



Moving Forward Together

Insights, perspectives, and a proposal to the Marianist Provincial Office

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In collaboration with the members of our parish community

Our Parish Mission



A Catholic Church in the Marianist Tradition

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Parish is a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. Guided by our Creator and inspired by the Spirit, we strive to bring about God's kingdom within our faith community and throughout the world. We embrace this mission in Marianist tradition, through education, social justice & partnering with the poor, and nurturing our parish.

Our Four Pillars

The strategic foundation of our parish places priority on...

**Social Justice & Service
to the Poor through our
Community Service**



Our Marianist Tradition



Education



Nurturing our Parish





Our Marianist Tradition

- ▶ The Marianists began their association here in 1928 with the opening of Archbishop Purcell High School. In 1981 Purcell merged with Marian High School. The Marianists continued to serve as faculty and staff until 2015. The Marianist Province of USA continues to support Purcell Marian as a Marianist-sponsored school.
- ▶ Marianist Brothers have served in many positions at St. Francis de Sales parish since joining the parish in 1985
 - ▶ Currently there are four Marianist Brothers at our parish
 - ▶ Through the strong financial stewardship of Fr. Ed Jach, S.M. and Fr. Gene Contadino, S.M., the parish is now on solid financial footing
- ▶ We hold an annual Chaminade celebration for the parish.
 - ▶ This year it was held on Sunday, April 28 at Purcell Marian High School.



Our Marianist Tradition

- ▶ Marianist Brothers continue to support our parish, the school, and all of our community service programs
 - ▶ Fr. Gene teaches religion in school, Bro. Bob teaches music, others tutor
 - ▶ Bro. Giancarlo was the Director of the Mary Magdalen House
 - ▶ Bro. Bob Donovan is the Medical Director for the Cincinnati Center for Respite Care
- ▶ The Marianists had their hand in building the addition to the grade school and Mercy Neighborhood Ministries (MNM). The Marianists have encouraged the parish to support many ministries (Purcell Marian, St. Francis de Sales Grade School, MNM, HELP, Center for Respite Care).
- ▶ We believe we embody the Chaminade concept "from the cradle to the grave" with the collective church, grade school, parish, high school, community engagement, volunteer opportunities, spiritual retreats, and cemetery.



Education



Our Parish School

The mission of St. Francis de Sales Parish School is to provide every student with a Catholic, Marianist education. This will empower our students to enter society as respectful and responsible citizens possessing academic and social skills needed for success.

Education



Core Beliefs...

We Aim To:

- ▶ Educate for formation in faith
- ▶ Provide an integral, quality education
- ▶ Educate in family spirit
- ▶ Educate for service, justice, and peace
- ▶ Educate for adaptation and change

Education

- Marianist Involvement
 - Fr. Gene provides religious education to the school children
 - Brother Bob is Music Director of the school
 - Parish Brothers are involved in the parish school such as tutoring and school activities



2019 All-School Spring Concert



Education

- ▶ Marianist Interconnectness
 - ▶ Purcell Marian and Moeller High School students tutor our elementary students
 - ▶ University of Dayton students provide a science field trip for our elementary students
 - ▶ Joanne Browarsky, school principal, is a member of parish council and a Purcell Marian alumna



Community Service

“MARIANIST SPIRIT COMMITTEE “



Mary Magdalen House

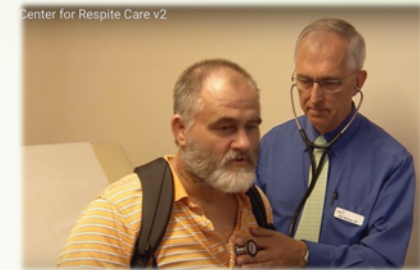


HELP Program

Our Social Justice and Service to the Poor is organized under a single umbrella which brings service & support to these six organizations

St. Francis de Sales
Elementary School

Purcell Marian
High School



Center for Respite Care



Mercy Neighborhood
Ministries



Community Service

Mary Magdalen House

- ▶ Provides services that maintain and help to restore human dignity for the homeless. Laundry, clothing, toiletries, showers provided for 1,704 brothers and sisters last year.
- ▶ Brother Giancarlo Bonutti, SM, has worked here for 28 years.
- ▶ Supported by our parishioners through volunteer support and financial contributions.



Community Service HELP PROGRAM

- ▶ This ministry, founded by Brother Mike Murphy S.M., is housed at our parish and provides hope and support, mentoring and job training, resulting in responsible, employable men and women transitioning from prison to the often harsh and unfriendly outside world.
- ▶ Members of the parish volunteer as mentors, who help with practical support, such as..
 - ▶ Setting goals
 - ▶ Budgeting money
 - ▶ Coping with stress
 - ▶ Advising on how to dress for an interview and secure employment
 - ▶ Assist in providing transportation to & from places of employment



Community Service

CENTER FOR RESPITE CARE

- A 24-hour facility providing medical and nursing care to sick, homeless people to promote effective healing and potentially break the cycle of homelessness.
- Brother Dr. Robert Donovan S.M., is the Center Physician for the care center
- Since its founding in 2003, the Center has provided over 1,700 people with medical care, a bed, three healthy meals a day, showers and laundry.
- Supported by our Parishioners through volunteers and financial contributions
- Last year, St. Francis de Sales was recognized as the "Volunteer of the Year" award by the Center for Respite Care



Community Service

MERCY NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

- ▶ Parish volunteers organize and support the monthly Senior Wellness Day, to help seniors shop in the choice food pantry and to drive them to and from their homes.
- ▶ Volunteers also serve as greeters at the main hospitality desk including answering the door, phone and directing visitors to the appropriate service.
- ▶ The Sisters of Mercy created Mercy Neighborhood Ministries (HOME program) with the Marianist Brothers' support in running the GED program
- ▶ Provides the HCAT program (Home Healthcare Aid Training)
- ▶ The Marianist Brothers have a strong influence in creating and sustaining this program

Nurturing Our Parish – Through Ministry



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

PARISH
RETREATS

CONTEMPLATIVE
PARISH PRAYER GROUP



FALL BIBLE STUDY



SACREMENTAL
PREPARATION

LENTEN
REFLECTIONS



Nurturing Our Parish – Through Ministry

Ministry Group	Primary Activity/Goals
Children's Religious Education	Faith formation in children up to 6 years of age, during Mass each Sunday.
Contemplative Parish Prayer Group	The Parish Prayer Group is an ecumenical meditation/contemplative prayer group that meets twice a week.
Sacramental Preparation	For school-age children preparing them for First Communion and Confirmation. The teacher of this program is a University of Dayton Alumna and graduate of Purcell Marian
Parish Retreats	Annual on-campus retreat as well as several off-campus retreats
Lenten Reflections	Wednesday evening mass and soup suppers and Friday Fish Fry
Fall Bible Study	Group of parishioners that meet over a 6 week period to review the Bible and to read the book, Jesus, by Fr. James Martin.

Nurturing Our Parish – Through Ministry



PARISH PICNIC



WEDDING HOSPITALITY



**CLASSICAL CONCERT SERIES
2018-2019 SEASON**

Fr. Eugene Cottalino, Executive Director
Stephan Kule Lee, Artistic Director



September 23rd, 2018
Indianapolis String Quartet



November 4th, 2018
Vassilis Varvaresos, Pianist



November 11th, 2018
Cincinnati Choral Society
and the Blue Ash/Montgomery
Symphony Orchestra:
Michael Chertock, Music Director



February 24th, 2019
Talent from CCM!



April 7th, 2019
Hitomi Koyama, Pianist

All concerts start at 4pm at St. Francis de Sales Church
1600 Madison Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45226
Donations are encouraged to support the artists.
For more information go to francis@four.com

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YOUNG ADULTS



PARISH CHOIR



Nurturing Our Parish – Through Ministry

Ministry Group	Primary Activity/Goals
Parish Picnic	Volunteers that plan and organize our annual August picnic celebration to prepare lunch and festivities for the community after the 11:00 AM Sunday mass.
Wedding Hospitality	A group of numerous volunteers coordinate the logistics of numerous weddings that take place in our parish over the course of the year.
Francis @ Four	We offer 4 or 5 music concerts per year that are open to the public to view the beauty of our church, interact with our community and enjoy the skillful talent of visiting professional musicians.
Young Adults	Our Young Adult Group builds the faith in adults ages 20 to 40, and becomes the face of the new generation of the Church through prayer, fellowship, and community service.
Parish Choir	Our choir has numerous active participants led by talented Music Director, Susan Schickel and our team of cantors recruited from the University of Cincinnati CCM.



Nurturing Our Parish – Through Ministry

- ▶ Through the generosity of our parishioners, our parish is financially sound with strong fiscal management by a Finance Committee that meets monthly
- ▶ We are able to financially contribute to the following:
 - ▶ Archdiocese of Cincinnati
 - ▶ Marianist Missions
 - ▶ Catholic Inner City Schools program
 - ▶ Our elementary school
 - ▶ And all four Community Service Organizations



Why Choose Us?

- ▶ All of the characteristics of a Marianist parish are fully embraced and actively in operation at our parish.
 - ▶ Our Marianist community supports the school, the parish, social service organizations, as well as Purcell Marian and the University of Dayton
- ▶ Each of the Brothers-in-residence has a ministry and a purpose on our campus. To lose them would be devastating to our schools, our parish, and the community we serve.
- ▶ Each year from 2016 through today, our collections are increasing an average of 7% per year.
- ▶ Defying national trends, our parish membership is increasing and the average age of our parishioners is getting younger as more young families join.
- ▶ We are a geographically diverse parish drawing from 43 zip codes in the Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Eastern Indiana tristate region



Why Choose Us?

- ▶ We are an urban, inner-city, financially strong parish serving the very population that is important to the Marianist charism and Ministry.
 - ▶ East Walnut Hills, our parish neighborhood, is under urban development and revitalization, bringing more potential parishioners to our doors.
 - ▶ St. Francis de Sales has a participant in all neighborhood community meetings of EWH
- ▶ Not only are we members of the community that we choose to serve but we are active partners, improving the vitality of the community and improving human lives
- ▶ We commit to the Provincial Administration to maintain a dialogue and communications through:
 - ▶ Church Bulletins
 - ▶ Parish Council minutes
 - ▶ Community Service report
 - ▶ Finance Committee reports
 - ▶ Invitations to special events
 - ▶ Invitation for regular face-to-face visits with Parish Council or anyone else of interest to the Provincial Administration

In Summary...



The Parish Council of St. Francis de Sales Parish respectfully requests the opportunity to stay a Marianist parish through the support and engagement of the Marianist Order.