

St. Francis de Sales Parish

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**OCTOBER 29, 2023****SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Mary Louise DeMinico
(Theresa & Dorothy Zachorowski)
- 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
- 11:00 a.m. Vincent Delagrane
(The Schnitzler Family)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 8:15 a.m. Edward & Mary Dayberry
(Daughter, Linda)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 8:15 a.m. Mr. Dana Green (Warner Family)
- 6:30 p.m. Pedro Katigbak (Mariza Meredith)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

- 7:30 a.m. Katie Duckworth (John Duckworth)
- 9:00 a.m. Ivan & Donna Weber
(Weber & Hilton Families)
- 6:30 p.m. Steve Gold (Ruthie Kelbly)
Al Fortine – Anniversary of Death

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- 8:15 a.m. Al & Ann Marie Fortine
(Sandy & Kevin Yingling)
- 6:30 p.m. Guy & Angie Caruso (Family)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, ST. MARTIN OF PORRES

- 8:15 a.m. Katie & Al Feltrup (Cathy Feltrup)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

- 8:15 a.m. Irma Dubetz (Dubetz Family)
- 5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the
Thursday Scripture Group (the Group)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
- 9:00 a.m. Tony Zuchowski (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Domenico & Assunta Berardi (Daughters)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Thursday:** Wis 3:1-9; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
- Friday:** Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday:** Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH!

When was the last time you told Jesus you loved Him? From time to time, I give the penance, "Tell Jesus that you love Him." Sadly, I don't think we tell him often enough "I love you, Jesus." The Psalm this weekend is a good reminder for us to pray those words, mean those words and live those words with our lives... "I love you, Lord, my strength!"

We know that love can take us in many directions. Some to the vocation of marriage, others to religious life, and others to holy orders. Love takes us to others, because love cannot exist without the other. This Sunday, we celebrate **Priesthood Sunday**. We celebrate and pray for men who have responded to the call of priesthood in their lives. This weekend, we welcome **John Scantling**, who is a Pre-Theology Student from St. Mary Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio. He is a parishioner from St. Sebastian, Akron, Ohio. Please give him a wonderful welcome as we hear his story of how Jesus has called him to discern a vocation to priesthood. I honestly invite and challenge anyone who is thinking about priesthood to give either Fr. David or me a call. I am more than happy to listen to how God is calling you to serve the Church. We need you!



Lastly, I want to share some words from Aidan Twigg, who recently finished his **Eagle Scout Project** on our campus: "I'm sure most have noticed the new game out on the playground. It is called 9 square and was built for my Eagle project. Mrs. Shirley Clark brought the idea up a few years ago and always had to bring her own for the youth group to use at Church. With this new game the

Church and School are able to use it. Thank you to the Scouts that helped make this project a success!" Thank you, Aidan, for your listening heart and determination to get things accomplished for the betterment of our parish community. Here are some pictures from their work day.



Thank you for your prayerful support of the priesthood, Fr. Jeremy

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Youth Group Bonfire, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 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, NOVEMBER 1

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 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, NOVEMBER 3

- Youth Choir, 4:30-5:40 p.m. (Church)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- Donut Sunday
- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Youth Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Upper Room)

ADORERS NEEDED

We are in need of Adorers for the following time:

Thursday 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Thursday 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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

ALL SAINTS DAY

This Wednesday, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of All Saints. Mass will be offered Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. Please come celebrate the glory of our brothers and sisters in heaven and ask them to help us get there, too!



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Larry Stanley** and **Juliana Felkl**. May the Lord grant them a place among the saints and give comfort to their family 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.

Frank & Sandi Noffsinger received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

October 21/22

	Offertory	Faith Direct
Sunday	\$ 14,530.25	\$ 6,884.09
Assessment	\$ 5.00	\$ 52.00
Capital	\$ 620.00	\$ 132.00
School	\$ 35.00	\$ 132.00
All Saints	\$ 100.00	\$ 297.00
World Missions	\$ 869.00	
Seminarian Scholarship	\$ 400.00	
Special Gifts		\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$ 16,559.25	\$ 7,597.09
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 24,156.34	

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A GIFT TO OUR PARISH

Did you know you can make a gift to our parish using your IRA? If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help our parish and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator or visit catholiccommunity.org/IRA to learn more. Questions? Call Therese in the Parish Office at 330-644-2225.



November 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
			1 Tate Johnson Borromeo-1	2 Dominic Kucera Borromeo-1	3 Daniel Liberatore Borromeo-1	4 William Myers Borromeo-1
5 <i>Pray for All Elected Officials</i>	6 Lucas Torres Borromeo-1	7 Dc. Kevin Bertleff Theology V	8 Dc. Michael Garvin Theology V	9 Dc. William Wainio Theology V	10 Ryan Arto Theology IV	11 Christopher Cotone Theology IV
12 <i>Pray for the Vocation Director, Fr. Garris</i>	13 Anthony Donatelli Theology IV	14 Jon Hawkins Theology IV	15 Jeff Lindholm Theology IV	16 James Parisi Theology IV	17 Brian Peters Theology IV	18 Kyle Rosser Theology IV
19 <i>Pray for An Increase In Vocations</i>	20 Travis Seagraves Theology IV	21 Mitch Carson Theology III	22 Cameron Ferrell Theology III	23 Nathan Frankart Theology III	24 Joseph Truong Viet Ho Theology III	25 Sean Neville Theology III
26 <i>Be Thankful for your Blessings</i>	27 Arthur Bordenschatz Theology II	28 Charles Cairnie Theology II	29 Noah Furin Theology II	30 Jeremy Shafer Theology II	<p><i>We thank you, O God! We give thanks because you are near. People everywhere tell of your mighty miracles.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 75:1</p>	



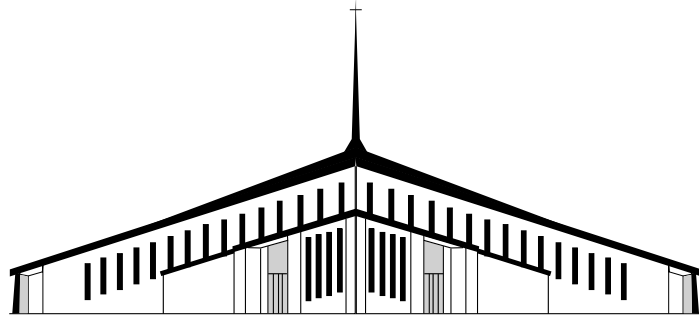
Diocese of Cleveland

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

October 29, 2023

Priesthood Sunday is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church.

Please join in prayer and appreciation for the priests of the Diocese of Cleveland who minister to us and for more vocations to the priesthood.



St. Francis de Sales Parish

**November 2, 2022-November 1, 2023
From the Death Register**

Albert Fortine	11/1/2022	Patricia Bryant	4/30/2023
Mary Oravec	11/9/2022	Ellen Kurek	5/7/2023
Jackson McCracken	11/19/2022	Judy Rambacher	5/23/2023
Helene Volosen	11/29/2022	David Arthur Warner	5/25/2023
Helen DeShon	12/29/2022	Thomas C. Szollosi	6/3/2023
Ann Fortine	1/1/2023	Sam Donzelli	6/3/2023
Mary Franz	1/6/2023	Patrick Manion	6/11/2023
Edward Pabin	1/18/2023	Ronald Arvay	6/11/2023
Dolores Hoosic	1/18/2023	Patty Pickens	6/16/2023
Mary Peterson	1/27/2023	Stephen Stone	6/27/2023
Leo Grob	2/3/2023	Fred Miller IV	7/3/2023
Thomas Walsh	2/7/2023	Mary Ellen Trockle	7/16/2023
Edward Murawski	2/8/2023	Teresa Shimp	7/31/2023
Bernard Adams	2/23/2023	Stephanie Jansen	8/4/2023
Raymond Robinson	2/26/2023	Dan Salopek	8/26/2023
Anna Feltrup	2/27/2023	Charles Marshall	9/7/2023
Ruth McCauley	3/9/2023	Margaret Herold	9/8/2023
JoAnn Mitseff	3/13/2023	Kathleen Sibbio	9/12/2023
Charles F. Schaefer	3/17/2023	Anthony Klisan	9/15/2023
Donald Brasaemle	3/23/2023	Cherie Anslovar	9/18/2023
James Mesko	3/29/2023	Jean Humphrey	9/21/2023
Gary Grant Heller	3/30/2023	Juliana Felkl	10/18/2023
Jean Hanzel	4/24/2023	Larry Stanley	10/21/2023

May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them





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 Holy Hour Vigil:** On Monday, November 6, all are invited to a Holy Hour to pray for the defeat of Issue 1. The prayer service will include the Rosary and Benediction. Please come unite in prayer. "Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield" (Ps. 33).
- **Canvassing Opportunity:** The pro-life group Created Equal is looking for volunteers to knock on doors and make phone calls to alert voters about Issue 1. No experience is needed, and they will train you. Visit createdequal.org/issue-1 to volunteer.
- **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 at 330-338-4810.
- **Literature on Issue 1:** Pamphlets and flyers on Issue 1 are available on the table in the narthex. Please pick some up to inform yourself and spread the word about the issue to your family and friends.
- **Pray & Fast:** Continue to pray for the change of hearts and minds in our state. The Lord hears every prayer and makes every little sacrifice fruitful. God is "able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work with in us" (Eph. 3:20).

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS AND CANDLE LIGHTING

During the 6:30 p.m. Mass on All Souls' Day, Thursday, November 2nd, we will have our annual Candle Lighting Ceremony. We will read the names of all parishioners who have died since last All Souls' Day and a candle will be lit for your deceased loved one. Please contact the parish office at 330-644-2225 or Ann Clark at 330-882-6919 or email her at aclark2@stfparish.com by Monday, October 30th if you will be there to receive a candle. You will be able to pick up the candle in the narthex before Mass between 5:45 and 6:15. The Mass will be livestreamed and available to view on the parish YouTube page: <http://bit.ly/3PIUe4M>.



HOLY LAND WOOD CARVINGS

The Holy Land Shepherds will visit our parish November 4 and 5 to sell beautiful olive wood carvings from the Holy Land. The sale of these items supports the Christian Community in the Holy Land which has suffered many hardships, especially in light of the recent attacks. Purchases can be made with cash, credit card, or check. The Holy Land Shepherds value your support!



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

A Message from Stephen Ministry: It's Okay to Be Human! We're sometimes brought up to believe we are supposed to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it's a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, we don't need to suffer alone. Add your prayer intentions to the prayer box in the narthex of the church and the St. Francis de Sales Stephen Ministers will keep your intentions in our prayers. Maybe you need a little more support. Maybe you would like to be paired with a Stephen Minister who is ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Request more information by adding your contact information to the prayer request form in the narthex or contact one of Stephen Leaders Ann Clark (aclark2@stfparish.com) or Bill Dickey (wdickey@stfparish.com). You are not alone.

FAITH & SCIENCE WORKSHOP

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 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 the panel will be representatives of 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>

RELIC OF ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE COMING TO ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH

The arm of St. Jude Thaddeus, venerated in Rome from ancient times, will be on pilgrimage in the United States, making only 100 stops and will be visiting St. Sebastian Parish, 476 Mull Avenue, Akron, on **Thursday, November 2nd**. Veneration of the relic will begin at 1:00 p.m. A special Mass in honor of St. Jude will be at 7:00 p.m. After Mass, veneration will continue until 10:00 p.m. Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*, Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. Millions have experienced his intercession in times of adversity and need. We hope you will be able to come and experience his transformative presence. For more information, visit www.ApostleoftheImpossible.com.

ZOOM SESSION ON DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE



Concerned about a family member's abuse of alcohol or other drugs? News headlines continue to highlight dire consequences related to abuse of alcohol and other drugs reminding us of the importance of the ongoing search for effective solutions. St. Malachi's Samaritan Ministry invites you to a virtual program on *Abuse of Alcohol and Other Drugs: The Impact on the Family* on Saturday, November 4th from 1:00-3:30 p.m. via ZOOM to educate and provide valuable resources in helping you to understand your role in trying to eliminate the consequences of America's #1 public health problem. To register, scan the QR code. If you have questions, please contact Judy Stowe at 216-280-0675 or judystowe@gmail.com OR St. Malachi's at 216-861-5343.

SYMBOL *or* SUBSTANCE?



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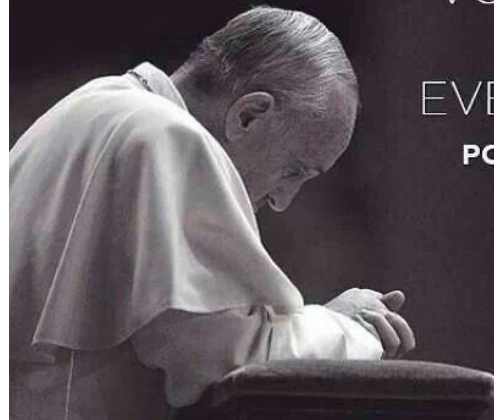
The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year. Upcoming support/ gatherings: **November 5th, 3:00 p.m.** – Cemetery Sunday Masses, **November 19th, 3:00 p.m.** – Free Monthly Grief Support 3:00-4:00 p.m. In-Office; 5:00-6:00 p.m. Virtual, **Nov. 20th 3:00 p.m.** – Graveside Prayer for Deceased Priests – Holy Cross Brook Park at <https://am1260therock.com/event/graveside-prayers-for-deceased-priests-2/> For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

LEARN ABOUT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School is the only STEM designated Catholic School in the state of Ohio. They will be holding an Open House on Monday, November 6th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for interested families. Chesterton Academy is Akron's first classical high school in the Catholic tradition. They are offering opportunities for prospective students to have a shadow day and experience a day in the life at their school. Call 330-299-5117 or email info@akronchestertonacademy.org to set up a shadow day.

TO BE SAINTS IS NOT A PRIVILEGE FOR THE FEW, BUT A VOCATION FOR EVERYONE.

POPE FRANCIS





The Queen of Heaven Young at Heart group will have their Thanksgiving Luncheon on Friday, November 10 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hartville Kitchen.

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