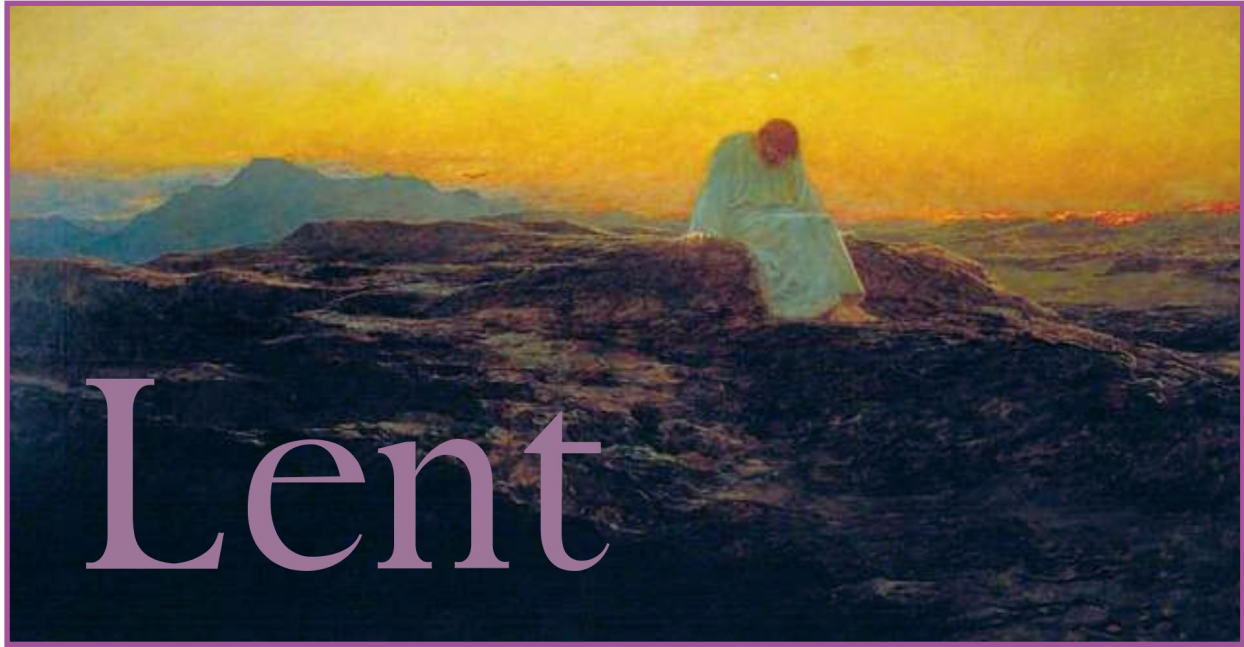


St. Francis de Sales Parish

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. and 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 10, 2024



SUNDAY, MARCH 10, FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
- 9:00 a.m. Bill Abbott (Jim & Sheila)
- 11:00 a.m. Shannon Swaino (Schenz Family)

MONDAY, MARCH 11

- 8:15 a.m. Adolf & Minnie Bauer
(Dave & Debbie Pekar)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:15 a.m. Bob Gardner (Marty & Liz Misbrener)
- 6:30 p.m. Fr. Schleicher & Fr. Byrider
(Susan Muzljakovich)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- 8:15 a.m. Jack Steurer (Linda & Tom Berger)
JoAnn Mitseff – Anniversary of Death

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- 8:15 a.m. Sue Shrake (Solomon Family)
- 6:30 p.m. Kathleen Sibbio (Anna Fana)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Paul &
Agnes Tammany Family
(Mary Tammany)
- 9:00 a.m. Betty Molnar (Kathleen Sullivan)

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- 8:15 a.m. Marcia White (A Friend)
- 5:00 p.m. Francesco & Maria Rosa Bonfiglio
(Anna Fana)

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
- 9:00 a.m. Tim Carpenter (John & Helen Deibel)
- 11:00 a.m. Jim English (Ruthie Kelbly)
Charles F. Schaefer – Anniversary of Death

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

HAPPY LAETARE SUNDAY!

We are God's handiwork. "For we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them" (Eph 2:10). Take a moment today and give thanks to God that He has made you. He has made you so beautifully, with so many gifts. Give God permission to continue to work with, in and through you so that His kingdom might become visible in this world.



Announcement. Congratulations, Ryan! We are happy to announce that Ryan Arto has petitioned and been called by the Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic for Diaconate Ordination. It is the responsibility of the Church to present to the Bishop suitable candidates for ordination. It is the Bishop's responsibility to weigh the recommendations of those in charge of formation as well as the larger Church community. Through this notice, the members of St. Francis de Sales are given the opportunity to offer their personal input on the suitability of this candidate for ordination, either directly to the Bishop or to me as Pastor of the parish. Your relationship to this man during his years of formation gives your input a special importance. We ask your prayerful support during these final days of discernment and preparation. Diaconate Ordination will be April 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. See you there!

There's No Place Like Home. This weekend, come enjoy "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday and Saturday evening, as well as Sunday afternoon. Our school children have been working so hard over the last few months to make this performance the best it can be. I am always amazed to see how gifted and talented our youth are in these moments.

Special Thanks! I want to give special honor and thanks to Diane Mellody for all the hard work she and her crew do to make these musical performances possible. Since 2007, she has worked diligently to make them a success. Thank you, Diane, for all the countless hours you give to help our youth realize their gifts and use them for God's glory in their lives. This is Diane's final year as Director of Musicals. Make sure to give her 17 hugs for her 17 years of service! Please pray that God will provide and bring someone to St. Francis to help continue the wonderful beauty of the arts!

A blessed Laetare Sunday to all of you!
Fr. Jeremy

P.S. Check out the blurb about our St. Francis Golf League! Note that we have changed the time, place, and day. Sign up soon!

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- School Play Performance, 1:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Youth Group, at MHS Musical
- Night Prayer & Benediction, 7:00- 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

- No School
- Avila Holy Hour for vocations, 9:00 a.m.
- SVdP Food Pantry open, 9:00-9:30 a.m.
- Lent Scripture Study, 7:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- PSR, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – PSR Reconciliation
- Parent Formation Session, 6:45-7:45 p.m.
(Holy Family Room)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- Women's Study Group, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
(St. Gerard Room)
- Lent Scripture Study, 9:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Parish Cluster Confessions, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
(Nativity of the Lord Jesus Parish, Akron)
- RCIA, 7:00 p.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. (Church)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30-3:00 p.m.
(St. Gerard Room)
- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Small Group, 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Archangels)
- Eucharistic Prayer Night for the sanctification of priests,
7:00-7:30 p.m.
- Lent Scripture Study, 7:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- Youth Choir, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (Church)
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. (Church)

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Akron Catholic Women's Retreat, begins with Mass at
8:15 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- Confirmation Spirit Day, 9:00 Mass then to the gym until
2:30 p.m.
- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Night Prayer & Benediction, 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, 2:00-3:00 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.

The Pfahler Family received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers **Eileen Sanders & Eileen Halaiko**. May Christ welcome them into the joy of eternal life and comfort their family and friends.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

March 2/3

	Offertory
Sunday	\$ 22,705.25
Capital	\$ 410.00
School	\$ 335.00
TOTAL	\$ 23,450.25

Our parish is blessed by your generosity!

WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

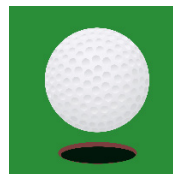
Are you new to the parish? To register as a new parishioner, give our Parish Office a call at 330-644-2225, see the priest after Mass, or join us at Donut Sundays to meet with a fellow parishioner.

"BE WHO YOU ARE AND BE THAT WELL."
St. Francis de Sales

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 *March 18*, join Fr. Jeremy for a Holy Half-Hour to ask God to bless and protect our young people.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES GOLF LEAGUE



The St. Francis de Sales Golf League will be back this year at a new location and time. We will play on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. at Turkeyfoot Golf Course and we start on April 17th. Season fees must be paid up front. Golfers need to sign up by contacting Dominic Rizzo for details at darconsulting@gmail.com or call 330-697-0777 before March 29th.

KNOWING FRANCIS & LIVING FRANCIS

Fr. Brian Stacy, OFM Cap. presents a two-evening mission on the spirit and example of St. Francis of Assisi. Fr. Stacy is a Canal Fulton native and currently serves as the Director of Formation at Capuchin College, Washington DC.

**March 18 and 19
7:00 pm
St. Francis de Sales
Parish, Akron**



CHILDREN'S MISSION

March 18 & 19, 7:00 p.m. in the Memorare Center



Children, ages 3-11, are invited to a mission of their own! We will be learning about the life of St. Francis of Assisi – just like the adults. Babysitting will be available for children younger than 3 years old. Registration is required. (Scan the QR code to fill out the registration form.) Students age 12 & older who would like to assist with either babysitting or the Children's Mission should contact Abby at agresser@stfparish.com.

SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE TICKETS

Stop by the parish office to buy some \$5.00 Knights of Columbus Super Cash Bonanza raffle tickets. The youth group will get \$2.00 for every ticket sold. 25 raffle prizes will be awarded, with the first prize being \$414.00 per month for TEN years. So, help the Knights, help the youth, and who knows, maybe help yourself!



The holy angels can help us delve more deeply into the mysteries of God and the deeds of His love. A sudden inspiration is, more often than we think, whispered in our ear by our Guardian Angel. Therese Holderbaum will give a talk on the Holy Angels at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room on Wednesday, March 20th. The talk will be followed by a discussion at 7:15 p.m. on angels and how they help us contemplate the mysteries of God (Letter 6 for those in formation for consecration to their guardian angel). All are welcome. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 330-644-2225 for the talk and/or the discussion.



REQUEST FOR 2023 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

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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.

The Students at St Francis de Sales
Present

The Wizard Of Oz

Performances are in the gym

March 8th, 7:15 pm

March 9th, 7:15 pm

March 10th, 1:00pm

Admission is Free

Donations are appreciated

Concessions are available



PARENT FORMATION SERIES

Parents of our PSR, parish school, and homeschool students are invited to a three-part series: "Creation in the Bible." Each session will include a short presentation and time for prayer. In addition, we will discuss how to share the fruits of your Biblical study and prayer with your children. We will meet on Mondays from 6:45-7:45 p.m. in the Holy Family Room on the following dates:

March 11th

April 8th

Come for as many sessions as you are able! Contact Abby with any questions at agresser@stfparish.com.

HAPII FAMILY WELCOME CIRCLE



This photo is of the Hapii family whom we are bringing to Akron in April as refugees and parolees from Ukraine. Sadly, the family has experienced the horrors of the ongoing war firsthand. We are a Welcome Circle; a group of parishioners from St. Francis de Sales, St. Paul's, and Holy Ghost parishes. Welcome Circles are authorized by the USCCB and the federal government.

As sponsors, our job is to provide housing, household furnishings, furniture, appliances, clothing, internet, food, transportation, household tools, legal aid, English lessons, driver's training, many types of orientation, find employment, and all basic needs of life. This is quite a list, and it will take some time, but our Welcome Circle is 100%

committed to accomplishing all of it! Our goal is to have them self-sufficient within 12 months. The family is eager to work hard to accomplish this.

So far, we have accomplished the following: arranged housing, acquired a full inventory of household goods and furniture, bikes for the family, a washer and dryer, and have raised \$15,000. But to make this all happen successfully, we need to raise at least \$40,000-\$50,000 plus acquire a reasonably priced, dependable used vehicle for a family of five. We receive no government funding. This is a daunting task, and we are working very hard, but we and the family need your help and prayers.

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the family during the Masses on March 9th and 10th. We have set up a GoFundMe page. Go to [GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com), click the magnifying glass icon to search, type in Akron Ohio for Ukraine, then do NOT click "done," but click on the search tab. Please share the GoFundMe page with all your family and friends – this is very important!

Mother Teresa said, "If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one." Jesus said, "Whatsoever you do to the least of My people, that you do unto Me."

We thank you for all prayers and support of any amount you can give! Any questions, please contact Fr. Jeremy or Chris Ross at 330-620-8108

**HOLY THURSDAY
AGAPE MEAL
MARCH 28, 5:00 PM**

**Before the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm,
join us for an Agape Meal, a gathering of Christian fellowship, in the gym.
RSVP to the Parish Office or on our website by Monday, March 25.
Please bring a side dish to share. Chicken will be provided as the entree.
Want to volunteer? Call the Parish Office at 330-644-2225**

**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.
- March 12 – Nativity of the Lord Jesus
- March 19 – St. Paul

NIGHT PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Sundays, 7:00 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**

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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.

**HOLY WEEK****PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.
Tetelestai Performance, 2:00 p.m.
Night Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

HOLY MONDAY, MARCH 25

Mass at 8:15 a.m.
Adoration, 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 6:00-10:00 p.m.

HOLY TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Mass at 8:15 a.m.
Chrim Mass at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist,
downtown Cleveland, 7:00 p.m.
Adoration, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

HOLY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Mass at 8:15 a.m.
Adoration, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Morning Prayer, 8:15 a.m.
Agape Meal, 5:00 p.m. in the Gym
Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.
Adoration – Altar of Repose in Memorare Center,
8:30-11:00 p.m.
Night Prayer and Reposition, 11:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Morning Prayer, 8:15 a.m.
Stations of the Cross, 12:00 noon
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord/Adoration of the
Holy Cross, 3:00 p.m. (with choir)
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord/Adoration of the
Holy Cross, 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Morning Prayer, 8:15 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30 a.m.
Blessing of the Easter Food and Baskets, 12:00 p.m.
The Great Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, 8:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.



"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

– Mother Theresa

This parish never ceases to amaze us! Between our Sunday collections, the Parish school and PSR families, the St.

Vincent de Paul food pantry is bulging at the seams. Your generosity is overwhelming! Please don't stop! We have one more week of specific items to help our neighbors in need. And it's the basics that are so hard for some to afford. Items like bathroom tissue, tissues and paper towels are what some folks consider "extra." Again, we ask that you simply add one or two items to your grocery cart this next week and leave them in the Narthex next Sunday.

The St. Francis de Sales School and PSR students have been terrific! Their generosity with no incentives shows great hope for our future generation. They simply understand the spirit of "giving."

The purpose of this Lenten food drive is to emphasize and reflect on the importance of almsgiving during Lent and to restock the food pantry as the needs of our neighbors have increased. We ask that you simply buy one or two of the suggested items this week when you do your grocery shopping and think about a person or family you may be helping with basic household items.

To have a well-stocked pantry, the focus will be on items we know are needed. In our final week, we ask for the following:

March 16-17: paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, tissues)

If it is hard for you to shop, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish always welcomes monetary donations. You can place your donation in an envelope marked SVDP and drop it in the weekly collection basket or place it in the SVDP collection box located in the Narthex by the ushers' room.

Why are we asking for assistance besides our annual Thanksgiving food collection? Because the need has increased significantly. In 2023, the food pantry gave out 270 bags helping 539 people. The holiday requests for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, typically average over 100 families per holiday. We are currently distributing 8-12 bags a week.

Here is a real case scenario to think about:

J. lives in subsidized housing, has a disabled son and does not have a car. A St. Vincent de Paul member takes groceries there every 2 weeks.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17

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. 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/>.

"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament ... There, you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth."
– J.R.R. Tolkien

A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Stephen Ministry Team continues to pray for all of the requests that have been submitted in the prayer box located at the back of the church. Please know that all of these prayer requests continue to be in our hearts and lifted up in prayer. Stephen Leaders check the box frequently to add your intentions to our prayers so please feel free to add any additional intentions to the prayer box, request more information about Stephen Ministry or to become matched up with a Stephen Minister.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

The South Akron Knights of Columbus will be hosting our annual Friday Lenten Fish Frys. The hall at 2055 Glenmount Avenue, Akron 44319 will be open 4:30-7:00 p.m. each Friday during Lent. We offer a \$12.00 fried fish dinner, \$13.00 fried shrimp dinner, \$14.00 baked cod dinner, \$15.00 seafood platter, a \$10.00 chicken tender dinner, and an \$8.00 mac & cheese dinner. All dinners include two sides: french fries, hot rice, coleslaw, mac & cheese or baked potato. Dine-in or carry-out. Orders can be placed in person at the hall, by phone at 330-773-3410 or online at www.akronkofc.com. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

SS ANNE AND JOACHIN 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, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

*A Lenten Journey with Mary***PRESENTATION***By Candlelight ****Monday, March 11th, 7 PM**

St. Sebastian Church, West Akron

7:00 The Seven Sorrows Rosary**7:30 Mary's Way of the Cross with Reflections from 'Behold Your Mother'**Presented by *Our Mother's Hands* ministryFor more info visit: www.OurMothersHands.org or call 330/800-0929

* candles and prayer aids provided

EXPLORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Here are some opportunities to connect with Catholic high schools in the Akron area!

Our Lady of the Elms Open House

Sunday, March 24 | 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Discover the transformative power of an all-girls education! Join us for an exclusive tour of our campus led by an Elms Ambassador. Connect with our dedicated teachers and coaches and get to know our vibrant Elms community. Learn about scholarship opportunities and financial aid options. Come and explore what The Elms can offer you. Reserve your spot at www.theelms.org/spring24 or call 330-752-2507.

Archbishop Hoban Summer Camps

Students in various grades are invited to experience life at Hoban, gain additional instruction, continue advancing in skill and have tons of fun during Hoban's academic and athletic camps. Learn more at hoban.org/summer-camps.

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 who 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 year anniversary of quietly serving the Cleveland diocese, its children with special needs, & 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.

PARISH CLUSTER PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Cluster Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at **10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 12, 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.



UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE

Catholic Renewal Ministries (CRM) is holding a one-day *Unbound* Conference on Saturday, April 6th at St. Peter's Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville 44039. Founded by Neal Lozano, Heart of the Father Ministries, *Unbound* is a safe, loving, effective model of prayer ministry bringing freedom to all. All of us have wounds and open doors for lies and bondage to enter our life, causing problems like fear, anxiety, hopelessness and shame. Matt Lozano, Director of Training, will lead the day in prayer through Five Keys: 1) Repentance and Faith 2) Forgiveness 3) Renunciation 4) Authority and 5) The Father's Blessing.

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