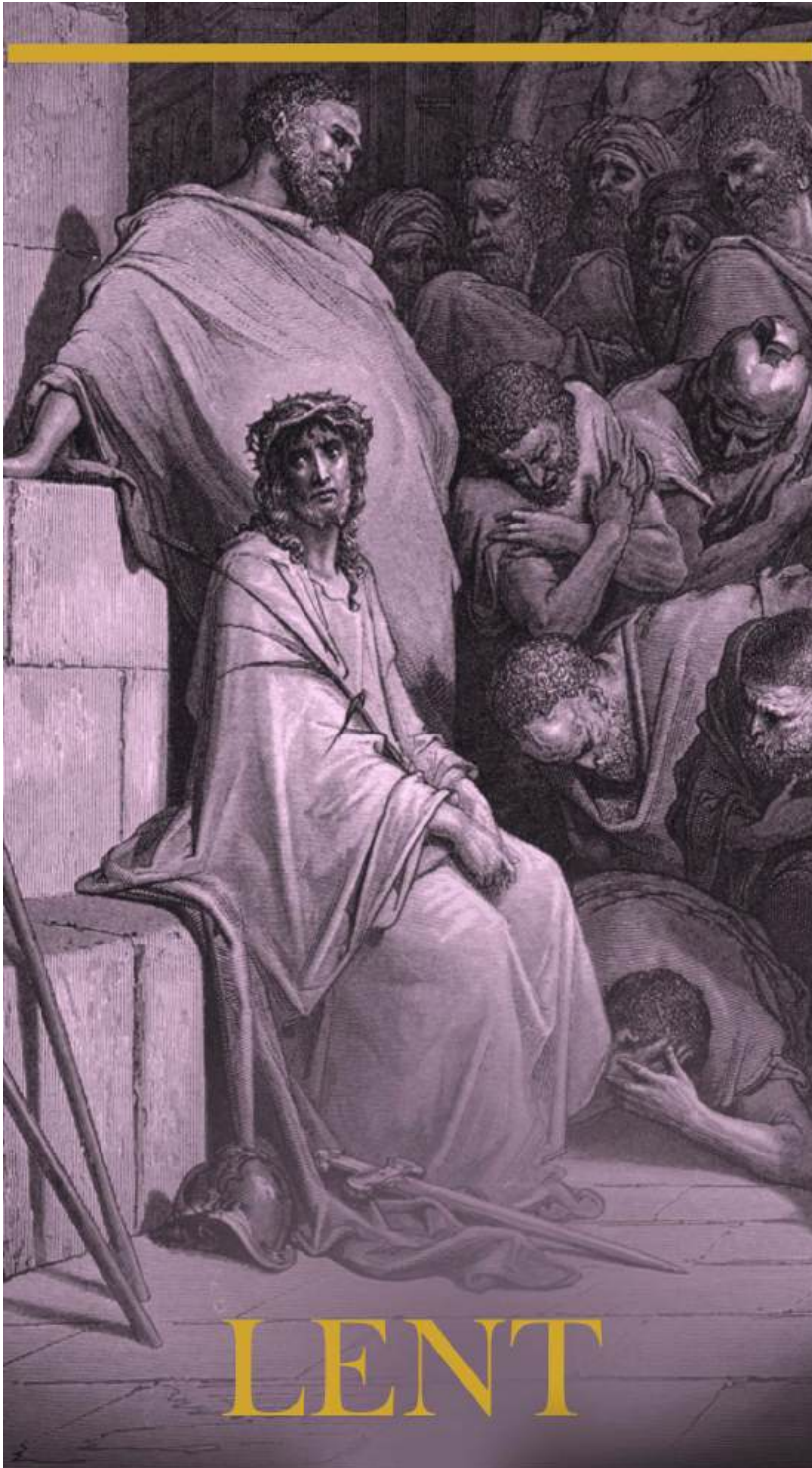


The measure of love is to love without measure.

# St. Francis de Sales Parish

**BE FAITH-FILLED. BE OF SERVICE. BE DEVOUT.**



## 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](http://stfparishschool.org)

### PSR, Youth Ministry & Faith Formation

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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 9, 2025**

*Masses For  
The Week*



**SUNDAY, MARCH 9, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
9:00 a.m. Stella Fraszczyk Zales  
(Daughter, Maria Murawski)  
11:00 a.m. Christine Naso (Women's Study Group)

**MONDAY, MARCH 10**

- 8:15 a.m. In Thanksgiving (Anna Mantel)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11**

- 8:15 a.m. Dorothy Akins (Mary Lou Swartz)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12**

- 8:15 a.m. Joe Kaufman (John Kaufman)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13**

- 8:15 a.m. Russell Eggert (The Sisters)  
6:30 p.m. Intentions of Karen Hanna  
(St. Francis de Sales Parish)  
*Margaret Hamilton – Month's Mind*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14**

- 8:15 a.m. Frank Williams (Karen Conroy)  
9:00 a.m. Samuel Thomas (Peggy Eckert)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15**

- 8:15 a.m. For Religious Vocations  
(Akron Serra Club)  
5:00 p.m. George & Elizabeth Stalter (Family)  
*Frances Schnidewolf –  
Anniversary of Death*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16, SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
9:00 a.m. Ronald Patrick Evans (Evans Family)  
11:00 a.m. Josephine Cefalu (Kelliher Family)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday:</b>	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jh 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday:</b>	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday:</b>	Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

**FACING LIFE WITH THE SPIRIT!**



*"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil..." (Lk 4:1)*

From that place of being filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was sent forth and able to face the devil's temptation. This truth is extremely important for us. If we are to face any temptation, problem, struggle, mountain, etc. we cannot face it alone. Jesus shows us what the power of being filled with the Holy Spirit can do in life. Come, Holy Spirit!

**Spirit Day.** Please pray for our 8th graders as they spend this Sunday in a retreat day of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pray that they can be consumed by the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

**Rite of Election.** This Sunday, March 9 at 2:00 p.m. in Cleveland's Public Auditorium, our Bishop will celebrate the Rite of Election. This celebration closes the period of the catechumenate. In this ancient rite of the Church, the Bishop listens to the testimony of the sponsors, godparents, and assembly. Based upon this testimony, he judges their state of readiness and "elects" or "chooses" them to receive the sacraments of initiation at the coming Easter Vigil. *"It is called 'Election' because the admission made by the Church is founded on election by God, in whose name the Church acts..." (OCIA 119).* Please pray for our catechumens and candidates as they journey to Cleveland with Fr. David and celebrate this momentous day in their lives.

**Thank you.** Thanks so much for your cooperation in singing the Holy Holy Holy (Sanctus), Memorial Acclamation and the Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) in Latin. I thought everyone sang beautifully on Ash Wednesday. The Vatican II document *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, states that "the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites" (36). I know as a parish we sang these Mass parts in Latin before Covid. Thanks to Mrs. Colleen McVicker, we brought them back for Lent. Thanks again!

**Come, Spirit, Come!**  
**Fr. Jeremy**

P.S. See you this Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. as we welcome Fr. Matt Jordan back for Mass and a talk.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

- Confirmation Spirit Day, 8th grade candidates attend 9:00 a.m. Mass then go to the gym until 3:00 p.m.
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Boy Scouts, 4:30 p.m. (Memorare Center)
- Night Prayer, 8:00 p.m. (Church)

**MONDAY, MARCH 10**

- Avila Holy Hour for Vocations, 9:00 a.m. (Church)
- PSR and Ignite, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Young Women’s Discernment Group, 7:00 p.m. (Archangels Room)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12**

- Senior Euchre Group, 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. (Church)
- AA/Al-Anon 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Upper Room)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13**

- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30-3:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- Rosary, 6:00 p.m. (Church)
- St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Parish Mission Night 1, following 6:30 p.m. Mass (Church)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14**

- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. (Church)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15**

- Men’s Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Rosary, 8:45 a.m. (Church)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16**

- Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Cub Scouts, 4:30 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Boy Scouts, 4:30 p.m. (Memorare Center)
- Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)
- Night Prayer, 8:00 p.m. (Church)



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Robert Burch, Doug Spitzer, Jim Misanko, Jane Collins,** and **Susan Russo** as well as friend of the parish **Richard Kapper**. May the Lord grant them the joy of heaven and comfort their family and friends.

**ADORER NEEDED**

An adorer is needed for the following time:  
Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Call Joanne at (330) 338-4810, if you are able to help with this time.

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**March 1 & 2**

	Offertory	Faith Direct
Sunday	\$ 21,286.00	\$ 7,426.50
Capital	\$ 294.00	\$ 154.00
Assessment	\$ 30.00	\$ 64.00
School	\$ 648.00	\$ 129.00
The Missions	\$ 35.00	
Catholic Relief Ser.	\$ 20.00	
TOTAL	\$ 22,313.00	\$ 7,773.50
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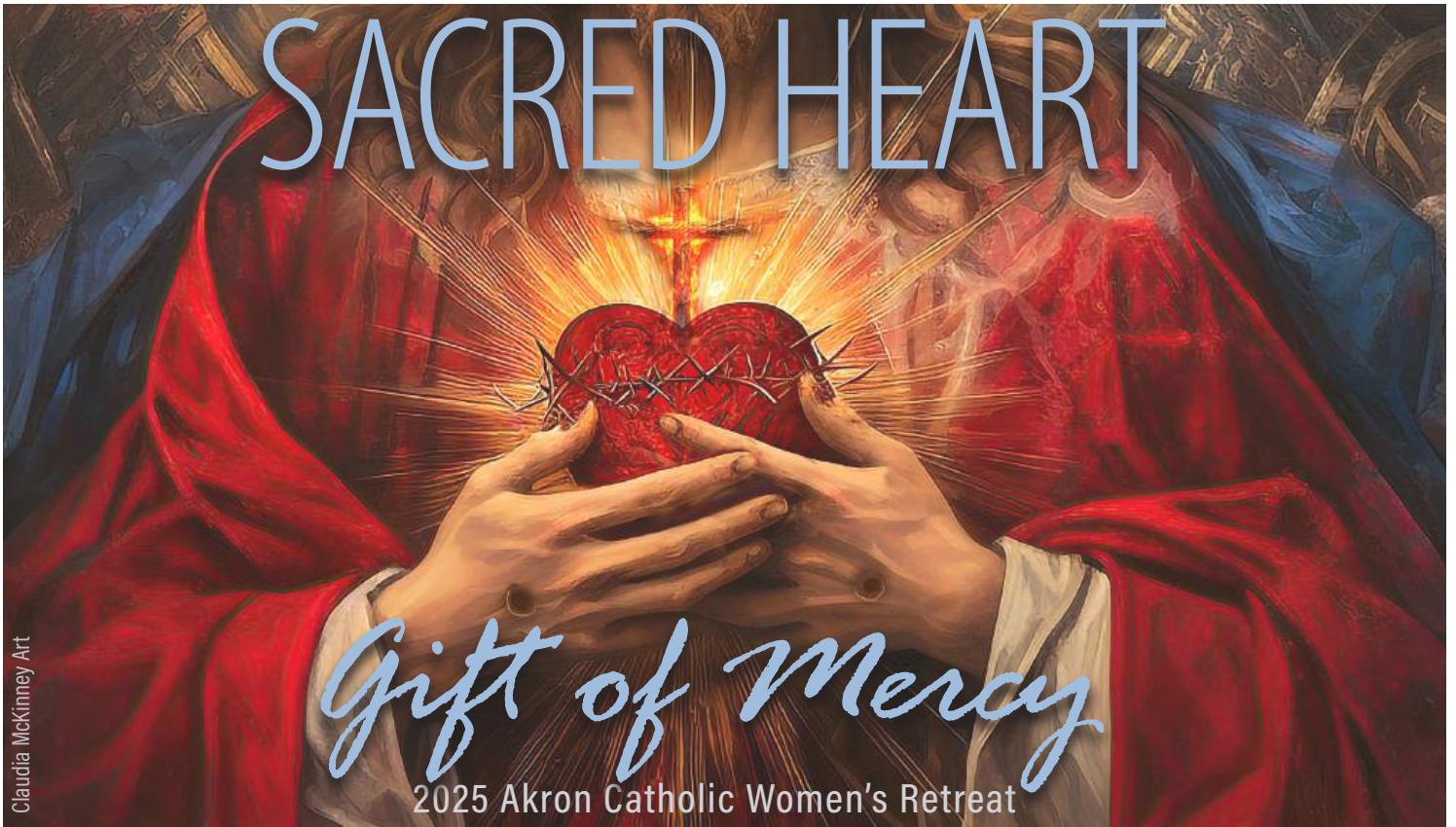
*Our parish is blessed by your generosity!*

**THE VOCATION CRUCIFIX IS BACK!**

Every week, families or individuals bring the vocation crucifix into their home to pray for vocations.

**Anita & John Foss** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

If you are open to praying for vocations, please contact the parish office at 330-644-2225 or cwilson@stfparish.com. There are dozens of weeks to be filled on the schedule.



**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM Mass – 3:00 PM

**St. Francis de Sales Parish**

4019 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio 44319

**Cost: \$30** Register by April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Complete form below or register at [stfparish.com](http://stfparish.com)

*"Through these sacred wounds, we can see the secret of His Heart." St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

**FEATURED Presenter**

**Fr. Joe Robinson**

Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish



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**Morning Snack and Lunch Included**

- Make checks payable to "St. Francis de Sales Parish" with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line.
- Mail completed form & check to: **Attn. Therese Holderbaum, St. Francis de Sales Parish** (see full parish address above).
- St. Francis parishioners may place envelope labeled "Women's Retreat" in collection basket or drop off at parish office.

**Questions?** Contact us at 330-644-2225 or [AkronCatholicWomensRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:AkronCatholicWomensRetreat@gmail.com) | Follow us on social media  

***"Hope is the beacon that shines in the darkness reminding us of God's love."***

***St. Bonaventure***



Journey with the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish and share "hope" to our neighbors in need. As we begin our first full week of Lent, we continue to add to the parish's Lenten food drive. The two-fold purpose of this 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 add one or two items to your grocery cart each week to share with the parish food pantry.

The food you supply provides hope and caring in our neighbors' world that sometimes seems to lack either.

To stock the parish pantry well, we will focus on items we know are needed. We are breaking up our food drive into five weeks with each week focusing on a couple food or home goods items. Please bring these items to the Church narthex when you come to Mass. Perhaps if you have a tuna noodle casserole this week, say a prayer for a family in our community that may be enjoying the same meal thanks to your donations.

We are suggesting the following schedule so you can plan your shopping accordingly:

**March 15-16: canned tuna, canned chicken, canned meals**

March 22-23: canned corn, canned green beans, canned beans

March 29-31: canned soups, peanut butter, canned fruit

April 5-6: paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, tissues)

We can always use assistance transporting these items after each weekend Mass to the parish food pantry located in the garage/office building on the right by the Manchester Road entrance.

Lent is a time of hope for Catholics – as well as a time for faith and charity. Thank you for bringing hope to the people we are honored to serve. We tell our neighbors that we are only able to help them through the generosity of our parish family.

Here is a real case scenario to think about:

B. cares for his elderly disabled mother. The groceries and tissues he receives supplement what he needs to care for her.

***"When the poor are starving, Christ too hungers." – St. Ambrose***



### **MASS**

- ~ Monday through Saturday, 8:15 a.m.
- ~ 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, April 7, 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.  
April 1 – St. Paul  
April 8 – St. Francis de Sales
- ~ **Diocese-wide Evening of Confession**,  
March 19, 5:00-8:00 p.m.,  
at all parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland

### **NIGHT PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

Sundays, 8:00 p.m.

### **FAMILY ADORATION – HOPE IN CHRIST**

*Renew your hope in Christ through Adoration with Praise and Worship. Families and children welcome!*  
Monday, March 31, 7:15 p.m.

### **PARISH MISSION:**

#### **THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE**

*Three priestly sons of our parish will share reflections on hope.*  
Thursday, March 13 – Fr. Matt Jordan  
Thursday, March 27 – Fr. David Stavaz  
Thursday, April 3 – Fr. Alex Clark  
Following 6:30 p.m. Mass in the Church

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Sacred Heart, Gift of Mercy  
Saturday, April 12, 8:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**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

**PRAY FOR OUR SOON-TO-BE-CATHOLIC BROTHERS & SISTERS!**

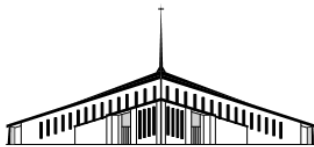
This Sunday, March 9, the catechumens in our Becoming Catholic group who are preparing to receive Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil will celebrate the Rite of Election with Bishop Malesic. In this Rite, their readiness for the Sacraments is considered and confirmed. From then until their initiation at Easter, they are called the "elect." For the elect, Lent is marked by prayerful preparation, purification, study, prayers for them from the parish community, and great excitement! Please pray for all in our Becoming Catholic group in these coming weeks!

**Catechumens**

*Jake Loar  
Jess Nicholas  
Jerry Perona  
Zane Renner*

**Candidates**

*David Heckman  
Diana Heckman  
Jeff Sommers*



**REQUEST FOR 2024  
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

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

**PARISH  
MISSION**

Save the Date!

**"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." 1 Pt. 3:15**

This March, we are welcoming back three priestly sons of our parish for our Lenten mission. They will each celebrate a Thursday 6:30 p.m. Mass and immediately afterward share reflections on hope. Mark your calendar to hear from these sons of St. Francis de Sales!

**Thursday, March 13 – Fr. Matt Jordan  
Thursday, March 27 – Fr. David Stavarz  
Thursday, April 3 – Fr. Alex Clark\***

*\*Please note change of date.*

**A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY**

You can play an important role in our Stephen Ministry because you may know of a friend, neighbor, or relative from our parish who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who is hurting, encourage them to talk with one of our Stephen Leaders to find out how Stephen Ministry can help. It's a great way for you to show how much you care! Contact Ann Clark (aclark2@stfparish.com) or Bill Dickey (wdickey@stfparish.com).



**AKRON SERRA CLUB MASS FOR VOCATIONS**

Please join the Akron Serra Club for their monthly Mass for religious vocations. In March 2025, the Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Church on Saturday, March 15 at 8:15 a.m. The mission of the Akron Serra Club is to promote new vocations to the ministerial priesthood and consecrated religious life, to affirm existing vocations, and to grow in holiness. After Mass, a representative of the Akron Serra Club will be available at the back of church to give you a prayer card to assist you in praying for priests and seminarians. The representative will also be able to answer questions about the Akron Serra Club. Your prayers for religious vocations during the Mass are appreciated.

## Discussion Questions

Bishop Malesic's Letter A Flourishing Apostolic Church

It is not too late to join one of our parish's small group studies on Bishop Malesic's pastoral letter this Lent! Sign-ups are in the church narthex. Every week, discussion questions to be used by the groups or for your own reflection will be printed in the bulletin. Whether or not you join a group, these questions can help you examine your own life of faith.

### Week 1 – pages 2-6

#### Part I

- When in your life have you placed your trust in Jesus and found comfort and peace?
- How can we encourage loved ones facing suffering to draw near to Jesus?
- How have you come to understand the Paschal mystery? How has it filled your life?

#### Part II

- Would you describe your relationship with God as a friendship? How so, or why not?
- Who have been the models of faith in your own life? How have they shared faith with you?
- What tangible or emotional space might you create to make time for 15 minutes of daily prayer?


### Week 2 – pages 7-9

#### Part III

- What do you think of the bishop's idea to add a daily Mass to your schedule once a week?
- Have you ever thought of yourself as a missionary disciple? What could that look like?
- What are some ways that we can begin to emulate Jesus?
- How does your celebration of the Sacraments help you to recognize God's grace all around you?

**SUPPORT FOR THE DIVORCED, SEPARATED, & WIDOWED**

A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on Monday, March 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, a retired Social Worker, will facilitate this session. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information, call Marlene 330-607-6284.



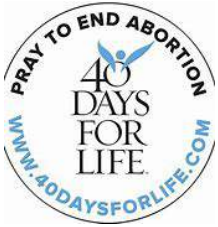
**SUPPORT OUR PARISH SCHOOL IN THREE EASY STEPS**

You can direct the state tax dollars that you already pay to support our school through the Angel Scholarship Program! All it takes is three steps:

1. Review your tax liability from last year (2023 1040 IT, line 8c) to help estimate the amount of your tax liability this year.
2. Make an ASF donation by April 15 at: [www.catholiccommunity.org/angel](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel). While your donation can be any amount, the scholarship tax credit is limited to \$750.00 per taxpayer (\$1,500.00 for married filing jointly) and cannot exceed your state tax liability for 2024.
3. Claim the scholarship tax credit on your 2024 Ohio income tax return. You will receive a receipt for your Angel Scholarship donation that can be sent with your 2024 state tax return to obtain the credit.

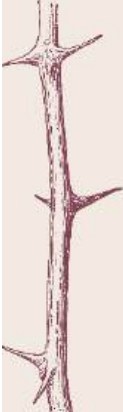
**MASS FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS**

Please join us for a Mass for the Sanctification of Priests at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20th and April 10th at St. Paul Parish, 1580 Brown Street, Akron. Holy Mass will be followed by a Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction.



**FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE**

You're invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil to end abortion. Join members of St. Joseph Prolife Ministry and other Christians from March 5 through April 12 (no Sundays) from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. to participate in the Lenten 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will gather on the sidewalk of 2127 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Register at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/cuyahogafalls>. If you'd like more information or to volunteer to help, contact Mike and Rita Vitale at [cf40days@yahoo.com](mailto:cf40days@yahoo.com) or 330-990-8076.



Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days.

Lk 4:1

# Introduction to the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours)

Come join us this Lent to learn more about the prayer of the Church during two sessions:

**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** after 5:00 pm Mass (approx 6:15)  
*WHY pray the Divine Office?*

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** after 5:00 pm Mass (approx 6:15)  
*HOW to pray the Divine Office*

We will explore "the very prayer which Christ himself together with his Body addresses to the Father." (Pope Pius VI)



## VOCATION OFFICE OPPORTUNITIES

The Cleveland Diocese Vocation Office is offering many events for young men interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or religious life!

- **R & R (Receive & Remain):** R & R Includes a time of Adoration with praise and worship at 6:45 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m. with the seminary community and pizza after Mass. The event takes place in Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd Chapel at the Seminary on March 27 and April 24.
- **Duc in Altum:** This is a Come and See at Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminaries where men can experience life at the seminary. Upcoming dates are March 29-30. Call 440-943-7631 or visit [CLEpriesthood.org](http://CLEpriesthood.org) to register!

## ROMAN PILGRIMAGE

Deacon John Amedo of St. Paul's Parish is leading a pilgrimage to Rome November 30<sup>th</sup>-December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Pilgrims will enjoy Rome's 50-60-degree weather in December, see the city decorated for Christmas, sample culinary delights, visit the Holy Doors in this Jubilee Year, and tour many beautiful churches. The cost for this tour is \$2,950.00 plus airfare and includes all of your meals, ground transportation while we are in Rome, all tickets and tour costs and gratuities. There is a limit of fourteen spots on this intimate tour of the eternal city. For more information, contact Deacon John at 330-310-1628 [deaconjohna2015@gmail.com](mailto:deaconjohna2015@gmail.com) or visit [tivolitours.us](http://tivolitours.us).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

### **A Retreat for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Attention, youth! Enjoy relationships with Jesus and others and grow in your spiritual life this spring. Chesterton Academy of Akron is offering a retreat for youth in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Paul's in Akron. The focus is on prayer and the importance of relationships and community in the spirit of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Registration is limited! The cost is \$25.00 per youth. More information on the website: [akronchestertonacademy.org/events](http://akronchestertonacademy.org/events).

### **Young Adult Volunteers Needed for Retreat!**

The ITE Project is hosting the above one-day Teen Spring Retreat focused on prayer and community in the spirit of St. Ignatius of Loyola for The Chesterton Academy of Akron on March 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Parish in Akron! We need volunteers to help us with setting up, serving lunch, and breaking down this very special event! Please sign up via this link: <https://www.theiteproject.com/events/chesterton>.

## TRANSFORMATION NIGHT

Encounter School of Ministry announces a Transformation Night on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in Hudson. The theme is Evangelization and Apologetics: Complementary tools for the great commission. Fr. Damian Ference is our 2025 guest speaker. Come join us for Praise and Worship by the St. Mary's Hudson LifeTeen Band, a great talk, and opportunities for personal prayer from prayer teams. Hope to see you there!



**NOTES ABOUT HOLY WEEK 2025**

This year, we will once again have the Holy Thursday Agape Meal at 5:00 p.m. before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on April 17th. We will not have a 7:00 p.m. Good Friday liturgy; we will only have the 3:00 p.m. liturgy. On Holy Saturday, April 19th, the Easter Vigil will begin at 9:00 p.m. Watch the bulletin for our full Holy Week schedule in the next few weeks!

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