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St. Francis de Sales Parish



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday,
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Call the parish office at 330-644-2225
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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)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 10, 2026



SUNDAY, MAY 10, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Barbara Burch (Family)
11:00 a.m. Jacqueline Rambacher (Family)

MONDAY, MAY 11

- 8:15 a.m. Barbara Lee (Amy & Jim Hilton)

TUESDAY, MAY 12, SS. NEREUS & ACHILLEUS, ST. PANCRAS

- 8:15 a.m. Bob Millican, Sr. (Rob & Mary Armbruster)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, OUR LADY OF FATIMA

- 8:15 a.m. Jeannene Alt (Ellen Alt)

THURSDAY, MAY 14, ST. MATTHIAS

- 8:15 a.m. Alyssa Blackert (Wargo Family)
9:00 a.m. School Mass Intentions of Joe Munroe
(April Merzweiler)
6:30 p.m. Bill Cinadr (Gary & Barbara Schrader)

FRIDAY, MAY 15, ST. ISIDORE

- 8:15 a.m. Dominic Rizzo, Sr. (Rizzo Family)
*School Mass moved to
Thursday, May 14
Fr. Clark – Anniversary of Ordination*

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- 8:15 a.m. Rudy Backer (Tony & Mary Heyden)
5:00 p.m. Pro Populo
*Fr. Merzweiler & Fr. Suso –
Anniversary of Ordination*

SUNDAY, MAY 17, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 7:30 a.m. Carole Darrow (Darrow Family)
9:00 a.m. James Dayberry (Sister, Linda)
11:00 a.m. Nestor Katigbak (Mariza Meredith)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26–16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- III Jakob Loar & Sophia Wyles
II Brandon Breen & Meghan Teeters

SAVE THE DATE!

Spring and summer are always exciting times at our parish. We get so many opportunities to gather and celebrate God's goodness to us, from the bittersweet moments of saying thank you and goodbye to Fr. David and welcoming soon-to-be Fr. Cam, to fun days at VBS, to the peacefulness of time by the lake for Mass on the Water. Take some time to mark your calendar for all the great things these seasons hold!

- **Priesthood Ordination**, Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland – Our soon-to-be parochial vicar, Dc. Cameron Ferrell, and his classmates will be ordained to the priesthood next Saturday! Keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this exciting day.
- **Send off for Fr. David, June 7** – The first weekend in June, we will say farewell to Fr. David as he moves to his new assignment at St. Francis Xavier in Medina. Join us after the 11:00 Mass in the gym for refreshments and a chance to thank Fr. David for all he has done for St. Francis de Sales and wish him well in his new parish.
- **The Wild Goose**, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. June 2 through August 25 – We will gather in the Memorare Center for these weekly sessions to watch *The Wild Goose* video series and discover the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Please RSVP with the QR code or by calling the Parish Office at 330-644-2225.
- **VBS: Signs and Wonders**, June 15-19 – This year, Vacation Bible School will explore the amazing miracles of Jesus. Camper registration is still open! See the ad in this bulletin for details.
- **Mass on the Water**, Sunday, July 19 at 11:00 a.m. at the Tudor House – This is always a beautiful chance to worship God in the midst of His creation on the shores of the Portage Lakes.
- **Mass at the Ballpark**, Sunday, August 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Akron Rubberducks Stadium – A fun day for the whole family at the ballpark!
- **Parish Festival**, Saturday, September 12 – We will close the summer with our Annual Parish Festival. Having it on Saturday worked so well last year, we decided to do it again. Save the date for this joyful celebration with our parish family!



Stay Tuned! This year, we would like to offer a family-focused event not just each month of the summer, but each month of the year. Parish Council has helped brainstorm some activities for us to add to our parish calendar. Stay tuned for information about an October Movie Night, November Praise and Worship XLT during Eucharistic Devotions, and Donuts with St. Nick in December!

Peace and joy, Fr. Jeremy

PS Happy Mother's Day! God bless all of our moms for the ways they show us His goodness day by day.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 10

- Happy Mother's Day!
- Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Pavilion)

MONDAY, MAY 11

- Avila Holy Hour for Vocations, 9:00 a.m. (Church)
- PSR & Ignite, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Small Group Study, 7:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)

TUESDAY, MAY 12

- Women's Study Group, 9:00-11:00 a.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- Small Group Study, 9:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Small Group Study, 7:00 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- Small Group Study, 7:00 p.m. (Archangels Room)

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Rosary, 8:45 a.m. (Church)
- Priesthood Ordination, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland, 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

- Cub Scouts, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (Refectory)
- Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Pavilion)

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Thank you for your generosity!



ADORERS NEEDED

Adorers are needed for the following times. Half-hour slots are available:

- Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Thursdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- Fridays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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

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. **Nancy Gehm** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

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

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in prayer the souls of **Terry McQuown**, **Helen Deibel**, **Gayle Dunn**, and **Sandy D'Angelo**, sister of parishioner Keith Ford. *May Jesus and Mary welcome them into heavenly joy and console their family and friends.*

Mother's Day Flower Sale

This weekend is the Annual Flowers for Life Sale on Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10! Carnations will be available 3 for \$5.00. Bouquets will be \$10.00 each. Flowers will be sold at the church entrances after the 5:00 p.m. Vigil, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Masses. The sale benefits Northeast Ohio Right to Life. Honor the moms in your life with beautiful flowers while supporting Right to Life's work to help moms and babies in need!

A PRAYER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we look to the example of our Blessed Mother and offer this prayer: "Mother of Sorrow, Comforter of the Afflicted – you know our hearts. We ask your blessings for those dealing with their own sorrows. Please intercede on their behalf, so that their hearts may be filled with the joy and peace only your Son can give." If this small prayer touched your heart and you feel you would benefit from talking with a Stephen Minister to share your sorrow, please contact Ann Clark (aclark2@stfparish.com), one of our Stephen Leaders, to find out how Stephen Ministry can help. You may also wish to write your prayer intentions and place them in the prayer box located in the Narthex. Stephen Ministers continue to keep all prayer requests lifted in prayer at each meeting.



The photo above is the woman's special needs orphanage in Berezhany, Ukraine that Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in Akron, has been supporting for the last 15 years. Fr. Wolodymyr runs the orphanage named The Light of Christ and it relies totally on donations to function and survive! The photo shows Fr. Wolodymyr with some of the residents during this past winter. The ongoing war has suffocated the economy and makes daily living exceedingly difficult. Fr. Wolodymyr said that without the support from Holy Ghost he does not know if they could have made it through these years.

This year, Holy Ghost is doing a basket raffle for the first time! There are more than 16 outstanding premium baskets; plus two Club Seat tickets to a Guardians game, including unlimited food and soft drinks and free stadium parking!

Raffles will be held at Holy Ghost Church and St. Francis de Sales!

The dates and times are:

Holy Ghost Church Hall, downstairs
 Saturday, May 16 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, May 17 from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

St. Francis de Sales Pavilion
 Saturday, May 30 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, May 31 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Your support is greatly needed and appreciated! Individual donations will also be accepted. Please help in any small way possible. Mother Teresa said, "If you cannot feed a hundred people, then just feed one."

Any questions? Please call Chris Ross at 330-620-8108. Chris has visited the orphanage twice and can testify to the important good works taking place there! Thank you for marking your calendar!



THE SANCTUARY COURSE for CATHOLICS

How can a church become a sanctuary—a place where individuals living with mental health challenges feel safe, supported, and a sense of belonging?

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SFDS GOLF LEAGUE RETURNS

The St. Francis de Sales Golf League is back! The league is playing weekly on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. at Chenoweth Golf Course, 3087 Chenoweth Road, Akron, OH 44312. Questions? Email domrizzojr@gmail.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Cluster Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, May 12, 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.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS

Join us on Monday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m., as we welcome our guest speaker Fr. Matthew Pfeiffer, Pastor of St. Paul Parish in Akron, at Our Lady of the Cedars Maronite Church, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in Fairlawn. He will be speaking on the topic: "Portal, Procession, and Parousia: How Sacred Architecture Proclaims the Faith." 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.

SFDS VBS: JUNE 15-19, 2026

SIGNS & WONDERS

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

"These signs are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name." John 20:31

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CALL 330-644-2225 OR EMAIL VBS@STFPARISH.COM WITH QUESTIONS

WORK OF THE HOLY ANGELS

Normally, when we speak of mission, we think of getting a job done or going somewhere. Scripture reveals the intimate relationship between the one who sends and the one who is sent as the heart of mission. Jesus said, "I did not come down from heaven to do My will, but the will of Him who sent Me." Many of us believe everything in mission depends on us. We must never forget we can do nothing without Christ and the helpers He gives us, especially the angels. Man preaches, but it is the angels who touch the heart. Come hear more about mission, it's importance in our lives, and how the holy angels help us with this on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Gerard Room at the Memorare Center. You are invited to stay for a discussion on mission, (Letter 8 for those in formation for consecration to their guardian angel) 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 in the Memorare Center at 3:30 p.m. and at 7:15 p.m. on the same day.

THE GIFT, LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR AT HOLY FAMILY

Discover a turning point for your faith. *The GIFT: Life in the Spirit Seminar* is an inspiring, practical experience designed to help you personally encounter the living Jesus in His Word and Spirit. These free sessions will be presented by Dr. Jacqueline Phillips-Sabol at Holy Family Parish, 3179 Kent Road, Stow on Friday, May 15 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Lower Church Hall and Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Szabo Parish Hall. To register, email hfhealingprayerstow@gmail.com.

DIVORCED, WIDOWED & SEPARATED CATHOLICS

A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on Monday, May 11 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, a retired social worker, will facilitate this session. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information, call Marlene at 330-607-6284.



Parishioner Registration



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RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN WITH THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS

Young women ages 18-30 are invited to a Silent Retreat with the Sisters of the Holy Cross at St. Gabriel Monastery in Carrollton, OH, Thursday, July 23 through Sunday, July 26. The theme of the retreat is "Becoming Eucharistic: Mary's Way of Love with Your Guardian Angel." Activities include Mass and Adoration each day, opportunities for Confession and spiritual direction, a chance to talk with the Sisters, and time to walk on the beautiful grounds of St. Gabriel Monastery. For inquiries, contact 330-476-7020 or srs.of.the.holy.cross.oh@protonmail.com. Registration is available at www.opusangelorum.org/retreats.

DUELING PIANOS

Embrace Clinic and Care Center presents their Third Annual Dueling Pianos Fundraiser on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at Guy's Party Center, 500 E. Waterloo Road, Akron at 5:00 p.m. This annual event has proven to be a fun night for all who attend! Cocktail hour (open bar and appetizers,) dinner, dessert, Chinese Raffle (big packages, each valued more than \$500.00), and great music by The Cleveland Keys will be featured. Early Bird Tickets are on sale now: \$50.00 per person or \$500.00 for a table of 10. Scan the QR code or call Embrace for tickets at 330-825-1900.



MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY MASSES

The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Cleveland invites all the faithful to Mass to honor those who gave their lives serving God and country. Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at multiple locations, including Holy Cross Cemetery at 100 E. Waterloo Road in Akron at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2026. For the outdoor Mass, please bring your own seating and an umbrella in case of rain or excessive sun. If you have any questions or are interested in other Mass locations, please contact Renee at rweese@clecem.org, 216-930-4866, or visit our information/events website at www.clecem.org.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth
- Psalm 66:1



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