

Roman Catholic Church



Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler *Pastor*

> Fr. David Verbsky Parochial Vicar

> Raymond Herrick Deacon

> > **Richard Butz** *Deacon, Retired*

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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. |
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| 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. |

| <u>NINETEE</u> | NTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
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| | <u>AUGUST 13, 2023</u> |
| | Manes For The Week |
| | IGUST 13, NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN |
| ORDINAR | |
| | Pro Populo |
| 9:00 a.m. | Betty Geig (Geig Family) |
| 11:00 a.m. | Norma Carosella |
| - | (Barry & Mary Ann Whaley) UGUST 14, ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE |
| | Delores Hoosic (Amy & Mike Fye) |
| 6:30 p.m. | Vigil of the Assumption |
| | Judy Rambacher (Family) |
| | JGUST 15, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE |
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| | Jim Durkin (Family) |
| 9:00 a.m. | Health & Blessings for Sr. Regina Kusnir (Kusnir Family) |
| 6.30 p m | August Szempruch |
| 0.30 p.m. | (John & Michele Steurer) |
| | Fr. Byrider – Anniversary of Death |
| WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 16, ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY |
| - | Elizabeth Buckohr (Son, Donald) |
| | Mary Ellen Trockle – Month's Mind |
| THURSDAY, | |
| | Joseph Cole (Joan Long) |
| 6:30 p.m. | Ed Murawski (Maria Murawski) |
| FRIDAY, AUC | GUST 18 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Ray Donohoe (Mellody Family) |
| | Wedding: Saunders & Corpas |
| - | AUGUST 19, ST. JOHN EUDES |
| | George Harkinish (Anna Mantel) |
| 5:00 p.m. | Noreen McVay (John & Mary Menches) |
| | Noreen McVay – Anniversary of Death |
| - | IGUST 20, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN |
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| | Leann Darrow-Stasek (Darrow Family) |
| | Pro Populo Storphon Halaika (Family) |
| 11:00 a.m. | Stephen Halaiko (Family) Mass at Canal Park Stadium |
| 12:00 p.m. | Bob Hardesty (Family) |
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

| Monday: | Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27 |
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| Tuesday: | Rev 11:19a;12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; |
| | Lk 1:39-56 |
| Wednesday: | Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20 |
| Thursday: | Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21–19:1 |
| Friday: | Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12 |
| Saturday: | Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15 |
| Sunday: | ls 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; |
| | Mt 15:21-28 |

THE ROAD TO SUCCESS IS ALWAYS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!



Last weekend I had the joy of attending my 20th Northwest High School reunion at the Caston and Main. It is always good to go back and reminisce about all the different stories and see where people are

and who they have become. Even though I graduated from Northwest, I feel like all of the high schools around us have become another home for me. Just the other day – like a little boy enthralled with construction equipment – I stopped by Manchester High School and took in all the work that was getting done at the football field and the high school. It is good to see things getting done.

You might have noticed similar things happening on our campus. Things like the school roof being replaced and the concrete being redone at the entranceway. Or the dying trees being cut down. Our tree line along the fence was trimmed. In the school, we installed a protective film on the doorways and windows and installed more surveillance cameras. We also replaced the boiler with a couple heating and air conditioning units on the 5-8th grade floor which will help to make the learning environment much more pleasant in the days to come.

I want to thank each and every one who has given to the Memorare Center and Building fund over these past few years, as well as the Night of Giving this past year, as we used some of those funds to work on the school roof and HVAC systems. Your generosity has been put to work and I am grateful for that. None of this could be possible without your help. Thank you for that. It is amazing to see how our children benefit from the selflessness of your love.

Going back to my trip to Manchester High School. When I entered the property, I caught sight of their sign which has led me to much prayer over the last few days: "The road to success is always under construction." This is true on so many levels. We are a work in progress. There is much work to be done – mostly within the depths of our hearts. Sometimes we can fall into despair when the troubles of life can overwhelm us. In those times, remember the words of Jesus: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Know that Jesus is with you. He calls you to keep working, to keep going – believing that success will come if you keep your eyes fixed on Him.

God bless you and your goodness, Fr. Jeremy

P.S. Want to take a moment to thank Kenny Green for his many years of service for our school! Thank you so much for all your years of dedication. Enjoy your retirement!

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

-Blessing of Preschool, Prekindergarten, and Kindergarten backpacks at 11:00 a.m. Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

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

- 6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Assumption

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

- The Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 6:30 p.m.
- Women's Book Study, 9:00-10:30 a.m. (St. Gerard Room)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 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, AUGUST 17

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

- Confessions, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

- Mass at Rubber Ducks Stadium, 12:00 p.m., doors open at 11:30 a.m. for Praise & Worship



Please remember in your prayers **Theresa Shimp** and **Stephanie Jansen**. May the Lord grant them the joy of everlasting life and comfort their family and friends.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Information on last week's collection will be published in next week's 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 Obermeier Family received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

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.



III Richard Saunders & Jessica Corpas





We are in need of an Adorer for the following times: Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, 3:00-3:30 p.m. Thursday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. If you are able to fill these, please call Joanne at



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



In union with the Holy Angels during this time of Eucharistic Renewal, may we commit our lives to Jesus who is present in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us give thanks for His humble presence under the form of bread so we need have no fear of approaching Him, or offering ourselves wholly to Him and His work of Redemption. All are invited to a talk on the Holy Angels on August 16th 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 we draw our strength from the Holy Eucharist, and how the angels join with the priest in praying for us at the Mass (letter 11 for those in formation for consecration to their Guardian Angel). Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 330-644-2225 for either or both.



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



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: |
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| 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."

□ 4"x8" \$125 COMMON AREA RED BRICK

Two (2) lines of text; 20 characters per line.

□ 4"x8" \$300 MAIN AREA TAN BRICK

Three (3) lines of text; 20 characters per line.

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

2023 FIRST STEP PROGRAM

Continuing Education Regarding Marriage and Divorce in the Catholic Church

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is an area that can impact a person's relationship with God and the Church.

One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Church: Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive Communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do?

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland offers its First Step Program to help individuals deal with these questions in order to renew and strengthen their relationship with God and the Church.

Attendees have a chance to:

- Deepen knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage...
- Learn about the Church's ministry to the divorced or separated in the Diocese...
- Hear about the annulment process and how to submit a case...
- Discover a path to healing after divorce in order to strengthen or renew a relationship with God and the Church.

First Step Programs will be held:

Thursday, 14 September 2023 at 7:00 p.m. St. Gabriel Parish

Community Room of the Fr. Fred Pausche Center 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Mentor, OH 44060

Wednesday, 20 September 2023 at 12:15 p.m. St. Bartholomew Parish Rectory Meeting Rooms A+B.

14865 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Hts, OH 44130

Wednesday, 20 September 2023 at 7:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew Parish

Rectory Meeting Rooms A+B 14865 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Hts, OH 44130

Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. Prince of Peace Parish Parish Hall 1263 Shannon Avenue, Norton, OH 44203

A UNIQUE PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN AND HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE

September 22-24, 2023

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow-up sessions. For more information concerning the program, or to register, visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process.

For more information, check our website: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal or call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525 800-869-6525, ext. 4000



DOMINICAN SISTERS ASSOCIATE INFO NIGHT

Are you feeling called to a deeper spirituality? Consider Becoming an Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The Office of Associates of the Dominican Sisters of Peace extends an invitation to lay Christian women and men interested in deepening their personal spiritual lives and reaching out to others with their Gospel values. Dominican Associates of Peace carry out the Gospel mission through prayer, study, community, and ministry. Please join us on Wednesday, August 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m. for an Information Session at the Dominican Sisters Akron Motherhouse, 1230 W. Market Street, Akron, 44313 For more information or to register, please contact Sr. Mary Noel, OP at 330-836-4908 or Mary.Noel@oppeace.org. Join us on Monday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m., as we welcome our Guest speaker **Bishop Edward** Malesic, Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland at Our Lady of the Cedars, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in Fairlawn. Please Note: For this event only all tickets must be purchased in advance. No purchases will be received at the doors. Use the QR code, or drop off a check at St. Sebastian Rectory, 476 Mull Avenue, Akron, OH 44320. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. \$15.00 admission fee. Light appetizers included. Cash bar available. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron.



