

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](http://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)

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

*Masses For  
The Week*



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8,  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
9:00 a.m. James Wise (Family)  
11:00 a.m. Jim Evans (Family)  
*Robert Millican – Month's Mind*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- 8:15 a.m. Bryan Kavalecz (Lou & Laurene Scala)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, ST. SCHOLASTICA**

- 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Enright & Swenberg Families (Gaebel Family)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

- 8:15 a.m. Eva Stimler (Frank & Mary Lynne Rizzo)  
9:00 a.m. School Mass Anna Pinkston Feltrup  
(Luke & Nellie Feltrup)  
*Maria Murawski – Month's Mind*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- 8:15 a.m. Kenneth Logsdon (Diana Logsdon)  
6:30 p.m. Boggs Family (Kathy Boggs)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- 8:15 a.m. Laura Darby (Stavarz Family)  
*School Mass moved to  
Wednesday, February 11  
Frances Rouse – Month's Mind  
Patricia Secreto – Month's Mind  
Margaret Hamilton – Anniversary  
of Death*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS**

- 8:15 a.m. Regis McArdle (Cathy McArdle)  
5:00 p.m. Edward & Mary Dayberry  
(Daughter, Linda)  
*William Cinadr – Month's Mind*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15,  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
9:00 a.m. John Matthews, Sr. (Matthews Family)  
11:00 a.m. Jack Rambacher (Family)



**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!**

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." (Matt 5:16) Just last weekend, I saw this lived out when one of our parishioners called me and offered to use his gifts to make our parking lot function well after the snowstorm! Thanks, Bobby Simone, for letting your light shine for the glory of God! Here's a picture he took of his daughter Hannah in front of all the snow he moved.

**Catholic Charities.** Next Sunday, February 14-15, will be our Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. This year's theme is "Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world." This year's theme comes from the words of St. Teresa of Avila, "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, yours are the eyes with which He sees compassion on this world, yours are the feet with which He walks to do good, yours are the hands, with which He Blesses all the world." By giving to Catholic Charities, we help to continue Jesus' work of serving individuals, families, and communities in need. Thank you for showing care, compassion and support.

**Holy Hour for Peace.** This week, I received a note from the Diocese of Cleveland Office of Worship: "Reflecting on the current climate of fear and polarization, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, has invited bishops and priests across the US to offer a Holy Hour for Peace." In light of this, we will be offering a Holy Hour for Peace in the church next Sunday, February 15 at 3:00 p.m. Archbishop Coakley said, "May this Holy Hour be a moment of renewal for our hearts and for our nation. Entrusting our fears and hopes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us ask the Lord to make us instruments of His peace and witnesses to the inherent dignity of every person...Let us pray together, confident that God hears the cry of His people and remains close to all who seek Him."

**Renew our hearts, Lord,  
Fr. Jeremy**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10  
**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

- Peter Maurin Center Service Day, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.,
- Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 a.m. Mass

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- Avila Holy Hour for Vocations, 9:00 a.m. (Church)
- PSR & Ignite, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

- 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. (Refectory)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- No School
- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- SVdP Food Pantry open 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- New Stephen Minister Training, 6:00 p.m. (Queen of Heaven Parish Life Center)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- No School

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Rosary, 8:45 a.m. (Church)
- Senior Valentine's Day Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. (Memorare Center)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

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

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**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

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

January 31 & February 1

Sunday	17,116.23
Assessment	10.00
Capital	567.00
School	157.00
Special Collections	<u>789.00</u>
TOTAL	\$18,639.23

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**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 Art & Maggie Klatt Family** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

**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.

# HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

"Let us pray for reconciliation where there is division, for justice where there are violations of fundamental rights, and for consolation for all who feel overwhelmed by fear or loss." Archbishop Coakley

Archbishop Coakley, the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has invited parishes across the USA to unite in prayer through holy hours offered for peace in our nation.



Sunday, February 15  
3:00 p.m.  
in the church



**REQUEST FOR  
2025 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

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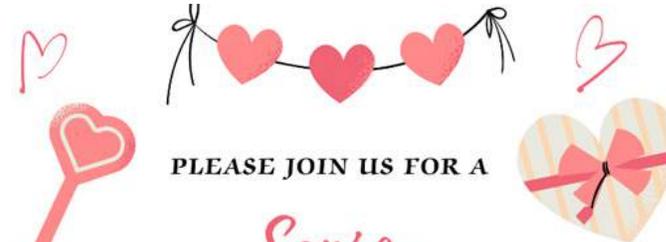
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

*Senior  
Valentine's Day  
Luncheon*



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH  
11:30AM - 2PM**

**FOOD  
GAMES  
PRIZES**

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES  
MEMORARE CENTER**

**SIGN UP  
IN THE NARTHEX  
AFTER ALL MASSES**



**RUTHIE KELBLY  
(216)469-2998**

## YOUTH GROUP

All 9th-12th graders are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings in the Memorare Center from 7:00-8:30 pm! 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 8** – Day of Service at Peter Maurin Center, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**February 15** – Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**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 & Senior Sendoff)

### SAVE THE DATE

**The Steubenville Youth Conference: July 17-19, 2026.**

### A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

In addition to the cold weather outside, many people experience winters in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, a cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support. If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis. To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, contact Ann Clark (aclark2@stfparish.com). You can also request more information or submit a prayer request in the prayer box located in the narthex in the back of the church.

### REST IN PEACE

Please remember in prayer the souls of **Virginia Drexler** and **Michael Bonay**. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and console their family and friends.

### Go to the poor. You will find God."

– St. Vincent de Paul

On the Ninth World Day for the Poor, Pope Leo XIV said, "The poor are not a distraction for the Church, they are our beloved brothers and sisters...they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel." Pope Leo urged Christians to recognize the poor not as objects of charity, but as "protagonists of hope." He said, "You are my hope."

Pope Leo's message fits right into our parish's Third Annual Lenten Food Drive, organized by your friends in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This Food Drive is to help our neighbors in need. Who are these neighbors? People who are disabled, have been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, have had their work hours cut, are unhoused, are suddenly caring for grandchildren or other family members. The food you generously give provides hope and recognition in our neighbor's world that sometimes seems to lack either.

To have a well-stocked parish pantry, the focus will be on items that are needed. We are dividing our food drive into five weeks, with each week focusing on a couple items we all may use in our own homes and at our family dinner table. Please bring these items to the narthex when you come to Mass. You may not think one can or one box of food makes a difference, but for the person who receives that can or box in their bag, it may help them during a difficult time. As you drop it in the SVdP bin, please say a prayer for the neighbor you are giving hope to.

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

**February 21/February 22:** Canned tuna, canned chicken, canned meals

**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)

The need for food is great. For our last fiscal year (10/1/24 to 9/30/25), there were 444 visits to our pantry. We distributed 506 bags of groceries, serving 1,306 people from 17 different Zip Codes. Here is a real case scenario to think about:

Z. and T. came for the first time. After receiving groceries, a few hygiene items and some extras we had, T. said, "I think I am going to cry. I wasn't expecting this. Thank you."

**"Charity is not just a promise, it is a present reality to be embraced with joy and responsibility."**

~Pope Leo XIV

## 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](mailto: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>



*You are invited to waste time with the Lord...*

## POUSTINIA *Retreat* 2026

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH - SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH**



**LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE IN GREEN, OHIO**

\$185/person includes speaker, priest stipends, lodging, & meals.

Optional formation meeting on Thursday, February 19th from 7 to 8:30 pm

More information and online registration at:  
<https://tobcle.org/our-events>



## WORK OF THE HOLY ANGELS

There are four basic directions for every believer on their way to God, Adoration, Contemplation, Expiation and Mission. Adoration of God is at the heart of the First Commandment. It means to give oneself over to God, and it is a way of life. How do we live a life of adoration, and what do the Holy Angels do to assist us with this? Come hear more about this and the other three directions at a talk on the Holy Angels in the St. Gerard Room at the Memorare Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17th. You are welcome to stay for the deep dive discussion on the first fundamental direction, Adoration, (letter 5 for those in formation for consecration to their guardian angel). The discussion is from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 330-644-2225. Discussions for those in formation for consecration to all the Holy Angels will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the St. Gerard Room and at 7:15 p.m. in the Beatitudes Room on the same day.

## QUEEN OF HEAVEN LENTEN SPEAKER

Queen of Heaven Parish, 1800 Steese Road in Green, will welcome Dr. Ray Guarendi on March 3 for a presentation on the "Logic of Catholicism." His presentation will be at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Dr. Ray is a practicing clinical psychiatrist, authority on parenting, and host of the radio show "Living Right with Dr. Ray." For more information, visit [www.queenofheavenparish.org](http://www.queenofheavenparish.org) or call 330-896-2345.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

## HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will be offered at Holy Family Church, 3179 Kent Rd. in Stow on Saturday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m. Before Mass, Confessions will be offered at 8:00 a.m., Praise and Worship will begin at 8:30 a.m. Anointing will be offered after Mass.



### Ash Wednesday

February 18

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.

### 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

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!



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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>



**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

The World Day for Consecrated Life was February 2, The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Cleveland Diocese celebrates it this weekend, February 7 and 8. This is a time to honor and pray for women and men who have embraced a life of poverty, chastity, and obedience out of love of God and His Church. Take some time to pray for and thank them this week as well as to pray for vocations to this joyful and often hidden vocation.

**THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS**

Join Theology on the Rocks on Monday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m., as they welcome guest speaker Randy Malick, Director of Faith Formation for Adults, St. Hilary, Fairlawn, at Our Lady of the Cedars Maronite Church, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in Fairlawn. He will be speaking on the topic: "Deep Impressions on the Heart: Walking in Jesus' Footsteps in the Holy Land." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. \$15.00 admission fee. Light appetizers included. Cash bar available. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron.

**MARTHA'S DAY OUT RETREAT**

Ladies, do you need a day out to refresh your body and soul after the Holidays and winter blahs? Our Mother's Hands ministry would like to invite YOU to join us for the Second Annual Martha's Day Out Women's Retreat, "Building Bethany – Welcoming the Sacred Heart into Your Home," on March 21 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at St. Sebastian's, Akron. Emily Jaminet, author and executive director of "Welcome His Heart" will be the keynote speaker. Registration is \$35.00, or \$240.00 for a reserved table of eight, and includes a light breakfast, lunch, and program materials. The day begins with Holy Mass; Adoration and Reconciliation are available. To register or for more information, contact us at info@ourmothershands.org or 330-800-0929. Bring a friend!

**YOUTH RETREAT**

Attention, youth! Chesterton Academy of Akron is offering a retreat for youth in 7th-12th grade at Holy Ghost Parish in Akron called "ByzanTeens: Windows to Heaven" on February 21 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Experience the beauty of Byzantine Church with Father Sal Shevchuk and talk about visual consumption, learn about Visio Divina, and make your own icon. The Retreat will end with the celebration of Divine Liturgy. Registration is limited and the cost is \$25.00/youth. More information and registration is on the website: AkronChesterton.Org/events

**B.A.B.L. CONVENTION**

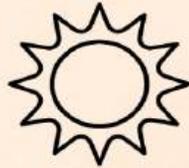
The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier Diocesan-wide Pro-life event: Two jam-packed days filled with the nation's top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, view the impressive lineup of speakers, and register for "In-person" or "Livestream"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

**PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN AND LOURDES**

Join Fr. Michael Petkosek (St. Francis Xavier) on pilgrimage to Celebrate the Saints of Spain and Our Lady of Lourdes, September 9-20, 2026! Visit Compostela where St. James is buried, Avila where St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross ministered, the Loyola Palace where St. Ignatius grew up and the cave where he wrote his *Spiritual Exercises* (and more!) while enjoying the beauty and grandeur of Spain, then spend two full days in Lourdes! Don't delay! Only 30 spots available for airline tickets. Deadline for registration is February 28. [www.incrediblejourneystours.com](http://www.incrediblejourneystours.com).

St. Francis de Sales Parish

Save the Date



# Vacation Bible School



June 15-19, 2026

**SHROVE TUESDAY CARD PARTY**

Women of Faith of St. Augustine Church in Barberton are hosting a Shrove Tuesday Card Party on February 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Augustine School Gym. The evening includes a light dinner, dessert, raffles, and cards and other games. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at St. Augustine after 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and all Sunday Masses or from the rectory office on Mondays and Tuesdays. Tickets are presale only. Contact Olivia with questions, at [oliviakettenbauer@staugustinebarberton.org](mailto:oliviakettenbauer@staugustinebarberton.org), or 330-745-001, ext. 118.

**ARE YOU FEELING CALLED TO A DEEPER SPIRITUALITY?**

Consider becoming an Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The Office of Associates of the Dominican Sisters of Peace extends an invitation to lay Christian women and men interested in deepening their personal spiritual lives and reaching out to others with their Gospel values. Dominican Associates of Peace carry out the Gospel mission through prayer, study, community, and ministry. An information session will be held Sunday, March 15, 2:00-3:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 164 W. Market St. in Akron. For more information or to register, contact Mike or Pat Flaherty, 330-671-5296 or [neohiodominic@outlook.com](mailto:neohiodominic@outlook.com).

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