

January 16, 2022

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Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri..: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Masses:

Monday - Friday: 8:45 A.M. Saturday Vigil : 4:00 P.M. Sunday: 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday – 4:00pm, Sunday – 8:30am and 11:00am

Weekday & Holy Day Masses: As listed in bulletin

Reconciliation: Saturday – 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Rev. Mark J. Peyton	Pastor
Rev. John Crawford	
Sr. Annette Amendolia, S.N.D I	Liturgical/Spiritual Life Minister
Miss Michelle Nowakowski	
Mrs. Arline Debelak-Price	Music Minister

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.

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.

Religious Instruction of Youth –

PSR Program for children in Public School - Grades 1 – 8 Wednesdays 7:00pm – 8:15pm

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.

Please remember St. Francis de Sales Parish in your will.

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time 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)



MONDAY, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot 8:45am 骨In Memory of Veronica Chase & Celia Steiner

TUESDAY, January 18 Weekday 8:45am [‡]Health of the Neel Family

WEDNESDAY, January 19 Weekday 8:45am [⊕]Mildred & David Handlovic

THURSDAY, January 20Saint Fabian, Pope & MartyrSaint Sebastian, Martyr8:45am ⊕Edward Prosak

SATURDAY, January 22 Weekday

4:00pm John & Marcy Skalsky 58th Wedding Anniversary



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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

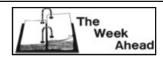
 8:30am
 ⊕Rose Contrera

 11:00am
 For the People of the Parish

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SERVE

Sat., Jan. 22 4:00pm Jackie Bonsignore

Sun., Jan 23 8:30am Paul Bruno 11:00am Ella Polomsky



SUNDAY, January 16

MONDAY, January 17



Parish Office Closed

MARTIN LUTHER

TUESDAY, January 18

WEDNESDAY, January 19

7:00pm PSR (Report Cards)7:00pm *Confirmation Prep Class*



THURSDAY, January 20 6:00pm OA Group (DeSales Room)

FRIDAY, January 21

SATURDAY, January 22



SUNDAY, January 23

💐 In Loving Memory

Richard Zanath

Thomas P. Drusa

William Karasek Brother of parishioner, Cathie Surber



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/Praver 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 Greg Greggila Dave Gyurcso Loretta Homick Linda Menko Bridget Houdek Michael Howard Maryann Howard Theresa Hrusovsky Dorothy Inman

Nancy Sue Jablonowski Colette Jedlicka Lena Jones Larry Jones Jeanette Jozity Anna Kaminsky Donald Karpus Shirley Kazimer Stephanie Kossak Geraldine Kovach Louis Kovach Michael Kowalczyk Colson Kruszynski Karen Kuczin Linda Lacholski Art & Marlene Lang Doreen Lerch Mary Macek Judith Mallos Helen Maslanko Anna Massitti Gloria Merholz Barbara Milavec Frank Mrozek Mary Ellen Mura Ted Murawski Susan Murray Michelle Nowakowski Chris Otcasek Veronica Otcasek Tina Panlillio Andrew Pavka

Marv Peters Genevieve Plona George Pofok Rosemarie Polefko Sheila Porubsky Tom Potoczak Frank Price Michael Repko Maria Rizzo Josephine Salonia Lillian Salwan Thomas Sammon Susan Sarota Thomas Schervish Joseph Schrom Ron Seman June Sims Susan Sliva Ed Smetanka Hilda Stigalt Pete Svancara Ed Szalkowski Marcia Szweda **Delores Tollis** Kenny Tomecko Tony Tomecko Linda Toothman Sara Vondra Pat Weston Carol Wolff Joanne Zajkowski Alice Zamiskie

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).

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	- J	an. 9, 2022	
SUNDAY Collection	\$	7,256	
Online Giving "We Share"	\$	702	
UTILITIES	\$	691	
FUNDING THE FUTURE	\$	161	
TOTAL:	\$	8,810	
Christmas (updated total)	\$	19,753	
Thank You for your Generosity!			
ONLINE GIVING is available! Go to: stfrancisdesales-church.org			
Includes Special collections(Utilities, Flowers, Social Just.)			



This Monday, January 17th, our parish office will be closed for the national celebration of Martin Luther *King Day.* It is on the third Monday of January that we, as a nation, pause to remember and honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a great minister who fearlessly proclaimed God's message of equality of and respect for all peoples. Sadly, Dr. King gave his life for boldly speaking out for the rights of all minorities. Be sure to take some time on this national holiday to recommit yourself to the message and teaching of Jesus that all people are his brothers and sisters, and are children of God, our Father..... In light of the current surge of the Omicron Variant of Covid-19 I have asked the Parish Choir and the Bell Choir to "step back" for the next few weeks for the well-being and health of the choirs' members. They have agreed to the wisdom of this and will cancel their practices and singing/playing at Masses until the end of January. As February nears I will re-evaluate the national, state, local and diocesan Covid protocols at that time and discuss with the choir directors when we should resume. In the meantime, Arline will continue to provide music for the three weekend liturgies, including the 11:00 Mass until Sr. Annette returns and her group can play once again (depending on Covid protocols). The well-being and health of everyone is of primary importance in these challenging times...... Currently I am planning to have an open meeting on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 27th, to address the directive of Pope Francis that all people are to have a voice in the Synod of Bishops' meeting scheduled for **2023.** Right now, the process is at the grass-roots level. People throughout the world are meeting on local levels to share their stories of being Catholic and their insights on how the Catholic Church will need to continue to proclaim the Gospel message in years to come. Look at your calendars and see if you will be able to join together on Jan. 27th, from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M., to participate in this historical event for the Universal Church. I'll have more information for you next weekend. (Note – registration is not required for the meeting and the meeting is open to anyone ... Fr. Mark Peyton high school age and older).



This past week the parish received two donations totaling \$155.00 in memory of *Richard Zanath*. Memorial donations are a wonderful way to honor a person and to help the parish he/she loved. It is appreciated when memorial donations to SFDS are suggested in a person's

obituary in the newspaper and online.

Latin America - El Salvador Collection

This annual collection will be taken next weekend, Jan. 22 – 23. This is the only appeal made by our Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. These monies are the main support for two priests of our Diocese who work in two parishes served by our Mission Office. The monies from this annual appeal also are used to make a contribution to the Collection for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the U.S Conference of Catholic Bishops. This benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious, and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America. Please be generous! Remember – one of the precepts (laws) of the Church is to support the missionary work of the Church.



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



The winners of the "GNOME for the HOLIDAYS" 50/50 Raffle were:

1st Prize - \$500, Winner: Rose Schrom (#307)
2nd Prize - \$300, Winner: Robert Carpenter (#374)
3rd Prize - \$200, Winner: Jim Leggott (#381)
Congratulations to our Winners!!!

Tickets for HNS' Next 50/50 Raffle "Give Me 5" are NOW available...

Tickets are **\$20 each** and are available for purchase from **HNS Members** or at the **Parish Office** (440-884-2319). When possible, an HNS member will sell tickets after weekend Masses.



SENIORS CLUB

We will resume our activities on: *Thursday, February 10th at 1 P.M.* in the De Sales Room.

The Seniors Club would like to send out a "*Thank You*" to *Rose Jablonowski* for her generous donation of Bingo materials!



Diocesan Briefing on Covid-19

Responding to COVID-19 As the Omicron variant of Covid-19 continues to spread the Diocese has published the following directives.

- 1. If a person is high risk or anxious about catching or spreading the coronavirus he/she is not obligated to attend Sunday Mass.
- 2. It is highly encouraged for everyone (vaccinated and non-vaccinated) to wear a mask when gathered in church.
- 3. Should one wish to socially distance during Mass here at SFDS it is best to sit in the pews along the north wall of the church since fewer people sit in those pews (most people sit on the south side of the church as they enter from the parking lot doors)
- 4. The Church highly recommends vaccinations and booster shots for those who are not yet vaccinated, especially the aged and the medically vulnerable. It appears that previous infection of Covid and just the original vaccination is not as effective against Omicron as originally thought.
- 5. Continue to pray for an end to the Pandemic, for those suffering with the disease, those who have died from it and their loved ones, and the healthcare workers who deal with this every day.
- 6. Care for your neighbors if they need help during this time, respect those who hold different thoughts about the virus and vaccines, and trust that God is with us during these difficult times.
- 7. The clergy will do all that they can, with guidance from the Diocese, to safely provide sacraments for the homebound and those in nursing homes and hospitals, especially the dying.

SFDS Social Justice Ozanam Food Pantry

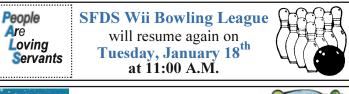


In addition to our volunteer work, our Social Justice Ministry shares part of your dona-

tions with other community organizations. Each month we send a small donation to the Ozanam Food Pantry located on Broadview Road. This neighborhood outreach center provides food and clothing to nearby residents in need. A worker at the center expressed their appreciation of our monetary donation, which enables the staff the flexibility to use the funds where they are most needed.

The Ozanam Food Pantry is part of the St Vincent DePaul Society. The pantry is named after Frederic Ozanam who founded the Society in the early 1800's. It is a "worldwide organization of lay Catholics following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering and the deprived".

The contributions of the parishioners of Saint Francis De Sales help fulfill Christ's call, and continue Ozanam's worldwide mission to serve the poor, especially to those who are our neighbors.

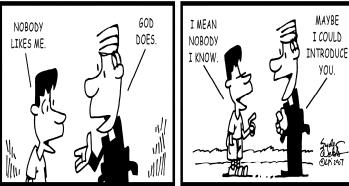


"WinterFest" Rescheduling



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 (Five \$1,000 winners) 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 "WinterFest" 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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





PSR

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

- ◆ PSR classes are in session this Wed., Jan. 19th. PSR students will receive their First Semester Report Cards.
- Our PSR Program invites all parishioners, families, & friends to help with our FIFTH ANNUAL SOCK COLLECTION. Dona-tions can be placed in designated containers either in Church or in the Parish Office. This

year we are also collecting new hats, scarves, and gloves to be donated for the many families in need to help keep them warm this winter! This sock and warm apparel collection will end January 31st.

• Our PSR Program continues each month to recognize students who focus on promoting positive Christian behavior towards others. The character virtue that we focused on for the months of November and December was *HELPFULNESS*. The following PSR students demonstrated this virtue:

> Sebastian Rivera Grade 8 Mackenzie Williamson

Grade 5

Congratulations to these students who will be recognized with a special gift. Our virtue for January/ February is **COMPASSION**.

CONFIRMATION

Our students in Grades 7-8 have a Confirmation Preparation class this Wednesday, January 19th. Just a reminder that Service Project #2 is due Wed., Jan. 26th. Students will meet in the De Sales Room from 7-8:15 P.M. Masks are required to be worn.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then & only then, let us do whatever He tells us. Tracy Earl Welliver (LPI)



Liturgy Update

GOSPEL MEDITATION 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. (LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.)

....Sr. Annette



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

⇒ Tuesday, Jan. 18 – St. John Bosco (7:30 A.M.) \Rightarrow Thurs., Jan. 20 – St. Columbkille (7 & 8:15 A.M.) Should you need this Sacrament of Healing but cannot go

to any of these parishes' Masses, please do not hesitate to call our parish office to arrange for one of the priests here to administer the Sacrament to you.

SFDS Social Justice

The SFDS Social Justice Recycle Bins are always open for donations! (paper, books and cardboard).



PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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".

St. Charles Borromeo

All Men & Women are invited to attend the ... LADIES GUILD DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Monday, February 21st, 2022

(President's Day)

Lower Parish Hall

Guest Speaker: Fr. Anthony Simone

"Living the Little Way in the World through Charity, Mercy & Stewardship"

- 9:00 10:00am Begins with a continental breakfast in Lower Parish Hall
- · 10:0am Fr. Anthony speaks
- 12 Noon Bring a brown bag lunch
- 1:00pm Fr. Anthony speaks
- 2:30-3:00pm Adoration and Benediction in the church

Any questions, please contact Regina (330) 770-0248 or Felicia (440) 888-3488.

Young Catholic Men's Conference

This Diocesan-approved Young Catholic Men's Conference is for high school age boys and their dads/ mentors to grow in their relationship with Christ.

Date: Saturday, January 29th

Time: Doors open & continental breakfast at 8:00am, program starts at 9:00am with the Closing Mass at 5:00pm

Location: Walsh Jesuit High School, Cuyahoga Falls

Keynote Speakers: Father Larry Richards, Bishop Malesic and many others Registration: \$50. Registration is limited.

RECORD OF 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

You can request a statement of your contributions to **St. Francis de Sales Church for 2021**. Just fill out the information below and drop it in the collection basket or send it in to the parish office. We will send the statement to you in the mail.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER:

(Your envelope number is the number on your Church contribution envelope that begins with the first letter of your last name.)

Grief Support Meeting

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly *Grief Support* groups in two formats: *In-Office (3pm) and Virtually (5pm) via Zoom.* The next Grief Support sessions are *THIS Sunday, January 16th*. Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. This month's topic is "*Facing the New Year with Hope and Love*". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

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

- ⇒ Holy Cross Cemetery, 14609 Brookpark Road
- ⇒ All Saints Cemetery, 480 W.Highland, Northfield
- ⇒ Saint Joseph Cemetery, 32789 Detroit Rd., Avon

Catholic Cemeteries Assoc. follows the guidelines set by the CDC, the State of Ohio, and the Diocese of Cleveland regarding COVID-19 protocols.

Register for 5-6pm Virtual Grief Support meeting: http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup.

You can join virtually from any Wi-Fi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone, or even without Wi-Fi (via audio only) from your analog phone. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email, please contact **Rhonda** (number below).

Your RSVP for both In-Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but <u>not</u> required to attend. For more info or if you have questions please contact

For more info or if you have questions, please contact Rhonda: 216-930-4866 or email rabrams@clecem.org



Upcoming Retreats Jesuit Retreat Center 5629 State Road

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

January Morning Prayer for Women, Monday, Jan. 24, 9:30-11am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. *Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C.,* this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Price includes coffee and pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome. Cost: \$10.

Cinema & Conversation: "Ignatius of Loyola", Monday, Jan. 24, 7:00-9:00pm. We continue in January with the 2016 film, *Ignatius of Loyola*, founder of the Jesuit order. "If you could hear the voice of God, would you want to keep it secret?" This is the story of a soldier, a man of vice and violence who, in his attempt to turn to the light, was forced to wrestle with his inner demons to the very brink of death. A Filipino production shot in Spain and the Philippines, the film chronicles his valiant but futile defense at the Battle of Pamplona, his struggles with depression and near suicide, his rial before the Inquisition, and his ultimate vindication. Cost: Free Will Offering.

January Sabbath Day-a Personal Retreat Day (only a few spots remaining). Tuesday, Jan. 25, 8:30-3:30pm. Come and spend a day of renewal and prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center. You will have access to the wonderful spaces both inside and outside the retreat center. We'll set aside one of our small group/spiritual direction rooms for your personal use. We'll provide a nutritious and simple lunch, along with endless coffee or tea. You are welcome here... Cost: \$50



