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St. Francis de Sales Parish



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday,
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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Please call the parish office at 330-644-2225
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EDUCATION

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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)

THE MOST HOLY
BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 7, 2026

*Masses For
The Week*



SUNDAY, JUNE 7,

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

- 7:30 a.m. Judy Rambacher (St. Francis Friends)
9:00 a.m. Ruth & Clair Over (John & Helen Deibel)
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Shea & Kish Families (Bill & Pat Shea)

MONDAY, JUNE 8

- 8:15 a.m. George Merletti (Coletta Kritzell)
Donald Vought – *Month's Mind*

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, ST. EPHREM

- 8:15 a.m. Gerry Kansa (Kovesci Family)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- 8:15 a.m. Joe VanDevere (Lou & Laurene Scala)

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, ST. BARNABAS

- 8:15 a.m. Donna Koehler (Joe Koehler)
6:30 p.m. Joe Trexler (Pauline Knee)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12,

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Bonfiglio Family
(Anna Fana)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13,

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

- 8:15 a.m. Anthony Keblesh (Mary Tomits)
5:00 p.m. Jack Sabol & Dennis Gahera (Family)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14,

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Donna Ott (George Ott)
11:00 a.m. John Andrews (Andrews Family)



THANK YOU, FR. DAVID!

It is hard to believe how fast time flies! I tell time to slow down, but time does not listen! It feels like yesterday that Fr. Verbsky moved in and started serving us here, and now we find ourselves at his last weekend with us. As you can imagine, this time of the year Fr. David is packing his things up and Fr. Cameron is unpacking his things here. In the midst of this, I also tried to move things out and declutter. In the process of this, I found a few bulletins from Fr. Suso's farewell weekend. In the bulletin article, Fr. Blin did a great job explaining what a gift St. Francis de Sales Parish is for a newly ordained priest...

*"The best way I know how to thank God for sending [Fr. David] to us is by acknowledging how much **YOU** have been used as the instrument of God's love and formation for His newly ordained priest. **YOU** let him know the dryness of your life so he could refresh you with enlightening words of hope from his powerful and intelligent homilies, and be nourished with Christ's Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity through his priestly hands. **YOU** entrusted your children to him so they might come to believe in the Truth and beauty of our Catholic faith even in the midst of a political and media driven world that just does not know how to want it any more...especially from a Catholic priest. **YOU** let him walk your brides and grooms on a covenantal journey bound by Christ's love and not just their own. **YOU** called him to touch your loved one's lives with consecrated oil so that they might know true healing or be led to Heaven's glory. **YOU** waited in lines and made your appointments to ask him to share with you your confessing hearts and desire to be made whole again through Christ's complete forgiveness. **YOU** truly let him be in persona Christi (in the person of Jesus Christ), so he might begin to know the awesome joys of serving you and loving you by laying down his life as your priest. Do **YOU** realize what kind of a start you have given him? God ordained him as His sacred priest for eternity, but **YOU** have loved him into knowing what it means to be a priest now." Thank you, Fr. David, for your love and service to the people here! It's been a joy and privilege to walk these years with you.*

**St. Francis de Sales, St. Francis Xavier,
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us!**

Fr. Jeremy

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Deut 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

- Send-off for Fr. David, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass (Gym)
- Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Pavilion)

MONDAY, JUNE 8

- Avila Holy Hour, 9:00 a.m. (Church)

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- *The Wild Goose*, 7:00 p.m. (Memorare Center)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- 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, JUNE 11

- Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary for Catholics Course, 7:15 p.m. (Memorare Center)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room)
- Rosary, 8:45 a.m. (Church)
- ITE Project Clothing Drive, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Pavilion)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

- Donut Sunday – come meet Fr. Cameron!
- Peter Maurin Center Service Day, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Scouts, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Pavilion)

**COLLECTION INFORMATION
May 30 & 31**

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Sunday	16,752.00
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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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Joseph Durkin & Kelly Shaw

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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. **Jacqui & Dan Clark Family** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Daniel F. Darrow, Sr.** May Christ receive him into eternal rest and console his family and friends.

SENDOFF FOR FR. DAVID & WELCOME FOR FR. CAMERON

This 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. Next 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, 2:00-3:00 p.m. & 3:00-4:00 p.m.
 Friday, 9:00-10:00 a.m. during the summer
 Please call Joanne at 330-338-4810, if you are able to help with these times.

MOMS OF LITTLES

Moms of Littles will meet this summer on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Weather permitting, we will be outside on the parish playground. Come join us for fellowship with other young families!

A WORD OF THANKS

Four years ago, I spent my first Corpus Christi as a priest in the hospital recovering from a brush with death. Some attributed the illness that landed me in the hospital instead of the sanctuary to the work of the enemy. Though I would have preferred a much less dramatic introduction, I shared at the time that perhaps God had permitted it to remind me that though I was now, a priest I was not self-sufficient. I was the recipient of your prayers before I could serve you with my own.

Thank you for loving me as your priest these last four years. For your words of encouragement and friendship. For humoring my penchant for sharing fun facts and stories. For your prayers which I will likely never fully appreciate this side of eternity.

My sorrow at having to leave is tempered by the knowledge that I must create a space so that Fr. Cameron may also receive the gift of being your priest. It is most fitting that this Feast of Corpus Christi aligns with my last weekend here since the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and our parish. Each priest and parish brings new opportunities and gifts, but Christ remains the same.

If I don't get to say goodbye to you in person this weekend, my new address will be St. Francis Xavier Parish in Medina,

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 Fr. David**



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Hope for a Nation

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

In June 2026, the Catholic bishops of the United States will take part in a profound spiritual act: the consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Timed to coincide with the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart and the 250th anniversary of our country's founding, this moment invites Catholics across the nation to reflect on who we are—and to whom we belong.

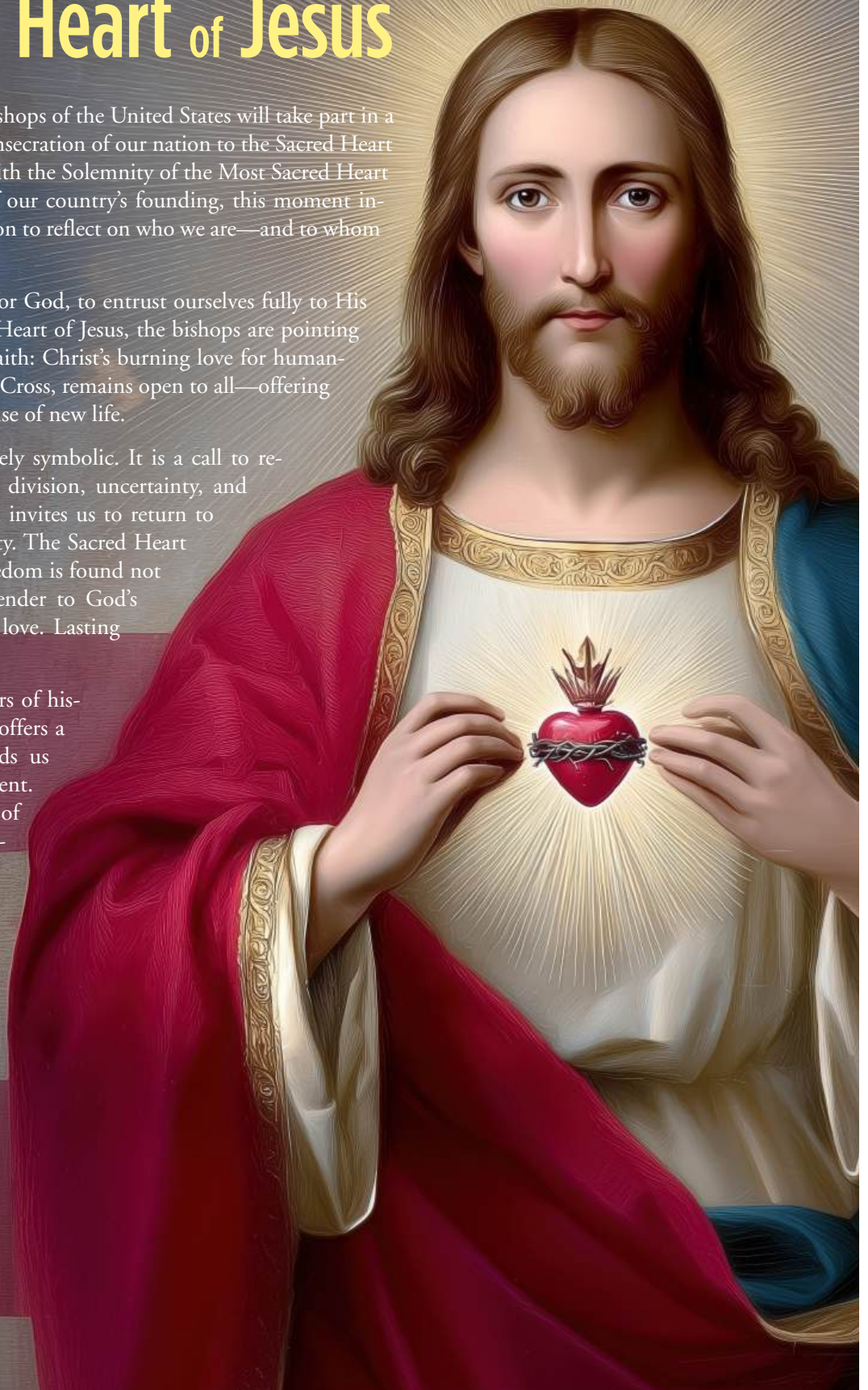
To consecrate is to set apart for God, to entrust ourselves fully to His care. In choosing the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the bishops are pointing us to the very center of our faith: Christ's burning love for humanity. His Heart, pierced on the Cross, remains open to all—offering mercy, healing, and the promise of new life.

This consecration is not merely symbolic. It is a call to renewal. In a time marked by division, uncertainty, and moral confusion, the Church invites us to return to the source of truth and charity. The Sacred Heart reminds us that authentic freedom is found not in self-assertion, but in surrender to God's will. True justice flows from love. Lasting peace begins in conversion.

As our nation marks 250 years of history, this act of consecration offers a deeper perspective. It reminds us that no nation is self-sufficient. We stand always in need of grace. By entrusting our country to Christ, we acknowledge Him as Lord of history and ask Him to guide our future.

Each of us has a role to play. The bishops are encouraging parishes and families to participate through prayer, acts of charity, and renewed devotion. This is an opportunity not only to pray for our nation, but to be transformed within it.

The Heart of Jesus is still open. The question is whether we will enter in.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CONSECRATE A NATION?

Consecration is a sacred act by which a person, family, or community is entrusted to God in a special way. When the bishops consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, they are not making a political statement or changing civil structures. Rather, they are offering a prayer—placing our nation under the loving care and lordship of Christ.

This act reflects a long tradition in the Church. Individuals consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart as a sign of trust in Jesus' mercy and a desire to live more fully for Him. Families enthrone the Sacred Heart in their homes. At times, even entire nations have been consecrated, asking for God's protection and guidance.

A national consecration is both a prayer and an invitation. It asks God to bless the country, but it also calls the faithful to deeper conversion. It is not a one-time event, but a beginning—a renewal of commitment to live according to the Gospel.

In this sense, the consecration of 2026 is not something done only by bishops. It is something the whole Church is invited to enter into with faith, humility, and trust.

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts and call us into friendship with you. From your pierced side flows the wellspring of life for which we thirst, and your Heart burns with love for all people.

We thank you for the many gifts given to this nation, and we ask forgiveness for the offenses against you and against human dignity.

Unite our hearts to yours. Bring peace to our families and communities, reconcile what is broken, repair injustice, and heal the wounds of our land.

May your holy Catholic Church lead all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

—US Conference of Catholic Bishops

WHY THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS?

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most beloved devotions in the Church. It points to the mystery at the center of our faith: that God loves us with a human heart. Jesus' Heart, pierced on the Cross, reveals both the depth of His suffering and the boundless mercy He offers.

This devotion was given particular prominence through the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century. In them, Christ revealed His desire that humanity turn to His Heart in trust, offering love in return for love.



The image of the Sacred Heart speaks powerfully to our time. It reminds us that God is not distant or indifferent. He is close, compassionate, and personally invested in our lives. His Heart burns with love for every person and every nation.

By consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart, the bishops are inviting us to rediscover this devotion—not as something of the past, but as a living source of grace. It is an invitation to place our wounds, our hopes, and our future into the hands of Christ.

HOW CAN WE TAKE PART?

The consecration of the United States in June 2026 is meant to be a nationwide moment of prayer, but it begins in local parishes and individual hearts. The bishops are encouraging

Catholics everywhere to participate actively in this important event.

One way to prepare is through prayer. Many dioceses and parishes will offer a novena leading up to the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Attending Mass, spending time in Eucharistic adoration, and praying to the Sacred Heart are all meaningful ways to enter into the consecration.

Families can take part by enthroneing an image of the Sacred Heart in their home, making Christ the center of family life. Acts of charity—especially toward the poor and those in need—also reflect the love of Christ's Heart.

Most importantly, the consecration is an invitation to personal conversion. Each of us is called to turn more fully to Christ, to trust in His mercy, and to live out His love in our daily lives.

In this way, the consecration becomes more than a single event. It becomes a lasting renewal of faith for our nation.

Mass at the Ballpark
August 9th, 2026 at 11am

10:45am: Praise & Worship
 11:00am: Mass in the ballpark
 12:15pm: Catch on the field
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PETER MAURIN SERVICE DAYS

St. Francis de Sales has committed to serving a hot meal for our neighbors in need at the Peter Maurin Center in Akron on the following Sundays: **June 14th, August 9th, October 11th, and December 13th**. We are especially inviting Confirmation candidates and high school students to volunteer, though any parishioner is welcome to help serve! We will arrive at Peter Maurin Center at 9:30 a.m. to begin cooking. We should finish serving at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering or in giving a donation to help cover the cost of ingredients, please reach out to Abby Gresser at agresser@stfparish.com.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

It's okay to be human! We're sometimes brought up to believe we are supposed to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it's a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, we don't need to suffer alone. Add your prayer intentions to the prayer box in the narthex of the church and the St. Francis de Sales Stephen Ministers will keep your intentions in our prayers. Maybe you need a little more support. Maybe you would like to be paired with a Stephen Minister who is ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Request more information by adding your contact information to the prayer request form in the narthex or contact Ann Clark (aclark2@stfparish.com), one of Stephen Leaders. You are not alone.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY ANGELS

Our guardian angels are fervently devoted to Mary and always eager to help us to serve her more zealously. As our mother, Mary has no other intention than to form us in her heart to resemble Christ, thus enabling us to give ourselves more generously to the work of redemption. Learn more about Mary and the angels at a talk on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Gerard Room at the Memorare Center. You are invited to stay for a discussion on the Marian dimension in the work of the holy angels (Opus Angelorum), (letter 9 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. Please note the 7:15 group for holy angels will meet in the Archangels Room from this point on.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Cluster Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, June 9, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

South Akron Knights of Columbus and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive on Wednesday, June 17 from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the South Akron Knights of Columbus Hall, 2055 Glenmount Avenue, Akron, OH, 44319. Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today! Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

REFUGE HOST HOMES

Refuge Host Homes has long provided a beautiful solution for pregnant women seeking stability: a welcoming home with a host family. Placements usually require several weeks, but the vision has always been bigger. After years of praying for an emergency option, that vision is coming to life. In June, the very first emergency home will open its doors, offering immediate temporary housing when it matters most. Join them for an Open House on June 18th from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at 213 Falls Avenue in Cuyahoga Falls. For more information, visit <https://www.refugehosthomes.org/events>.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS

Join us on Monday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m., as we welcome our guest speaker Father Chris Zerucha, Pastor of St. Bernard 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: "Audience Participation Night! The Weekly Catechism: Beta Edition." 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.

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>.

Come take a Journey with Jesus!

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and Our Blessed Mother!



**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
Trip#2703 March 7 - 18, 2027**



In Lent of 2027, come see the places where Our Lord lived, ministered, and achieved our salvation. Trip highlights include visits to Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Mount Carmel, the Mount of Beatitudes, Caesarea Philippi, Jerusalem, and the Holy Sepulchre. Mass and the Rosary will be offered each day of the pilgrimage. A group is assembling from St. Francis de Sales. To join the group, when registering please state that you are part of the "Turk Group."

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For Single Room: additional \$1,170

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