

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.

## SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

*Masses For  
The Week*



### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
9:00 a.m. Intentions of LuAnn & Don Thomas  
(Linda Simko)  
11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Yasechko  
(Bill & Kathleen Albrecht)

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC

- 8:15 a.m. Wendy Freshwater (Mariza Meredith)

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

- 8:15 a.m. Mass moved to 7:30 a.m. today  
7:30 a.m. John Geig (Chris Geig)  
9:00 a.m. School Mass – Anna & John Pitsch  
(Pitsch Family)  
Barbara Banks – Anniversary of Death

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 8:15 a.m. Leo Hilt (LuAnn Thomas)

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, THANKSGIVING

- 9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Voyk & Stavarz  
Families (Family)

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 8:15 a.m. Intentions of Chris & Mary Anne DeCenzo  
on their 50th Anniversary (Family)  
No School Mass

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 8:15 a.m. Intentions of Michael & Loretta Williams  
on their 50th Anniversary  
(Paul & Anne Williams)  
5:00 p.m. Joseph Carlucci (Carlucci Family)

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:30 a.m. Don Paridon (Jerry & Rosanne Paridon)  
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
11:00 a.m. Leonard "Mooch" Morlan  
(Dan & Sue Wargo)



## A THANKFUL HEART

Just this past week, I went on my annual silent retreat. This year, I went to St. Vincent in Latrobe, PA and spent a week with the Benedictine monks. It happens to be the place where the Steelers practice (forgive me 😊). Because of this, Keith Obermeier, who is in formation – along with Joe Hercules – to be a deacon in our diocese, offered to write this week's bulletin reflection...

*A minor inconvenience, like driving a rental car, recently provided me with a valuable Thanksgiving lesson. The subtle differences in the rental made me realize the comforts of my own car that I had been taking for granted. This experience highlighted how easily we overlook the numerous gifts God provides. Like the Thanksgiving song, it's good to take time to "Count Your Blessings."*

*I am grateful for my family and the comfortable life we lead, the strong faith foundation from my church family at St. Francis de Sales, and my opportunity to further my faith journey in the Diaconate formation program. Above all, I am thankful for the precious gifts God has given us all, especially the Blessed Sacrament. The very word "Eucharist" derives from the Greek word for "Thanksgiving." During the consecration when the priest prays "Do this in remembrance of Me," it is a fitting moment to offer a heartfelt "thank-you" to God for this Holy Gift.*

*Most of us have been given far more than we need. It is important to remember those who are less comfortable, especially as food security has become a significant problem in our community. Please remember to share from our overflowing cups. On Thanksgiving, the St. Vincent de Paul society will collect donations of food and money to stock the food pantry. Please bring something to share at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Thursday, and begin your holiday by giving thanks to God, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Thank you for your continued prayers for those in formation. I have been assigned to serve the St. Anthony community in North Hill this year. Being in a new parish is another opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and recognize the wonderful gifts of my home parish. Our greatest growth often comes when we allow ourselves to be uncomfortable, roll up our sleeves, and become a part of God's workforce. Keep your heart open to His call; it is a beautiful journey.*

– Keith

As we approach Thanksgiving, know of my gratitude and thanksgiving for all of you, especially as you pray and live for His glory!

**With gratitude for you,  
Fr. Jeremy**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
**Friday:** Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Dan 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36  
**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

- Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Prayers for Healing, after 11:00 a.m. Mass, meet by the St. Anthony statue
- Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

- PSR & Ignite, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

- 8:15 a.m. Mass moved to 7:30 a.m.
- School Grandparents’ Day
- No Becoming Catholic Session
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. (Church)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

- No School
- Parish Office Closed
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Refectory)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

- Happy Thanksgiving! Mass at 9:30 a.m.
- No School
- Parish Office Closed
- No SVdP Food Pantry

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

- No School
- Parish Office Closed

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

- Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 11:00 a.m. Mass
- No Youth Group

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**  
November 15 & 16

	Offertory
Sunday	14,300.00
Capital	180.00
School	370.00
All Saints Day	25.00
Campaign for Human Development	220.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,095.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**ADORER NEEDED**

An adorer is needed for the following time: Fridays, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Please call Joanne at 330-338-4810, if you are able to help with this time.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN FORMATION**

Please pray for those in our parish who are in formation:  
 Joshua Stecz – Seminarian  
 Joe Hercules – Candidate for Permanent Diaconate  
 Keith Obermeier – Candidate for Permanent Diaconate

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.”*

The parish staff is thankful for you, our holy, beautiful community! In observance of Thanksgiving, the Parish Office will be closed November 26 through November 30. Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome! We wish you a blessed celebration with family and friends and grace to fill your hearts with peace.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

*“A vocation is never a treasure stored away in the heart. Rather, it grows and is strengthened within a community that believes, loves and hopes.”*

*Pope Francis*

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



## Advent Mission with Dr. John Bergsma

Thursday, December 4, 2025

on the Biblical Roots of  
the Jubilee Year



### One-Night Advent Mission

5:30 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Mass

7:10 p.m. Dr. Bergsma's Presentation  
"Jesus and the Jubilee"

Come celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope! This one-night Advent Mission at St. Francis de Sales is a perfect opportunity to experience the gift of this special year and learn about its ancient Biblical roots. The evening will begin with regularly scheduled Confessions at 5:30 p.m. and Mass at 6:30 p.m. After Mass, at 7:10 p.m., there will be a presentation by Dr. John Bergsma, a highly-respected Catholic Biblical scholar from the St. Paul Center in Steubenville, Ohio. Dr. Bergsma's presentation is entitled "Jesus and the Jubilee". All are welcome for any part of the evening!

St. Francis de Sales Parish - 4019 Manchester Rd. Akron, OH 44319 - 330-644-2225

# Advent Women's MORNING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, December 6th, 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This Advent, join other women of faith to reflect on God's gift of peace.

We will gather in the church at 8:15 a.m. to begin the day with Mass.

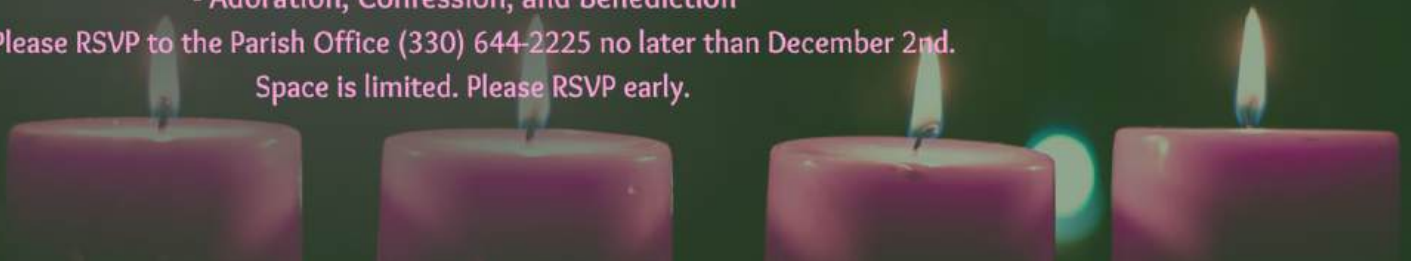
The morning will include:

- Holy Mass and the Rosary with First Saturday meditations
- A light breakfast in the Memorare Center
- A presentation on Peace and the Fatima Apparitions
- Adoration, Confession, and Benediction

Please RSVP to the Parish Office (330) 644-2225 no later than December 2nd.

Space is limited. Please RSVP early.

In His time,  
fullness of  
*peace*  
forever.



**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the souls of **Carol Kauderer**, sister of parishioner Jan Dodson, and **Dean Weirtz**, uncle of parishioner Todd Vesco. *May God welcome them into the joy of heaven and comfort their family and friends.*

**AN UPDATE FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**



The generosity of this parish never ceases to amaze us! The St. Vincent de Paul Society winter clothing drive collected enough items for 13 area agencies who directly help the poor and homeless. SVdP members took your donations to God's Closet Green,

International Welcome Center, ASIA, Inc., CORE, Kenmore Free Store, Ozanam Center, St. Bernard's, Common Threads, and Good Neighbors in Green, Wooster Superior, Cuyahoga Falls and Tallmadge. We sincerely thank you for wanting to keep our most vulnerable neighbors in warm clothing this winter.

At this time, our furniture group could use gently used twin beds, mattresses with box springs, chests of drawers and love seats. Please call Don McCabe at 330-685-4638 for arrangements.

And last but not least, don't forget to bring your non-perishable items to the parish Thanksgiving Mass. This tradition started decades ago and our parish has always responded with a generous heart. This collection will help with the Christmas basket distribution and keep us supplied through the winter months. The need is great!!!

*Mass Time Change*

**Tuesday, November 25 only**

This week, on Tuesday, November 25, the 8:15 a.m. Mass will be moved to 7:30 a.m. for just one day. The school is having their Grandparents' Day celebration that morning, and they are expecting over 800 people. To facilitate traffic in the parking lot and keep everyone safe, we need to move the morning Mass to 7:30 a.m. that day. We are sorry for the inconvenience and late notice.

*Moms of Littles and St. Nicholas Day Party*



The Moms of Littles group will meet on December 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorare Center. We will also be gathering for a St. Nicholas Day celebration on Saturday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Gerard Room. Come join us for fellowship with other young families!

**HEALING PRAYER**

This Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, the St. Francis Healing Ministry will be available to pray with you for healing following Mass. Do you have an upcoming surgery or test? Do you suffer from some chronic illness, or something new? Jesus, Our Healer, is here for you. Come to the back left of the church, by the St. Anthony statue following 11:00 a.m. Mass for prayers.



**ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Turning taxes into tuition*



**HOW TO DONATE:**

1. Visit the Catholic Community- Angel Scholarship Fund website.
2. Donate up to \$750 (filing single) or \$1500 (filing joint) for a state tax credit.
3. **IMPORTANT:** Indicate **St. Francis de Sales** as the recipient of your donation to ensure we receive your funds!

**NEW FOR 2026-2027**

Donate \$500-750 (single) or \$1000-1500 (joint) and receive an entry token for a cash drawing reward! The more donations equal the higher reward!

Single donation = 1 entry token  
Joint donation = 2 entry tokens

Drawing will likely be early summer 2026.

**COMING SOON!**

Coming for Tax Year 2027, a new **federal tax credit** allowing taxpayers to get a credit for donations made to Scholarship Granting Organizations (Angel Scholarship). The credit will take effect on January 1, 2027. Individuals can claim a maximum credit of \$1,700 (\$3,400 for married couples)!

**To donate, scan the QR Code or visit**

<https://www.catholiccommunity.org/support/catholic-education/angel-scholarship-fund>



Help our children grow in faith!  
Donate to the Angel Scholarship Fund!



### CONFESSIONS

- Thursdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
- Cluster Communal Penance  
Tuesday, December 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Queen of Heaven, Green

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### SUNDAY NIGHT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Every Sunday during Advent – November 30,  
December 7, 14, and 21 – join us for night prayer from  
8:00-8:30 p.m. in the church.

### ADVENT MISSION WITH DR. JOHN BERGSMA

Come celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope in a one-night  
Advent Mission on Thursday, December 4!

**Confessions:** 5:30-6:15 p.m.

**Mass:** 6:30 p.m.

**Presentation by Dr. John Bergsma**

**"Jesus and the Jubilee":** 7:10 p.m.

See the announcement in this bulletin for full details.

### ADVENT WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, December 6, 8:15 a.m.-12:00 noon

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

*Holy Day of Obligation, no Vigil Mass*

Monday, December 8 – 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.

#### **Feast of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas**

Wednesday, December 24,

Vigil – 4:00 p.m. (Children's Choir)

6:00 p.m.

Midnight (Choir Prelude at 11:30 p.m.)

Thursday, December 25 – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

#### **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**

Saturday, December 27, Vigil – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 28 –

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

#### **The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Wednesday, December 31, Vigil – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1 – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

#### **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Saturday, January 3, Vigil – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 4 – 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.



### WHAT IS A JUBILEE?

This Advent, the Church is drawing to the close of the Jubilee Year of Hope. What is a Jubilee? Here is a brief description from the Vatican's Jubilee 2025 website.

*"Jubilee" is the name given to a particular year; the name comes from the instrument used to mark its launch. In this case, the instrument in question is the yobel, the ram's horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). This (Jewish) holiday occurs every year, but it takes on special significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. We can find an early indication of it in the Bible: a Jubilee year was to be marked every 50 years, since this would be an "extra" year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e., every 49 years (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13). Even though it wasn't easy to organize, it was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields."*

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/segni-del-giubileo.html>

### POST-CANA MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT NIGHT

Saturday, December 6 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Memorare Center, join other married couples to learn about creating a visioning retreat as a Catholic couple using Scripture, Church teaching, and the wisdom of the saints. This meaningful evening will help couples build a shared vision for their marriage and family life. Whether you've been married for one year or fifty, this enrichment night will inspire you to retreat together with purpose, prayer, and intention. The event is hosted by Julia and Jason Solomon and Matthew and Katie Schechter. BYOB and bring an appetizer or dessert to share. To RSVP, scan the QR code below. Questions? Text Julia at 330-990-1435.



### BLOOD DRIVE SAVE THE DATE

Give a gift that can save lives. December 29, the Red Cross will host a Blood Drive in the Memorare Center. Those who come to donate blood will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

See [RedCrossBlood.org/Gifts](https://www.redcrossblood.org/Gifts) for details. Preregister online to donate at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All 9th-12th graders are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings in the Memorare Center from 7:00-8:30 p.m.! Email Abby (agresser@stfparish.com) with questions about any of these events. Regular updates and registration for field trips/retreats are sent out via email. Contact Abby in order to join the email list.

**November 23** – Youth Group 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Topic TBA)

**November 30** – No Youth Group (Thanksgiving Break)

**December 7** – Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Topic TBA)

**December 14** – Youth Group, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Christmas Caroling at GreenView Senior Assisted Living)

**December 21** – Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Gingerbread Cathedral Competition)

**December 28** – No Youth Group (Christmas Break)

**January 4** – No Youth Group (Christmas Break)

**January 10** – CLE 21:6 Conference, all day at John Carroll University

**January 11** – No Youth Group (CLE 21:6 Weekend)

**January 18** – Semester Kickoff, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**January 25** – Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Game at Holy Name High School

**SAVE THE DATE**  
for the **Steubenville Youth Conference:**  
**July 17-19, 2026.**

## YOUNG AT HEART

The next gathering of the Queen of Heaven Young at Heart will be a Christmas luncheon at Lala's in The Lakes on Monday, December 1 at 11:30 a.m.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tickets are on sale for the South Akron Knights of Columbus Black and Gold New Year's Eve party on Wednesday, December 31, 2025 from 7:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. The cost is \$35.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple. Tickets include a catered dinner, drinks, and dancing. Contact Jeanne and Elmer for tickets at 330-322-4993 or 330-388-1980.

## CAREGIVER'S DAY OF RETREAT

Are you caring for a loved one? Join us on December 3, 2025, for a Caregiver's Day of Retreat at Loyola Retreat House. Come experience God's redeeming love to help strengthen you on your journey of caregiving. This specialized retreat led by Ellen Barber and Mary Murphy includes prayers, music, reflection, discussion, and lunch. Register at <https://loyolaretreathouse.com/caregivers-day-of-retreat-registration>.



A message from Stephen Ministry: As we prepare for this upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, we are reminded that not everyone is feeling thankful. Stephen Ministers are members of the parish who have been trained as Christian caregivers to listen and walk with you as you face the challenges ahead of you. To be matched up with a Stephen Minister, contact one of our Stephen Leaders, Ann Clark (aclark2@stfparish.com) or Bill Dickey (wdickey@stfparish.com). If prayers are needed, add your intention to the Stephen Ministry box in the back of the church and the Stephen Ministry team will pray alongside you.



## BETHLEHEM CAVE AND NATIVITY TOURS

Guided tours of the Bethlehem Cave and Nativity Museum that will include the Bethlehem Market experience will be offered at Nativity of the Lord Jesus Catholic Church, 2425 Myersville Road, Akron, on Saturday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. On this tour, visitors can get a hands-on experience of the Holy Land of Jesus: grind herbs, weave a mat, make an oil lamp. There is also a life-size manger scene and costumes for taking pictures as part of the Nativity scene. Registration is required as space is limited. Register at [www.nativityofthelord.org](http://www.nativityofthelord.org). Cost is \$3.00 per person. For information, email [tours@nativityofthelord.org](mailto:tours@nativityofthelord.org) or call 330-699-5086 weekdays between 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## SS. ANNE AND JOACHIM GRANDPARENTING GROUP

The Saints Anne and Joachim Group is an ongoing parish cluster study, prayer, and fellowship group for grandparents. Meetings are typically held the last Friday of the month at St. Paul Parish, 1580 Brown Street, Akron, 44301 in Meeting Room 11. They begin with optional prayer in the church at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. All who attend are also welcome for a night out at the Waterloo following the meetings.

**Save the dates for upcoming meetings!**  
**November 28, December 19 (Third Friday),**  
**January 30, and February 27.**



HelpOurMarriage.org  
**RETROUVAILLE**  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**A Unique Program to Renew, Strengthen and Heal  
Your Marriage – Beginning February 13-15, 2026**

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling disconnected, hurt, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is open to couples of all faiths and is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow-up sessions. For more information or to register, visit <https://helpourmarriage.org/CLE> or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

### HOME RUN FOR THE HOMELESS

Gennesaret's 34th-Annual Home Run for the Homeless benefit run/walk is being held in-person AND virtually. The in-person event is Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, 2025, in west Akron (near/through Glendale Cemetery); the virtual run or walk is anytime in November. Register via [www.gennesaret.net](http://www.gennesaret.net). This is Gennesaret's only fundraiser and the need to help the poor is urgent. Per-person registration fees are: four-mile run – in-person, \$30.00 (includes free gloves; first 500 also receive finisher medals), or virtual, \$25.00; and one-mile run/walk – in-person or virtual, \$5.00. Four-mile run discounts are 50-percent off for anyone 18 and under. For more info, call 330-858-6777. Proceeds benefit all-volunteer Gennesaret, which serves poor families and individuals approx. 500 meals weekly and provides bags of groceries in the area of Akron where there is the greatest need.

### ANGELUS CHALLENGE

This Advent, Our Mother's Hands ministry invites you to revive the practice of stopping each day to pray the Angelus. Through this simple, quick prayer, traditionally said at 6:00 a.m., noon, and 6:00 p.m., we recollect ourselves to offer praise to God for the Incarnation of Christ, and refocus on serving Him in all our tasks, as Mary did. Pledge to pray each day as a gift to present to Jesus on His birthday by going to [ourmothershands.org](http://ourmothershands.org) and clicking on the "events" tab. Don't stop there – keep it going all year!

### GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King is the Church's Global Celebration of Young People. We pray this weekend for all teenagers and young adults. May they receive Christ as their true King and spread His kingdom of love, truth, and peace in all that they do.



### EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

Thank you to all who participated in Eucharistic Devotions last weekend! It was a beautiful time to renew our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The liturgies, music, and atmosphere were reverent and inspiring. How blessed our parish is to have this annual celebration, but how much more blessed we are to have Jesus with us in the Eucharist every day!

### HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Queen of Heaven Parish invites all to their Holiday Craft Show December 6, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in their Parish Life Center, 1800 Steese Road, Green. The day features crafts, concessions, and a basket raffle. The event is free, but donations will be accepted to help offset the medical bills of a local community member. The craft show is sponsored by Venturing Crew 2331. Vendors are needed! For details, visit [queenofheavenparish.org](http://queenofheavenparish.org) or email [craftshow@qofhchurch](mailto:craftshow@qofhchurch).

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

The Diocese of Cleveland will be offering a 9-week Thursday educational divorce recovery support group to be held at St. Hilary Parish, 2750 W. Market Street, Fairlawn, OH 44333, beginning January 15 through March 12, 2026 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. These sessions will be facilitated by Marlene Maruna, retired Social Worker. The group will be limited to 10-12 participants with the focus on dealing with the complex feelings that accompany a divorce to help group members feel less isolated and to find coping strategies throughout and after the divorce process. For initial inquiries, contact St. Hilary secretary, Joan Heegan at 330-867-1055, ext.200.

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