St. Francis de Sales

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.

Current Office Hours:

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

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:

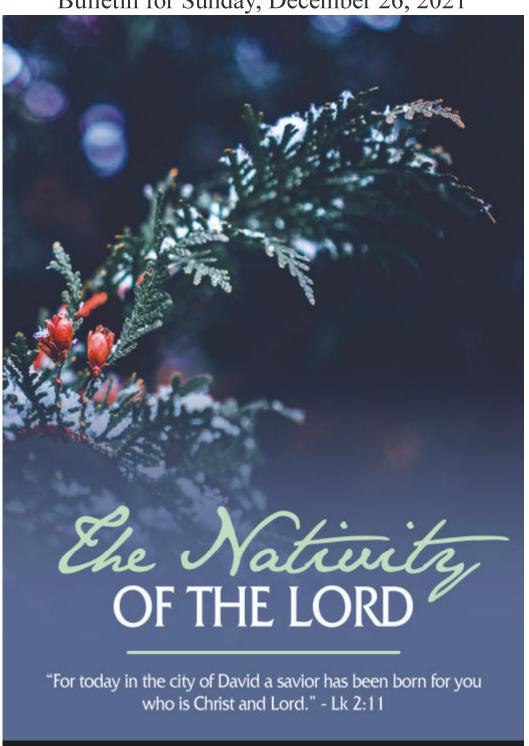
New parishioners are always welcome! Please call or stop in the parish office to register. Please notify the office if moving, changing address or changing phone number. All parishioners should be receiving offering envelopes to help support the works of the parish.

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Bulletin for Sunday, December 26, 2021



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30am & Frank & Natalie Mrozek

MONDAY, December 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:45am [‡]Morack & Angell Families

TUESDAY, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:45am Dorothy Coppers

WEDNESDAY. December 29

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

THURSDAY, December 30

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

FRIDAY, December 31

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

SATURDAY, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 2

Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am For the People of the Parish

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, December 26

MONDAY, December 27

TUESDAY, December 28

WEDNESDAY, December 29

NO PSR (classes resume January 5th)

THURSDAY, December 30

6:00pm OA Group (DeSales Room)

FRIDAY, December 31



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



SATURDAY, January 1





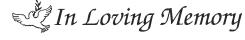
SUNDAY, January 2

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SERVE

Sat., Jan. 1 4:00pm Brody Tancak-Peshek

Sun., Jan 2 8:30am Bob Piatak

11:00am Jack deGeeter



Deacon Thomas T. Long Retired Deacon, St. Christopher Parish, Rocky River

> Deacon Thomas J. Grasson Retired Deacon





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. Joseph Amata Theresa Augustine Mary Rose Baioni Jim Bartkiewicz Bob Bednarik Sharon Bednarik Leonard Betlejewski Ellen Boddy Joseph Bonsignore Sr. **Donald Carpenter** Joan Carpenter Christen Childs Vince Ciclone Janice Clement Laura Collins Kathye Coffey John Cyngier Josephine Czarnecki Vittoria DeBiasi Rosalie Duray Mary Fern Sandy Frankovic Gina Gannon Dave Gyurcso Loretta Homick Linda Menko

Bridget Houdek

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Alice Zamiskie

Special & Memorial Donations

Over the past few weeks the parish received several memorial and special donations. A donation of \$20.00 was given in memory of *Dick McElroy*. A special donation of \$25.00 and two donations of \$1000.00 each were also received. Special donations and those given to the parish in memory of a deceased loved one are appreciated greatly!

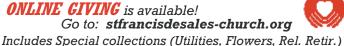
FINANCIAL BLESSINGS - Dec. 19, 2021

SUNDAY Collection	\$ 6,567
Online Giving "We Share"	\$ 722
UTILITIES	\$ 541
FUNDING THE FUTURE	\$ 70
TOTAL:	\$ 7,900
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1.879

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The parish staff and I certainly hope that everyone had wonderful Christmas celebrations with their families and friends. I do pray, that with these surges of the Covid -19 variants, everyone will be well as we begin to celebrate the New Year next weekend. May everyone have a happy, healthy, safe and blessed New Year of 2022!...... Please note on the parish calendar for this week that the parish office will be closed this Friday, Dec. 31st, to get ready to celebrate the New Year's Day weekend...... Next Sunday, Jan. 2nd, is the Feast of the Epiphany. On this day the Church remembers the visitation of the Magi (the 3 Kings from the East) who came and worshipped Jesus as the new born Savior of the world. This was the first manifestation to the world of the Redeemer who had been promised through the ages. It is believed that the Magi made their visit to the dwelling of the Holy Family either in Bethlehem or Nazareth. In celebration of this visitation, it is the custom of Eastern European people to bless their homes seeking the protection of Jesus and the Holy Family of Nazareth for the New Year. A piece of chalk, which is blessed at Mass, is used to mark the dates of the year and the initials of the 3 Kings over the main door of one's house. As we have been doing here for a number of years now, chalk will be blessed at the Masses of the Epiphany next weekend and you will be invited to take a piece of the blessed chalk and a copy of the house blessing to use in your home and to share with other family members, friends and neighbors. As Tiny Tim would say, "God bless us all!" Fr. Mark Peyton

"WinterFest" Rescheduling

Due to the new surge of the Omicron Variant of the Covid virus I have consulted with staff members and have decided to move our "WinterFest" from January to March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) and make it our "IrishFest", as we did last year due to the Covid virus. On March 17th we will have the drawing for the 5 prizes in the \$5000.00 Cash Raffle and the drawing for the gift baskets in the Chinese Auction. Thank you to those who have donated for the baskets. These items will be used for the baskets for the "IrishFest". Tickets for the Chinese Auction will be sold beginning in later January/early February. Tickets for the \$5000.00 Cash Raffle will be sent to all households in mid to later January. Since the "IrishFest" will be in Lent we will not have the chicken dinner that was planned for "WinerFest" since, hopefully, we will have our "drive-thru" Lenten Fish Fries (beginning March 4th). Thank you for your understanding of this change in scheduling. The safety and health of everyone needs to be our greatest concern during this time of pandemic. Fr. Peyton

Stewardship of Treasure

Even though January 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation for 2022, there is an offering envelope in your December packet for this special day in honor of Mary, Mother of God. Your placing of your special offering for January 1st in the collection basket is appreciated. Your January packet of Offering Envelopes contains envelopes for the following special collections.

- Funding the Future any time during the month
- Catholic University Jan. 16
- Church in Latin America Jan. 23
- SFDS Social Justice Committee Jan. 30



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

As the world celebrates the beginning of a new calendar year on January 1st the Church uses this day to continue the cele-

bration of the Christmas Season by honoring Mary in her role as Mother of Jesus, the newborn Savior of the world. Normally this is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, since January 1st falls on a Saturday this New Year of 2022, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. So, there will not be a vigil Mass on Friday evening (Dec. 31) or Masses on Saturday morning (Jan. 1). Rather, the normal weekend schedule of Masses will be celebrated Saturday afternoon (Jan. 1 at 4:00) and Sunday morning (Jan. 2 at 8:30 and 11:00) observing the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.



SFDS Social Justice

We wish everyone all the Blessings of Christmas and the BEST in the New Year!

Please remember to place your Christmas boxes and wrapping paper in the recycle bins (behind Rite-Aid).

If you would like to join SFDS Social Justice group... the next meeting is **January 10th** at 7:00PM.

People
Are
Loving
Servants

SFDS Wii Bowling group resumes on Tuesday, **January 4**th at 11:00 A.M.

The PALS group wishes everyone a joyful Christmas Season!

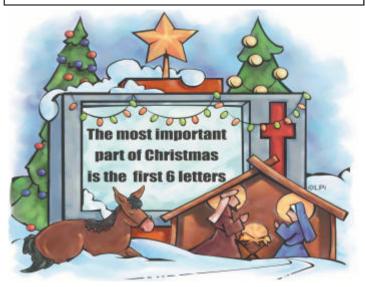


St. Francis de Sales Holy Name Society 50/50 Raffle



Raffle Tickets for the *Holy Name Society's 50/50 Raffle*, "*GNOME for the HOLIDAYS*", are available. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from HNS Members or at the Parish Office (440-884-2319).

First prize \$500, Second prize \$300, Third prize \$200
Only 100 tickets are sold, so your odds are very good!
50/50 Raffle Tickets fit PERFECTLY
in Christmas Cards and Stockings!!!



Thank You

to everyone
who gave up
their time
and rearranged
their schedules to
get the church
environment ready
for Christmas!
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trees, flowers,
windows, wreaths,
Nativity Scenes
(inside & outside),
the Luminaries!!!

God Bless You ALL!!!



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Diana Withrow
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Donna & George Kuzda
Cathy & Tony Zakarowsky
Ed & Theresa Kwiatkowski
Buksa, Long & Frank Families
Jim Leggott, Jerry Vicki,
Bob Piatak



(including the people we missed on the list!)

The SENIORS CLUB....



The Seniors Club will resume their activities on *Thursday*, *January* 13th.

Thank You from the Parish Office!

Thank you to everyone who sent Christmas gifts in for the Parish Office staff. The candy, bakery and many other goodies were shared and enjoyed by all!



Thank you for thinking of us at such a busy (and crazy) time!

God Bless you & your families with much Healthy and Happiness!

CHRISTMAS





Religious Education

PSR

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

- PSR will not be meeting on Wednesday, December 29th, due to the Christmas holidays. *PSR classes resume on Wednesday, January 5th*.
- One again our PSR Program invites all Parishioners, families, and friends to help with our *FIFTH ANNUAL SOCK COLLECTION*. Donations can be placed in designated containers either in Church or in the Parish Office. This year we are we are also asking for new hats, scarves, and gloves to be donated for the many families in need to help keep them warm this winter.



The PSR Program wishes all of our families a blessed and peaceful Christmas Season!



Family Perspectives

Throughout the entire season of Christmastide there is a strong theme of light and darkness. At Christmas Mass we hear proclaimed, "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." For us as Christians the light is a concept, but even more, it is a person. In Jesus' life all darkness is dispelled. Let us hold on to hope this Christmastide and proclaim that light is always stronger than darkness. We especially pray that children throughout the world may be provided with the love, support and resources necessary to grow in wisdom and grace.



2022 Church Calendars

Thanks go to *Kolodiy-Lazuta Funeral Home* for providing the 2022 calendars for parishioners. The calendars are on tables at the State Road & parking lot entrances to the church. You may take as many as you need

HOLY FAMILY







Liturgy Update

Everyday Stewardship

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption — or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent, too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in His family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" — the day we received the gift of eternal family. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* (LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.)

...Sr. Annette

MASS INTENTIONS for 2022 ARE AVAILABLE

Our Mass Scheduling Policy states that individuals may schedule up to four masses for the year (with only one of those being on a weekend or Holy Day). HOWEVER, because we have Mass intentions open during the next few months, you can now schedule additional intentions. (This applies to masses from January through June only).

Bringing up the Gifts

If the weekend Mass you are attending is being offered for *an intention you requested*, it would be very appropriate for you and other family members to bring up the gifts (cruet of wine and bowl



of hosts) during the Presentation of the Gifts at that Mass. If you would like to bring up the gifts, please talk to one of the ushers when you come for Mass (early) and let them know. The usher will then give you instructions on when to bring the gifts forward.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS



The FEST Internship

Calling all College Students looking for a paid summer internship!

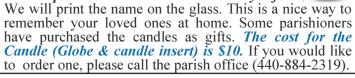
The FEST (www.theFEST.us) is looking for summer interns to make this year's event the best FEST yet! We are looking for students with interests in theology, business marketing & communications, event planning, or logistics management interns to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of this annual event for thousands of people.

Interns will provide support and have responsibilities including public speaking, marketing, mailings, digital and social media, press releases, logistics, event planning, and more. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. *For more info. or to apply,*

please send your resume to Caitlin@theFEST.us by January 10th.

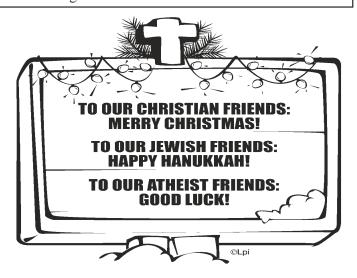
Memorial Candles

You can purchase *MEMORIAL CANDLE GLOBES* with disposable inserts (candles) for your home use. (Inserts can be purchased at the Parish Office as you need). The candle globe has a picture with a prayer: "In your mercy, O Lord, grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen." In memory of....



Sisters Of The Incarnate Word ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Sisters of the Incarnate Word Annual Raffle is underway. *Tickets are \$5 each and the GRAND PRIZE is \$10,000!* The drawing will be held on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022. Tickets may be purchased from any Incarnate Word Academy student or on-line at **incarnatewordorder.org** and selecting "Raffle Tickets".





A PLACE OF PEACE

Upcoming Retreats Jesuit Retreat Center 5629 State Road

To register contact: Jesuit Retreat Center at 440-884-9300 or jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar

A New Year's Eve Retreat at JRC - "See, I Am Doing A New Thing". Friday, December 31, 5:30pm - Saturday, January 1, 11:30am. Presented by Bill Hobbs. As we turn the page on the calendar to 2022, we take time to pause and reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead. The evening begins with dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by a reflection and time for quiet prayer. We will gather before midnight for some conversation and to share a toast to the New Year. In the morning, we will conclude with liturgy and brunch. Cost: \$100

Victims of Kentucky Tornado

Many people throughout the Diocese have expressed concern for the victims of the recent, devastating tornadoes that ripped through Kentucky and 5 other states. Should you wish to make a financial donation to aid the victims you can send your donation directly to Catholic Charities USA either at:

catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051

or mail to: Catholic Charities USA, 2050 Ballenger Ave., Alexandria, VA 22314

Free Legal Aid Information

Since the Pandemic began the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has not been able to hold free legal advice clinics throughout Northeast Ohio as they have in the past. But, you can get information on the phone or through "clinics" hosted on the radio or internet.

Legal Aid provides *free eviction help*. If you, or someone you know is in need of help, encourage them to visit **www.lasclev.org/contact** to apply for help 24/7 or you can call **888-817-8777** to get help.



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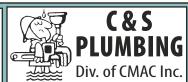
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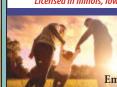
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