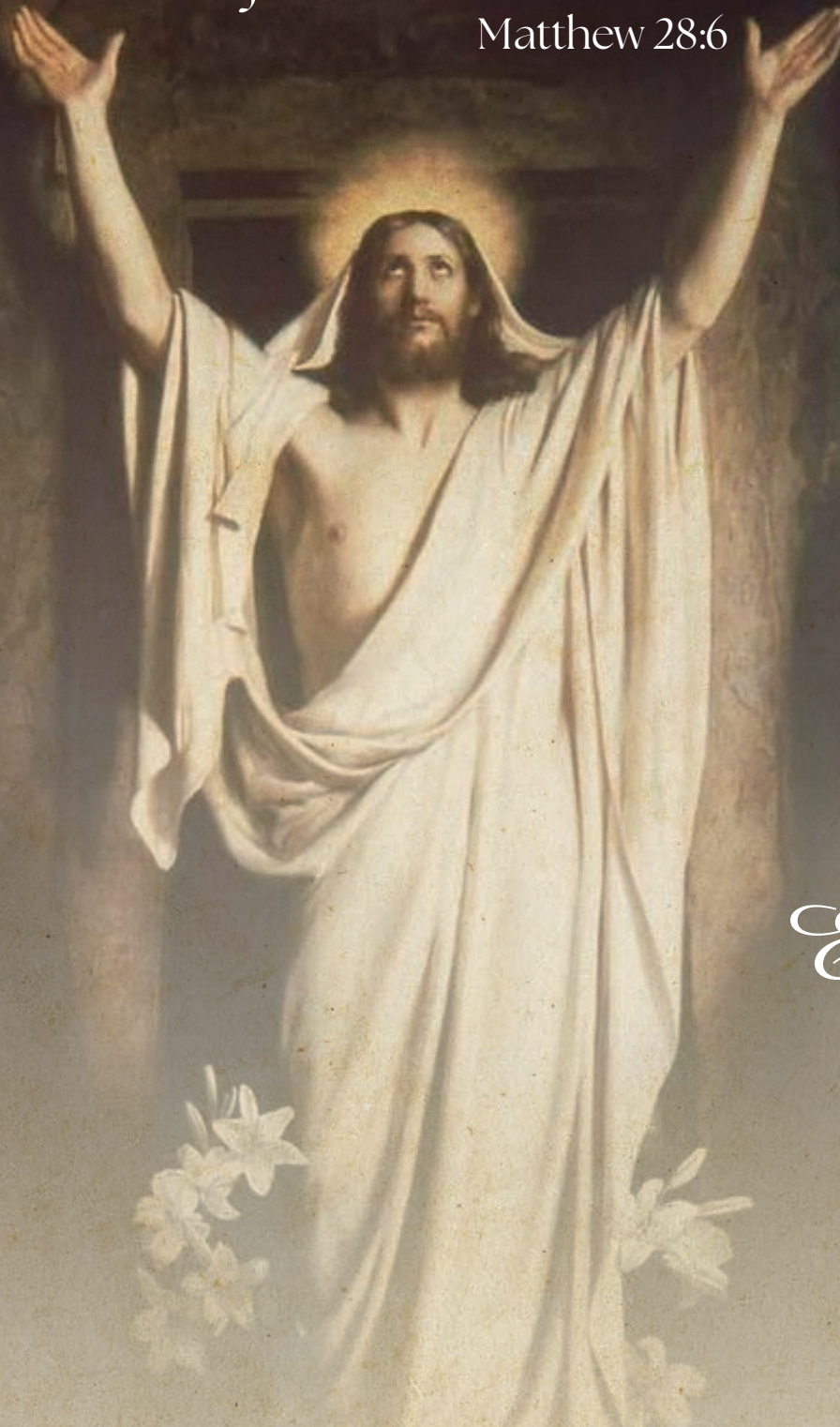


He is not here, for
He has been raised
just as He said.

Matthew 28:6



Easter
2026

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:

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday

9am Morning Prayer Service

9pm **Sat. Vigil** Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30am People of the Parish

9:30am † Mike Braidich (Kathy)

11:30am † Marie Kovreg (Family)

Monday, April 6 – Monday within the Octave of Easter

6pm † Mary Busack (Mark Busack)

Tuesday, April 7 – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

12pm Special Intention: The Donald Perry Family

Wednesday, April 8 – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30pm † David Hamilton (George and Diane Layton)

Thursday, April 9 – Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9am † Louise Ellis (Tony and Carolyn Boesch)

Friday, April 10 – Friday within the Octave of Easter

9am † Van Wagner (Dave and Anna Hofer)

Saturday, April 11 – Saturday within the Octave of Easter

9am † Al Brown (Debby Shelly)

Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

4:45pm Special Intention: Violet Therese Loy

8:30am People of the Parish

11am † David Hamilton (Suzette Hamilton)



In observance of Holy Week and Easter

The Adoration Chapel will be closed Holy Thursday, 4/2 through Easter Monday, 4/6
School and Parish Offices will be closed Good Friday, 4/3 through Easter Monday, 4/6
Evening Reconciliation and Mass will be as normally scheduled on Easter Monday

Stewardship of Treasure

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

FOR FEBRUARY 2026:

Mass Offertory/Envelopes	\$	28,009.07
Virtual Offertory	\$	375.00
EFT Offertory	\$	84,828.81
Ash Wednesday	\$	1,894.10

MONTHLY COM COLLECTIONS

FOR FEBRUARY 2026:

Church Container Donations	\$	4,441.08
EFT Donations	\$	899.61
Walking With Moms	\$	330.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Outreach Ministry/COM	April 12, 2026
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The Pope's Prayer Intentions for April

FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER MORNING @ 10:30AM & 12:30PM

in the Marian Garden



EASTER FAITH

Reflection on John 20:1-9

Knowing well the end of the story, it is difficult for us to imagine how it all unfolded for Mary Magdalene and Jesus' disciples as they were living it when it all happened. How does hope persist through the devastating grief of mourning a dear friend? How does love prevail over the heart-breaking trauma of witnessing such a gruesome and violent death? How do you interpret the stone which has been rolled away, the empty tomb, the burial clothes folded up?

Easter faith – placing our trust and joy in the Resurrection – invites us to embrace God's gift of hope and perseverance through every human trial and during our worst moments. Whatever life looks like in the moment, whatever darkness we pass through, whatever stone seems immovable, in every moment of death – God's love and mercy cannot be held back. When the power of the Resurrection grasps us, new possibilities of love, understanding and compassion are within reach.

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, April 5, 2026

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4 or

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

Monday, April 6, 2026

Monday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22

John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10

Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26

Psalms 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9

Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 10, 2026

Friday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

Psalms 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a

John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Saturday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21

Psalms 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21

Mark 16:9-15

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

SAINT VINCENT FERRER

Saint of the Day: April 5

Patron Saint of Builders, Businessmen, Reconciliation

Despite parental opposition, Saint Vincent Ferrer entered the Dominican Order in his native Spain at 19. After brilliant studies, he was ordained a priest by Cardinal Peter de Luna – who would figure tragically in his life.

The Western schism divided Christianity first between two, then three, popes. Clement VII lived at Avignon in France, Urban VI in Rome. Vincent was convinced the election of Urban was invalid, though Catherine of Siena was just as devoted a supporter of the Roman pope. In the service of Cardinal de Luna, Vincent worked to persuade Spaniards to follow Clement. When Clement died, Cardinal de Luna was elected at Avignon and became Benedict XIII.

Saint Vincent Ferrer worked for him as apostolic penitentiary and Master of the Sacred Palace. But the new pope did not resign as all candidates in the conclave had sworn to do.

Vincent became disillusioned and very ill, but finally took up the work of simply "going through the world preaching Christ," though he felt that any renewal in the Church depended on healing the schism. An eloquent and fiery preacher, he spent the last 20 years of his life spreading the Good News in Spain, France, Switzerland, the Low Countries and Lombardy, stressing the need of repentance and the fear of coming judgment. He became known as the "Angel of the Judgment."

Saint Vincent Ferrer tried unsuccessfully, in 1408 and 1415, to persuade his former friend to resign. He finally concluded that Benedict was not the true pope. Though very ill, he mounted the pulpit before an assembly over which Benedict himself was presiding, and thundered his denunciation of the man who had ordained him a priest. Benedict fled for his life, abandoned by those who had formerly supported him.

Read the full article: "Saint Vincent Ferrer" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-vincent-ferrer/> (Accessed March 20, 2026).

Activities for the Week

4 Saturday	Holy Saturday Eucharistic Adoration Closed Morning Prayer – Church – 9-9:30am OCIA Morning Prayer and Rehearsal – Church – 9-10:30am Knights of Columbus Walking Stations of the Cross– Rear Parking Lot – 11am-1pm Easter Vigil Mass – Church – 9-11pm OCIA Reception – Johnson Hall – 11pm
5 Sunday	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Eucharistic Adoration and Parish Office Closed Easter Mass – Church – 7:30-8:30am Easter Mass – Church – 9:30-10:30am Easter Egg Hunt – Marian Garden Area – 10:30-11:30am Easter Mass – Church – 11:30am-12:30pm Easter Egg Hunt – Marian Garden Area – 12:30-1:30pm
6 Monday	Eucharistic Adoration and Parish Office Closed ARC/Active Retired Citizens – Murphy Hall – 3:30-5:30pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm
7 Tuesday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Called & Gifted – St. John Bosco Room – 6-8pm 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 Group – Johnson Hall – 7-8:30pm
8 Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5:30-6:15pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 7-8pm The Sanctuary Course for Mental Health – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8:30pm
9 Thursday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm New Best Friends Young Adult Group – Frassati Room – 7-8:30am Women of St. Francis Monthly Meeting – Murphy Hall – 7-9pm
10 Friday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-11pm Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8pm
11 Saturday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-12pm That Man Is You – Murphy Hall – 7:30-9am Weekly Adoration in the Church – 9:30-10:30am Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 9:30-10:30am Lisieux Ladies: Easter Paint Date – Murphy Hall – 10am-12pm 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 – 5:45-6pm Alpha Marriage – Murphy Hall – 6-9pm
12 Sunday	Divine Mercy Sunday Knights of Columbus Sub Sale – Church Doors/Johnson Hall – 9:30am-12:15pm Seeds of Faith – Jr. High Room #233 – 9:45-10:45am Signs of Grace PSR Sacramental Prep – Elementary Classrooms – 9:30-10:45am OCIA – Jr. High Classrooms #230 and #231 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Divine Mercy Chaplet – Church – 12-12:30pm Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym – 6-8pm Summit High School Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall/Frassati Room – 6-8pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm

Faith Formation

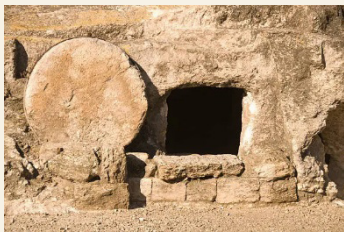


OCIA RETREAT

OCIA members preparing for Easter sacraments joined together for a preparation retreat on Saturday, 3/28. Focusing on prayer and our relationship with God, we experienced the joy and strength in community, not only in our parish, but also with our neighboring parishes. This year, members from St. Edward, Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel joined with us as a community of believers anticipating full communion with the Lord. We welcome these new members at the Lord's altar.

If someone you know wants to learn more about becoming Catholic, please contact David Clay at dclay@stfrancisparrish.net or Paula McWilliams at pmcwilliams@stfrancisparrish.net.

Parish News



COLLAR CORNER

As we celebrate this glorious Easter Day together, I want to share with you some encouraging words from one of my favorite Saints, Pope St. John Paul II. In one of his last Easter messages in 2003, he had these comforting words for the world, which still ring so true today: "As he said to the terrified Apostles on the wind-swept sea, Christ says once more to the men and women of our time: 'Take heart, it is I; have no fear!' (Mk 6:50). If he is with us, why should we fear? However dark the horizon of humanity may seem, today we celebrate the radiant triumph of Easter joy. If a contrary wind slows the march of peoples, if the sea of history is tossed by storms, let no one yield to dismay

and lack of trust! Christ is risen; Christ is alive in our midst; truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, he offers himself as the Bread of salvation, Bread for the poor, the Food of wayfarers." Brothers and sisters, today we had the joy of singing the triumphant alleluias of Easter and receiving the risen Jesus once again in the Eucharist. As we contend with tragedies, wars and strife both on the world stage and within our own families, let us never forget that Jesus is risen and alive, here with us to calm the storms in our hearts so that we may navigate these trials and tribulations with that interior peace and hope that nothing can extinguish. I pray for that peace and hope of the risen Jesus to burn bright in each of your hearts as you celebrate today and throughout this Easter season.

Happy Easter! He is risen! Alleluia! Fr. Tom



BENNY'S BONE

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Easter is both an exciting and trying time for me. I'm excited for the treats I know that Pack Leader will be giving me in honor of the Creator's Son rising from the Dead. That is worth celebrating and I can't wait to either chew on a nice bully stick, have some Beggin' strips or maybe even get some delicious wet dog food. The struggle for me is dealing with all the interesting smelling treats that you humans get that are bad for me. Today and in the coming weeks there are going to be so many pieces of chocolate that smell amazing, but I know are not good for me! I'll just have to focus on the yummy things I can eat and do my best to avoid the temptations of those human-only treats. I hope you all know how lucky you are to be able to enjoy chocolate without fear. But enough about that struggle! It is Easter. I hope you all have a great time with your families and if you've got a dog, don't forget to give him or her a dog-friendly Easter treat! Happy Easter! Love, Benny 🐾

MAKE YOUR MASS INTENTION REQUEST

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living, or deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. The Parish provides the opportunity for anyone to schedule a Mass intention. These intentions, observing Canon Law, will be accepted through the Parish Office up to 6 (six) months in advance and can be requested on a rolling basis. Per Diocesan policy, a \$10.00 minimum stipend for the Priest saying the Mass is recommended per each Mass request. Mass intentions must be made in the Parish Office with stipend paid at time of request in the form of cash or check only. The Parish has recently added a Saturday morning Mass and for this reason we have openings for Saturdays and other days of the week. Please visit the Parish Office to request a Mass Intention.

EASTER FLOWERS

Beautiful Florals for our Church Were Generously Provided in Honor of or in Memory of the Following:

Terry P. Antritt, James and Catherine Wade, Thomas Wade, Diane Wade, Richard Wade, Donald and Ruth Bell, Vickie Smith, Thomas and Pamela Bell, Dan and Catherine Wilson, Raymond and Mary Wade, Charles and Bertaliene Wade, Susan Wade, Tom and Martha Dunn, Pete and Marjorie Devore, Betty Cavanaugh, Jim Cavanaugh, Karyn Blodgett-Camella, Keith and Elenora Pape, Gene Campolo, Albert Church, Charles Dupuis, Patricia Ann Douglas, Kenneth Mauter, William Ehret, Mary Estelle Ehret, Jarret Evan Adams and Jude Michael Adams, Frank H Bentz, Rev. John Barry Bentz, Francis and Jeanette Bentz, Jeffrey Kane, Phil Devol, Barbara Devol Sinsabaugh (Charles), Jim Fetter, Jud and Susie Lewis, Michelle Fisher Heagen, Kellie Fisher Price, Linda Kuhn, William Gilbert, Maria Myers, William Lyn Goslin, Eddie Goslin, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hohman, John Hohman, Deceased members of James F. Grady Sr. Family, Michael T. Grady Sr., Martha Tuomala, Rita Gress, Joshua Griggs, Phyllis Griggs, Fred and Edna Davis, Jeanette Wahl, Mary Jane Schell, Patricia Rowley, David Hamilton, Joe Heckman, Ernie and Pauline Lusetti, Bob Heigle, Robert and Connie McAllister, Stardis Hullhorst, Dorothy and Edward Burgoyne, Pauline and Bruce Hunter, Deceased Relatives and Friends, Francis and Eileen Kohl, Bob and Florence Marshall, Steve and Mary Yanka, Allan James Lanza, Leonardo and Thelma Perucho, Francisco and Connie Cordova, Roberto and Sherwin Perucho, The Lesch Family, The Bonczynski Family, Deceased Friends and Family Members of the Maddern and Ginnetti Families, Deceased members of Campbell Family, Deceased members of McGonagle Family, Barbara Lydel, Kathy Okoman, Wilma McClintock, Menchofer and Perry Families, Rosemarie Klan Miller, Betty Lee Klan Crane, L.J. Nutter, Helen and Chauncey Delaney, Hazel and William Delaney, Anna and Wasyl Hubitsky, Marian and Nelson Lenhart, Adelene and John Hubbs, The Polings, Barbara Parkhill, Jerry Wieber, Lou Wieber, Joe Wieber, Anthony and Anne Lacko, Family and Friends of the Priest Lacko Families, Holly Rehbeck, Gianna Rehbeck, Steven Ferry, Don Reid, Dick Martin, Patti Lester, Teresa and Frank Desti, Jerry Reid, Barb Pletcher, Jan and Lou Sakal, Miles "Bud" Richardson, Julio Ossa, Marilyn Edly, Michael and Elizabeth Sepela, John L and Florence Russell, Jack Russell, Mary Kay Ryan, John Ryan, Sr., Johnny Ryan, Mary Scott, Eunice Smith, Tony Boler, Rocky Smith, Rusty Smith, Don Saling, Richard and Louise Ellis, Giorgetti Family, Laura Solak, Carol Gartside, Alma L. Smith, James E. Smith, Jr., Gertrude Thoma, Ernest Thoma, Dorothy Thoma, Bud and Isabel Stare, Shirley Stare, Jane Stare, Carol Wollenburg, Fran Stare Riggs, Marcella Hammond, Rita Annarino, Frank Sr. and Norma Annarino, John J. and Betty Colopy, Blake Colopy, Frank Annarino III, Baby Charlie, John Green, Patrick Stasel, Donald Lusk Jr., Sharon Lazar, Linda Elkins, Jack Simi, Mario and Catherine Simi, Lilian and Bert Crowley, Friends and Family of Carol and Mike Svatora, Julia Varasso, Toni Cashdollar, Bobbie Villacres, Mary Villacres, Marie Kovreg, Andy Wirick, Denny Wirick, Bill and Mary Howell, Reggie Wirick, Shawn Hutchison, Laura Gardner, Delores Whicker Goodwin, Kris Crothers.



ARC – ACTIVE RETIRED CITIZENS – FUN, FOOD, FRIENDS
Please come join the fun on Monday, 4/6 from 3:30-5:30pm in Murphy Hall at St Francis. Bring a friend or two to play Bingo or Euchre. Of course, there will be food and fabulous door prizes! All are welcome! If you have questions, call Chris at 614.668.5441 or Deb at 740.334.3147.

STILL NEED TO FILE TAXES?

www.EmmausRoadScholarship.org

Redirect up to **\$750 (\$1,500 married)** of your Ohio taxes to scholarships at St. Francis School

—at zero extra cost to you!

100% tax credit • Takes just 5 minutes

Tax credits for donations made before 4/15 can still be applied to your 2025 tax return!



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3 EASY STEPS

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TURNING SORROW into Joy!

Presented by Author and National Speaker, Carl Brown

SUNDAY, 4/19
12 - 3pm | Johnson Hall

Lunch and Free Childcare Provided
Register at stfrancisparrish.net/Register



TURNING SORROW INTO JOY – LUNCHEON & TALK

We would love you to join our parish family on Sunday, 4/19, for an afternoon of food, friendship, and reflection. We're so excited to welcome home one of our very own: Carl Brown, a graduate of St. Francis de Sales School and Newark Catholic.

Carl will be spending the afternoon with us to share the heart behind his book, *Something You Can Count On*. He'll be guiding us through the Seven Sorrows of Mary, showing us how this beautiful devotion can offer real comfort and strength in our daily lives. "It can actually help us to turn our own sorrow into joy!"

The Afternoon Schedule:

- 11am: Celebrate Mass with the community
- 12pm: Gather for a relaxed luncheon in Johnson Hall
- 1pm: Settle in for Carl's presentation

The Details:

There is no cost to attend the lunch or the talk, though we will gratefully accept freewill donations to help cover expenses.

Registration & Free Childcare:

To help us prepare the meal, please let us know you're coming by registering at stfrancisparrish.net/Register. If you have little ones, we've got you covered! Free childcare is available; just be sure to register them in advance so we can have everything ready for them.



Catholic in Recovery

We welcome all Catholics who are interested in recovery from addiction and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church

FRIDAYS AT 7PM | FAITH & FAMILY CENTER

Learn more at stfrancisparrish.net/CIR



2026 CAMP OUT

KOKOSING
VALLEY
CAMP & CANOE

Calling All Campers to Our Family Camp Out
THURSDAY, 6/11 - SUNDAY, 6/14
Get info and reserve at stfrancisparrish.net/Register

CALLING ALL CAMPERS TO THE 2026 ST. FRANCIS FAMILY CAMP OUT

Make your plans now to join SFdS Family Ministries, Thursday-Sunday, 6/11-14 at Kokosing Valley Camp & Canoe Campground in Howard, Ohio. Tents, RVs, trailers, popups and pods are welcome. NEW THIS YEAR! Entire Section B and shelter house is reserved for St Francis de Sales Family Camp Out! All details can be found at stfrancisparrish.net/Register or contact, Kevin Douglas at 740.973.7876 or jkdouglas66@hotmail.com with questions.

Women of St. Francis News



MONTHLY MEETING

Featuring a guest speaker from the Humane Society
Thursday, 4/9, 7pm | Murphy Hall

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

The April WOSF meeting will be Thursday 4/9, at 7pm in Murphy Hall. A representative from the Humane Society will be joining us; we look forward to hearing about their organization.

Our members bring donations of food and other necessities each month for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. This month, we will be collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes – 1 or 2 per package, please. At our March meeting, we collected many bottles of vegetable oil along with other miscellaneous items. Thank you, team WOSF for your generosity!

Mark your calendars – the WOSF Annual Card Party is Thursday, 4/30. More info to come!

WOSF SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Women of St. Francis are offering two \$500 scholarships for post-secondary education, open to young women parishioners of St. Francis de Sales Parish. Applicants must be active parishioners, maintain a minimum high school 3.0 GPA, and submit a 500-word essay describing how they serve as a beacon of God's love through service, and how they will continue this mission in the next phase of life. Please reach out at wosfgrant@gmail.com with questions and to receive an application. Applications must be submitted to wosfgrant@gmail.com by Monday, 4/27.



\$7 SUBMARINE Sandwich Sale

**Saturday, 4/11 &
Sunday, 4/12
After Masses**

Cash, Check, or Credit Card
At all Church Doors



Annual Spring CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD DRIVE



**FRIDAY, 4/24, 4 - 6pm SATURDAY,
4/25, 9am - 6pm
SUNDAY, 4/26, 9 - 11am
Rear Parking Lot**

Accepting clothes, small household appliances and personal care items



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. Help us support our parish and community! Activities the Knights of Columbus support include:

Faith: Pilgrim Icon, clergy appreciation dinners, financial support of clergy and seminarians.

Family: St. Nicholas Breakfast, support of the school as needed, support through scholarships for students.

Community: Helping Hands projects, support through fund-raising benefits, semi-annual clothing drive for St. Francis Evangelization Center, support of Special Olympics.

Life: Support of March For Life, presentation of \$2,000 to Heartbeats For Life.

If you are interested, please contact Grand Knight, Dave Shallenberger at 740.404.4313 or Membership Director, Gerry Mattimore at 740.307.1498.



KNIGHT OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Michael J. Ready Assembly 830 is pleased to announce that Sir Knight James "Jim" Graham has been selected as their Knight of the Year. The award was presented by Faithful Navigator, Tyler Kohl. Jim has been in the Knights of Columbus for 45 years and a member of the Fourth Degree for 32 years. Jim has served as the Faithful Purser (Treasurer) for the past 13 years and will be stepping down from his position at the end of the Fraternal Year which is June 30th.

The assembly of the Knights of Columbus is a local unit of the Fourth Degree, the highest degree of the order, specifically focused on the principle of patriotism. The Bishop Michael J. Ready Assembly 830 is comprised of members from the parishes of St. Francis de Sales, Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Mt. Caramel and St. Edward the Confessor Councils. The assembly promotes responsible citizenship, supports military veterans, and provides the Color Corps to represent the Knights of Columbus at church and civic events. The Fourth Degree Color Corps is often seen when the bishop is the celebrant of the Mass.

School News



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

Prior to Spring Break, two of our students stepped into leadership roles as Principal and Vice Principal for the Day! Ellie Morey (Vice Principal) and Hayden Gilligan (Principal) had a busy and fun-filled day alongside Mrs. Saliba and Mrs. Mummey. It was a great experience for all, and these young ladies did an amazing job leading the way!

School News



THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.
St. Francis School's Drama Presentation
Nightly at 7pm
FRIDAY, 4/17 & SATURDAY, 4/18
Brady Hempleman Memorial Gym
Get tickets at stfrancisparish.net/Register

PROGRAM ADS AVAILABLE



IT'S SHOW TIME

THE LITTLE MERMAID, JR. takes place in a magical kingdom beneath the sea, where a beautiful young mermaid named Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, the king of the sea, escape the clutches of an evil sea witch and convince a prince that she's the girl with the perfect voice.

This classic Disney title contains all the songs from the Academy Award®-winning animated feature film as well as three new songs from the Broadway show.

Presale tickets are available through Thursday, 4/16. Miss the deadline? No problem – get them at the door! (Doors open at 6:30pm and show starts at 7pm. Seating is first-come, first-served.)

Students age 4 and under are free but MUST still register!



SAVE THE DATE
Monday, 6/22 - Friday, 6/28
9am - 12pm

Seeking Volunteers & Participant Registration Now Open

stfrancisparish.net/register

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

TRUE NORTH VBS THIS SUMMER

Let's explore the nature of God – discovering who God is and how much he loves them! At Rainforest Falls VBS, kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies, and test out “sciency”-fun experiments. VBS is such a great value and a memory that kids won't soon forget! Register your K-5th grade explorers today! \$30.00 for 1st child, \$20.00 for each additional at stfrancisparish.net/Register. Volunteers get free child registrations – those grades 6+ are eligible to be volunteers. Also, supporters can help stock our VBS supplies at stfrancisparish.net/shop.

Respect Life

Spiritual Adoption

It's not too late for to begin praying for an unborn child



Pray for a baby at risk of abortion



SAVED IN HOPE



“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’” (Spe salvi 31). The church teaches us that “the one who has hope lives differently” (SS2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that

we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

Need help through the trials? See our parish website for a list of professionally trained spiritual directors and licensed Catholic counselors.

Community News

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS

The SVdP food pantry is a part of the Licking Country Food Pantry Network and the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. It is manned by Vincentians from the area churches. Food donations are gathered in the vestibule of St. Francis Church and transferred to the food pantry on Wilson Street in Newark where hours of operation are Tuesday nights from 6:30–8pm and on Saturday mornings from 9–11am.

Canned goods are always in demand, but also needed are personal care items, like toothpaste, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet paper. **The items we would like to ask for the coming week are cereal and spaghetti sauce. Spaghetti sauce in cans or plastic jars is preferred.** This is a wonderful example of Lenten Almsgiving – All donations are appreciated!

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CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH: For Confirmation Preparation for school students, contact Ben and Mary Beth Lee, Confirmation Coordinators, Ext. 243 or confirmation@stfrancisparish.net.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: We offer opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration 7 days a week. Please see the Activities of the Week section for Adoration times or view current ongoing openings on our website at www.stfrancisparish.net/Register. For more information, contact AdorationCoordinator@stfrancisparish.net..

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HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: For Sacramental visits to hospital or home, please call the Parish Office. Priests are always available to visit. Please let us know!

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@stfrancisparish.net.

PRAYER WARRIORS: Send your prayer requests to prayers@stfrancisparish.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.

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

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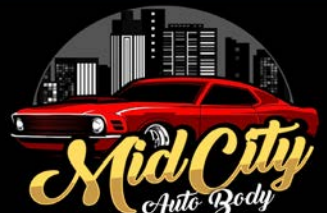


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