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St. Francis de Sales Parish



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Masses

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

Confessions

Thursday: 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00-9:45 a.m.
or call the office to make an appointment.

Adoration

Monday 7:00-8:00 a.m., 6:00-10:00 p.m.,
Tuesday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
(breaking for Masses)

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Please call the parish office at 330-644-2225
to make arrangements for

**Baptisms | Anointing of the Sick
Funerals | Weddings**

Arrangements for weddings are to be made at
least six months prior to the wedding date.

EDUCATION

St. Francis de Sales Parish School
330-644-0638 | stfparishschool.org

PSR, Youth Ministry & Faith Formation

Call the parish office at 330-644-2225 to enroll or
find out more.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Costello Family (Sean Costello)
 9:00 a.m. Charles Schillinger
 (Rosie Zaratsian & Family)
 11:00 a.m. Pro Populo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, ST. JEROME

- 8:15 a.m. Health & Blessings of Fr. G. David Bline
 (Kusnir Family)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD
 JESUS AND THE HOLY FACE**

- 8:15 a.m. Health & Blessings for Margaret Zeis
 (Anonymous)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, THE HOLY GUARDIAN
 ANGELS**

- 8:15 a.m. Jack Wood (Wife, Mary Lou)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 8:15 a.m. Dana Lonteen & Dcn. Frank Lonteen
 (Mike Lonteen)
 6:30 p.m. Anointing Mass
 Eileen Sanders (Linda Simko)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

- 8:15 a.m. Tom Pastor (Linda Pastor)
 9:00 a.m. Anita Colant (Kovesci Family)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKI &
 BL. FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS**

- 8:15 a.m. Assunta Berardi (Paul & Jackie Heilman)
 5:00 p.m. Blue Mass
 Angeletti & Schnitzler Families
 (Jeff & Gail Angeletti)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
 9:00 a.m. Robert Busson, Sr. (Matthews Family)
 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Hebert Family
 (Tammany Family)
Ben Donatelli – Month's Mind

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16
 or 10:2-12

**THE PRECEPTS OF THE LORD
 GIVE JOY TO THE HEART**



It is always good to remember that the Church offers us guides/ commandments/rules to live by so that we can be alive and spiritually healthy. Our Catholic Church has given us five precepts to live by that are the bare bones of the Christian life. We are called to

attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation; we are called to confess our sins at least once a year; we are called to receive the Eucharist at least during the Easter season; we are called to observe days of fasting and abstinence; and we are called to provide for the Church. Again, these precepts help us in our prayer lives and in our effort to grow in love of God and neighbor...which gives joy to the heart!

Becoming Catholic. If you want to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian and perhaps feel called to become Catholic, come join us on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorare Center beginning October 1. Contact frverbsky@stfparish.com for more information. Maybe you have been coming to Mass with your wife or husband for years and you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to look into this? Don't ignore the Holy Spirit. Let's get the ball rolling for you!

Blue Mass. This coming Saturday, October 5 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, we will be celebrating a Blue Mass for all First Responders in the public safety field...police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS personnel. If you are one of these, please come and give us permission to celebrate you and to pray for you. As a community, we need to honor and recognize the service of law enforcement and first responders. We also need to pray for those who have died in the line of duty. As we celebrate the Archangels' feast day this weekend, who have protective and healing powers, we thank God for the protective and healing realities that those in the public safety field bring to us on a daily basis.

Pet Blessing. On October 6 at 4:00 p.m., we call all pet owners and their pets to come to the Pavilion as we ask God to continue to bless our pets. Why do we do this? We do this to honor St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures and to remember his calling animals his brothers and sisters. We will pray and sprinkle Holy Water on them. I find that pets not only bring peace and company to one's life, but often call us outside of ourselves to live a life that cares for God's creation.

**May you find joy by living His life,
 Fr. Jeremy**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- Red Cross Blood Drive, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)
- PSR & Ignite, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- 33 Days book study, 7:00 p.m. (Holy Family Room)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- Women's Study Group, 9:00-11:00 a.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- Choir Practice, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- Holy Hiking, 5:30 p.m., Wingfoot Lake State Park
- Evening of Recollection, 6:00 p.m. (Church)
- AA/Al-Anon 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Upper Room)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30-3:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- SVPD Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Stephen Ministry Continuing Education & Supervision, 6:30 p.m. (Holy Family Room)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- First Saturday Devotions, after 8:15 a.m. Mass
- Blue Mass, 5:00 p.m.
- St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive, after 5:00 p.m. Mass (Pavilion)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- Donut Sunday
- St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive, after all Masses (Pavilion)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Pet Blessing, 4:00 p.m. (Pavilion)
- Cub Scouts, 4:30 p.m. (Refectory)
- Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in prayer the soul of **Helen Carruthers**. May she rest in the peace of Christ and may He comfort her loved ones.

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 Donation 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.

ADORER NEEDED

An adorer is needed for Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30. Call Joanne at 330-338-4810, if you are able to help with this time.

PARISH STAFF	ROLE AND EMAIL
Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler	Pastor frmerzweiler@stfparish.com
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INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you or someone you know searching for meaning in your life? Have you been longing for a relationship with the God who loves you? Have you considered that you could find what you are seeking in the Catholic faith? Don't be afraid to explore these questions. If you feel drawn to learn more about becoming Catholic, contact Fr. David at 330-644-2225 or frverbsky@gmail.com. Weekly opportunities to gather for prayer, reflection, and learning will begin October 1st.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"Live in a manner worthy of the calling you have received."

We each have a calling, and we each need prayers to be faithful to it. Please consider taking the **Vocation Crucifix** into your home for a week to pray for all vocations. Contact the parish office any time to get your name on the list: call 330-644-2225 or email cwilson@stfparish.com.

Therese Holderbaum received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

September 21 & 22

	Offertory	Faith Direct
Sunday	\$ 10,291.25	\$ 8,394.88
Capital	\$ 345.00	\$ 153.00
Catholic Comm. Fndn.	\$ 220.00	\$ 153.00
Assessment	\$ 10.00	\$ 63.00
School	\$ 300.00	\$ 128.00
All Saints	\$ 15.00	
TOTAL	\$ 11,181.25	\$ 8,891.88
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 20,073.13	

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

**FALL SMALL GROUP STUDIES**

Please join us to grow your faith!

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October 7-November 22, 2024

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- o 7 weeks – 2 hours per week
- o Small Group Studies – dates and times to be announced
- o Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the church.

For questions, please contact Linda Hetson at 330-819-6490.

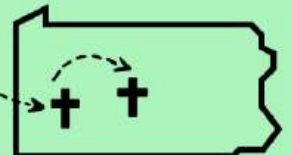
RESPECT LIFE ROSARY

The Respect Life Ministry of St. Francis de Sales Parish has arranged to pray the Rosary for the respect of all life on Sunday, October 6 at noon following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us on the lawn up at Manchester Road to give a prayerful witness for about one-half hour.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Holy Sites of Pennsylvania



Discover the sanctity in our own backyard! St. Francis de Sales Parish is offering a bus pilgrimage to holy sites in Pennsylvania on October 15, 2024.

Depart: St. Francis de Sales, 4019 Manchester Rd Akron 44319 at 8:00 a.m.

Stop 1: St. Anthony Shrine and Gift Shop in Pittsburg, PA, 10:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The St. Anthony Shrine hosts the largest collection of relics outside of the Vatican. Pilgrims will tour the shrine, browse the gift shop, and have lunch.

Stop 2: St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, PA, 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

St. Vincent Archabbey is the oldest Benedictine monastery in the U.S.

Pilgrims will have a chance to tour the basilica and crypt and attend Mass.

Return: St. Francis de Sales at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations & Cost: To reserve your place, call the Parish Office at 330-644-2225 before October 10. The trip costs \$55.00 per person. This includes lunch and snacks. Make checks payable to St. Francis de Sales Parish. Questions? Please call the Parish Office, 330-644-2225.

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Clothing Drive

October 5th & 6th

After each of the weekend Masses

Autumn is a wonderful time to clean out your closets and help Men, Women & Children who are homeless or less fortunate.

We are collecting the following items to benefit the

Peter Maurin Center, the Kenmore Free Store and Ozanam Center

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|----------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| * Winter coats | * Socks | * Long Underwear | * Hats | * Jackets |
| * Hoodies | * Gloves & Mittens | * Blankets | * Sweatshirts | * Children's winter clothing |
| * Jeans | * Scarves | * Boots & Shoes | * Sweatpants | |

Also any regular sized toiletries: • shampoo • deodorant • chapstick • lotion • sunscreen • toilet paper • disposable razors • Kleenex • baby wipes • bug repellent

You can drive up to the St. Francis Pavilion in the parking lot after any Mass to drop off your donation.

Any questions? Call Cathy at 330-730-2137



Serving our neighbors with the hope of Jesus Christ.



FURNITURE DONATIONS NEEDED

SVdP is collecting the following furniture items to distribute to families in need:

Love seats (no full couches), wood kitchen tables with 4 to 6 chairs (no outside plastic furniture), three or four high chest of drawers (no long mirror vanities), upholstered chairs (no large recliners), twin and queen size beds (unstained mattresses and box springs, with California frames. No large foot and headboards), bed linens for twins and queens, everything needed to set a table of four (mugs, glasses, place settings and silverware), pots and pans, small countertop appliances, such as coffee pots, toasters and crockpots.

Due to limitations on storage space, SVdP will be selective on the size of the items they accept. If interested, please call Don McCabe at 330-882-0004 to discuss delivery or pickup. Please do not drop off furniture at the SVdP Pantry and please be patient with us as we begin to build up our inventory.

WALK FOR THE POOR

Sunday, September 29 at 1:00 p.m.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Francis de Sales parish will be doing a "Walk for the Poor" at Firestone Metro Park at the Willow Trail. This 1.6-mile trail is on the Fall Hiking Spree and is rated an easy trail! An SVdP member will be in the parking lot at 2620 Harrington Rd. at the start of the trail collecting monetary donations and non-perishable items. We are always in need of peanut butter, canned meats and hearty canned soups. If you can't make the walk, you can always drop an envelope into the church basket marked SVdP Walk for the Poor. Thank you!



HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Want to help our neighbors in need? Our parish is teaming up with Visitation of Mary Parish on Saturday, October 5 to distribute food at the Ozanam Center at Visitation of Mary Catholic Church, 93 Kent Street Akron, OH 44305. Volunteers will meet at the center at 9:00 a.m.



Opus Sanctorum Angelorum[®]

Evening of Recollection

October 2, 2024

St. Francis de Sales Parish
4019 Manchester Rd, Akron OH 44319

Conference Topic:

"It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." – the Guardian Angel

Preached by Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, ORC
Canons Regular of the Holy Cross

6:00 p.m. Conference

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

with formal reception of the Consecration to the Guardian Angels for those who have completed their year of formation. There is also an opportunity to apply for the formation year towards the Consecration to the Guardian Angel.

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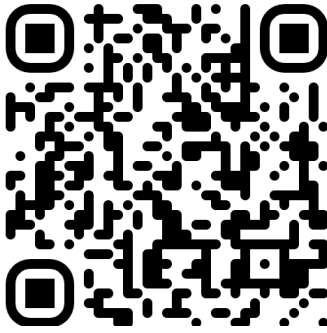
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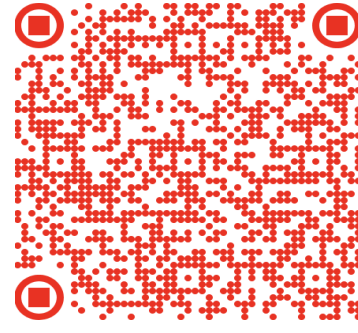
2024-2025 Basketball and Cheer Season Registration Is Now Open

Children in grades 3 through 8 who are members of St. Francis de Sales Parish, attend our PSR program, or are enrolled in our parish school are eligible to join our basketball and cheer teams. High School basketball is available for boys and girls in grades 9 through 12. Practice times will be announced mid-October, with practices beginning around October 21st. All those registering will need a NEW preparticipation form filled out in order to participate and receive a uniform.

Registration QR Code:



Preparticipation form QR Code



HOLY HIKING 2024

Join Fr. Jeremy for a hike on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. through October 30.

- October 2: Wingfoot Lake State Park Loop, Parking Lot off Goodyear Park Blvd.
 - October 9: No Hiking – Please hike on your own today!
 - October 16: Nimisila Reservoir, Parking Lot C4
 - October 23: Silver Creek Park, Pheasant Run Shelter
 - October 30: Towpath Trail, Vanderhoof Road, Trailhead
- Please sign up for the Holy Hiking Group on the St. Francis de Sales Flocknote to get updates and reminders. See you there!



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

What do Stephen Ministers do? Stephen Ministers are members of our parish who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for around an hour to listen, care, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. To find out more about how someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Bill Dickey (wdickey@stfparish.com) or Ann Clark (aclark2@stfparish.com).

BLUE MASS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
5:00PM**

A Blue Mass is a Mass celebrated annually in the Church for those employed in the field of public safety.

We invite police officers, firefighters, and first responders, along with their families and the families of those fallen in the line of duty.

All are welcome to attend and show support and gratitude to the men and women who keep our community safe.



October 2024



Seminarian Calendar prepared by Parents of Priests—Diocese of Cleveland

Calendar at: seminarians.parentsofpriests.net.

Priest & Seminarian calendar online at: priests.StPatrick.cc

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Angel of God, my Guardian dear		<i>1</i> Cameron Ferrell St. Mary Theology IV	<i>2</i> Nathan Frankart St. Mary Theology IV	<i>3</i> Joseph Truong Viet Ho St. Mary Theology	<i>4</i> Sean Neville St. Mary Theology IV	<i>5</i> Dc. Ryan Arto St. Mary Theology V
<i>6</i> Pray for the Seminary Faculty & Staff	<i>7</i> Dc. Christopher Cotone St. Mary Theology V	<i>8</i> Anthony Donatelli St. Mary Theology V	<i>9</i> Dc. Jon Hawkins St. Mary Theology V	<i>10</i> Dc. Jeffrey Lindholm St. Mary Theology V	<i>11</i> Dc. James Parisi St. Mary Theology V	<i>12</i> Dc. Brian Peters St. Mary Theology V
<i>13</i> Pray for All Pastors	<i>14</i> Dc. Kyle Rosser St. Mary Theology V	<i>15</i> Dc. Travis Seagraves St. Mary Theology V	<i>16</i> Cameron Galla Borromeo	<i>17</i> Luke Liptak Borromeo (Youngstown)	<i>18</i> Dominic Mellino Borromeo	<i>19</i> Adam Osbourne Borromeo (Capuchins)
<i>20</i> Pray for All Deacons	<i>21</i> Dylan Perman Borromeo	<i>22</i> Dylan Rhoad Borromeo	<i>23</i> John Paul Antalek Borromeo	<i>24</i> Dylan Ennis Borromeo	<i>25</i> Tate Johnson Borromeo	<i>26</i> Dominic Kucera Borromeo
<i>27</i> Pray for International Peace Negotiators	<i>28</i> Christopher Yankay Borromeo	<i>29</i> Thomas Byrne Borromeo	<i>30</i> Joseph Hoang Borromeo (Capuchins)	<i>31</i> Daniel Liberatore Borromeo	Gratitude is not only the greatest of Virtues, but the Parent of all Virtues. Cicero	

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Cluster Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, October 8, 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.



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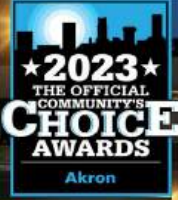
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