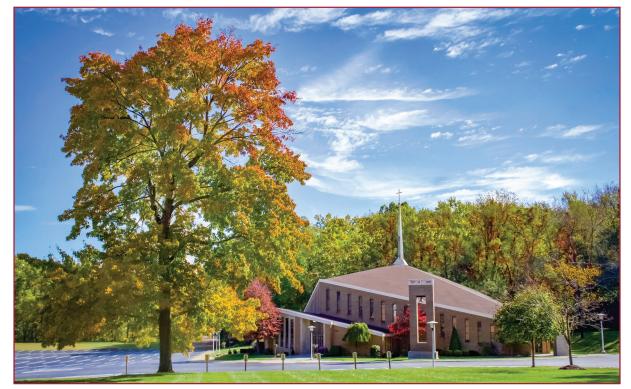
St. Francis de Sales Parish

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler Pastor

Fr. David Verbsky Parochial Vicar

Raymond Herrick Deacon

> **Richard Butz** *Deacon, Retired*

Kathryn Dougherty Principal

Colleen McVicker Director of Music Ministry

School: 330-644-0638 or stfparishschool.org

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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16ab; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;
	Jn 2:13-22
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

"FOR THEY PREACH BUT DO NOT PRACTICE..."

Jesus is speaking to the crowds and His disciples. He is challenging them to not be like the scribes and pharisees that it is not enough to merely talk about the faith. Each of us is called to live the faith. I like that the word practice is used. What does the word practice mean, but to "carry out" an action or an application of a belief or an idea? Living the faith takes a lot of practice. It takes a lot of failing. It takes a lot of falling and getting back up again so that we can become the saints God is calling us to be. Keep practicing the faith! Don't lose hope!

Issue 1. This is a great time to practice what you preach. Please go out and vote NO on Issue 1. Our Bishop is calling us to live our faith well. Protect the dignity of human life and stop the destruction of children in the womb; protect the rights of parents to talk to their children whom might be considering an abortion or having medical procedures performed on themselves to match what they think their sex should be. Don't listen to the lies by proponents of Issue 1 saying that the passage of Issue 1 would deny the treatment of women who have miscarried. Pray that God's will be done, thank you!

Angel Scholarship Fund. Just a friendly reminder and plea to take advantage of the State of Ohio's offering to let us control where our state tax dollars go. Please go to the Catholic Community website at https://www.catholiccommunity.org/ways-to-give/donate/angel-scholarship-fund or see the form in this bulletin and make a contribution to St. Francis de Sales School. It is no cost to you and if enough families respond to this great opportunity, we can make Catholic Education free for all. Thank you so much for looking into this. If you have any questions, please call the office at 330-644-2225.



Healing Hope. Lastly, I want to say WOW and thank you for your prayers! A couple of weeks ago, we prayed for Hope Knight and asked our good and loving God to heal her from her lifelong ailments. It was amazing that the whole church stayed after Mass to pray for her. The support was overwhelming and truly showed the loving reality of what

our St. Francis de Sales community is all about – loving one another. Continue to pray for Hope and all in need of healing – Come Lord Jesus!

> Thank you for living Christ's love in the world, Fr. Jeremy



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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 9:00-9:30 a.m.
- PSR, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Holy Hour for the defeat of Issue 1, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Men's Basketball, 8:30 p.m. (Gym)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 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 8

- Senior Euchre Group, 1:00 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)
- What We Believe Study, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. (Church)
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. (Upper Room)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 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 10

- No School

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 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, NOVEMBER 12

- 8th grade Confirmation Formation, 9:00 a.m. Mass then go to the gym until 12:00 p.m.
- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)

ADORERS NEEDED

We are in need of Adorers for the following times: Thursday, 12:30-1:00 p.m. Thursday, 4:00-5:00 p.m. If you are able to fill these times, please call Joanne at 330-338-4810.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joseph Oddo.** May the Lord grant him a place among the saints and give comfort to his family and friends.



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

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 Powers Family received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

COLLECTION INFORMATI	<u>ON</u>		
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Sunday	\$	12,518.50	
Capital	\$	175.00	
School	\$	142.00	
All Saints	\$	15.00	
World Missions	\$	10.00	
TOTAL	\$	12,860.50	
Our parish is blessed by your generosity!			

A GIFT TO OUR PARISH

Did you know you can make a gift to our parish using your IRA? If you are 70½ 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.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

The Church has a long tradition of remembering those who have died, to the love and mercy of God. We do this in a special way on the Feast of All Souls Day and throughout the month of November. As we continue to pray for our beloved dead this month, you are welcome to add the names of your loved ones who have died over the past year to our parish Book of the Names of the Dead which will be in the Narthex. Our parish will be praying for the repose of their souls.

THE HOLY LAND SHEPHERDS



This weekend, we welcome the Holy Land Shepherds who will be selling wood carvings after Mass! "The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations including our family. More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult

circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism, the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian Families to leave their homes in search of work and safety. "Our mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We have been blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to travel to different parishes all around the United States for the past 15 years to represent these less fortunate Christians. We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand-carved items. We value your support. We will be accepting cash, credit cards and checks. May God bless you and keep you safe."

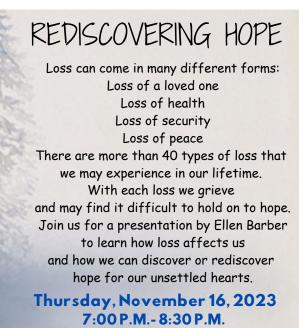
The Holy Land Shepherds. www.theholylandshop.com / 810-394-5291



Angels are amazing! Our Guardian angel knows God's will for us and lovingly guides and cares for our souls. He protects us physically and guards our senses in a special way when we commit ourselves to him through an act of consecration. In this covenant bond, we work together with him towards our own sanctification. You have an opportunity to hear and learn many things about your guardian angel and all the holy angels. Come to an interesting and informative talk on the angels Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room at the Memorare Center. We will have a discussion beginning at 7:15 p.m. on wgat are the benefits to consecrating ourselves to our Guardian Angel, (letter 2 for those in formation for consecration). All are invited. Please RSVP to the parish office at 330-644-2225 by noon on November 15.



A message from the Stephen Ministry: Have you noticed the prayer box located in the back of the church? You will find it on a table along the back wall of the Narthex. If you or someone you know is experiencing any life difficulty and would like the Stephen Ministry team to keep your intention in their prayers, add your intention to the box. You can also use that form to request a call from a Stephen Leader. They will be able to share information as to how being paired up with a Stephen Minister can offer you confidential one-to-one Christian care and support as you navigate life's difficulties.



St. Francis de Sales - Memorare Center 4019 Manchester Raod, Akron, Ohio 44319

Ellen Barber is a Grief Specialist, a Certified Spiriitual Diirector & Pastoral Minister. She is a former member of St. Francis de Sales and is currently employed at Regina Heallth Center.



Sponsored by St. Francis de Sales Stephen Ministry & Consolation Ministry



SAVE THE DATE!

Boy Scout Troop 215 is having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser in the school gym on Saturday, December 2nd. More information will be available in next week's bulletin.

Eucharistic Devotions November 17th - 19th

Celebrate the gift of the Holy Eucharist!

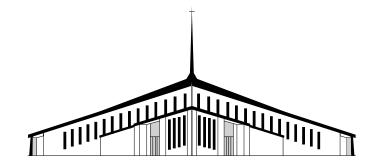
Opening Mass 9:00 a.m. Nov. 17 followed by continuous Adoration in the church until Closing Vespers 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19

During Eucharistic Devotions this year, you can "virtually visit" Eucharistic Miracles from around the World in an exhibit created by Bl. Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager beatified in 2020.

This exhibit documents 151 miracles of the Eucharist that have been confirmed by the Vatican with posters adapted directly from the website Bl. Carlo developed.

This travelling exhibit will be in the Memorare Center 4019 Manchester Rd., Akron, OH 44319 Nov. 17 4:00-7:00 p.m. Nov. 18 9:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Nov. 19 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.





WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS... WE'RE SO HAPPY YOU'RE HERE!

Aman, Michael Bakita, Alex, Katya, & Georgia Bernard, Lucille Cosari, Ray, Kristina, Emma, Andrew, Jude, & Adelena Dimauro, Tony & Martha Drexler, Vincent Eland, Jerry Gatti, Anthony, Mary, Francis, Pio, Faustina, & Simeon Gray, Cheryl Hercules, Michael Lieser, Jonathan, Hillari, & Quinn Masters, Tyler, Vittoria, & Sloane McGill, Donald & Susan Ostervich, Joseph & Debbie Schneider, William & Elizabeth Sciarini, Stephen Sholtes, Colleen Sibbio, Michael & Christine Smith, Samantha Sommers, Jeffrey, Nikki, Gabriella, & Gianna Tydings-Oakes, Brian, Heather, & Carson



AND THE NEWLY BAPTIZED... WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

Peter Alan Erickson Isaac Cohen Falkenstein Layni Blair Gilbert Addison Elizabeth Gliatta Collins Elizabeth Hartong River Michael Lann Morgan Kay Laret Quinn Palmer Lieser Blake Francis Lockwood Jackson Daniel Lockwood Jovi Elaine Masters Sloane Marie Masters Quinn Brielle McFadden Everett Avery John Paul Nabuurs Calvin Charles Powers Raylan James Pratt Christian Buchanan Reed Isabella Grace Ross Emily Suzanne Rostedt Gracie Lynn Sabol Eliana Maria Katherine Salinas Annalyn Hazel Sebe Emory Lou Stevenson Memphis James Stripe-Stelter Monica Hope Thompson Hannah Marie VanDevere Beckham Michael VanDevere Ella Louise Vincent



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 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. 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).
- 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.
- 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 within us" (Eph. 3:20).
- Vote! Remember to go to the polls this Tuesday, November 7 and vote no on Issue 1.

RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM HOME!

A Religious Recycle Group will be stopping by our parish to collect religious items that need a new home. Items they take include statues, rosaries (broken rosaries are acceptable), crucifixes, holy medals, holy cards, framed pictures, prayer books and Bibles, as well as used musical instruments. Items they do not take include religious books, pamphlets, wax candles, and angel figurines (saint angels like Michael and Raphael are fine). Please bring your items and place them in the boxes in the Narthex no later than Sunday, November 12th.

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.

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Through the Angel Scholarship Fund, you can now contribute funds that will be used to provide tuition assistance for students to attend our school, and you will receive a 100% Ohio income tax credit of up to \$750.00 (single) and \$1,500.00 (married), against your state tax liability. In other words, the state of Ohio allows you to "spend" some of the state income taxes you must pay anyway to provide tuition assistance for students seeking an education in our Catholic schools. The Angel Scholarship Fund is a win-win-win for taxpayer donors, scholarship recipients, and our diocese. If you would like to contribute, see the form on the following page.

YOUNG AT HEART

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.

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, November 17th in Room 111 at 6:30 p.m. 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.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Cluster Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at **10:00 a.m.,** on Tuesday, November 14, 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.



ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Turning taxes into tuition with the Catholic Community Foundation

2023 CONTRIBUTION FORM

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

Donor Information	Spouse Information (if additional donation)
First Name: MI: Last Name:	First Name: MI: Last Name: □ Check if address is the same Address:
City: Zip: Phone: Email: Parish:	City: State: Zip: Phone: Email: Parish:
THANK YOU! We will share your contact information with the school so they are able to thank you for your support. <i>I wish to remain anonymous</i>	THANK YOU! We will share your contact information with the school so they are able to thank you for your support. <i>I wish to remain anonymous</i>
Donation	Spouse Donation
General Scholarship Fund for Schools in Most Need: \$	General Scholarship Fund for Schools in Most Need: \$
School of my choice: St. Francis de Sales	School of my choice: St. Francis de Sales
Total: \$	Total: \$
Payment Information	Spouse Payment Information
I am paying by: Check (made payable to Angel Scholarship Fund) Credit Card: Visa Mastercard Discover AMEX Card Number: Expires: CVV Code: U23ASUNKI	I am paying by: Check (made payable to Angel Scholarship Fund) Credit Card: Visa Mastercard Discover AMEX Card Number: Expires: CVV Code: Signature:
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or Monthly Contribution

Would you like to STRETCH your contribution into smaller monthly payments?

Register for monthly contributions at **www.catholiccommunity.org/angel**, email **asfinfo@dioceseofcleveland.org** or call our office for assistance at **216-696-6525 x3670**

COMPLETE AND MAIL CONTRIBUTION FORM TO:

Angel Scholarship Fund, Catholic Community Foundation • 1404 East Ninth Street • Cleveland, OH 44114

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Mass for the Sanctification of Priests and Vocations – All are welcome to attend this special Mass on Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish, 1580 Brown Street, Akron 44301. Mass will be followed by a Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction. All are welcome to pray together for our priests.

Graveside Service for Deceased Priests – AM 1260 the Rock invites all to join in prayer with other Rock listeners, Monday, November 20th at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery in Brook Park for a Graveside Prayer Service for the deceased priests of the Diocese of Cleveland. Participants will have an opportunity to pray especially for those priests who died in the past year and place flowers on the graves of priests buried at Holy Cross. For more information, visit am1260therock.com.



