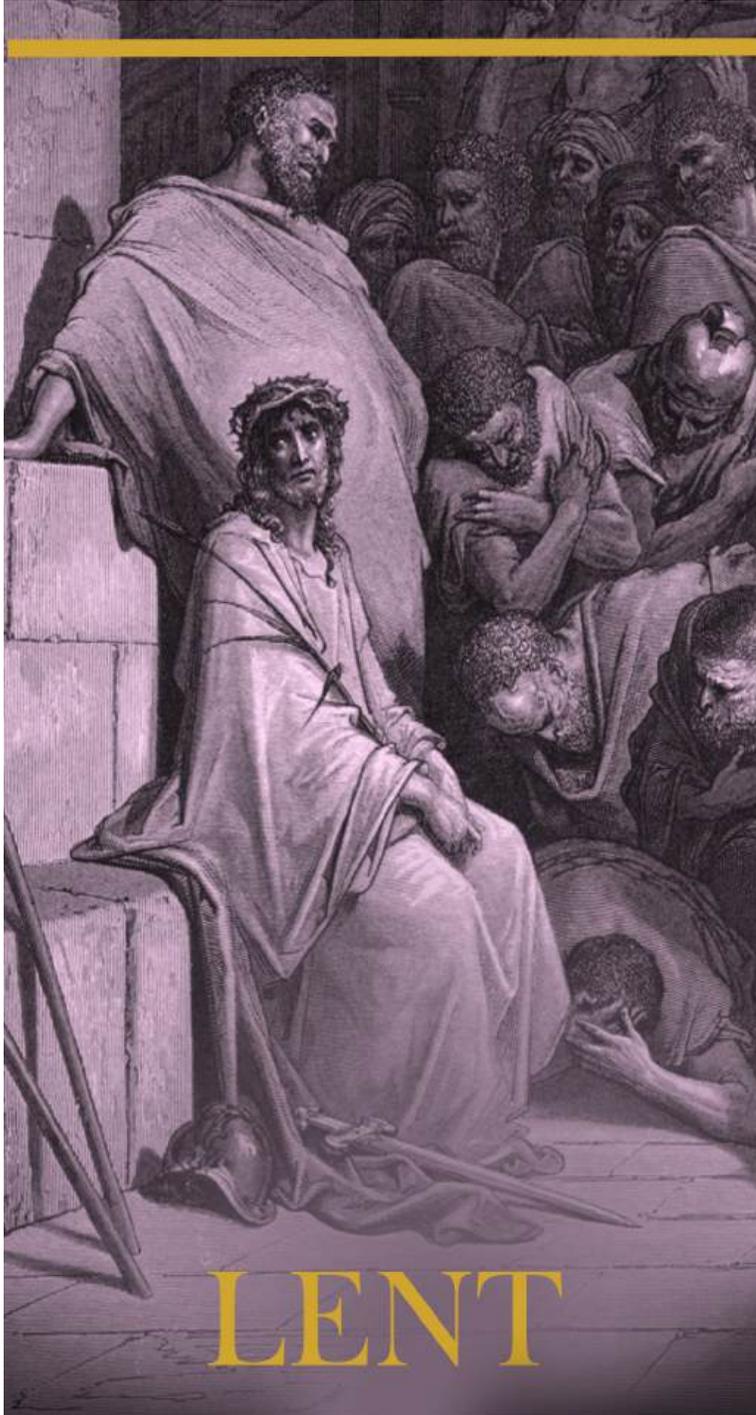


The measure of love is to love without measure.

# 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 OF LENT  
MARCH 22, 2026**

*Masses For  
The Week*



**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 7:30 a.m. Andy Nuss (Kris Nuss)  
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
11:00 a.m. Dom Reo  
(Tuesday Women's Study Group)  
*Andrew Nuss – Anniversary of Death*  
*Dolores Janini – Anniversary of Death*

**MONDAY, MARCH 23, ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO**

- 8:15 a.m. Ill Members of Women's Study Group  
Families (Women's Study Group)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, ST. OSCAR ROMERO**

- 8:15 a.m. James Jones (Sue & Mike Ciccolini)  
*Susan Eberhardt – Month's Mind*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25,  
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

- 8:15 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory (Mike Elchert)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

- 8:15 a.m. Eva Stimler (Frank & Mary Lynne Rizzo)  
6:30 p.m. Andy Nuss (Kris Nuss)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

- 8:15 a.m. Dennis Johnston (Rosanne Shepherd)  
9:00 a.m. *School Mass* Norma Gaye Hummel  
(Bill & Pat Shea)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

- 8:15 a.m. Jim & Cherie Vaughan (Susan Undercoffer)  
5:00 p.m. Leo Stalter (Family)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29,  
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
9:00 a.m. Rita Vaughan (Lou & Laurene Scala)  
11:00 a.m. Joe VanDevere (Tony & Mary Heyden)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or  
13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
**Thursday:** Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56  
**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;  
Mt 26:14-27:66

**...WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT...**

Just last weekend, we heard from St. Paul how we are called to expose the darkness of our hearts to Jesus. While it is shameful to mention the things done in secret, we are called to expose them to Jesus so that everything exposed to the light becomes light itself.



This **Monday, March 23** we will have our **Parish Cluster Communal Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales**. This is a great opportunity to expose your heart, your life, your sins to Jesus and allow His transforming love to make you new.

If you need help examining your conscience, the USCCB website offers many examinations of conscience you can pray with. For the simplest, most straight-forward version, I turn to Fr. Larry Richards'. He often says that if anyone comes into reconciliation and doesn't know what to do, he will simply ask for a yes or no to these questions and go from there. They are listed below. (FYI, this is an Examination of Conscience for adults).

**Adapted from Fr. Larry Richards' Examination of Conscience:**

1. Do you pray every day?
2. Have you used God's name in vain?
3. Have you missed Mass?
4. Have you dishonored your parents?
5. Have you gotten angry?
6. Have you hurt others with your words?
7. Have you made fun of others?
8. Have you lied?
9. Have you cheated?
10. Have you gossiped?
11. Have you been jealous?
12. Have you been judgmental?
13. Have you been proud?
14. Do you consistently give to the poor?
15. Have you gotten drunk?
16. Have you gotten high?
17. Have you had impure thoughts?
18. Have you had impure actions with yourself?
19. Have you looked at pornography?
20. If not married, have you had intercourse with another?
21. If married, did you commit adultery?
22. If married, have you used artificial birth control?
23. Have you had sex with someone of the same sex?
24. Have you had an abortion?
25. Have you helped someone else have an abortion?
26. Are you sorry?

Jesus brought back Lazarus from the dead. He can do the same for you! See you Monday. Remember to come back on Thursday at 7:15 p.m. for our Lenten One-Night Mission!

**Be freed!  
Fr. Jeremy**

P.S. Please check out the Bishop's Decree on the Extinctive Union of Immaculate Conception Parish.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 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
- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)
- Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)
- Night Prayer, 8:00 p.m. (Church)

**MONDAY, MARCH 23**

- PSR & Ignite, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Parish Cluster Evening of Confession, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (St. Francis de Sales)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 25**

- 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, MARCH 26**

- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- SVdP Food Pantry open 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Parish Mission with Fr. Joseph Tuscan, 7:15 p.m. (Church)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Akron Catholic Women's Retreat, 8:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Church & Gym)
- Rosary, 8:45 a.m. (Church)
- ITE Project Silent Retreat, 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. (Memorare Center & Church)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

- Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Cub Scouts, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (Refectory)
- Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)
- Living Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m. (Church)
- Youth Group, 6:00-7:30 p.m. (meet in the church for Living Stations)
- Night Prayer, 8:00 p.m. (Church)

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the soul of **David Ford**. *May the angels lead him into paradise, and may Christ console his loved ones.*

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**March 14 & 15**

Sunday	14,892.00
Assessment	85.00
Capital	51.00
School	230.00
Special Collections	815.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,073.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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**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. **Bill & Pat Shea** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

**ADORERS NEEDED**

Adorers are needed for the following times:

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-2:00 p.m.

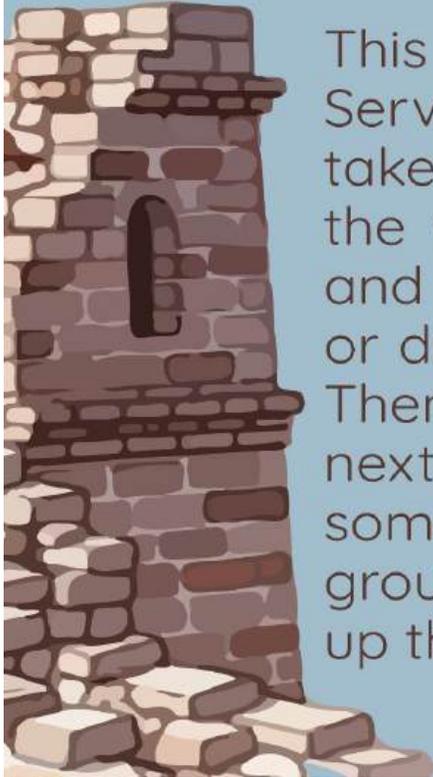
Thursdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m. & 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Please call Joanne at 330-338-4810, if you are able to help with these times.

# "REBUILD MY CHURCH"

## DIOCESAN WEEK OF SERVICE

### MARCH 22-28



This week is the Diocesan Week of Service! As you leave Mass today, please take one stone for your family. During the week, perform some act of service and write your family name on the stone or decorate it as a symbol of your work. Then, bring it back to church with you next weekend. It will become part of something beautiful on the parish grounds. Together, we will build up the Body of Christ!



#### 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

#### 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 this Sunday following the 11:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Francis de Sales Healing Ministry will pray with you.

#### A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

Spring arrives this Friday, but life can still seem cold and dreary for those who have suffered a loss or experienced a crisis. Our Stephen Ministers are trained to help people through the winters of life, providing emotional and spiritual support during tough times. If you or someone you know could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one Christian care of a Stephen Minister, contact Ann Clark (aclar2@stfparish.com) or add your contact information to the prayer box located in the back of the church.



#### SQUEEK, SQUEEK, SQUEEK! CHURCH MICE ARE SQUEEKY CLEAN!



The Church Mice are looking for some women or men willing to help clean the church on Monday mornings. They go to 8:15 a.m. Mass and start cleaning right afterward. The cleaning is usually done by 10:00 a.m. They could really use more help. More questions? Call Jodi, 330-329-4474.

#### RECYCLING BINS

You may have noticed that the recycling bins behind the Memorare Center have been removed. Our parish has discontinued this program due to insufficient service from our recycling provider and an excess of litter being left around the bins. We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes.



Office of the Bishop

128-2026

### Decree

#### Extinctive union of Immaculate Conception Parish (Akron) into the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales (Akron) Diocese of Cleveland

In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

Whereas the Parish of Immaculate Conception, located in Akron founded in the year of Our Lord 1923 was established by the Bishop of Cleveland to minister to the Catholic faithful in the area of Akron, Ohio, commonly called Kenmore; and

Whereas the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales, founded in the year of Our Lord 1948, located in Akron, Ohio in the area of the Portage Lakes embraced its mission responding to the spiritual and temporal needs of the Catholic faithful, and

Whereas a thorough study of the condition of the Parish of Immaculate Conception had been instituted in 2025 by the Bishop of Cleveland which included in-depth study of finances, the physical plant, ministries, outreach services, sacramental statistics, Mass attendance, and options for pastoral care; and

Whereas the pastorate having been vacant, the study included the participation of the parish council, the finance council and lay staff of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception, the pastoral council and finance council of the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales, canonical and financial consultation, and that of diocesan officials; and

Whereas the findings of the study, having been made public to the parishioners of both parishes, resulted in the recommendation to the Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, Bishop of Cleveland that Immaculate Conception Parish be merged into the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales, Akron; and

Whereas I approved the agenda for the meeting of the Presbyteral Council including the discussion required by law regarding the modification of a parish (canon 515 §2) and directed the agenda be sent to the members of the Presbyteral Council in anticipation of the proximate meeting; and

Whereas I convoked the Presbyteral Council on 27 February 2026 and presided over it according to the norm of law (canons 127 §1, 166 §1, and 500 §1), placing the proposed extinctive union of

the Parish of the Immaculate Conception into the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales before the council seeking the informed and free counsel of the members concerning the proposed extinctive union (canon 515 §2), listening to arguments both for and against the proposed modification of each parish, and receiving support for the proposal; and

Whereas “it is only for the diocesan bishop to erect, suppress, or alter parishes. He is neither to erect suppress, or alter notably parishes, unless he has heard the Presbyteral Council (canon 515§2)”; and

Whereas the Parish of the Immaculate Conception has experienced a significant decline in Mass attendance and in the celebration of the sacraments and has limited resources; and

Whereas the population of the territory of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception has decreased such that there is no longer a need for two distinct parishes in relative close proximity to provide spiritual and temporal resources for residents; and

Whereas the members of the Presbyteral Council convoked on 27 February 2026 were polled with the majority voting to approve the proposal of the extinctive union of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception Parish (Akron) into the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales; and

Having heard the Reverend Jeremy Merzweiler, pastor of the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales, and the lay staff of the Parish of Immaculate Conception, in order to promote the good of souls as well as the good of the Diocese of Cleveland, I, the undersigned Bishop of Cleveland, find that the following just causes support the extinctive union of Immaculate Conception Parish into that of the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales, Akron:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral care of the Christian faithful in the territory of both parishes;
- 2) to strengthen the preaching of the Gospel and assure the vitality of parish life;
- 3) to provide for a more effective stewardship of parish resources, including personnel and financial;
- 4) to assure adequate catechetical formation and sacramental preparation;
- 5) to provide for the best use of clergy.

Thus I hereby decree:

1. The Parish of the Immaculate Conception (Akron) and the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales are united via an extinctive union, such that Immaculate Conception Parish is extinguished and subsumed into the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales, Akron.
2. The principal parochial church will be the church of Saint Francis de Sales, located at 4019 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio.
3. The church building of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception will be maintained temporarily for the celebration of the sacraments.
4. The regular schedule of Masses and the celebration of the sacraments will be determined by the pastor of the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales.

5. All sacramental registers of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception are to be conveyed to the office of the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales in which they are to be faithfully preserved according to the norms of canon 535, §1-5.
6. The temporal goods as well as any patrimonial rights and obligations of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception will be assumed by the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales. The intentions of the founders and donors as well as any acquired rights are to be respected (canon 121).
7. The provisions of this decree will become effective on 24 May 2026, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

I further order this decree to be made public to the faithful through its publication within the parish bulletin and the websites of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception and the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales, 22 March 2026, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The publication on the parish websites will be the legitimate notification. A letter of notification of this decree is to be sent to the parishioners of both parishes.

This decree may be challenged by anyone legitimately aggrieved by it within the peremptory time limit of ten days from the legitimate notification of the decree, that is, on 6 April 2026, by seeking its revocation or emendation directly from me (canon 1734 §2).

Given at the Office of the Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-six.

*+ Edward C. Malesic*

Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL  
Bishop of Cleveland

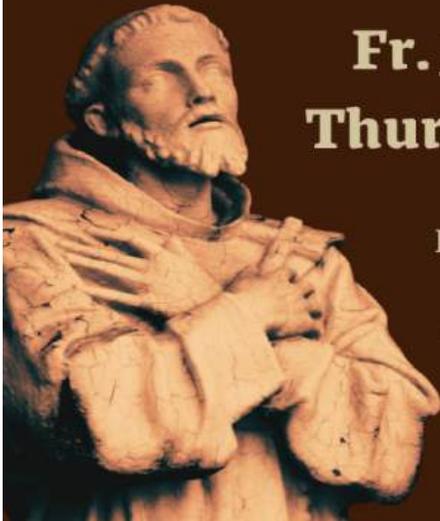
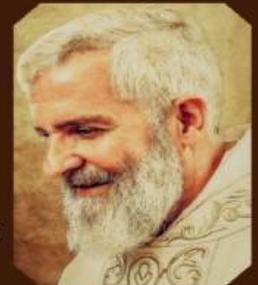
*V. Gardiner*

Chancellor

## 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 800<sup>th</sup> 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

**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.*

**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.*

**A HEART AFLAME WITH LOVE!**

You may have heard of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, but have you allowed yourself to be loved by that Heart? Come learn about the Divine and Human Heart of Our Savior and allow His love to transform you. Learn about the history of this devotion, the spirituality of some saints, and the call of Jesus' Heart to your own heart. The Women's Study Group will be reading, *Dilexit Nos (He Loved Us)*, an encyclical by Pope Francis, starting Tuesday, March 31, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Memorare Center. We'd love to have you join us! This document is free as a pdf on the Vatican's website, or it can be purchased in book form. Please contact Michelle if you need help ordering a book, [mypower36@yahoo.com](mailto:mypower36@yahoo.com). With questions, you can contact Lori at [gutbrods@att.net](mailto:gutbrods@att.net).

**HOLY WEEK****PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

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

Night Prayer, 8:00 p.m.

**HOLY MONDAY, MARCH 30**

Mass at 8:15 a.m.

Adoration, 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 6:00-10:00 p.m.

**HOLY TUESDAY, MARCH 31**

Mass at 8:15 a.m.

Chrim Mass at St. Sebastian Parish, Akron, 5:00 p.m.

Adoration, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

**HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

Mass at 8:15 a.m.

Adoration, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

Morning Prayer, 8:15 a.m.

Agape Meal, 5:00 p.m. in the Refectory

Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Adoration – Altar of Repose in Memorare Center,  
8:30-11:00 p.m.

Youth Group Seven Church Pilgrimage, 8:30-11:00 p.m.

Night Prayer and Reposition, 11:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

Morning Prayer, 8:15 a.m.

Stations of the Cross, 12:00 Noon

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord and

Adoration of the Holy Cross, 3:00 p.m.

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

Morning Prayer, 8:15 a.m.

Blessing of the Easter Food and Baskets, 12:00 p.m.

The Great Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, 8:45 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

**ANNUAL EGG HUNT RESCHEDULED**

The Easter Egg Hunt, traditionally held on Holy Saturday morning, has been rescheduled to the third weekend in Easter this year. It will take place on Saturday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m. on the parish campus.



COME PRAY WITH THE EIGHTH GRADE CLASS

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES  
PARISH SCHOOL

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
MARCH 29 AT 6:00PM

SCRIPTURE- REFLECTION- MUSIC

IN THE  
CHURCH



HOLY THURSDAY  
**AGAPE MEAL**  
APRIL 2, 5:00 PM

Before the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm,  
join us for an Agape Meal, a gathering of Christian fellowship, in the refectory.  
RSVP to the Parish Office or on our website by Monday, March 30.  
Please bring a side dish to share. Chicken will be provided as the entree.  
Want to volunteer? Call the Parish Office at 330-644-2225.



**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.

**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.**

**QUEEN OF HEAVEN YOUNG AT HEART**

The next Young at Heart Meeting will be Monday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the Queen of Heaven PLC. Young at Heart is open to all seniors 55 plus and is not limited to Queen of Heaven parishioners. The topic for the presentation will be Senior Safety.



**REQUEST FOR  
2025 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

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*Turning taxes into tuition*

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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!

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

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



**YOUNG ADULTS SILENT RETREAT**

Maybe the best thing you could do for yourself right now is to do a full stop and rest for just one day. Join The ITE Project for its annual Lenten silent retreat in the Spirit of Saint Dominic, on March 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Akron. The evening will include talks on (1) Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, (2) Inner Monasticism – A Rule of Life. This one-day silent retreat falls on the eve of Palm Sunday and offers time and space to prepare your heart for Holy Week. There will be time for solitude and quiet, guided meditations, optional conferences, the opportunity for personal spiritual direction with a priest, two home-cooked meals (snacks available all day), Adoration, Confessions, and prayer teams, and ending with Palm Sunday Vigil Mass. It is 100% FREE! A room will be available for mothers of infants. Registration ends on March 23! Join us and commit to finishing Lent well! Register today! <https://www.theiteproject.com/events/silentretreat26>.



Parishioner Registration



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