

# St. Francis de Sales Parish

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler**  
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**School:**  
330-644-0638 or [stfparishschool.org](http://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.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

MAY 28, 2023

**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***MONDAY, MAY 29, THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, MEMORIAL DAY**

9:30 a.m. Jim Mesko (Diver Family)

**TUESDAY, MAY 30**

8:15 a.m. Ron Carr (Dan Crookston)

6:30 p.m. Barbara Horvath

(Horvath &amp; Holcomb Families)

*Fr. Bline Anniversary of Ordination**Carol Nicholas – Anniversary of Death**Ronald Carr – Anniversary of Death**Patricia Bryant – Month's Mind***WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, THE VISITATION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:15 a.m. Deborah K. Stringfield (Charlotte Miller)

*Fr. Byrider Anniversary of Ordination**Brian Beitko – Anniversary of Death***THURSDAY, JUNE 1, ST. JUSTIN MARTYR**

8:15 a.m. Mary Franz (Phyllis Sonneberger)

6:30 p.m. Erin &amp; Brian Beitko (Family),

*Anointing Mass***FRIDAY, JUNE 2, SS. MARCELLINUS & PETER**

8:15 a.m. Pat Dickey (Ann &amp; Ed Clark)

9:00 a.m. Carter Andes (Family)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3, ST. KEVIN OF GLENDALOUGH,  
ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS**

8:15 a.m. Jackie Schnitzler (Greg &amp; Betty Schnitzler)

5:00 p.m. St. Kevin Mass,

*For All Who Have Lost a Child***SUNDAY, JUNE 4, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

7:30 a.m. Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth "Jackie" Wargo

(Dan &amp; Sue Wargo)

*Blessing of all 8th Grade Students*

11:00 a.m. Bob Baltrinic (Carol Baltrinic &amp; Family)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH!  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARISH!**

It is rather astounding that we are celebrating 75 years as a parish the same day we are celebrating 2,000+ years as a Church! There is so much to celebrate. Within the life of our Church, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit being poured out upon each and every one of us as baptized sons and daughters of God, and it is this same Holy Spirit that wants to do so much in our lives. St. Paul says that *"to each individual the manifestation of the Holy Spirit is given for some benefit."* And what are these benefits? ...the expression of wisdom... expression of knowledge...faith...gifts of healing... mighty deeds...prophecy...discernment of spirits... tongues...interpretation of tongues... and so forth. So what do we do with all of these gifts?

As we celebrate 75 years as a parish in the Portage Lakes, we look back in gratitude for all the good God has done in our lives. At the same time, we look forward to how the Holy Spirit will work in our lives as the Body of Christ. My desire for each and every one of you is to boldly ask the Holy Spirit for the gifts you long to receive for the building up of the Kingdom of God. Healing, mighty deeds, wisdom, knowledge and more are all needed in order to inspire us along the way of salvation.

It is also good to note that this is not "Fr. Jeremy's Parish." This is the Lord's Parish. When we come to Mass, we enter the House of the Lord. Going back to the second reading, we hear: *"Brothers and sisters: No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit."* A while back, you may have noticed that I begin my weekend homilies with "Jesus Christ is Lord" while you respond: "Now and Forever." I do this because my spiritual director, Fr. Samuel Leonard (the priest who talked at Divine Mercy Sunday), always begins his homilies the same way. If we can say that proudly, we can strongly believe that we are living by the Holy Spirit. May we live by the power of the Holy Spirit for many years to come!

**Happy Birthday!****Fr. Jeremy****SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;  
Jn 19:25-34**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31**Wednesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56**Thursday:** Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52**Friday:** Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26**Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20; Mk 11:27-33**Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13;  
Jn 3:16-18

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 28**

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

**MONDAY, MAY 29**

- No School
- Parish Office Closed

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31**

- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. (Church)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2**

- School Family Mass, Awards, & Picnic, 9:00 a.m.-noon

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- First Saturday Devotions, following 8:15 a.m. Mass
- ITE Project Clothing Drop-Off, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Pavilion)
- St. Kevin's Mass for All Who Have Lost a Child

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

- Donut Sunday

**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.

**The Powers Family** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

**Rest in Peace**

Please remember in your prayers **Judy Rambacher**, as well as **James Dayberry**, brother of Linda Sams of our parish, and all the faithful departed. May perpetual light shine upon them and may God console their families and friends.

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**May 13/14**

	Offertory	Faith Direct
Sunday	\$ 14,167.00	\$10,948.52
Assessment	\$ 185.00	\$ 110.00
Capital	\$ 164.00	\$ 150.00
School	\$ 185.00	\$ 330.00
Easter	\$ 10.00	
Ascension	\$ 40.00	\$ 160.00
Home Missions	\$ 10.00	
Holy Land	\$ 20.00	
Catechetical Form.	\$ 634.00	\$ 10.00
Special Gift		\$ 400.00
Seminarian Scholarship		\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,415.00</b>	<b>\$12,208.52</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,623.52</b>	

**May 20/21**

	Offertory	Faith Direct
Sunday	\$ 14,427.00	\$ 6,922.01
Assessment	\$ 45.00	\$ 52.00
Capital	\$ 370.00	\$ 142.00
School	\$ 25.00	\$ 132.00
Ascension	\$ 594.00	\$ 167.00
Catechetical Form.	\$ 21.00	\$ 247.00
Easter		\$ 25.00
Special Gifts		\$ 300.00
Catholic Ed. Endowment		\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,482.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,037.01</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,519.01</b>	

*Our parish is blessed by your generosity!*



II Logan Tolson & Georgia Owen  
I Spencer Mellon & Tara Perillo



**ADORER NEEDED**

We are in need of an adorer for the following time:  
Thursday, 12:00-12:30 p.m.  
If you are able to fill this, please call Joanne at 330-338-4810

**SUPPORT FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

The **Parents of Priests** Organization of our Cleveland Diocese works to support the needs of the seminarians at Borromeo and St. Mary Seminaries in many ways, including financial and spiritual support. One of the ways that members of the Diocese, and especially our St. Francis de Sales Parish, can assist these men is through spiritual support. Each day is designated for prayer support for a seminarian, as well as our Pope, Bishop Edward Malesic, Pastors, Priests, and other related intentions. Please use this calendar insert and keep it in a place where you can see it each day and thoughtfully say a prayer of support for the name listed that day, as well as a prayer for an increase in vocations. Also, do remember to pray for the others in our parish who are discerning their vocations.



# June 2023



Seminarian Calendar prepared by Parents of Priests—Diocese of Cleveland  
 Calendar at: [seminarians.parentsofpriests.net](http://seminarians.parentsofpriests.net)  
 Priest & Seminarian calendar online at: [priests.stpatrick.cc](http://priests.stpatrick.cc)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Go therefore, and make disciples            of all the nations. . .            And know that I am with you always.            Matthew 28:19,20</i>				1 Jonathan Green Borromeo-3	2 Dan Jordan Borromeo-1	3 Alexander Krukemeyer Borromeo-4
4 <i>Pray for All Parish Priests</i>	5 Christopher Martin Borromeo-2	6 Nathan Menkhaus Borromeo-1	7 William Reed Borromeo-4	8 Joseph Rohan Borromeo-4	9 Zachary Smith Borromeo-1	10 Joshua Stecz Borromeo-4
11 <i>Pray for All Parents of Priests</i>	12 Steven Vasko Borromeo-1	13 Stephen Vavro Borromeo-2	14 Matthew Wasinski Borromeo-1	15 Christopher Yankay Borromeo-1	16 Christopher Cotone St. Mary-III	17 Anthony Donatelli St. Mary-III
18 <i>Pray for All Fathers</i>	19 Jon Hawkins St. Mary-III	20 Jeffrey Lindholm St. Mary-III	21 James Livingston St. Mary-III	22 James Parisi St. Mary-III	23 Kyle Rosser St. Mary-III	24 Travis Seagraves St. Mary-III
25 <i>Pray for the Avilas and Serrans</i>	26 Mitch Carson St. Mary-II	27 Cameron Ferrell St. Mary-II	28 Nathan Frankart St. Mary-II	29 Joseph Truong Viet Ho St. Mary-II	30 Sean Neville St. Mary-II	

**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!

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our Flock!



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email and text!



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*"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**

Registration is now open! Please see the forms on the following pages or the parish website to register.

**The Greatest Treasure:  
JESUS  
IN THE  
EUCHARIST**

JUNE 26-30  
ONLINE  
REGISTRATION ON  
THE PARISH  
WEBSITE

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**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH VBS JUNE 26-30, 2023 9:15am-12:30pm**

**VOLUNTEER FORM – DEADLINE – JUNE 11, 2023**

(Please mail/drop off to the Parish Office with attention VBS or drop in collection basket)  
 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES VBS- 4019 MANCHESTER RD, AKRON, OH 44319

<b>ADULT VOLUNTEER NAME</b> (please print) \$10 T SHIRT FEE	<b>T-SHIRT SIZE</b>	<b>YES, I WANT TO BE A TEACHER</b> (number by preference)	<b>STATION HELPER</b> (NUMBER by PREFERENCE)	<b>ALLERGIES/MED/ ADDITIONAL INFO</b>
_____ _____ <b>YEAR VIRTUS TRAINED</b> _____ <b>NEED VIRTUS TRAINED</b> _____ <b>NEED BABYSITTING</b>		_____ PreK- K _____ Gr. 1-2 _____ Gr. 3-5	_____ SNACK _____ CRAFT _____ GAMES _____ FAITH IN SCIENCE	

<b>TEEN VOLUNTEER NAME-</b> (please print) Gr. 6-High School	<b>GRADE</b> (entering in fall of 2023)	<b>NUMBER by PREFERENCE</b> #1 like most thru #5 like least TA=teachers aid, S=snack, C=craft, G=games ALSO...Circle YES OR NO for CHOIR/SKITS	<b>ALLERGIES/MED/ ADDITIONAL INFO</b>
		_____ TA _____ C _____ S _____ G I want to do camp choir YES or NO I want to be in skits YES or NO	
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<b>DONATION TOTAL =</b> _____	Please enclose a check, cash, or money order with your volunteer form if you want to make a donation for VBS. Checks should be made payable to St. Francis de Sales.
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Parish \_\_\_\_\_ School(teen) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Name (teen) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Vol. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL RELEASE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby give permission to the staff of St. Francis de Sales VBS to treat as necessary any accident received on the premises. Serious treatment will be referred to:

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dentist: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO RELEASE**

We ask your permission to print, post, display or show photos taken of your child(ren) at St. Francis de Sales Parish and School activities.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I give my permission to print, display, or show any photo taken of me as stated above. \_\_\_\_\_ I do NOT give my permission.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH VBS 2023 CAMPER REGISTRATION JUNE 26-30, 2023 – 9:15am-12:30pm

**(Register on the PARISH WEBSITE – June 18, 2023)**

(or mail/drop off to the Parish Office or drop in the collection basket with **attention VBS 2023**  
**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES VBS- 4019 MANCHESTER ROAD, AKRON, OH 44319**)

<b>CHILD'S NAME-</b> (please print first & last) ELIGIBLE Child(ren)- 4 years old thru Grade 5 (entering fall 2023)	<b>GRADE</b> (entering fall 2023)	<b>AGE</b>	<b>ALLERGIES/MED/ ADDITIONAL INFO</b>
<b>\$30</b>			
<b>\$15</b>			
<b>\$15</b>			
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<b>\$15</b>			
<b>DONATION =</b> _____		Please enclose a check, cash, or money order with your registration. <b>Checks should be made payable to St. Francis de Sales.</b> Need a scholarship? Please call 330-644-2225 or email VBS @stfparishschool.org	
<b>TOTAL =</b> _____			

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Questions? Contact Joanne Reich, Colleen McVicker, or Amy Fraleigh  
at the Parish Office or email vbs@stfparishschool.org**



## Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival

Join Us for

### The Summit County Mass & Eucharistic Procession

**Sunday, June 4 at noon**

*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](http://saintjoe.org)**

Interested in participating in the event?

Contact Jessica Plaspohl at 330-928-2173 or [jplaspohl@saintjoe.org](mailto:jplaspohl@saintjoe.org).

### VISITATION OF MARY AND ST. JOHN PARISH MISSION

Fr. Jacob Bearer will be preaching a mission June 11 and 12 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Annunciation Church, 44 Broad Street, Akron 44305, on the theme *The Eucharist: "This Is My Body Given up for You."* The first evening will include a talk, Adoration, Confession opportunities, and Benediction, and the second evening will include a talk, prayers for healing, and Mass. All attendees are asked to bring their Bible. If you have questions, please call 330-535-4141.

### GRIEF RECOVERY WORKSHOPS

Grief Recovery Workshops will be held at Saint Paul Parish, 1580 Brown Street, Akron 44301, in the former school computer room. Ellen Barber, Certified Grief Specialist, Ignatian Spiritual Director, and Pastoral Minister will serve your needs concerning bereavement, spirituality and grief due to ANY loss. One-on-Ones are being scheduled now for spring, summer and fall with Ellen Barber and Certified Grief Specialist Ann Clark from St. Francis de Sales Parish. All are welcome. We are all grievers! The workshop is eight sessions total, on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m., which completes the program being facilitated in four weeks. Group fees depend on the size of the group that signs up, so invite family and friends, too. Each group is limited to eight grievers. Purchase your own paperback *Grief Recovery Method Handbook* on Amazon by June 13th. Read the first three chapters twice before the first meeting on Tuesday, June 20th at 3:30 p.m. A One-on-One six-session program is \$150.00. Questions, call Ellen Barber at 330-801-0436.

### GOLF OUTINGS

Enjoy a day of golf and fellowship while helping support a good cause by registering for one of these upcoming events:

**June 15** – *Catholic Charities Summit Golf Outing*  
Mayfair Country Club in Uniontown  
\$100.00 per person

Proceeds to benefit the Peer Recovery Program in Summit County

Learn more and register at <https://www.ccdocle.org/events/2023/06/15/27th-annual-catholic-charities-summit-county-golf-outing>

**June 16** – *Loyola Retreat House Golf Outing*  
Paradise Lake Country Club in Mogadore  
\$100.00 per person

Proceeds to benefit the Retreat House and their programs

Learn more and register at <https://loyolaretreathouse.com/event/golfouting/>

### 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.vmesec.org](http://www.vmesec.org) for registration and additional information. All proceeds from this event benefit the Center's youth and adult programs.



**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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