### **WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, February 10

5:00pm SFX- Gene Balizet by Peshek Family

**Sunday,** February 11– Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time 8:30am SFX—Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes 10:30am SG—Mary Jane Thurin by Louis Thurin Family

**Monday**, February 12

9:00am SFX—Mabel & Dan Bitzel by Mary Ann Coyne

**Tuesday**, February 13

9:00am SG—JoAnn Kohmann by Renew Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday **4:00pm SFX**—Earl & Gretchen Staley by Jane Phillips 7:00pm SG – Julie Lane by Larry Halmasy

**Thursday**, February 15

9:00am SG— John Littlejohn by Augie & Chris

Friday, February 16—No Mass Today

Saturday, February 17

5:00pm SFX—M. Lou Lenhart by Joanne Cinson

Sunday, February 18 First Sunday of Lent 8:30am SFX—Tom Tuttle—Health by Joe & Dee Frank 10:30am SG—Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes

### Weekly Contributions Weekend of February 4, 2024

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 \$3,117; Online giving \$880; Loose \$160; Church in Latin America \$50; Capital Improvement \$130: Church Eastern Europe \$10; Diocese Priest Retirement \$1,705.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$2,140; Online giving \$529.14; Loose \$301; Extra Ordinary Exp. \$100; Church Eastern Europe \$20; Propagation of Faith \$20; Diocese Priests Retirement \$625.

### Good Shepherd Hall \$240.

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 February 4, 2024**

Sat. 5pm (SFX)	90	Sun. 8:30am (SFX)	81
		Sun. 10:30am (SG)	115

### SICK OF ST. FRANCIS & ST. GABRIEL

Arbors Nursing -400 Carolyn Court, Minerva, OH 44657: Doris Ferguson, Sandra Romano, Henry Monte, and MarvAnn Corrin

St. Luke Minerva: Bob Gorrell

Centreville Village, Carrollton: 1082 Kensington Rd, Carrollton: Loretta Evans, Barb Laubacher.

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

Brookdale Bath: Janet Boyer. Brookdale Bath Senior Living, 101 N Cleveland—Massillon Rd. Room 223, Akron, OH 44333 *Home*: Cathy Barnhart, 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, 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: February 10/11, 2024

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
5:00p m (SFX)	Levi McKarns	T. Bille	S. Coen B. Coen
8:30am (SFX)	Volunteers	D. Thompson	R. Irwin M. Larson P. Tucci
10:30am (SG)	Ava Whiteleather Alice Whiteleather	D. Pilati	J Ellis V. Orem S. Roby

### Minister Schedule: February 17/18, 2024

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
5:00 pm (SFX)	Levi McKarns	T. Bille	R. Schott G. Rhodes
8:30 am (SFX)	Volunteers	K. Wackerly	J. Kandel M. Larson P. Tucci
10:30am (SG)	C. Jurkiewicz T. Jurkiewicz	B. Cinson	D. Cinson S. Roby D. Toussant



**ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 14 Mass and Distribution of Ashes:** St. Francis Xavier 4:00PM St. Gabriel 7:00PM

ST GABRIELCWC NEWS - The next meeting of the St. Gabriel CWC will be Feb.13, 2024 (Tuesday) 1:00pm in the Annex Meeting Rooms.

### "GOOD SHEPHERD HALL"

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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. Rental Information, Scheduling and Rates, Contact Kathy Pirolozzi (330) 705-1273 or Paula Tucci (330) 206-3657

### **DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETIREMENT PLAN**

Thank you to all who contributed to this special collection to benefit the retired priests of the Steubenville Diocese. Your continued generosity is a blessing and much appreciated. If you haven't had an opportunity to give, envelopes are available at both churches.

### LENTEN SMALL GROUP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

Have you lost a child (of any age) and would like to be connected with others who have been asked to carry this difficult cross? We are happy to encourage you to join a virtual small group through the Red Bird Ministry as they go through Red Bird's Lenten Journal: *I am Beloved, Not Broken*.

Join Red Bird Ministries as they journey through brokenness to the place of beloved-ness, commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent praying and fasting in the desert and carrying our own crosses as we walk with Christ through His crucifixion, burial, and Resurrection of Christ, Easter Sunday! Learn more and register at: https://www.redbird.love/lenten-stud The Journal is available in both print or digital form (Diocesan Family Life Office).

**LENTEN FISH FRYS.** The excitement is growing! *Lenten fish* dinners return to Good Shepherd Hall and St. Gabriel Hall. **St. Francis Fish Dinners** will be held on the six Fridays from February 16 thru March 22. 5-7PM. Take Out begins at 4:30PM. Adult \$13.00; Children \$7.00. Spaghetti \$10.00

St. Gabriel Fish Fry begins for five Fridays from February 23 thru March 22. 4:30-6:30PM. Adults \$12.00; Children \$5.00. Under 6 free. Rigatoni Adult \$7.00, Children \$4.00 Thanks to ALL who have volunteered. Helpers are still needed to assist in many areas. Please consider signing up on the *Volunteer Sheets.* Sales are cash only.

**DIOCESAN MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL** The Diocese of Steubenville is hosting its annual Men's Day of Renewal on Sat., March 9, at St. Stephen Church in Caldwell, Ohio. Doors open for registration at 8:00 AM. The day consists of a Holy Hour, two presentations, a penance service, lunch, and concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Bradley at 2:30 PM. The speaker this year is Dr. Alan Schreck, Professor Emeritus of Theology at Franciscan University. The theme is: Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit. You can register by using one of the registration forms on the bulletin table, or online at https://

# Pray + Fast + Give

### The Season of Lent

"Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom" during which Christians seek to rediscover God's call and

promise, Pope Francis wrote. "It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God." Through prayer, almsgiving and fasting, Christians experience "openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us," the pope wrote.

Pope Francis invited every Christian community to ask its members to "rethink their lifestyles" and to examine their role in society and the contribution they can make to its betterment. To aid us in during these 40 days of Lent the following materials are available in the narthex of both churches until supplies run out:

### **BOOKLETS AVAILABLE FOR REFLECTION**

K-2 "It's a Glorious Mystery" Grades 3-4-5-6-7 "We Have a Friend in Jesus" Grades 8-9 "40 Conversations With God" Grades 11--12 and Adult "Not By Bread Alone" and "The Word Among Us"

### **PSR LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

Our PSR students will be focusing on the journey of Jesus to Calvary. Each Sunday as part of their closing prayer in the Common Area they will act out live some of the Stations of the Cross at 10 AM. Parents and parishioners are invited to join them. On Sunday, March 24, (Palm Sunday), the students will gather in Church to sing before Mass as we begin our prayer together.



Wednesday evening at 7 PM alternating worship sites. Please join us for this Lenten journey with our Lord.

Wednesday, February 21 St. Gabriel Wednesday, February 28 St. Francis Xavier Wednesday, March 6, St. Gabriel Wednesday, March 13 St. Francis Xavier Wednesday, March 20 St. Gabriel

### BEST LENT EVER

Join Matthew Kelly for his daily video reflection. Go to dynamicCatholic.com and sign up for a daily email that will help keep the day focused on prayer and Lent. **BISHOP ROBERT BARRON** 

Join Bishop Barron for his daily video reflection. Go to WordonFire.com and sign up for a daily email that will help to focus on prayer throughout this Lenten season.



OPERATION RICE BOWL
Join our parish community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS (Catholic

Relief Services) Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your families Rice Bowl in the narthex of church. During the 40 days of Lent pick one day a week to eat a simple meal. Place your sacrificial donation in your Rice Bowl and turn it in on Holy Thursday. Connecting as one family we will help our brothers and sisters worldwide. Visit **crsricebowl.org** to learn more.





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FAST AND ABSTINANCE. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent are universal days of fast and abstinence. Abstinence: All Catholics 14 and older are to abstain from eating meat (no meat) on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: All Catholics 21-59 are to *limit the amount of food* they eat. Only one full meal, and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal, are eaten. The best rule of thumb is to make sure your *meals are smaller* than what you would eat on a normal day - and to avoid snacks. Exemption is allowed for pregnant women and those who need regular meals for medical reasons.

Reminder: Ash Wednesday, February 14th is also Valentines Day this year. We realize that it is a day for eating out and gatherings. Our church asks us to keep it as a day of abstinence, of not eating meat. Select a favorite seafood entre instead of a steak!

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE.

This service is always held at St. Francis for all of our area parishes. We will have a number of priests available for Confession. All Adults and Children are urged to experience God's healing and peace in this wonderful sacrament. Watch bulletin for time and date.

We are confident then that our chosen Lenten practices will help us to more deeply enter into the Triduum of Holy Week: Holy Thursday March 28, Good Friday March 29, Easter Vigil, Saturday March 30 and finally lead us to celebrate the great feast of Easter Sunday, March 31.

### **PASTOR**: Fr. Victor Cinson **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS:**

Mrs. Betsy Cinson & Mrs. Suzanne Lawson

FAITH FORMATION/RCIA DIRECTOR: Ms. Linda Shaw

### **GOOD SHEPHERD HALL:**

ST. GABRIEL

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

OFFICE HOURS: Office/Rectory: 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

**February 11:** Paper Products (Necessities) **February 18:** Hot Drink Mix, Coffee, Tea, ETC.

### PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT—DIOCESE OF STEUBENVILLE AND COLUMBUS

"Father of love and goodness, source of all wisdom and truth, thank you for the opportunity to consider the future of our diocese.

May we come to know your will in this process by listening with open hearts to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

May we discover the paths you would have us follow to serve faithfully your people here in central and southeastern Ohio.

Grant us the grace to recognize and follow the voice of your Son, the Good Shepherd and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Francis de Sales guide and accompany us in our discernment. With gratitude, we offer you this prayer, dear Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus, and in union with your Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen"

Note: Bishop Paul Bradley has asked us to offer this prayer daily as our diocese and the diocese of Columbus consider the future of our two diocese. Steubenville Register, 12/22/2023.

**VOCATION VIEWS:** God has done great things for you. Spread the good news. Consider a church vocation. (Mark 1:40-45)

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 11, 2024