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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 20, 2023



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. Leann Darrow-Stasek (Darrow Family)

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. Stephen Halaiko (Family)
12:00 p.m. Mass at Canal Park Stadium
Bob Hardesty (Family)

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, ST. POPE PIUS X

8:15 a.m. Mary & Joe Bennett (Theresa Dougherty)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Bline Family

(Kusnir Family)

6:30 p.m. Bob Baltrinic (Delorse Kennedy)

June Rietz – Anniversary of Death

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, ST. ROSE OF LIMA

8:15 a.m. Philip Kicelemos (John & Helen Deibel)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, ST. BARTHOLOMEW

8:15 a.m. Richard Muha (Marilyn Kulscar)

6:30 p.m. Ciro Scaglione

(John & Marianna DiGiacomo)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, ST. LOUIS, ST. JOSEPH CALASANZ

8:15 a.m. Mary Franz (Frank Hollish)

9:00 a.m. Stephen Stone (Kathleen Welsh)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

8:15 a.m. Jerry Bline (Friend of Fr. Bline)

5:00 p.m. Frank & Mary Papp (The Evans Family)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. Daniel Holland

(Vince & Linda Greczanik)

9:00 a.m. James Geig, Jr. (Geig Family)

11:00 a.m. Pro Populo

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22Tuesday:Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30Wednesday:Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16Thursday:Rev 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

PRAY FOR TEACHERS...PRAY FOR STUDENTS...PRAY FOR PARENTS

It has been a busy time for all who are preparing for the new school year! Whether you embrace the homeschool, PSR or day school models of learning, I know much work has been accomplished to prepare for the months ahead. I know life here at St. Francis de Sales has been filled with many days of preparation so that our teachers can be ready to share the Lord with our children. This Wednesday, August 23, will be our first day of school. It will be a great day! It is also the time when our college students are going to campus to learn – some for their freshman year. In the midst of all of this, I think the best thing we can do is to ponder and pray. That's why I wanted to share these quotes and prayers focused on teachers, students and parents that will help you in the days ahead. Peace!

Pope John Paul II on Teaching:

The life of a teacher, as I know from personal experience, is very challenging and demanding, but it is also profoundly satisfying. It is more than a job, for it is rooted in our deepest convictions and values. To be intimately concerned in the development of a young person, of hundreds of young people, is a highly responsible task. As teachers, you kindle in your students a thirst for truth and wisdom. You spark off in them a desire for beauty. You introduce them to their cultural heritage. You help them to discover the treasures of other cultures and peoples. What an awesome responsibility and privilege is... the teaching profession.

A Student's Prayer (catholic.org)

Loving Father, I stand before You in the midst of confusion and complexities of life. My future sometimes seems distant and unknown. Give me, O Lord, the vision to see the path You set before me. Grant me the courage to follow Your way, that through the gifts and talents You have given me, I may bring Your life and Your love to others. I ask this through Jesus, Your Son and my Brother. Amen.

A Prayer for Parents Sending Their Kids to College (guideposts.org)

Holy Spirit, help me pray for my child's deepest needs, for her soul and heart. Keep my prayers from centering on my fears and uncertainties; keep my eyes on Christ. Help me accept this ache of letting go and teach me to interpret it as



a sign that I need to pray for all kids – not just my own – who are setting out on the path of independence. Show me what I need to see, not what I want to see. Amen.

May God's peace and love be with all of you these days,

Fr. Jeremy

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

- First Day of School!
- Senior Group Euchre, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. (Upper Room)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, after all Sunday Masses, in School Gym
- Prayers for Healing after 11:00 a.m. Mass, meet by the St. Anthony statue



I Jerry Dabato & Megan Cline



ADORERS NEEDED

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

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

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers *Ralph Pezzotti*, father of parishioner Rosanne Paridon, and *Lois Misanko*, mother of parishioner Jim Misanko. May the Lord grant them the joy of everlasting life and comfort their family and friends.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

| August 12/13 | | | | |
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| Assessment | \$ | 70.00 | \$ | 110.00 |
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| Catholic Ed. | | | \$ | 10.00 |
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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.





WE WRAP UP OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WITH OUR ANNUAL FESTIVAL!



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Bill Dickey: wdickey@stfparish.com Ann Clark: aclark2@stfparish.com

HOPE WILL NOT DISAPPOINT US!

In a world that is constantly holding out false promises and securities and often leaves us disappointed and disillusioned, Jesus promises us a HOPE that will not disappoint us (Rom. 5:5). Join our Women's Study Group this fall as we discover the life-changing power of this virtue as we study a book by Fr. Philip Bochanski, The Virtue of Hope, How Confidence in God Can Lead You to Heaven. Be inspired by the true stories of many saints who dared to hope. We meet Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m., in the Memorare Center, starting on September 5th. Books are available at the parish bookstore in the church vestibule, on Ebay and other online sources. If you need help obtaining a book, contact Michelle at mypower36@yahoo. com. For questions about the study, contact Lori at gutbrods@att.net.



BOY SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Next Sunday, August 27, join Boy Scout Troop 215 at St. Francis de Sales School after the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Masses for a delicious breakfast!

All funds will go towards the Troop's once in a lifetime trip to Philmont Scout Ranch, a high adventure base in New Mexico, as well as many other local and national trips. The troop will be embarking in June 2024 and needs your support!

Kids 12 and under - \$4.00/Adults - \$8.00

Cash or Card (with a \$1.00 convenience fee for card)

BE GOD'S INSTRUMENT

Do you know a neighbor or someone who has not been coming to church? Invite them to the Parish Festival, September 10th, starting at 12:00 noon and closing with an outdoor Mass at 4:00 p.m. See the flyer on the previous page for details. Be God's instrument to help bring people back!



ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!

We're glad you're here! The University of Akron's Newman Center, also known as RooCatholic, invites all college-aged students to join us this school year at our weekly socials. We are located steps from the university at St. Bernard Catholic Church in downtown Akron, and meet every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. for food, faith, and fellowship. We offer various avenues of faith enrichment throughout the week with a Sunday student Mass, men's and women's small groups, Bible Study and other social functions. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Hirsch at pdh33@uakron.edu and be sure to follow us on Instagram @RooCatholic.



HOPE & HEALING PRAYER VIGIL FOR OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

On Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Vincent Church, 164 W. Market Street, Akron, please join in an interfaith Prayer Service on the Eve of National Overdose Awareness Day (August 31, 2023) to remember those who have lost their lives to the disease of addiction, to pray for healing in our families and community, and to share the Hope that is possible in Recovery.

All are welcome to come and pray and share together. Light refreshments and community resource tables will be available at the end of the prayer service.

For more information contact Deacon Andy Davis at deaconandy@stvincentchurch.com or call 330-535-3135.

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THEOLOGY 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.



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