

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 or call the Parish Office.

> **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.

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 16, 2023



# SUNDAY, JULY 16, FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. Pro Populo9:00 a.m. Special Intention (Kusnir Family)11:00 a.m. Bruno Codispoti (His Wife)

## MONDAY, JULY 17

8:15 a.m. Don & Mary Clark (Ed & Ann Clark)

**TUESDAY, JULY 18, ST. CAMILLIS DE LELLIS** 8:15 a.m. Shirley Docs (Family) 6:30 p.m. Paul & Tillie Wagner (Family)

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

8:15 a.m. Steve Testa (Family)

**THURSDAY, JULY 20, ST. APOLLINARIS** 8:15 a.m. John Keblesh (Ruth Zuchowski) 6:30 p.m. Ed Murawski (Maria Murawski)

FRIDAY, JULY 21, ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI AND BL. FRANCIS JORDAN 8:15 a.m. Eugene Frank (Barbara Frank)

### **SATURDAY, JULY 22, ST. MARY MAGDALENE** 8:15 a.m. Ann Marie Fortine (Fortine Family) 5:00 p.m. Dr. Al Feltrup (Cathy Feltrup)

## SUNDAY, JULY 23, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m.	Pro Populo
9:00 a.m.	Ruth & Clair Over
	(John & Helen Deibel)
11:00 a.m.	Mary Newell (Family)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34–11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10–12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;
-	Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27;
2	Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

## **REJOICING IN GOD'S PLANS**

When you open your heart to the Lord, there is no telling where He might take you. When I went on my first silent retreat over 13 years ago, the Lord planted in my soul a longing for a deeper union with Him. Not knowing how long I might be there, I remember taking my pillow and blanket into the chapel in the middle of the night to pray. I spent several hours there. I didn't hear any voices, but left at peace, having surrendered control of my life and possessions to Jesus. Over time, He revealed to me some of His plan for my life.



It started with learning about my Guardian Angel and all the Holy Angels, eventually making formal consecrations to them, which are basically covenant bonds, so they may lead me more effectively to God and use me to help them lead others to Him. Several years later, I was asked by one of the Priests in the Order of the Canons Regular

of the Holy Cross to give talks on the Holy Angels and facilitate discussion groups for others desiring to make that covenant bond with their Guardian Angel and all the Holy Angels. As my love and knowledge for the Holy Angels grew, I learned of the Handmaids, a group of lay women who live the spirituality of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. A handmaid is called to a life of total self-giving to God. According to the work of the Holy Angels, she participates in the graces and the mission of the Sisters, in imitation of the Blessed Mother, especially at the foot of the Cross.

After nearly four years of formation, I made a perpetual promise in the Community of the Handmaids with the Sisters of the Holy Cross this past week. That promise is my commitment to striving to live my life much like the Blessed Mother, in humble hidden service, with joy in my heart, extending God's love to others. This way of living is something I will do alongside my vocation as wife and mother. That vocation always comes first, and living this promise helps me do it better than I did previously. It also means I'm committed to supporting the priesthood, which aligns very well with my job in the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your prayers, as God continues to reveal the mission He has in mind for me, and I strive always to say yes to Him.

Humbly yours, Therese Holderbaum

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

## MONDAY, JULY 17

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

## TUESDAY, JULY 18

- Women's Book Study, 9:00-10:30 a.m. (St. Gerard Room)

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- 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)

## THURSDAY, JULY 20

- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Confessions, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JULY 22

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Confessions, 9:00-9:45 a.m.

## SUNDAY, JULY 23

- Prayers for healing after 11:00 Mass, meet by the St. Anthony Statue



We are in need of an Adorer for the following time: Tuesday 3:00-3:30 p.m. If you are able to fill this, please call Joanne at 330-338-4810.



II Richard Brown III & Kristen Krivicke

## COLLECTION INFORMATION July 1/2 Offertory

Sunday	\$	17,468.00		
Assessment	\$	450.00		
School	\$	430.00		
Ascension	\$	100.00		
Peter's Pence		255.00		
Capital	<u>\$</u>	250.00		
TOTAL	\$	18,953.00		
Information about last week's collection will be				
published in the forthcoming bulletin.				

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.

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

## WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS DE SALES Parish

Are you new to the parish? To register as a new parishioner, give our parish office a call at 330-644-2225, see the priest after Mass, or join us at Donut Sundays to meet with a fellow parishioner.

> "BE WHO YOU ARE AND BE THAT WELL." St. Francis de Sales

## **CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION**

## Hello, St. Francis Families,

CYO Fall Sports registration is now open for Volleyball and Cross Country. All participants need new Pre-Participation Forms for the 2023-2024 season. CYO sports are open to all current Church families, PSR families and Parish School families.

## Volleyball

2nd and 3rd Grade Co-Ed (Coach needed) 4th Grade Girls (Coach needed) 5th, 6th & 7th Grade Girls (Coaches returning) 8th Grade Girls (Coach needed) High School 9-12 Grade (Coach needed)

## **Cross Country**

1st, 2nd and 3rd

Students run 1 mile, Meets held on Saturdays (Coach[s] needed)

4th and 5th

Students run 1.5 miles, Meets held on Sundays (Coach Returning)

6th, 7th and 8th

Students run 2 miles, Meets held on Sundays (Coach Returning)

## Flag Football

We have had interest in Flag Football this year. We are looking for coaches for this sport. A minimum of 3 coaches are needed in order to open up this registration. Those interested need to contact the Athletic Director as soon as possible. If we get our coaches, we will open registration. If you are interested in joining a possible team, please email the AD with your interest. We will take note and contact either way if a team is able to form.



Coaches need to be 16 years old to be an assistant coach or 18 or older to be head coach. They must also complete all training and certifications before they may coach.

If anyone is interested in any of the above programs or has any questions, please contact: Katie Kinsinger, Athletic Director at athleticdirector@stfparish.com or by phone 330-714-1777. **Register here! https://backoffice.sportspilot.com/register/family/default.asp?asoid=106284** 



#### ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

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 the Rubber Ducks Stadium followed by Rubber Ducks Game. September 10, 12:00-4:00 p.m. – Parish Festival

Come celebrate the joy of our community with a day of fun and fellowship and a closing Mass at 4:00 p.m.



Our Guardian Angels come to a deeper love of God through the carrying out of their assignments as our Guardian Angel. They gain a better understanding of why God would go to such great lengths to save us as they learn to love us, their charges, while we are on earth. Our love for the cross can grow as we spend time in Adoration contemplating the Passion of Christ and what He accomplished for us in His Sacrifice. All are invited to a talk on the Holy Angels on July 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room in the Memorare Center. You are welcome to stay and participate in a discussion about how to commemorate the Passion of Christ and how we could possibly love the cross (letter 10 for those in formation to be consecrated to their Guardian Angel). Please RSVP to the parish office at 330-644-2225 for either or both.

#### YOUNG WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP

Are you a young woman interested in learning more about vocations to religious life? So are we! Our group gathers monthly on the fourth Monday for prayer, fellowship, and a reflection on religious life and discernment. Our next meeting is Monday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorare Center. Questions? Please email Colleen, cwilson@stfparish.com.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish is in need of helpers at the Ozanam Center on Saturday, July 22. We will team up with St. Barnabas 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.

## FURNITURE NEEDED FOR SVdP FAMILIES

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish is looking for the following items to help families in need:

two queen-sized beds with frames three chests of drawers eight dining room chairs an easy chair three table lamps

If you have any of these types of items, please call Don McCabe at 330-685-4638 and he will make arrangements to secure them. As always, monetary donations to SVdP are welcome to help with the many requests we get from our neighbors. Donations can be placed in the collection basket and in the SVdP gift box in the Narthex or dropped off at the Memorare Center Office. We are so grateful for your generosity so that, together, we can help those in need.

## MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

St. Francis de Sales will welcome Rev. Euginius Canete, General Superior of the Missionaries of Jesus, for the Masses on July 22 and 23. He served as a missionary in Zambia for ten years and is now working in his native land, the Philippines. During the Masses, an offering will be collected to support the work of the Missionaries of Jesus who serve the poor in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, and Guatemala and also minister to immigrants in the USA. Their missionary efforts include evangelization, education, socio-economic and disaster aid, and healthcare. Thank you in advance for giving Rev. Canete a warm welcome and supporting the work of his community!

## RIGHT TO LIFE ACTION COALITION OF OHIO TRAVELING TOWN HALL MEETING



#### Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Queen of Heaven Parish Life Center

Be prepared to defeat Ohio's pro-abortion constitutional amendment and help us get out the vote for the special election in August. These sessions ("The Fall of Roe – Now What?", "Understanding the Ohio Pro-Death Ballot Initiative", and "The Reality of Abortion") will educate and equip you, your family, friends, and co-workers to defend preborn children and family values. Admission is free. Freewill donations will be accepted at the door. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Kate Makra at kate@clevelandrighttolife.org.



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**Plus, amazing activities, inflatables, BMX show, petting zoo, water tag** and lots of fun for the kids and grandkids. You'll be able to visit the Marc's Moms Station and the Man Cave. Great festival food, convenient parking and more!

**Bishop Malesic will lead a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8:00 pm** American Fireworks will cap off this GREAT family day.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us. www.theFEST.us for details!



