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Parish Office Hours:
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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023

**SUNDAY, MAY 7, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 7:30 a.m. Costello Family (Sean Costello)
 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
Blessing of Seventh Grade Students
 11:00 a.m. Dom Rizzo Sr. (Family)

MONDAY, MAY 8

- 8:15 a.m. Jerry Engler (Galati Family)
 7:15 p.m. PSR Students and Families

TUESDAY, MAY 9

- 8:15 a.m. Edward Sboray (Undercoffer Family)
 6:30 p.m. Steve & Eleanor Testa (Family)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, ST. DAMIEN DE VEUSTER,
ST. JOHN OF AVILA**

- 8:15 a.m. John & Mildred Loggins
 (Deacon Richard & Francis Butz)

THURSDAY, MAY 11

- 8:15 a.m. Jackie Lee (Weber & Hilton Families)
 6:30 p.m. Cindy Matheny (David Clegg)

**FRIDAY, MAY 12, SS. NEREUS & ACHILLEUS,
ST. PANCRAS**

- 8:15 a.m. Edward Bender (Marty & Liz Misbrener)
 9:00 a.m. Mary Franz (Mike & Veronica Oravec)

SATURDAY, MAY 13, OUR LADY OF FATIMA

- 8:15 a.m. Walter Dubetz (Dubetz Family)
 5:00 p.m. Bob Baltrinic (Delorse Kennedy & Family)

**SUNDAY, MAY 14, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER,
MOTHER'S DAY**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
 9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving (Stanley Family)
 11:00 a.m. Theresa Ambach (Al Schafer)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:17-21; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" Jn. 14:2

At the core of Jesus' own message is the longing to be with us forever. He tells His disciples that He is preparing a place to be with them forever. This is where we are headed...to heaven...to be with Jesus forever, and that is what a parish's mission is all about – getting people to heaven, to Jesus forever.

This is why we celebrate the fact that St. Francis de Sales in Akron, Ohio has been loving and caring for souls for 75 years! The history, the people, staff members, teachers, the many religious, deacons and priests that served here are astounding. Reaching these milestones is always a cause for rejoicing. Here are opportunities for celebrating the parish this summer.

**St. Francis de Sales 75th Anniversary Celebrations!**

- **May 28, 11:00 a.m. – Pentecost Opening Mass**
 - We not only celebrate the birthday of the Church but the birthday of our parish!
- **June 10, 5:00 p.m. – Celebrate the Past**
 - Fr. Bline will celebrate his 25th Anniversary Mass with a reception in the gym. We will celebrate Dc. Butz's 25th Anniversary as well.
- **July 30, 11:00 a.m. – 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, 12:00 p.m. – Celebrate the Future**
 - Outdoor Mass at Rubber Ducks Stadium followed by Rubber Ducks Game.
- **September 10, 4:00 p.m. – Parish Festival Closing Mass**
 - Come celebrate Mass with the joy of our community!

Looking forward to this time to celebrate together!

Fr. Jeremy

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

SUNDAY, MAY 7

- Donut Sunday after all Masses
- Cub Scouts, 1:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Boy Scouts, 4:30 p.m. (Refectory)

MONDAY, MAY 8

- Avila Holy Hour for Vocations, after 8:15 a.m. Mass
- Last PSR 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Mass and May Crowning
- Men's Basketball, 8:30 p.m. (Gym)

TUESDAY, MAY 9

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

- 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 11

- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)

SATURDAY, MAY 13

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

SUNDAY, MAY 14

- Happy Mother's Day!



Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner **Patricia Bryant**. May she enter into the joy of eternal life, and may God console her family and friends.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

April 29/30

	<u>Offertory</u>
Sunday	\$ 14,911.00
Capital	\$ 475.00
School	\$ 75.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 153.00
Holy Land	<u>\$ 330.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 15,944.00

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.

Bill & Pat Butke received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.



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)

AVILA HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

If you've never attended an Avila Holy Hour, please consider joining us on Monday, May 8, after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. One of our dedicated Deacons will lead us in prayer for vocations.

"Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, who called the apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in Your Holy Church. Make them eager to spread Your Kingdom upon the earth."

We invite everyone to pray one hour each month for all young people that they will have the grace, strength and courage to hear and answer God's call.



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS FOR LIFE

After all the Masses next 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.

SVDP THANKS PARISH SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish wish to thank our parish school community for the generous outpouring of donations to the SVdP parish pantry. The school families made it their lenten mission to collect canned goods, cereals, paper products and more, as well as sharing monetary donations to fill the shelves for the spring and summer months. Donations to SVdP during Lent and the Easter season have been very much appreciated as we help our neighbors in need. Forty-two families were assisted April 1 with a bag of groceries and household products along with grocery gift cards to purchase an Easter dinner. Monetary gifts are always appreciated in the SVdP poor box that is found at the entrance to the church in the narthex by the ushers' room or through the weekly collection.



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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.

SVDP CURRENT WISHLIST

The St. Vincent de Paul society of our parish is looking to help a family in need of specific furniture. They are in need of a love-seat-sized couch and a TV. In addition, SVdP has room to keep in storage two queen-sized mattresses and box springs and two small chest of drawers. This enables us to get these essential items to neighbors in need as soon as possible. Please call Don McCabe at 330-685-4638 for pickup or delivery or the SVdP phone number at 330-958-5270.



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 eight 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.

EASTER SAINT MURALS

During the Easter season, our parish gets to enjoy a beautiful depiction of the saints in glory in the two paintings hanging alongside the Crucifix. Our Easter artwork is a wonderful reminder that at every Mass we are truly united with all the saints by our Communion in the Body of Christ and they are always interceding for us in anything we ask of them. Here is a list of the saints shown:

Left Panel

St. Francis de Sales
St. Jane de Chantal
Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati
St. Francis of Assisi
St. Clare of Assisi
St. Rita of Cascia
St. George
St. Joan of Arc
St. Kevin of Glendalough

Right Panel

St. John Paul II
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
St. Teresa of Calcutta
St. Cyril
St. Methodius
St. Peter
St. Paul
St. Padre Pio

All you holy saints, pray for us!



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.

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