

*The law of your mouth is to me more precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.*

- Psalm 119:72



July 26, 2026 | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis de Sales Parish

45 Granville Street, Newark, OH 43055

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Making Disciples and Disciple Makers

Mass Intentions



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
Making Disciples and Disciple Makers

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, July 26 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:45pm Saturday People of the Parish
8:30am † Holly Rehbeck (Tim and Ann Rehbeck)
11am † Louise Ellis (Cathy Mitchell)

Monday, July 27 – Weekday

6pm Special Intention: Kathy Guy (A Friend)

Tuesday, July 28 – Weekday

12pm Special Intention: Kathy Gummer (Second Fire)

Wednesday, July 29 – Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

6pm † Mary Jane O'Neal (Alice, David, Hanna Vermillion)

Thursday, July 30 – Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9am Special Intention: Carmen Solano in Thanksgiving

Friday, July 31 – Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

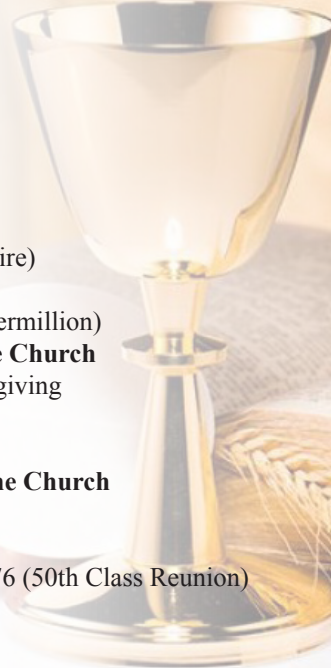
9am † Greg Gilbert (Gilbert Family)

Saturday, August 1 – Saint Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9am Special Intention: Vicki Pressey (A Friend)

Sunday, August 2 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:45pm Saturday † Deceased Members of the NC Class of 1976 (50th Class Reunion)
8:30am People of the Parish
11am † Ed Reef (Reef Family)



The Pope's Prayer Intentions for August For Evangelization in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



William Gregory Gilbert, John DiBlasio, James Gartner, Phillip Stalling, Sr., and Connie Ellis have recently passed away. Please pray for them and for all the faithful departed. May God grant them peace and eternal rest.

Stewardship of Treasure

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE, 2026

Mass Offertory/Envelopes	\$	24,196.60
EFT Offertory	\$	75,931.01
Virtual Offertory	\$	745.00

MONTHLY COM COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE, 2026

Church Container Donations	\$	2,868.00
EFT Donations	\$	1,237.08

Please note: Walking With Moms donations are now included in COM totals.

Holy Land ARTISAN SALE

**SATURDAY, 7/25 &
SUNDAY, 7/26
After Masses
Johnson Hall**

COLLEGE STUDENT Send-Off Mass



Sunday, 7/26 at 11am

We invite all college students to receive a special blessing at the 11am Mass on 7/26 before they return to their campuses in August

HELP US CROSS THE FINISH LINE

Goal: \$221,734

Thanks to all who have generously donated

Please prayerfully consider a gift to support our vital ministries

8% NEEDED TO MEET GOAL

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KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

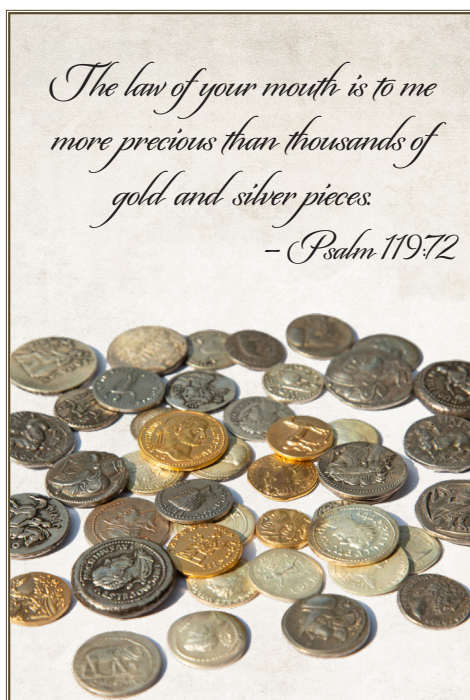
Reflection on Matthew 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven is like....a treasure buried in a field...a merchant searching for fine pearls...a net thrown into the sea..." With these compelling metaphors, Jesus teaches us about the kingdom – the presence and power of God's transforming love in human life.

How does God's love break into human life? How does God choose to come to us, to reveal Himself, to gift us with the kingdom? The answer is: However God wants to! This is what strikes me about these parables. A search for a pearl, a hidden treasure in a field, a fishing net in the sea – all of these seem rather unlikely places to find God. But I think that is the point. Since the Incarnation, God is likely to be found in all the most unlikely, surprising places. In fact, there is really no place in our human experience where, when we gaze closely, we will not find God present.

Thankfully, our Church gives us the privileged places and moments where we encounter God, especially in His Word (Scripture) and in the Sacraments. And gratefully, God surprises us with popping up in other places and moments – in creation, in smiles, in a book read, in a friendship, in everyday events, and in pearls, treasures, and nets.

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 26, 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

Monday, July 27, 2026

Weekday

Jeremiah 13:1-11

Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21

Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Weekday

Jeremiah 14:17-22

Psalms 79:8, 9, 11 and 13

Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21

Psalms 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18

John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Weekday

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Psalms 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, July 31, 2026

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Jeremiah 26:1-9

Psalms 69:5, 8-10, 14

Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24

Psalms 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34

Matthew 14:1-12

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

SAINT TITUS BRANDSMA

Saint of the Day: July 27

Patron Saint of Catholic journalists and Catholic Esperantists

Given the birth name Anno, Brandsma and his siblings grew up on their parents' dairy farm in rural Frisia. As devout Catholics, the family was in the minority among their Calvinist neighbors. From age 11 Anno was educated at a preparatory school for boys who were studying for the priesthood. He joined the Carmelite novitiate in 1898, taking the name Titus Brandsma in honor of his father.

In the years following his 1905 ordination, Brandsma received a doctorate in philosophy and initiated a project to translate the works of Saint Teresa of Avila into Dutch. One of the founders of the Catholic University of Nijmegen, he served as a professor of philosophy and the history of mysticism at the school. While there Brandsma was known more for his availability to faculty and students than for his academic achievements.

Working as a journalist, Brandsma served as ecclesiastical advisor to Catholic journalists. His long-standing opposition to Nazi ideology came to the attention of the Nazis when they invaded the Netherlands in 1940. In direct opposition to the Third Reich, the Conference of Dutch Bishops sent a letter ordering Catholic newspaper editors not to print Nazi propaganda. Fr. Brandsma was arrested while hand delivering the letter in January 1942. After being imprisoned in several other facilities, in June he was taken to the Dachau camp in Germany.

During his brief time at Dachau, Fr. Brandsma was well-known for his kindness and spiritual support of other prisoners. His death on July 26, 1942 was a result of the Reich's program of medical experimentation on prisoners. He gave a wooden rosary to the nurse who administered the fatal injection; she later became Catholic and testified to his holiness. In recent years Brandsma has been honored by both the cities of Nijmegen and Dachau. Titus Brandsma was beatified in 1985, and canonized in 2022.

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

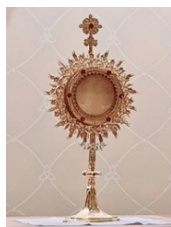
Activities for the Week

26 Sunday	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass with OCIA First Scrutiny – Church – 8:30-9:30am Bethlehem Christian Wood Carvings – Johnson Hall – After Morning Masses OCIA – Jr. High Classrooms #230, #231 & #235 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Practice – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Baptisms – Church – 12:30-1:30pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm
27 Monday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliations – Church – 5-5:45pm
28 Tuesday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliations – Church – 11-11:45am *NEW TIME Finance Council Meeting – FFC Conf. Room – 5:30-6:30pm Soul Sisters Board Meeting – Offsite – 6-9pm The Forge – Young Adult Men’s Group – FFC/St. Francis Room – 6:30-8:30pm Fruit of the Vine Prayer Meeting – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8:30pm
29 Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliations – Church – 5-5:45pm *NEW TIME Mass – Church – 6-6:30pm *NEW TIME
30 Thursday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Youth Ministry – Offsite/Zoombezi Bay – 9:15am-3:30pm Weekly Reconciliations – Church – 12-1pm *NEW OFFERING New Best Friends Young Adult Group – Frassati Room – 7-8:30pm
31 Friday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-11pm Weekly Reconciliations – Church – 12-1pm *NEW OFFERING Youth Ministry Lock In – Gym/Johnson Hall – Begin 5pm Catholic in Recovery – FFC/Conf. Room – 7-8pm
1 Saturday	Youth Ministry Lock In – Gym/Johnson Hall – End 10am Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5-9am; 10:30am-12pm Adoration and Reconciliation after 9am Mass – Church – 9:30-10:30am TMIY – Special Summer Sessions – FFC – 7:30-9am Contemporary Ensemble Practice – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm Weekly Reconciliations – Church – 3:45-4:15pm
2 Sunday	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time OCIA – Jr. High Classrooms #230, #231 & #235 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Practice – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Baptism Prep Class – St. Francis Room – 12:30-2:30pm Bibles, Boats and Papa Boos – Offsite – 3-7pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm

Faith Formation

Pray for Our Priests & Seminarians

26th FR. WILLIAM J. SLATTERY <i>St. Edward the Confessor, Granville</i>	27th FR. WM. THOMAS KESSLER	28th ALL PRIESTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH	29th FR. ZACK GOODCHILD <i>Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles, Chillicothe & Waverly</i>	30th ABSALOM HALL <i>Seminarian</i>	31st FR. ADAM STREITENBERGER <i>St. Thomas More Newman Center</i>
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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

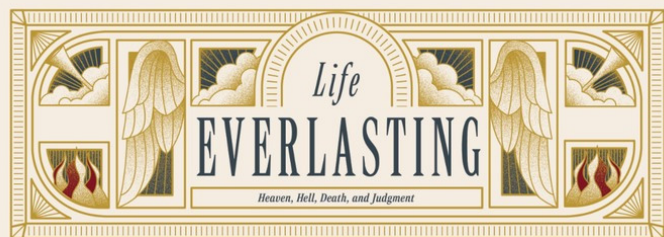
Below are times when additional Adorers are needed.

Monday: 5am/2 Adorers; 4pm/1 Adorer; Wednesday: 2pm/1 Adorer;

Thursday: 1pm/1 Adorer; 4pm/1 Adorer; 9pm/1 Adorer;

Friday: 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!



5-Week Bible Study
DESIGNED FOR
BUSY ADULTS

Wednesdays
7pm
Beginning 8/12

stfrancisparrish.net/Register

LIFE EVERLASTING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS 8/12

We invite you to join us for a new five-week study called Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment. In this study, Catholic scholars Dr. Edward Sri and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow will guide us through the Church’s teachings on the last things—not to fill us with fear, but to inspire us with hope. Together, we’ll discover how living each day in light of eternity gives meaning to our struggles, clarity to our choices, and strength for our journey of faith.

Whether you’ve been studying the faith for years or are just beginning your journey, this study will help you grow closer to God and live with your eyes fixed on heaven. Life Everlasting follows a new format that focuses on discussion, prayer, and discernment rather than a lot of reading or preparation. It’s designed to fit into your busy schedule, making it ideal for anyone who wants to deepen their faith but doesn’t have a lot of time to commit right now. Register at stfrancisparrish.net/register.

YOU ASKED & WE LISTENED!

NEW STUDIES FOR WOMEN BEGIN THIS FALL

COMING SOON TO OUR PARISH!



Mondays, 6:45-8:15pm Beginning 9/14 in Murphy Hall – Many have been asking for a “low-maintenance” study that helps you, as a busy woman, to grow in faith – and we have an answer! We’re excited to launch **She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE)** on Monday evenings this fall! This is a transformative journey designed to meet the

deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, we equip you with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. All women are welcome! FREE childcare will be available.

Learn more at www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com and sign up at stfrancisparrish.net/Register.



Tuesdays, 9:15-11am Beginning 9/15 in Murphy Hall – **Walking with Purpose, our largest parish Bible study is back!** This time we’ll dive into *Spiritual Motherhood: The Transforming Power of the Feminine Genius*, which will lead you on a journey of discovering your true identity. Cultivate your unique capacity to nurture, restore, and bring others closer to Christ. Come as you are. Bring a friend and make authentic connections with other

women, refuel and refresh and learn more about God! **Save your spot now at stfrancisparrish.net/Register.**

Parish News



BENNY'S BONE

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I’ve had a busy week! It has been a revolving door of guests at the rectory recently, which has been fun but also a little exhausting. This past weekend the Pack Leader’s whole family came over to hang out and watch the final World Cup match. Since one of the Pack Leader’s nieces is pretty scared of dogs, I spent the afternoon at the Wright’s house with my two dog buddies, Alpine and Oakley. We had a great time, but I was really pooped when I got home. Also, this week we have had the Totus Tuus missionaries over several times. They are really kind and gave me lots of pets and attention. I know they’ve done a good job with the kids because the Pack Leader and I visited them at Totus Tuus. Finally, there was a meet the team get-together with the parish young adult volleyball team that will be playing soon at Newark Station. The highlight of their visit (for me, not the Pack Leader) was getting a taste of the pizza they were having. It was worth getting scolded over! Now that all those visits are through, I’m ready for a quieter week with plenty of naps. Love, Benny 🐾

COLLAR CORNER

I always loved our family vacations growing up. Almost every summer we took a road trip down to some beach town either on the East Coast or the Gulf and spent time enjoying the sun, the waves, and each other. Those are core memories of my childhood. I also remember that part of those trips was also going to Sunday Mass together as a family. It was always interesting to enter a new church and see the unique architecture, meet the local parishioners and to experience the liturgical music there. While many things were slightly different from our home parish, the core things were the same, above all, the celebration of the Eucharist. I'm glad my parents took us to Sunday Mass during these trips. This taught us that the Sunday obligation to go to Mass holds true no matter where you are. More importantly, it showed us the wider face of the Universal Church. The beautiful thing about Catholicism is that it is bigger than all of us, the Church that embraces people of every tribe, tongue, people and language. Those Masses we attended on vacation helped me to see that Jesus was at work not just at St. Catharine in Bexley, but all over the world! If you are taking a trip this summer, take advantage of the opportunity to go to Mass wherever you are. I guarantee it will be a rich experience! – Fr. Tom

We invite you to share with our bulletin staff if you have enjoyed a special time visiting a Catholic parish while out of the area for any reason. Just send a message to communications@stfrancisparish.net. We would love to hear from you!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Ross Williams will be joining the music ministry at St. Francis de Sales Parish this fall, following Labor Day. He looks forward to working closely with the parish's talented and dedicated musicians as they continue to enrich the liturgical life of the community.

Dr. Williams comes to St. Francis de Sales after 10 years serving as Director of Sacred Music and Principal Organist at St. Brendan The Navigator in Hilliard, Ohio. Prior to that, he served as Music Director at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Zanesville. In addition to his parish work, Dr. Williams currently serves as the Associate Director for Teaching and Learning in the Diocese of Columbus Office of Catholic Schools. For more than 20 years, he has taught music and has remained deeply committed to the mission of Catholic education and liturgical ministry.

Dr. Williams, his wife Elizabeth, and their 9 beautiful children are grateful for this opportunity and are looking forward to serving the St. Francis de Sales community through sacred music.

Please keep Dr. Williams in your prayers as he transitions into his new role with us here. We can't wait to see what the Holy Spirit has in store for our parish's liturgical celebration under the leadership of Dr. Williams!



AUDIO / VISUAL TECHNICAL TEAM VOLUNTEER OPENINGS AT ST. FRANCIS

We are expanding our A/V Tech Team to prepare for and capture the many events requiring recording and projecting at the Church, with plenty of opportunities for you to be part of it! Positions include videographers, video editors, soundboard operators, slide projectionists, and slideshow creators. Training is provided for all roles. Check out details and let us know of your interest at stfrancisparish.net/Register or email av@stfrancisparish.net.

Tuesday Night Social AT NEWARK STATION

Tuesdays Evenings
August - September
All are welcome!

Great Community &
Cheer on the Volleyball League

Games starts vary at 6, 7, 8 and 9pm

TUESDAY NIGHT SOCIALS AT NEWARK STATION

Inviting parishioners, friends, and family, to come cheer on our inaugural sand volleyball team as they play at The Yard at Newark Station, 325 W. Main Street, on Tuesday evenings! Many local teams will participate; each team will play (2) best-of-3 sets per week. The season begins on 8/4 and continues through September. Enjoy this great opportunity for fellowship, enjoy great food/drinks and get out into the community as faithful Catholics. Our league's game times vary weekly.



3RD ANNUAL BIBLES, BOATS & PAPA BOO'S

Join your fellow boaters, parishioners, and friends for an afternoon at Buckeye Lake, Sunday, 8/2, 3pm.

We'll gather at the west end swimming hole/sand bar near Millersport at 3pm for a scripture reflection and swimming. Then boat over to Papa Boo's for a 5pm dinner. Boaters, sign up at stfrancisparrish.net/Register so we know how many boats and people to expect. No boat? No problem! Join us for dinner at 5pm at Papa Boo's to join the festivities and enjoy fellowship.



Active Retired Citizens Club

Join us for food, fun, and friendship!

MONDAY, 8/3 | 3:30PM
Murphy Hall

Debby at 740.366.6924
Chris at 614.668.5441

ARC – ACTIVE RETIRED CITIZENS

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon on Monday, 8/3 from 3:30-5:30pm in Murphy Hall. The festivities include – Bingo, Euchre, fabulous door prizes and refreshments, including snacks and a meal. Bring a friend and make new ones. If you have questions, contact Debby or Chris. We hope to see you on the 3rd!

SAVE THE DATE

Soul Sisters
Fall Gathering
Sunday, 8/30, 12:30pm
Lunch | Laughter | Learning

BEATIFICATION of ARCHBISHOP

FULTON J. SHEEN

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

ALL -INCLUSIVE MOTORCOACH TRIP

PILGRIMAGE WITH
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
NEWARK, OH

FR. TOM GARDNER
CHAPLAIN

CHRIS STEFANICK
GUEST SPEAKER

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday, September 22 | St. Louis

- Drive from Newark, Ohio to St. Louis, Missouri
- Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
- Dinner in St. Louis
- Overnight in St. Louis

Day 2: Wednesday, September 23 | Our Lady of the Snows & Cathedral of St. Peter

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
- Visit the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville
- Afternoon free time (visit the Gateway Arch, Mississippi River boat ride, Forest Park)
- Dinner in St. Louis
- Overnight in St. Louis

Day 3: Thursday, September 24 | Beatification of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Attend the Beatification Mass at the St. Louis Dome
- Exclusive evening talk and dinner with Chris Stefanick
- Overnight in St. Louis

Day 4: Friday, September 25 | Return Home

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Drive back home from St. Louis to Newark, Ohio

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- Double Room
\$1,499 /person
- Single Room
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ANNUAL OUTDOOR MASS & PICNIC

Don't miss the good, holy fun at our annual outdoor Mass and picnic. On Sunday, 8/9, the 11am Mass in the church will be replaced with 11:30am Mass at Geller Park in Heath. Bring a chair. All are invited! The picnic will begin immediately following Mass. Bring a dish to share if you like (last names A – I = side dish, J – R = salad, S – Z = dessert). The parish will provide a barbecue of meats and cold drinks. Rain location: Johnson Hall.

On this day only: our Sunday livestreamed Mass will be during the 8:30am Mass.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SEMINAR

MONDAY, 8/3 at 6pm
Blessed Sacrament School

SATURDAY, 8/8 at 9:30am
St. Francis Parish



Virtus.org

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSIONS – TWO LOCAL OPTIONS

Monday, 8/3, 6pm at Blessed Sacrament or Saturday, 8/8, 9:30am at St. Francis. Two excellent opportunities to attend a local session and become eligible to serve at any Catholic school or parish activity involving youth. Volunteers must also have a current BCI (fingerprint) report on file, dated within the last five years. There's no cost to attend a PGC session, however, registration is required at www.virtus.org. Fingerprinting services are available at the St. Francis Parish Office. Please call 740.345.9874 for info.

SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS SPICE 5K

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

SENSORY SPACES

INTERVENTION SUPPORT

BOOKS & RESOURCES

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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AUGUST 1
ROTARY PARK, NEWARK
8:15 AM FUN RUN
8:30 AM 5K

5K RUN/WALK TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN LICKING COUNTY

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.



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. Our 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 immediately 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.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church is also looking for a qualified person to fill the position of Liturgy/Music Coordinator. The successful candidate will be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the preparation for all liturgies and the music associated with those liturgies. To see all the requirements, please visit our website at www.olmcbuckeyelake.org.

The deadline to submit a letter of interest and a resume is July 31, with an expected start date of early August.

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Saturday August 1

St. Vincent Haven Charity Golf Outing

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Cathy Stofac
cstofac@svdphaven.org
(937) 631-4821

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:

- **Canned Tuna, Canned Pasta**
- **Pasta Sauce**
- **Hamburger Helper**

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



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Respect Life

"In the fruitfulness of conjugal love, the man and the woman share in the Father's creative act ... remaining ever open to life."

Pope Benedict XVI



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: OPEN TO LIFE

A unique gift and responsibility contained in the marital vocation is stewardship over the powers of life. God calls husband and wife to embrace their shared fertility as a gift. The Lord God created marriage to be the home of the family. Spouses give "themselves to one another" and at the same time, give beyond themselves to the reality of "children, who are a living reflection of their love, a permanent sign of conjugal unity" (see FC, 14). As stewards of the gift of fertility, married couples are invited to seek God's will together in a spirit of trust and humility. It is in this spirit that God helps them make prudent decisions about welcoming children. It is within this discernment that NFP finds its proper place. NFP methods are evidence-based approaches to fertility education that can assist couples in identifying when fertility is at its peak so that couples can attempt to achieve or postpone pregnancy. When avoiding pregnancy, no drugs or devices are used that can harm God's gifts. NFP differs fundamentally from contraception. Rather than interfering with God's design for married couples, NFP respects the integrity of married love and the gift of life. When pregnancy has been attempted and a child is conceived, parents speak of the great joy and gratitude that they have. They also say that the time of childbirth is one of the most meaningful moments in their lives. Mothers will speak of God's presence when first holding their newborn baby. Fathers

proudly admit they finally understand the meaning of fatherhood when looking into their newborn's eyes. This self-realization is due to the natural and "the fundamental task of family," which is "to serve life, to actualize...the original blessing of the Creator ... of transmitting by procreation the divine image from person to person" (see FC, 28). The fruitfulness of spousal love is not limited to the gift of children. Some couples, despite their desires, are unable to conceive. In this case, a married couple's openness to life can be expressed in other ways through adoption, foster care, or generous service to the Church and community. The vocation of marriage is wide – it calls all married couples to create homes where love is shared and others are nurtured. They are all called to mirror God's love.

See more on Natural Family Planning in our next bulletin or visit our website www.stfrancisparish.net/NFP.

School News



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Around the Diocese and Beyond

MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum will host a Men's Day of Reflection, for men of all ages and vocations, on Saturday, 8/1 from 8:30am to 4pm. Facilitator Father Leo L. Connolly, Columbus priest and law enforcement chaplain, will speak on "Sacramental Experience in the Present Age," exploring the Catholic Faith with the hope of deepening appreciation of the sacramental nature of life in its entirety.

The day of spiritual enrichment will include conferences, the Rosary, outdoor Stations of the Cross, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass, breakfast and lunch, and a seminary tour. Registration is open through Friday, 7/24. Please visit pcj.edu/mensretreat to learn more and to register.

CLERGY

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

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.

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. 7th/8th grade families, contact Ben and Mary Beth Lee, Confirmation Coordinators, Ext. 243 or 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 for more information or to contact our coordinators.

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS: Visit stfrancisparish.net/sacramentalrecords or contact the Parish Office, Ext. 252.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: We offer opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration 7-days a week. Please see the Activities of the Week section in this bulletin for Adoration times. Access stfrancisparish.net and select Ministries for detailed information.

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

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. Molly Loy, Youth Ministry Associate and Young Adult Minister, at Ext. 208 or mloy@stfrancisparish.net.

CATHOLIC OUTREACH MINISTRIES (COM): Serving the poor in our community. If assistance is needed, call our Parish Office and select Option 1 to leave a message. For more information about COM or to volunteer for this ministry, contact Heather Stasel at catholicoutreachministry@gmail.com or refer to the Ministries section of the parish website.

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.

**FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF PARISH STAFF,
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