	John	Micire
Temperence	Uzell	Cain	Audrey	Anne	Micire
Killian	Daniel	Christman	Mallory	Elizabeth	Molnar
Roxanne	Alexandra	Colaner	Audrey	Jill	Moore
Quinn	Timothy	Costello	Chase	Emerson	Mullins
Nathan	Alan	Dannemiller	Gabriela	Christine	Murdock
Brando	Leonel	DeCola	Phero Ethan	Alexander	Nguyen
Adele	Marie	DiMascio	Vincent	Allen	Palmer
Trenton	Adam	Dunn	Presley	Ann	Prinzo
Erik	Juul	Easley	Atlas	Grey	Ross
Jude	Anthony	Elmiger	Niccolino	Vincenzo	Salomone
Griffin	Thomas	Evans	Christian	Joseph	Scherer
Sierra	Elizabeth	Foss	Avery	Ann	Sebe
Harper	Lennox	Fraleigh	Zachary	Richard	Sipe
Piper	Marie	Gostkowski	Anna	Lynn	Sutton
Gavin	Joseph	Graham	Nikolai	Vincent	Swiger
Andrew	Joseph	Henderson	Ryker	Alan	Vinson
Hunter	Allen	Jansen	Alaina	Noelle	Wagner
Xavi	Ethan	Kennedy			

We are grateful to our parents and families, our priests, our deacons, our teachers,  
and all those who teach us about Jesus and show us His Love.

***Jesus has come to us in the Holy Eucharist. Let us rejoice!***

*"The Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus." St. John Vianney*

*Please join*

*St. Francis de Sales Catholic Parish in celebration of the  
25th Anniversary of Ordination of*

*Father Gerald David Michael Bernard Kieran Bline*

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated  
Saturday, June 10, 2023

5:00 p.m.

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***public reception to follow***

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The St. Francis de Sales Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun at Mayfair Country Club. To register, visit <https://e.givesmart.com/events/wj2/> or stop by the Parish Office to pick up a form. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. All proceeds will benefit our St. Francis de Sales Athletic and Drama Programs.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish is in need of helpers at the Ozanam Center on Saturday, May 20. We will team up with St. Matthew 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.

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

### May 28, 11:00 am – Pentecost Opening Mass

We not only celebrate the birthday of the Church but also the birthday of our parish!

### June 10, 5:00 pm – Celebrate the Past

Fr. Bline will celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass with a reception in the gym. We will celebrate Deacon Butz's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as well.

### July 30, 11:00 am – Celebrate the Present

We will celebrate Mass at the Tudor House on the water. Please bring picnic items to stay and eat together.

### August 20, 12:00pm – Celebrate the Future

Outdoor Mass at the Rubber Ducks Stadium followed by Rubber Ducks Game

### September 10, 12:00-4:00pm – Parish Festival

Come celebrate the joy of our community with a day of fun and fellowship and a closing Mass at 4:00 pm!



In the Church, our "mission" prioritizes the intimate, personal relationship between God and us. As we work to fulfill the unique mission God created us for, God should become "visible" to others in us. Do you know your mission? Your Guardian Angel does. He will help you complete that mission if you let him. Come to a talk on the Holy Angels on May 17th 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 Mission (letter 8 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.

### YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

We are selling Knights of Columbus Raffle Tickets as a fundraiser for our youth group:

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Many more cash prizes awarded!

Stop by the Parish Office to get your tickets today and support our youth group!!

Contact Shirley Clark with questions:

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

### ST. BERNARD'S HOT MEALS

Looking for an opportunity to feed the hungry? Please join fellow parishioners as we help serve at St. Bernard's Hot Meals on Wednesday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m. Volunteers should be high school age or older please. Questions, contact Denise Howell at 330-472-2273.

### INFERTILITY SUPPORT MINISTRY

For Catholics struggling with infertility and pregnancy loss, Mother's Day can be hard – but there is hope and healing in community! Springs in the Desert is a Catholic ministry that accompanies these women and couples by offering them a place of respite and solidarity where they can know God's love for them and discover His unique call to fruitfulness. For virtual and in-person events, encouraging blog posts, podcast episodes, and more, visit [www.springsinthedesert.org](http://www.springsinthedesert.org). It is our honor to walk with you!

### NURSING HOME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Luke Lutheran Community in the Portage Lakes is looking for volunteers to do activities with residents. Volunteers could play music for residents, read to them, do crafts, or share other gifts and interests. To learn more, contact the activities coordinator, Melissa Datlenko at 330-245-7321.

**CLOTHING DRIVE**

The ITE Project, a Catholic Young Adult Apostolate, is hosting its annual clothing drive at St. Francis de Sales Parish on Saturday, June 3rd. Please cull your closets and bring your donations to our drop-off location at the parish pavilion between 10:00 a.m.-Noon on June 3rd. Volunteers will be present to unload donations from the cars and then sort the donations and redistribute them to other charities, which give away items to the needy. In the event of rain, the event will take place in the gym.

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