

St. Francis de Sales

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:45 A.M.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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**Current Office Hours:**

Mon-Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday: CLOSED  
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Care of the Sick:

Notify the parish office of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound on Sundays and the week of First Friday. Arrangements can be made for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Baptism & RCIA:

Call the parish office to register. Diocesan regulations require first time parents to participate in a pre-baptismal instruction class. Adults wishing to become Catholic will be enrolled in the RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Matrimony:

Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

Funerals:

Please have the funeral director call the parish office to finalize plans.

Parish Membership:

New parishioners are always welcome! Please call or stop in the parish office to register. Please notify the office if moving, changing address or changing phone number. All parishioners should be receiving offering envelopes to help support the works of the parish.

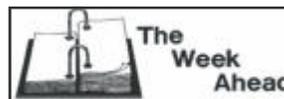
Bulletin for Sunday, September 5, 2021



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis de Sales Parish (Parma, Ohio) was founded in July, 1931, in the midst of the Great Depression. As a Catholic Church community, in keeping with our Baptismal calling, we strive to live the message and model of service of the Lord Jesus. We are committed to being faithful stewards of God's gifts to us, living the sacramental life of the Church, serving the poor and the needy and providing faith formation for all generations. We seek to continue to be a parish community welcoming all, a parish community helping people to grow in faith and a parish community reflecting the love of Christ. (March, 2015)



SUNDAY, September 5

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am *For the People of the Parish*
- 11:00am *Stigalt & Kellogg Families Living & Deceased*

MONDAY, September 6

Dedication of Cathedral of St. John CLE Diocese

- 8:45am †Thomas Peyton

TUESDAY, September 7

Weekday

- 8:45am *Families & Friends of George & Laurie Cieslinski*

WEDNESDAY, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:45am †Elizabeth, Ignatius and Joseph Patka

THURSDAY, September 9

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

- 8:45am †Gilbert Tobin

FRIDAY, September 10

Weekday

- 8:45am *Sister Audrey Koch and †Art Koch*



SATURDAY, September 11

Weekday

- 4:00pm †Ludwig, Peggy, Kathy & John & all who died on September 11, 2001

SUNDAY, September 12

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am *Jerry Rohr—90th Birthday Holy Name Corporate Communion*
- 11:00am †John & Ruth Kerosky



SUNDAY, September 5

MONDAY, September 6 *Parish Office Closed*

Social After 8:45 A.M. Mass
(De Sales Room)



TUESDAY, September 7



- 11:00am Wii Bowling
- 7:00pm Instrumental Practice (Church)



WEDNESDAY, September 8

7:00pm *Confirmation Preparation Candidate & Parent(s)*
(DeSales Room)

- 6:30pm *Holy Name Cookout*
- 7:30pm *Holy Name Society Rosary*
- 8:00pm *Holy Name Meeting (Cafeteria)*



THURSDAY, September 9



- 1:00pm *Seniors' Club (De Sales Room)*
- 6:00pm O.A. (De Sales Room)
- 7:00pm *Youth Choir (Church)*



FRIDAY, September 10

SATURDAY, Sept. 11



SUNDAY, September 12



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SERVE

Sat., Sept 11 4:00pm Jackie Bonsignore

Sun, Sept 12 8:30am Bob Piatak
11:00am Ella Polomsky

In Loving Memory

Jeannette L. Spies

Clara Vasicek



Please review our Sick List, first, to pray for them, and second, to ensure that your name is not on it if you are healthy again! Many times we are asked to add someone to the sick list. But, when he/she has returned to good health, we are not called again to take them off the list. Please call the Parish Office (440-884-2319) if we need to add or take someone off the Sick/Prayer List.



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| Linda Menko | Theresa Nicholas | Tony Tomecko |
| Bridget Houdek | Michelle Nowakowski | Linda Toothman |
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| Theresa Hrusovskiy | Veronica Otcasek | Carol Wolff |
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| Nancy Sue Jablonowski | Andrew Pavka | Alice Zamiskie |
| Colette Jedlicka | Mary Peters | |

From the Pastor's Desk



I noticed on the September calendar that next Saturday, Sept. 11th, is "Patriot's Day". Its so hard to believe that this is the 20th anniversary of the terrible terrorist attacks on our nation in New York City, Washington D.C., and the brave passengers who forced the crash of their plane in a field in Pennsylvania. This is one of those days a person will never forget! Everyone can remember where they were and what they were doing when they heard the news of these attacks. Since then, our nation has been in a war against terrorists, with many of our young people in the military making the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives to defeat terrorism and keep the world safe. Be sure to take a bit of time on Saturday and spend it in prayer – praying for those who died in the planes on 9/11/01 and for all the women and men in our Armed Forces who have been maimed or given their lives to keep us free. As President Biden always ends his addresses to the American people, "God bless the United States of America, and God bless the men and women of our Armed Forces."..... I also noticed on our calendar that next Sunday, Sept. 12th, is "Grandparents Day". This traditionally has been the day in our country when we would honor grandparents. You may recall, though, that in July Pope Francis had the universal Church celebrate "Grandparents and the Elderly Day" in honor of the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Ann, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of the Christ-child. On that day the parish had a special blessing for grandparents and gave them and the elderly a holy card of Sts. Joachim and Ann. So, even though we will not be observing the national day for grandparents, I do encourage everyone to let their grandparents know of your love for them by calling or visiting them and maybe giving them a special gift or taking them out for dinner. If your grandparents are deceased, offer a special prayer of thankfulness and light a candle in church for them.

.... Fr. Mark Peyton



S.A.M.S. = Saturday After Mass Social



Next Saturday, September 11th, the P.A.L.S. group is hosting a "S.A.M.S." Join us **after the 4:00 P.M. Mass in the Cafeteria**. We will have **Pizza and Salad**, coffee, and ice tea. Hope to see you next Saturday after the 4 o'clock Mass!!! (PALS, "People Are Loving Servants", is a ministry of our parish.)

...Michelle Nowakowski

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS - August 29, 2021

SUNDAY Collection	\$	5,487
Online Giving "We Share"	\$	367
UTILITIES	\$	708
FUNDING THE FUTURE	\$	40
TOTAL:	\$	6,602

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You can also use Online Giving to donate to Special collections. (e.g. Utilities, Flowers, SFDS Social Justice)



This **Monday, September 6th** (first Monday in September), our nation pauses to celebrate Labor Day. It is on this day that, as a nation, we "rest from our labors" to reflect on and honor all those who in the past, and now in the present, have been a part of the labor force that has made our nation the great one that it is. **Our parish Mass for Labor Day will be at 8:45 A.M., followed by a social in the De Sales Room.** On this last "holiday" of summer why not make a special effort to join in Mass to give thanks to God not only for all those who have been a part of the labor force of our nation throughout its history, but also to thank God for the summer days of rest and to ask God to especially bless the new school year that has begun.



Called To Pray...

Our next prayer gathering will be:
Tuesday, September 14th
from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

Our prayer gathering in September will be on Tuesday, **September 14th** in the De Sales Room. If you would like to join us, please feel free to come and pray one hour with us!

...Sr. Annette



SEPTEMBER 2021
HOLY NAME SPIRE
 NEXT SUNDAY IS OUR
FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

How fast the summer flies by! Normally we would be planning our annual clambake. Sad to inform you that we will not be having the clambake this year due to the chance that we may not be able to receive the full amount of quality clams we need. In place of the Clambake we will have a **Fundraiser Benefit for the Tony Tomecko family**. More information will be provided in the bulletins.

We are now looking into returning the Poorman's Reverse Raffle this October. More information at this Wednesday's meeting. Also, this will be the last cookout for this year.



Wednesday's meeting times are as follows:
 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. - Cook-out will be served
 7:30 p.m. - Rosary Devotions
 8:00 p.m. - Business Meeting

As always, any new or potential members are welcome to join us at this week's cook out, Rosary devotion and meeting! Help us support our parish community.

**Have a Happy and Safe
 Labor Day Holiday!**



**SFDS Social Justice
 HELP WANTED**

We have been making and serving a lunch, once a month, at the West Side Catholic Center for over 30 years. At this time, we are in need of a volunteer to be the coordinator of this lunch program. The duties include: being a contact between the West Side Catholic Center and our group, selecting a menu from our list of meals, passing out a sign-up sheet for social justice members to make the food, passing out a sign-up sheet for social justice members to join you to serve the lunch, making sure we have the paper products and food items that need to be purchased to complete the meal. It would involve some shopping and phone calls. All training provided. *If you are interested and able to help with this work of mercy, please give your name and phone number to the parish office (440-884-2319) and Social Justice will contact you. Thank you.*

Catholic Charities 2021 Appeal

With your support the annual Catholic Charities Appeal for 2021 continues to serve our neighbors in need throughout northeast Ohio. Over 400,000 people are aided annually! As of this past July, 193 households of SFDS (17% of 1168 households) have responded to the 2021 Appeal. These households have pledged/contributed \$27,832.00 which is 76.7% of our parish goal of \$36,287.00. This month Bishop Malesic will be sending a personal letter to people throughout the Diocese to encourage their support of the Appeal. When you receive the letter, if you have not already made your pledge/donation, please respond generously. Not only will you help the parish achieve its goal, but, more importantly, you will help thousands of people in their time of need.

Special Second Collections



This weekend (Sept. 4-5) and next weekend (Sept. 11-12) there will be special second collections. These will be "pass the basket" second collections since there are no envelopes in your September packet for them. *The second collection this weekend is on behalf of the people of Haiti* who recently were devastated by an earthquake, followed by a tropical storm. Many Church properties, as well as homes and businesses were severely damaged or destroyed. *The other special second collection will be taken at Masses next weekend, Sept. 11-12. This one is for the annual Diocesan Mission Co-op.* A missionary priest from the Redemptorist Fathers' Denver Province will be here to speak at all Masses, telling us of the missionary works of his religious community and reminding us of the call we have to support the missionary works of the Church (one of the Precepts of the Catholic Church). Any checks put in these collections should be made payable to St. Francis de Sales Church. On the memo line of the check you can write "Haiti Relief" or "Missionary Appeal".



SENIORS CLUB

The Seniors Club's next meeting and activities will be **THIS Thursday, Sept. 9th at 1 P.M.** in the De Sales Room. Join us for prayer, a short business meeting, and delicious dessert. *Bring a friend or a neighbor with you to have fun and enjoy the friendship of our members!* At this meeting our Seniors will be participating in "Senior Academic Challenge". Come and have some fun sharing your knowledge of trivia! One last note... Recently the Bishop of Cleveland notified all pastors to "strongly encourage the wearing of masks at parish activities". Please bring your mask to the meeting.
 ... *Michelle Nowakowski*

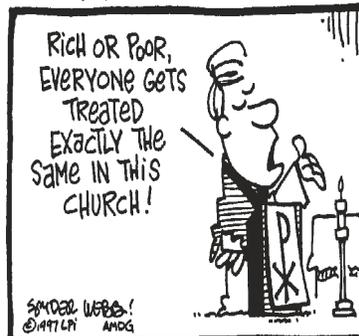
HOLY NAME FUNDRAISER

On **September 18th** the Holy Name Society is sponsoring a fund raiser for the **Tony Tomecko family**. Tony had a bad fall and has been recovering in a trauma unit for almost one month. You may have read about the accident in the August 12, 2021 Sun Post newspaper.

The Holy Name will have a **cookout after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Sept. 18th**. The HNS will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, pop and water. Food will be served in the cafeteria. We will have 50/50 side boards for fundraising. There is no charge for the food and drinks. Rather, Free Will donations will be accepted to help Tony's Family with medical bills and other expenses. Please consider attending!

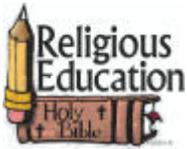


23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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PSR

Michelle Nowakowski, PSR Director
Parish Office: 440-884-2319
SFDSGenerationsMinistry@yahoo.com

- ◆ PSR Families should return their completed Registration packet for the 2021-2022 school year at the Parish Office. Registration forms and fees can also be given to one of our PSR staff who will be outside on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, the first night of PSR classes.
- ◆ **PSR in-person classes for the 2021-2022 school year begin on Wednesday, Sept. 15th from 7:00-8:15 P.M.**

CONFIRMATION

We begin our *Confirmation Preparation Process* with our first meeting for all current 7th and 8th grade PSR students and their parents/guardians **THIS Wednesday, September 8th, at 7 P.M.** in the De Sales Room. At this meeting we will lay out the plan for the Confirmation Preparation Year.

Family Perspectives

The deaf man in today's gospel had friends who brought him to Jesus for help. We are often deaf to one another and don't know it. We hurt others when we listen but do not hear. Take a tip from the deaf man and his friends. Let us recognize our deafness and then ask God to heal us. We especially pray that parents will foster safety and a safe space for their children and the whole family to truly hear and support one another.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me... What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening? *Tracy Earl Welliver, (LPI)*



The SFDS Parish Office
Will be **CLOSED** on
Monday, SEPT. 6th for LABOR DAY.
Have a Safe Holiday Weekend !!!



Liturgy Update

GOSPEL MEDITATION

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.



Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be

familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change. (LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.) **...Sr. Annette**



This week the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered at the following parish Mass here in Parma/Parma Hts.

⇒ **Thursday, Sept. 9 – St. Bridget of Kildare (8:30 A.M.)**

Should you need this Sacrament of Healing but cannot go to St. Bridget's, please do not hesitate to call our parish office to arrange for one of the priests here to administer the Sacrament to you.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Columbkille 50+ Travelers

On **September 15, 2021** we will be traveling to Pittsburg, PA going on the *“Gateway Clipper Ship”* on the **3 Rivers**. On our return we will be going to **3 Rivers Casino**. We will receive \$5.00 for food and \$20.00 for Play.

The cost is \$115 per person. The Barons Bus Line will be picking us up and returning to St. Columbkille’s parking lot (North side). Pickup is at 7:30 A.M. We will return at approximately 8:30 P.M.

Please call Nancy at 216-524-3668 for Reservations or for any questions. Cost is to be paid at time of Reservation.

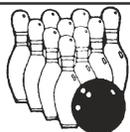
The next Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for September 10-12 This is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help.

RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at **440.357.6580** or **1.800.470.2230**, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.

**People
Are
Loving
Servants**

The SFDS Wii Bowling group will meet this **Tuesday, September 7th** at 11:00 A.M.



CLOTHING DONATION DRIVE

*Sponsored by St. Charles School PTU
Saturday, Sept. 11th, 9:00 a.m.to Noon
Wilber Ave. Parking Lot (Rain or Shine)*

Help St. Charles PTU fundraise by purging items from your closets. Simply gather items in bags or boxes and stop by the parking lot on Wilbur. Volunteers will be on site to help unload your car. **Accepted items: kids/adult clothes, shoes, belts, bedding, curtains, hats, & purses.** Proceeds go to St. Charles PTU and assist in buying needed school items and fund field trips & other school event.

If you have questions, contact Jackie at 440-384-9412.

Grief Support Meeting

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly **Grief Support** groups **Sunday, September 19th** in two formats: **In-Office (3pm)** and **Virtually (5pm)**. Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. The topics Sept. 19th are **“Different Types of Grief”** and **“Grieving After a Suicide Death”**. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief.

We will meet from **3–4:00 P.M.** in the main office at the following locations.

- ⇒ Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park
- ⇒ Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland
- ⇒ All Saints Cemetery, Northfield
- ⇒ Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon

Participants are requested to **RSVP** so we can plan appropriately at each location. Facial coverings are appreciated if you are not vaccinated..

Register for our **5-6pm Virtual Zoom meeting** at:

<http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

To **RSVP** and for questions please contact Rhonda at **216-930-4866** or email her at rabrams@clecem.org .

Your RSVP for both In-Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but not required to attend.

ALL SAINTS CEMETERY

Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association (CCA) invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, September 25th**, at **1:00 pm**. Please join us to learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a **Personal Reference Guide** and **Special Discount Coupon**. Please know that CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you **RSVP** to this event at:

ALL SAINTS Cemetery is located at 480 Highland Road, Northfield. To **RSVP** call: **216- 641-7575 ext. 5**

St. Francis de Sales (SFDS) Parish Staff

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Sr. Annette Amendolia, SND...Lit./Spiritual Life Minister
Miss Michelle Nowakowski.....Generations Minister

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