

St. Francis de Sales Parish

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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School:
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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.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 15, 2023**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Costello Family (Sean Costello)
9:00 a.m. Mary Lou Clark (Agape Prayer Group)
11:00 a.m. Pro Populo
Anthony Klisan – Month's Mind

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, ST. HEDWIG & ST.
MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE**

- 8:15 a.m. Jackie Schnitzler (Weber & Hilton Families)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

- 8:15 a.m. Dolores Hoosic
(Derrick & Lindsay Hoosic)
6:30 p.m. Steve Zamesko (Paul & Jacque Heilman)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, ST. LUKE

- 8:15 a.m. Joe & Rita Orihel (Family)
Cherie Anslover – Month's Mind

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, SS. JOHN DE BREBEUF,
ISAAC JOGUES**

- 8:15 a.m. The Living and Deceased of the Senior
Euchre Group (The Group)
6:30 p.m. Jim Mesko (Kevin Yingling)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

- 8:15 a.m. June Trettel (Mother Gabriela)
9:00 a.m. Ralph Tawney (Jim & Sally Casenhiser)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 8:15 a.m. Rowland & Nancy Judge (Family)
5:00 p.m. Zita Carino (Lee & Barbara Carino)
Jean Humphrey – Month's Mind

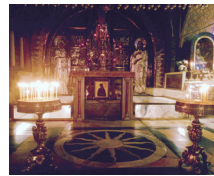
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, TWENTY-NINTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Cindy Matheny (Louis & Laurene Scala)
11:00 a.m. Urbino Di Giacomo
(John & Marianna Di Giacomo)
Cindy Matheny – Anniversary of Death

ON THIS MOUNTAIN!

"On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain He will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; He will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of His people He will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: 'Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that He has saved us!' For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain." (Isaiah 25).

I'm still here! Due to the unfortunate circumstances of war in Israel, our trip was cancelled. We are very blessed that each person who was going to go on our trip is safe and sound. Please pray for all those in the Holy Land. Ask your guardian angel to bless and protect them. In this month of October, pray the Rosary for peace in all war-torn nations. Pray the Our Father that His kingdom can come and conquer all sin and division.



But I thought, with the remaining space I have, I would mention another favorite place to pray and visit in the Holy Land: the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This church was built over top of Calvary and the tomb where Jesus rose from the dead.

You can literally approach an altar built above the place of Calvary, shown in this photo. Under the altar is a hole where you can put your hand where the cross of Jesus was raised. Underneath that floor is a cross section, where the ground literally was split in half due to the earthquake that happened during His death. It is a powerful place to visit.



One of my favorite memories when I went there was celebrating Mass on the place where Jesus was buried and rose from the dead. We all literally crammed into that place and celebrated Mass at 6:00 a.m. While we were at the real place where Jesus died and rose, it is good to remember that at every celebration of the Eucharist, we arrive at that place of death and Resurrection. It is awesome! It is powerful! That is why the Church is calling for revival! To remember the power of the Eucharist – at every Eucharist, God provides for us, destroys sin and wipes away the tears of our hearts so that we can rejoice and be glad that He has saved us and made us new!

Happy and blessed to be home with you,
Fr. Jeremy

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- Confirmation Formation, 9:00 a.m. Mass (then to the Gym) until 12:00 p.m.
- Rosary Devotion and Procession, 3:00 p.m. Loyola Retreat Center
- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 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)
- 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 19

- 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)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

- ITE Project Fireside Chat with Fr. Bearer, 6:00-10:00 p.m. (Memorare Center firepit)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast, after all morning Masses (Gym)
- Prayers for healing, after 11:00 a.m. Mass, meet by St. Anthony Statue
- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Youth Group, 7:00-9:00 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)

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.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

October 7/8

	Offertory
Sunday	\$ 16,551.25
Assessment	\$ 190.00
Capital	\$ 570.00
School	\$ 20.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 17,351.25

Our parish is blessed by your generosity!



ROSARY PROCESSION AT LOYOLA

The annual Rosary Devotions and Procession at Loyola Retreat House will be held Sunday, October 15th at 3:00 p.m. Come celebrate the Month of the Rosary and pray for the protection of life. Afterward, all are welcome to stay for a cider and donuts social.

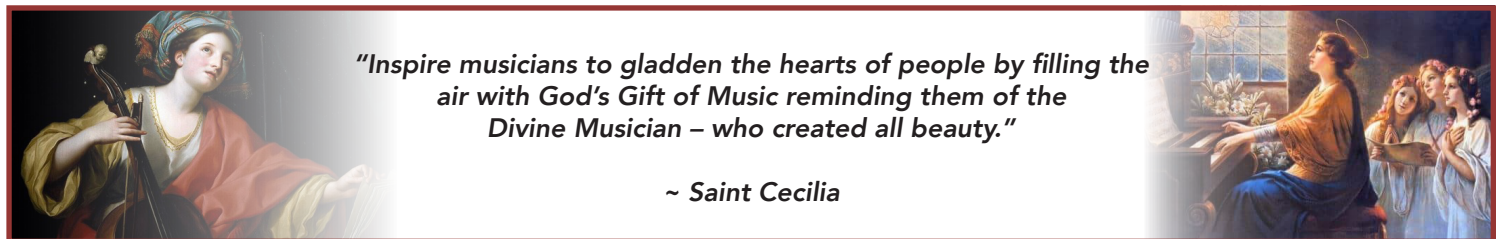
YOUTH CHOIR

The St. Francis de Sales Youth Choir is forming for 2023-2024 to continue enhancing Liturgies and opportunities for prayer bringing us all closer to God. **Youth currently in GRADE 3-GRADE 8 who attend St. Francis de Sales PSR or Day School or are home-schooled** are invited to join the **YOUTH CHOIR**.

The purpose of the Youth Choir is to give the children another opportunity to fully participate during Liturgies and prayer. They will praise and worship God in song in order to enhance the Liturgy – remember – “singing is praying twice.” Participating will also allow the children to grow stronger in their faith. The children will need to be quiet and reverent and have the self-discipline to keep each worship opportunity a prayerful experience for all. Day school students can put the form in my mailbox at the school. PSR and homeschool families, please bring the form to the November practice but email me, too, so I can plan accordingly.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 330-644-2225, ext. 212, or email me at cmcvicker@stfparish.com.

Colleen McVicker, Director of Music Ministry



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES YOUTH CHOIR SCHEDULE 2023-2024

P=PRACTICE 4:30-5:30 in the church
M=MASS (9:00 am Mass)
L=PRAYER LITURGY

P – NOVEMBER 3
M – NOVEMBER 5

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS
P – NOVEMBER 16 (THURSDAY)
L – NOVEMBER 19- CLOSING VESPERS 6:30

P – DECEMBER 1
M – DECEMBER 3 (ADVENT)

P – JANUARY 5 (NO PRACTICE – **SEE YOU SUNDAY**)
M – JANUARY 7

P – FEBRUARY 2
M – FEBRUARY 4

P – MARCH 1
M – MARCH 3 (LENT)

P – APRIL 12
M – APRIL 14

P – MAY 3
M – **11:00 A.M. MAY 4 (SATURDAY)**
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MAY

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES YOUTH CHOIR

PLEASE only sign up ONE CHILD PER FORM:

STUDENT'S NAME _____
has permission to participate in the St. Francis de Sales Youth Choir. He/She will make a full commitment to participate, act reverently, and prayerfully praise and worship God.

GRADE LEVEL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN 1: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN 2: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE _____

ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

PARENT SIGNATURE _____



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!

- **Election Day Transportation:** Need a ride to the polls? We have parishioner volunteers who can help. A sign-up sheet is available in the church narthex or call Joanne Reich, 330-338-4810.
- **Knights of Columbus Issue 1 Information Night:** Please consider attending an Information Night on Issue 1 to be held at the South Akron Knights of Columbus Hall (2055 Glenmount Avenue, Akron, OH 44319) on October 18 at 7:30 p.m.



HOLY ANGELS

If you've been wanting to learn about the Holy Angels and just haven't gotten around to it, NOW is the time! Come to a talk on the Angels at 6:00 p.m. on October 18th in the Holy Family Room at the Memorare Center and hear what an amazing gift the Holy Angels are and how they help us every day! If you want to know more, you can start the formation for consecration to your Guardian Angel that night. This formation can be done on your own at home, or monthly in a discussion group on the third Wednesday each month for a year. You can get your book when you come for the talk. Please call the Parish office at 330-644-2225 to RSVP.

The Church has made it possible for us to work effectively with the Holy Angels through formal consecrations to our Guardian Angels and all the Holy Angels. This is important because there is a battle raging for our souls, the souls of our children, our families and our friends, and the Holy Angels want to help us in this fight. Just as our Lord Jesus was strengthened by an Angel before His passion and death on the cross, we, too, can be strengthened by actively participating in this work of the Holy Angels. If you've already been formally consecrated to your Guardian Angel but haven't yet been consecrated to all the Holy Angels, call Therese Holderbaum at the Parish office to hear how to get started.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Pull Yourself Together!" You've heard it a million times. Others may have said it to you, or you may have said it to yourself. Things just aren't coming together. You're still hurting. You still feel like it's all falling apart. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential one-to-one care, as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart. To learn more about what Stephen Ministry can do for you, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders, Ann Clark (aclark2@stfparish.com) or Bill Dickey (wdickey@stfparish.com). Add your prayer intentions to the prayer box in the narthex. Our Stephen Ministers would like to pray for you.

SFDS 50th REUNION

The St. Francis de Sales grade school graduating class of 1973 is holding a 50-year class reunion on November 18, 2023. They are looking for classmates that graduated from St. Francis in 1973 or anyone that was in their class at any time between 1965 (1st Grade) and 1973 (8th Grade). Please contact them at Billmary1562@hotmail.com or paul.hirschfelt@gmail.com or follow them on Facebook at STFParish 1973 class reunion for more details.

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Questions? Contact rcasey@cavs.com

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Troop 215 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



Join Boy Scout Troop 215 at St. Francis de Sales School (4019 Manchester Rd) on Sunday, October 22 after 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM 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 out in June 2024 and needs your support!

Kids 12 and under - \$4
Adults - \$8

Cash or card (with a \$1 convenience fee)

Additionally, If you would like to advertise your business we have a great opportunity for you. For only \$25 your business will be featured on our placemat of supporters that we will use at the breakfast. We estimate that the ad will be seen by at least 300 people. The Business Card and payment will need to be made by October 17th . The checks should be made payable to Boy Scout Troop 215. Contact Sara Benoit at sarabenoit1979@gmail.com. We will be glad to make arrangements for pickup.





ADOPT A CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS 2023



Once again this year, St. Francis de Sales Parish will team up with Green Good Neighbors to support local needy families. There are three opportunities to give:

- Personalized, wrapped Christmas gifts for children
- Gift cards for families (Cards will be purchased through the St. Francis de Sales Scrip Gift Card program and delivered to Green Good Neighbors to distribute.)
- Unwrapped gifts for children

Please return this form by the dates requested below.

If you choose to place your envelope in the collection basket, be certain it is received in the parish office by the designated deadline. If you choose to mail it, please allow enough time for Postal Service processing.

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Adopt a Child Program
4019 Manchester Road
Akron, Ohio 44319**



Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your City and ZIP Code _____

Your Phone Number _____

OPTION 1 – RETURN FORM BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

I would like to participate in the Adopt a Child Program this Christmas.

Number of children for whom I would like to purchase \$25 gifts _____

We will send the gift tag(s) for each child you sponsor to the mailing address you listed above. **Tags will not be distributed after Mass.** The tags will have details about the child so you may shop accordingly; please wrap your gift(s) and attach the gift tag. Please drop off these gifts on Sunday, December 3rd after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses in the pavilion.

OPTION 2 – RETURN FORM AND CHECK BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

I prefer to donate \$25 for the purchase of gift card(s) for a family.

Amount of your donation _____

Please make your donation in increments of \$25. If you choose this option in lieu of purchasing a gift, please complete this form and include it with your check, payable to St. Francis de Sales.

OPTION 3 – RETURN FORM BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

I will purchase \$25 worth of **toys, games, books or sporting equipment** for children of any age — infants through high school.

These gifts should remain unwrapped. Please bring them to the parish pavilion on Sunday, December 3rd as instructed in Option 1.

**For questions, please feel free to call/text
Michele Steurer at 330-618-5545 or call the Parish Office – 330-644-2225**



SS. ANNE AND JOACHIM GRANDPARENTING GROUP

It's something new for Grandparents! If you are a Grandmother or Grandfather and would like to learn some practical tips for connecting with your grandkids to help them carry on the Catholic Faith, join us on Friday, October 27th in Room 111 at 6:30 p.m., Friday, November 17th, and Friday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC for the next meeting of the SS. Anne and Joachim Grandparenting Group. This is a cluster ministry hosted by St. Paul. NOTE: For this meeting, enter through the school doors off the North parking lot.

Join us
 You are invited to
Join us
 as we celebrate our
1st Anniversary
 Saturday, October 21st
 8 a.m. Mass at St. Sebastian Church
 followed by Breakfast at Byrider Hall

You are welcome to stay for our monthly meeting afterward.

Join us as we celebrate YOU, our fellow travelers along this path to Heaven. Thank you for supporting us in our mission of bringing souls to Jesus through Mary. No need to RSVP—we will be waiting for you!

www.OurMothersHands.org

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the ITE PROJECT

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Bonfire Chat – Join the ITE Project and Fr. Jacob Bearer on October 20 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales for an evening under the stars praying the Rosary, talking about Our Lady, and growing in faith and fellowship. Light appetizers will be available. In the event of rain, meet in the Memorare Center.

The ITE Project is hosting its first Faith AND Science: Climate Change and Environmental Stewardship workshop to ask the hard questions and talk about the uncomfortable aspects regarding our role in creation. Join The ITE Project on November 4th from 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Coventry Oaks Lodge in Akron. The day will include guided discussions by experts, presentations, and panel discussions. Presenters for the day include Dr. Hitzhusen of The Ohio State University, Father Dominic Gideon of St. Albert the Great, and Molly Burhans, the founder of GoodLands – Making Land Work for Good. Also joining will be representatives from the Summit County Metro Parks. A catered lunch and a hot chocolate bar is included. This event is open to all who are concerned for our environment and wish to participate in healthy discussions about it. *RSVPs required for planning purposes* <https://www.theiteproject.com/events/faithandscience23>.

CONFERENCE ON GENDER IDENTITY

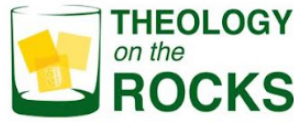
Holy Family Parish, the Diocese of Cleveland Marriage and Family Ministry, and TOB Cleveland are hosting the conference, "A Pastoral Response to Gender Ideology," on December 9 from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The event will feature 4 talks and an expert panel. To register, visit tobcle.org/register.

COLLECTION OF UNWANTED MEDICATIONS AND GLASSES

October 28 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the old First Merit parking lot on 2nd Street N.W. at W. Tuscarawas Avenue, drive up and hand your unwanted pills to a police officer. There is no need to get out of your vehicle. If you have eyeglasses, frames or lenses you no longer use, bring those along as well. They will be given to the Lions' Club for recycling to the needy. To date, the Barberton PD has removed 3200 pounds of unwanted meds from our community. If you can't get to this event, there is a medication drop off in front of the Main Fire Department at 580 Wooster Road W., or in the City Hall basement of the Police Station. Glasses may be dropped off at the Barberton Library during open hours.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers of St. Paul Parish would like to invite all Catholic women to the following events to help each other grow in our vocations. The Confraternity is open to all Catholic women and seeks to support each other in prayer and to help promote a strong, Catholic spiritual life in our families and parishes. Join us Saturday November 4: "Home Management from A Catholic Perspective: Peace Not Perfectionism" and Saturday March 16: "Homeschool Panel" (with veteran women who have homeschooled using different philosophies). We will have a potluck breakfast/brunch at St. Paul Parish, Parish Activity Center, 1580 Brown Street, Akron, 44301 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. There will be time for fellowship as well, so bring friends. Please bring a food item to share. Kindly RSVP to Amy Karcher at amy@tkg.com by October 28th.



Join us on Monday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m., as we welcome our guest speaker Fr. Matthew Pfeiffer, Pastor, St. Paul, Akron, at Our Lady of the Cedars, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in Fairlawn. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. \$15.00 admission fee. Light appetizers included. Cash bar available. To ensure an accurate count for our venue, RSVP to Keith Johnson at johnsonk@stsebastian.org or 330-836-2233, ext. 134. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron.

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