

A detailed oil painting of Jesus Christ with long, wavy brown hair and a beard, wearing a brown robe. He is shown in profile, looking down with a gentle expression at a small, white lamb with dark horns. The lamb is resting its head against Jesus's chest. The background is a soft, warm brown, and the lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the robe and the wool of the lamb.

I AM THE  
*Good Shepherd,*

AND I KNOW MINE AND  
MINE KNOW ME

JOHN 10:14

APRIL 21, 2024 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**MAKING DISCIPLES AND DISCIPLE MAKERS**

# MASS INTENTIONS



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*Making Disciples and Disciple Makers*

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

### Sunday, April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 4:45pm Vigil † Ed and Margaret Sabrack (Lori Brown)
- 8:30am People of the Parish
- 11am † Robert Heigle (Ruth Anne, Dick, Susie Lusetti)

### Monday, April 22 – Easter Weekday

- 10:30am † Funeral Mass for Louise Cortez
- 6pm † Theresa (Martin) Riesbeck (Lucinda Ellis)

### Tuesday, April 23 – Saint George, Martyr – Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

- 12pm † Shirley Stare (Lucinda Ellis)

### Wednesday, April 24 – Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

- 6:30pm † Carol Franks (Blasczyk Family)

### Thursday, April 25 – Saint Mark, Evangelist

- 9am † Mary Lou Riley (Bob and Jeanie Klockner)

### Friday, April 26 – Easter Weekday

- 9am Special Intention: Gene and Debbie Sockman (Scott Family)

### Sunday, April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 4:45pm Vigil † David McPhaden (Cyndi McPhaden and Family)
- 8:30am † Francis Kohl (Tyler and Julie Kohl)
- 11am People of the Parish



## We Welcome to Our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

- Lena Faith ..... daughter of Adam and Jessica Blair
- Kendahl Marie ..... daughter of Peter and Alison Weate
- June Elizabeth ..... daughter of Drew and Lydia Brandenburg
- Fulton James ..... son of Patrick and Tracey Stone
- Riley James ..... son of Michael and Danielle Horn
- Henry Douglas ..... son of Grandon and Lauren Wilson
- Josephine Goldie ..... daughter of Anthony and Brandi Dickson



William “Bill” D. Minnich (Father of Brooke Riggleman), Terry Lee Watson, Robert Paul Jewell (Father of David Jewell), and Louise Cortez recently passed away. Please pray for them and for all the faithful departed. May God grant them peace and eternal rest.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is nothing less than a close, private conversation with a living person who is the Risen Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It is about as close as we can come in this life to talking with God face to face. You are very important to the Lord. Let the Lord know how important He is to you! We have an urgent need for Adorers on Saturday during the 7am and 9am hours. These times are

perfect for those who cannot commit to a weekday time. Please consider making this an important part of your week. To spend your special hour with the Lord on a weekly basis, you can easily sign up at [stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register) and look for Eucharistic Adoration Openings. You can also contact Paula McWilliams at 740.405.7423 or [mcwilliams54@gmail.com](mailto:mcwilliams54@gmail.com) for additional information.

**Support St. Francis School's Performing Arts**

**FRIDAY, 4/19 & SATURDAY, 4/20**  
7pm | Hempelman Memorial Gym

Tickets at [stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register)

Come see our St. Francis students Grades 2 through 8 perform in *The Wizard of Oz!* Travel with us on this classic journey, featuring your favorite characters (Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Toto), plus our adorable flying monkeys, crows, jitterbugs, munchkins, and so many more! Our students have been hard at work, and this is a show you won't want to miss! Tickets (\$10 adult/\$5 child) are available online at [stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register) through 4/18 or at the door prior to the 7pm performances.

## GOOD SHEPHERD

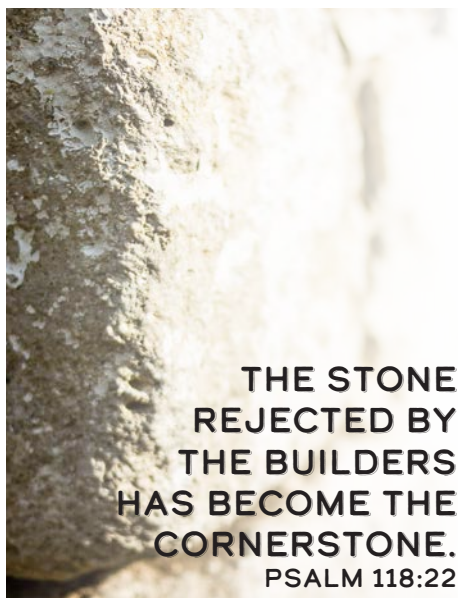
Reflection on John 10:11-18

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus says, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." These words call to mind the Church's mission of ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, which St. John Paul II states "is part of the church's evangelizing mission (Redemptoris Missio, 56).

While Jesus calls for a unity, a oneness for His flock, the aims of these dialogues with other Christians and people of other faiths (or of no faith) usually fall within three objectives:

1. To help people of different religions to live together in peace and harmony, a task which is ever more urgent in a world becoming increasingly multicultural, multireligious, and secular;
2. To work together in the service of humankind, knowing that the problems which our world and communities face are so great there is need for the efforts of all, together, to reach out to those who are in need; and
3. To share spiritual values, a mutual witness to beliefs, and an exploration of the riches of our respective traditions, helping all to deepen their religious commitments, respond with greater sincerity to God's call, and walk together toward the truth.

~ Fr. Jay



**THE STONE  
REJECTED BY  
THE BUILDERS  
HAS BECOME THE  
CORNERSTONE.  
PSALM 118:22**

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, April 21, 2024

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 4:8-12

Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

### Monday, April 22, 2024

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 11:1-18

Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4

Jn 10:1-10

### Tuesday, April 23, 2024

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 11:19-26

Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7

Jn 10:22-30

### Wednesday, April 24, 2024

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8

Jn 12:44-50

### Thursday, April 25, 2024

*Saint Mark, Evangelist*

1 Pt 5:5b-14

Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

Mk 16:15-20

### Friday, April 26, 2024

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 13:26-33

Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab

Jn 14:1-6

### Saturday, April 27, 2024

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 13:44-52

Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Jn 14:7-14

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

## SAINT FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

*Saint of the Day: April 24*

*Patron Saint of: Lawyers*

If a poor man needed some clothing, Fidelis would often give the man the clothes right off his back. Complete generosity to others characterized this saint's life.

Born in 1577, Mark Rey became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed "the poor man's lawyer," Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest. Fidelis was his religious name.

As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers.

He was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who observed the mission felt that success was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions.

He was accused of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God's hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed.

Fidelis was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later he was recognized as a martyr.

Fidelis' constant prayer was that he be kept completely faithful to God and not give in to any lukewarmness or apathy. He was often heard to exclaim, "Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain." His prayer against apathy, and his concern for the poor and weak make him a saint whose example is valuable today.

Read the full article: "Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-fidelis-of-sigmaringen/](https://franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-fidelis-of-sigmaringen/) (Accessed April 8, 2024).

# PARISH NEWS



## GOT QUESTIONS? ASK ME ANYTHING!

### ASK – ADULTS SEEKING KNOWLEDGE

ASK is an informal, interactive, fun, and educational gathering that provides the opportunity to ask anonymous questions about the Catholic faith or anything regarding religion in general. ASK sessions start with social time (complete with food, drinks, adult beverages, and time to submit questions) then follows with Father Dave, Father Mike and Matt Munhall. The Challenge? Answering each question in *two minutes or less!* **Join us on Tuesday, 4/23, 6:30-8pm in Murphy Hall and on Facebook Live (Father Dave's Account)!**



## SOUL SISTERS GATHERING

Join us on Sunday, 4/28 after the 11am Mass for our Spring Soul Sisters Gathering in Johnson Hall. Our topic: *Beautifully Made: Understanding Your Unique Design* presented by our very own, Metanoia Catholic Resident Coach, Maggie Wright.

Blessed Mother Mary is the glorious crown of creation. You, too, are a glorious creation, created in the image and likeness of God. Learn about your personal temperament and how you can glorify God with your beautiful gifts.

Space is limited so please reserve a spot for yourself, family, and friends at [stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register). Lunch will be served; a freewill offering is welcome, but not necessary.

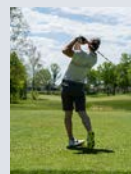
**WOMEN'S CARD PARTY**  
Cards | Door Prizes | 50/50 Raffle  
Great Food & Friendship

**THURSDAY, 4/25 AT 6PM**  
Murphy Hall  
Get your ticket from Lori Brown

Come join us for our annual card party; a girls' night out with cards and board games, door prizes, and lots of fun. And what would a ladies' night be without snacks, appetizers, and a 50/50 drawing? No need to be a member of WOSF, all ladies are welcome to join us. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased by contacting Lori at [ambrown1@windstream.net](mailto:ambrown1@windstream.net) or 740.973.3527.

**The Appeal +US** | Good things done & plans for more to come!

**Town Hall Meeting**  
Tuesday, 4/30 at 7pm  
In-Person in the Church & Live on YouTube **JOIN US!**



## SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Please save the date for Vanguard's 4th Annual co-ed, all-ages Golf Outing on Saturday, 6/1 at the Trout Club. This will be a 4-person scramble format with a shotgun start at 9am followed by lunch. Cost is \$55/golfer if paid by 5/24, \$60

after. For details and registration, please go to [stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register).

We're seeking sponsors and raffle prizes to make this a great and memorable event.

Hole Sponsors: \$50 each; Corporate Sponsors: \$250 and includes a 4-player team and hole sign; and Lunch Sponsor: \$500 which includes a 4-player team and prominent banner promotion. Please visit [stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register) for details and to sign up as a sponsor or player. All proceeds benefit Vanguard Men's Ministries at St. Francis.

**SCUBA**  
Living into friendship with God

**Registration Now Open**  
[stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register)

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)**  
Monday, 7/8 - Friday, 7/12, 9am - 12pm

SCAN TO REGISTER

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SCUBA ADVENTURES.

At Scuba, kids will explore what it means to have a friendship with God! They will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, and experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Watch for sign-ups soon. For more information and to inquire about volunteering, please contact Ben and Mary Beth Lee at [vbs@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:vbs@stfrancisparish.net).

VBS Registration is open at [stfrancisparish.net/register!](http://stfrancisparish.net/register!)

## TICK TOCK! REGISTER BY 5/15 TICK TOCK!

**Blest Week Ever!**

*Attention High Schoolers:*  
**Become a MISSIONARY**  
On a 1-week Service Retreat

June 9 - 14, 2024

Get Out of Town - Get Into Community - Get "Blest!"  
Students & Chaperones, get info & sign up at [stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register)

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

21 Sunday	<p><b><u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u></b>            Damascus Women's Retreat – Offsite            1st Communion/Reconciliation Prep Sessions – Classrooms – 9:30-10:45am            OCIA Catechumenate Session – Jr. High Classrooms #230/#231 – 9:30-10:45am            Root/Family Pathways – Johnson Hall – 9:30-10:45am            Seeds of Faith – Murphy Hall – 9:45-10:45am            Surviving Divorce – FFC Conf. Room – 9:45-10:45am            Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am            Vanguard Board of Directors – FFC Conf. Room – 12:30-1:30pm            Grieving With Great Hope Workshop – Murphy Hall – 12:30-3pm            Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym – 6-8pm            Summit High School Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall – 6-8pm            Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm</p>
22 Monday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm            Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm            Cub Scouts Meeting – Scouts' Room – 5:30-6:30pm            Adoration Quarterly Meeting – Johnson Hall – 7-8pm</p>
23 Tuesday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm            ASK Me Anything – Murphy Hall/FB Live – 6:30-8pm            Abide Young Adult Men's Group – St. Francis Room – 6:30-8:30pm            Fruit of the Vine Prayer Group – Johnson Hall – 7-8:30pm</p>
24 Wednesday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm            School "Wednesday Chapel" – Church – 2-2:45pm            Reconciliation – Church – 5:30-6:15pm            Traditional Choir Practice – Choir Loft – 7-8pm</p>
25 Thursday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm            4th Degree Knights of Columbus – St. Leonard Parish – 6-9pm            WOSF Card Party – Murphy Hall – 6-9pm            OCIA – via Zoom – 7-8:15pm</p>
26 Friday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-11pm            Knights of Columbus Clothing Drive – Parking Lot – 3:30-6pm            Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8pm</p>
27 Saturday	<p><b><u>The Appeal Kick-Off</u></b>            Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-12pm            That Man Is You – Murphy Hall – 7:30-9am            Knights of Columbus Clothing Drive – Parking Lot – 9am-5pm            Little Flower Shower – Murphy Hall – 1-3pm            Middle School Lock-In Retreat – Gym – 3pm            Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm            Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm            Rosary for Peace – Church – 4:20-4:35pm</p>
28 Sunday	<p><b><u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u></b>  <b><u>The Appeal Kick-Off</u></b>            Middle School Lock-In Retreat – Gym            1st Communion/Reconciliation Prep Sessions – Classrooms – 9:30-10:45am            OCIA Catechumenate Session – Jr. High Classrooms #230/#231 – 9:30-10:45am            Seeds of Faith – Murphy Hall – 9:30-10:45am            Surviving Divorce – FFC Conf. Room – 9:45-10:45am            Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am            Baptisms – Church – 12-1:30pm            Soul Sisters Gathering – Johnson Hall – 12:30-2:30pm            Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym – 6-8pm            Summit High School Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall – 6-8pm            Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm</p>

# ARTventures!

## Summer Art Camps

at St. Francis de Sales



### **Pencil, Paint, Pastels**

Through guided activities and free expression, campers learn techniques, experiment with color, and unleash their imaginations on paper and canvas. Join us for three days of colorful creations and endless possibilities.

### **Mixed Media Mania**

Experiment with a variety of materials including paint, collage, found objects, and more, to create unique and expressive artworks. From combining textures to layering colors, unleash your creativity and join us for an unforgettable exploration of mixed media art!

### **Wild West Wonders**

Saddle up for a creative adventure! Step back in time as we journey through the rugged landscapes and vibrant cultures of the frontier. Channel your inner pioneer as you explore painting, drawing, and crafting inspired by cowboys and Native American art. Yeehaw!

### **Wilderness Wanderers**

Get ready to explore the beauty of nature! Immerse yourself in the wonders of the great outdoors. From majestic mountains to critters and creatures, let the natural world inspire your creativity as you paint, draw, and sculpt your way through this immersive art experience.



**Scan the QR code for dates and times and to register. Spaces are limited, so register now to secure your child's spot!**



Diocese of Shreveport



“I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD WHO LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.” ~JOHN 10:11

## EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS TO FOCUS ON VOCATIONS

In just three months, tens of thousands of Catholics will gather in Indianapolis for the nation’s first Eucharistic Congress in more than eight decades. While the main focus is clear—to adore Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament—participants will also notice a heavy emphasis on vocations.

Religious communities from across the country will be attending, many underwritten by Serra International, which is organizing a large area in the convention hall that will be teeming with sisters and brothers. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an entire section to showcase diocesan priesthood, with a small army of priests on hand to talk with young men.

Also in attendance will be hundreds of seminarians, many of whom will have just completed the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, an ambitious project that will see thousands marching toward Indiana along different routes totalling 6,500 miles.

The connection between the Eucharist and vocations is clear: Three-quarters of recently ordained priests regularly participated in Eucharistic Adoration before entering seminary. And at Catholic youth events, even those offering sports and high-energy activities, teen participants still rank one “activity” as their favorite: Adoration.

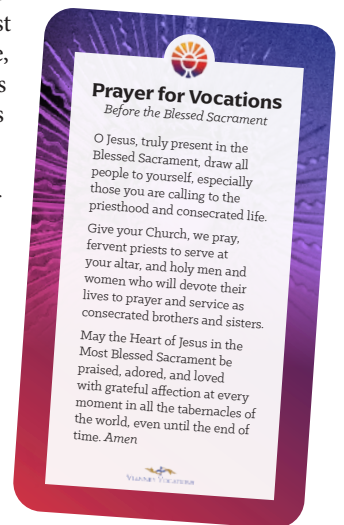
As the Church prepares for this historic event, let’s ask our Eucharistic Lord for an outpouring of vocations!



Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

**Above:** Last year, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City led more than a thousand faithful Catholics in a two-mile Eucharistic Procession—one of the longest in the country.

**Masthead photo:** Fr. Peter Mangum of the Diocese of Shreveport celebrates atop a climbing wall during a vocations summer camp. Beside him is Fr. Kelby Tingle, who attended the diocese’s “Mission Possible” camp as a teen and is about to celebrate a much bigger achievement—his first year of priesthood.



## IDEAS FOR ACTION

# HOLY FATHER: DO THESE FOUR THINGS

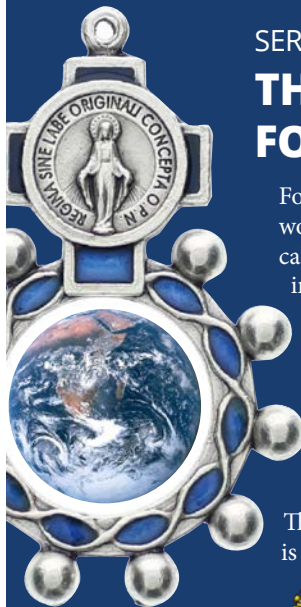
In a papal message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis used the term “*con-vocation*” to explain that a vocation is not an isolated “me-and-God” experience. Instead, young people hear God’s call within a *real Church community*. He offered four concrete ways to help youth discover their vocations, emphasizing these things should be done *together*:

1. Co-teach with a catechist
2. Visit a convent or monastery
3. Assist missionaries
4. Spend time with parish priests

Note that none of these involve phones or social media. How can you organize real-life activities for youth in your parish?




Salesian Sisters of Saint Joseph



## SERRA CELEBRATES 100 MONTHS THE GLOBAL ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

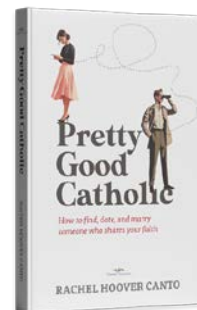
For 100 months, Catholics from around the world have joined a massive video/phone call during which they pray the rosary to intercede for vocations. Created by Tim O’Neill in 2015, the Global Rosary brings together Serra Clubs comprised of lay people dedicated to promoting priesthood and consecrated life. “In its simplicity it becomes quite a feat,” said Tim. “It gives a chance for people worldwide to visit beforehand and after... The most powerful way we Serrans connect is through prayer.”

 Join the last Saturday of every month at 8:00 AM CST/CDT. Phone number and links are at [serrainternational.org](http://serrainternational.org)

## THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE SOLVING DATING DILEMMAS

The stats on Catholic marriages are alarming: for every ten weddings in 1970, today there are only two. Percentage-wise, that’s a steeper decline than priestly ordinations.

For young Catholics looking for love, the Catholic dating scene is not just frustrating, it’s downright discouraging. That was certainly the experience of Rachel Hoover Canto, whose new book on dating, *Pretty Good Catholic*, offers counter-cultural advice for how to date well, stay chaste, and find a good Catholic spouse.



After Rachel graduated from college, she watched her friends get married while she suffered through some tough breakups. That got her thinking deeply about the whole Catholic dating situation, which has its own set of quirks and challenges. Trying to be proactive, she started a Catholic singles group, interviewed people from CatholicMatch, and consulted dating experts. The result is *Pretty Good Catholic*, which serves as a how-to guide for even the most discouraged single man or woman.

Cristina Pineda, an LA-based celebrity matchmaker who also happens to be a faithful Catholic, offered high praise: “I wish I had this book when I was single,” she said,

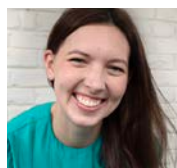
[prettygoodcatholic.com](http://prettygoodcatholic.com)



Michael Corajini

## One Hail Mary

Sometimes it’s the simple things! A traditional practice that’s making a comeback is helping kids pray for their future vocations by saying one Hail Mary each night: “Mother Mary, as you said yes to the angel Gabriel, help me say yes to God’s call. Hail Mary, full of grace...”



### STORYBOOK ENDING

While writing *Pretty Good Catholic*, Rachel Canto took her own advice and found the love of her life. She and her new husband live in Nashville.

Vianney Vocations • Renewing the Church by inspiring vocations • [vianneyvocations.com](http://vianneyvocations.com)





**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS**

Save the date for an exciting couple of events this summer! First, St. Francis has been designated as a stop on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage leading from New Haven, CT to Indianapolis, IN. On Tuesday, 6/25 at 4pm, a Eucharistic procession will begin at Blessed Sacrament and conclude at St. Francis with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction followed by a picnic dinner. Plan now, take the afternoon off from work and be a part of the national “Emmaus Moment!”

Then in July, join the St. Francis caravan for a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church as you and your fellow parishioners join thousands of passionate Catholics travelling from every corner of the U.S. to experience the healing power of Jesus Christ at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, 7/17-7/21/2024. Each day of the Congress is packed with opportunities for personal transformation and life-giving Catholic community. Come for one day or come for all of it – just don’t miss the Church’s moment. Tickets to the conference include daily Impact Sessions with amazing speakers, Reverent Liturgies, Breakout Sessions, Expo Hall with the best that the Catholic community has to offer, Eucharistic Procession and Adoration, Confession, and Revival Sessions with incredible world-class musicians. Jesus will be there. Will you? Learn more at [stfrancisparish.net/Revival](http://stfrancisparish.net/Revival).



**CAMPERS SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us the weekend of 10/25-10/27 for a Halloween Campout at Dillon State Park Campground. Enjoy all late Fall in Ohio has to offer – fall foliage colors, toasty campfires, spooky decorations and Halloween Treats from all the campground campers.

Since this is a State Park Campground, each camper is responsible for reserving their own site through the [reserveohio.com](http://reserveohio.com) website. No sites have been reserved for SFdS. Reservations open at 7am on 4/25. Due to high demand for site reservations, it’s highly advisable not to wait until 4/25 to reserve. Many campers “overbook” their stay to secure a site; overbooking is available now.

Once you have made your reservation, go to church center to sign up and let us know who all is camping. Questions? Please contact: Family Ministries or Kevin Douglas at 740.973.7876 or [jkdouglas66@hotmail.com](mailto:jkdouglas66@hotmail.com).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**



The Knights of Columbus are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

**Check out how St. Francis Council 11665 supports the parish and greater community!**

**Join the fastest-growing Council in the State of Ohio!**

- We have more than 16,000 councils headquartered in Catholic parishes around the world.
- Knights put their faith into action every day to make life, better in their parishes and communities.
- We offer men the opportunity to grow in their faith while helping others and supporting the Church, and to become better Catholics, husbands, and fathers.
- The Knights of Columbus annually contributes nearly \$200 million to worthy charitable causes around the world, and our members donate nearly 100 million hours of their time.
- Our Leave No Neighbor Behind program provides direct outreach to those in need.
- Our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, has been beatified by the Church. People around the world seek his intercession through prayer.
- All practicing Catholic men 18 years or older are invited to join.

More information? Contact Membership Director, Benjamin Lee at 614.507.5511.

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank our Family Ministry Group and all our parishioners for their support of our breakfast last weekend. It was a great success!



**4th DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEET AT ST. LEONARD PARISH**

Join the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Bishop Michael J. Ready Assembly 0830 for the monthly meeting at St. Leonard Parish, Thursday, 4/25, 6-9pm. We will begin by praying the Rosary together in the church, followed by a potluck and business meeting. Spouses are invited.

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



## FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

The Knights of Columbus Family of the Month for the month of April was awarded to Bob and Barb Doran. They are (now retired) successful business owners with five adult children and six grandchildren. Bob has held several roles in the Knights of Columbus including Past Grand Knight for St. Edwards Council 10876.

Together the Dorans are members of the St. Francis Baptism team; they are Eucharistic Ministers; founders of the Teams of our Lady in this area (and are currently 22-year members of that team); leaders for the SFdS Fish Fries during Lent; Reach More Point Persons and Barb is a Group Leader for Walking With Purpose; and volunteers at the SVdP Food Pantry in Newark. Be sure to thank Bob and Barb for the great work they do for our Parish and congratulate them for this well-deserved award.

## HOUSEHOLD AND CLOTHING DRIVE!

Friday, 4/26, 3:30-6pm; Saturday, 4/27, 9am-6pm; Sunday, 4/28, 8am-11:30am. The Knights of Columbus Fr. Bill Johnson Council 11665 here at St. Francis de Sales and Knights of Columbus Blessed Sacrament Council 721 are teaming up once again to do a Spring Clothing Drive. All items benefit the St. Francis Evangelization Center in McArthur, Ohio. New or used clothing accepted along with small household items like coffee makers, pizza ovens, toasters, or microwave ovens. We cannot accept washers, dryers, or refrigerators. This semi-annual collection is scheduled just in time for spring cleaning! Check those cabinets and closets in your home for items you no longer need. Many items are welcome and will benefit those in Vinton County where the need is great. Boxed or bagged donations will be collected at St. Francis in the rear school parking lot next to the Slattery Hall gym and will be delivered to the Evangelization Center in McArthur, Ohio.



# SCHOOL NEWS



## MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN RETREAT

We are all called to become saints – to follow Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life – but what does that look like? What are the foundations of living a holy life? What does it mean to be a saint? This retreat is for middle school – we will be staying in the gym building overnight for a lock-in experience! Drop off is Saturday, 4/27 at 3pm and pick up is after the 11am Mass, around 12:30pm on Sunday, 4/28. We will need parent chaperones – so if you are interested, let us know! Attendees and chaperones can get info and register at [stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register) or email Grace Wright at [gwright@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:gwright@stfrancisparish.net).






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Every year, Heartbeats recommends a mom who can use our prayers, gifts, and blessings. The Respect Life Groups from St. Francis, Blessed Sacrament, and St. Edwards hold a Little Flower Baby Shower for the chosen mom. St. Francis is hosting our 2024 Little Flower Shower Saturday, 4/27 from 1pm-3pm in Murphy Hall. Hannah is a 20-year-old single mother-to-be and her baby girl is due in early August. She and her family are so excited to welcome little Delilah Renee! Let us be the hands and feet of Christ as we shower this family with prayers, written notes of support, and gifts. An Amazon Gift Registry has been created with some needs and wants

for Hannah and Baby Delilah. The Amazon registry is managed by the Little Flower Shower coordinator, and all gifts purchased on Amazon may be sent to the shower coordinator to be delivered to the family. All gifts need to be collected by Tuesday, 4/23 so they can be wrapped and presented at the shower. We also have a SignUpGenius for those who would like to donate items or food for the shower; visit [stfrancispsh.net/shower](http://stfrancispsh.net/shower) for details and links. For any questions or to volunteer your support, please [contactlynnanne@roadrunner.com](mailto:contactlynnanne@roadrunner.com). NOTE: Please avoid Neutrogena products as Hannah is allergic.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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**YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES:** The Parish conducts weekly events and gatherings for Junior High students and High School teens. Contact: Molly Loy, Director, Ext. 208 or [mloy@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:mloy@stfrancisparish.net) or Grace Wright, Coordinator, Ext. 207 or [gwright@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:gwright@stfrancisparish.net). The Parish also provides Confirmation Preparation each year. Contact: Ben and Mary Beth Lee, Confirmation Coordinators, Ext. 243 or [confirmation@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:confirmation@stfrancisparish.net).

**OCIA:** OCIA is an ongoing inquiry process about the Catholic faith. Contact co-directors: David Clay – [dclay@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:dclay@stfrancisparish.net) (740-345-9874, Ext. 241), Kimberly Sherman – [ksherman@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:ksherman@stfrancisparish.net) (740-345-9874, Ext. 242)

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