

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 9

4:00pm Carole Sinar by Joseph & Barbara Funk

6:00pm Joan Nicolet by Friends

Sunday, April 10

8:30am SFX Living and Deceased members of both parishes

10:30 am SG Andy Marko by Norma & Family

Monday, April 11

8:00am SFX Deceased Eakin Fam. by Louis & Sandy Romano

Tuesday, April 12

9:00am SG Bob Biggins by Linda Moore & John Pore

Wednesday, April 13

8:00am SFX Nellie Mastroine by Ginny & George Liebermann

Thursday, April 14

9:00am SG Michael Canestraro by Tom & Eldy Lazaroff

Friday, April 15

9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, April 16

4:00pm John Pirolozzi by Rick & Theresa Andreski

6:00pm Bob Biggins by Marlene Biggins

Sunday, April 17

8:30am SFX Living and Deceased members of both parishes

10:30 am SG Healing & Peace of Maryanne Ziegler by Ed & Judy Libbey

### CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on Easter April 4, 2016

**St. Gabriel:** Adult \$2,472; Loose \$178; Cap. Improve. \$85; New Hall \$180; Good Friday \$2.

**St. Francis Xavier:** Adult \$2,267; Loose \$178; Bldg. Fund \$306; New Hall \$976; Good Friday \$10.

**PARISH SUPPORT:** Please make any Checks covering your Regular Church contributions payable to the parish in which you are formally registered. This will help us with our new bookkeeping system initiated by the Diocese and also enable us to give you an accurate statement at the end of the year for your accounting and tax preparations. The exception would be if you are making a donation to the New Church Hall Fund, which should be made payable to: St. Francis Church. Thanks.

**HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY FR. RICHARD TUTTLE.** Fr. Tuttle will celebrate his 40th anniversary of priesthood on May 1. He was at St. Francis from 1976-1978. If you would like to send him a card his address is 717 Glendora, Kissimmee, FL 34759.

## SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara

St. Joseph Care Center: Steve Marmo; Fran Montella

### ST. GABRIEL

At Home: Shirl Bonar; Patricia Burman, Ivette Martinez,

Eldercare: Mildred Rennier, Joe Casper (SFX)

Arbors (Great Trail) Nursing: Richard Lane, Doris Ferguson.

St. Luke Minerva: Stella Kiko; Mary Wadsworth

Woodlawn: Jerry Nicolet

### Prayer Chain for St. Gabriel and St. Francis:

For the prayer list for St. Francis, please call Dolores Hudson at 330-863-0273; For St. Gabriel, please call Darlene Mackey at 330-868-6639.

**FOR ILL & HOSPITALIZED:** Please call Parish Office as soon as one is hospitalized, to request home visits and Holy Communion, from either parish. The Eucharistic Ministers are not to make these arrangements. Whenever one is admitted to an area hospital, or nursing care facility please inform the Admissions Office you are Catholic and your Parish. Due to the Privacy of Information Act, hospitals no longer give out personal information.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Douglas Jeffery, Kevin Booth (Carrollton), Ronnie McClellan, Zachary Schoepfner and Rita Woodruff. Please make them feel welcome.



**VOCATION VIEWS:** Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" How do you show your love for Jesus in the way you live? (John 21:1-19)

**Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Quarter Auction** at St. Francis Xavier is scheduled for April 10, 2016. **ENTRANCE TICKETS NOW ON SALE:** There are a few entrance tickets still available. They are \$5 each and include 1 paddle. You may purchase more paddles for \$1 each at the door. There are just a few tickets still available and you may buy them at the door on a first come first serve basis.

Doors will open at 12:30pm on the day of the auction so that you may have a snack and look things over before the auction begins. If you have any further questions, please call Jan Prevot at 330-863-0789.

**SYMPATHY:** St. Gabriel and St. Francis parishioners offer our prayers and sympathy to Bonnie (Bill) Boyd and Family on the death of Bonnie's sister, Mary Gonzales of Aliquippa, PA this past week. May all of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



## "Come Together, Build Our Future, Leave a Legacy"

Help keep the momentum growing. Support The Pledge Drive Phase for a New "Parish Hall".

"Pledge Drive" Phase —Target Goal" **96.8% Reached!**

Will you help us get to the top?

Offerings as of 04/06/2016:

\$267,466.05 Pledges & Gifts

\$ 38,750.00 Brick and Window sponsorships

\$ 21,000.00 Block sponsorships

\$ 11,603.00 Memorial Donations.

\$338,819.05 [Note: Pledge Goal is \$350,000]



Dear Parishioners, Family Members, Visitors, and Friends: Please help our dream to become a reality!

As many of you are aware, the original quonset hut hall at St. Francis has served us well for over 65 years and has reached the stage of being beyond repair. The only viable solution is to replace the existing structure. For the past 15 years St. Francis and St. Gabriel have been served by one pastor. It makes great sense for our two parishes to work together for our future growth and development. We are anxiously awaiting the drawings from the architect in order to proceed with our plans for a new hall in 2016.

The Pledge Goal Phase is only one source of funding for our project. Part Two is the Savings which are earmarked in our "Building Fund" and, Part Three will require a Bank Loan to cover any unpaid pledges and any amount needed to complete our project. Please prayerfully consider ways in which you may be able to help make this project a reality: A Pledge, a One Time Gift, Use of the Monthly Envelope, Volunteering of time and talent with Fund raisers, Gifts in Kind, or a Memorial Gift. **Information sheets and pledge cards available in the narthex of church, or by calling Parish Office. KEEP THE MOMENTUM GROWING!**

**USING ONLY YOUR CELL PHONE? PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO UPDATE YOUR RECORDS.**

## MOMENTS OF MERCY:



Pope Francis began a new chapter in his ongoing catechetical reflections on mercy. He said, "I wish to reflect on God's mercy fulfilled in Jesus, who is mercy incarnate. In every moment of his earthly life, Jesus made mercy visible: meeting the crowds, announcing the Gospel, healing the sick, drawing close to the forgotten, pardoning sinners. He showed a love open to all, a love which was fulfilled on the cross. His mission of mercy began in humble surroundings at the Jordan, where he stood in line with sinners to be baptized by John. The Father confirmed this mission at Jesus' Baptism when he sent the Holy Spirit upon him and said: "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." (Mk 1:11). We can contemplate this mystery by gazing upon the cross, for there Jesus offered to the Father the sin of the world, our sins. From the cross, Jesus shows us that no one is excluded from God's merciful love: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). We should, therefore, never fear to acknowledge and confess our sins, for the sacrament of Reconciliation offers us the forgiveness which flows from the cross and which renews us in his grace. In this Jubilee Year, let us embrace the Gospel with greater vigor and be heralds of the Father's mercy and forgiveness.

## TEEN SPRING RETREAT -- FUS "SENT" TEAM

All teens of our parishes are invited to the spring retreat taking place this weekend, Sunday April 10th from 12noon - 4 pm at St Gabriel. Come early and eat at the K of C pancake breakfast; dinner is served at the end of the retreat. Because of the teen retreat there is **no PSR for 7th grade and up only this Sunday.** Hope to see you there. Invite a friend to attend with you!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** "Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" JOHN 21:17

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus by "feeding His sheep." Through prayer ask God how you should best use your time, talent and treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

## NECESSARY

Grace is necessary to salvation, free will is equally so; but grace in order to give salvation, free will in order to receive it. —St. Bernard

## JUST DO IT

Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. —Attributed to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

## 2016 DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN BEGINS.

As Bishop Monforton reminded us, "An effective way we share God's mercy with others is through the Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign." An *Advanced Gift Letter* and *Fact Sheet* has been mailed to all registered parishioners. Thanks to those who have already made a response. Because of others like **YOU** we will once again be able to exceed our target goals, with generous rebates being returned to the parishes. Please prayerfully consider how you might help us with the 2016 Campaign. Any gift will be appreciated. God Bless you! **God bless your generosity! God bless your love!** Fr. Victor Cinson

## MONSIGNOR MOLLOY SCHOLARSHIP:

The K of C Council #11380 is offering a scholarship up to \$1,000.00 to an eligible High School Senior. You are required to be a **practicing** Catholic member of **St. Gabriel or St. Francis Church or a Catholic High School**. You must be attending a Catholic Institution of Higher learning in the fall of 2016. You will find applications on the desk in the narthex of both churches. **Applications must be postmarked by Sunday, May 8, 2016.**

## PSR SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

**Sunday:** April 10th PSR *resumes with grades K through 6th grade.* (7th grade and up, Teen Retreat)

**Sunday:** April 17th & 24th - ALL PSR grades resume

Saturday April 30th, 9:30-11 am: First Communion Photos & Practice at St Gabriels

**Sunday:** May 1st (NO PSR) First Communion at 10:30 Mass, reception follows in church hall

**Sunday:** May 8th -(NO PSR) Mother's Day

**Sunday:** May 15th - last day of PSR with May Crowning ceremony

**BAKING DISHES:** Missing a baking dish? Check at St. Gabriel on top the coat rack. All baking dishes from the Fish Fry, or funeral dinners will be there.

## SALVATION ARMY OPERATION "STORKS NEST"

The Justice and Social Concerns Committee is assisting the Salvation Army in collecting disposable diapers, especially the larger sizes, for the needy of our area. Please consider donating either diapers or cash to help the Salvation Army. You may put the diapers in the coat room of either church, or use one of the envelopes in the narthex of the church for a monetary donation. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



**NEW MINISTER SCHEDULE:** The new Minister Schedule has been mailed. If you don't receive your copy, please call the church office. If you find that you have not been scheduled, please call the church office also. We are still working out some glitches in the program with the company who provided it. Thank you for your patience.

## BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY EVENING GROUP

The Thursday evening Bible Study group is studying the Gospel of St. John, meeting at 7-8:30 pm, in the Annex room at St. Gabriel. All are welcome, and bibles are available. Schedules for bible study are available in the narthex of each church.

**K OF C COUNCIL #11380** are selling Super Cash Bonanza Tickets. The money received will help support the PSR appreciation dinner, the First Communion sets, and any other projects that Fr. Cinson may need our support to promote the Catholic Faith in both parishes. The cost of each ticket is \$5 and the drawing will be held on Sat. may 21. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

## ST. GABRIEL CWC NEWS:

**SENIOR LUNCHEON** will be Wed. April 27 in the Annex meeting room. All senior from both St. Gabriel and St. Francis are welcome to attend. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the narthex of either church.

**NEXT MEETING** for the St. Gabriel CWC will be Wed. May 4 at NOON in the annex meeting room of St. Gabriel. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided and we will finalize details for the Mother/Daughter Dinner.

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER** will be held Wed. evening May 11 at 6pm in the church social hall. All ladies of both parishes are encouraged to attend. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the narthex of either church.

## ST FRANCIS CWC NEWS:

**NEXT MEETING:** First Tuesday of the month which is May 3. Rosary at 2pm and meeting at 2:30pm in narthex of St. Francis.

## DIOCESAN CWC NEWS:

**CWC CONVENTION** will be June 7 and 8th at the Holy Family Church. These will be MERCY—THE HEART OF IT ALL. Preconvention dinner is at Froehlich's Classic Corner.

## MOTHER OF HOPE CWC COOKBOOK

Our (CWC) units are collecting recipes for a "Mother of Hope Cookbook". *Mother of Hope Deanery CWC is our area of the Diocesan Catholic Women's Club.* Please submit your favorite family recipe. The recipe cannot be from an already published cookbook. It needs to be original. Please look through your recipes and choose one to send in. Details will be announced in future bulletins.

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## OFFICE HOURS:

9am – 5pm Monday - Thursday; 9am—2pm Friday

## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4:00pm at St. Francis

6:00pm at St. Gabriel

**Sunday:** 8:30am at St. Francis

10:30am at St. Gabriel

**Weekdays** 8:00am Mon. and Wed. at St. Francis

9:00am Tues. and Thurs. at St. Gabriel

9:00am Fri. St. Gabriel Communion Service

[See Weekday Schedule inside for changes & special days.]

## Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil (evening before) 7:00pm at St. Francis

Holy Day 9:00am and 7:00 pm at St. Gabriel

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 2:00 – 2:45pm St. Gabriel

3:15 – 3:45pm St. Francis

Other times by request. [Note: Confessions will be cancelled when there is a wedding at either church. Check weekly bulletin.]

## BAPTISMS

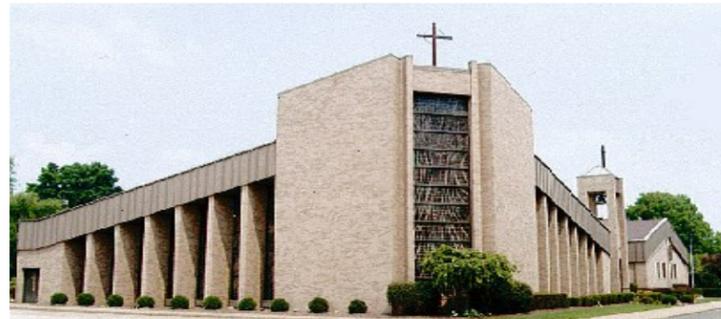
Parents are to call the Parish Office to arrange for a preparation meeting. The child need not yet be born to make these arrangements.

## MARRIAGES

Couples intending to marry **must** consult the pastor personally at least 6 months prior to the desired date. No date will be set until this meeting takes place.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE:

All items must be submitted to the Parish Office **in writing** by **12:00 Noon on Tuesday.**



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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS:

From the earliest centuries, we know that some Christian women desired to vow themselves to a celibate life to pray and serve. Some, but by no means everyone, wanted a kind of monastic life. Others wanted to stay in the family home. By the fourth century, the church was celebrating the "Consecration of Virgins," a rite performed by the bishop, and involving a "veiling" of the woman. It was looked upon as a form of marriage with Christ, partly because in the culture of the day a woman's status in society was linked to a man. The prayers and ritual for the consecration of virgins were exactly the same as the prayers and ritual for the consecration of a bride on her wedding day. The public character of the rite gave the bishop the opportunity to commend the virgin to the faithful, and to threaten with punishment anyone who tried to turn her from her commitment. Eventually, the rite fell into disuse for women living in the world, and was reserved for nuns. The Second Vatican Council directed that it be revived and restored, and in nearly every diocese, single women have embraced this form of consecrated life.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE:** We have a special ecclesiastically approved low-gluten(0.01%) host available for any with glucose intolerance (celiac disease). Please inform the ushers **before** Mass begins. Those receiving this special host should come forward in the line in which the priest is distributing the Eucharist.

## PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN. Items needed:

**April 9/10** Condiments, salad dressings, etc.

**April 16/17** Toiletries



*3rd Sunday of Easter April 10, 2016*