



Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

– Matthew 5:3

February 1, 2026 | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis de Sales Parish

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Making Disciples and Disciple Makers

Mass Intentions



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Making Disciples and Disciple Makers

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, February 1 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:45pm Sat. Vigil † Mindy Snively Ladd (Wilda Bormann)

8:30am People of the Parish

11am † Mike Braidich (Dianne Goodrich)

Monday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

6pm † Marcella Hammond (Lori Brown)

Tuesday, February 3 – Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

12pm Special Intention (Guy Family)

Wednesday, February 4 – Weekday

6:30pm † Toma Truong Vu (Thanh Vu and Suzanne Nguyen)

Thursday, February 5 – Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

9am Louise Ellis (Mary Jo and Rick Danver)

Friday, February 6 – Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

9am † Geri Castleberry (Nancy Hoar)

Sunday, February 8 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:45pm Sat. Vigil † Paul Bucceri (Family)

8:30am † Alan Brown (Licking County Vocations Club)

11am People of the Parish



NEW DAILY MASS *Added*

Every Saturday at 9am
beginning 2/21

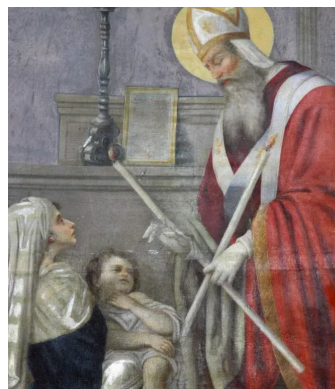
Followed by 1 Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

SATURDAY MORNING MASS

St. Francis will be adding a regular 9am Mass each Saturday beginning on 2/21. Reconciliation will be available after this Mass along with one hour of Adoration in the church. We pray this will be a welcome addition to your weekly worship needs.



Robin Allen McCracken and Larry Crane recently passed away. Please pray for them and for all the faithful departed. May God grant them peace and eternal rest.



Throat Blessing for the Feast of St. Blaise

During the
Recessional Hymn

**SATURDAY, 1/31
& SUNDAY, 2/1**

THE FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE

Our priests, deacon, and assigned Communion ministers will stand in front of the altar steps to bless the throats of those who come forward.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

FOR CHILDREN WITH
INCURABLE DISEASES

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



Stewardship of Treasure

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION

COM/Catholic Outreach Ministries

February 8, 2026

POOR IN SPIRIT

Reflection on Matthew 5:1-12a

The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is a carefully constructed masterpiece, a brilliant snapshot of the meaning of discipleship. Jesus delivers today's Beatitudes to those who have already responded favorably to His call to follow Him (Matthew tells us at the outset that the sermon is addressed to disciples..."his disciples came to him, he began to teach them.") So this is Jesus unpacking the implications of sharing fellowship with Him.

You can pour the most water into the emptiest container. So God's kingdom belongs to the poor in spirit, not because they have purchased God's love with their poverty, but because the poor in spirit know deep down that nothing they have or are is really their own, so they can accept everything as a gift from God. Once this truth is embraced and lived, all the other actions these Beatitudes propose – like peacemaking, humbleness, being merciful, and so on – become possible.

The eight simple sentences that make up the Beatitudes have grown into a library of commentaries. Return to these words in prayer and reflection as often as you can, and discover the ways in which your life can be a commentary on them.

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

Monday, February 2, 2026

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Saint Ansgar, Bishop

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3
Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Weekday

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd
Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 6, 2026

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Sirach 47:2-11
Psalm 18:31, 47 and 50, 51
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Weekday

1 Kings 3:4-13
Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Mark 6:30-34

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

SAINT ANSGAR

Saint of the Day: February 3

Patron Saint of Denmark

The "apostle of the north" (Scandinavia) had enough frustrations to become a saint – and he did. He became a Benedictine at Corbie, France, where he had been educated. Three years later, when the king of Denmark became a convert, Ansgar went to that country for three years of missionary work, without noticeable success. Sweden asked for Christian missionaries, and he went there, suffering capture by pirates and other hardships on the way.

Fewer than two years later, he was recalled, to become abbot of New Corbie (Corvey) and bishop of Hamburg. The pope made him legate for the Scandinavian missions. Funds for the northern apostolate stopped with Emperor Louis' death. After 13 years' work in Hamburg, Saint Ansgar saw it burned to the ground by invading Northmen; Sweden and Denmark returned to paganism.

He directed new apostolic activities in the North, traveling to Denmark and being instrumental in the conversion of another king. By the strange device of casting lots, the king of Sweden allowed the Christian missionaries to return.

Saint Ansgar's biographers remark that he was an extraordinary preacher, a humble and ascetical priest. He was devoted to the poor and the sick, imitating the Lord in washing their feet and waiting on them at table. He died peacefully at Bremen, Germany, without achieving his wish to be a martyr.

Sweden became pagan again after his death, and remained so until the coming of missionaries two centuries later. Saint Ansgar shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with Saint Blaise on February 3.

Ansgar's life is another reminder that God writes straight with crooked lines. Christ takes care of the effects of the apostolate in His own way; He is first concerned about the purity of the apostles themselves.

Read the full article: "Saint Ansgar" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ansgar/> (Accessed January 15, 2026).

Activities for the Week

1 Sunday	Feast of Saint Blaise Signs of Grace PSR Sacrament Prep – Classrooms – 9:30-10:45am Confirmation/Chosen – Murphy Hall – 9:45-10:45am OCIA – Jr. High Rooms #230, #231 – 9:45-10:45am Seeds of Faith – Jr. High Room #233 – 9:45-10:45am Springs of Love Come & See – Johnson Hall – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet – Murphy Hall – 2-3:30pm Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym – 6-8pm Summit High School Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall/Frassati Room – 6-8pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm
2 Monday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm Walking With Purpose – Murphy Hall – 6:30-8:15pm
3 Tuesday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Walking With Purpose – Murphy Hall – 9:15-11am Knights of Columbus Business Meeting – Murphy Hall – 6-8:30pm The Forge Young Adult Men's Group – St. Francis Room – 6:30-8:30pm Fruit of the Vine Prayer Meeting – Johnson Hall – 7-8:30pm
4 Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5:30-6:15pm Surrendering the Secret Bible Study – Offsite – 5:30-8pm Respect Life Monthly Meeting – St. Francis Room – 6:45-9pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 7-8pm
5 Thursday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-6pm Grandparent Ministry – Murphy Hall – 10-11:30am Parish Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise & Worship – Church – 6:30-8pm New Best Friends Young Adult Group – Frassati Room – 7-8:30pm
6 Friday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-11pm Wedding Rehearsal – Church – 5-7pm Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8pm
7 Saturday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5-8am That Man Is You – Murphy Hall – 7:30-9am Surrendering the Secret Bible Study – Offsite – 10am-12pm Wedding – St. John Vianney Room/Church – 2-3:14pm Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm Rosary for Peace – Church – 4:20-4:40pm Knights of Columbus Sub Sale – Church Doors/Johnson Hall – 5:45-6:15pm
8 Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Knights of Columbus Sub Sale – Church Doors/Johnson Hall – After Morning Masses Family Faith Quest Meeting – Johnson Hall – 9:30-9:45am Signs of Grace PSR Sacrament Prep – Classrooms – 9:30-10:45am Springs of Love Come & See – Johnson Hall – 9:45-10:45am Confirmation/Chosen – Murphy Hall – 9:45-10:45am OCIA – Jr. High Rooms #230, #231 – 9:45-10:45am Seeds of Faith – Jr. High Room #233 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym – 6-8pm Summit High School Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall/Frassati Room – 6-8pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm



Join Us!
PARISH
Reconciliation &
Adoration Service

THURSDAY, 2/5 | 6:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration | Prayer Teams | Worship Music
Several priests available to hear your Confession



Prepare your heart through repentance, prayer, and deeper trust in Christ.

STARTS **LENT** FEB 18

This Lent on **Hallow**

Join us in prayer this Lent!

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PRAY40 THIS LENT – JOURNEY TOGETHER IN PRAYER

This Lent, our parish invites you to join Hallow's Lent Pray40 prayer challenge, beginning on Ash Wednesday, 2/18. Available on our parish page in the Hallow app – with or without a subscription – Lent Pray40 is an opportunity for our entire parish community to journey together in daily prayer and reflection throughout Lent.

A Kids' Lent Challenge will also be available on our parish page starting on Ash Wednesday, offering families with children an engaging and meaningful way to experience Lent together.

More details about this year's Lent Pray40 theme – including the special guides who will walk with us each day – will be released soon. The Lent Pray40 waitlist is available now on our Hallow parish page.

As a parish partnered with Hallow, our parish page is a place to join prayer challenges, share prayer intentions, and connect more deeply with our parish family. Join us as we walk together through Lent, alongside our Pastor and the whole community. Download Hallow for free and join our community today.



CALLED & GIFTED

In your Baptism and Confirmation, you received gifts that our world needs. Do you know yours?

As you uncover your gifts, you'll discover important clues to the unique mission God has for you. These gifts of the Holy Spirit, called charisms, enable you to be a channel of God's love, truth, beauty, mercy, healing, and provision for others. Our small group will meet on Tuesday evenings throughout Lent to learn more about the discernment process. Learn more and register at stfrancisparrish.net/Register.



THE SANCTUARY COURSE FOR CATHOLICS

How can a church become a sanctuary – a place where individuals living with mental health challenges feel safe, supported, and a sense of belonging?

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics was created to inspire and equip communities of faith that are asking this important question. Developed in consultation with mental health professionals, theologians, and people with lived experience, this eight-session study guide explores key mental health topics and examines meaningful ways to offer companionship, support recovery, and promote well-being.

Who is it for?

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics is a study guide for small groups, designed to raise awareness and start conversations regarding mental health. Your group might include:

- People with questions about mental health
- Mental health professionals with a wealth of knowledge to share
- Leaders who want to engage their community in mental health conversations
- People supporting loved ones with mental health problems
- People living with mental health problems

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics is for anyone who wants to learn about faith and mental health. It requires no previous training or expertise, just a willingness to engage in dialogue with others. This course and films address difficult and sensitive topics and may not be appropriate for a young audience. It is not recommended for people ages 17 and younger. Our next round of sessions are on Wednesday evenings after the 6:30pm Mass, beginning 2/18. Sign up to attend at stfrancisparrish.net/Register.

LIFE GROUPS

LET'S DO LIFE TOGETHER

Small groups to grow in faith

YOU pick the day!
YOU pick the time!

LIFE GROUPS NOW FORMING

Weekly Days/Times Vary; beginning in Lent

An evangelical Catholic life is marked by prayer, community, and mission. Evangelical Catholic (or EC) Life Groups create a space where parishioners can support one another in these commitments.

They are a place where you can breathe in, be restored, and encourage one another to keep living a life of intentional mission. You pick the day, you pick the time and we'll match you to a group with the same preferences – a great way to meet new people, grow in faith and strengthen your identity! Share your day/time preferences with us at stfrancisparrish.net/Register. Please sign up by 2/6 so we can form groups to begin with Lent.

COLLAR CORNER



I got curious during one of our snowy days during this cold week and looked up some of the benefits of snow. We all know that a ton of snow can really make it hard to get around in cars, but there are other ways that snow actually helps our world. One way is that it acts as an insulator for soil. This is helpful because it keeps groundwater from freezing and expanding, which can damage the root systems of perennial plants. Another benefit that snow provides is to give just the right amount of coolness to the soil that certain wild seeds need in order to germinate properly. Snow also gives vital nutrients to the soil, just like other precipitation. Thanks to the Gardenguy YouTube channel for teaching me this! I couldn't help but smile because recently we prayed from the 3rd chapter of Daniel in the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayers of the Church. In that part of Daniel, there is a litany inviting all of creation to bless God. One of the lines is: "Ice and snow, bless the Lord." I am so grateful to God for this unimaginably beautiful and complex world He's given us. Even in the midst of the difficulty that ice and snow bring, we can bless God and recognize His providential hand in every part of the created world we call home! – Fr. Tom

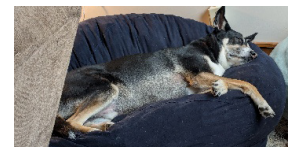


BENNY'S BONE

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...CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

When midnight came, the moon stood high in the sky, casting eerie shadows on the ground that seemed to creep along like ghosts seeking a house to haunt. The woods were silent except for the creak of the trees and the occasional rustle of leaves. Suddenly, the rabbit hopped out of the brush. Her eyes shone with fear at the possibility of her babies falling victim to the sinister wolf. I spoke to her in a whisper: "In a minute, my friends the coyotes are going to begin howling over there." I tilted my head towards the left. "That will give the wolf a loud distraction so we can get to your babies undetected. Ready?" The rabbit nodded and we stood there for a few tense moments when the howling suddenly went up to our left. The rabbit immediately took me on a winding route through the woods to a large bush. Underneath, seven bunnies crouched, shivering. "There is a river about a quarter mile from here. I know how to get through it, but the wolf is terrified of it. We will cross over to the other side and there is a great nest under a big oak tree that my coyote friends dug out for you earlier. Let's go!" As we ran through the woods at full speed, in the midst of the coyote barks in the distance we heard a blood curdling howl. It was the wolf! As the howl continued, it got louder and louder. He was gaining on us. Finally, we made it to the river and a small floating raft just big enough for the rabbit and her little ones was tethered at the shore. "Get on!" I shouted. Just as the final baby hopped on, the wolf burst through the trees just steps behind us. But I gave a big push with my hind legs and yanked the rope from the tether and we were off and floating across the stream, the wolf yipping in frustration behind us. "This isn't over!" He growled. But it was for that night. My feet kicking in the water of the river were suddenly kicking the dog bed by the fire. What a dream! As I yawned, I almost thought I saw a rabbit zip across the yard in the corner of my eye...



EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING

Learn How to Support Foster Families
at St. Francis de Sales



SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, February 1
9:45 - 10:45 am



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Springs of Love invites the entire parish to a community conversation about how we, as a Church family, can care for children in our local community who are experiencing crisis. Join us Sunday, 2/1, from 9:45-10:45am in Johnson Hall for coffee, juice, and donuts, and learn how our parish can support children in foster care and the families who care for them.

Parishioner Maggie Wright, wife of Deacon Eric Wright, will share her foster care journey. Ali O'Donnell, Director of the Bair Foundation's Columbus office, will speak about the needs of children in our area. Greg and Kimberly Henkel, Founders of Springs of Love, will share ways parish communities can support foster and adoptive families.

We'll also preview Building Belonging, a first-ever Catholic small-group series for foster, adoptive, and kinship families, as well as those discerning the call.

This gathering is for everyone. Our hope is to explore launching a Springs of Love chapter at St. Francis de Sales Parish, so no family walks alone. Learn more at springsoflove.org.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Dinner Dance

SATURDAY, 2/14, 6pm

Appetizers | Dinner | Music & Dancing | Door Prizes

Tickets at stfrancisparrish.net/Register

WINTER WONDERLAND DINNER DANCE

Come create cherished memories in a warm, faith-filled setting! Whether you're celebrating Valentine's Day with your sweetheart or simply looking for a delightful night out with our parish family, this is an event you won't want to miss. On Saturday, 2/14 following the 4:45pm Mass, join us in the sparkling winter wonderland of Johnson Hall. Enjoy delicious appetizers, dinner, drinks, music, dancing, door prizes and more. Seats are limited, so register today at stfrancisparrish.net/Register; both couple and single tickets are available.



Lenten Fish Fry

February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026

1) Fish Fry Friend — \$100

- Name listed on sponsor poster displayed during Lent
- Name on sponsor slides at Mass + Flocknotes + Bulletin
- Table signage (small)

2) Friday Sponsor — \$250

- Everything above
- Table signage (medium)
- 4 meal tickets + 2 adult beverage tickets per adult for 1 Friday of your choice

3) Lenten Sponsor — \$500

- Everything above
- Table signage (large)
- Opportunity to provide marketing materials at 1 Fish Fry
- 6 meal tickets + 12 adult beverage tickets per adult for 3 Friday's of your choice

4) Easter Celebration Sponsor — \$1,000 🌸✚ (Top Level)

- Featured as the "Easter Celebration Sponsor" for the full season
- Premium signage at every Fish Fry (extra large)
- Top placement on sponsor poster + slides at Mass + Flocknotes + Bulletin
- Weekly recognition on parish social media (1 shout-out each week)
- Opportunity to provide marketing materials at 2 Fish Fry Fridays
- 8 meal tickets + 16 adult beverage tickets per adult on every Friday
- Full Butler Service for your entire table

★ ADD-ON SPONSORSHIPS (New this year!)

Beverage Sponsor — \$300

- Signage at beverage ticket area
- Mention on sponsor slides

To-Go Sponsor — \$200

- Signage at carry-out/to-go station
- Mention on sponsor slides

Volunteer Sponsor — \$150

- "Thank you for supporting our volunteers" sign (kitchen/serving area)
- Mention on sponsor slides

Submit your Sponsorship Level, name and logo to hstasel@stfrancisparish.net.
DEADLINE 2/13/2026

Check to be made out to:

Francis de Sales Parish, add "Vanguard" in the memo section

Please leave at Parish office in an envelope labeled "attention Heather Stasel"



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Making Disciples and Disciple Makers



WE'VE PURCHASED A PROPERTY

As you are aware, our parish and school continue to experience steady growth and have fully utilized all available space for parish ministries and activities on our present campus. Due to this, we have been intentionally inquiring with nearby properties and positioning ourselves to be ready when an opportunity to make a purchase arises.

Such an opportunity has just transpired! We purchased the red brick residential structure adjacent to the Faith and Family Center at 116 N. 6th Street. With full support/oversight of the Parish Finance Council, a portion of parish savings was used to complete the purchase.

The long-term plan for this property is yet to be determined and its renovation to maximize usage will likely be rolled into a future capital campaign. In the meantime, the building will become the temporary home for Catholic Outreach Ministries (COM). COM has been displaced from our campus many times over the years including an offsite rental space. With the purchase of the building, we can unburden our parish of offsite rental expenses and bring this important mission work back to our campus where it belongs.

COM's new home will be called Winters Haven, paying homage to the Winters family, parishioners of St. Francis who lived in the home from 1944-2000. The family remained owners of the property until it was entrusted to our parish in December 2025.

ABOUT COM

COM is a ministry of St. Francis de Sales Parish, and it supports an extraordinary range of outreach efforts including assistance to the poor, evangelization to the marginalized, the annual Giving Tree, Respect Life, and much more in the greater Newark, Ohio area.

NOW RECRUITING FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS

Our St. Francis de Sales annual Lenten Fish Fry is almost here! We are looking for a few good volunteers (that's you) to help make our Fish Fry the best in the county! Please contact Dave Shallenberger at daveshallenberger@gmail.com if you'd like to share some of your time and talent. We are also looking for donations of desserts – cakes, pies, cookies, etc. that can be dropped off in Johnson Hall on Fish Fry Fridays after 3:30pm. Watch for more information coming soon!

REGARDING THE CATHOLIC TIMES

The Catholic Times will be moving to an all-digital reporting model in February. The last issue of *The Catholic Times* newspaper will be in mailboxes the week of Ash Wednesday. We are proud of the publication, the contributors, and the hard work of our staff. Now, we can amplify the good news of the 23 counties of our diocese to an even greater degree. Logistically, the “Subscribe” button on *The Catholic Times* website will be removed today. All our local Catholic news and content will be on the website, and a subscription will not be required to view it. We are excited to begin a new era of spreading the Gospel. If you have any questions, please contact *The Catholic Times*, 197 E Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215 or call 614.224.6530.

SAVE THE DATE: ST. JOSEPH DINNER

In March the Church honors the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and stepfather of Jesus, the Terror of Demons, St. Joseph! More info is to come, but please save the date to honor this great saint with a community dinner on Thursday, 3/19.



and God), then we can tackle the “void” we feel despite being constantly stimulated by phones and entertainment. Please register at stfrancisparrish.net/Register.



THE
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FOUNDATION

RETIRE WITH PURPOSE:

LET YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH LEAD THE WAY

As you look ahead to retirement, imagine a future built on more than financial security; one where you live your Catholic faith with greater purpose and joy. This new chapter invites you to share the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that God has generously given you. Your Catholic Retirement™ provides Catholics with resources to plan for this life stage in accordance with Church teachings, while creating opportunities to leave your legacy and support the charities closest to your heart. One meaningful way to make a lasting impact is by supporting the St. Francis de Sales Parish Endowment Fund. Whether through a cash donation, appreciated stocks, a life insurance policy, or a retirement distribution, your contribution will strengthen St. Francis far beyond the weekly offertory. Your generosity will sustain our parish's mission for generations, positively impacting lives and faith journeys for years to come. It's never too soon to start a conversation.

Contact Loren Brown, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation, at 614.443.8893, ext. 1020 or lbrown@catholic-foundation.org to learn more about the resources available to help you start planning today!

School News



SCHOOL ROBOTICS PROGRAM

Here is an exciting recap of the outstanding performances of our teams at the recent FIRST Lego League (FLL) Regional Tournament! This was, without question, our strongest season yet, and the growth across all four teams, including students from St. Francis and Blessed Sacrament, has been remarkable. Their teamwork, creativity, and perseverance elevated our program well beyond the past two years, and we couldn't be more proud of the way they represented our schools. Some of our teams are smaller in number, younger than top competitors, and/or new to the program. We give a special shout-out to our Doughnut Digging Dog team and our Brain Bot team for giving a good game and keeping a positive attitude (even when up against much more experienced teams!). We look forward to seeing them grow and develop next season! We were honored to see two of our teams recognized at the event (a first for our club): MechaBuilders received the Regional CORE Values Award, a testament to their collaboration, sportsmanship, and commitment. They focused their energy on their core value of FAITH and how it related to being a strong team. The message was CLEAR to the judges! Funky Monkey Hunters earned one of only two Innovation Awards, recognizing the strength and originality of their project work – which is both simple and brilliant! The Funky Monkey Hunters also qualified to advance to the District Tournament on 2/7, which is an exciting milestone for them and for our program as a whole. In addition, the Funky Monkey Hunters have been invited to begin working with a local university to explore how their innovation project could be developed further. This opportunity will give them real-world insight at a higher level – an incredible next step for the team. FLL program leads are suggesting that their project has potential to reach the place through the league, where patents come into play! Looking for great things from this 7th/8th grade team in the upcoming weeks!

Overall, this tournament was a powerful reflection of the dedication our students have shown all season. Their achievements highlight not only their technical skills but also the values and leadership qualities we strive to cultivate. Thank you for your continued support of our robotics program. It truly makes a difference in what these students can accomplish. Thanks also to Program Coaches, Amanda Martin (who received Coach of the Year Award!), Eric Jungers, Christy Cooper, and Mentor, Ryan Wahl for your time and dedication to our students!

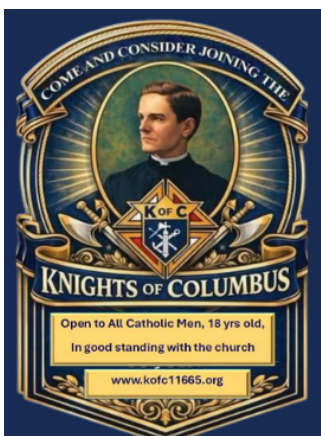
Knights of Columbus News



\$7 SUPER SUB *Sandwich* Sale

**Saturday, 2/7 &
Sunday, 2/8
after Masses**

Cash, Check, or Credit Card
at all Church Doors



CONSIDER JOINING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Father Bill Johnson Council 11665 of Saint Francis de Sales Parish would like to invite practicing Catholic men who are 18 or older to join the Knights of Columbus. If you are interested, please contact Grand Knight Dave Shallenberger at 740.404.4313 or membership director Gerry Mattimore at 740.616.5337. Our Council will hold an Exemplification ceremony to initiate new members

and advance existing members on 2/9 at 7pm in the church. If you wish to join us, please meet at 6:30pm in Johnson Hall. Families are welcome to witness you becoming a Knight.

Community News

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

This week, the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is requesting cans or plastic jars of spaghetti sauce, as well as canned diced tomatoes. It is chili weather in Ohio, and these donations will help our neighbors in need enjoy a warm, hearty meal. Thank you for your generosity, for your continued support of our neighbors in need, and for contributing to welfare in our community!



Church of the Ascension
Johnstown, Ohio

PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC

Church of the Ascension in Johnstown, Ohio is seeking an experienced choir director and organist to assume the role of Director of Sacred Music (DSM). This is a part-time ministry position. Duties include direction and coordination of the adult choir, children's choir, and cantors, as well as serving as the organist for liturgical events and weekly Masses. Please contact Fr. PJ Brandimarti at pastor@cotaj.org if you wish to learn more about the application process.

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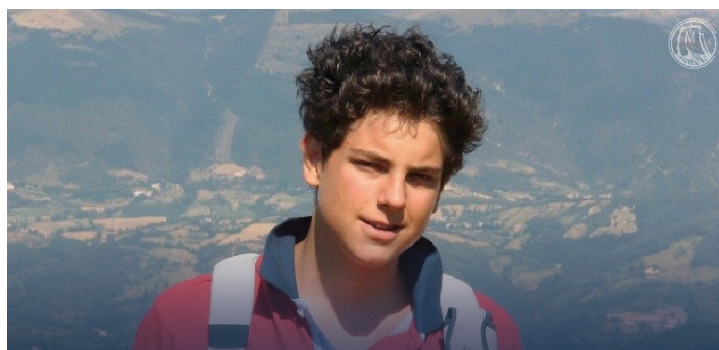


INTRODUCING SAINTLY ROAST COFFEE COMPANY

Catholic Outreach Ministries (COM) is grateful to announce a new fundraiser partnership with Saintry Roast Coffee Co., a faith-filled coffee and tea company started by parishioners David and Stefanie Clay. Now through March, Saintry Roast will donate \$1 to COM for every bag of coffee or tea purchased. Your purchase will help COM continue serving local families with emergency assistance such as rent help, utilities support, beds, and clothing vouchers.

This is a simple way to support our neighbors in need – while enjoying fresh, small-batch roasted coffee delivered right to your home. Thank you for helping COM “brew goodness” in our community – one cup at a time! To order online, please visit <https://www.saintryroastcoffee.com>.

Around our Diocese and Beyond



SAVE THE DATE

*St. Carlo Acutis Pericardium Relic
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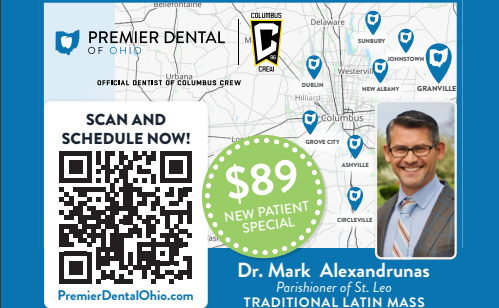
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