



ANSWER ME, O Lord,  
*for bounteous is your KINDNESS;*  
*in your great MERCY turn toward me.*  
- Psalm 69:17

June 21, 2026 | 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***St. Francis de Sales Parish***

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# Mass Intentions



**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

### Sunday, June 21 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:45pm Saturday † Elizabeth “Sissy” Gorius Lieber (Jim Lieber)

8:30am People of the Parish

11am † Ralph W. Gebhart (Louise Clayton)

### Monday, June 22 – Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

6pm † Butch Ruff (Mary Burkamp)

### Tuesday, June 23 – Weekday

12pm † Rosemary Walther (Pat and Carolyn McGonagle)

### Wednesday, June 24 – The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

6:30pm † Roseann Gorius (Family)

### Thursday, June 25 – Weekday

9am Special Intention: Fr. Mike Gentry (A Friend)

### Friday, June 26 – Weekday

9am † Diane Marron (Fruit of the Vine)

### Saturday, June 27 – Weekday

9am Special Intention: Bill and Paula McWilliams 50th Wedding Anniversary

### Sunday, June 28 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:45pm Saturday † Marie Kovreg (The Family)

8:30am People of the Parish

11am Special Intention: Meghan Hanrahan (Grant, Lyla and Reed)



## UPDATES TO MASS & CONFESSION TIMES BEGINNING IN JULY

To better serve our parishioners, we are making a couple of updates beginning Wednesday, 7/1:

- We are **adding** an opportunity for **Confessions on Tuesdays, 11-11:45am (before noon Mass) and Thursdays and Fridays, 12-1pm.**
- On **Wednesday evenings, Confession will be 5-5:45pm and Mass will begin at 6pm.**

## Faith Formation



walking with purpose

### Women's Summer Book Club

**Bring Balance, Peace & Purpose to Everyday Life** | **Starts week of July 6**  
6-Weeks | Completely Online | **Pick your Preferred Day/Time**  
[stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register)

You are invited to our Summer Book Club with the National Walking with Purpose team! It's 100% ONLINE! This July, join us as we dive into *Walking with Purpose: Seven Priorities That Make Life Work*, by Lisa Brenninkmeyer – a book club designed to help you bring balance, peace, and purpose to your everyday life.

You will be part of a small group that meets weekly on Zoom, led by a volunteer small group leader. We welcome women of all ages and stages; so there is truly a place for everyone. Each session lasts one hour and meets consecutively for six weeks. Simply select the day and time that works best for you, click Next, and complete the registration form to reserve your spot.

Sessions begin the week of July 6 and continue for 6 weeks.

Day/Time Options – pick the one that works best for you!

Mondays at 7pm

Thursdays at 10pm

Tuesdays at 1pm or 8pm

Fridays at 10am

Wednesdays at 11am or 9pm

Visit [stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register) for information and to sign up.

## SALT AND LIGHT

Reflection on Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus' instructions to His disciples before going out on mission continue in today's Gospel, and notice how He tells them three different times: Do not be afraid. The disciple of Jesus who is on mission will encounter tough situations. How often does fear hold us back from being the salt and light we are called to be, flavoring and enlightening the world with Gospel truth?

Jesus knows that being His messenger will at times make us unpopular, and even bring pain and persecution. So He reminds us, through these instructions, that the promise of His presence with us, the intimate love He has for each of us ("all the hairs of your head are counted"), are far more powerful than any resistance we encounter. We are to acknowledge God openly and unapologetically in our families, our workplaces, our communities. This assures our recognition, that our Father will acknowledge us when we come to our final judgment.

– Father Jay

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, June 21, 2026

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35  
Romans 5:12-15  
Matthew 10:26-33

### Monday, June 22, 2026

Weekday  
2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18  
Psalm 60:3, 4-5, 12-13  
Matthew 7:1-5

### Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Weekday  
2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36  
Psalm 48:2-3Ab, 3cd-4, 10-11  
Matthew 7:6, 12-14

### Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist  
Isaiah 49:1-6  
Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15  
Acts 13:22-26  
Luke 1:57-66, 80

### Thursday, June 25, 2026

Weekday  
2 Kings 24:8-17  
Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9  
Matthew 7:21-29

### Friday, June 26, 2026

Weekday  
2 Kings 25:1-12  
Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6  
Matthew 8:1-4

### Saturday, June 27, 2026

Weekday  
Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19  
Psalm 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21  
Matthew 8:5-17

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

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## SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

Saint of the Day: June 21

Patron Saint of Catholic Youth, Teenagers and Seminarians

At age 7 Aloysius experienced a profound spiritual quickening. His prayers included the Office of Mary, the psalms, and other devotions. At age 9 he came from his hometown of Castiglione to Florence to be educated; by age 11 he was teaching catechism to poor children, fasting three days a week, and practicing great austerities.

When Aloysius Gonzaga was 13 years old, he traveled with his parents and the Empress of Austria to Spain, and acted as a page in the court of Philip II. The more Aloysius saw of court life, the more disillusioned he became, seeking relief in learning about the lives of saints.

A book about the experience of Jesuit missionaries in India suggested to him the idea of entering the Society of Jesus, and in Spain his decision became final. Now began a four-year contest with his father. Finally he prevailed, was allowed to renounce his right to succession, and was received into the Jesuit novitiate.

Like other seminarians, Aloysius was faced with a new kind of penance. He was obliged to eat more, and to take recreation with the other students. He was forbidden to pray except at stated times. He spent four years in the study of philosophy and had Saint Robert Bellarmine as his spiritual adviser.

In 1591, a plague struck Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital of their own. The superior general himself and many other Jesuits rendered personal service. Because he nursed patients, washing them and making their beds, Aloysius Gonzaga caught the disease. A fever persisted after his recovery and he was so weak he could scarcely rise from bed. Yet he maintained his great discipline of prayer, knowing that he would die three months later within the octave of Corpus Christi, at the age of 23.

Read the full article: "Saint Aloysius Gonzaga" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-aloysius-gonzaga/> (Accessed May 19, 2026).

## Activities for the Week

<b>21 Sunday</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Father's Day with Blessing after each Mass</b> Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Grieving with Great Hope Luncheon – Murphy Hall – 12:30-2:30pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm
<b>22 Monday</b>	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm VBS – School Campus – 9am-12pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm
<b>23 Tuesday</b>	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm VBS – School Campus – 9am-12pm 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
<b>24 Wednesday</b>	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm VBS – School Campus – 9am-12pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5:30-6:15pm
<b>25 Thursday</b>	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm VBS – School Campus – 9am-12pm Blessing Bags Assembly – Murphy Hall – 4:30-5:30pm 4th Degree Knights of Columbus – Murphy Hall – 5:30-8pm New Best Friends Young Adult Group – Frassati Room – 7-8:30am
<b>26 Friday</b>	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-11pm VBS – School Campus – 9am-12pm Young Adult Friday Fire – Rectory – 6-9pm Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conference Room – 7-8pm
<b>27 Saturday</b>	<b>MCP Appeal Weekend</b> Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5-9am/10:30am-12pm That Man Is You/Summer Sessions – FFC – 7:30-9am Saturday Morning Mass – Church – 9-9:30am Adoration and Reconciliation – Church – 9:30-10:30am Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner – Main Parking Lot/Johnson Hall – 4-7:30pm Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm Rosary for Peace – Church – 4:20-4:40pm
<b>28 Sunday</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>MCP Appeal Weekend</b> OCIA – Jr. High Classrooms #230, #230, #235 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Baptisms – Church – 12:30-1:30pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm

June 2026

## Pray for Our Priests

<b>21st</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>30th</b>
FR. STEPHEN DOS SANTOS, C.P.P.S.	FR. STEPHEN KRILE	FR. STEPHEN METZGER	FR. STEPHEN ONDREY	FR. STEPHEN SMITH	MSGR. STEPHEN BESEAU	FR. SUDHAKAR REDDY THIRUMALAREDDY	FR. SUNDER ERY	FR. TESFAYE PETROS BOTACHEW	FR. THEODORE MACHNIK
Columbus, St. James the Less			Zanesville, St. Nicholas & St. Thomas Aquinas	Portsmouth, St. John Paul II, Scioto Catholic; Wheelersburg, Pond Creek	Pontifical College Josephinum	Columbus, St. Francis of Assisi; Hospital Chaplaincy	Pickerington, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Pickerington, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; Diocesan Director of Multicultural Ministry	

# Stewardship of Treasure



## 2026 MISSION APPEAL

We welcome Fr. Weldit Tesfazghi Abay, Chaplain of the Eritrean Catholic Ge'ez Rite Community in the Diocese of Columbus and Parochial Vicar at St. Brendan the Navigator Parish, as he presents a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Archdiocese of Asmara, Eritrea the weekend of Saturday, 6/27 and Sunday, 6/28.

Fr. Weldit is originally from Zagr, Eritrea, in the Horn of Africa. He was ordained in 2009 for the Archdiocese of Asmara and has served the Church in Eritrea, Sudan, and Egypt. He also studied English and Cultural Studies at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Franklin, Wisconsin, while serving Eritrean Catholic communities in the United States.

He currently serves the Eritrean Catholic faithful in Columbus and remains deeply committed to supporting pastoral and educational outreach efforts in Eritrea.

## Situation in Eritrea

In Eritrea, access to education and healthcare has become increasingly limited. Since 1995, the government has restricted religious organizations from providing social services, including the seizure of Catholic schools and hospitals. As a result, many children are left without the educational support they need to succeed. However, despite these hardships, the Church continues to respond with faith, courage, and compassion, working to serve those most in need wherever possible.



## Purpose of the Mission Appeal

This appeal supports the pastoral mission of the Archdiocese of Asmara, focusing especially on approximately 75 hearing-impaired young people who have limited access to faith formation and pastoral care. Many of these youths face social and spiritual isolation due to a lack of trained ministers and resources in sign language. This mission seeks to respond to that need with compassion and practical support.

## Goals of the Mission

- To support the evangelization and faith formation of Deaf youth in Eritrea
- To provide catechesis and religious instruction in sign language
- To assist in training catechists and ministry workers for Deaf ministry
- To provide communication tools, transportation, and basic outreach resources
- To strengthen inclusion so the hearing impaired can fully participate in the life of the Church
- To invite the faithful to participate through prayer, generosity, and financial support



## Why This Mission Matters

The Church is called to serve all people, especially those who are often forgotten or marginalized. This mission ensures that Deaf young people are not excluded

from hearing the Gospel in a way they can understand and live fully. Your support helps build a more inclusive Church where every young person can encounter Christ and grow in faith.

## Invitation to Parishioners of St. Francis de Sales

Pray for hearing-impaired youth in Eritrea and those serving them. Support this mission through generous financial contributions – a second collection will be taken for Fr. Weldit's Mission the **weekend of Saturday, 6/27 and Sunday, 6/28**. Continue to help strengthen outreach programs that bring the Gospel to all!

**Diocesan Catholic Schools are now operating at over 90% capacity**

**The Appeal**

**Our Goal: \$221,734**

100% —  
75% —  
50% —  
25% —

**\$151,886 Pledged**

**YOUR GIFT MATTERS**  
Support The Appeal at [columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal](http://columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal) or scan the QR code



**BENNY'S BONE**

**BENNY'S BONE...CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK**

“Three, two, one...LIFTOFF!” We heard in our headsets as our bodies were pressed into our seats by thousands of pounds of liquid oxygen exploding all at once beneath our bodies. “This is awesome!”

Sparky, the Australian Shepherd who was my fellow dog crewmate, barked to me and Chuck the Beagle. I agreed with an excited bark of my own. There is nothing that really can describe that feeling of blazing up towards space with that much power behind you. Before we knew it, the atmosphere of the earth gave way to the darkness of space and we all noticed ourselves feeling much lighter in our seats as our crew module entered Earth’s orbit. As I looked out the window, I could see the green and brown of the land and the blue of Earth’s oceans below me. It was a very weird sensation to kick my paws and not feel myself move anywhere. As I continued staring at the beauty of the Earth below me, something very strange happened. A large, bright light flashed beside the main window of the crew compartment. It was ballshaped and hovered there for about a minute. Chuck the Beagle yelped in surprise and all three of us turned towards the orb with curiosity. Just as quickly as it appeared, it zoomed away at a right angle from the direction from which it had just come, travelling at an enormous speed. “Was that a UAP?” Chuck asked. Me and Sparky just nodded in disbelief. “Hopefully our systems caught that for the sake of the humans,” I replied. For those of you that don’t know, UAP stands for Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. Some of you humans still use the older term, UFO. We didn’t really have time to process that encounter, though, because we were preparing for our slingshot from Earth’s gravity towards the Moon! ... **Love, Benny** 🐾

**...TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK**



**NOW HIRING: DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

We are seeking a faithful and collaborative Director of Music to lead and grow the parish’s liturgical music ministry. The Director of Music coordinates music for weekend Masses, holy days, sacramental celebrations, weddings, funerals, and school liturgies, working closely with clergy, parish staff, and school leadership.

Responsibilities include directing the adult choir, developing a parish children’s choir, collaborating with the school music teacher to support school choir leadership for liturgical celebrations, forming and scheduling cantors, and assisting with oversight of parish sound equipment and livestream ministry volunteers. The Director also supports seasonal liturgical planning, maintains music resources, and participates in parish staff collaboration and liturgy preparation. Candidates should be practicing Catholics committed to the mission of the Church and able to lead liturgical music in a collaborative parish setting. Ability to play the organ or willingness to learn. Bachelor’s degree in music (or equivalent experience) preferred. Experience with Catholic liturgy, choir direction, parish sound systems, or livestream ministry is beneficial.

Full job description is available upon request. Interested candidates, please submit your resume and spiritual narrative to Maggie Wright at [mwright@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:mwright@stfrancisparish.net).

PILGRIMAGE WITH  
**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH**  
NEWARK, OH



**BEATIFICATION of ARCHBISHOP**

**FULTON J. SHEEN**

**ST. LOUIS, MO | SEP 22 - 25, 2026**

**ALL -INCLUSIVE MOTORCOACH TRIP**

**DAILY ITINERARY**

<p><b>Day 1: Tuesday, September 22   St. Louis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drive from Newark, Ohio to St. Louis, Missouri</li> <li>• Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis</li> <li>• Dinner in St. Louis</li> <li>• Overnight in St. Louis</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2: Wednesday, September 23   Our Lady of the Snows &amp; Cathedral of St. Peter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at the hotel</li> <li>• Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows</li> <li>• Visit the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville</li> <li>• Afternoon free time (visit the Gateway Arch, Mississippi River boat ride, Forest Park)</li> <li>• Dinner in St. Louis</li> <li>• Overnight in St. Louis</li> </ul>	<p><b>Day 3: Thursday, September 24   Beatification of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at the hotel</li> <li>• Attend the Beatification Mass at the St. Louis Dome</li> <li>• Exclusive evening talk and dinner with Chris Stefanick</li> <li>• Overnight in St. Louis</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><b>CHRIS STEFANICK</b> GUEST SPEAKER</p> </div> <p><b>Day 4: Friday, September 25   Return Home</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at the hotel</li> <li>• Drive back home from St. Louis to Newark, Ohio</li> </ul>
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**Canterbury Pilgrimages**



**TOTUS TUUS IS COMING THIS SUMMER**

Looking for a summer experience that is fun, faith-filled, and unforgettable? Join us for Totus Tuus, an exciting week of games, prayer, friendship, and discovering the joy of being Catholic!

Each day, participants can expect fun games, funny skits, great conversations, and daily opportunities for Mass and Reconciliation!

Led by a team of energetic young missionaries, Totus Tuus helps young people discover how much God loves them and how exciting it is to live their Catholic faith every day. It’s everything you love about summer camp PLUS JESUS!! Don’t miss out! Register all ages today at [stfrancisparish.net/register](http://stfrancisparish.net/register).



**FRIDAY FIRE: YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY NIGHT**

Looking for a place to connect, unwind, and meet great people? Come hang out for an evening of free dinner, great conversation, board games, and yard games. We’ll wrap things up with a brief time of prayer, but the main goal of Friday Fire is simply building community and fellowship. The event is free, but please register in advance so we can get an accurate headcount for food. Visit [www.stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://www.stfrancisparish.net/Register).



### FINAL WEEK TO PROVIDE YOUR OWN PHOTO FOR NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

Families who were unable to schedule a professional photo sitting are invited to submit their own photos for inclusion in the upcoming parish photo directory. Files accepted are jpg, pdf, or tiff files with image resolution minimum of 300dpi at 2"x3." Please ensure that all family members pictured are dressed appropriately (no bathing suits or other revealing outfits please). Submit your photo ASAP, but no later than Sunday, 6/28 for inclusion at [www.stfrancisparish.net/photo](http://www.stfrancisparish.net/photo). The photo publisher charges \$15 per submitted photo, and you will receive a copy

of the photo directory. Make checks payable to St. Francis with "Photo Directory" in the memo or pay online using the link provided at the time of photo submission. Watch the Bulletin for distribution of the new directory, which should be available by late summer.



### ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Did the gratuitous cute puppy photo hook you? Good! Now keep reading! There's always something going on here so check out the weekly activities below and drop in to learn something new and meet new folks!

**Thursdays:** New Best Friends Coed Young Adults, 7pm

**Fridays:** Catholic in Recovery, 7pm

**Saturdays:** That Man is You, 7:30am

**Sundays:** Becoming Catholic (OCIA), 9:45am

**Tuesdays:** Forge for Young Adult Men, 6:30pm or Fruit of the Vine Prayer Group, 7pm

Get more info on these and more on our parish website at [www.stfrancisparish.net](http://www.stfrancisparish.net).



### YOUTH MINISTRY ZOO TRIP

Youth Ministry is inviting all youth in 6th-12th grade to go to the Zoo! We will meet at St. Francis at 8am and return by 3pm. Cost is \$10/student. Lunch is not included, so plan to pack or bring money to buy on your own at the zoo.

Please register at [www.stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://www.stfrancisparish.net/Register) by Monday, 6/29 so we can get your ticket!

## Knights of Columbus News

### SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT FOR JAYCE'S JOURNEY

Our parish community is coming together to support one of our own, grandson of Kathy Braidich. Please join us for a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner to support 3-year-old Jayce McClary and his family. Jayce was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome and is waiting to receive a life-saving heart transplant. Jayce's only wish is to come home to his brothers and family. Let's surround them with our prayers and community generosity!

**When:** Saturday, 6/27, 4-7:30pm

**Where:** Johnson Hall

**Menu:** Spaghetti (Marinara or Meat Sauce), Breadsticks, Salad, Dessert Table, Iced Tea, Lemonade, & Water.

**Cost:** Adults: \$12 | Kids: \$5 | Family of 4: \$30 (Cash, check, and credit cards accepted)

How You Can Help:

**Attend the Dinner:** Enjoy a great meal, with all proceeds directly helping the McClary family with upcoming expenses.

**Gift Card Donations:** The family is requesting restaurant/food gift cards to help ease the burden during their long hospital stays and travel to and from the hospital. You can also sign up to help at [www.mealtrain.com/0dg4ov](http://www.mealtrain.com/0dg4ov)

**Keep Praying:** Prayers are what the family is living on right now to bring this amazing, handsome kid home.

*This event is proudly co-sponsored by: Soul Sisters, Women of St. Francis, The Knights of Columbus Council 11665, The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 830, and the Volunteers of The Turban Project.*



## Learn more about the #1 Council in the State!

### WWW.KOFC11665.ORG

## Catholic Outreach Ministries



### BLESSING BAG ASSEMBLY

Blessing Bags for the homeless are an important part of the Ministry of the Poor. These bags, containing basic items for people in need, are available in the Church (at entrances) as we encourage our parishioners to keep a few bags in your cars in case you find an opportunity to share. Blessing Bags are also distributed to the homeless by our Golf Cart Ministry throughout each month in downtown Newark. You can be a part of our team by joining us on Thursday, 6/25 at 4:30pm in Murphy Hall to fill more Blessing Bags. Mark your calendars; everyone is welcome to attend!

## Respect Life



### A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

“Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!”

*Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre,  
Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux*

### A SIGNIFICANT DAY



The Supreme Court Decision on Dobbs which reversed Roe vs Wade was given at 10:10am 6/24, 2022. Three significant spiritual circumstances converged on this day:

- ✓ June 24 is the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist.
- ✓ The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is a moveable feast falling on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost, fell in June 24 that year.
- ✓ John 10:10: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

## Community News

### NEIGHBORING PARISH IS HIRING

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Buckeye Lake is seeking a qualified person to fill the position of Director of Religious Education. The Director of Religious Education position will be open for the new PSR year beginning in September. This is currently a 20-hour/week position and considered part-time. Training will begin in July once a candidate has been selected and confirmed. Please call the Parish Office at 740-928-3266 if you are interested and we will be glad to provide a job description which will include the parish needs.



## SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

# SPICE 5K

SPICE helps provide important resources for our students  
—from academic support to mental health services.



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BOOKS & RESOURCES



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**REGISTER NOW!**  
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**AUGUST 1**  
**ROTARY PARK, NEWARK**  
**8:15 AM FUN RUN**  
**8:30 AM 5K**



### HOW SPICE HELPS STUDENTS

SPICE provides resources like academic support, mental health services, and intervention staff to help students succeed.

These supports help ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive in our schools.

*Let's make a difference together!*



**KIDS FUN RUN - \$5**  
(10 AND UNDER)

**5K WALK/RUN - \$25**




WALK, RUN OR DONATE

### SAVE THE DATE FOR SPICE 5K RUN/WALK

Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) Licking County invites you to have fun AND support students across our Family of Schools. SPICE provides students and faculty with the resources they need to be academically supported in a faith-filled environment. The SPICE 5K offers options for both a Kids Fun Run and a full 5K! Scan the code above to get info and sign up today at [runsignup.com/spice5Kforkids](https://runsignup.com/spice5Kforkids).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY REQUESTS

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. This week’s requests:

- **Tuna**
- **Pasta sauce**
- **Canned pasta**

Cans with pull-tabs are helpful. All donations are appreciated!

# We're saving a desk for YOU



Apply online [StFrancisNewark.org](http://StFrancisNewark.org)

**HIRING FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR**  
We'd love for you or someone you love and trust to consider joining the team at St. Francis School in the fall.

We're seeking candidates for the following positions:

**Educational Aides** are needed to assist our classroom teachers in Preschool through 8th grade. These are part-time positions with varying hours during the school day/week.

Anyone who is interested in this position, please apply by contacting our Principal, Mrs. Mummy at [smummy@cducation.org](mailto:smummy@cducation.org) with a note of interest and your resume.

## Around the Diocese and Beyond

*Springs of Love*

### FAMILY MASS & PICNIC

St. Matthew the Apostle in Gahanna

*Celebrating foster, adoptive, and kinship families, those exploring foster care or adoption, and all who want to support them.*



5-8PM  
SATURDAY,  
JULY 25

#### FOSTER CARE AWARENESS: SECOND ANNUAL MASS & PICNIC

Congratulations to Springs of Love on receiving a Flourish Fund award through the National Foster Care Innovation Challenge, which supports innovative solutions serving children and families impacted by foster care. The award was publicly announced on May 18. The mission of Springs of Love is to raise up more Catholic foster and adoptive families and to support those impacted by fostering and adoption through educational programming, small groups, and parish care teams.

Springs of Love is also hosting the Second Annual Mass and Picnic for Foster and Adoptive Families on **Saturday, 7/25**. Mass will be at 5pm at St. Matthew in Gahanna, followed by a picnic with food, games, and activities for the kids. Foster and adoptive families, as well as couples who are considering fostering or adopting, are invited. Families can register online at [springsoflove.org/chapters/columbus/picnic2026/](http://springsoflove.org/chapters/columbus/picnic2026/) or contact [kimberly@springsoflove.org](mailto:kimberly@springsoflove.org).



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**BAPTISMS:** Required Instruction Classes are offered every other month. Classes may be attended prior to birth. Group Baptisms are offered every other month; individual Baptisms by request. Signed Parent and Godparent forms must be submitted prior to a Baptism date being confirmed. For information, class and sacrament schedules, email our team at [baptism@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:baptism@stfrancisparish.net).

**NEW CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:** Per Bishop Fernandes, Confirmation is moving to 4th grade to better equip our youth for a lifetime of active faith. To transition, we will confirm multiple grades over the next three years, starting with students in 4th, 7th, and 8th grades for the 2026-2027 school year. Sessions begin in the fall each year. 4th grade families, contact Diana Baus at [dbaus@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:dbaus@stfrancisparish.net). 7th/8th grade families, contact Ben and Mary Beth Lee, Confirmation Coordinators, Ext. 243 or [confirmation@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:confirmation@stfrancisparish.net). Adults, please see the Becoming Catholic section.

**BECOMING CATHOLIC (OCIA):** The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the Catholic Church's way of helping people understand the Church, welcoming new members and supporting Catholics in their return to full communion with the Church. Year-round inquiries are welcome. Please visit [www.stfrancisparish.net/OCIA](http://www.stfrancisparish.net/OCIA) for more information or to contact our coordinators.

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**FAMILY FAITH QUEST:** Helping families grow in their faith; ALL Parish families with children (elementary through high school) are welcome! We meet to talk about your experience of faith as a family, then together, create a path that fits your family. Contact Diana Baus, Director and Campus Minister, Ext. 351 or [dbaus@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:dbaus@stfrancisparish.net)

**YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES:** The Parish conducts weekly events and gatherings for these ministries. Grace Wright, Director of Youth Ministry at Ext. 207 or [gwright@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:gwright@stfrancisparish.net). Molly Loy, Youth Ministry Associate and Young Adult Minister, at Ext. 208 or [mloy@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:mloy@stfrancisparish.net).

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**PRAYER WARRIORS:** Send your prayer requests to [prayers@stfrancisparish.net](mailto: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.

**FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF PARISH STAFF,**

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