

Light shines through the *darkness*
for the upright.

– Psalm 112:4

February 8, 2026 | 5th 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 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

Monday, February 9 – Weekday

6pm † Marie Kovreg (Family)

Tuesday, February 10 – Saint Scholastica, Virgin

12pm † Molly Campbell (Tom Campbell)

Wednesday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30pm † Jason Wolfe (Dr. Mark and Cathy Mitchell and Becky Murphy)

Thursday, February 12 – Weekday

9am † Carol Guanciale (Letourneau Family)

Friday, February 13 – Weekday

9am † Nancy Channell (Waneta Newland)

Sunday, February 15 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:45pm Sat. Vigil † Mike Braidich (Kathy Braidich)
8:30am People of the Parish
11am † Mindy Snively Ladd (St. Francis de Sales Staff)



Angela Larkins recently passed away. Please pray for her and for all the faithful departed. May God grant them peace and eternal rest.

Holiday
CLOSURES

IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY

Parish Offices and School will be CLOSED Monday, 2/16

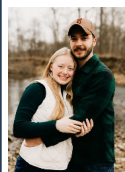
Monday Adoration, Reconciliation, and Mass as normally scheduled

NEW DAILY MASS
Added

Every Saturday at 9am
beginning 2/21
Followed by 1 Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

SATURDAY MORNING MASS

By request from our parishioners who wish to attend daily 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 1 hour of Adoration in the church. We pray this will be a welcome addition to your weekly worship needs, but please note: this Mass does not fulfill your weekend Mass obligation.



Banns of Marriage

are announced for

Oliva Close and Jonathan Nightingale

Their wedding date is February 28, 2026.

Congratulations!



\$7 SUPER BOWL SUB
Sandwich
Sale

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

Cash, Check, or Credit Card
at all Church Doors

SALT AND LIGHT

Reflection on Matthew 5:13-16

Salt has many virtues: it is an effective preservative, it perks up the taste of everything from tomatoes to margaritas, and warm salt water promotes healing. Few of us would like to live in a saltless world. A lightless world would be incomparably worse. Without light, nothing grows, we trip over our own two feet, and we don't feel safe.

When Jesus says we are salt and light, He gives us high praise indeed. We are not – at least God does not intend us to be – useless. But we know that a light can sputter and go out, and Jesus contemplated that salt might lose its tang and be no better than sand. So, if we are to live up to Jesus' implicit praises, we need to do something, perhaps a lot of somethings. And all of these good works that flavor the world with justice and enlighten our brothers and sisters with mercy and love, are not accomplished to be a source of personal pride, but to glorify God's name.

– Father Jay

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 8, 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Monday, February 9, 2026

Weekday
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13
Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Saint Scholastica, Virgin
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30
Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Weekday
1 Kings 10:1-10
Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Weekday
1 Kings 11:4-13
Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40
Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 13, 2026

Weekday
1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19
Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 14, 2026

*Saints Cyril, Monk, and
Methodius, Bishop*
1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22
Mark 8:1-10

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

SAINT SCHOLASTICA

Saint of the Day: February 10

Patron Saint of Cloistered Nuns

Twins often share the same interests and ideas with an equal intensity. Therefore, it is no surprise that Scholastica and her twin brother, Benedict, established religious communities within a few miles from each other.

Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Saint Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies.

Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery. The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.

According to the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day.

He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey.

Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Saint Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

Read the full article: "Saint Scholastica" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-scholastica/> (Accessed January 23, 2026).

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Activities for the Week

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 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
9 Monday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm Walking With Purpose – Murphy Hall – 6:30-8:15pm Knights of Columbus Exemplification and Reception – Church/Johnson Hall – 6:30-8:30pm
10 Tuesday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Walking With Purpose – Murphy Hall – 9:15-11am St. Joseph Society Men's Group – Murphy Hall – 6:30-8:30pm The Forge Young Adult Men's Group – St. Francis Room – 6:30-8:30pm Soul Sisters Board Meeting – via Zoom – 7-8pm Fruit of the Vine Prayer Meeting – Johnson Hall – 7-8:30pm
11 Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5:30-6:15pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 7-8pm ASK – Murphy Hall – 7-8:30pm
12 Thursday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-6pm New Best Friends Young Adult Group – Frassati Room – 7-8:30pm WOSF Monthly Meeting – Murphy Hall – 7-9pm
13 Friday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-11pm Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8pm
14 Saturday	St. Valentine's Day Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5-8am That Man Is You – Murphy Hall – 7:30-9am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm Rosary for Peace – Church – 4:20-4:40pm Mass with Renewal of Marriage Vows – Church – 4:45-5:45pm Winter Wonderland Dinner Dance – Johnson Hall – 6-10pm
15 Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Signs of Grace PSR Sacrament Prep – Classrooms – 9:30-10:45am World Marriage Day Reception – Johnson Hall – 9:30am-1pm 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 Vanguard Monthly Board Meeting – FFC Conf. Room – 12:30-1:30pm Grieving With Great Hope Luncheon – Murphy Hall – 12:30-2:30pm Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym – 6-8pm Summit High School Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall/Frassati Room – 6-8pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm

Stewardship of Treasure

2025-26 Campaign Updates

THANK YOU, ST. FRANCIS!

The mission of our parish, school and diocese is not possible without you! See the results of our recent giving campaigns below. Your gifts to The Appeal, our annual offertory drive and the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund directly impact our day-to-day activities and ability to assist those in greatest need.

Learn more by visiting our parish website at www.stfrancisparish.net.



The Appeal is a diocesan-wide effort to support the essential ministries, formation, and outreach throughout our 23 counties. It is a powerful opportunity each year to unite as one Church and one Body of Christ to share in our call to be good stewards of our Church and its people.

All money raised above our goal will be returned to our parish for our use. This year we expect to receive over \$55,000.

Goal
\$220,000

Pledges
\$275,583.48

Participation
35.4%



Offertory Drive

Your gift to the Offertory supports the daily operations of our growing parish and school to support our mission of Making Disciples and Disciple Makers for Jesus Christ.

This includes funding ministries and outreach efforts, faith formation and religious education, spiritual programs and evangelistic efforts, music, staff salaries and benefits, monthly utilities, facilities, grounds and maintenance, taxes and insurance premiums and other administrative costs.

Goal
\$1,570,513

Pledges
\$1,230,531

Participation
58.2%



OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

Making a high-quality, Catholic education accessible and affordable for all families who desire it is a philanthropic priority for the Diocese of Columbus.

Your gifts to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund in 2024 helped provide scholarships for 181 students at St. Francis for the 2025-26 school year. The slight increase in gifts in 2025 will go even further in making St. Francis school affordable for those who desire an authentic, Catholic education – all while receiving a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Ohio taxes.

Goal
\$139,841

Gifts
\$145,937

Participation
16.7%



ASH WEDNESDAY – A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER
Join us for one of the most popular liturgies of the year! Can't catch a Mass in person? Watch the livestream on YouTube at 6:30pm. A special collection will be taken this day to benefit Catholic Outreach Ministries (COM) which serves those in need in the Newark/Heath area. Please note: 12pm Mass will be incense free!



LENT FOR YOUNG ADULT LADIES

Ladies, age 18-35, let's walk with Jesus. There's a question Jesus asked two thousand years ago that still moves hearts today: "Who do you say that I am?" This

Lent, we invite you into a 40-day journey that goes beyond a spiritual checklist. This is a pilgrimage into the heart of Christ Himself. In the Lenten devotional, *Who Do You Say That I Am?* we'll explore the seven "I AM" statements of Jesus, each one revealing not only who Christ is, but who you are in Him. This devotional isn't another to-do. It's a conversation with the God-Man, Jesus Christ. We'll meet on Sundays between the morning Masses (9:45-10:45am) in the Frassati Room (School 2nd Level) beginning 2/22. Register at stfrancisparkish.net/Register by 2/15 so we can buy materials.



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.



SANCTUARY: A MENTAL HEALTH STUDY FOR CATHOLICS

Who is this course for? Everyone! We all have a role to play in creating our church as sanctuary – a place where individuals living with mental health challenges feel safe, supported and that they belong. Led by Greg Anglin, counselor and parishioner

of St. Francis, this study is designed to inspire and equip communities of faith that want to be that place of refuge. Developed in consultation with mental health professionals, theologians, and people with lived experiences, this 8-session study explores key mental health topics and examines meaningful ways to offer companionship, support, recovery and promote wellbeing. Sessions are Wednesdays, following the 6:30pm Mass (7pm) beginning 2/18. Sign up at stfrancisparkish.net/Register.



LIFE GROUPS NOW FORMING

Weekly Days/Times Vary beginning 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 stfrancisparkish.net/Register. **Life Groups will begin with Lent; please sign up now!**



JOIN PARISH ASK SESSION

We're excited to welcome Fr. Tom, Deacon Eric and Youth Minister Molly Loy for our next session of Ask Me Anything series. Bring your questions of faith and morality to this awesome Q&A session. We gather in Murphy Hall, on Wednesday, 2/11 at 7pm for snacks and Live on the St. Francis Facebook Page kicking off questions at approximately 7:15pm. These sessions are informative and fun, so mark your calendars to join the session.



COLLAR CORNER

A few weeks ago when we were marking the Feast of St. Francis de Sales; I had the pleasure of praying with the following passage from *Introduction to the Devout Life*, St. Francis de Sales' classic work:

The bee collects honey from flowers in such a way as to do the least damage or destruction to them, and he leaves them whole, undamaged and fresh, just as he found them. True devotion does still better. Not only does it not injure any sort of calling or occupation, it even embellishes and enhances it.

Moreover, just as every sort of gem, cast in honey, becomes brighter and more sparkling, each according to its color, so each person becomes more acceptable and fitting in his own vocation when he sets his vocation in the context of devotion. Through devotion, your family cares become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere, the service we owe to the prince becomes more faithful, and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable.

When St. Francis speaks of devotion, he is talking about our spiritual life, those practices which nourish our relationship with Jesus. I want to encourage you to take some time this week to think about your different circles in life: family, friends, colleagues and whomever else. Consider how prayer plays a part in those relationships. If we bring the graces of our relationship with Jesus into those circles, as St. Francis points out, they will be lifted up and perfected. I invite you to consider how you can more intentionally bring family, friends and colleagues into your prayer. Know that Jesus' heart burns with divine love for each and every person in your life. The more you bring them into your prayer, the more I believe Jesus will show you how to be a channel of His transforming love for them! – Fr. Tom



BENNY'S BONE

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The people doing pictures for the new parish directory have been in the office for the last several days and it's provided me with some extra temptation. I have a lot of toys already available to me in the office. There is a whole basket of them near Aunt Angel's and Aunt Meghan's desks. But there is just something so attractive about the toy that you know isn't yours. The photographers brought along a squeaky Lamb Chop and it is the toy that I can't be without in the office. I know the Pack Leader wants me to just leave it with them so they can use it for their photo sessions, but whenever I'm over at the office and I see that Lamb Chop sitting there all cute and fluffy and squeaky, I can't help it. Even though I have a Lamb Chop of my own over at the rectory, there is something irresistible about the draw of the one I know I'm supposed to leave alone. I will try my best to listen to the Pack Leader, but sometimes it's just hard!



LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS!

We are adding hushpuppies this year! Menu: deep fried ocean perch, cheese pizza (kids), mac n cheese, tater tots, Cole slaw. Gluten free: baked fish, tater tots and coleslaw. Desserts: ice cream bar, homemade desserts. Seniors \$12, Adults \$15, Children 6-12yrs \$10 (5 and under are free), Family of 4 or more \$45. Adult beverages: 1 ticket is included per paid meal (21+yr); additional ticket \$2.



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"

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.

Parish News



WINTER WONDERLAND 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 www.stfrancisparrish.net/Register; both couple and single tickets are available. FREE Childcare is available with registration! No worries about getting a babysitter for the evening. We've got that covered for you! Just mark your selection during registration. AND, half price for couples who are currently in Together in Holiness groups.



"BEYOND FAT TUESDAY: WHAT ARE YOU ACTUALLY HUNGRY FOR?"

This year, let's use the Mardi Gras dinner as a physical starting point. We're full of pancakes/king cake, but we still feel "hungry" for

connection, purpose, or peace. When we make space to realize what we are truly starving for (belonging, silence, and God), then we can tackle the "void" we feel despite being constantly stimulated by phones and entertainment.



GIFTS FOR BABY JESUS

The Respect Life Group would like to extend a huge THANK-YOU to all our St. Francis brothers and sisters for the great response to the annual "GIFTS FOR BABY JESUS" program. Your donations and support is so commendable, and benefits Heartbeats of Licking County, our local pregnancy center. We especially want to

thank a family who donated over and above this year just before the final days to give. The picture here shows their generosity (it took two vehicles to load it all up!). May Our Lord Jesus bless everyone for being His heart and hands in our community. Heartbeats of Licking County is a wonderful organization offering many resources for women and families facing unexpected pregnancies.

SAFETY/MAINTENANCE NOTICE

Our church's hard-working Cabinet Unit Heaters were installed sometime in the 1960 or '70s and, while their tank-like build provides durability, they are well over 50 years old which means the fan motors can get quite "clanky" and even loud. This is normal



and is not cause for alarm. For your safety and for the longevity of the heating system, we ask that you **please do not touch or adjust the settings or place items on top of the units**. If you have a concern, please contact our Facilities Team to report the issue. Thanks for your help!

School News

CLASSICAL CORNER

St. Francis is committed to classical education. This kind of education is what formed the greatest minds of the past two millennia. From Cicero to the Founding Fathers, the movers and shakers of Western Civilization lived and breathed these studies. The cornerstone of Classical Studies is the student's formation in the Latin language. Growing in Latinitas, a virtue so much greater than just the language alone, was not a question, but a given. For most of the West's history, to not have an understanding of Latin was to be functionally illiterate. It means to enter into a 2,000-year long conversation without needing an interpreter; to think for yourself.

Many have understandably asked the question of utility: why bother, no one speaks it, and when would you use it? As Catholics, answering the first question is easy; it's the language of our Church. To the point of speaking: many do speak it, including myself. When do you use it? As much as you like. This line of questioning says more about the culture than the language itself. When you picked up the flute, violin, or guitar, did people look at you and ask "why bother, you'll never be Van Halen?" No. The same principle applies to the study of Latin. We learn Latin for the sake of the soul: *Latinitas animi causa*.



FORMING HEARTS AND MINDS

Our 8th graders are learning how to debate with love and reason! Here they are hard at work researching for an upcoming debate. Our Preschool-8th grade students assembled Blessing Bags today! Each student included a small note or drawing, then took their bag home to share with someone in need in our community. Thank you to all families who donated!

Community News

EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING

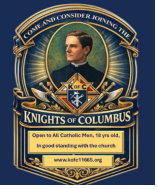
Learn How to Support Foster Families at St. Francis de Sales

Spring of Love
CATHOLIC FOSTER & ADOPTION SUPPORT

SPRINGS OF LOVE

Getting involved can be as simple as prayer, encouragement, or practical help. Please scan the QR code to sign up at <https://springsoflove.org/get-involved>. Everyone can do something.

Knights of Columbus News



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.

Around our Diocese and Beyond



SAVE THE DATE

*St. Carlo Acutis Pericardium Relic
is coming to the Diocese of Columbus*

FEBRUARY 13-18, 2026

The relic will be at the following parishes:

Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster
Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Star of the New Evangelization, Columbus
St. Brendan, Hilliard
St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus
St. Michael, Worthington
St. Paul the Apostle, Westerville
St. Thomas More Newman Center/
Buckeye Catholic, The Ohio State University

More detailed information will be coming soon


**LOOK TO HIM AND
BE radiant**
Psalm 34:6

FEATURED SPEAKERS:



MOTHER NATALIA



MEG HUNTER KILMER



FR. JOHN LOCOCO



SR. MARY GRACE



RACHEL MUHA



MASS CELEBRANT:
BISHOP FERNANDES



EMCEE: JEN RICE



MUSIC: MEREDITH JOY KELLER



WEBSITE

www.columbuscatholicwomen.com



REGISTRATION

 COLUMBUS CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

February 21, 2026

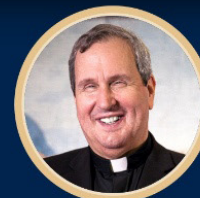
8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Ohio Expo Center - Kasich Hall

The 29th Annual
CATHOLIC
MEN'S CONFERENCE
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SAINTS**
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Saturday + February 28, 2026
Kasich Hall + Ohio Expo Center, Columbus



Matt Birk



Father Robert Spitzer



Justin Fatica

Adoration + Reconciliation + Holy Mass
Breakfast & Lunch + Faith Organizations

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Our Catholic elementary school for students grades K – 8.
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CATHOLIC OUTREACH MINISTRIES (COM): Serving the poor in our community. If assistance is needed, call our Parish Office and select **Option 1** to leave a message. For more information about COM or to volunteer for this ministry, contact Heather Stasel at catholicoutreachministry@gmail.com.

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MARRIAGES: Couples considering their marriage at St. Francis should contact our wedding team at least nine months before the proposed date of the wedding at Ext. 239 or by sending a detailed email to weddings@stfrancisparrish.net.

PRAYER WARRIORS: Send your prayer requests to prayers@stfrancisparrish.net. If you would like to pray intentions along with your fellow parishioners, just send a note to the email asking to be included on the Prayer Warrior Flocknote.

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS: Contact the Parish Office, Ext. 252, or email stfrancisparrish.net/SacramentalRecords.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES: The Parish conducts weekly events and gatherings for these age groups. See Directors' (Molly Loy and Grace Wright) contact information under Pastoral Staff section.

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF MINISTRIES AND PARISH STAFF, CONSULT OUR WEBSITES:

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