

# St. Francis de Sales Parish

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## THE TRANSFIGURATION

August 6th



**Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler**  
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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.

**THE TRANSFIGURATION  
OF THE LORD**  
**AUGUST 6, 2023**



**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)

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7, ST. SIXTUS II & COMPANIONS, ST. CAJETAN**

- 8:15 a.m. Jim Mesko (Family)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, ST. DOMINIC**

- 8:15 a.m. Mary Franz  
(Susan Muzljakovish & Jessica Rogers)  
6:30 p.m. Patrick McCallum (Rosemary Flanagan)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS**

- 8:15 a.m. Mary Crow (Cathy McArdle)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, ST. LAWRENCE**

- 8:15 a.m. Bob Coffman (Gerry Coffman)  
6:30 p.m. Ronald Patrick Evans (Evans Family)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, ST. CLARE**

- 8:15 a.m. Intentions of the Boggs Family  
(Kathy Boggs)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL**

- 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Blin & Urban Families (Kusnir Family)  
2:00 p.m. Wedding: *Petit & Pratt*  
5:00 p.m. James Geig Jr. (Geig Family)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
9:00 a.m. Betty Geig (Geig Family)  
11:00 a.m. Norma Carosella  
(Barry & Mary Ann Whaley)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14  
**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;  
Mt 15:21-28  
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26  
**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28  
**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20  
**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5;  
Mt 14:22-33

**THE LORD IS KING, THE MOST  
HIGH OVER ALL THE EARTH.**

The Lord is king indeed! He wants to build His kingdom here on earth. He wants to lead you to THE eternal kingdom—heaven. Walking this walk takes faith, hope and love in the Lord. So I ask, is the Lord king of your life? Does Jesus take precedence over everything you do or does He fit in when it is convenient? It is good to honestly ask this question every once in a while. Jesus is our king. Prayer is hard and it takes time to put faith into practice...but it is the most important reality in our life. I don't say this merely because I am a priest, but because it is the truth. I am not here to condemn you but to encourage you. Be encouraged.

Jesus took His disciples up the mountain to be transfigured before them and to let the Father speak to them. He not only wanted to reveal who He was and is for them, but who they could become if they just continue to walk with Him. If you have walked away from the Lord, come back to Him. Now is the time.

In light of this, I want to speak about our **Parish School of Religion**. Last year, the diocese invited all PSR leaders and pastors to meet about our current state of PSR programming. At the meeting, they invited us to pray and think outside the box in terms of what we offered the parish. It seems that there has been a downward trend in PSR attendance throughout the diocese over the years, especially after COVID. Therefore, we have been praying and discerning what to do and offer for our families to help them grow in the faith. **Knowing that many families have a difficult time with weekly attendance, the decision has been made to schedule only two in-person classes per month, which will be extended by a half hour, 6:30-8:00 p.m. An additional family and school connection activity will be given for the families to complete on the "off week"**. These activities will correlate with the Liturgical Calendar and could be used for supplemental classroom work. We know that the parents are the primary formators of their children in the faith. We hope that this will help facilitate that reality. So, if you have fallen away from PSR over the last few years, I pray that you will join in again and let Jesus lead you to His kingdom! Lastly, I want to thank Kathy Ott for the many years she has led PSR. I also want to thank Ann Mayer and Linda Reese as they have agreed to lead as PSR Co-coordinators. Pray that Jesus will truly lead the way!

**Be encouraged,  
Fr. Jeremy**

P.S. Speaking of families, don't forget the opportunity to come to **Mass at the Rubber Ducks Stadium at noon on Sunday, August 20 with a game to follow**. Another great way to get to know other families who love Jesus.

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6**

- Donut Sunday

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

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

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8**

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9**

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

- 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 13**

-Blessing of Preschool, Prekindergarten, &  
Kindergarten backpacks at 9:00 a.m. Mass

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**July 29/30 Offertory**

	<b>Sunday</b>
Sunday	\$ 13,444.37
Assessment	\$ 30.00
Capital	\$ 120.00
School	\$ 35.00
Assumption	\$ 5.00
Mission Appeal	\$ 110.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,744.37</b>

*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 Goshe Family** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

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

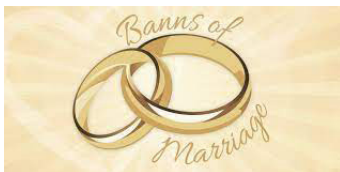
**August 20, 12:00 p.m. – Celebrate the Future**  
Outdoor Mass at the Rubber Ducks Stadium  
followed by Rubber Ducks Game

**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.

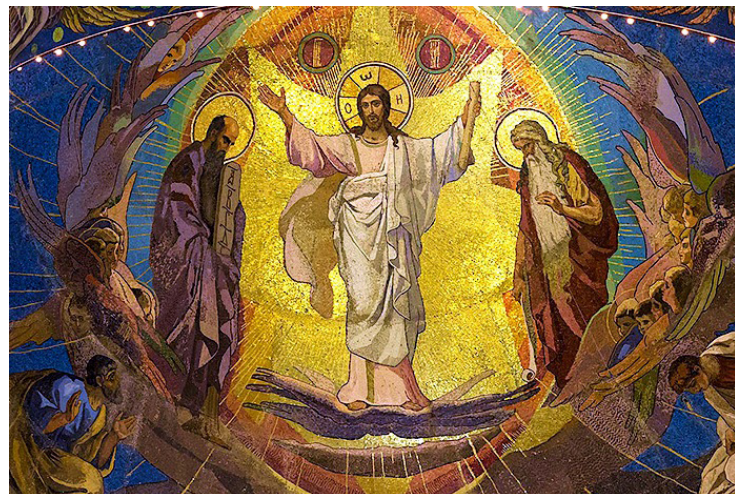


**ADORERS NEEDED**

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



III Jonathan Petit & Mary Pratt  
II Richard Saunders & Jessica Corps








**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



Make friends with the angels,  
who though invisible  
are always with you.  
SAINT 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.




**GET YOUR TICKETS SOON!!!**

**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**



**For Tickets go to <https://fevogm.com/event/Stfrancisdesales23>**  
**Any difficulties contact: Luke Farmer at 330-375-1704 or [lfarmer@akronrubberducks.com](mailto:lfarmer@akronrubberducks.com)**



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**AUGUST 13TH 10 AM KICKOFF at Sancta Clara Monastery!**

**1ST QUARTER - 10AM Mass at the Sancta Clara Monastery**  
(4200 N Market Ave, Canton, OH 44714)



**2ND QUARTER - 11AM Tour of the Monastery**



**3RD QUARTER - 12PM Family Fun Picnic at the PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME PLAZA TENT**

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## PARISH FESTIVAL

Save the date! We wrap up our 75th anniversary celebrations with our annual Festival! Come spend the day together with games, food, and entertainment for all September 10, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. with closing Mass at 4:00 p.m.

### TRANSFORMATION NIGHTS

The Encounter School of Ministry is offering an evening of praise & worship, a talk, and prayer ministry on August 10 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Cuyahoga Falls. **Fr. Jacob Bearer** will be speaking on the theme **"Are you bored enough to want more?"** The event begins at 6:30 p.m.



### NURSES' MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Nurses of all denominations and all areas and status of service, their families and the entire community are invited to join in the 16th Annual Nurses' Mass of Thanksgiving honoring nurses on Thursday, August 10, 7:00 p.m. at Queen of Heaven Church (1800 Steese Road, Uniontown, Ohio) with Fr. David Durkee as the celebrant. Peace Together Choir, an interdenominational group of vocalists and musicians, will lead the music for the Mass. A social will follow. For more information, call Louise at 330-603-0385 or Jo at 330-896-1039.



### 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!***

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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.**



**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.

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