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Please see the Priest
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Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday,
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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 1, 2023



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Jack Wood (Rosalie Danko)
 9:00 a.m. Health and Blessings for Louis & Laurene Scala
 (Margaret Zeis)
 11:00 a.m. Augie Szempruch (Wife, Cynthia)
 2:00 p.m. Wedding: Bullock & Clark
August Szempruch – Anniversary of Death

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

- 8:15 a.m. Luke Vance (Janet Karson)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 8:15 a.m. Dana Lonteen (Family)
 6:30 p.m. Eva McDonald (Sherry Shearer)
Eva McDonald – Anniversary of Death

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

- 8:15 a.m. Delores Hoosic (Ruth Koerner)
 9:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Trockle (Mary & Mike Zubovich)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA &
 BL. FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS**

- 8:15 a.m. Faustina & Lydia Thompson (Testa, Kinsman,
 Erby, and Maiert Families)
 6:30 p.m. Joseph Pillitiere (Kay Pillitiere)
Anointing Mass

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, ST. BRUNO &
 BL. MARIE ROSE DUROCHER**

- 8:15 a.m. Mary Franz (Bev Guglielmo)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

- 8:15 a.m. Elizabeth Buckohr (Son, Donald)
 5:00 p.m. Mary Franz (Mike & Veronica Oravec)
Blue Mass

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
 9:00 a.m. Robert Busson (Matthews Family)
 11:00 a.m. Assunta Berardi (Daughters)

**A MESSAGE FROM THE CATHOLIC
 CONFERENCE OF OHIO FOR RESPECT LIFE
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023**

Today is Respect Life Sunday, and as we approach the November election we continue to *pray and fast, educate ourselves and our neighbors, and prepare to vote No on Issue 1*. We reflect with God's Word on how Christians respond to the injustice of the world by pursuing justice for those on the margins, including vulnerable women and preborn children.

Our world is not fair, especially to vulnerable women and children. Christ is our model of God's fairness, which is justice and mercy. To be like Christ, it is not enough to condemn injustice and cruelty – we must act.

“Are not your ways unfair” (Ezek. 18:28)

Our world is terribly unjust and does not respect life. Not just life in the womb, but the migrant, the poor, and the lonely are also the victims of the sins of our society. Abortion is the cruel solution offered by a cruel world: 60% of women who seek an abortion report being pressured or coerced*, 75% of abortions involve poor or low-income women, abortions disproportionately affect women of color.

**“Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus”
 (Phil. 2:5)**

The Christian response to the unfairness of the world is to be like Jesus Christ. Jesus' response to the world was obedience to His Father: caring for the poor, the ill, the sorrowful, and all those on the margins.

“Which of the two did his father's will?” (Mt. 21:31)

Like Jesus, we are called to address the injustice and cruelty of the world, especially the injustice and cruelty of abortion. It is not enough to simply say that we support women and children – we must act as a Church – through our vital ministries for pregnant and post-abortive women – and as families and individuals – by voting No on Issue 1 to protect our society from laws that put women at risk, allow for late-term abortions through all nine months, and threaten parental rights.

On Respect Life Sunday, we ask the Lord to remember His mercies and empower us to pray and fast, educate our neighbors, and prepare to vote No on Issue 1. Remember: you must register for the election by October 10th, and early voting begins October 11th.

Let us ask God for the grace to be like the son who responds to his father in obedience and like Jesus Christ, who united justice and mercy in His tender response to women and children.



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*David C. Reardon and Tessa Longbons, "Effects of Pressure to Abort on Women's Emotional Responses and Mental Health," *Cureus*, 2023, <https://doi.org/10.7759/cureus.34456>.
 "U.S. Abortion Patients," Guttmacher Institute, August 24, 2022, https://www.guttmacher.org/infographic/2016/us-abortion-patients?gad=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwzJm1BhBBEiwAEJyLuweqSU6CeayzJ0_JfoTOYZ2TRyS3ewYmfmsvDeRBffeaXoeQ_ailjhoCtCgQAVd_BwE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Donut Sunday, after all Masses (Gym)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- Women's Study Group (9:00-10:30 a.m.)
- *What We Believe* Study, 9:00-10:30 a.m. (Beatitudes)
- RCIA, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Memorare Center)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. (Church)
- *What We Believe* Study, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. (Upper Room)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30-3:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Confessions, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
- *What We Believe* Study, 7:15-9:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- First Saturday Devotions, following 8:15 Mass
- Confessions, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
- Holy Hiking, 11:00 a.m. (Silver Creek Park – Pheasant Run Shelter)
- St. Vincent de Paul Society Clothing Drive, 5:45-6:30 p.m. (Pavilion)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- St. Vincent de Paul Society Clothing Drive, After all morning Masses (Pavilion)
- St. Francis of Assisi Pet Blessing, 4:00 p.m.
- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. (Upper Room)



ADORATION

Thank you to all those who commit to spending time in Adoration each week! All time slots have been filled, but anyone is welcome to come rest in the Lord's presence:

- Monday: 7:00-8:00 a.m., 6:00-10:00 p.m.
- Tuesday-Friday: 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. (breaking for Masses)

WEDDING BANNES
III. Thomas Bullock and Emily Clark

REST IN PEACE
Please pray for the souls of **Cherie Anslovar** and **Jean Humphrey**. May perpetual light shine upon them, and may the Lord console their families and friends.

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.
Sean Costello received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

COLLECTION INFORMATION
September 23/24

	Offertory
Sunday	\$ 13,865.00
Assessment	\$ 12.00
Capital	\$ 500.00
School	\$ 130.00
Candles	\$ 0.25
Assumption	\$ 10.00
Faith & Values	\$ 145.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,662.25

Our parish is blessed by your generosity!



Notes for November



Check here for updates on how our parish is spreading the word about the extreme amendment on the ballot this November which would allow for abortions up to birth and endanger parents' right to guide their children's health decisions. Thank you for praying and staying informed!

• **Voter Registration Fair:** After the Vigil Mass on September 30 and Sunday Masses on October 1, come register to vote or update your registration! Visit the table in the Narthex after Mass, and volunteers will be able to assist you.

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.

Cheer is offered for both Girls and Boys in Grades 3-8. Team breakdown is as follows-

3rd & 4th
5th & 6th
7th & 8th

Basketball is offered for Girls and Boys in Grades 3-8 and High School. To register, use this link <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106284>. We are still looking for a few coaches and assistants. Please reach out to Athletic Director, Katie Kinsinger if you are interested in helping out or have any questions at athleticdirector@stfparish.com.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE & BLANKET SUNDAY

OCTOBER 7 & 8

Drop off your donation after all Masses at the Pavilion in the parking lot. We are collecting blankets, winter coats, jackets, gloves, hats, scarves, winter shoes and boots, hoodies, sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks, jeans, long underwear, chapstick, body lotion, deodorant, disposable razors, baby wipes, shampoo, and bug repellent. This benefits the Peter Maurin Center, the Kenmore Free Store, and the Ozanam Center. Please remember those in need as you clean out your closets! Thank You & God Bless.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

October is Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary. The Respect Life Ministry would like to, as in past years, pray the Rosary for the respect of all life on Sunday, October 8, at Noon following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us on the lawn up at Manchester Road to give a powerful witness for about one-half hour. This can be part of the 54-day Rosary Novena that the people have been praying before the weekday Masses and following the Saturday morning Mass. God bless you all for your prayerful consideration.

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2023 CONTRIBUTION FORM

PLEASE NOTE: Contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2023 to be eligible for a 2023 state tax credit.

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COUPLE TO COUPLE MINSITRY

Do you have a heart for the Sacrament of Marriage? Are you as a couple, looking for a way to minister and share the great gift that the Sacrament of Marriage has been in your life? The Couple to Couple marriage mentoring ministry is looking to add a few more couples to their group to help walk engaged couples through their marriage preparation. Some training is required and most couples will only have one engaged couple to minister to per year. There will be an informational meeting on Friday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorare Center. RSVP to Maggie and Art Klatt at mklatt@stfparish.com if you are able to join us to learn more.



Opus Sanctorum Angelorum® Evening of Recollection

October 10, 2023

St. Francis de Sales Parish
4019 Manchester Rd, Akron, OH 44319

Conference Topic:

The Holy Angels in the life of the Holy Family

Preached by: Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, ORC
Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross

6:00 pm Conference

7:00 pm Holy Mass

with formal reception of the Consecration to the Guardian Angels to those who have completed their year of formation.

Possibility to apply for the formation year towards the Consecration to the Guardian Angel.

Please help to spread the word!

Opus Angelorum has the special mission to promote the awareness of the powerful presence and help of the Holy Angels in our spiritual lives. The movement is particularly dedicated to the sanctification of the priesthood. For more information on Opus Angelorum, please visit: <https://opusangelorum.org/>

For more information: Call Therese at St Francis de Sales Parish Office (330-644-2225

website: www.opusangelorum.org email: contact@opusangelorum.org tel: 330-969-9900

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job – it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it. If you know someone who is going through a difficult time, contact one of our Stephen Leaders, Ann Clark at aclark2@stfparish.com or Bill Dickey at wdickey@stfparish.com. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care – to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.

BLUE MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
5:00PM

A Blue Mass is a Mass celebrated annually in the Church for those employed in the field of public safety.

We invite police officers, firefighters, and first responders, along with their families and the families of those fallen in the line of duty.

Rosaries will be given to those who work to protect our community.

All are welcome to attend and show support and gratitude to the men and women who keep our community safe.

MONASTERY FALL WORK DAY & COOKOUT

Join the nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery for a day of work projects (mostly outdoor), prayer, food and fun at the monastery on Saturday, October 14. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome! The day begins at 1:00 p.m. and closes with Vespers at 5:00 p.m. followed by a cookout. Come at whatever time you are available, and bring a side dish to share if you can. The monastery is located at 17485 Mumford Road Burton, Ohio. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 10, by filling out the form at www.christthebridegroom.org. With questions, call 440-834-0290.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Queen of Heaven Young at Heart Meeting is October 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center, Rooms 7 and 8. Megan Pellegrino, a Director at the Hoover Museum, will talk about "From Horse Collars to Vacuums." There will be a field trip to the Spring Hill Historic Home (a site on the underground railroad) on October 5. The group will leave Queen of Heaven parking lot at 9:50 a.m.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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