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**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.

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JULY 9, 2023**



**SUNDAY, JULY 9, FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
9:00 a.m. Bob Zeis (Wife, Margaret)  
11:00 a.m. Mary Lou Clark (Agape Prayer Group)  
*Robert Baltrinic – Anniversary of Death*

**MONDAY, JULY 10**

- 8:15 a.m. Pat Dickey (Anne & Ed Clark)

**TUESDAY, JULY 11, ST. BENEDICT**

- 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Kish & Pytlak  
Families (Bill & Pat Shea)  
6:30 p.m. Thomas Zaratsian (Family)  
*Ronald Arvay – Month's Mind*  
*Patrick Manion – Month's Mind*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12**

- 8:15 a.m. Mary Catalano (Karen Grable)

**THURSDAY, JULY 13, ST. HENRY**

- 8:15 a.m. Arthur & Marie Bell  
(Daughter, Carol Edmunds)  
6:30 p.m. Bob Baltrinic  
(Delorse Kennedy & Family)

**FRIDAY, JULY 14**

- 8:15 a.m. Elizabeth Buckohr (Son, Donald)  
*Wilda Boyce – Anniversary of Death*

**SATURDAY, JULY 15**

- 8:15 a.m. Mary Franz (Misbrener Family)  
5:00 p.m. Jerry Engler (Galati Family)

**SUNDAY, JULY 16, FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
9:00 a.m. Special Intention (Kusnir Family)  
11:00 a.m. Bruno Codispoti (His Wife)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26  
**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38  
**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7  
**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15  
**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23  
**Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33  
**Sunday:** Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or  
Mt 13:1-9

**COME TO ME AND REST**

*"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am  
meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is  
easy, and My burden light." (Mt. 11:28)*

I have to confess that this is one of the most used lines in my meetings with people who are going through much stress in their lives. The truth is this: we are not the Savior...and we were never meant to take on everything that we have taken on in life. We can't handle it. It reminds me of a poster I have seen all over. It goes like this: **Good morning, this is God. I will be handling all your problems today. I will not need your help so have a good day.** It is a great reality to remember in life. Do we really remember that God's got this? Do we really believe that God is with us? Sometimes we only remember this during Advent and Christmas when we sing Emmanuel, 'God with us.'



Each and every day, God is calling us to remember that He is with us and wants to offer a great gift: REST. Are we humble enough to accept this gift from Jesus? Summertime offers great opportunities for leisure and rest. Find a hammock. Sit by the beach. Go kayaking. Just last month, I found a zero gravity chair on sale at Menard's, and I'd say it's been the best purchase I've made in a long time. When times are tough and when stress is high, I go to the zero gravity chair and lay flat for five minutes and try to remember that God is God and I am not.

This Sunday and every Sunday, let's honor the Sabbath and rest. Each and every one of us can make the best decision we can make and accept what Jesus is offering us, an invitation to be with Him and receive the rest, hope, peace and love that only God can give.

**Come to Him and rest,**  
**Fr. Jeremy**

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

### MONDAY, JULY 10

- Avila Holy Hour for Vocations, following 8:15 a.m. Mass
- SVdP Food Pantry open 9:00-9:30 a.m.
- Men's Basketball, 8:30 p.m. (Gym)

### TUESDAY, JULY 11

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

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

### THURSDAY, JULY 13

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

### SATURDAY, JULY 15

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



### ADORATION

All of the Adoration time slots have been filled. Thank you for all who have given time to make Adoration possible at our parish! All are welcome to come spend time with Our Lord in the Eucharist:  
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)

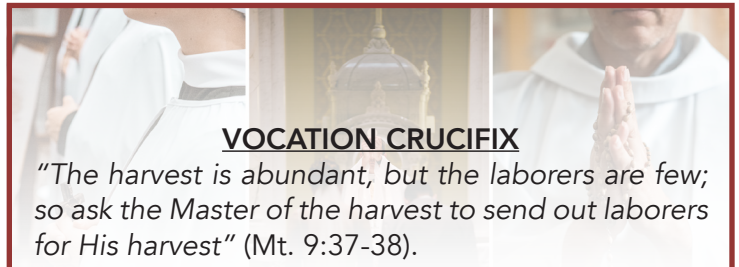
### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Richard Brown III & Kristen Krivicke

### COLLECTION INFORMATION

July 1/2

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).

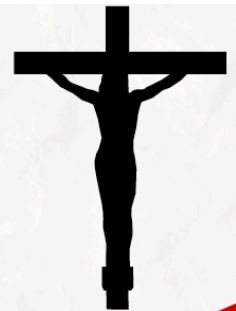
Receiving the Vocation Crucifix and praying for vocations is a beautiful and simple way to ask the Master to send out more laborers for His harvest! Please contact the Parish Office any time to get your name on the list; there are many slots to be filled – 330-644-2225.

**Jan Dodson** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for our deceased parishioners: **Joseph Latona, Erika Gerstmann, Fred Miller IV, and David Arthur Warner**. Please also pray for **Patricia Dobbins**, mother of Art Dobbins of our parish, and **Kathryn Drexler**, sister of George and Tike Ott of our parish. May they rest in the peace of Our Lord and may their family and friends be consoled.

**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



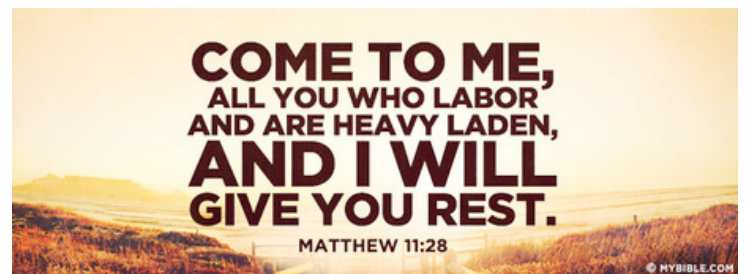
Our Guardian Angels come to a deeper love of God through the carrying out of their assignments as our Guardian Angel. They gain a better understanding of why God would go to such great lengths to save us as they learn to love us, their charges, while we are on earth. Our love for the Cross can grow as 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.

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

**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, 12:00 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.




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HAVE TEAMED UP AGAIN FOR MASS AT THE BALLPARK

WHEN: Sunday, August 20th, 2023

WHERE: Canal Park (300 S. Main Street Akron, OH 44308)

TIME: Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. for Praise & Worship with Mercy Divine



\*PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS VIA\* <https://fevogn.com/eventStfrancisdesales23>

For any questions about purchasing your tickets, please contact Luke Farmer with Akron RubberDucks at [lfarmer@akronrubberducks.com](mailto:lfarmer@akronrubberducks.com) or 330-375-1704.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Cluster Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at **10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, July 11, 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.

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