

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 11, 2024

*Masses For
The Week*



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
 9:00 a.m. John Matthews, Sr. (Matthews Family)
 11:00 a.m. Charles Marshall
 (Aunt Mary Lu & Uncle Rex)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:15 a.m. Jerry Drexler (Ellen Alt)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:15 a.m. Edmunds & Berger Families
 (Linda & Tom Berger)
 6:30 p.m. Mary Ellen Trockle
 (John & Michele Steurer)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Jenny Blackenship
 (Pat Elaine Donohue & Family)
 9:00 a.m. Jeanie Voss Oakley (Mary Tammany)
 6:30 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Fana Family
 (Anna Fana)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, THURSDAY AFTER ASH
WEDNESDAY**

8:15 a.m. DeGrandis Family (Ruthie Kelbly)
 6:30 p.m. Tom Kline (Candy & Bill Kline)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, FRIDAY AFTER ASH
WEDNESDAY**

8:15 a.m. Annie Park (Bill & Pat Shea)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, SATURDAY AFTER ASH
WEDNESDAY**

8:15 a.m. For Vocations (The Serra Club)
 5:00 p.m. Mary O'Connor (Mary Anne O'Connor)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
 9:00 a.m. Phil Kicelemos & Mary Schell
 (John & Helen Deibel)
 11:00 a.m. Edward Murawski (Maria Murawski)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

VALENTINE'S DAY CANCELED

Okay, so it's not really canceled, but this year **Ash Wednesday falls on February 14, 2024**. Valentine's Day is "canceled" in the sense that as Catholics, Ash Wednesday marks the solemn beginning of Lent. It comes with two important responsibilities:

1. **Abstaining from eating meat** is the norm for all Catholics 14 and older on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. **Fasting for those aged 18-59**, where you eat less food overall than you would on a normal day. Typically, this is explained as only one full meal and two smaller meals which do not equal a full meal. This is a very personal standard – you should be eating less than you normally eat, but your "small" meal may be greater than someone else's large one depending on your needs. No snacking between meals. Those who are pregnant or need regular meals or snacks for medical reasons are exempt from this requirement.

WILL THERE BE A DISPENSATION?

Unlike Fridays in Lent where our Bishop occasionally grants permission to have meat to celebrate the feast of St. Patrick, there will be no dispensation given because Ash Wednesday is one of the two (the other being Good Friday) most important penitential days of the year.

WHAT ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY?

Those wishing to celebrate Valentine's Day with special meals or candy are encouraged to celebrate early. Tuesday, February 13th also known as "Fat Tuesday" would be a great option.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO DO ALL THIS?

We abstain from physical things like food and especially meat because this helps remind us of spiritual and physical realities, the most important being that, at one point, we will need to depart this world.



When you receive the ashes on your forehead during Mass at **7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (School Mass) or 6:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday**, the prayer that accompanies the sign of the cross with the ashes is *"remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."*

**Blessings in these final days before Lent,
Fr. David**

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- Confirmation Formation, 9:00 a.m. Mass then to the Gym until noon
- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Youth Group Super Bowl Party, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Night Prayer, 7:00-7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 9:00-9:30 a.m.
- Avila Holy Hour for Vocations, 9:00 a.m. (Church)
- Family Prayer for Students, 1:30-2:00 p.m. (Church)
- Lent Scripture Study, 7:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- Women's Study Group, 9:00-11:00 a.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- Lent Scripture Study, 9:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Men's Group Evening, 7:00 p.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. (Church)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- Ash Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 6:30 p.m. Masses
- Senior Euchre Group, 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)
- RCIA, 7:00 p.m. (Holy Family Room)
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Choir Practice, after 6:30 p.m. Mass (Church)
- Lent Scripture Study, 7:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- No School
- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30-3:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Eucharistic Prayer Night for Families, 7:00-7:30 p.m.
- Lent Scripture Study, 7:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- No School
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. (Church)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Cub Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Refectory)
- Youth Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Night Prayer, 7:00-7:30 p.m.



ADORERS NEEDED

Thank you to all who commit to a weekly time of Adoration. We need Adorers to cover the following time slots:

Tuesday, 3:00-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

If you are able to fill these slots, please contact Joanne Reich, 330-338-4810.

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.

Bill & Mary Simmons received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

February 3/4

	Offertory
Sunday	\$ 18,743.25
Assessment	\$ 95.00
Capital	\$ 237.00
School	\$ 395.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 859.00
Diocese Mission Office	\$ 40.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,379.25

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 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, 330-644-2225.

**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



MASS

- ~ Monday through Saturday, 8:15 a.m.
- ~ Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
- ~ Saturday Vigil, 5:00 p.m.
- ~ Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

ADORATION

- ~ Mondays, 7:00-8:00 a.m., 6:00-10:00 p.m.
- ~ Tuesday through Friday, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
(Breaking for Masses)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
- With SFdS School, Mondays, 2:15 p.m.
- With PSR, Monday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSION

- ~ Saturdays, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
- ~ Thursdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
- ~ Tuesday, **Cluster Parishes**, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
February 20 – Queen of Heaven
March 5 – St. Francis de Sales
March 12 – Nativity of the Lord Jesus
March 19 – St. Paul
- ~ **Diocese-wide Evening of Confession**,
February 28, 5:00-8:00 p.m.,
at all parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland

NIGHT PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Sundays, 7:00 p.m.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING

Featuring Guest Speaker, Fr. Jacob Bearer
Friday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Prayer Changes Things
Presenter: Mother Gabriella
Saturday, March 16, 8:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

PARISH MISSION: KNOWING FRANCIS & LIVING FRANCIS

Fr. Brian Stacy OFM Cap. offers a two-evening mission
on the spirit and example of St. Francis of Assisi
March 18 and 19, 7:00 p.m., Church

CHILDREN'S MISSION

During the Parish Mission, our younger parishioners are
invited to a mission of their own!
March 18 and 19, 7:00 p.m., Memorare Center

TETELESTAI: "IT IS FINISHED"

Cleveland Performing Arts Ministry presents a prayerful
reenactment of Christ's sacrifice and triumph over death.
Friday, March 22, 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 23, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 24, 2:00 p.m.



Catholic Charities

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend, we will have the annual Catholic Charities Appeal at all Masses. This Appeal is an opportunity for all Catholics to make a pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Cleveland. Your support helps them carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us all; "I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did to Me." Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services for the over 400,000 people helped by Catholic Charities each year throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS

Please join the Akron Serra Club for their monthly Mass for religious vocations. This month, the Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Parish on Saturday, February 17 at 8:15 a.m. The Serra Club fosters and promotes vocations to the ministerial priesthood and consecrated religious life. If you are interested in learning more about the Akron Serra Club, a representative will be available after Mass to answer questions.



REQUEST FOR 2023 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP CODE _____

ENVELOPE # _____

HOME PHONE # _____

CELL PHONE # _____

Please place this completed form in the collection basket and your statement will be mailed to you.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL OPPORTUNITIES



SUNDAY NIGHT PRAYER & BENEDICTION

- Every Sunday until Easter, come for Night Prayer and Benediction, 7:00-7:30 p.m.

MONDAY PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

- 1:30-2:00 p.m. on February 12 & March 18
- Parents and Grandparents are invited to come pray for their students, whether in our parish school, PSR, or homeschool.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER NIGHTS

- Every Thursday night until Easter, the following prayer opportunities will be offered:
 - 5:55 p.m. Rosary
 - 6:30 p.m. Mass
 - 7:00-7:30 p.m. Half-hour of Adoration & Prayer for Healing (1st Thursday), Priests (2nd Thursday), Families (3rd Thursday), The Protection of Life (4th Thursday).

DIocese OF CLEVELAND EUCCHARISTIC ART JOURNAL

- Our Diocese invites artists to share their love for the Eucharist by submitting entries for a Eucharistic Art Journal. The prompt is "What does the Eucharist mean for you?" Entries can be works of visual art or written works. The submission deadline is April 8, 2024. To learn more, visit <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/eucharistic-revival/art-journal>

To find out more about Eucharistic Revival events in our Diocese, visit <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/eucharistic-revival/events>. To learn about the National Eucharistic Revival and find great resources to enrich your faith in the Eucharist, visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>.

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world."
– Pope St. John Paul the Great

A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY:

On Wednesday this week we celebrate Valentine's Day as well as Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. This is a time to reflect on those we love as well as to reflect on how we can make ourselves better able to love the One who IS love. If during your reflections you come across any intention that you would like the Stephen Ministry Team to keep in their prayers, add your intention to the prayer box in the back of the church. We continue to lift all the intentions we have received up in prayer each time we gather. If you find you need additional one-on-one support, add your contact information to the prayer box and one of our Stephen Leaders will contact you.



St. Jerome said: "Where Christ is, there are the angels." So then, we can say: "Where the tabernacle is, there are the angels." Through Holy Communion, we ourselves become tabernacles, and adore the Lord in our heart with the holy angels. St. Bernard of Clairvaux said: "When Jesus is present with His Body in us, the angels surround us as a holy guard." Therese Holderbaum will give a talk on the Holy Angels at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room at the Memorare Center on Wednesday, February 21st. The talk will be followed by a discussion at 7:15 p.m. on Angels and how they help us to pray, especially in Adoration, (letter 5 for those in formation for consecration to their Guardian Angels). All are welcome. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at (330) 644-2225 for the talk and/or the discussion.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles of students in our parish school or PSR program or in homeschool are invited to pray for their students. From 1:30-2:00 p.m. on *February 12 and March 18*, join Fr. Jeremy for a Holy Half-Hour to ask God to bless and protect our young people.



NIGHT OF GIVING SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Please join us to celebrate 75 years of Catholic education at St. Francis de Sales disco inferno style! The event will be held at Occasions Party Centre on February 24 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. All are welcome. Funds raised will help our school finish their flooring project. Tickets are available at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/zRQ/>. If you or your business would be interested in sponsoring the event, see the flyer on the following page.



Thank you for contributing to the success of our fundraiser benefiting St. Francis de Sales Parish School!

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- Name/business logo on event signage

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- Social media recognition
- Name/business logo on event signage

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- Social media recognition
- Name/business logo on event signage

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DONATION INFORMATION

Donor Name or Business Name (how it will appear in print): _____

Address (street, city, state, zip): _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone#: _____

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Form of Payment (circle one): check cash Venmo Donation Amount: _____

Check/Cash Instructions:

- Fill out *Donation Information* section on this flyer
- Send payment and flyer to school via kid mail or to the address below
- If you are a business, email your logo to Mrs. Dougherty

Venmo Instructions:

- Fill out *Donation Information* section on this flyer
- Scan Venmo QR code
- Enter Venmo payment description as "NOG24 Sponsor"
- Send flyer to school via kid mail or to the address below
- If you are a business, email your logo to Mrs. Dougherty

Venmo QR Code



Please send in all donations and business logos prior to Friday, February 16, 2024.

Business Logos

Color logos preferred!

Please send to:

Mrs. Katie Dougherty

mrskdougherty@stfparishschool.org

Checks payable to

St. Francis de Sales School

4009 Manchester Rd, Akron, OH 44319

Tax ID: 34-079644

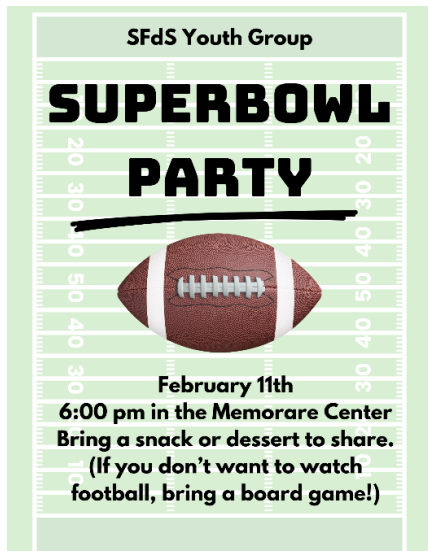
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ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2024

Save the date for our Annual Women's Retreat, March 16 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year, the retreat will focus on "Prayer Changes Things." The day includes:

- Mass
- Breakfast & Lunch
- A presentation on prayer by Mother Gabriella
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Opportunities for Confession
- Fellowship with women from around the diocese.

We hope you can join us and will invite your family and friends to share this day of renewal with the Lord!

**SS. ANNE AND JOACHIM PARISH CLUSTER
GRANDPARENTING GROUP**

This group is for any Catholic grandparent or grandparent-to-be. Meetings are generally the last Friday of the month at St. Paul Parish, 1580 Brown Street, Akron in Room 111 of the school at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend and grow in your vocation as a grandparent. We are currently reading a great grandparenting book together, enjoying a facilitated discussion and a witness, then a night out at the Waterloo following our evening meeting. Join us for our next meeting Friday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.

**QUEEN OF HEAVEN PARISH SOLEMN
EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS**

Please join Queen of Heaven Parish for Solemn Eucharistic Devotions on Sunday, February 18, 12:00-5:30 p.m. The event includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church, formal communal prayers beginning each hour (12:00-4:00 p.m.), and quiet prayer time. Vespers with speaker, Rev. Thomas Cebula, Pastor at SS. Philip & James in Canal Fulton, will conclude the devotions at 4:30 p.m. including a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. Afterward, a pasta dinner will be offered at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. The dinner is free but freewill offerings will be accepted. Reservations are highly recommended but not required. Please reserve your dinner by Thursday, February 15 by calling the parish office or sign up on our parish website at www.queenofheavenparish.org/lent2024.

**EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS FROM EWTN ON
AM 1260 THE ROCK!**

AM 1260 The Rock announces the following program changes to our schedule effective February 5: Join the Dynamic Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Monday through Friday at 4:00 p.m. for "**Beacon of Truth**", a show for listeners of all ages who want to strengthen – or to learn to develop – a deep, personal, loving relationship with Jesus Christ. Covering hot topics that are currently in the news and that may be causing people to lose hope; guests who address a specific topic like marriage and the family or sexual addiction; as well as your questions. Deacon Harold also brings his love of the psalms, music, and the many talks he gives at parishes across the country to each day's show. "**Kresta in the Afternoon**" will air for one hour at 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. "**Word on Fire**" with Bishop Robert Barron of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, MN returns on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Join Fr. Mike Schmitz as his popular podcasts "**Bible in a Year**" and "**Catechism in a Year**" have been reformatted for radio, airing daily at 10:00 p.m. Finally, Join host Ace McKay for "**Catholics Coast to Coast**," featuring some of the best Catholic podcasts Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. For AM 1260 The Rock's complete program schedule, visit www.am1260therock.com or call us at 216-227-1260. Listen on the radio, online, or in the mobile app!

LIVING BREAD RADIO NETWORK

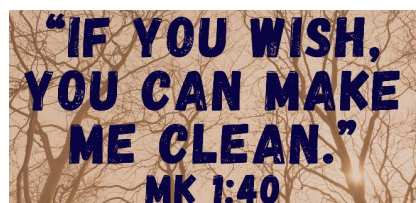
40 Days of Lent – Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving
The topic of Lent will be featured and discussed throughout Lent on the programs heard on Living Bread Radio – AM 1060 Canton-Akron-Cleveland, 94.5 FM Canton, and 89.5 FM Boardman-Youngstown. Learn more at livingbreadradio.com and on your mobile device; or ask Alexa to "play Living Bread Radio."

HOBAN GIRLS SPORTS CLINICS

Hoban High School will offer two sports clinics for girls. Girls in grades 6 through 8 are welcome to a golf clinic with Jimmy Beers Golf on Thursday, February 22 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Girls in grades K through 8 are invited for a softball clinic on Sunday, March 10 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. For more information or to register, visit www.hoban.org/tickets.

**ST. BERNARD'S HUNGER PROGRAM THANKS
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISHIONERS**

The St. Bernard's Hunger Program says, "Thank you!" to the entire parish for your witness of Christ to the poor. Thank you for volunteering in cooking and serving meals at St. Bernard's, for donating clothes, and for unending prayers and support for our brothers and sisters in need.



LENT

March 1

Praise & Worship Evening

Featuring Guest Speaker

Fr. Jacob Bearer

7:30 p.m.



March 16

Women's Retreat "Prayer Changes Things"

Presenter: Mother Gabriella

This one day retreat includes,

- Mass
- Breakfast
- A presentation on prayer
- Lunch
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Opportunities for Confession
- Fellowship with women from around the diocese

March 16, 8:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

March 18 & 19

Parish Mission: Knowing Francis & Living Francis

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offers a two-evening mission on the spirit and example of St. Francis of Assisi

7:00 p.m.



March 22-24

Tetelestai: "It Is Finished"

Cleveland Performing Arts Ministry presents a musical portrayal of the trial, execution, and Resurrection of Jesus the Messiah

March 22, 8:00 p.m.

March 23, 8:00 p.m.

March 24, 2:00 p.m.



ITE PROJECT

The ITE Project returns to Summit Mall to share roses and joy with the children of God. Join us in writing encouraging notes, wrapping them up in roses, and spreading kindness around Summit Mall on Saturday, February 17th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We'll be meeting at the food court. This is one of our most beloved service projects! Join us to make a difference and share the love of God with strangers! For more details visit, <https://www.theiteproject.com/events/roses2024>.

MASS FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS

Please join us for a Mass for the Sanctification of Priests and vocations on Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m., at St. Paul Parish, 1580 Brown Street, Akron. Holy Mass will be followed by a Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction. Please come to this Mass to pray with us.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You're invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day Spring Vigil! Join other Christians from February 14 through March 23 to participate in 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. During the 40-day vigil we'll gather on the sidewalk of 2127 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls. Sign up for a time slot at www.40daysforlife.com/cuyahogafalls. You'll need to create an account with an email and sign an agreement of peace. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help – please contact Michael at cf40days@yahoo.com.

MINISTRY FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The International Order of Alhambra is a fraternal organization of Catholic men and women founded in 1904 dedicated to assisting persons that are intellectually disabled or handicapped, particularly children. Within our Cleveland Diocese is the Cleveland chapter known as the Carmona Caravan, organized in 1948. In 2023 they celebrated their 75th anniversary of quietly serving the Cleveland Diocese, its children with special needs, and the agencies that serve them. They meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month on the near east side of Cleveland. Anyone interested in joining in the service to children with special needs are invited to come to a meeting. To contact the Carmona Caravan and for more information on the founding, history, mission of Alhambra, visit carmonacaravan.org. Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries has worked closely with the Carmona Caravan and is grateful for their many years of support.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Cluster Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, at Nativity Catholic Church. Please bring your shawls and any work in progress. 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.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

Queen of Heaven Parish (1800 Steese Road, Uniontown) will be hosting their annual Friday Lenten Fish Dinners in the Parsh Life Center. Lenten dinners, carry-out or dine-in, will be served Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. from February 16 through March 22. Dinners are as follows: fried or baked cod or three-fish tacos for \$12.00; shrimp dinner or combo shrimp/ baked or fried cod for \$14.00; pierogies, two slices pizza or mac-n-cheese for \$10.00; and children's or seniors' dinners – one piece fish (if getting fish) – for \$10.00. All dinners are served with a glass of water, bread and butter, coffee/tea and include two hot sides and one cold side. Extra sides and fish or pizza will be offered only with a dinner purchase for various costs. Soft drinks and desserts will also be available for purchase. Cash, checks or credit cards will be accepted. For more information, call the Queen of Heaven Parish Office at (330) 896-2345 or visit our website at www.queenofheavenparish.org/lent2024.

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