

St. Francis de Sales Parish

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Making Disciples and Disciple Makers

DIVINE *Mercy* SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2026



Jesus,
I TRUST IN YOU

Mass Intentions



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, April 12 – Sunday of Divine Mercy

4:45pm Special Intention: Violet Therese Loy
8:30am People of the Parish
11am † David Hamilton (Suzette Hamilton)

Monday, April 13 – Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

6pm † Deceased Students, Parents, Faculty of NC Class of 1971

Tuesday, April 14 – Easter Weekday

12pm † Don Perry (Lucy Lopez)

Wednesday, April 15 – Easter Weekday

6:30pm Those who have fallen away from the faith (St. Monica Club)

Thursday, April 16 – Easter Weekday

9am † Charles William Pryor (Mary Prophet)

Friday, April 17 – Easter Weekday

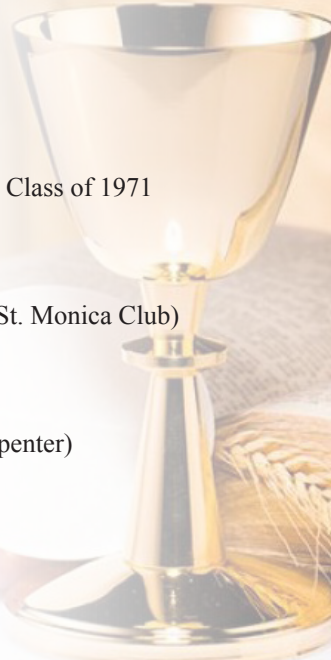
9am † Mindy Snively Ladd (Steve and Helen Carpenter)

Saturday, April 18 – Easter Weekday

9am † John Fischer (Sallie Kegley)

Sunday, April 19 – Third Sunday of Easter

4:45pm Sat. Vigil People of the Parish
8:30am Special Intention: Mary Jane Golata
11am † Frances Hawk (Ada Jacobs)



UPDATE TO THE CONCLUSION OF MASS: TO BEGIN APRIL 18/19

At the request of Bishop Fernandes, we are introducing a brief period of silence immediately following the final blessing. This pause allows the faithful a moment of quiet thanksgiving for the Real Presence of Christ. During this time, clergy and servers will move to the foot of the sanctuary where we will then transition into the St. Michael Prayer, led by clergy, and then our recessional hymn. While you are always welcome to pray spontaneously, we have provided several prayer options below to assist you in this new practice.

ANIMA CHRISTI

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Your wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from You.
From the malignant enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to You.
That with Your saints I may praise You,
Forever and ever.
Amen.*

Alternative Versions

Simple Thanksgiving

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for coming to me in Holy Communion. Help me to live as You would have me live, and to love as You love. Amen.

Family Version

Dear Jesus, thank You for the gift of Your Body and Blood. Help our family to grow in love for You and for one another. Amen.

Biblical Version

Lord Jesus, You have given me the bread of life. Help me to live by every word that comes from Your mouth. Amen.

Modern Version

Thank You, Jesus, for this precious gift of Yourself. Transform my heart and help me to be Your presence in the world. Amen.

Stewardship of Treasure

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

April 19, 2026

MERCY

Reflection on John 20:19-31

I don't remember who said this, but it rings so true: Christianity has nothing to say to someone who does not know him/herself to be a sinner. If I do not know and accept my need for forgiveness and redemption, then divine mercy makes no sense; it is lost on me.

How blessed and grateful we are, though, when this great gift of divine mercy is accepted, and flows into our hearts and lives! I am convinced that when we receive God's mercy, in a proper disposition of true repentance, then God does not want us to be burdened with the sins that have shamed us and brought us low. Instead, God desires us to be truly free, for His gift of mercy liberates us to be merciful.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites Thomas into His wounds, and so into the reception of His divine life. This is the pattern of our lives as well. It is going deeply into our wounds which sin has caused, where we are in contact with the wounds of Christ which redeem us. Praise God for His great mercy!

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Monday, April 13, 2026

Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23-31
Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9
John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32-37
Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-33
Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20
John 3:31-36

Friday, April 17, 2026

Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34-42
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
John 6:16-21

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

SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

Saint of the Day: April 16

Patron Saint of Illness, Poverty, and Shepherds/Shepherdesses

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. On February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig.

According to Saint Bernadette Soubirous, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm.

Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances of the Immaculate Virgin were subject to. Lourdes became one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world, attracting millions of visitors. After thorough investigation, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862.

During her life, Saint Bernadette Soubirous suffered much. She was hounded by the public as well as by civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Five years later, she petitioned to enter the Sisters of Notre Dame of Nevers. Within four months of her arrival she was given the last rites of the Church and allowed to profess her vows. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933.

Read the full article: "Saint Bernadette Soubirous" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bernadette-soubirous/> (Accessed March 27, 2026).

Activities for the Week

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 – 9:30-10:45am 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
13 Monday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm
14 Tuesday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Vocations Club – Murphy Hall – 12-2:30pm 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 Group – Johnson Hall – 7-8:30pm
15 Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5:30-6:15pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 7-8pm
16 Thursday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Grandparent Ministry – Murphy Hall – 10-11:30am New Best Friends Young Adult Group – Frassati Room – 7-8:30am
17 Friday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-11pm Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8pm
18 Saturday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-12pm That Man Is You – Murphy Hall – 7:30-9am Saturday Morning Mass – Church – 9-9:30am Saturday Morning Adoration and Reconciliation are cancelled today. First Communion Retreat – Church – 9:30am-1:30pm Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm Rosary for Peace – Church – 4:20-4:40pm Alpha Marriage – Murphy Hall – 6-9pm
19 Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Family Faith Quest Meeting – Johnson Hall – 9:30-10:45am Seeds of Faith – Murphy Hall – 9:45-10:45am OCIA – Jr. High Classrooms #230 and #231 – 9:45-10:45am Carl Brown Presentation – Johnson Hall – 12-3pm Confirmation Chosen Walk Through w/Sponsor – Church – 4:30-6pm Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym – 6-8pm Summit High School Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall/Frassati Room – 6-8pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm



WELCOME, EASTER CATHOLICS

Welcome to our Neophytes! Our Easter Vigil celebration was powerful as we witnessed 16 people become new members of the Catholic Church. Praise God for this beautiful gift! (People newly baptized and confirmed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil are called neophytes, from Greek meaning “newly planted.”) Through the Sacraments of Initiation, they have entered fully into the life of the Church, and we are so blessed to walk this journey of faith alongside them. Their “yes” to Christ is a beautiful reminder of the hope and new life we celebrate at Easter.

Now, as they enter the last period of the OCIA process – Mystagogia – we applaud and welcome them and encourage them to walk with us side-by-side through the Easter season.

These seven received the Full Rite of Initiation Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist): Elizabeth Blaine, Paige Cordle, Jesse Johnson, Kimberly Myers, Aiden Pflieger, Chandler Roberts, and Jeremy Rogers.

The following previously baptized Christians made a Profession of Faith, affirming their belief in all that Jesus Christ revealed. They were Confirmed and received First Eucharist: John Bollenbacher, Deanna Myers, Wimberly Cook, Jeffrey King, Gregory Peck, Levi Pflieger, and Andy Talbott.

Gerald Labycuas and Richard McCrady completed their Initiation Sacraments with the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All these men and women are truly blessed and a blessing in our midst. Give them a smile and a welcome and keep them in your prayers.

WHAT MAKES A CATHOLIC... *Catholic*

Find out at our OCIA classes.
It's for **EVERYONE** on
their faith journey!

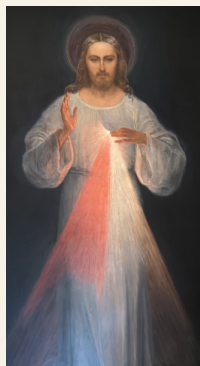
- Year-round inquiry & formation for newcomers
- Refresher course for long-time Catholics

Get info at stfrancisparish.net/OCIA

Meets Sundays
9:30 - 10:45am
Jr. High Lab
2nd Floor Lamy Center



COLLAR CORNER



I wish you a very blessed and Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! From ancient times, the Church has celebrated Octaves, eight-day feasts in which we extend the celebration of a specific feast. This past week, we have had the opportunity to mark the annual Octave of Easter, giving thanks for Jesus' triumph over sin and death in His Resurrection. Today, the octave day, represents the crowning of the feast. Today, we remember that Jesus died and rose to pour out Divine Mercy from His pierced Sacred Heart on the whole world. On this beautiful feast, I invite you to join me in praying this powerful prayer which is often said at the end of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. – Fr. Tom

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless
and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments we might not despair
nor become despondent,
but with great confidence submit ourselves
to Your holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself.
Amen.*

LICKING VOCATIONS CLUB



Through mindful prayer and thoughtful outreach, the Licking Vocations Club seeks to promote awareness among parishioners at Catholic churches in the county to foster and support vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. The club also offers prayers of gratitude and support to priests, deacons, and sisters serving in our diocese.

The Licking Vocations Club monthly meetings are upbeat and informative. We invite you to join us on Tuesday, 4/14 in Murphy Hall for lunch and our speaker, Reverend Michael F. Nimocks. We begin with lunch at noon followed by Fr. Nimocks' presentation.

The cost of lunch is \$5.00. All money collected goes towards projects, cards, donations, and Mass Intercessions for our seminarians, priests and religious. Bring a friend and see what we are all about.

Questions? Call Barb at 740.404.8075 or Deb at 740.334.3147. We hope to see you on the 14th!



Catholic in Recovery

Alcohol & Drug Addiction Group Meets
FRIDAYS at 7pm
Faith & Family Center

Scan to find other in-person
or online meetings for

Compulsive Eating
Lust Addiction
Adults from Dysfunctional Homes



BENNY'S BONE

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Last Sunday, a bunch of you kids from the parish came over to my yard to look for Easter eggs. I'm sure you all had a fun time, but you have no idea the fun you left for me. I have been hunting down your smells all week. From the smells of your different dogs that you tracked in with your shoes to the smell of food that you had on your hands as you picked up the eggs. There is so much to find! I'm grateful the Creator gave me such a powerful sniffer. It has kept me entertained all week! Just an idea for you kids with dogs: hide a special treat that they love in the back yard and let them hunt it down! Maybe if I look at the Pack Leader just right, he'll do that for me...

Love, Benny 🐾

Last Chance!

**We need YOUR photo for
you to receive a copy of
our New Photo Directory!**

FREE Professional Photography

**Wednesday, 5/6
& Thursday, 5/7
2 - 8 pm**

Schedule at stfrancisparish.net/Directory



FINAL PHOTO DIRECTORY DATES ARE MAY 6/7

We want a photo of everyone to be included! In fact, it's so important we added the two additional dates shown above. Each day, professional photography sessions will take place from 2-8pm in Murphy Hall. Households of all sizes are needed! Having a face with a name is so incredibly important as we intentionally grow our community. Signing up is simple:

Option #1: call the Parish Office at 740.345.9874 and we'll take care of the rest.

Option #2: visit www.stfrancisparish.net/directory, use Church Code: oh2931 and Church Password: photos, to select your preferred date/time. Complete the contact info and you're set!

REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION

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 contact the Parish Office to request a Mass Intention.

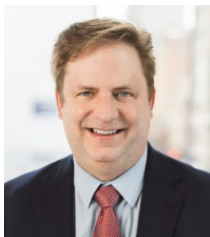


TURNING SORROW into Joy!

Presented by Author and National Speaker, Carl Brown

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

Lunch and Free Childcare Provided
Register at stfrancisparish.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 stfrancisparish.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.



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!

100% goes to St. Francis
It's so QUICK & EASY to do!
We LOVE our school!

3 EASY STEPS

- MAKE A DONATION**
Designate it to go to St. Francis School in Newark
- GET A RECEIPT**
To use when you prepare your annual Ohio taxes
- ENJOY A TAX CREDIT**
Reduce your tax amount owed when you file your tax return

Have questions? Get in touch!
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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 stfrancisparish.net/Register

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

Make your plans now to join SFdS Family Ministries, Thursday-Sunday, 6/11-6/14 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 stfrancisparish.net/Register or contact, Kevin Douglas at 740.973.7876 or jkdouglas66@hotmail.com with questions.

Women of St. Francis News



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.



WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS CARD PARTY

The annual WOSF card party will be Thursday, 4/30 in Murphy Hall with doors open at 6pm. Come join us for a girls' night out: cards and board games, door prizes, and lots of fun! And, what would a ladies' night be without snacks and appetizers; a 50/50

drawing, too. No need to be a member of WOSF, all ladies are welcome to join us! Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased by contacting Sandy at 740.334.2263.



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 740.307.1498.



\$7 SUBMARINE Sandwich Sale

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

Cash, Check, or Credit Card
At all Church Doors

Sponsored by:



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

The Fr. Bill Johnson Knights of Columbus Council #11665 will be sponsoring their annual spring clothing drive at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Friday-Sunday, 4/24-26. Collection will be set up in the school parking lot beside the gym. We will also be accepting small electric appliances in good working order, as well as new personal care products that would be greatly appreciated at the Center. The spring clothing, and additional items, will be delivered to the St. Francis Center in McArthur, OH. The folks in McArthur look to us to help them with this annual spring drive, as we have been the largest donor to the Center over the years. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

School News

CLASSICAL CORNER

What Is Recitation and Why Do We Practice It in Classical Education?

In a Classical classroom, recitation is the practice of speaking beautiful and meaningful words aloud – often from memory. Students regularly recite poetry, Scripture, prayers, and key academic content as part of their daily learning. Recitation is not simply repetition; it is a time-tested method rooted in the tradition of Classical Education. It engages both the mind and the voice, helping students internalize truth, goodness, and beauty. So why is recitation so important?

- First, Classical Education places great value on training the memory, especially in the early years. Through recitation, students store rich language – poetry, Scripture, and facts – that will serve as a foundation for deeper understanding later. (Formation of Memory)
- Second, by regularly speaking well-crafted words, students develop a natural sense of rhythm, vocabulary, and eloquence. Recitation forms their ability to communicate clearly and confidently. (Cultivation of Language and Expression)
- Third, the selections chosen for recitation are intentional. Whether drawn from literature, Scripture, or the Catechism of the Catholic Church, they expose students to what is noble and true, shaping both intellect and character. (Love of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty)
- Fourth, recitation requires focus, careful listening, and self-control. Over time, these habits strengthen a child's ability to concentrate and engage deeply with their studies. (Attention and Discipline)
- Finally, in a faith-centered Classical setting, recitation is also an act of devotion. Memorizing and speaking prayers and Scripture allows students to carry these words with them, forming their hearts as well as their minds. (Spiritual Formation)

At its heart, recitation reflects a key principle of Classical Education: that what we repeatedly take in and speak out becomes part of who we are. We are grateful to partner with our parents and school community in forming students who not only know what is true, but who can speak it with confidence and grace.



ARTVENTURES CAMP AT ST. FRANCIS

Mrs. Bjornson is our fun and talented art teacher! She has some wonderful options for student art camp this year. Please feel free to share the following summer opportunity with your families as this camp is open for St. Francis School students and students from other schools. Student volunteers are welcome!

Contact Mrs. Bjornson at gbjornso@cdeeducation.org to enroll for the summer program, to volunteer for the program, or with any questions.

School News



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!



RAINFOREST FALLS 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 for 1st child, \$20 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

We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.
POPE FRANCIS



MERCY IS A BRIDGE

All of us are sinners. Yet Pope Francis calls mercy a “bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness” (MV 2). The Holy Father also reminded us, “As the Father loves, so do His children.

Just as He is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other” (MV 9). Life is a gift from God and so is His mercy. Commit yourself to being an instrument of mercy. Show by your example what it means to ask for and extend forgiveness.

Community News

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS

The SVdP food pantry is a part of the Licking County 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 specific items requested for the coming week are canned pasta (SpaghettiOs type), spaghetti sauce, and tuna. Spaghetti sauce in cans or plastic jars is preferred.** All donations are appreciated!

Around the Diocese and Beyond



REVIVAL: A GRIEVING MOTHER'S RETREAT

If you are, or someone you love is a mother who has experienced the death of a child – from miscarriage through adulthood – we want you to know that you are not alone, and your story matters. This spring and summer, Red Bird Ministries is honored to offer REVIVAL, a retreat experience created

specifically for grieving mothers who sense that survival alone is not where their story ends... and who are longing for deeper healing, restoration, and hope. This retreat gently creates space for you to encounter Christ in your grief, honor the life of your child, and rediscover the beauty that still exists within your own heart. If your heart is quietly whispering that you may be ready to take the next step – even if that step feels small or uncertain – we warmly invite you to prayerfully consider attending one of these retreats. Please visit our website to learn more about upcoming retreats, including the one closest to our location in Lansing, MI held this spring, Friday, 5/15-Sunday, 5/17. Visit www.redbird.love/revival. You do not have to carry this alone. We would be honored to walk with you.

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