

JANUARY 21, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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AND DISCIPLE MAKERS



GREAT
OCCASIONS
FOR SERVING
GOD COME
SELDOM, BUT
LITTLE ONES
SURROUND US
DAILY.

—ST. FRANCES DE SALES

MASS INTENTIONS



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Making Disciples and Disciple Makers

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, January 21 – The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:45pm Vigil People of the Parish
- 8:30am † Jeannette York (Charlene York)
- 11am Special Intention: Trish Kobbeman (Susan Kairis)

Monday, January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- 6pm Special Intention: Marriage of John and Heidi Reinchick (Susan Kairis)

Tuesday, January 23 – Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr and Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

- 12noon † Brenda Goodrich (WWP am Table 3)

Wednesday, January 24 – SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop, Religious Founder and Doctor

- 6:30pm † Karen Sullivan (Tim Sullivan)

Thursday, January 25 – The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

- 9am † Leland (Lee) Hickman (James and Charlotte Markham)

Friday, January 26 – Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

- 9am † Joyce Zimmerman (Mary Baker)

Sunday, January 28 – The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:45pm Vigil † Ron Wyckoff (Pat Wyckoff)
- 8:30am † Joshua Griggs (Ann Griggs)
- 11am People of the Parish



Sebastian Gartside and Coach John Cannizzaro recently passed away. Please pray for them and for all the faithful departed. May God grant them peace and eternal rest.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our clergy will offer the Sacrament of Healing in the form of anointing after all Masses next weekend, 1/27-28. This special blessing is given to anyone in need of healing of mind or body and conveys peace and fortitude through the power of the Holy Spirit.



NEWARK MARCH FOR LIFE – FOLLOWING THE 11AM MASS

Sunday, 1/21 Stand shoulder-to-shoulder in defense of life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between. For this year's theme: *Embrace a Culture of Life*, we'll have a

Eucharistic procession from the church to Newark Square where we'll recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet, hear from community pro-life leaders, and receive a benediction. After the program, all are invited to return to St. Francis for our extended reception in Johnson Hall.



SOCIAL HOUR

Sunday, 1/21
Johnson Hall

Following Masses
& the Newark
March for Life

Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis de Sales
Grab a cup o' joe, a donut and enjoy some fellowship!



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

- Everett Douglas.....*Son of Christopher and Sidney Meek*
- Odin Forrest*Son of Ben Jones and Christina Murphy*
- Norah Renee..... *Daughter of Ben Jones and Christina Murphy*
- Cecilia Jane *Daughter of Jonathan and Jennifer Wagner*
- Mayla Rachel Rosa-Lee... *Daughter of Rodney and Alyssa Young*
- Everett Taylor..... *Son of Kevin and Nicole Cox*



FOR WOMEN: UNDONE CONFERENCE THURSDAY, 1/25-SATURDAY, 1/27 | ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

Partnering with the John Paul II Healing Institute, we invite ladies to this amazing conference where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty, and transformation, as the knots of Eve's disobedience are "undone" through Mary's model of radical receptivity. Bring yourself, your mother, your sister, your adult daughters, and friends. This is a weekend you won't want to miss!

FISH OR FISHERS?

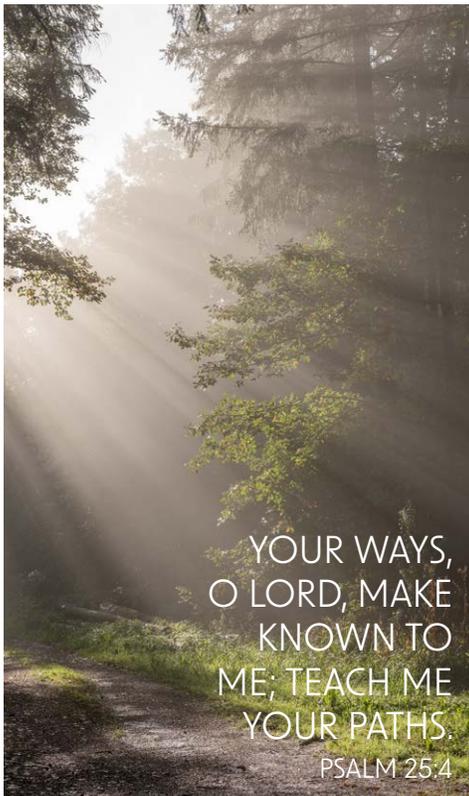
Reflection on Mark 1:14-20

We have been caught in the net. So we are fish, as followers of Jesus. But if that is all we are, what is exciting about that? If we are just swimming around in the holding tank of the Church, then we are like fish in public aquariums, well fed and well protected with little more to do than look back at all the funny folks looking at us.

The invitation for us to also be fishers of people is still being issued today, and is perhaps immensely more urgent than ever before. Jesus and His Church need all the help they can get! That is why the Second Vatican Council kept emphasizing the role of ALL God's people to spread the faith, to possess missionary spirit, to evangelize, to show and tell the people we live with, work with, attend classes with, play and pray with, that God's Kingdom of life and love, of peace and forgiveness, of justice and healing, is very much "at hand" – is in our midst – is with us now, today, and until the end of time.

So today, Jesus is not just talking to Simon and Andrew and James and John. Today Jesus is speaking to each one of us. There are many fish in the sea! Get out there and hook some!

~ Fr. Jay



YOUR WAYS,
O LORD, MAKE
KNOWN TO
ME; TEACH ME
YOUR PATHS.
PSALM 25:4

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

Monday, January 22, 2024

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10
Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Weekday
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19
Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17
Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25, 2024

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc, 2
Mk 16:15-18

Friday, January 26, 2024

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Weekday
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Mk 4:35-41

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

SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS

Saint of the Day: January 26

Patron Saint of: Relief from Stomach Disorders

Timothy had a Greek father and a Jewish mother named Eunice. Being the product of a "mixed" marriage, he was considered illegitimate by the Jews. It was his grandmother, Lois, who first became Christian. Timothy was a convert of Paul around the year 47 and later joined him in his apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most faithful and trusted friends. He was sent on difficult missions by Paul—often in the face of great disturbance in local churches which Paul had founded.

Timothy was with Paul in Rome during the latter's house arrest. At some period, Timothy himself was in prison (Hebrews 13:23). Paul installed him as his representative at the Church of Ephesus.

Titus has the distinction of being a close friend and disciple of Paul as well as a fellow missionary. He was Greek, apparently from Antioch. Titus is seen as a peacemaker, administrator, great friend. Paul's second letter to Corinth affords an insight into the depth of his friendship with Titus, and the great fellowship they had in preaching the gospel. When Paul was having trouble with the community at Corinth, Titus was the bearer of Paul's severe letter and was successful in smoothing things out.

The "Letter to Titus" addresses him as the administrator of the Christian community on the island of Crete, charged with organizing it, correcting abuses, and appointing presbyter-bishops. In Titus, we get another glimpse of life in the early Church: great zeal in the apostolate, great communion in Christ, great friendship.

Read the full article: "Saints Timothy and Titus" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-timothy-and-titus/. (Accessed January 10, 2024).

INTRODUCING

WHOLE
Family
Faith Formation



For school
AND parish
families!

You spoke, we listened and learned a few things!

Feedback from our **catechists**:

- Faith sharing for kids can't just be in a classroom or youth group setting - it has to be at home too.
- Faith "sticks" when it's talked about and lived out with the people that love the children the most - their parents!

Feedback from **students**:

- Parents are the most influential people in their lives.
- Growing in faith is more fun when mom and dad engage with them.

Feedback from **parents**:

- Helping your kids grow in faith is important, but you may not feel equipped to do it alone.
- Your schedule is busy, but building faith and growing in relationship with God is a priority for you.

SELECT SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM



Your WHOLE family is invited to join us!
All ages and grade levels!

Pathways Family Catechesis is a family-based catechetical experience for children, teens, and adults with age-appropriate content for each. All families in our parish and school are invited to participate in Pathways which replaces what was previously known as Parish School of Religion (PSR) or CCD.

Unlike PSR or CCD, each family will receive a special kit for you to explore **in the comfort of your home through "family meetings."** These meetings are designed to take 20 - 40 minutes and can take place on a day and time that works best for your family.

Then, we'll **meet as a community of families**, both parents and students, a few times per month on Sunday mornings between Masses to grow in community, connectedness, and touch base with how the at-home content is going.

Get more info and sign up at www.stfrancisparish.net/register
or contact Peggy Vanderhoff at pvanderhoff@stfrancisparish.net.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

21 Sunday	<p>Feast of St. Francis de Sales 1st Communion/Reconciliation Prep Sessions – Classrooms – 9:30-10:45am OCIA Catechumenate Session – Jr. High Classrooms #230/#231 – 9:30-10:45am Feast of St. Francis Celebration! – Johnson Hall – 9:30am-1pm Confirmation/Chosen – Murphy Hall – 9:45-10:45am Seeds of Faith – Jr. High Classroom #233 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Newark March for Life – Offsite – Meet in Church at 12:15pm Baptism Prep Class “B” – St. Francis Room – 12:30-2pm Grieving With Great Hope Luncheon – Murphy Hall – 12:30-2:30pm Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym – 6-8pm Summit High School Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall – 6-8pm Made for More: Mindset for Healthy and Holiness – Murphy Hall – 6:30-8pm 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 Walking With Purpose/Keeping in Balance – FFC – 6:30-8pm Adoration Quarterly Meeting – Johnson Hall – 7-8pm</p>
23 Tuesday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Walking With Purpose/Keeping in Balance – FFC – 9:15-11am Abide Young Adult Men’s Group – St. Francis Room – 6:30-8:45pm Fruit of the Vine Prayer Meeting – Johnson Hall – 7-8:30pm Security Council Meeting – FFC Conf. Room – 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 ASK – Murphy Hall/FB Live – 7:15-8:15pm</p>
25 Thursday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-5pm UNDONE Women’s Retreat - Livestream – 6-10pm 4th Degree Knights of Columbus - St. Leonard Parish – 6-9pm UNDONE Women’s Retreat – Church – 6-10pm OCIA – via ZOOM – 7-8pm</p>
26 Friday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-5pm UNDONE Women’s Retreat - Livestream – 6-10pm UNDONE Women’s Retreat – Church – 6-10pm Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8pm</p>
27 Saturday	<p><u>Eucharistic Adoration – Closed Today</u> <u>Anointing of the Sick After Mass</u> UNDONE Women’s Retreat – Livestream – 8:30am-4pm UNDONE Women’s Retreat – Church – 8:30am-4pm Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm Reconciliation – Church – 4-4:30pm – PLEASE ENTER THROUGH LAMY DOORS Rosary for Peace – Church – 4:20-4:35pm</p>
28 Sunday	<p><u>Anointing of the Sick After Morning Masses</u> 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 – Jr. High Classroom #233 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am St. Francis School Come and See Event – Johnson Hall – 12-2pm Vanguard Board of Director – FFC Conf. Room – 12:30-1:30pm Confirmation/Chosen – Murphy Hall – 5-6:15pm Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym - 6-8pm Summit High School Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall – 6-8pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm</p>

Special
NOTICE

RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAY, 1/27

For this date only:

Due to the Undone Women’s Conference, we ask that those seeking the Sacrament of Confession enter Lamy Center Doors

PARISH NEWS

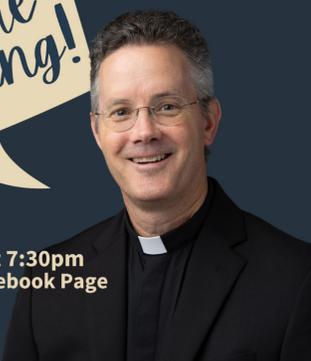


GRIEVING with Great Hope

COME & SEE SESSION
Sunday, 1/21
12:30pm

stfrancisparish.net/Register

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE MONTHLY WORKSHOP
Join us for our newest Grief Support Workshop New Series! *The Seven Intentions of Mourning: A Guided Pathway to Healing and Hope* is a new grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. The DVD presenters are John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate. **Come and see the first session, Sunday, 1/21 at 12:30pm in Murphy Hall.** Subsequent workshops will be held monthly on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Get info and register at stfrancisparish.net/Register.



ADULTS SEEKING KNOWLEDGE

Ask Me Anything!

WEDNESDAY, 1/24

Gather & Snacks at 7:15pm | Q&A at 7:30pm
Murphy Hall & on Live of Fr. Dave's Facebook Page

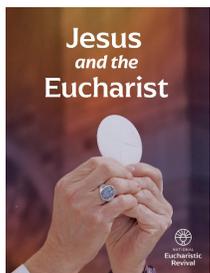
Bring your faith and morality questions!

MELCHIZEDEK REMINDER FOR ANDREW DINNERS
St. Andrew was the first one called by Jesus to follow Him as one of His apostles. Young men high school age and older are invited to share a meal with Bishop Fernandes to learn more about discernment, seminary life and the priesthood.

- Wednesday, Jan. 24 - Pontifical College Josephinum
- **Monday, March 4 - Blessed Sacrament, Newark**
- Tuesday, March 5 - Ready High School (oriented towards Latinos)

5:30pm - Evening Prayer | 6pm - Dinner and Discussion

Register/RSVP at vocations@columbuscatholic.org or call 614.221.5565. Please let Father Dave know if you are attending any of the Andrew Dinners.



Jesus and the Eucharist

SMALL GROUP STUDY - JESUS and the EUCHARIST

As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, we would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the *Jesus and the Eucharist* study. This study was specifically designed for this Year of Parish Revival, and we will be joining many other parishes throughout the United States in participating in this small group study as we journey together through this three-year National Eucharistic Revival. Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This is a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith. This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together. Please join us on Thursdays at 6:30pm beginning 2/8. Sign up at stfrancisparish.net/REGISTER.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Do you feel pulled in many directions? Do you find it hard to balance the demands placed on your time? Is it difficult to manage all the details thrown your way? God wants to support and help us so that we can be our best in every season of our lives.

Meet with other women Monday evenings or Tuesday mornings for these Bible studies. Your lifestyle of health and holiness awaits.

Come along on a journey throughout Scripture as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our daily challenges. In this study, we'll explore Biblical ideas for managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. Your lifestyle of health and holiness awaits.

Join now! Simply register at stfrancisparish.net/REGISTER



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

COME & SEE
For Prospective Families

Sunday, 1/28
Following 11am Mass



TRI-SCHOOL Mass

Thursday, 2/1 at 9:30am

Church seating will be reserved for students & faculty only. Seating will be available in Johnson Hall for parishioners & parents.



**Winter
WONDERLAND DANCE**
Saturday, 2/10 at 6pm | Johnson Hall
APPETIZERS, DINNER & DRINKS | MUSIC, DANCING & DOOR PRIZES
REGISTER AT STFRANCISPARISH.NET



AS BY A NEW PENTECOST
Journey to a New and Vibrant Encounter with the Holy Spirit
TUESDAYS AT 7PM BEGINNING 1/30 | MURPHY HALL
RSVP at stfrancisparish.net/Register



**CONSIDERING BECOMING
Catholic?** | Year-round sessions for inquiry & formation
Contact David (dclay@stfrancisparish.net) or
Kimberly (ksherman@stfrancisparish.net)

OCIA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

OCIA is growing, and we need your support! Our year-round process helps others discern God’s call to the Catholic Church. Can you help them along their journey of faith?

There are several ways to get involved and help lead others to Christ.

Sponsors: This is our greatest need right now. This role is an integral part of the OCIA process. You will serve as a friend and spiritual mentor to an individual who has begun their own faith journey. Participation can include attending weekly OCIA sessions, getting together outside of class, and sharing your ministry experience, helping them integrate into our parish community, and providing spiritual support by attending liturgical rites and sacraments together.

Shepherds: This group helps our core team by providing support in the areas of hospitality, organization, planning, setup and teardown, tech support, and more, providing a comfortable and welcoming environment for those discerning their relationship with Christ. This support is vital to the success of many important events such as weekly OCIA sessions, receptions, retreats, and Easter Vigil.

Guest Presenters: You can assist our team by facilitating various sessions throughout the year based on topics of interest or level of expertise. Guest presenters offer OCIA participants a different view of the Catholic faith and help provide fresh perspectives on living a Catholic Christian life. We will be scheduling for the June 2024-May 2025 timeframe.

Prayer Warriors: As a Prayer Warrior, you would keep those in the OCIA in your personal prayers while also participating in some specific prayers (during OCIA retreats or other functions) when those in the team may gather individually or as a group to pray in the Adoration Chapel for those discerning sacraments. If you enjoy regularly praying for others, or wish to start, consider joining our team! To learn more about our volunteer opportunities, join us for any of our Sunday sessions in the Jr. High Lab on the second floor of the Lamy Center from 9:30 to 10:45am and plan to stay after for a brief chat.

Contact David Clay: dclay@stfrancisparish.net or Kimberly Sherman: ksherman@stfrancisparish.net for more information.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS TO KOKOSING VALLEY CAMP & CANOE!

No matter how you like to camp - tent, pop-up, r-pod, or RV - join us for a weekend of camping with fellow SFdS camping enthusiasts. Kokosing Valley Camp & Canoe is located just 29 miles from Newark in Millwood, Ohio. This campground, located on the Kokosing River, has swimming, canoeing/tubing, a Putt-Putt course and driving range with pond, and is less than 2 miles from the Kokosing Gap!

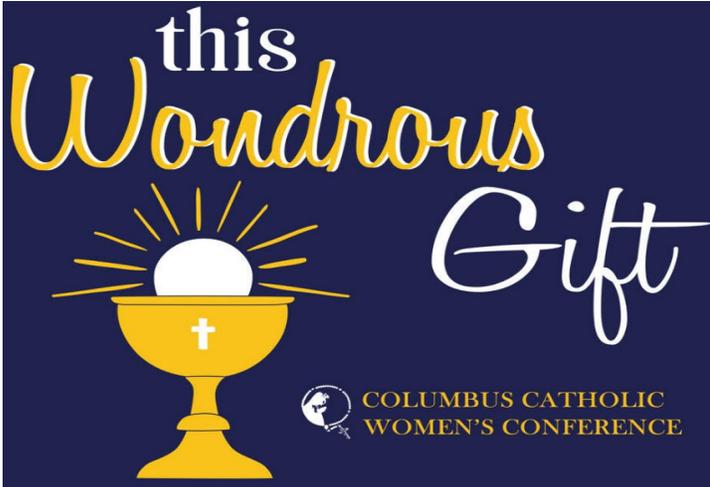
Trail Cost per site is \$40 a night and includes 30AMP electrical service. Potable water and dump station is included. There is a well-stocked Camp Store, too. Option for early arrivals any time before Friday, June 7.

Sites HAVE BEEN been blocked off for the weekend of 6/7-9 in Sec. B for the SFdS Camp Out. All you need to do is go to Church Center and sign up before 5/10. Limited sites are reserved so register early. You will pay for your reservation upon your arrival at the Campground check-in station. Just mention that you are with the Saint Francis Church Group.



This will be a great time to get together for fellowship and outdoor fun. If you have questions, contact: Family Ministries or Kevin Douglas at 740.973.7876 or jkdouglas66@hotmail.com.

PARISH NEWS



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

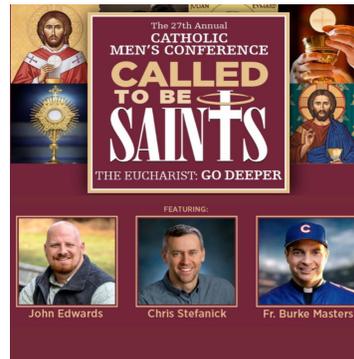
Inviting All Women! Please mark your calendar now for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, 2/17, from 8am to 5pm at the Ohio Expo Center, Kasich Hall. The theme is *This Wonderful Gift*, in honor of the Eucharistic Revival. Register now at columbuscatholicwomen.com. Come ready to rest, refresh, and renew with the Lord. You'll be joined by sisters in Christ from around the diocese and beyond. Don't miss this uplifting, annual event for women to grow in faith, hope, and love.

The glove of St. Padre Pio will be displayed for veneration at the upcoming Columbus Catholic Women's Conference in February.



SURRENDERING THE SECRET – ABORTION RECOVERY

Led by Catholic women who have themselves experienced abortion, this group endeavors to help others find a path to healing through a weekly interactive Bible study, meaningful group experiences, and a caring community. Upcoming sessions will meet weekly on Wednesdays beginning 2/21, 6:30-8:45pm. Get info and RSVP at stfrancisparish.net/Register. If you have questions before registering, place a confidential *call or text* 740.527.0730 or STSN Newark@gmail.com. Again, please don't hesitate to reach out. **You are not alone and we're here to help you on the journey to healing.**



**Saturday, 2/24/24
Kasich Hall
at the OH Expo Center**

Adoration † Reconciliation † Holy Mass
Breakfast & Lunch † Faith Organizations



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SCHOOL NEWS



STUDENTS ON THE AIR!

St. Francis de Sales students will be featured on our local Catholic radio station! Fifteen St. Francis 5th Graders (pictured with St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 Community Correspondent, Amanda Miller) recorded the Divine Mercy Chaplet this past week. Tune in to St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 to join our school children in prayer 2/19-23 at 3pm each day.

CATHOLIC CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024

Sunday, January 28th
Open House after 11:00 Mass

Wednesday, January 31st
Celebrating Our Nation

Monday, January 29th
Celebrating Our Community

Thursday, February 1st
Celebrating Vocations

Tuesday, January 30th
Celebrating Our Students

Friday, February 2nd
Days of Creation



STUDENT RECOGNITION

Former St. Francis de Sales School and current Newark Catholic High School student Nate Willis was awarded with the Scholar Athlete of the Year Award earlier this week. The award named Willis as the Scholar Athlete of the Year for the 2023 Season, acknowledging not only his athletic, but academic achievements as well. Nate was awarded a giant \$5,000 check from the Ohio Education Association. We could not be prouder of this young man and all his achievements. **Way to go, Nate!**



2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

GUARANTEED RE-ENROLLMENT PERIOD NOW OPEN!

Current families, please log on to FACTS Family Portal to complete process by Sunday, 2/4!



PLEASE BEGIN TO MAKE PLANS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR NOW

Re-enrollment for current families has begun!

All current families received an email with instructions to complete your online re-enrollment packets through the FACTS Family Portal. We ask that all enrollment packets are completed by Sunday, 2/4. If your family does not intend to return to St. Francis for Fall 2024, please contact the school office immediately as your plans affect our application process, future staffing, and tuition planning for the upcoming school year.

CATHOLIC OUTREACH MINISTRIES (COM)

Gifts for Baby Jesus

St. Francis Respect Life Group
To benefit Heartbeats of Licking County



This year, the St. Francis *Walking With Moms In Need* Ministry has joined with our St. Francis *Respect Life Group* for the annual Gifts for Baby Jesus collections. Throughout this traditional Christmastide, the nativity crèche is left on display in the church sanctuary through the month of January. We would like to invite everyone to participate in the "Gifts for Baby Jesus" program, which benefits Heartbeats of

Licking County. Parishioners are invited to bring items to share with the young babies and their mothers ministered to by Heartbeats. UPDATED LIST OF MOST URGENT NEEDS: Adult toiletries: body wash, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrushes & toothpaste. Baby needs include newly packaged items such as: baby wipes, diaper rash cream, baby bath towels and washcloths, teething and sippy cups, and diaper bags. Pull-Ups in sized 3-4T and 4-5T. Baby clothing in sizes Preemie to 3T only, with a need for 12mo to 3T pajamas, Newborn & 12mo onesies (especially for girls). Currently, blankets and diapers are NOT needed. We give these items to Jesus in our church and then He gives them (through us) to babies and moms in need in our community. What a wonderful way to extend the joy of Christmas as we encourage young mothers to receive the gift of life with joy! All the items received through this drive will be donated directly to our local Heartbeats pregnancy center.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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, 1/25, 6-9pm. We will begin by praying the Rosary together in the church, followed by a potluck and business meeting. Spouses are invited.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A YEAR OF CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AND ADVENTURE?

At NET Ministries, we challenge young Catholics, through relational ministry, to follow Christ and embrace a life of community in the Church. There are young people around the country who need to hear your particular story, and we want you to be able to share it with them!

Begin by filling out an application and attending one of our Discernment Weekends this February. Visit netusa.org/apply to begin your application.

Don't miss out on this chance to step into a vibrant community dedicated to relational ministry, prayer, and service. We can't wait to meet you at your Discernment Weekend! Have questions or want to learn more? Contact our team by emailing recruiting@netusa.org.

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