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Parish Registration:
Please see the Priest after
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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 OF EASTER
MAY 5, 2024**

*Masses For
The Week*



SUNDAY, MAY 5, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Bill Abbott (Jim & Sheila)
11:00 a.m. George & Jackie Schnitzler

MONDAY, MAY 6

- 8:15 a.m. Fana Family (Anna Fana)

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- 8:15 a.m. Marlene Dallas (Cousin, Carol)
6:30 p.m. Jerry Engler (Tony Galati)
Deacon Herrick – Anniversary of Ordination
Anita Colant – Month's Mind
Ellen Kurek – Anniversary of Death

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- 8:15 a.m. Wieslaw Fraszczyk (Maria Murawski)

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- 8:15 a.m. Margaret Swenberg
(Jim & Sally Casenhiser)
6:30 p.m. Edward Sboray (Kusnir Family)

**FRIDAY, MAY 10, ST. JOHN OF AVILA &
ST. DAMIEN DE VEUSTER**

- 8:15 a.m. Rita Vaughan (Senior Euchre Group)
9:00 a.m. Fran Schindewolf (McClellan Family)

SATURDAY, MAY 11

- 8:15 a.m. Barbara Lee (Amy & Jim Hilton)
5:00 p.m. Dorothy Herman (Family)

SUNDAY, MAY 12, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 7:30 a.m. Arlene Keenan (Kathy Boggs, Daughter)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
11:00 a.m. John Andrews & Family (Family)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26–16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13
or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

MAKE IT A MARY MAY!



As you enter the Memorare Center, you may have noticed artwork above the 2nd door entrance. One of our members, Louise Udovich, painted that beautiful image of Mary, wrapping her mantle of love over this place. We pray that as people enter this campus, as well as this building we call the Memorare Center, they may know the love of God and the love of Mary in their lives.



Recently, another image was added to the entryway. As you sit and wait on the church pew (which happens to be from the front pew of the church when it was in the gym), you can pray the Memorare Prayer. While many people know the prayer by heart, so many people don't know the prayer. As you enter this place, stop, take a moment and pray this beautiful prayer to Mary. We have an awesome opportunity to fly to her

protection, to be aided by her love. All we need to do is reach out. She is one of the greatest friends we have in this journey of life. Give her permission to befriend you this month of May and always.

This month, remember there are two times a week that St. Francis de Sales offers the Rosary. Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday morning right after 8:15 a.m. Mass. In a providential way, Reconciliation happens to be offered during these times as well. Strive to make the Rosary a priority this month of May. While praying in community is beautiful, I encourage all of you to pray the Rosary daily this month of May. Let's make a commitment to praying for ourselves and others on a deeper level. The Rosary is a great way to make this possible in our lives.

**Hail Mary, full of grace....
Fr. Jeremy**

P.S. Pray for Fr. Matt Jordan, a son of this parish, who is being installed as Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Independence, Ohio this weekend. Peace and prayers for you, Fr. Matt!

WEEKLY CALENDAR**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

- Donut Sunday
- 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. (Pavilion or Upper Room)

MONDAY, MAY 6

- 8:15 a.m. Mass in Memorare Center
- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 9:00-9:30 a.m.
- PSR Closing Mass & May Crowning, 6:30 p.m. (Gym)

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- 8:15 a.m. Mass in Memorare Center
- Women's Study Group, 9:00-11:00 a.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Mass in Memorare Center

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- 8:15 a.m. Mass in Memorare Center
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Stephen Ministry, 6:30 p.m. (St. Gerard Room & Archangels Room)
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- 8:15 a.m. Mass in Memorare Center
- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30-3:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Mass in Memorare Center
- *The Chosen Season 4*, 7:15 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Small Group, 7:15 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)

FRIDAY, MAY 10

- 8:15 a.m. Mass in Memorare Center

SATURDAY, MAY 11

- 8:15 a.m. Mass in Memorare Center
- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Upper Room)
- Young Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Gym

SUNDAY, MAY 12

- Happy Mother's Day!
- 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m. Masses in Gym

CHURCH RENOVATION

In May, the kneelers, pews, and flooring in the church will be refurbished! Due to this work, please be aware of these changes to locations for worship in May:

- Daily Mass will take place in the Memorare Center from May 6-18.
- Weekend Mass will take place in the Gym the weekends of May 11 and 12 as well as May 18 and 19.
- There will be no Adoration May 6-10 in the church due to staining.
- Confessions will most likely be outside by the side exits of the confessional unless otherwise noted.

Thank you ahead of time for your patience while we make these improvements to our parish home!

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"Without Me you can do nothing." Jn 15:5

Without God, none of us can fulfil our vocation, but with His grace, we can be the amazing saints He created us to be! Praying for vocations is a gift to your family, the Church, and the world. A great way to do so is by receiving the **Vocation Crucifix** for a week and spending a few moments each day praying in front of it. The fruit of your prayers will endure forever. Please contact the parish office any time to get your name on the list – call 330-644-2225 or email cwilson@stfparish.com.

The Stecz Family received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

ADORER NEEDED

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

Tuesday 9:30-10:30 a.m. & 3:00-3:30 p.m.

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

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome to St. Francis de Sales! To register as a new parishioner, stop by the school gym after Mass to have a donut and meet with our volunteers who can help you register, or call the parish office at 330-644-2225. We would love to have you in our parish family!

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Marilyn Hardman**, mother of parishioner Dan Hardman. May Jesus and Mary welcome her into heaven and comfort her loved ones.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

April 27/28

	Offertory
Sunday	\$ 14,835.25
Assessment	\$ 10.00
Capital	\$ 175.00
School	\$ 215.00
Ascension	\$ 1.00
Home Missions	\$ 310.00
Catechetical Services	\$ 200.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 45.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,791.25

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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.

Come Holy Spirit!

On Tuesday, April 23rd, our 8th grade Candidates and adults were Sealed
with the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the newly confirmed!

Nathaniel	Angelo Espiritu	<i>Valentine</i>	Asilo
Beckum	Vincent	<i>Lawrence</i>	Bray
Eli	Joshua	<i>Francis</i>	Clark
Joseph	Paul	<i>Patrick</i>	DiMascio
Sullivan	James	<i>Charles</i>	Evans
Zachary	Neil	<i>Ignatius</i>	Griffin
Sophia	Grace	<i>Rose</i>	Hardesty
Jeremiah	Theodore	<i>Michael</i>	Heintzinger
Alexander	Nelson	<i>Hubert</i>	Hercules
Preston	James	<i>Thomas</i>	Infante
Landon	James	<i>Pier Giorgio</i>	Jacobs
Michael	Clement	<i>George</i>	Kinsinger
Maura	Louise	<i>Faustina</i>	Kish
Grace	Therese	<i>Philip</i>	Klatt
Reed	William	<i>Francis</i>	Liberatore
Kieran	Thomas	<i>Anthony</i>	Patton
Kiely	Clare	<i>Joan</i>	Peters
McKenna	Rose	<i>Therese</i>	Peters
Ayani	Vela	<i>Catherine</i>	Reza
Gianna	Marie	<i>Dymphna</i>	Rowe
Alex	Curtis	<i>Sebastian</i>	Slone
Alexis		<i>Therese</i>	Thayer
Michael	David	<i>Jerome</i>	Troutman
Yirsob	Evans	<i>Sebastian</i>	Yomoah
David	James	<i>Bernard</i>	Mellody
Matthew	Joseph	<i>Dominic</i>	Clark
Anna	Maria	<i>Angela</i>	Salomone
Sophia	Teresa	<i>Joan</i>	Martin
Jaxon	Grayson	<i>Nicholas</i>	Ledford
Payton	Renee	<i>Claire</i>	Klockenga
Nathan	Michael	<i>Zita</i>	Hoffman
Natalie	Marie	<i>Isabel</i>	Clute
Hunter	John	<i>Raphael</i>	Kosmos
James	Bradley	<i>Dominic</i>	Misutka
Thomas	Rex	<i>Michael</i>	Walter
Emerson	Gabriel	<i>Michael</i>	Roberts
Hope	Ryann	<i>Pio</i>	Knight
Addyson	Kay	<i>Catherine</i>	Sebe
Lea	Teresa	<i>Maria</i>	Monsour
Marie	Lucia	<i>Bernadette</i>	Solomon
Jessica	Lynn	<i>Catherine</i>	Shell
Angel		<i>Benedict</i>	Catala

The Chosen Season 4 Join us Thursdays in May in the Upper Room

7:15 pm (After Mass)

May 2: Episodes 1-2

May 9: Episodes 3-4

May 16: Episodes 5-6

May 23: Episodes 7-8

Popcorn, coffee, and lemonade will be available. Bring snacks to share if you wish.

THE CHOSEN
SEASON FOUR



St. Francis de Sales Athletic Department

2024 Annual Golf Outing Signup Form

Saturday May 18th, 2024

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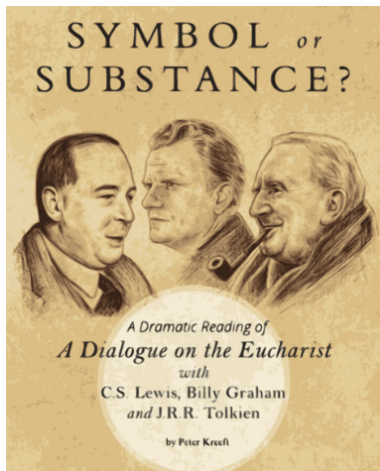
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MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS FOR LIFE

The Annual Right to Life of Northeast Ohio Flowers for Life sale will be held on Mother's Day weekend. Carnations are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and bouquets are \$10.00 each. They will be sold after all Masses. Please say "Thank you for the gift of life!" to wives, moms, grandmas, and loving friends, with beautiful flowers, and support Right to Life of Northeast Ohio's continuing efforts to promote the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

Next weekend, we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Stephen Ministers know that sometimes it can feel as if God is very far away. Consider allowing a Stephen Minister to walk with you so that you, don't feel alone on your journey. Stephen Ministers are the caregivers, but God is the Cure Giver. Contact a Stephen Leader (Ann Clark at aclark2@stfparish.com or Bill Dickey at wdickey@stfparish.com to be partnered with a Stephen Minister. Christ not only gave us Himself, He gave us community to strengthen us on our journey. You don't have to walk alone.



A new dramatic reading called *Symbol or Substance* (based on the book by Dr. Peter Kreeft) has been so enthusiastically received that Makeshift Theater is hosting this imaginary dialogue among Billy Graham, CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien, about the Eucharist this summer. Invite a friend to this highly entertaining and content-rich dialogue for only \$5.00/ticket and support local theater at the same time! It is offered on two weekends at the Akron Makeshift Theater, 833 Carroll Street in Akron: Saturday/Sunday, May 25 & 26, and June 15 & 16, 2:00 p.m. Parking is free.

CATHOLIC MEN'S NIGHT OUT - MAY 24TH

Join The ITE Project, Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler, and other young adult men (18-40) and priests for a night of fellowship, brats, beer, and a talk by Fr. Jeremy on *Masculinity of David: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly* on May 24th, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at St. Francis De Sales church (Memorare Center). Join men who want to grow in faith and fellowship with other guys wanting the same. Event includes dinner and is completely FREE, but registration is limited! Save your spot now! <https://www.theiteproject.com/events/mensnight>.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

MASS FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS

Please join us for a Mass for the Sanctification of Priests on Thursday, May 16th 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.

GOLF OUTING TO SUPPORT CANCER PATIENT

Anna Martin is a 28-year-old warrior. She was diagnosed with colorectal cancer two days before her 24th birthday, as a result of familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP). Anna received treatment for the Stage 4 colon cancer and was placed in remission in May of 2020, only to have the cancer move to her lungs just six months later. She has undergone three major lung surgeries, radiation, and numerous rounds of chemotherapy. Progress is being made, but she still has a fight in front of her. Anna's family and friends have come together to organize the 1st Annual Anna's Warriors Fight Against Colorectal Cancer Golf Outing on Sunday, June 30th, 2024, at Lyons Den Golf Course in Canal Fulton. Shotgun is at 8:00 a.m. There will be food, prizes, and raffles. The cost is \$260 per team. Call or text 330-617-6472 to register your team.

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP

The next Queen of Heaven Young at Heart meeting will be in the Parish Life Center in rooms 7 and 8 on May 6, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. The speaker is Stephanie Bohnak from the First Ladies Museum, who will talk about the First Ladies of Ohio.

DIVORCED, SEPARATED, & WIDOWED CATHOLICS

A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on Monday, May 13th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information, call Marlene at 330-607-6284.

WE'RE OFF TO ROME AGAIN

Only 6 seats available! Join Deacon John Amedeo AND Fr. Dismas Byarugaba from Visitation of Mary as we travel yet again to Rome, September 3-11! This tour will include the glories of Rome as well as day trips to Assisi, the home of Ss. Francis and Clare, and visits to the famous Tivoli Gardens and Hadrian's Villa in the Italian countryside. This is a small group tour, limited to 14 persons. For more information on this tour, please contact me at 330-310-1628 or via email at tivolitours.us@gmail.com. You can browse photos of previous tours at tivolitours.us

MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT SESSIONS

The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In office (3:00 p.m.) at Holy Cross Cemetery (100 E. Waterloo Road) or virtually (5:00 p.m.) via Zoom. Meetings are open discussions, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. The next session is May 19th, and topics include "Mother's and Father's Day Grief" and "Mental Health Awareness." We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

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