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Please see the Priest
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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.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 27, 2023**



**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

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, ST. AUGUSTINE

- 8:15 a.m. Ed Duckworth (John Duckworth)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, PASSION OF ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST**

- 8:15 a.m. Cyril "Shorty" Wargo
(Dan & Sue Wargo)
6:30 p.m. Bernie & Leona Adams
(Rick & Sherry Calhoun)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

- 8:15 a.m. Zita Carino (Baker Family)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

- 8:15 a.m. Mickey Sullivan (Kathy Sullivan)
6:30 p.m. Fr. Paul Clines (Bill & Pat Shea)
Theresa Shimp – Month's Mind

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 8:15 a.m. Gerald & Mary Franz (Phil & Mary Ott)
9:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Truckle (Theresa Dougherty)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 8:15 a.m. Polsinelli Family (Frank Costanzo)
5:00 p.m. John Hammer (Nita Hammer & Family)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Mae Brately (Tom & Monica Brately)
11:00 a.m. Mary Louise DeMinico (Jack Boyle)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 9:00-9:30 a.m.
- Young Women's Discernment Group, 7:00 p.m. (Archangels Room)
- Men's Basketball, 8:30 p.m. (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

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

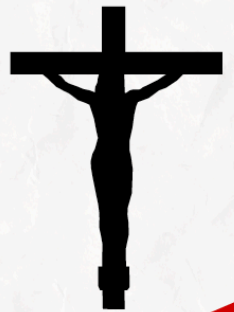
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

**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

LEARN, PRAY, AND VOTE

This week, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio have asked all parishes to share this document on the proposed amendment to our Constitution that will be on the ballot this November. Please take some time to learn about it and how it would endanger the most vulnerable. As a parish, we will continue to pray for the protection of life and share information about how to prepare for the November election. Want to know more and connect with others who are getting the word out? Come to a meeting this Tuesday in the Memorare Center at 7:00 p.m.!

Peace, Fr. Jeremy

WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT? 

THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using "individual" instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents' consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a "burden" and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,** "health" includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman's age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to "miscarriage care" promotes a myth that a "right to abortion" is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

1. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual's voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.
4. As used in this Section, "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis"; and "State" includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
5. This Section is self-executing.

* Ohio Revised Code, Sections 2317.56 & 3702.303
 ** Based on Doe v. Bolton





II 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 **David Diver**, father of parishioner Jerry Diver and **Norma Macalush**, mother of parishioner Marge Scott. May the Lord grant him the joy of everlasting life and comfort his family and friends.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

August 19/20

	Offertory	Faith Direct
Sunday	\$ 11,809.00	\$ 6,338.84
Capital	\$ 40.00	\$ 142.00
School	\$ 30.00	\$ 132.00
Assumption	\$ 1,488.00	\$ 187.00
Faith & Values	\$ 70.00	
Catholic Ed.		\$ 292.00
Assessment		\$ 52.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,437.00	\$ 7,143.84
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 20,580.84	

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 Zushin Family received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

PROTECTING LIFE THIS NOVEMBER

Let's roll! A dangerous amendment is on the ballot for this November that will essentially strip parents of their rights and enshrine abortion for all 9 months of pregnancy. This is a huge threat and must be taken seriously, as it will essentially nullify all other laws regulating abortion, and, being a part of our Ohio constitution, it will be nearly impossible to overturn. What can we do?

- Meet Tuesday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorare Center to learn more.
- Prayer and Fasting are our first and most important duties – learn how to join these efforts.
- Our priests will update us on Bishop Malesic's directives for our parishes.
- There are small and large ways to get involved – from making phone calls, to helping with larger initiatives.

In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world. John 16:33



The Diocese of Cleveland mandates that anyone who works with children in any capacity be VIRTUS trained. St. Francis de Sales will offer VIRTUS training Thursday, September 7th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Memorare Center. If you plan to volunteer, coach, or work with children in the parish or the school in any capacity, please plan to attend. It is necessary that you pre-register at www.virtusonline.org.

SVDP FOOD DRIVE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be having a fall food drive for our food pantry. We will be receiving donations before and after all Masses September 9th and 10th and at the parish festival. Donations can be dropped-off in front of the Memorare Center near Dietrich Lane. We are in need of the following:

- peanut butter
- jelly
- cereal
- pasta
- pasta sauce
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- mac & cheese
- canned items: fruit, chicken, tuna, soup, and vegetables



Have you been thinking of becoming Catholic? Do you know of someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but never learned more of the faith? Join us for prayer, reflection, and learning on Tuesday evenings, starting September 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Memorare Center.

If you would like to register or have questions, contact Fr. David at 330-644-2225 or frverbsky@stfparish.com.

SECOND GRADE FAMILIES,



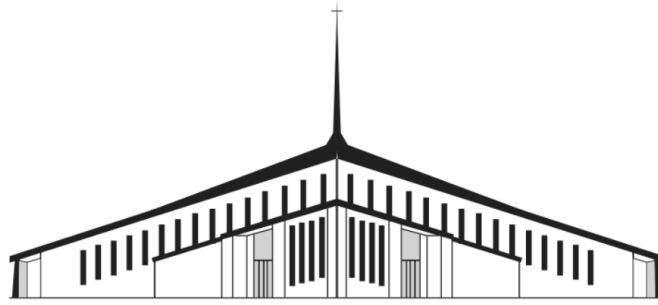
If your second grade student does not attend our parish school and you plan on having them receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion this year, they need to be registered for PSR.



All are welcome! Even if your child has been away from PSR for the past years, this is the perfect time to return. **The opportunity to receive the sacraments is the greatest gift you will ever give your child!**



To register, visit stfparish.com/psr-registration-open/
 Questions? contact our PSR coordinators at psr@stfparish.com



PARISH FESTIVAL

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



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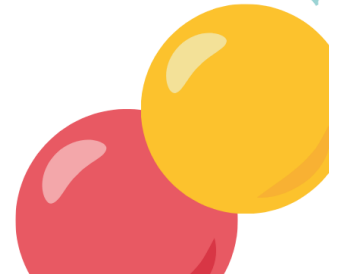
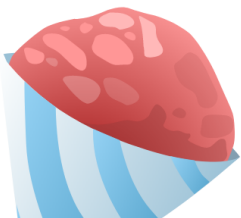
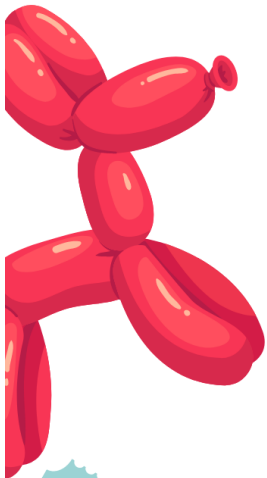
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STEPHEN MINISTRY

Does the end of summer & start of school make you feel stressed? Discouraged? Need encouragement? Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people 18 years and older who are weighed down by the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life! To find out more, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders listed below. **Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!**

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**

This Sunday, August 27, join Boy Scout Troop 215 at St. Francis de Sales School after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 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!

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, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorare Center. Questions? Please email Colleen, cwilson@stfparish.com.

**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.

Twenty-first Week in OT

**FOR FROM HIM AND
THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM
ARE ALL THINGS.
TO HIM BE GLORY FOREVER.**

SUPPORT FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

The **Parents of Priests** Organization of our Cleveland Diocese works to support the needs of the seminarians at Borromeo and St. Mary Seminaries in many ways, including financial and spiritual support. One of the ways that members of the Diocese, and especially our St. Francis de Sales Parish, can assist these men is through spiritual support. Each day is designated for prayer support for a seminarian as well as our Pope, Bishop Edward Malesic, Pastors, Priests, and other related intentions. Please use this calendar insert and keep it in a place where you can see it each day and thoughtfully say a prayer of support for the name listed that day, as well as a prayer for an increase in vocations. Also, do remember to pray for the others in our parish who are discerning their vocations.

HIRING PRO-LIFE PEOPLE!



Protect Women Ohio

Protect Women Ohio is looking for field representatives to go to targeted doors in their community to conduct a simple survey with Ohio voters. Starting at \$15.00 per hour plus reimbursed \$0.30 per mile for travels. Hours are flexible (up to 40 hours per week). Must be 16 or older. If you don't need the money, you can donate it! Contact: Peter Lyons peter@sbalistfield.org 216-325-8245



September 2023



Seminarian Calendar prepared by Parents of Priests—Diocese of Cleveland
 Calendar at: seminarians.parentsofpriests.net
 Priest & Seminarian calendar online at: Priests.St.Patrick.cc



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>This Bread is my Flesh. Offered so the World may Live. John 6:51</i></p>					1 Dc. Kevin Bertleff Theology V	2 Dc. Michael Garvin Theology V
3 Pray for Pope Francis	4 Dc. William Wainio Theology V	5 Ryan Arto Theology IV	6 Christopher Cotone Theology IV	7 Anthony Donatelli Theology IV	8 Jon Hawkins Theology IV	9 Jeff Lindholm Theology IV
10 Pray for Bishop Malesic	11 James Parisi Theology IV	12 Brian Peters Theology IV	13 Kyle Rosser Theology IV	14 Travis Seagraves Theology IV	15 Mitch Carson Theology III	16 Cameron Ferrell Theology III
17 Pray for Bishop Woost	18 Nathan Frankart Theology III	19 Joseph Truong Viet Theology III	20 Sean Neville Theology III	21 Arthur Bordenschatz Theology II	22 Charles Caimie Theology II	23 Noah Furin Theology II
24 Pray for Bishop Amos	25 Jeremy Gaugler Theology II	26 Jeremy Shafer Theology II	27 Sean Homcy Theology I	28 Alexander Krukemeyer Theology I	29 Daniel LaPolla Theology I	30 Billy Reed Theology I

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Join The ITE Project and for BE MORE, a retreat in the spirit of St. Pope John Paul II, October 6th-8th at Loyola Retreat House in Clinton. This all-inclusive 3-day retreat (2-night stay), includes a welcome package, meals, snacks and beverages, incredible speakers and activities, a Vigil Mass, and opportunities for Confession and priestly spiritual direction. Most excitingly, all of this is 50% off because of the generosity of ITE benefactors! Specifics, including speakers and schedule, are available on the website. ALL young adults are WELCOME including the married, single, discerning, and parents with nursing babies. Register by September 22nd. <https://www.theiteproject.com/events/bemore>.

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