The measure of love is to love without measure.

St. Francis de Sales Parish

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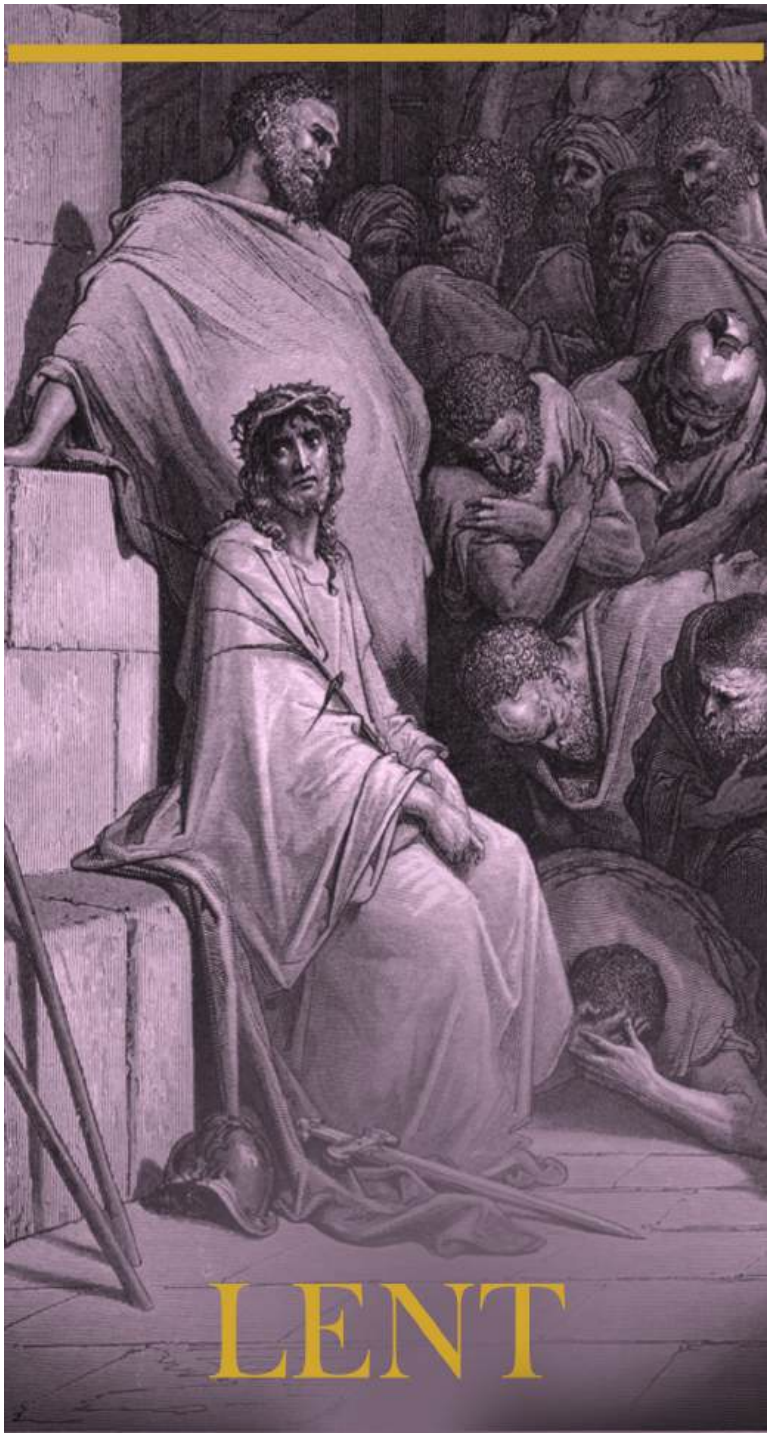

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2026

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
7:30 a.m. Kayia Noe (Beverly Drexler)
9:00 a.m. Joyce Crandall (Michele & John Steurer)
11:00 a.m. George & Jackie Schnitzler (Greg & Betty Schnitzler)

MONDAY, MARCH 9, ST. FRANCES OF ROME
8:15 a.m. Scott Blum (Marquita Dishauzi)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
8:15 a.m. Bob Millican (Jim & Sally Casenhiser)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
8:15 a.m. Robert Millican, Sr. (Theresa Evans)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12
8:15 a.m. Dennis Jisa (Jan Mang)
6:30 p.m. Donald Mantel (Les & Barb Mezenski)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
8:15 a.m. Fr. Byrider (Gary Skinner)
9:00 a.m. *School Mass* Roger Bauhart (Kovesci Family)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
8:15 a.m. William Cinadr (Tom & Monica Brately)
5:00 p.m. Eddie Hellwig (Mary Ann Lambert)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Maryanna Ogonek (Family)
11:00 a.m. Christine Nowak (Tony & Mary Heyden)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in prayer the souls of ***Geraldine Kansa, Harry Welch, Charles Boigegrain,*** and ***Fr. David Halaiko.*** *May the Lord grant them eternal rest and console their family and friends.*

…WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH…

Just this past week, I had the opportunity to lead a formation night for parents of second graders preparing for their First Communion. At the end of the evening, I shared the story of an experience I had about halfway through my time in the seminary. Every year, we had Christmas break for a month – praise God! During this break, I went on a weekend deer hunt that caused me to miss Sunday Mass. The following week, I went out of town and missed Sunday Mass again! Somewhere following that week, I started to question everything about my faith. The thoughts came to me "Is this real?" "Is this just a thing dreamt up by a bunch of old men to make a living for them?" "Can't I just live my life and be free?" I began to ask "why?" about everything I was doing.

Fortunately, my break came to an end, and I went back to the seminary. Within the week, I celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation and began to pray and attend Mass daily again. Somewhere in the midst of all of that prayer, the conviction came to my core – this is real, this is good – it is not made up by us but a gift from Jesus Himself!

I share this story to remind us of how quickly the voice of the enemy can intensify when we walk away from Jesus. Doubt can happen rapidly. When we start walking apart from Jesus, things get weird fast. This is why we need to recommit our lives to walking with Jesus. We need to stay with Him. Padre Pio's prayer after Communion is so powerful for us to ponder and to pray with this Lent and always, especially, when we feel ourselves drifting away. Here is just a part of it… "Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You. Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often. Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor. Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness. Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will. Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You. Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company. Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You."

Stay with me, Lord,
Fr. Jeremy

PS. This weekend, our Parish Council representatives will be present in the entryway of the Church to receive any comments/needs you may have that will help benefit our parish. We will receive them and figure out ways to respond to these needs. Thank you for sharing your heart.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
– Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 a.m. Mass
– Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)
– No Youth Group

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
– 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 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, MARCH 12
– Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
– SVdP Food Pantry open 6:00-6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
– Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. (Church)
– The ITE Project Trivia Night, 7:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
– Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
– Rosary, 8:45 a.m. (Church)
– School Play, 7:00 p.m. (Gym)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
– Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 a.m. Mass
– School Play, 1:15 p.m. (Gym)
– Cub Scouts, 3:00-4:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)
– Boy Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)
– Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Beatitudes Room)

COLLECTION INFORMATION
February 28 & March 1

	Offertory
Sunday	17,887.00
Assessment	20.00
Capital	490.00
School	1,075.00
Special Collections	40.00
TOTAL	$19,512.00

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

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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.
The Schnitzler 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.

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

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Just last week, I was talking to our principal, Mrs. Dougherty. She expressed the need for a couple part-time positions: Cafeteria Monitor and Recess Monitor. Both positions work Monday to Friday from 10:45-1:30 p.m. and pay $14.00 per hour. Perhaps you are a parent, grandparent or recently retired and looking for something to do during the day? If interested, call the school office at 330-644-0638 or email frmerzweiler@stfparish.com.

We appreciate your help.
Fr. Jeremy

A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Stephen Ministry Team continues to pray for all of the requests that have been submitted in the prayer box located at the box of the church. Please know that all of these prayer requests continue to be in our hearts and lifted up in prayer. Stephen Leaders check the box frequently to add your intentions to our prayers so please feel free to add any additional intentions to the prayer box, request more information about Stephen Ministry or to become matched up with a Stephen Minister.

CHURCH MICE NEEDED!

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.

LENT

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)

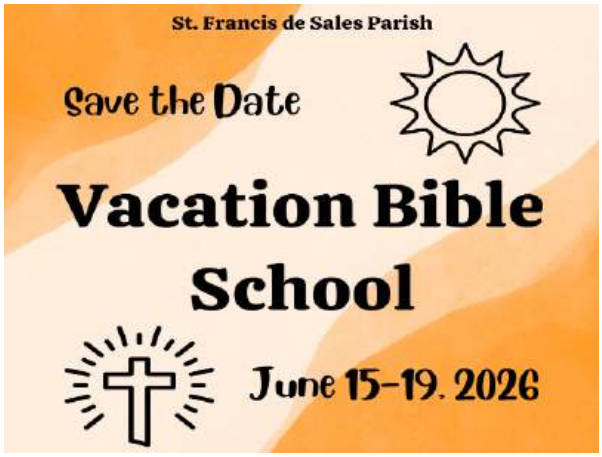
Stations of the Cross
Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
With SFdS School, Mondays, 2:15 p.m.
Living Stations of the Cross, March 29, 6:00 p.m.

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.



"If you lavish your food on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then your light shall rise in the darkness, and your gloom shall become like midday."

Isaiah 58:10

The parish response to the St. Vincent de Paul Third Annual Lenten Food Drive has been overwhelming! Thank you! Our shelves are filling up quickly because of your generosity. These food items will help nourish many families in the coming weeks.

The food bags that are assembled by SVdP members are worth about $35.00. Because of your generosity in providing items for each bag, we are able to free up money for other needs our neighbors may have such as utility bills. They are especially grateful for the extras that we may occasionally have when they select toiletries, cleaning supplies, laundry soap, etc. It allows them to get items that they could not get with SNAP benefits or that cost more than their budget permits.

We simply 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 the weekend Masses. As you drop your donation off, 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:

March 14/March 15: Canned soups, canned fruit, peanut butter, cereal
March 21/March 22: Paper products (toilet paper, tissues, paper towels)

If it is difficult for you to shop and transport items, a monetary donation is always welcome to help our neighbors through rough times. It might be assisting a family to stay in their home or helping 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 monetary donation in the SVdP collection box in the back of the narthex by the usher's room.

If you missed a week and still have those cans of tuna rattling around in your back seat, we accept your donations ANY time. It's never too late!

We wish to thank all of you who have helped carry donations over to the food pantry after the weekend Masses. It is most appreciated!

To share with you how generosity can be contagious, here is a conversation we had recently with a neighbor: P. who came with a friend said, "We are so grateful to you. My friend and I can put our two bags of groceries together and make meals for the entire week."

"If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give."

– St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop (406-450 A.D.)

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
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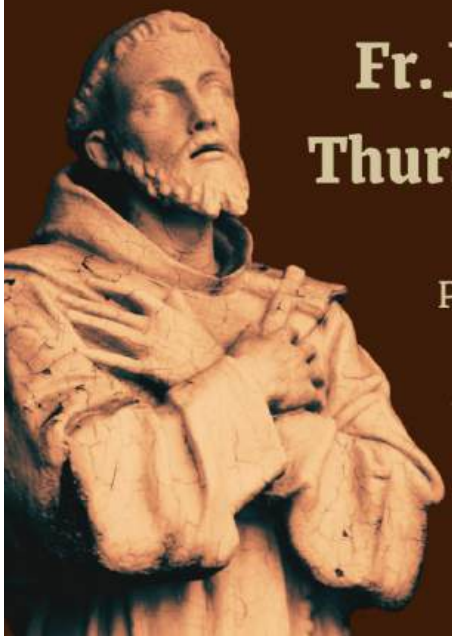
Morning Snack and Lunch Included

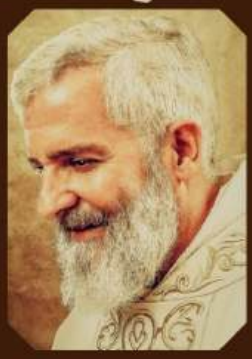
- Make checks payable to "St. Francis de Sales Parish" with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line.
- Mail completed form & check to: Attn. Therese Holderbaum, St. Francis de Sales Parish (see full parish address above).
- St. Francis parishioners may place envelope labeled "Women's Retreat" in collection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

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

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 gym.

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.

This month, we will focus on the second of the four basic directions the angels take us in our journey toward God, Contemplation. The angels want us to contemplate both the Word of God and the Salvific Works of God. This contemplation should bear the fruit of interior transformation, which manifests itself through deeds aligned with God's will. What is needed for this to happen? How do the holy angels help us in this, and how do we cooperate with them? 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, March 17th. You are welcome to stay for the deeper discussion specifically on contemplation, (letter 6 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 at 7:15 p.m. in the Beatitudes Room on the same day.

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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 8 – No Youth Group

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.

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2025 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

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

Saint Francis de Sales presents

Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.

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March 13, 2026
7:00pm

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7:00pm

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

MARRIAGE COMMUNICATION HELP

Meet with other couples as Teresa Yohman, from the Diocese of Cleveland's Office of Marriage and Family, leads you through the pitfalls in marital communication. These behaviors, if left unaddressed, can erode the foundation of a relationship by creating a cycle of negativity, blame, and emotional distance. Learn to recognize these patterns and take the first step toward replacing them with healthier, more productive communication habits. You can join us on Saturday, March 14 for Mass at 4:30 p.m., followed by a light dinner and Teresa's presentation. Childcare will be provided (must register). For questions or more information, contact Peggy and Rick at rikpeg@yahoo.com. Registration deadline is Monday, March 9. The event will be held at Nativity of the Lord Jesus, 2425 Myersville Road, Akron, OH 44312, Holy Family Room.

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.

SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE TICKETS

Stop by the Parish Office to buy some $5.00 Knights of Columbus Super Cash Bonanza raffle tickets. A portion of the proceeds will support our parish's youth group. 25 raffle prizes will be awarded, with the first prize being $414.00 per month for ten years. Help the youth, help the Knights, and maybe even win a prize for yourself!

PRAY FOR THOSE BECOMING CATHOLIC!

Beginning this weekend, the elect (those preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church) will participate in ancient rites called the scrutinies. Through the three scrutinies, the elect seek deeper purification and spiritual strength to help them in the last stage of their journey towards receiving the sacraments at Easter. At our parish, we have 11 elect preparing for Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation and 8 candidates for Full Communion with the Church. Please give them your prayerful support in these final weeks!

Elect	**Candidates**
Amanda Conti	Darin Conti
Ann Marie Esque	Stella Conti
EmmaLynn Finch	Derek Kreibel
Sam Harrison	Gary Lawrence
Ella Harrison	Clara Markus
Nicola Masters	Linda Norton
Evelyn Motz	Pave Stauffenger
Delaney Nichols	Madeline Treen
Ryan Pinghero	
Kelly Shaw	
Van Wallbrown	

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 Dowed 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.

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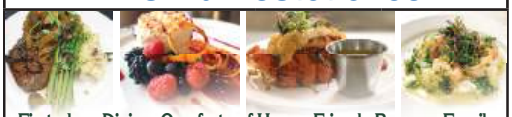

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