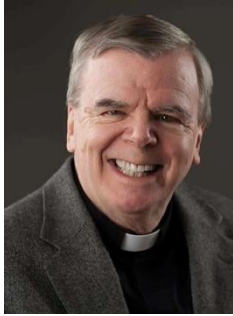


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Fr. Norm Douglas,

Pastor St. Vincent Church

speaking on

“Reflections on 9/11 – Then & Now”

September 4, 2026

Reverend Norm Douglas, a graduate of The University of Akron and St. Mary Seminary was ordained a Catholic priest for the diocese of Cleveland in 1974 and served 11 years as an associate pastor, 14 years as a pastor at St. Martha Parish. He cofounded and became Executive Director of Heart to Heart Communications and a part-time campus minister at the University of Akron, 1999-2016. He became pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in March 2016, where he currently serves. Father Norm serves on the Board and is involved in several religious services and programs at St. Vincent St. Mary High School and assists in a part-time way as chaplain of the varsity football team.

In 1997, Father Norm received the Charles Salem Humanitarian Award presented by the city of Akron Human and Community Relations Commission and in 2005 was one of the recipients of the University of Akron Outstanding Alumni Awards. In 2024 he was honored with the Bert Polsky Akron community award.

Father Norm and Attorney Larry Vuillemin in 1990 co-founded Heart to Heart Communications, whose mission was to serve as a community catalyst to foster personal, spiritual and leadership development as a foundation for enriching workplaces. They were recipients of the 2002 Distinguished Leadership Award presented by Leadership Akron, the 2014 Community Medal Award presented by the Salvation Army of Summit County, and the 2015 Friend of Young Leaders Award presented by Torchbearers. Together with Dr. Steve Hallam, former Dean of the University of Akron College of Business, Father Norm and Larry co-authored a book, *How in the World Do We Make a Difference?*

Description of the Presentation: 25 Year Remembrance of 9/11.

Father Norm spoke with and joined several surviving family members on the first and 10th anniversaries of 9/11 and this past July. Sharon Deitrick, who initiated an outreach to the families beginning in 2002 will join him and share briefly the student service-oriented ministry of the HALO Foundation.

The First Friday Club will meet September 4, 2026 at **Our Lady of Cedars, 507 South Cleveland Massillon Road, Fairlawn, OH 44333**. The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00

Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM.

Reservations can be made by calling 330-535-7668; by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, PO Box 13291, Fairlawn, OH 44334; or online at Facebook: firstfridayclubofgreaterakron or at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/first-friday-club-of-greater-akron-13412536107#events>