

The measure of love is to love without measure.

# St. Francis de Sales Parish



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday,  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## 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**  
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## 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)

**PENTECOST SUNDAY  
MAY 24, 2026**



**SUNDAY, MAY 24, PENTECOST SUNDAY**

- 7:30 a.m. Judith Rambacher (Traci Davis)  
9:00 a.m. Donald Mantel (Les & Barb Mezenski)  
11:00 a.m. Dominic Reo (Frank & Therese Andler)

**MONDAY, MAY 25, THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

- 9:30 a.m. Robert Burch (K of C Council 4664)  
*Donald Mantel – Anniversary of Death*

**TUESDAY, MAY 26, ST. PHILIP NERI**

- 8:15 a.m. Stephen Scheefers (Parish Family)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27,  
ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

- 8:15 a.m. James & Eleanor Voyk (Stavarz Family)

**THURSDAY, MAY 28**

- 8:15 a.m. Hazel Skinner & Helen Shur (Gary Skinner)  
6:30 p.m. Rosa & Karl Heyden (Tony & Mary Heyden)

**FRIDAY, MAY 29, ST. PAUL VI**

- 8:15 a.m. Tom Kalgreen (Gary Skinner)  
10:00 a.m. *School Mass SFdS Parish School  
Class of 2026*

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

- 8:15 a.m. Intentions of Fr. G. David Bline  
(Kusnir Family)  
5:00 p.m. Pro Populo  
*Fr. Bline – Anniversary of Ordination*

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

- 7:30 a.m. Helen Holosy (Gary Skinner)  
9:00 a.m. Maria Sensius (Kathy Michels)  
11:00 a.m. Marcelline Trunck  
(Rosanna & George Frankovich)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Gen 3:9-15, 20 OR Acts 1:12-14;  
Jn 19:25-34  
**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31  
**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45  
**Thursday:** 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52  
**Friday:** 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26  
**Saturday:** Ju 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33  
**Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

**“RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT”**

“Come, Holy Spirit! Enkindle in us the fire of Your love! We know that this is a bold prayer, with which we ask to be touched by God’s flame; but above all we know that this flame and it alone has the power to save us. We do not want, in defending our life, to lose eternal life that God wants to give us. We need the fire of the Holy Spirit, because only Love redeems. Amen.” (Pope Benedict XVI).

**Fr. Mark’s 25 Anniversary.** As we welcome the Holy Spirit anew in our lives this weekend, we welcome back Fr. Mark Ott to celebrate his 25 years as a priest of Jesus Christ! He will celebrate the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 23. His Anniversary of Ordination is May 19. It will be a joy to pray with him and thank God for his calling and the way he has instructed and formed the hearts of those studying at seminary. Thank you, Fr. Ott!

**Immaculate Conception Update.** As of May 24, Immaculate Conception Parish in Kenmore has officially become part of St. Francis de Sales Parish. Their territory officially becomes our territory. Currently, we do not have a plan for how the school, church and rectory buildings will be used in the future. I will be attending diocesan meetings in the months ahead to see how Catholic Charities will best use the facilities. I will let you all know what the plans are once decisions are made. St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us!

**Welcome New Members.** This weekend, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we welcome new parishioners here at St. Francis de Sales. On every Pentecost Sunday going forward, we will welcome new parishioners as we celebrate the birthday of the Church. At Mass, I will ask them to stand and bless them. Here is the prayer I will pray over them...

**Prayer for New Parishioners**

*Lord God, we entrust to Your loving care our new parishioners who are joining our church family today. We thank You for bringing them to this community, and we celebrate the unique gifts and talents they bring to us.*



*Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon them. May they find in this parish a place of spiritual nourishment, fellowship, and peace. Guide their steps, deepen their faith, and surround them with friends who will walk alongside them in their spiritual journey. We ask this in Your holy and blessed name. Amen.*

**Welcome Home,  
Fr. Jeremy**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**

- Prayers for Healing, after 11:00 a.m. Mass, meet by the St. Anthony Statue
- New Parishioner Welcome Luncheon, after 11:00 a.m. Mass (Gym)
- Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Pavilion)

**MONDAY, MAY 25 – HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!**

- No School
- Parish Office Closed
- Mass at 9:30 a.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 26**

- Becoming Catholic, 6:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**

- Pre-K Graduation, 9:00 a.m. (Church)
- 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, MAY 28**

- Kindergarten Graduation, 10:30 a.m. (Church)
- Thursday Scripture Group, 12:30 p.m. (St. Gerard Room)
- Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary for Catholics Course, 7:15 p.m. (Memorare Center)

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

- Last Day of School
- Eighth Grade Graduation Mass, 10:00 a.m. (Church)

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Rosary, 8:45 a.m. (Church)
- Fundraiser for Ukraine Basket Raffle, after 5:00 p.m. Mass (Pavilion)

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**

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

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

May 16 & 17

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Sunday	13,465.00
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School	36.00
Special Collections	855.00
TOTAL	\$14,466.00

*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. **Ann Givens-Hill** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

**REST IN PEACE**

Please remember in prayer the souls of **Larry Rozewicz**, **Craig Jones**, and **Betty Robinson**, sister of parishioner Judy Christine. May Jesus and Mary welcome them into heavenly joy and console their family and friends.

**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



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**  
 I Joseph Durkin & Kelly Shaw

# Fall Family Event Volunteers Needed!

## Family Movie Night

Saturday, October 24

## Eucharistic Devotions Praise & Worship XLT

Saturday, November 14

## Donuts with St. Nick

Sunday, December 6

Help us make new traditions this fall! Our parish council has brainstormed monthly family - focused events to build up our community.

**We are looking for families to take the lead in making them happen.** Volunteers will handle tasks such as planning refreshments, advertising, and set up and tear down for the event. If your family is willing to take on one fall event, please contact Elena Dunn at [edunn@stfparish.com](mailto:edunn@stfparish.com) to sign up. If you'd like to work together with another family to organize an event, let us know!

### SENDOFF FOR FR. DAVID & WELCOME FOR FR. CAMERON

On Sunday, June 7 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, all are welcome to a farewell celebration for Fr. David in the gym. Come say Thank-you for his great care and service to St. Francis de Sales and wish him well in his new assignment at St. Francis Xavier in Medina. The following Sunday, come back for Donut Sunday on June 14 to meet Fr. Cameron!

### 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.

Friday, 4:00-5:00 p.m. & 8:00-9:00 p.m.

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

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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

### A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

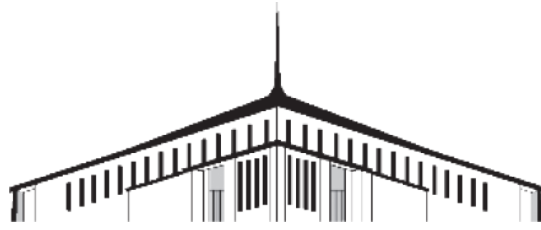
Come Holy Spirit! Light in us the fire of Your love.

If it feels as if you are walking in darkness – don't walk alone. Fight to find that light again. Fight to allow God's Holy Spirit to bring you the peace and joy He wants you to have. Maybe the Stephen Ministry at St. Francis de Sales Parish can support you in this journey. Stephen Ministers have received more than 50 hours of Christian care training to walk beside you through any dark times of life. Men will be paired with male Stephen Ministers and women will be paired with females. There is no cost associated with this ministry. Contact a Stephen Leader for more information: Ann Clark ([aclark2@stfparish.com](mailto:aclark2@stfparish.com))

### THE WILD GOOSE

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., June 2 through August 25, join Fr. Jeremy in the Memorare Center for weekly sessions to watch *The Wild Goose* video series by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University, and discover the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. Each video will be followed by group discussion and prayer. Please RSVP with the QR code below or by calling the Parish Office at 330-644-2225.





**We welcome our newest parishioners...  
we're so happy you're here!**

**Blair**, Troynette

**Booher**, Donald and Pamela

**Browne**, Dianna

**Busson**, Bob

**Conti**, Darin, Amanda, Stella and Giovanni

**Cummings**, Chuck and Barb

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**Dunburg**, Patricia

**Esker**, Richard and Diane

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**Hlass**, Dawn

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**Norton**, Linda

**Plasity**, Becky and Angela

**Rizzo**, Michael, Jacqueline, Grayson, and Rosy

**Shaffer**, Eamon, Cassidy, Sydney and Maeve

**Sues**, LeeAnn

**Szahlender**, Julius and Jodi

**Thompson**, Carolyn

**Todd**, Charlene

**Wallbrown**, Van and Caydon

**Whalen**, Larry

**Yeager**, John and Emily

If you are interested in joining the parish, please call the Parish Office at 330-644-2225.  
Our staff will be happy to help you!

The above are families who registered  
February - May, 2026.



# God Bless Our First Communicants

Jace B.	Josephine F.	Evelyn M.
Harvey B.	Luke F.	Ellie M.
Donovan C.	Isabela F.	Dawson N.
Stella C.	Mackenzie G.	Asti N.
Vincent C.	Everett H.	Evelyn O.
Haley C.	Joshua J.	Caroline P.
Lochlan C.	Iris J.	Josephine P.
Gavin C.	Elliott J.	Kora R.
Indiana C.	Hadley K.	Chloe R.
Brigh D.	Kerry K.	Brynn R.
Rowan D.	Abigail L.	Gianna S.
Marielle D.	Teagan L.	Ella S.
Louis D.	Lauren M.	Gabriella S.
Sydney D.	Isaac M.	Pave S.
Eva E.	Elizabeth M.	Gideon T.
Jane E.	Ava M.	Madeline T.
Jett E.	Tristan M.	Mary Z.
	Kasey M.	

## HEARING LOOP

St. Francis de Sales Church is equipped with an active Hearing Loop System. This system can enhance your worship experience if you have a hearing aid with an activated tele-coil (T-coil). Please be sure that your hearing aid with an activated tele-coil is on the correct setting. If you are unsure if your hearing aid has a tele-coil, contact your audiologist to inquire. Each section of pews in the main church area has been wired for the Hearing Loop. The following are tips to maximize the Hearing Loop experience with an active tele-coil in your hearing aid:



1. Sit toward the front of the pew sections. This ensures proximity to the Hearing Loop wires; therefore, the signal is stronger.
2. Sit toward the end of the pew closer to the aisle. This additionally ensures you are closer to the Hearing Loop wires since the Hearing Loop wires are where the carpet and tile meet.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen McVicker, Director of Music, at the Parish Office, 330-644-2225.



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 20 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:

*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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**Thursdays 5/28, 6/4, 6/11 & 6/18 at 7:15pm**

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**YOUNG AT HEART**

The next Young at Heart meeting will be on June 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the Queen of Heaven PLC. Come and see and hear about the work of a local artist. It promises to be a fun show!! Guests, nonmembers and those not quite 55 are welcome.

**THE ITE PROJECT ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE**

The ITE Project, a Catholic Young Adult Mission, is hosting its Annual Clothing Drive at St. Francis de Sales Parish on Saturday, June 13. This is a great time to evaluate your closets and bring your unneeded items to the pavilion from 10:00 a.m-12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13! Volunteers will help unload your car, sort the donations, and then redistribute them to other charities which give away items to the needy. This event is rain or shine!

Young adults are invited to volunteer that day between 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come when you can and leave when you must. A lunch is provided for those volunteering. Find more details and RSVP at <https://www.theiteproject.com/events/clothingdrive26>.

**RETREATS AT LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE**

Loyola Retreat House in Green is pleased to welcome Father Joe Blas Nolasco, who will host two retreats in July. Father Joe is a Catholic priest, hospital chaplain, author, and experienced retreat facilitator with more than 15 years of pastoral ministry. His work is rooted in accompanying individuals and communities through moments of suffering, healing, discernment, and spiritual renewal. Drawing from chaplaincy, storytelling, and Benedictine spirituality, Fr. Joe offers retreats that are pastorally grounded, relatable, and deeply human, creating spaces where participants can encounter God in the reality of their lives. He will offer two retreats: *From Wounds to Wisdom: Healing the Stories We Carry*, and *Still Called, Still Chosen: The Gift of Life's Later Years*. For more information and to register for one or both retreats, visit our website, [loyolaretreathouse.com](http://loyolaretreathouse.com).

**GLOBAL ROSARY RELAY FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS**

The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will be held on June 12, 2026 on The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a worldwide event with the Rosary being prayed for 24 hours at designated locations around the world for our priests. The local Rosary in Northeast Ohio is at Noon at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine 21281 Chardon Road, 44117. Please join us at the Shrine in church. The Rosary also will be broadcast at that time on AM 1260 the Rock. This event is sponsored by Worldpriest. <https://www.worldpriest.com/>.



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