

St. Francis de Sales

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Bulletin for Sunday, November 24, 2019

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

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

Weekday & Holy Day

Masses: listed in the bulletin

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

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.

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs.: 8:30am to 8:00pm

Friday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am to 12:00pm

You are my God, I give you thanks; my God, I offer you praise.

PSALM 118:28 NAB



THANKSGIVING
blessings

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)

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

SUNDAY, November 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



8:30am For the People of the Parish

11:00am **Wayne & Mary Therese Slota**
45th Wedding AnniversaryMONDAY, November 25

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

8:45am †Henry Kercher

TUESDAY, November 26

Weekday

8:45am †Daniel Siwinski

WEDNESDAY, November 27

Weekday

8:45am †Rudy & Mollie Sommerfeld

THURSDAY, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

8:45am †Deceased Members of
St. Francis de Sales Music MinistryFRIDAY, November 29

Weekday

8:45am †Mr. David Handlovic

SATURDAY, November 30

Saint Andrew, Apostle

4:00pm †Anne & Andrew Gadosik

SUNDAY, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

8:30am For the People of the Parish

11:00am †Mrs. Mildred Handlovic
& David HandlovicSUNDAY, November 24

Social Justice Food Packing

MONDAY, November 25

6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm **P.A.L.'s Mtg (Generations Room)**

7:00pm Parish Council (Room A)

7:00pm Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, November 26 Credit Union Open Noon-5pm11:00am **Wii Bowling**

7:00pm Men's Choir

WEDNESDAY, November 27* **NO PSR** ***PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 5:00PM**THURSDAY, November 28**Parish Office & Credit Union CLOSED**FRIDAY, November 29**Parish Office Closed**SATURDAY, Nov. 30 Credit Union Open 9—Noon**Parish Office Open 9:00—Noon****Social Justice "Angel Tree"**
Weekend (all Masses)SUNDAY, December 17:00pm **RCIA** (Room A)**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SERVE**Sat., Nov. 30 4:00pm Emily Juby &
Emilie BonsignoreSun., Dec. 1 8:30am Jack Koopman
11:00am Nickolas Prusovic &
Trevor Polomsky



Joseph Amata, Elizabeth Ardner, Donita Arena, Mary Rose Baioni, Jim Bartkiewicz, Charlie Basich, Leonard Betlejewski, Stanley Beaudry, Kathleen Bomba, Mary Bourque, Ernie Bruno, John Ceregan, Kathy Chmielewski, Janice Clement, Ralph Clement, Joseph & Laura Collins, Ida Cmolik, Kathy Coffey, Larry Cole, John Cyngier, Josephine Czarnecki, Vittoria DeBiasi, Dawn Renee Dedo, Thomas Drusa, Zita Dudkowski, Cynthia Dunchak, Rosalie Duray, Robert Emerick, Julia Fabish, Kristine Faust, Eleanore Felty, Mary Fern, Joe Fischbach, Sandy Frankovic, Bernie Friedl, Bernie Gaines, Melissa Gatka, Carol Germano, Barbara Glynn, Tom Golem, Walter Grale, Jerry Gunsley, Mildred Habich, Loretta Homick, Dorothy Houck, Linda Houck Menko, Bridget Houdek, Patricia Hovanic, Michael & Maryann Howard, Theresa Hrusovsky, Dorothy Inman, Nancy Sue Jablonowski, Anne Janatovich, Colette Jedlicka, Lena Jones, Larry Jones, Patricia Jones, Clara Kallal, Anna Kaminsky, Rosemary Karpus, Donald Karpus, Joseph Kaschalk, Shirley Kazimer, Daniel Kenski, Elizabeth Kiwala, Paul Kostansek, Walter Kowalski, Karen Kuczin, Linda Lachowski, Art & Marlene Lang, Jim Leggott, Louise Leo, Doreen Lerch, David Luebke, Judith Mallos, Helen Maslanko, Anna Massitti, Linda Mastroianni, Linda Menko, Gloria Merholz, Barbara Milavec, Robert & Grace Miller, Donald Mlady, Toni Muceito, Mary Ellen Mura, Ted Murawski, Theresa Nicholas, Genevieve Nowack, Michelle Nowakowski, Ed O'Bloy, Marjorie Oster, Chris Otcasek, Cecylia Owca, Tina Panlillio, Andrew Pavka, Mary Peters, Ron Peters, Deacon Bob Piskach, Rosemarie Polefko, Sheila Porubsky, Tom Potoczak, Richard Raycher, Michael Repko, Carol Rickard, Maria Rizzo, Josephine Salonia, Lillian Salwan, Ramona Salupo, Thomas Sammon, Susan Sarota, Philomena Scalise, Ron Seman, Walter Sleva, Marge Svancara, Suzanne Sliva, Ed Smetanka, Hilda Stigalt, Bill Sunday, Ed Szalkowski, Julian Teul, Delores Tollis, Kenny Tomecko, Linda Toothman, Edith Ulicny, Carol Vale, Clara Vasicek, Sara Vondra, Tim Wesolowski, Pat Weston, Carol Wolff, Josephine Wramp, Joanne Zajkowski, Alice Zamiskie



Annual Hymnal Change

THIS Friday, November 29th, we will do the annual changeover of our yearly song books. If you can help us with this project (it would be greatly appreciated), please call the parish office (440-884-2319) to let us know that we can count on your help with this! We will begin after the 8:45 morning mass.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS - November 17, 2019

SUNDAY Collection	\$ 5,286
Online Giving "We Share"	\$ 350
UTILITIES	\$ 543
FUNDING THE FUTURE	\$ 125
TOTAL:	\$ 6,304

Thank You for your Generosity

ONLINE GIVING is available!

Go to: stfrancisdesales-church.org

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



From the Pastor's Desk



*On behalf of the parish community I wish to congratulate **Michael Kusinski** on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.* Michael has been in Scouting from Cubs on up and now has achieved the highest rank in Scouting. You may recall that for his Eagle Scout project Michael made first aid packets to be distributed at the West Side Catholic Center to the needy and homeless. Michael – congratulations on your achievement! We're proud of you!..... *Don't forget to come and join in our Thanksgiving Day parish Mass this Thursday (Nov. 28) at 8:45 A.M.* When you come for the Mass be sure to bring an item or two that the Social Justice Committee is seeking (see their article in this bulletin). Keep your donation with you in the pew and bring it forward, along with your "Thanksgiving Day" offering envelope, during the offertory procession of the Mass. The financial donations also help support the Works of Mercy that are done by our Social Justice Committee..... *Beginning next weekend (Nov. 30 – Dec. 1) the "Breaking Bread" hymnals will be kept on bookshelves at the church entrances rather than in the pew racks.* As I wrote about this earlier this month we are doing what more and more parishes are doing to cut expenses by cutting the number of books ordered and that go unused. When you come for weekend Mass you will be offered a book by an usher. Please take it so that you can actively participate fully in the Mass. If the usher should miss you don't hesitate to take a book from the bookshelves. After Mass please return the books to the bookshelves (do not put them in the racks on the backs of the pews!). For weekday Masses, if you need a book, you can get it from the bookshelves, but again, please be sure to return it there after Mass. Thank you for your understanding and anticipated cooperation with this procedure. Again, this is a cost-saving measure for the parish. **Fr. Mark Peyton**

Stewardship of Treasure

Your December packet of offering envelopes contains envelopes for the following special collections:

- Funding the Future (anytime during the month)
- Immaculate Conception - (Dec. 8)
- Retirement Fund for Religious (Dec. 8)
- Christmas Church Environment (Dec. 15)
- Christmas (Dec. 25)
- Social Justice Committee (Dec. 29)
- Solemnity of Mary (Jan. 1)- **Holy Day of Obligation**

The Solemnity of Immaculate Conception, normally a Holy Day of Obligation, is superseded this year by the 2nd Sunday of Advent. The celebration of Immaculate Conception is transferred to Dec. 9, this year. However, the obligation to attend Mass is not. Your use of the Immaculate Conception envelope on Dec. 8, as well as the normal Sunday envelope and the envelope for the annual collection for the Religious Retirement Fund, will be appreciated greatly!

❄️ Winter Fest 2020

We will have a very short meeting on **Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, at 7:00 PM in Room A.** Interested workers are also **welcome at this meeting!** This will be a short meeting just to pull a few things together.

...**Sr. Annette, Coordinator**

Thanksgiving Mass

Thanksgiving is THIS THURSDAY! Our parish Mass is at 8:45 A.M. Our **Adult Choirs, Men, Women, Bells, as well as our Youth Choir & Instrumental Group**, will lead our singing on this festive day.



At the Liturgy, remember to bring along something for the needy: **canned/boxed food, paper products, soaps**, etc., to bring forward just before the bread and wine are brought forth. These items along with your Thanksgiving envelope, go to the Social Justice Committee's supplies for the needy, which will be low because they will have already distributed their Thanksgiving baskets.

When you leave at the end of Mass, there will be a small loaf of bread (provided by the Holy Name Society), and a small bottle of wine (provided by the parish), for you to take as part of your Thanksgiving table centerpiece.

What better way to begin the Thanksgiving Day than to offer the greatest Thanksgiving Prayer of the Church – **the Eucharistic Liturgy!!** *I hope I will see you there.*

..... Sr. Annette

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Available Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st

The SFDS Social Justice Christmas Angel tree will be up **NEXT Weekend!**

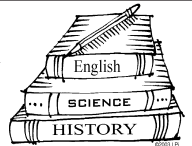


You are invited to share in the Christmas spirit of giving, by selecting an angel ornament from the tree. Each angel has a tag with the name and gift suggestions for a child in need, from our parish or the surrounding Christian community. An explanation sheet will be handed out with each angel ornament.

If you are able to support this activity and choose an angel, **gifts MUST be returned to church the weekend of December 15th and 16th.**

We look forward to another successful Christmas Angel season & sincerely appreciate your generosity.

We receive notices from the local high schools regarding their **Honor Roll** students for the last quarter. The following member of St. Francis de Sales parish made their High School Honor Rolls.



PADUA FRANCISCAN HIGH SCHOOL

Cecilia Bitsko

Ainsley Bohnak

Michael Nowak

Nickolas Prusovic

Ashley Ruda

Jack Sullin

Congrats & Keep up the Good Work!!!

BOY SCOUT NEWS...

CONGRATULATIONS

to Troop 192's

Newest **EAGLE SCOUT...**

MICHAEL KUSINSKI



**People
Are
Loving
Servants**

Our next PALS meeting is
THIS MONDAY, Nov. 25th at 7 P.M.
in the Activity Room.
**New ideas & members are
always welcome!**

St. Francis de Sales CHICKEN DINNER 2020

The dinner will be served **January 25th**, Saturday, from **5:00 to 6:30 P.M.** Tickets will be on sale before and after Masses, and will be sold in the Parish Office. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$15 for adults/seniors and \$7.50 for children (10 years & under).

THE DINNER WILL BE CATERED BY STANCATO'S MENU:

- * Chicken
- * Au-gratin potatoes
- * Vegetable Medley
- * Breadsticks
- * Salad (w. pkg. dressing)
- * Dessert
- * Coffee/punch
- * Beer/wine/pop for sale



Besides the dinner, there will be sideboards, Toys 'N Treats, Gifts 'n Gadgets, Games of Chance, and there will be opportunity to take chances on our Chinese Auction and our Money Raffle. Plan to come to this special evening of fellowship and fun! Come and support our parish in our 5th annual **WINTERFEST** Chicken Dinner. (You will receive the **WINTERFEST** Flier & Raffle tickets in your mailbox!)

... Sr. Annette

**Just a
reminder...**

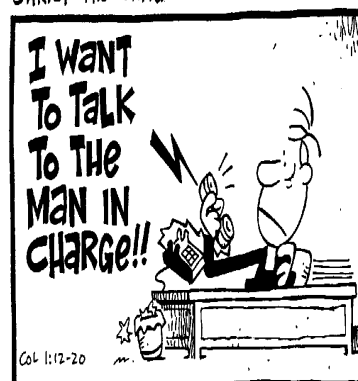


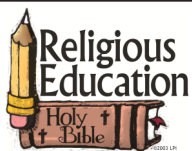
Next Sunday, the 1st Sunday in Advent, our hymnals will have a new home...in the bookshelves at the church entrances. Our ushers will be ready to graciously hand them out.

Please take one as you enter the church, and return them on your way out. The hymnal is an important "tool" for worship. If we come early, it's a good idea to look over the Sunday readings to prepare yourself. Also, remember that **St. Augustine said that: "to sing is to pray twice."** At this time of the year, we all need the "double dose" of prayer. **Thank you, Ushers, for helping us all to participate better.**

...Sr. Annette

CHRIST THE KING





PSR

Michelle Nowakowski, PSR Director

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SFDSGenerationsMinistry@yahoo.com

♦ There are **NO** PSR classes **THIS** Wed., Nov. 27th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

*Many blessing to all of our
PSR Staff & Families
during this holiday season!*



Liturgy Update

ENCOURAGING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"The rulers sneered ... the soldiers jeered ... one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus." Is this the King of the Jews, the King of the Universe? If it is so, perhaps his kingdom is not at all what we would expect! In his letter to the laity, St. John Paul II spoke about how Christians share in the kingly mission of Christ. First, *"they exercise their kingship as Christians, above all in the spiritual combat in which they seek to overcome in themselves the kingdom of sin."* In other words, before we give any thought to transforming society, we must first allow God to transform us. Through daily prayer, regular self-examination, and frequent confession, we can recognize our faults more readily and choose love instead!

Second, St. John Paul II writes that the laity *"make[s] a gift of themselves so as to serve, in justice and in charity, Jesus who is himself present in all his brothers and sisters, above all in the very least."* Christ's kingship, and our own participation in it, requires us to look beyond the privileged of society. It goes beyond networking and struggles of power. It goes with Jesus to the Cross!

Still, the kingship of Christ ought to effect society. *"The lay faithful are called to restore to creation all its original value ... ordering creation to the authentic well-being of humanity."* Jesus does this in a radical way through his death and resurrection. We, too, are invited to bring new life to the world around us. This means holding the world and everything in it as sacred. It means advocating for civil policies that respect life and paying special care to the vulnerable and marginalized in every stage of life. It means being disciples of Jesus, inviting people into authentic love so that one day we will together *"be with [him] in Paradise!"* (LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.)

...Sr. Annette

R.C.I.A. UPDATE

Next Sunday, Dec. 1st, the 1st Sunday in Advent, we will celebrate the **RITE OF ACCEPTANCE** of our two candidates: **Briana Clark** and **Nathan Libertowski**, at the 11:00 o'clock Mass. We hope many of you can attend that Mass to welcome and encourage them on their journey of Faith. It's a very short service at the beginning of Mass. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

...Sr. Annette

❄️ WinterFest 2020

DONATION SUGGESTIONS...

New items for Chinese Auction Baskets & Spin Booths:

- * Items for a **HOUSEHOLD** Basket
- * Items for a **MOVIE NIGHT** Basket
- * Toys, stuffed animals for children
- * Toys/games for older children
- * Personal items, colognes, etc.
- * Work basket...paintbrushes, tools, etc.
- * **MONEY and GIFT CARDS** are a great help in putting everything together
- * **SCRATCH OFF CARDS** for Money Trees
- * **Larger HOUSEHOLD Items** for one of our newer and more popular booths.
- * **SPORTS ITEMS** for Teens & Children's Booths.



*Thank you for helping to make this endeavor
a success for our parish!*

...Sr. Annette

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.

Anointing of the Sick

As the Parma/Parma Hts. parishes begin our pastoral care program of offering the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** throughout the month, the Sacrament will be offered at these parishes this 4th week of the month.

* Wednesday, 11/27, at St. Francis (after 8:45 A.M. Mass)

* Friday, 11/29, at Holy Family (after 8:30 A.M. Masses)

Keep in mind that if you need to receive this Sacrament, you can always ask one of the priests here to administer it to you after a weekend or weekday Mass you attend or by calling for an appointment.

Notes from Sr. Annette...

MY PRACTICES & MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED WHEN...



Catholic and public schools are closed because of bad weather. This **ONLY** applies to **Sr. Annette's** meetings and practices. This does **NOT** apply to other parish meetings, practices, etc.

Thank you.

...Sr. Annette

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS



Jesuit Retreat
Center
A PLACE OF PEACE

Upcoming Retreats Jesuit Retreat Center 5629 State Road

To register contact Jesuit Retreat Center:
440-884-9300 or www.jrh-cleveland.org

Sr. Ignatia AA Women's Retreat: A Bridge to the Promises. Friday, Nov. 29, 6pm - Sunday, Dec. 1, 11am.

Presented by Kathy Fischer, Therese Martin Bendahan, Rebecca Nicholas and Sharon Seliskar. Take a journey through the 12 promises gifted in sobriety as we work the 12 steps of recovery. Cost: \$170



MALACHI
CENTER

Volunteers Needed

Can you lend a hand to make the holidays special at Malachi Center?

The holidays are a busy time of year at Malachi Center, and we can only accomplish all that is needed with the help of volunteers. Are you looking to volunteer at Malachi Center and give back to those most vulnerable in our community? Here's a couple of ways you can help.

Date: December 2 - 5, and December 9 - 11

Volunteers needed between 12-6 pm to help unload supplies from cars and sort donations as they arrive. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. and walk between the parking lot and buildings on-site. (Call 216-771-3036)

We also are still in need of some items for our holiday event for the homeless (by Dec. 12th):

Duffel bags, white socks, wool/synthetic boot socks, men's and women's t-shirts and sweatshirts, hats & gloves, hand warmer packets, deodorant, Vaseline, disposable razors, shaving cream & aftershave lotion, toothbrushes & toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, soap or body wash (travel size and full size). Walmart and/or Sam's Club gift cards are also greatly appreciated, so that we may purchase any items still needed.



Stream Great Catholic Music this holiday season for all of your Thanksgiving and Advent favorites. Our pick for Thanksgiving is, "All Creatures of Our God and King" and our pick for Advent is, "Stay Awake, The Day is Coming." You can hear these & others

on GreatCatholicMusic.com, our Free mobile app (Apple and Android) or on Alexa devices. The 24/7 stream is packed with traditional hymns and contemporary favorites. Start listening to the Melodies for the Soul today!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



HOLIDAY
OFFICE
HOURS

The Parish Office will CLOSE at 5:00P.M. on Wed., Nov. 27th, and be closed Thursday & Friday (Nov. 28-29). It reopens Saturday from 9 A.M. to noon.

St. Francis de Sales (SFDS) Parish Staff

Rev. Mark J. Peyton.....Pastor
Rev. John Crawford..... In Residence (Retired)
Deacon Robert Piskach.....Permanent Deacon (Retired)
Sr. Annette Amendolia, SND...Lit./Spiritual Life Minister
Miss Michelle Nowakowski.....Generations Minister
Mr. Gerry Mass.....Music Minister

HEALING MASS

Dec. 13th at Holy Family Church (Parma)

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a **Healing Mass** at Holy Family Church, 7367 York Rd., Parma, 44130, on **Friday, December 13th**. Praise and Worship will begin at 7:00 P.M. and the liturgy will start at 7:30 P.M. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend or family member. This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.



The FESF Internship

Looking to do something extraordinary this summer? The FESF (www.theFESF.us) is looking for marketing & communications, event planning, and 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 annual event for 40,000+ 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@theFESF.us by January 10th.

Grief Support Meeting

The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Cleveland graciously invites you to join together for an hour of sharing, listening, learning and healing along your grief journey. No registration is needed - just come and join us. The next gathering will be at **3:00 P.M.** at on **Sunday, December 15th**, at the following cemeteries: **Holy Cross Cemetery** (Brookpark Rd., in the office building), **Calvary Cemetery** (Miles Ave.), **All Saints Cemetery** (Northfield) and **Souls Cemetery** (Chardon).

Christmas
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