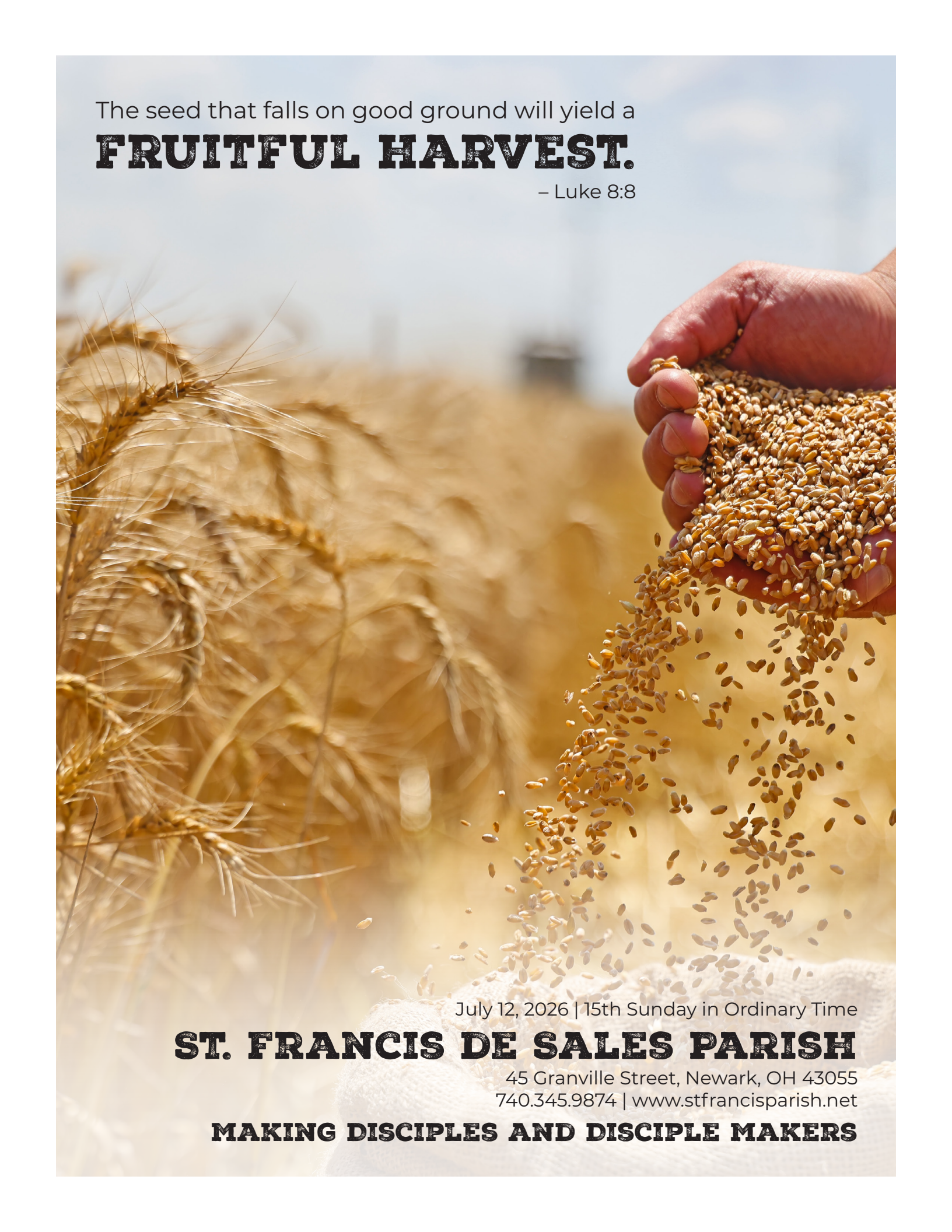


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– Luke 8:8



July 12, 2026 | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## THE WORD

Reflection on Matthew 13:1-23

I don't remember where I first heard of this image, but it was most likely in a Scripture study class in the seminary. We were trying hard to offer interpretations of a section of St. Paul's letter to the Romans, when our professor said, "Forget what the words on the page say; what is The Word of God burning away? What do you see when the curtain is lifted?"

The words of Scripture are like a curtain in a theater; when you first sit down, the curtain is the focus. But it opens to reveal the action on the stage, and you no longer focus on the curtain. We struggle with the words of Scripture in order to discover The Word, which is always living, active, and inviting us to transformation.

So the Word comes down from heaven, and does not return until accomplishing the work for which it was sent. God indiscriminately and with great generosity continually sows the seeds of The Word in the soil of our lives, where rocks and thorns may at times deter its growth, or even choke it off. But the seeds are not sown just once, but over and over again, waiting for us to be fertile soil that will produce a grand harvest.

– Father Jay

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## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, July 12, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11  
Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14  
Romans 8:18-23  
Matthew 13:1-23

### Monday, July 13, 2026

Weekday  
Isaiah 1:10-17  
Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23  
Matthew 10:34-11:1

### Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin  
Isaiah 7:1-9  
Psalm 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Matthew 11:20-24

### Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16  
Psalm 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15  
Matthew 11:25-27

### Thursday, July 16, 2026

Weekday  
Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19  
Psalm 102:13-14ab, 15, 16-18, 19-21  
Matthew 11:28-30

### Friday, July 17, 2026

Weekday  
Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8  
Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16  
Matthew 12:1-8

### Saturday, July 18, 2026

Weekday  
Micah 2:1-5  
Psalm 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14  
Matthew 12:14-21

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

## SAINT BONAVENTURE

Saint of the Day: July 15

Patron Saint of bowel disorders and intestinal diseases

Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. Little is known about his childhood, but we do know that his parents were Giovanni di Fidanza and Maria Ritell. It seems that his father was a physician and a man of means. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint's birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness.

Saint Bonaventure's teaching career came to a halt when the Friars elected him to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Some friars even ended up in heresy saying that Saint Francis and his community were inaugurating the era of the Holy Spirit which was to replace Jesus, the Church, and Scripture. But because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, Saint Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation.

But more importantly, he offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. Always a Franciscan at heart and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. Thus, there is a noticeable warmth to his teachings and writings that make him very appealing.

Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. But a little over a year later, while participating in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned.

Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love – Jesus.

Read the full article: "Saint Bonaventure" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bonaventure/> (Accessed June 19, 2026).

## Activities for the Week

<b>12</b> <i>Sunday</i>	<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Vanguard Board of Directors Mtg – FFC – St. Raphael Room – 9:30-11am OCIA – Jr. High Classrooms #230, #231 & #235 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Practice – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Baptism Prep Class – FFC/St. Francis Room – 12:30-2:30pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm
<b>13</b> <i>Monday</i>	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Funeral Mass for Sandra Moore – Church – 11am-12pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm
<b>14</b> <i>Tuesday</i>	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 11-11:45am St. Joseph Society Men’s Group – Murphy Hall – 5:30-9pm The Forge- Young Adult Men’s Group – FFC/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
<b>15</b> <i>Wednesday</i>	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm <b>*NEW TIME</b> Mass – Church – 6-6:30pm <b>*NEW TIME</b>
<b>16</b> <i>Thursday</i>	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 12-1pm <b>*NEW OFFERING</b> New Best Friends Young Adult Group – Frassati Room – 7-8:30pm
<b>17</b> <i>Friday</i>	Eucharistic Adoration – Adoration Chapel – 5am-11pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 12-1pm <b>*NEW OFFERING</b> Catholic in Recovery – FFC/Conf. Room – 7-8pm
<b>18</b> <i>Saturday</i>	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5-9am; 10:30am-12pm Adoration and Reconciliation after 9am Mass – Church – 9:30-10:30am TMIY- Special Summer Sessions – <b>Johnson Hall</b> – 7:30-9am Contemporary Ensemble Practice – Church – 3:15-4:30pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm COM/Dueling Pianos Dinner Fundraiser – Gym – 6-10pm
<b>19</b> <i>Sunday</i>	<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass with OCIA Rite of Welcome – Church – 8:30-9:30am OCIA – Jr. High Classrooms #230, #231 & #235 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Practice – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Grieving with Great Hope Luncheon – Murphy Hall – 12:30-2:30pm Eucharistic Adoration – Adoration Chapel – 7-10pm

## Faith Formation

# Pray for Our Priests & Seminarians

<b>12th</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>19th</b>
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St. Brigid, Dublin; Holy Resurrection Melkite Church	<i>Scripture Studies in Rome</i>	<i>Holy Spirit, Columbus</i>	<i>St. Peter/ St. Joan of Arc, Columbus/ Powell</i>	<i>Pontifical College Josephinum</i>	<i>Sacred Heart &amp; St. John the Baptist, Columbus</i>	<i>St. Matthew the Apostle, Gahanna</i>	<i>St. Brendan, Hilliard; Eritrean Catholic Community of Columbus</i>

## Faith Formation

### LOVE THE MASS? HELP BEHIND THE SCENES

Our sacristans do all the behind the scenes work to get set up for Masses throughout the week. We have specific needs for Wednesday evening and Saturday morning Masses and would like a few substitutes to cover vacations. If you ever thought about being involved in the Mass, this is your opportunity. As a sacristan, you would:

- Arrive about 1 hour prior to Mass
- Turn on lights
- Prepare the Altar with supplies for Mass
- Ring bells during the Consecration of the Holy Eucharist
- Remain after Mass (about 15 minutes) for vessel cleaning

Just about anyone with a love and reverence for the Mass can fulfill this role. Training and shadowing of an experienced sacristan is required. Contact Head MC Josh Dziakowicz to inquire at 740.345.9874, ext. 213 or by email [jdziatkowicz@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:jdziatkowicz@stfrancisparish.net).



### JOIN US FOR A YOUTH & TEEN SUMMER FAITH BLAST: TOTUS TUUS

**Monday, 7/20-Friday, 7/24,  
9am-2:30pm for Grades 1-6**

For Grades 1-6: Help your children grow into clear, consistent, and courageous witnesses for Christ this summer! Led by joyful teachers, Totus Tuus inspires kids to know God's love, embrace prayer, and bring the Sacraments home to their families. Activities: 4 daily sessions, daily Mass

& Reconciliation, skits, games, and prayer. It's the Catholic faith-centered VBS you've been looking for!

**Monday, 7/20-Friday, 7/24, 7-9 pm for Grades 7-12**

For Grades 7-12: Give your teens a space to encounter Christ in a real, powerful way this summer. Our Totus Tuus Teen Program combines solid Catholic catechesis with engaging witness talks, small group discussions, and plenty of time for games and community. Most importantly, teens will dive into the heart of Catholic worship with Adoration, Reconciliation, and Night Prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. It's the perfect balance of fun, fellowship, and deep prayer!

Visit [www.stfrancisparish.net/register](http://www.stfrancisparish.net/register) for details and to sign up.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in Adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our Adoration never cease.”

– Catechism 1380

**Below are times when additional Adorers are needed.**

Monday: 4pm/1 Adorer; Wednesday: 2pm/1 Adorer;  
Thursday: 1pm/1 Adorer; 4pm/1 Adorer; 9pm/1 Adorer;  
Friday: 8am/1 Adorer; 4pm/1 Adorer; 9pm/1 Adorer; Saturday  
11am/1 Adorer

**If you will fill any of these requests, please contact Adoration Coordinator, Anna Hofer via call or text to 740.334.0170. The peace and love of Our Lord is waiting for you there!**

## Parish News

# COLLEGE STUDENT SEND-OFF MASS



**Sunday, 7/26 at 11am**

Join us as we pray for our parish college students as they search for new opportunities, trusting in God to guide them to become who He created them to be



**COLLAR CORNER**

I was praying for you all throughout the pilgrimage in Italy. I relished the opportunity to draw close to the relics of some great saints, many of them sent personally by the Lord as Apostles. One of my favorite parts of our pilgrimage was the opportunity to visit Assisi. I had been there once before as a seminarian in early 2014 but was so thrilled to be able to

return there as a priest. One of the most peaceful moments of the pilgrimage for me was kneeling in prayer and pouring out my heart to the Lord at the tomb of St. Francis. I pray that through his intercession, we can all take steps to imitate his total dependence on God. The more we imitate his surrender to the greatness of God, the more we can know that peace that St. Francis is so well known for, that peace which starts within our hearts and flows out to those we encounter. Join me in praying this prayer of praise composed by St. Francis just a couple years before his passing:

*You are holy, Lord, the only God, You do wonders.  
 You are strong, You are great, You are the most high, You are the almighty King.  
 You, Holy Father, the King of heaven and earth.  
 You are Three and One, Lord God of gods;  
 You are good, all good, the highest good, Lord God, living and true.  
 You are love, charity.  
 You are wisdom; You are humility; You are patience; You are beauty;  
 You are meekness; You are security; You are inner peace; You are joy;  
 You are our hope and joy; You are justice;  
 You are moderation, You are all our riches. You are enough for us.  
 You are beauty, You are meekness; You are the protector;  
 You are our guardian and defender; You are our strength; You are refreshment.  
 You are our hope, You are our faith, You are our charity.  
 You are all our sweetness, You are our eternal life:  
 Great and wonderful Lord, God almighty, Merciful Saviour.*

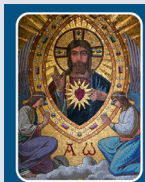


**BENNY'S BONE**

I think the Pack Leader tried to kill me a few days ago.

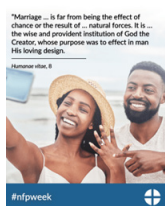
OK, he wasn't doing that, but it certainly felt like I was going to die. He is getting ready to spend some time walking through Portugal this coming fall, and he decided to take me along for one of his training hikes. I wish he had left me at the house! It was very warm even in the early morning hours when we were out walking. At a certain point, I just lay down in the grass in the shade to let the Pack Leader know that I wasn't going any further with him. He got the message and we got back to the house and into the air conditioning. Ooh that air conditioning! One of you humans' best inventions.

Love, Benny 🐾



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“O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus... We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness.” *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* “Local Celebrations of the Consecration of the United States of America to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus”



**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: DESIGNED BY GOD**

In creating man and woman in His image and likeness, God enables us to share in His own life (see CCC, 225). Human dignity flows from this divine design. And, because God is love, divine love is inscribed in the human body itself. St. John Paul II taught that the body has a “spousal meaning” (see General Audience, April 14, 1982), as God has written into human nature the vocation and responsibility of love and communion (see FC, 14). It is found in every man and woman, expressed in sexuality and fertility, marriage, and procreation. And here is where the modern methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) stand ready to help. NFP supports the Creator’s sublime design for marriage, guided by love, and open to life. God’s creation of male and female is not incidental but intentional. Sexuality, therefore, is purposeful. It draws people out of isolation and toward communion. It affects “every aspect of the human person” and it allows man and woman to unite in the unique communion of persons called marriage (see CCC, 371–372; 2332–2335). Flowing from this reality of community, marriage reflects God’s own inner life – a communion of love that is both life-giving and faithful.

See more on Natural Family Planning in our next bulletin or visit our website at [www.stfrancisparish.net/NFP](http://www.stfrancisparish.net/NFP).

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

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 our parish needs.



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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. Please continue to supply these current requests:

**Tuna, Pasta sauce, Canned pasta, and Hamburger Helper.**  
Cans with pull-tabs are helpful. All donations are appreciated!

## Around the Diocese and Beyond

### MOVIE NIGHT AT THE JOSEPHINUM

Join in a unique opportunity to explore the complementarity of faith and reason! On Friday, 7/17, a screening of the film “The Privileged Planet” in the Pontifical College Josephinum’s historic Conrardy Hall will be followed by a Q&A facilitated by the seminary’s Adjunct Professor, Father Thomas Blau, OP. *The Privileged Planet* is a 2004 documentary arguing Earth’s unique suitability for both life and scientific discovery suggests intelligent design, not chance. It was produced by Illustra Media, narrated by John Rhys-Davies, and is based on a book by Guillermo Gonzalez and Jay Richards. Refreshments begin the evening at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 and are available at [pcj.edu/movie](http://pcj.edu/movie) through Monday, 7/13.



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### TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Married and engaged couples are invited to the second annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on Saturday, 9/19, 8:30am-4pm at St. Catharine Catholic Church in Columbus, OH. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God’s plan for your family. An Early Bird discount is available through Monday, 8/3 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Columbus. For more info, visit [togetherinholiness.org/columbus](http://togetherinholiness.org/columbus) or email [nancy@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:nancy@forlifeandfamily.org).



**YOUNG MEN**  
 Grades 9 - 12  
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**7/27 - 7/30**  
 At the Josephinum

Get details at [VocationsColumbus.org](http://VocationsColumbus.org)

### YOUNG MEN DISCERNMENT CAMP FOR VOCATIONS

Quo Vadis is a vocations discernment camp led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus and is supported by the Office of Vocations. It is designed for young men entering grades 9-12. The camp is held at The Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street, Columbus from Monday, 7/27 to Thursday, 7/30. Cost is \$50, with Scholarships available. To register for more information, go to <https://www.vocationscolumbus.org/quovadis> or for questions email [columbuquovadis@gmail.com](mailto:columbuquovadis@gmail.com) or [vocations@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:vocations@columbuscatholic.org). Register by Friday, 7/17.



### 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.

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**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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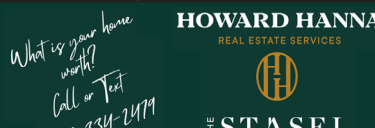
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