

# Father David Sizemore

Pastor, *Saint Francis de Sales Parish*

Trustee & Chair of the Pastors' Advisory Council, *The Catholic Foundation of Ohio*



Fr. David Sizemore has been a Catholic priest since 1996 in the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. He has been pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish in Newark, Ohio since July 2017.

Since joining the Saint Francis de Sales community, he has enjoyed:

- implementing the New Evangelization
- hiring 14 new mission-driven staff members
- helping the parish get out debt and deficit so they can start funding growth
- using Alpha to lead his parishioners into discipleship groups
- addressing multiple building maintenance issues and building for the future
- focusing on growing the parish school spiritually and academically and taking steps toward becoming a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Montessori school

Fr. Dave was pastor of St. John Neumann Parish starting in 2005. This parish was fast-growing and dynamic, burgeoning with many spiritual growth opportunities for children, teens, young adults, married couples & families, with a variety of adult faith formation programs and discipleship groups. He was also an adjunct chaplain at Ohio Dominican University for five years, and for five years was the Catholic Chaplain and Catholic Campus Minister at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Prior to becoming a pastor, Fr. Dave served as associate pastor in three other diocesan parishes, St. Brigid in Dublin, St. Joseph Cathedral, and St. Mary in Delaware, and a pastoral year at Resurrection.

He currently serves on a variety of diocesan boards and is a Trustee of The Catholic Foundation of Ohio and the Chair of the Pastors' Advisory Council. He holds four college degrees in philosophy, systematic theology, spiritual theology, and business administration.

Fr. Dave simply loves being a priest. He has a passion for God, praying with the Scriptures, studying theology, preaching and teaching the faith, pastoring, and being around people who want to grow closer to the Lord. He has a heart for bringing the un-churched & de-churched to Christ and re-evangelizing Catholics into disciples of Jesus. He exercises regularly by jogging, biking, rowing and lifting weights, enjoys cooking and laughing, and likes to spend his free time with his family, friends and parishioners.

Fr. Dave is grateful to God for the many blessing in his life, particularly the awesome St. Francis staff and the growing excitement in his parish.