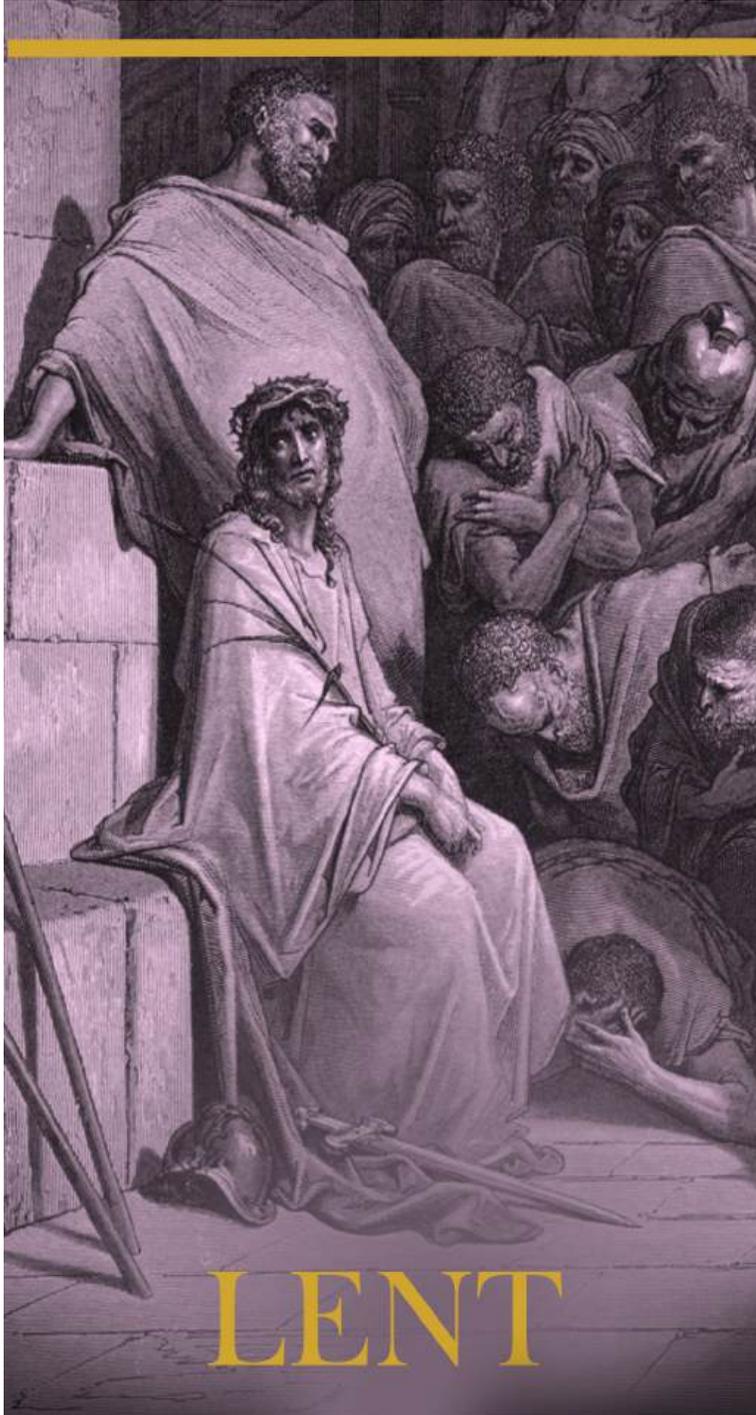


The measure of love is to love without measure.

St. Francis de Sales Parish

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



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.

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)

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

*Masses For
The Week*



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Sandy Fair (Mimi McDonald)
11:00 a.m. Margarita Katigbak (Mariza Meredith)
David Schindewolf – *Month's Mind*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, St. Polycarp

- 8:15 a.m. Deceased of the Ange & Clark Families
(Tony & **SHIRLEY CLARK & FAMILY**)

Tuesday, February 24

- 8:15 a.m. Special Intention for April Merzweiler
(Kathie Masters)
Marcia Cummins – **ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH**

Wednesday, February 25

- 8:15 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory (**MIKEELCHERT**)

Thursday, February 26

- 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Skello &
Ferguson Families (The Wagners)
6:30 p.m. Paul Kasmar, Jr. (**MIKE & MARYLAGUARDIA**)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, St. Gregory of Narek

- 8:15 a.m. Robert Burch (KoC Council 4664)
9:00 a.m. School Mass Jean Welch (Family)
Robert Burch – **ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH**

Saturday, February 28

- 8:15 a.m. Richard Miksch (The Wargo Family)
5:00 p.m. John Kernan (Don & Kathy McCabe)
Susan Russo – **ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH**

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, Second Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Joseph & Ruth Deibel, & Janet & Garland
Hayes (John & Helen Deibel)
11:00 a.m. Floyd Keathley, Jr. (Kim & Chris Kovesci)
Virginia Drexler – *Month's Mind*

**...WHERE THERE IS HATRED,
LET ME SOW LOVE...**

For a number of years, Fr. Kraker, retired Pastor of St. Vincent in Akron, wrote bulletin articles featuring his dog Vinnie, and later Minnie. In light of this, I feel inspired to start sharing a few with my buddy, Blaise. We'll call them Blaise Blurbs!



Fr. Jeremy – I'm sorry I had to take you to the vet, Blaise. Every time I do, you get real shaky and nervous and start salivating a lot. But in the end, it turns out okay.

Blaise – Yes, Boss, I agree with that. But what about those shots?! I don't like them! However, I do like that bacon flavored stuff they give me for coughs. Can you get me more of that?

Fr. J – Maybe. But that is for kennel cough. We can get you bacon-favored treats if you like bacon. But that's another thing. I can't believe it, but 5 years ago, I brought you into the vet and you were 17 lbs. at 2 months old. Now, at 5 years old, you are 116 lbs.! Dr. Pearson says you have to get on a program.

B – What's wrong with treats? I love them! They are tasty and fill my tummy with joy! And what is with this program thing? I thought he was telling you to get with the program!

Fr. J – Well, sometimes too much of a good thing is too much of a good thing. That's why Lent is such a great time for us. We can take a moment to look at our lives and see if anything is out of order. If so, we can make adjustments to better our lives that will hopefully last a lifetime.

B – So what does that mean for me?

Fr. J – Perhaps it means eating carrot bites instead of bacon bites. Are you okay with trying that out during Lent? I just want you to be healthy so you can be the best dog you can be. Sound good?

B – Whatever you say, Boss. I trust you...

...“Where there is hatred, let me sow love”... When it comes to hatred and love, sometimes the hardest one to love is ourselves, especially when it comes to our self-image and our health. Will you love yourself and resist self-hatred this Lent by taking baby steps in self-care so you can be the best you can be for those around you?

**God bless you this Lent and always,
Fr. Jeremy**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gen 12:1-4a; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Prayers for Healing, after 11:00 a.m. Mass; meet by the St. Anthony statue
- Rite of Election for OCIA, 2:00 p.m., Cleveland Public Auditorium

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- PSR & Ignite Family Night, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- Women's Study Group, 9:00 a.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. (Church)
- Becoming Catholic, 7:00 p.m. (Holy Family Room)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- SVdP Food Pantry open 6:00-6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Rosary, 8:45 a.m. (Church)
- Youth Group Lock-in, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- Donut Sunday
- Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Spirit Day for Confirmation Candidates, 11:00 a.m. Mass and then to Gym until 4:00 p.m.
- No Youth Group

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St. Vincent de Paul Society	A helping hand in times of need 330-958-5270

COLLECTION INFORMATION

February 14 & 15

	Offertory
Sunday	16,409.00
Assessment	31.00
Capital	51.00
School	751.00
Special Collections	100.00
TOTAL	\$17,342.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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



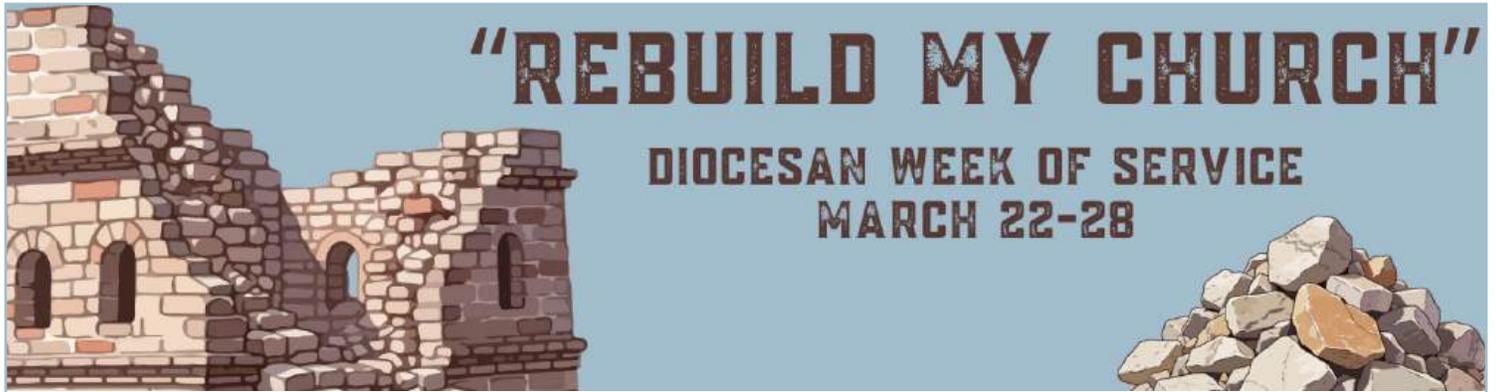
PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"Every call from the Lord is, above all, a call to His joy."
– Pope Leo XIV

Every week, families or individuals bring the vocation crucifix into their home to pray for vocations. **The Goshe Family** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

HEALING PRAYER

Have you grown weary with an illness or burden and just resigned yourself to it? Perhaps the Lord wants to lift that burden, increase your strength, or even heal you completely! Come on the 4th Sunday of the month following the 11:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Francis de Sales Healing Ministry will pray with you.



This year, Bishop Malesic is asking that every parish participate in the Diocesan Week of Service from March 22-28. He wrote this... "Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, some time ago, I wrote you a pastoral letter entitled 'A Flourishing Apostolic Church.' It was there that I asked you to follow a pastoral blueprint to examine the ways we worship, evangelize, and serve. Today, I am inviting you to consider putting the third leg of this blueprint into action by taking part in the Diocesan Week of Service from March 22-28, 2026. Parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations are invited to host a service opportunity during the Week of Service. You know the needs of your community better than we do, so we are asking you to design a project that suits the needs of your local community."

Our parish staff brainstormed that the Week of Service would not be a single project, but rather we would invite all families to go out into the community and perform random acts of service and kindness. This could be as simple as writing a card or letter to someone, helping someone paint a room or clean a house, or even doing spring yardwork for someone else. I will leave this up to each family.

Since it is the year of St. Francis, we thought we would put a Franciscan spin on this opportunity. St. Francis of Assisi interpreted God's command to "Rebuild My Church" not just as repairing physical buildings, but as a call to restore the "living stones" – the human members of the Body of Christ. Inspired by 1 Peter 2:5, he knew believers are spiritual stones that must be renewed, repaired, and brought back to the center of the Church's mission through love and service. In the spirit of St. Francis, you and your family are invited to pick up a small stone provided by the parish at Sunday Mass on March 22 and take it home with you. Then, find a way to be of service during the week. Afterward, you can paint your family name on the stone and return it the following Sunday, March 29. Then we will use them to make something beautiful in the butterfly garden. Every stone will represent an act of service by a family, and every act of service builds up the Body of Christ. Thank you for joining in our mission to "Rebuild the Church!"

Fr. Jeremy

CALLING ALL MISSIONARIES!

As part of the diocesan-wide call to serve this Lent, the parish staff is evaluating how our parish can engage in "Mission Outreach." What can you do to help? If you have led or participated in mission outreach in the past, whether at home or abroad, or if you know of a worthy mission organization within our community, please contact Joe Turk at jturk@stfparish.com or 330-644-2225, ext. 206 by February 27. Stay posted for details about a "Mission Outreach" information night, to be held during Lent which will be a chance for all parishioners to learn more about future mission outreach opportunities (local, domestic and international).

REST IN
Peace 

Please remember in prayer the soul of **Linda Zajac**. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and console her family and friends.

ADORERS NEEDED

Adorers are needed for the following times: Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Fridays, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Please call Joanne at 330-338-4810, if you are able to help with these times.



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.
 Living Stations of the Cross, March 29, 6:00 p.m.

Confession

Saturdays, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
 Thursdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Diocese-wide Evening of Confession,
 Wednesday, March 4, 5:00-8:00 p.m.,
 at all parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland
Parish Cluster Confessions,
 Monday, March 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 at St. Francis de Sales

Night Prayer & Benediction

Sundays, 8:00 p.m.

One-Night Parish Mission

*"St. Francis of Assisi: A Witness of Hope and Healing
 for the Church and the World."*
 Thursday, March 26, 7:15 p.m.
 Presented by Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap

Women's Retreat

"Finding Beauty in the Struggle: The Joy of the Cross"
 Saturday, March 28, 8:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Watch for details about the Diocesan Week of
 Service March 22nd through 28th, and other
 Lenten opportunities!**

"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

– Matthew 5:14

A couple of Sundays ago, we heard about light – our light – shining for others. In the first reading from Isaiah, we heard: *"Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn."*



St. Francis de Sales' kindergarten and third grade classes are learning all about how they can let their light shine for others. Under the direction of third grade ELA, social studies and religion teacher, Mrs. Effinger, the students prepared 42 meal bags for the SVdP food pantry neighbors. They contain ingredients to make either minestrone or chicken and dumpling soup. Each bag contains the recipe and a card colored by a kindergarten student. SVdP members will give them away at our Thursday evening distribution time.

You also can let your light shine for others by thinking of our neighbors when you are doing your grocery shopping and supporting the SVdP Third Annual Lenten Food Drive. To have a well-stocked parish pantry, we will focus on items that are needed. Each week, we will ask for a couple items you may use in your own homes and at your family dinner table. Please bring these items to the narthex when you come to Mass. As you drop them in the SVdP bin, please say a prayer for the neighbor you are giving hope to.

February 28/March 1: Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, beans, other vegetables)

March 7/March 8: Pasta, pasta sauce, boxed macaroni and cheese

March 14/March 15: Canned soups, canned fruit, peanut butter, cereal

March 21/March 22: Paper products (toilet paper, tissues, paper towels)

Perhaps it is difficult for you to shop and transport items. A monetary donation is always welcome and needed to help our neighbors through rough times. It might be assisting a family to stay in their home or help with a utility bill. There are specific SVdP envelopes in the pamphlet stand in the narthex that you may use and drop in the collection basket. You can also drop your donation in the SVdP collection box in the back of the narthex by the usher's room.

Here is a real case scenario to think about:

S. picks up groceries and laundry soap for her large family. She frequently says, "If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know."

"For it is in giving that we receive."

– St. Francis of Assisi



Finding Beauty in the Struggle: the Joy of the Cross

2026 Akron Catholic Women's Retreat

Saturday, March 28th

8:15 AM Mass – 3:00 PM

St. Francis de Sales Parish

4019 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio 44319

Cost: \$30 Register by March 21st, 2026

Complete form below or register at stfparish.com

Featured *Presenter*

Deacon Rich Michney

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish



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Scan QR Code to Register!

First & Last Name

Email (Required for Confirmation)

Phone Number

Parish Name

City of Parish

Morning Snack and Lunch Included

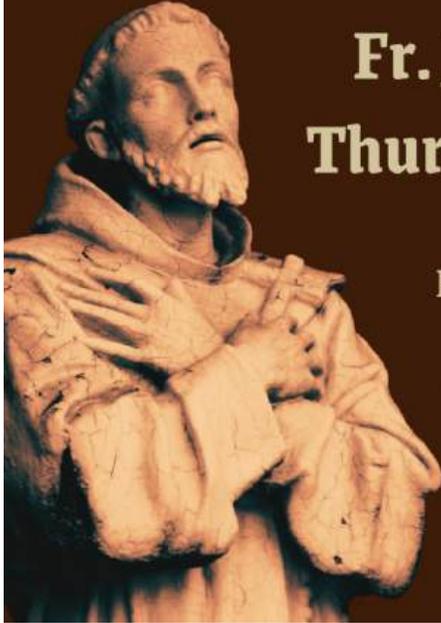
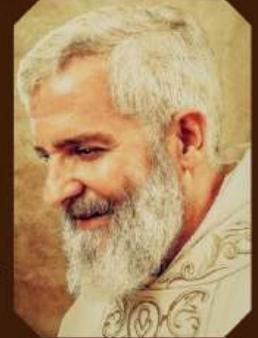
- Make checks payable to "St. Francis de Sales Parish" with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line.
- Mail completed form & check to: Attn. Therese Holderbaum, St. Francis de Sales Parish (see full parish address above).
- St. Francis parishioners may place envelope labeled "Women's Retreat" in collection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

Questions? Contact us at 330-644-2225 or AkronCatholicWomensRetreat@gmail.com | Follow us on social media  

Parish Mission

“St. Francis of Assisi: A Witness of Hope and Healing for the Church and the World.”

Fr. Joseph Tuscan OFM Cap
Thursday, March 26 at 7:15 pm



Pope Leo XIV declared 2026 “The Year of St. Francis” in honor of the 800th anniversary of the saint’s death and entrance into heaven. This Lent, our parish welcomes Fr. Joseph Tuscan for a parish mission on the message of St. Francis for today.

All are welcome!

4019 Manchester Rd. Akron, OH 44319 | 330-644-2225



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)!

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

To donate, scan the **QR Code** or visit <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/support/catholic-education/angel-scholarship-fund>



On this monthly calendar, each day is designated for one of the seminarians of our diocese as well as our Pope, Bishops, Clergy, and other related intentions. Please use this insert and keep it in a place where you can see it each day and thoughtfully say a prayer of support for the name listed on that day.

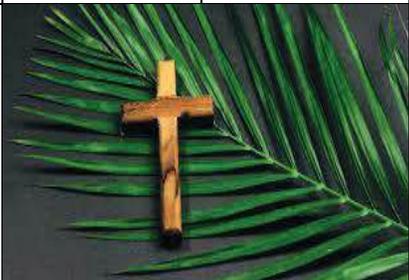


March 2026



Seminarian Calendar prepared by Parents of Priests – Diocese of Cleveland
 Calendar at: seminarians.parentsofpriests.com
 Priests and Seminarians calendar online at: priests.StPatrick.cc



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Pray for all Parish Priests</i>	2 Jeremy Shafer Theology IV	3 Dc. Charles Cairnie Theology V	4 Dc. Mitch Carson Theology V	5 Dc. Cameron Ferrell Theology V	6 Dc. Nathan Frankart Theology V	7 Dc. Joseph Truong Viet Ho Theology V
8 <i>Pray for All Deacons</i>	9 Dc. Sean Neville Theology V	10 John Paul Antalek Borromeo	11 Matthew Bobby Borromeo	12 Ike Dawson Borromeo	13 Dylan Ennis Borromeo	14 Dominic Kucera Borromeo
15 <i>Pray for the Parents of Priests</i>	16 Derek Linden Borromeo (Youngstown)	17 Dominic Mellino Borromeo	18 Seamus O'Malley Borromeo	19 Justin Rice Borromeo	20 Christopher Yankay Borromeo	21 Andrew Bendahan Borromeo
22 <i>Pray for all Parish Priests</i>	23 Joseph Hoang Borromeo (Capuchin)	24 Matthew Wasinski Borromeo	25 Brent Feorene Borromeo	26 Jacob Huzyak Borromeo (Youngstown)	27 Daniel Jordan Borromeo	28 Vincent Labosky Borromeo
29 <i>Pray for the Vowed Religious</i>	30 Steven Vasko Borromeo (Youngstown)	31 Stephen Vavro Borromeo	<i>It is in the agony of the cross and the power of the resurrection that we find peace with God.</i>			

SPRING SPORTS 2026 ARE NOW OPEN

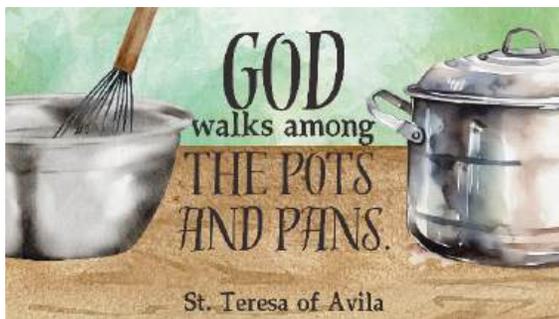
CYO invites any students who attend our parish – whether they belong to our parish school, public school, or homeschool – to join our spring sports! Sports available for this spring are as follows: Volleyball, Girls and Boys 3rd-8th grade; Track and Field, Girls and Boys 1st-8th grade; Coach-Pitch Baseball, 1st and 2nd grade Co-Ed; Baseball, 3rd-8th grade; Lacrosse, Boys and Girls 3rd-8th grade; Tennis (email for more information). Register today. Practices will begin February 23rd for all sports. With questions about any sports, you can reach out to Katie Kinsinger, Athletic Director at athleticdirector@stfparish.com.

Our Track and Field program is looking for a new head coach(es). This individual would need to be able to coordinate all practice schedules, meet schedules, player records, and player events. They will need to be available for at least 2 nights a week, and the possibility of 2 track meets a weekend (Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons). If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the Athletic Director at the email address above.

We are also looking for a throwing coach in both discus and shot put. Any individual that is interested in helping with our track program, please reach out with your interests and questions.

Thank you to everyone who continually supports our CYO program here at St. Francis de Sales Parish. We are blessed to have amazing parents, grandparents, family members, and coaches that support these young athletes both on and off the playing fields.

<https://reg.sportspilot.com/106284>



MEAL MINISTRY

Join our St. Francis de Sales Meal Ministry bringing love and comfort one meal at a time. When someone in our church or school faces illness, surgery, caring for a new baby or any other challenging season, our meal train steps in to provide home cooked meals and encouragement.

How you can help:

- 1. Spread The Word:** Share information with small groups, Bible study classes, community outreach teams or with people who may have a short-term need.
- 2. Join Our Mailing List:** Sign up to receive email notifications regarding the needs within our community.
- 3. Respond To Opportunities:** When a need arises, we will send an email detailing the opportunity to help. There is no obligation to sign up every time; simply volunteer when you are able.
- 4. Provide Support:** Opportunities involve delivering a home-cooked meal or sending a gift card to the home being assisted.

To sign up as a recipient or to arrange meals, please contact: Molly Klatt, 330-801-2968, molly.klatt@yahoo.com or Jamie Wagner, 330-203-9583, jamie.wagner34@yahoo.com

LENTEN FISH FRIES

Several local churches and groups offer Friday Fish Fries during Lent.

- **Queen of Heaven Parish:** Fish and other vegetarian dinners are available Fridays 4:30-7:00 p.m., 1800 Steese Road, Green in the Parish Life Center. Stations of the Cross are offered in the church at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, call 330-896-2345 or visit www.queenofheavenparish.org.
- **Annunciation Church:** Fish dinners are available Fridays 4:30-7:00 p.m. at 55 Broad Street, Akron (corner of Broad Street and Kent Street) in Dowd Hall. For more information, call 330-535-4141.
- **South Akron Knights of Columbus:** Fish and other dinners are available 4:30-7:00 p.m. at 2055 Glenmount Avenue, Akron. For more information and online ordering for carry-out, visit <https://akronkofc.com/fish-fry/> or call 330-773-3410.

MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Magnificat of Stark County invites all women to a breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14 at Holiday Inn Canton, 4520 Everhard Road, NW, Canton. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rick Squier, the Executive Director of Catholic Charities serving Portage and Stark Counties. Before starting his current role at Catholic Charities, Rick served in parish ministry at his home parish, St. Joan of Arc in Streetsboro. He will share his testimony on serving where there is need. Tickets for the breakfast cost \$26.00 per person. For more information and to make reservations, visit www.magnificatstark.webbly.com or call Sally Kohring at 330-484-1623. The reservation deadline is March 8.

A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY:

The cloudy, cold days of winter can be symbolic of what may sometimes happen in life. A crisis hits, and we feel like we're buried beneath a drift of snow. Relationships can become icy, or we can feel frozen by life circumstances. Little difficulties build up like slush, making us slip and slide, causing every decision to seem treacherous. Life seems dreary, and we begin to doubt that spring will ever come. We can wonder, "Is God even there?" Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential Christian care, giving you the emotional and spiritual support you need to make it through a winter in your life. To learn more about how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know, contact Ann Clark (aclark2@stfparish.com), one of our Stephen Ministry leaders.

B.A.B.L. CONVENTION

The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier Diocesan-wide pro-life event: two jam-packed days filled with the nation's top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, view the impressive line-up of speakers, and register for "In-person" or "Livestream" options. Visit <https://bringingamericabacktolife.org/> or call 216-246-9127. Join us March 13th and 14th as we Bring America Back to Life!



**REQUEST FOR
2025 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP CODE _____

ENVELOPE # _____

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CELL PHONE # _____

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

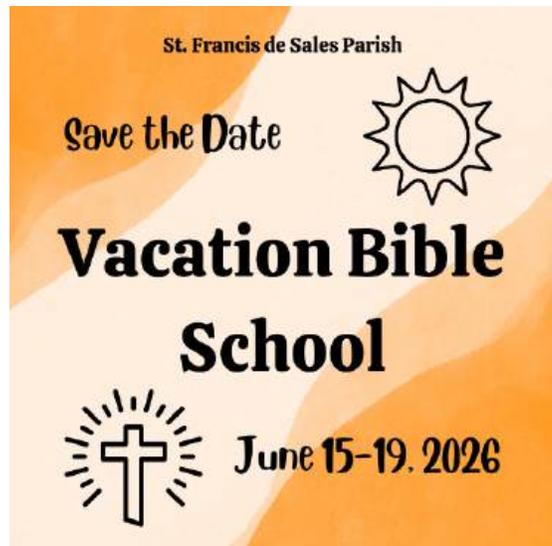
YOUTH GROUP

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.

- February 21-22** – Lock-In, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.
- March 1** – No Youth Group (Spirit Day for 8th Graders)
- March 8** – Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- March 15** – Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- March 22** – Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- March 29** – Youth Group, 6:00-7:30 p.m. (Earlier start time! We'll attend the Living Stations of the Cross presented by the 8th graders in the church.)
- April 2** – Seven Church Pilgrimage after Mass of the Lord's Supper
- April 5** – No Youth Group (Easter)
- April 12** – Day of Service at Peter Maurin Center, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- April 19** – Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Youth Minister Swap)
- April 26** – Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (8th Graders welcome)
- May 3** – Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (8th Graders welcome and Senior sendoff)

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