

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 30**  
**5:00pm SFX**— Caroline Balizet by Peschek Family

**Sunday, December 31— Feast of the Holy Family**  
**8:30am SFX**-Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes  
**10:30am SG**—Martha Zwick by M/M Carl McDaniel Family

**New Year's Eve (Sunday)**

**5:00pm SFX**—Thomas Bonacuse by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Schott

**New Year's Day**

**Monday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
**9:30am SG**—Special Intention

**Tuesday, January 2—Sts. Basil & Gregory**  
**9am SG**— **NO MASS TODAY**

**Wednesday, January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
**9am SFX**— Richard Scott by Mary Scott

**Thursday, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
**9 am SG**— Fr. Mario Tizziani by Lewis Family

**Friday, January 5—No Mass Today**

**Saturday, January 6**  
**5:00pm SFX**—Bill Dine Sr. by Pat Burwell

**Sunday, January 7**  
**8:30am SFX**-Tom Tuttle—Health by Joe & Dee Frank  
**10:30am SG**- Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes

### Weekly Contributions Weekend of December 23/24/25, 2023

The weekly collection is very important to the life of the parish. It demonstrates the faith of the people and is used to assess the viability of our parishes.

**St. Gabriel:** Adult \$1,675; Online giving \$1,416; Loose \$675; Christmas \$5085

**St. Francis Xavier:** Adult \$1,695; Online giving \$231.69; Loose \$843; PSR \$973; Christmas \$2355

**Good Shepherd Hall \$1,125.76**

**Please note:** The “On-line Giving” total (above) is the Adult Collection as well as any Other Donations made on our web-site. **Thank you for your generosity.**

### CHURCH SUPPORT

Thanks to all for your financial support to our parishes. You may **Mail** gifts to: **Parish Office, PO Box 275 Minerva, OH 44657**, use the **On-line Giving** (see front of bulletin for details), or place them in **Collection**.

### WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FOR December 23/24/25, 2023

Sat. 5pm (SFX)	93	Sun. 8:30am (SFX)	82
		Sun. 10:30am (SG)	70
Christmas Eve (SG) 4:00pm	245	Christmas Eve (SFX) 7:00pm	175
Christmas Day (SG)	130		

## SICK OF ST. FRANCIS & ST. GABRIEL

**Arbors Nursing** -400 Carolyn Court, Minerva, OH 44657:

Doris Ferguson, Sandra Romano

**St. Luke Minerva:** Bob Gorrell

**Centreville Village, Carrollton:** 1082 Kensington Rd, Carrollton:

Loretta Evans, Barb Laubacher, Gloria Willen

**Canterbury Villa, Alliance:** Ron Koniecko (Memory Unit)

**Inn at University Village, Massillon:** Nancy Schott, Dee Hudak

**St. Joseph Senior Living,** 2308 Reno Dr, Louisville, OH 44641, Rose Thrower

**Salem Hospital:** Don Bloor

**Home:** Cathy Barnhart, Julie Lane, Joe Churico

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

For the prayer list for St. Francis, please call Dolores Hudson at 330-863-0273.

### “MASS FOR SHUT-INS”

You may view on our Website: [stgabriel-stfrancis.org](http://stgabriel-stfrancis.org), or **St. Gabriel and St. Francis Church Facebook**. Watch as the event happens, or later on at your convenience. **9:00 am Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday. Sunday Mass: 10:30am**

### Minister Schedule: December 30/31, 2023

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
5:00pm (SFX)	Volunteer	B.Rossetti	B.Coen S.Coen
8:30am (SFX)	Volunteers	M.Larson	M.Hain P.Tucci J.Kandel
10:30am((SG)	C.Jurkiewicz T.Jurkiewicz	A.Burman	R.Roby L.Grim B.Pilati

### Minister Schedule: January 1, 2024

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
9:30am (SG)	Volunteer	N.Marko	B.Pilati L.Grim

### Minister Schedule: January 6/7, 2024

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
5:00 pm (SFX)	Levi McKarns Grant Thompson	S.Coen	G.Rhodes R.Schott
8:30 am (SFX)	Volunteers	K.Wackerly	PItucci J.Kandel M.Larson
10:30am (SG)	W.Wright A.Nastasi	C.Toussant	M.Ellis S.Roby D.Toussant

**VOCATION VIEWS:** Families need blessings of patience, forgiveness, gratefulness, and love. What will you do to show your love for you family? Ask for the grace to be holy. (Colossians 3: 12—21)

## “GOOD SHEPHERD HALL” ~A Catholic Community Center~



Our hall is a joint effort by and for both parishes located on the St. Francis campus. Thank you for Your continued Pledge payments, one time Gifts, new Pledges, and Memorial

Gifts. Thanks to all who are contributing towards the support of our facility.

**RENTAL:** Open to the general public for events and special occasions. Special rates regularly apply to **Registered and Active** members of either parish through your financial support in the building and maintenance of our facility. **Spread the news.**

**For Rental Information, Scheduling and Rates: Contact Parish Office at 330-868-4498, until our new Management Team is reorganized.**



### 2023 DIOCESAN PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN December 19, 2023 Report

**St. Gabriel**  
**St. Francis Xavier**

**GOAL:**  
**\$24,946**    **Gifts:**  
**\$38,002**  
**\$27,278**    **\$29,350**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED.** The **2023 Campaign ends on December 31st.** Donations postmarked on, or prior to December 31, will be applied to this year’s campaign. Donations received after this date will be applied to the 2024 appeal. To make a **year end Gift to your parish** use the pre-addressed DPSC envelope, or go online at **www.Give.DioSteub.org** **God Bless you.**



### PARISH CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY PARTY

Join us for our Epiphany Pot Luck meal at Good Shepherd Hall on **Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 1:00 PM.** The parish will provide a **meat dish and rolls, coffee, punch and table service.** Those who are

able are asked to **bring a side dish to share, or a dessert.** Sign up sheets will be available in the gathering space to help us in ordering food. Games and prizes for young and old alike. Mark your calendars. The Magi brought gifts to the Christ child. Share the gift of your presence with our parish community. All Invited.

### GOD BLESS YOU, EVERYONE!

“If you want to go fast, you walk alone. If you want to go far, you walk with others.” — African Proverb. Thank You to all who extended many kindnesses to me during the Christmas Season by your kind words, prayers, cards and gifts. It is humbling to begin my 20th year with you as pastor and friend. You continue to make my burdens light and my ministry a joy.

Thank You for your dedication to our parishes. It is by walking together that we will continue to do God’s work and help our parishes to remain viable and vibrant. God Bless you and yours. Fr. Vic



## PSR NEWS

Our students will be on Christmas break with no classes on Sundays, December 24 and 31. We will **resume our regular Sunday sessions on January 7,** (feast of the Epiphany), from 9 - 10:15 AM. We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God  
**New Year's Eve 5:00 pm at St. Francis, Malvern.**  
**New Year's Day 9:30 am at St. Gabriel, Minerva.**  
 [not a holy day of obligation this year (USA)]  
**Begin the New Year in Prayer.**



**RCIA**

### RCIA - RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

Have you been thinking about looking into what the Catholic Church teaches and believes? Have you been reflecting on your relationship with God and realizing that God is inviting you to something deeper? If these questions resonate with you, then possibly the RCIA process is for you. The RCIA is designed for adults who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian faith, or baptized Catholic but not raised in the faith. It is a life changing faith journey. If you are interested in, contact Linda Shaw at the Parish office 330.868.4498 or 330.495.6350 for more information.

### ST FRANCIS CWC NEWS

The next meeting of the St. Francis CWC will be **January 3, 2024** (Wednesday). The rosary will begin at **2:00pm.** Meeting will follow at **2:30pm** in the Narthex of the Church. Please Join us. All are welcome!

**SENIOR CENTER DINNER** January 4, 2024 (Thursday) At **5:00pm.** Menu: Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, and cake. For reservations call **Norma at (330) 771-2152** by 7:00pm the day before the dinner, or the **Senior Center at (330) 868-6004** by noon the day of the dinner.

### A PRAYER FOR PEACE

**O Jesus, Prince of Peace,** we pray to You for the ones who have been wounded in these acts of inhuman violence: children and young people, old people and innocent people accidentally involved in evil. Heal their bodies and hearts; console them with Your strength and, at the same time, take away any hatred and a desire for revenge.

**Holy Spirit Consoler,** visit the families of the victims of terrorism, families that suffer through no fault of their own. Wrap them in the mantle of Your divine mercy. Make them find again in You and in themselves the strength and courage to continue to be brothers and sisters for others, above all for immigrants, giving witness to Your love by their lives. — Pope Francis





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**2024 CHALKING THE DOORS**  
Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual for 2024 is simple. Take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home:

20 + C + M + B + 24

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi-Caspar, Malchior and Balthazar—who came to visit Jesus. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless this house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "24" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is a request for Christ to bless

this home and that He stay with those who dwell herein Throughout the entire year. The chalking for the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**  
Tom and Mary Shearer — In Memory of:  
Our Parents, Jim Boomer, Terrie Artzner.

**THANK YOU:** For your longstanding support of the Malvern Christian Care Center since it's inception in 1985. The financial assistance is greatly appreciated. It is your many committed volunteers who make the work of our Lord Jesus felt in our community. Blessings, Carol Scandridge, of the MCCC.

**St. Gabriel and St. Francis Xavier Parishes**  
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**ST. GABRIEL**  
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Malvern, OH 44644

**PASTOR:** Fr. Victor Cinson  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS:**  
Mrs. Betsy Cinson & Mrs. Suzanne Lawson  
**FAITH FORMATION/RCIA DIRECTOR:** Ms. Linda Shaw

**GOOD SHEPHERD HALL:**  
Rental Information, Scheduling and Rates, Contact Parish Office until further notice.

**SOCIAL HALL PHONE:** St. Gabriel 330-868-4610  
St. Francis 330-863-0760

**OFFICE HOURS:** Office/Rctory: 330-868-4498  
10am—4pm Monday—Thursday

**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE** Please check the inside for Holy Days and other information.  
**SATURDAY:** 5:00pm St. Francis  
**SUNDAY:** 8:30am St. Francis  
10:30am St. Gabriel

**WEEKDAYS:** 9:00am Mon and Wed. St. Francis  
9:00am Tues. and Thurs. St. Gabriel  
—See Schedule inside for changes and Special Days~

**CONFESSIONS - Saturday**  
St. Gabriel. 2:00-2:45pm  
St. Francis. 30 minutes prior to the 5 pm Mass as time allows

Other times by request. (Note: Confession will be canceled when there is a wedding/funeral at either church).

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

**MARRIAGES**  
Couples intending to marry need to contact the pastor personally 6 months prior to the desired date. This meeting is necessary to set the date and answer any questions.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
Please call the rectory when you are hospitalized, or would like to request the Anointing of the Sick.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** All items must be submitted to the parish office **in writing** by **12 NOON ON TUESDAY.**

**PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN— FOOD PANTRY**  
**December 31:** Condiments, Salad Dressings, Etc.  
**January 7:** Toiletries

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**  
St. Francis Xavier and St. Gabriel will have our **REGULAR Weekend Mass Schedule:**  
**Saturday, December 30 at 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, December 31 at 8:30 am St. Francis**  
**10:30 am St. Gabriel**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**  
**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**  
**SUNDAY ---- DECEMBER 31**  
**5:00 pm ST FRANCIS XAVIER**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**MONDAY-- JANUARY 1, 2024**  
**9:30 am ST GABRIEL**  
[note, not a holy day of obligation this year (USA)]

**BLESSING OF THE FAMILY**  
Almighty and eternal God, your fatherly tenderness never ceases to provide for our needs. We ask you to bestow on this family and this home the riches of your + blessing. With the gift of your grace sanctify those who live here, so that, faithful to your commandments, they will care for each other, enable this world by their lives, and reach the home you have prepared for them in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. After the prayer those gathered and the home may be sprinkled with holy water.

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