

Roman Catholic Church



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> **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.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 21, 2023 Masses For Strand SUNDAY, MAY 21, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 7:30 a.m. Betty & 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 MONDAY, MAY 22, ST. RITA OF CASCIA 8:15 a.m. Mary Franz (Susan Muzljakovich & Jessica Rogers) **TUESDAY, MAY 23** 8:15 a.m. Arlene Keenan (Kathy Boggs) 6:30 p.m. Daniel Pillitiere (Kay Pillitiere) Deacon Butz Anniversary of Ordination WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 8:15 a.m. Ed Murawski (Dan & Marge Darrow) THURSDAY, MAY 25, ST. BEDE, ST. GREGORY VII, ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE'PAZZI 8:15 a.m. Henry & Harriet Jacobs (Warner Family) 6:30 p.m. Bernie & Leona Adams (Rick & Sherry Calhoun) FRIDAY, MAY 26, ST. PHILIP NERI 8:15 a.m. James & Eleanor Voyk (Stavarz Family) 9:00 a.m. Stephen Scheefers (SFdS Parish) SATURDAY, MAY 27, ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY 8:15 a.m. Arlene Keenan (Kathy Boggs) 5:00 p.m. Jimmy Tempesta (Jim & Pat Mesko) SUNDAY, MAY 28, PENTECOST 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo 9:00 a.m. Augie Szempruch (Thomas Family) 11:00 a.m. Joseph Mazzagatti (Kelliher Family) 75th Anniversary of Our Parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13;
	Jn 20:19-23

PRAY FOR OHIO

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:16-20)

When I hear these words of Jesus before He ascends to the Heavenly Father, I can't help but think of the many little ones who are graced with the gift of being baptized in the faith. God cooperates with the love between a man and a woman to bring life into the world, and He loves these little ones so much that He desires to free them from sin and dwell in them. I thank God for all the little ones God has blessed us with each day.

Just recently, on April 27, the Bishops of Ohio wrote a letter to all of the pastoral leaders of parishes in Ohio about their campaign to defeat the proposed amendment to Ohio's constitution that would expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. From the Bishops' letter ... "The Church must not be silent and cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life and dignity. We must engage and mobilize Catholics statewide to defeat this proposed amendment and its potential grave consequences for Ohio's future. To encourage faithful citizenship on the amendment, the Catholic Conference of Ohio, in collaboration with the dioceses and eparchies in the state, is launching a statewide Catholic campaign specifically to ensure Catholics register to vote and vote no if the amendment appears on the November 2023 ballot. Every parish in Ohio is asked to unite in prayer, distribute educational materials, and encourage voter registration to Vote NO on the abortion expansion amendment."

We will be handing out the **Prayer for Ohio** which invites us to pray for the protection of our children – the greatest gift we have for our nation, state and community. Here it is for you to pray right now:

Prayer for Ohio

Ever-living God, You give life and desire a future for all Your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send Your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety. Mary and Joseph trusted in You and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! Fr. Jeremy

Ps. Don't forget to come to Mass next weekend and celebrate the birthday of the Church as well as the birthday of our Parish! What a profound gift we have here!

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

SUNDAY, MAY 21

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

MONDAY, MAY 22

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

TUESDAY, MAY 23

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

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

THURSDAY, MAY 25

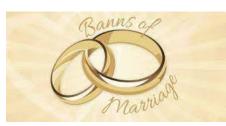
- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30 p.m., (St. Gerard Room)
- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed. & Supervision Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Beatitudes)

SATURDAY, MAY 27

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

SUNDAY, MAY 28

- 75th Anniversary of Our Parish
- Prayers for Healing after 11:00 a.m. Mass, meet by the St. Anthony Statue



III Jameson Smith & Kathryn Havens III Christopher Suarez & Alicia Durkin

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Information on the May 13/14 collection will be published in the forthcoming bulletin. Thank you! Our parish is blessed by your generosity!



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)

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 are beautiful and simple ways 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.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 75TH 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^{th} Anniversary Mass with a reception in the gym. We will celebrate Deacon Butz's 25^{th} Anniversary as well.

July 30, 11:00 am - Celebrate the Present

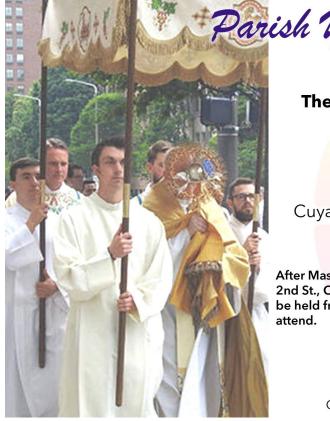
We will celebrate Mass at the Tudor House on the water. Please bring picnic items to stay and eat together.

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!





The Summit County Mass & Eucharistic Procession Sunday, June 4 at noon

Join Us for

to kick-off the Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival

Celebrant will be Bishop Michael Woost

Cuyahoga Falls Amphitheater, 2050 Riverfront Parkway

hosted by St. Joseph Parish, Cuyahoga Falls

After Mass, the Eucharistic Procession will head to St. Joseph Parish Church, 1761 2nd St., Cuyahoga Falls, 44221 for a benediction. A social with refreshments will be held from 1-3pm for all attendees. All summit county parishes are invited to attend.

Plan on attending? Please RSVP @ saintjoe.org

Interested in participating in the event? Contact Jessica Plaspohl at 330-928-2173 or jplaspohl@saintjoe.org.

"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. St. Francis de Sales Catholic Parish 4019 Manchester Rd. Akron, OH 44319

public reception to follow

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL The Greatest Treasure UNE 26-30 REGISTRATION R

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.



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.

MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY MASS

All are welcome to an outdoor Memorial Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. May 29 in Holy Cross Cemetery, 100 E. Waterloo Road. The celebrant will be Rev. Thomas W. McCann. Please bring a lawn chair and an umbrella in case of inclement weather. Masses will be celebrated in many Catholic cemeteries throughout the diocese in honor of those who gave their lives for God and country. Visit www.clecem. org for a full list.



VILLA MARIA-THON 5-K RUN AND 2-MILE WALK

Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center will sponsor its 13th annual Villa Maria-thon 5-K Run and 2-Mile Walk on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at Villa Maria Community Center in Villa Maria, PA. The event includes activities for the entire family! Go to www.vmesc.org for registration and additional information. All proceeds from this event benefit the Center's youth and adult programs.

THAT THE GOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE GLORIOUS FATHER, MAY GIVE YOU A SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF HIM. - EPHESIANS 1:17

VISITATION OF MARY & ST. JOHN PARISH MISSION

June 11 and 12, 2023 5pm-8pm

Visitation of Mary Parish - Annunciation Church

55 Broad St, Akron OH 44305

Questions? Call us at 330.535.4141

Theme: The Eucharist: "This is my Body Given up for you" Lk 22:19

- ✤ Biggest treasure of our Catholic Faith
- ✤ Sacrifice of love
- Best prayer
- Memorial of the passion and death of our Savior
- ✤ Way of conversion.



Welcome our Charismatic Preacher Fr. Jacob Bearer

Fr. Jacob was ordained a priest in 2017 for the Diocese of Cleveland. He grew up in Painesville, OH and entered the Borromeo Seminary after high school. His first assignment was at St. Francis de Sales in Akron. After his second assignment in Parma, OH, he was assigned to SS. Edward & Lucy in Middlefield and was appointed pastor this year. He enjoys seeing the power of the Holy Spirit move in the life of Catholics by

leading others in ministering healing.



Please bring your Bible with you.

Day One: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

5:00-5:45 p.m. Talk

Break

6:15-7:00 p.m. Talk

7:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession/

Benediction

8:00 p.m. Close

Day Two: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

5:00-5:45 p.m. Talk

Break

6:15 p.m. Healing

- 7: 00 p.m. Mass
- 8:00 p.m. Close





