

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler Pastor

Fr. David Verbsky Parochial Vicar

Raymond Herrick Deacon

Richard Butz *Deacon, Retired*

Kathryn Dougherty Principal

Colleen McVicker Director of Music Ministry

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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 30, 2023 Masses For The Week SUNDAY, JULY 30, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME** 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo 9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Fr. G. David Bline (Kusnir Family) 11:00 a.m. Jackie Schnitzler (Greg & Betty Schnitzler) Mass on the Water at the Tudor House MONDAY, JULY 31, ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA 8:15 a.m. Robert & Shirley Docs (Family) TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI 8:15 a.m. Jim & Mary Alice Dickey (Jo & Bill Dickey) 6:30 p.m. Anna Feltrup (John & Michelle Steurer) WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, ST. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD 8:15 a.m. Keith Ford (Daughter) **THURSDAY, AUGUST 3** 8:15 a.m. Costanzo Family (Frank Costanzo) 6:30 p.m. Anointing Mass Eugene Hetson (Mr. & Mrs. Don McCabe) Fred Miller IV – Month's Mind FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, ST. JOHN VIANNEY 8:15 a.m. Bill Wagner (Daughter, Jan) SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 8:15 a.m. Eugene Hetson (Tuesday Scripture Group) 2:00 p.m. Wedding: Brown & Krivicke 5:00 p.m. Pro Populo SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 7:30 a.m. Betty & Jim Geig (Geig Family) 9:00 a.m. Edward Pomeroy (Pomeroy Family) Blessing of all College Students 11:00 a.m. Mary Clark (Tuesday Scripture Group)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
	Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

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

SUNDAY, JULY 30

- Mass on the Water, 11:00 a.m. (Tudor House) No 11:00 Mass at the church
- Picnic at the Tudor House following Mass

MONDAY, JULY 31

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- First Saturday Devotions, after 8:15 Mass
- Confessions, 9:00-9:45 a.m.



We are in need of an Adorer for the following time: Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

If you are able to fill this, please call Joanne at 330-338-4810.



II Jonathan Petit & Mary Pratt I Richard Saunders & Jessica Corpas

WHAT DO YOU TREASURE IN LIFE?

"Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." What do you treasure in life? This is a grand question to pray with. What is most important to you in life? What

words come to mind?

Jesus. Faith. Family. Friendship. Truth. Love. Mercy. Education. Work. The list goes on... This past week, we celebrated the feast day of St. James, who was the first apostle to literally give his life in martyrdom for the faith. He treasured the faith that Jesus gave him. He lived for it. He spread and shared it—no matter the cost.

When it comes to sharing the Catholic faith and educating our youth in the faith, there has been exciting news in the state of Ohio recently that I want to share with you now.

All K-12 students NOW qualify to receive a state-funded EdChoice Expansion scholarship that will cover a portion or, in most cases, the full-cost of their Catholic school tuition. Our goal is to fully leverage scholarship opportunities to keep tuition affordable to our families. What changed with EdChoice? The governor approved an extensive expansion of the EdChoice Scholarship Program in the State budget in early July. Previously, EdChoice covered up to \$5,500 per student for families below 250% of the federal poverty line. The new scholarship covers up to \$6,165 per student for families below 450% of the federal poverty line. Families over 450% receive a scholarship on a sliding scale. For instance, a family of four with an income of \$135,000 or less can receive a scholarship for \$6,165. As income increases, the scholarship amount is reduced on a sliding scale. All families are eligible to receive an EdChoice Expansion scholarship.

The State of Ohio has allowed schools a one-time opportunity to revise their published tuition rate for the school year in order to maximize scholarship potential. We are working with the finance council to determine what the best tuition will be for our families. Schools are encouraged to make tuition rates more accurately reflect the cost to educate each K-8 student. By raising posted tuition, we can:

- Capture more scholarship money to make Catholic education more affordable for families.
- Increase teacher compensation and enhance the educational value we offer our students.
- Put our parish and school on solid financial footing for the future.

How will this impact our school? It will lower family tuition obligations, raise teacher compensation, maximize educational value for each student, and increase enrollment by communicating the affordability of a Catholic education through the availability of scholarships. Our overall goal with the Diocese of Cleveland is to offer affordable, irresistibly Catholic, academically excellent, and financially viable schools. The Diocese of Cleveland has encouraged all Catholic schools to take part in this venture so that our future can be bright with the Lord! I encourage any family who might be interested in learning more to please reach out to Mrs. Dougherty, our principal, at mrskdougherty@stfparishschool.org.

I treasure my Catholic faith. I treasure the experience I received in being formed in the Catholic faith at St. Vincent and SS. Philip and James Elementary Schools. What I can say from my personal experience is that those years in Catholic education built up my heart and helped me to know I am loved and cared for in the eyes of God. I thank my parents for valuing that and for sharing that with me. Next week, I am going to share the exciting news happening in our PSR program.

God bless you all and enjoy the rest of summer!

Fr. Jeremy



Please pray for **Rosemary Reymann**, cousin of Kris Kovesci of our parish. May the Lord welcome her into His rest and console her families and friends.

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Sunday Faith Direct													
Sunday	\$	12,265.50	\$	7,350.97									
Assessment	\$	5.00	\$	52.00									
Capital	\$	325.00	\$	142.00									
School	\$	3.00	\$	132.00									
Holy Land	\$	1.00											
Mission Appeal	\$	6,340.00											
TOTAL	\$	18,939.50	\$	7,676.97									
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Our parish is b	oles	sed by your	gener	osity!									

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.

Anne & Paul Williams received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.



SFDS YOUTH GROUP Outdoor Game Night & Walk to Pav's Sunday, July 30 7:00-9:00 p.m. Meet at the pavilion and bring a friend! Contact Shirley Clark with questions: sclark@stfparish.com 330-644-2225, ext. 215

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

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.



Registration for the 2023-2024 PSR year is open now! See the parish website for information on some changes to the program format this year, the registration form, and calendar. May God bless all PSR students, teachers, and parents in the coming



Parish School Entrance Project

A brick pathway has been created to lead to the school entrance. You can still purchase a brick and become part of St. Francis de Sales school history forever while honoring or memorializing a loved one or by creating a family legacy.



We welcome your support of this exciting project through the purchase of an engraved brick!

Purchaser's Name:		
Address:		
Phone:	E-mail:	

Kindly send or deliver this form with payment (Checks made payable to St. Francis de Sales) to the Memorare Center at:

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

You may also return this form and payment in the collection basket marked "Brick Order."

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Questions? Please contact the Parish Office at 330-644-2225.



Join us next Sunday, August 6 for The FEST at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. For thousands across our region, it's the highlight of the summer as we come together for an inspiring day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE. Come and hear inspiring music (Chris Tomlin, Jeremy Camp, Big Daddy Weave, and Katy Nichole). Wander around the 56-acre campus of the CPL and find opportunities for prayer, reflection, Confession and Adoration. There are engaging displays and giveaway items for the adults along with lots of activities for the kids and grandkids (petting zoo, BMX Shows, crafts and so much more). Check out all the details at www.theFEST.us.

DIVORCED, SEPARATED, AND WIDOWED CATHOLICS

A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on Monday, August 14th from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, a retired Social Worker, will facilitate this session. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information, call Marlene at 330-607-6284.

Give thy servant therefore an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this thy great people?

1 Kings 3:9 ASV



Any difficulties contact: Luke Farmer at 330-375-1704 or Ifarmer@akronrubberducks.com



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Cluster Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at **10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, August 8, at Nativity Catholic Church.** Please bring your shawls and any work in progress. Also, donations to our homeless shelter can be brought at this time. If anyone in the parishes knows of someone in need of a prayer shawl or if you have any questions, please contact Barb Zimmerman at 330-699-4769 or Louise Golden at 330-571-3384. Thank you.



