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# Word

BECAME FLESH AND  
MADE HIS DWELLING  
AMONG US, AND  
WE SAW  
HIS GLORY,

JOHN 1:14

*Christmas 2023*

**St. Francis de Sales Parish**

45 Granville Street, Newark, OH 43055

740-345-9874 [www.stfrancisparish.net](http://www.stfrancisparish.net)

# MASS INTENTIONS



**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**  
*Making Disciples and Disciple Makers*

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

**Saturday, December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:45pm † Ron Wyckoff (Pat Wyckoff)

**Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

10am † Gaylene Bishop (Ed and Laura Lewis)

**Sunday, December 24 – The Nativity of the Lord**

4pm People of the Parish

6:30pm † Lee Hickman (The Gorius Family)

10:30pm † Roberto Pereicho (Felinda Powers)

**Monday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord**

10am † Mary Villacres (Jorge)

**Tuesday, December 26 – No Mass**

**Wednesday, December 27 – Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

6:30pm † Harold Hanson (Hanson Family)

**Thursday, December 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

9am † Monsignor Edward Gilbert (Mark and Greg Gilbert)

**Friday, December 29 – Saint Thomas Beckett, Bishop and Martyr**

9am † Linda Rauch (Gorius Family)

**Saturday, December 30 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

4:45pm † Deceased Pastors of the Parish

**Sunday, December 31 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

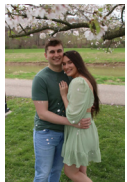
8:30am People of the Parish

11am † John and Rozella Callahan (Walther Family)

4pm † Brenda Goodrich (Gorius Family)

**Monday, January 1 – The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

12noon † John Pressey (Smith Family)



## Banns of Marriage

are announced for

Jeannette Miller and Trey Tigner  
Their wedding date is January 6, 2024  
Congratulations!



Harry Sanger recently passed away. Please pray for him and for all the faithful departed. May God grant them peace and eternal rest.

## — Holiday CLOSURES —

### IN CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

School Office closed through Wednesday, 1/3  
Adoration Chapel closed Thursday, 12/21 - Tuesday, 12/26  
Parish Office closed Friday, 12/22 - Tuesday, 12/26

### IN CELEBRATION OF THE NEW YEAR

School Office closed through Wednesday, 1/3  
Parish Office closed Friday, 12/29 - Tuesday, 1/2  
Adoration Chapel closed Saturday, 12/30 - Tuesday, 1/2



## GOD'S CALL

Reflection on Luke 1:26-38

The Gospel for this fourth Sunday of Advent is the familiar visitation scene – God calling Mary to be the mother of His Son. With her “yes,” Mary is elevated from an obscure teenager to be the mother of God, from a time-and-space-bound human being to Queen of Heaven, from a prayerful supplicant to the eternal go-to Lady for intercession and perpetual help! The interruption of the incarnation becomes, for Mary, the path to holiness: “Blessed are you among women!”

In these final days of Advent waiting and preparation, consider how the incarnation – the birth of Jesus both in human history and in this very moment of your life – calls you to God’s higher purposes. With Mary as our pattern of holiness, God is revealing some of what God wants from us: to be a co-creator of life, a nurturer, a font of love, a teacher, a healer, a reconciler, a prophet, a companion. “May it be done to me according to your word.”

~ Fr. Jay

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, December 24, 2023

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Rom 16:25-27  
Lk 1:26-38

### Monday, December 25, 2023

*The Nativity of the Lord*  
Is 52:7-10  
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6  
Heb 1:1-6  
Jn 1:1-18

### Tuesday, December 26, 2023

*Saint Stephen, The First Martyr*  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17  
Mt 10:17-22

### Wednesday, December 27, 2023

*Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*  
1 Jn 1:1-4  
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

### Thursday, December 28, 2023

*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*  
1 Jn 1:5–2:2  
Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8  
Mt 2:13-18

### Friday, December 29, 2023

*Fifth Day within the Octave*  
1 Jn 2:3-11  
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6  
Lk 2:22-35

### Saturday, December 30, 2023

*Sixth Day within the Octave*  
1 Jn 2:12-17  
Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
Lk 2:36-40

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

Advent The Season of

HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE



## SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Feast Day: December 27

Patron Saint of: Turkey

It is God who calls; human beings answer. The vocation of John and his brother James is stated very simply in the Gospels, along with that of Peter and his brother Andrew: Jesus called them; they followed. For the three former fishermen—Peter, James and John—that faith was to be rewarded by a special friendship with Jesus, but John’s friendship was even more special. John’s own Gospel refers to him as “the disciple whom Jesus loved” (see John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2), the one who reclined next to Jesus at the Last Supper, and the one to whom Jesus gave the exquisite honor of caring for his mother, as John stood beneath the cross. “Woman, behold your son.... Behold, your mother” (John 19:26b, 27b).

On the first Easter, Mary Magdalene “ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, ‘They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him’” (John 20:2). John recalls, perhaps with a smile, that he and Peter ran side by side, but then “the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first” (John 20:4b). He did not enter, but waited for Peter and let him go in first. “Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed” (John 20:8).

John was with Peter when the first great miracle after the Resurrection took place—the cure of the man crippled from birth—which led to their spending the night in jail together. The mysterious experience of the Resurrection is perhaps best contained in the words of Acts: “Observing the boldness of Peter and John and perceiving them to be uneducated, ordinary men, they [the questioners] were amazed, and they recognized them as the companions of Jesus” (Acts 4:13).

“The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers” (1 John 3:16).

Read the full article: “Saint John the Evangelist” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-the-evangelist/>. (Accessed December 8, 2023).



# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at St. Francis de Sales Church. We thank all parishioners for contributing to this fund *In Honor Of* or *In Memory Of* your family members and friends.

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| Kenneth C. Mauter           | Mary Ann Lee              | Don Tanner               | The Campbell and Toothman       |
| Rev. John Barry Bentz       | Steve Fry                 | Dorothy Tanner           | Family                          |
| Frank H. Bentz              | Annette Waters            | Diana Tanner             | Charles and Maxine Gebhart      |
| Bill and Mary Estelle Ehret | Marian Niederhaus         | Catherine Coeltho        | Callahan and Walther Families   |
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| Michelle Fisher Heagen      | Edward Moats              | Ray Szwarc               | Family and Friends of the Pries |
| Kellie Fisher Price         | Kenneth Mauter            | Terry Szwarc             | and Lacko Families              |
| William L. Goslin           | John and Judy Nyers       | Bobbie Villacres         | Family and Friends of Mike and  |
| Bernard Hohman              | Ken Nyers                 | Mary Villacres           | Carol Svatora.                  |
| Leona Hohman                | George and Betty Pintz    | Beth Wiemers             | Deceased Members of the         |
| Edith Goslin                | Bill and Sue Schilling    | Ken and Ruth Nowak       | Bibbo and Solak Families        |
| John Hohman                 | The Delaney Family        | Barb Evans               | Deceased Members N.C.           |
| Kate Grove                  | The Hubitsky Family       | Harr and Lena Schroeder  | Class of 1968                   |
| Greg and Mary Jane Schell   | The Merkel Family         | Norman Schroeder         | Deceased Members of the         |
| Fred and Edna Davis         | The Poling Family         | Helen Truex              | James F. Grady, Sr. Family      |

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

**MAKE YOUR PLANS**

**CHRISTMAS IS ON A MONDAY THIS YEAR**

**For Last Sunday of Advent**  
attend one of these Masses

**Saturday, 12/23**  
4:45pm

**Sunday, 12/24**  
10am

**For Christmas Celebration**  
attend one of these Masses

**Sunday, 12/24**  
4pm (livestreamed), 6:30pm,  
or 10:30pm w/ prelude at 10pm

**Monday, 12/25**  
10am  
w/ prelude at 9:40am



**Remember:**  
Both Sunday & Christmas  
are Holy Days of Opportunity!

### CHRISTMAS MASS DETAILS

**4pm Christmas Eve:** Livestreamed with Praise & Worship Mass Ensemble; Mass will begin with the singing of the Proclamation of the Birth of Jesus Christ.

**6:30pm Christmas Eve:** Praise & Worship Mass Ensemble

**10:30pm Christmas Eve:** A prelude with an eclectic collection of Christmas carols and songs on both piano and organ will begin at 10pm; Mass will begin at 10:30pm with the singing of the Proclamation of the Birth of Jesus Christ.

**10am Christmas Morning:** A prelude will begin at 9:40am featuring a vocal quartet with flute and horn.

26 Tuesday	<p><u>ALL PARISH FACILITIES CLOSED</u> NO MASS TODAY</p>
27 Wednesday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Reconciliation – Church – 5:30-6:15pm Music Ministry Christmas Party – Johnson Hall – 7:30-10pm</p>
28 Thursday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm 4th Degree Knights of Columbus – St. Leonard Parish – 6-8pm</p>
29 Friday	<p><u>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</u> Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8pm</p>
30 Saturday	<p><b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH</b> <u>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION and PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</u> Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm Rosary for Peace – Church – 4:20-4:35pm</p>
31 Sunday	<p><b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH</b> <u>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION and PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</u> Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Holy Mass (Mary, Mother of God Vigil) – Church – 4-5pm New Year’s Eve Bash – Gym – 8pm-1am</p>
1 Monday	<p><b>THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b> <u>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION and PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</u> Holy Mass (Mary, Mother of God) – Church – 12-1pm</p>

## VOCATIONS

# THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT

### MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT WINTER GATHERING

Pontifical College Josephinum, Thursday, 12/28, 11am-4pm

This day begins with Mass, and includes lunch, discussion, games (bowling, board games, cards, etc.), and Holy Hour. It is open to all Melchizedek Members as well as to all those high school aged or older who are discerning a possible vocation to the priesthood.

Please call the Vocations Office, 614.221.5565 or email [vocations@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:vocations@columbuscatholic.org) to RSVP.

### FROM THE POPE ST. JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY

Consider a Priestly Call... Take a risk for God! Enter the mission field where bold action meets lasting outcomes. Over 750 priest alumni discerned a sacred call later in life. Maturity with God's grace can move mountains. Can you leave it all to follow Christ? Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA is offering the latest in its "First Friday Visits" program on 1/12 at 5pm with Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. You have the option to attend in person or virtually. In person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact [msgr.fay@psjs.edu](mailto:msgr.fay@psjs.edu) or 781.899.5500, ext. 134. Visit [www.psjs.edu](http://www.psjs.edu).

## PARISH NEWS

*O Come  
Let Us  
Adore Him*



Come and experience the joy of the shepherds and Wise Men. Come and adore our Lord in His real presence. Make this Christmas experience last for the rest of your life! To spend your special hour with the Lord on a weekly basis, you can easily sign up on the St. Francis webpage. Go to the Eucharistic Adoration section to access the SignUpGenius tab. You can also contact Paula McWilliams at 740-405-7423 or [mwilliams54@gmail.com](mailto:mwilliams54@gmail.com), for additional information.

**UNDONE**  
FREEDOM FOR THE FEMININE HEART

Registration now open!  
This event will sell out!

WOMEN'S RETREAT  
Thursday, 1/25 - Saturday, 1/27  
[stfrancisparish.net/register](http://stfrancisparish.net/register)

Brought to us by:  
JOHN PAUL II Healing Center  
Transformation in the Heart of the Church

### UNDONE: FREEDOM FOR THE FEMININE HEART

This retreat will be held right here at St. Francis, Thursday, 1/25-Saturday, 1/27/2024. The event is being offered in person OR virtually via livestream! Register online for either experience at [www.jpilhealingcenter.org](http://www.jpilhealingcenter.org). Scholarships, student, and missionary discounts available. Contact Heather Stasel at [hstasel@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:hstasel@stfrancisparish.net) for more information.



### LAST WEEK TO DONATE FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR

The Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund program allows Ohio taxpayers to donate to a K-12 Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) for that school to use for scholarships for tuition based on financial need. The donor then receives a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their Ohio state tax return up to \$750 (\$1,500 if married and filing jointly). This is in addition to a federal tax deduction you are always able to take.

All donations will be managed through the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund. Parishioners, family, and friends of St. Francis de Sales can donate and **directly designate St. Francis School as the recipient of their donation**. If you choose not to designate a school, the money will be used in a general fund for financial aid for diocesan students based on need. 100% of those funds will be available to our school the following tax year to be used for scholarships for our students.

**There are envelopes and flyers explaining more in the church vestibule**, or to contribute online simply go to: [www.emmausroadscholarship.org/gift](http://www.emmausroadscholarship.org/gift), or mail a check, made payable to Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund and mail to: Office of Catholic Schools, 197 East Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Please note on check that you would like your donation to go to St. Francis de Sales School in Newark.

You will receive a receipt directly from the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund for use in the preparation of your Ohio taxes that will allow you to receive the credit.



### A REMINDER TO ST. FRANCIS PARISHIONERS

We don't want you to miss out on any of the great faith opportunities at St. Francis de Sales! Please be sure to contact the Parish Office if any of your personal contact information, address, preferred phone and/or email, should change. **Also, are your adult children still registered with you?** If so, we urge them to provide their own contact details to us. Just call or stop by the Parish Office anytime!



Calling Couples & Singles  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**Dinner Bash**

**Sunday, 12/31**  
**7pm - 1am**

**\$45 per person | All Are Welcome**  
**Dinner | DJ & Dancing | Champagne Toast**

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



**DEADLINE 2/9/24 to submit how you would like your name to read and any logo/art and Sponsorship Level to Heather Stasel at [hstasel@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:hstasel@stfrancisparish.net).** Check to be made out to: St. Francis de Sales Parish with "Vanguard" in the memo. Please leave at Parish Office in an envelope labeled "attention Heather Stasel."

**Ash Wednesday Level – \$50**

- Your name/logo on prominent signage and on each table at every Fish Fry (small size).
- Your name on the slides at Mass and SFDS YouTube Channel throughout Lent (small size).
- Opportunity to share marketing materials at 1 Friday of your choice.

**Palm Sunday Level – \$100**

- Adult Beverage Sponsor.
- Your name/logo on prominent signage and on each table at every Fish Fry (small size).
- Your name on the slides at Mass and SFDS YouTube Channel throughout Lent (small size).
- Opportunity to share marketing materials at 1 Friday of your choice.

**Holy Thursday Level – \$250**

- Your name/logo on prominent signage and on each table at every Fish Fry (medium size).
- Your name on the slides at Mass and SFDS YouTube Channel throughout Lent (medium size).
- Opportunity to share marketing materials on two Fridays of your choice.
- 4 meal tickets and 8 beer tickets to a Friday of your choice.

**Good Friday Level – \$500**

- Your name/logo on prominent signage and on each table at every Fish Fry (large size).
- Your name on the slides at Mass and SFDS YouTube Channel throughout Lent (large size).
- Your name and logo on each table at every Fish Fry (large size and on the big screen).
- Opportunity to share marketing materials on 3 Fridays of your choice.
- 6 meal tickets and 12 beer tickets to 2 Fridays of your choice.

**Holy Saturday Level – \$1,000**

- Your name/logo on prominent signage and on each table at every Fish Fry (extra-large size).
- Your name on the slides at Mass and SFDS YouTube Channel throughout Lent (extra-large size).
- Opportunity to share marketing materials on 3 Fridays of your choice.
- 8 meal tickets and 16 beer tickets to 3 Fridays of your choice, no waiting in line, reserved table (schedule ahead of time with Sponsor Coordinator) with butler service.

**Easter Sunday Level – \$1,500**

- Your name/logo on prominent signage and on each table at every Fish Fry (extra-large size).
- Your name on the slides at Mass and SFDS YouTube Channel throughout Lent (extra-large size).
- Opportunity to share marketing materials every Friday.
- 8 meal tickets and 16 beer tickets every Friday, no waiting in line, reserved table (schedule ahead of time with Sponsor Coordinator) with butler service.

# PARISH NEWS

— GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN —  
A CONTINUATION OF THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Join our parish's **Music Ministry** for a special weekday Mass to continue the celebration of Christmas!

**WEDNESDAY, 12/27**  
**6:30pm**

**COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**this Wondrous Gift**

**Saturday, 2/17/24**  
**8am - 5pm**  
**OH Expo Center**

**Early Bird Pricing available through 12/31**

[www.columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com)

**Register Now with Early Bird Pricing:** Regular price tickets are \$50 and early bird pricing is \$45.

Just announced! The glove of St. Padre Pio will be displayed for veneration at this Conference in February.

## SNOW TEAMS NOW FORMING

We're bolstering 4-5 snow removal teams who assist in clearing sidewalks, the parking lots, and putting salt down for both weekends and weekdays following winter weather. Teams will be called into action on a rotating schedule. This is a great way to complete volunteer and service hours for Newark Catholic, School or Parish volunteer hours, etc. or just to give back to your parish community. Training and equipment will be provided. Very little hand shoveling is involved; we have various pieces of power equipment to handle the snow and ice. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Team Coordinator, Jeff Kieffer by email at [jeffwkieffer@gmail.com](mailto:jeffwkieffer@gmail.com) or at 614.329.1645.

**BE BOLD**  
Seek the Lost  
MEN'S RETREAT

**SATURDAY, 1/13**  
**8:30am - 3pm**  
with Speaker-Entertainer  
**Joe Melendrez**

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

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BOLD?** How exactly do we seek the lost? Join other men of our community and find out during this one-day retreat brought to you by our parish's Vanguard Men's Ministry and Faith Formation team! Joe Melendrez has forged a unique path to becoming one of America's most exciting Catholic performers. He has dedicated his life to sharing the Gospel in dynamic and relevant ways around the world and he wants to share with you a few tricks he's learned over the years to capture and leverage the power of the new evangelization to rescue souls for Christ, starting with yours! **Register now: [stfrancisparish.net/register](http://stfrancisparish.net/register).**

The 27th Annual **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

**Called to Be Saints**  
THE EUCHARIST: GO DEEPER

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

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

FEATURING:

John Edwards   Chris Stefanick   Fr. Burke Masters

[www.CatholicMensMinistry.com](http://www.CatholicMensMinistry.com)

**AN INVITATION**

## THIS IS YOUR CHANCE FOR TRANSFORMATION

Teens' time and attention spans are limited, and opportunities to nurture their faith are hard-won. That's why it's critical to make the most of every chance you have to help them draw closer to Christ.

At Steubenville Conferences, our mission is to facilitate a personal encounter with Jesus Christ for every teen. Each conference includes top-notch, faith-filled Catholic speakers, plenty of opportunities for the sacraments, and heart-stirring praise and worship. Then, we simply allow the Holy Spirit to do his work of converting and transforming hearts, setting them aflame with faith and love of God.

Summer 2024 will be here sooner than you think—and your teen's calendar will fill up just as quickly. In the midst of a busy summer schedule, you can help your teen prioritize a relationship with Christ.

Explore summer conference dates and locations and start planning today at [steubenvilleconferences.com](http://steubenvilleconferences.com).



## PARISH NEWS



*Local*  
**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE**  
**Wednesday, 7/17 - Sunday, 7/21/2024**  
 Lucas Oil Stadium  
 Indianapolis, IN  
[stfrancisparish.net/Revival](http://stfrancisparish.net/Revival)

Join fellow parishioners and 80,000 other faithful Catholics for the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024! Registration NOW will reserve your tickets to the actual Congress events with our group. Total cost for Congress tickets is \$310/person. Your \$100 deposit due at the time of registration is refundable until June 1, 2024. All other expenses: lodging, meals and travel are NOT included.

We are working to get a special hotel block and we'll provide you with a link to reserve a room once it is confirmed.

## 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 will join with our St. Francis *Respect Life Group* for the annual Gifts for Baby Jesus collections.

Watch for details in next week's bulletin as our list of requests may change slightly from past years.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SCHOOL COURTYARD BEAUTIFICATION

A huge thank you Steve Antritt and his crew at Antritt's Lawn Sensations for making our school courtyard area beautiful again, and to Tyler and Paige Hamilton for making this project possible financially. We are incredibly grateful and truly blessed to have such wonderful people in the St. Francis de Sales community!



### STUDENT RECOGNITION

The following students of St. Francis de Sales School were recognized after Mass on Friday, 12/15 for exemplifying the virtue of Cheerfulness! We are so proud of our students. Please keep them in your prayers.

K	Piper Goodwin	1A	Eric Lemmon
1B	Kolsen Wahl	2	Jaxson Jones
3	Waylon Dice	4	Wyatt Markham
5	Hudson Lavery	6	Charlee Gummer
7	Elliott Walther	8	Drake Urdarovski

## 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, 12/28, at 6pm. We will begin by praying the Rosary together in the church, followed by a business meeting. There will be no meal this evening.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### A NOTE FROM THE COLUMBUS DIOCESE

Over a year ago, a discussion began regarding a potential merger between the dioceses of Columbus and Steubenville. That discussion was tabled for a time. Fast forward to now, the Apostolic Nunciature has asked Bishop Fernandes and Bishop Bradley (Apostolic Administrator of Steubenville) to lead their respective diocesan leadership teams to coalesce data to be presented to the Holy Father, in order that he may discern a path forward.

Last week, leadership from both dioceses met to begin that work. The final decision will come from the Holy Father; however, at this time, no decision has been made. A joint statement between the dioceses of Columbus and Steubenville has been released publicly and can be found on the St. Francis Parish website. Please speak with our Parish priests if you have questions.

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