WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27

5:00pm SFX— Louise Cinson by Cinson Family

Sunday, January 28-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time 8:30am SFX—Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes 10:30am SG—Angela Perkins by Carter Family

Monday, January 29

9:00am SFX—Vince Palleschi by Joe & Sue Chiurco

Tuesday, January 30

9:00am SG—Gina Pestian by Magnon Family

Wednesday, January 31-St. John Bosco, Priest **9:00am SFX**—Joann Takas by Mehalko Family

Thursday, February 1

9:00am SG— Mark McClain by Demko Family

Friday, February 2—No Mass Today

Saturday, February 3

5:00pm SFX—Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes

Sunday, February 4- Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time 8:30am SFX—Margaret Whittington by Carole & Dave Szink 10:30am SG—Aiden McNutt by PSR Staff & Students

Weekly Contributions Weekend of January 20/21, 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 \$2,222; Online giving \$1,505; Loose \$231; ; Church in Latin America \$40; Solemnity of Mary \$50; Christmas \$50.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$1,430; Online giving \$241.99; Loose

Good Shepherd Hall \$20 Bequest \$85.

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 January 20/21, 2024

| Sat. 5pm (SFX) | 57 | Sun. 8:30am (SFX) | 83 |
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| | | Sun. 10:30am (SG) | 105 |

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

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

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: January 27/28, 2024

| MASS TIME | SERVERS | LECTORS | EUCH. MIN |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 5:00p m (SFX) | Levi McKarns Grant Thompson | T. Bille | B. Coen S. Coen |
| 8:30am (SFX) | Volunteers | K. Wackerly | K. Pirolozzi M. Larson P. Tucci |
| 10:30am (SG) | A. Nastasi W. Wright | C. Toussant | D. Toussant S. Roby L. Grim |

Minister Schedule: February 3/4, 2024

| MASS TIME | SERVERS | LECTORS | EUCH. MIN |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm (SFX) | Levi McKarns Grant Thompson | B. Rossetti | R. Schott B. Coen |
| 8:30 am (SFX) | Volunteers | M. Larson | R. Irwin J. Kandel P. Tucci |
| 10:30am (SG) | M. Fescemyer X. Fescemyer | N. Marko | M. Ellis J. Ellis B. Pilati |

MINISTER SCHEDULE The next Ministry Schedule will be February 10, 2024—April 28, 2024. After the schedule is completed and

Ministers mailed it will be up to the individuals to find their replacement. If you need to find a replacement please call the office to let us know who the replacement will be. The new schedule will include an updated list of Ministers and their most current phone numbers. If you have changed your number please email or call the church office.

"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.



DIOCESAN PARISH SHARE 2023 FINAL REPORT

St. Francis Xavier Goal: \$27,278 Rebate: \$ 2,222 St. Gabriel Goal: \$24,946 Rebate: \$13,101

The diocese will be mailing contribution statements for all donors who contributed \$1,000+ and any donor who requests a statement. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETIREMENT PLAN



Firstly, Thank You for your generous response to last year's first Annual Collection for this purpose! It was a great start toward reaching a fully-funded status for the Plan. This collection is distinct from the collection for *Retired Religious* (in De-

cember), from which our diocesan priests derive no benefit. The diocesan *Priests' Retirement* collection will be taken up the weekend of February 3rd & 4th. Your continued generosity is a blessing and much appreciated. Envelopes are in your contribution packets and are also available in the church. [Please Note: The envelope was not included in St. Francis Xavier envelope packet. Extra Envelopes are available on bulletin tables.] Thank You!

SENIOR CENTER DINNER February 1, 2024 (Thursday) at **5:00pm**. Menu: Roast beef, mashed Potatoes and gravy, veggie salad, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST



Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 4, 2024 from 9:00am to 12:30pm at St. Gabriel. The breakfast menu will be pancakes, sausage, home fries, scrambled eggs and a drink. Adults \$7.00; chil-

dren ages 6-12 years are \$3.00 and ages 5 and under are free. Hope to see you there!

BLESSING OF THROATS The feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, is celebrated on February 3rd. In memory of this saint and the miracle worked in his name, we will bless throats at the end of Mass on the weekend of *February 3rd and 4th*.



If you, or someone you know, are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian faith, or maybe baptized Catholic but not raised in the faith, and you've been thinking about the

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult Church and wondering who we are

and what we believe, maybe God is inviting you to find out more. The RCIA process is designed for adults. We meet regularly with a sponsor and an RCIA Team to discuss a wide variety of topics including; Scripture, Prayer, the Sacraments, and teachings of Jesus. If you would like to know more, we invite you to call Linda Shaw at 330.868.4498 or 330.495.6350 to discuss this faith journey process. You are invited to "Come and see".

ST FRANCIS CWC NEWS - The next meeting of the St. Francis CWC will be Feb. 7, 2024 (Wednesday). The rosary will begin at 2:00pm. Meeting will follow at 2:30pm in the Narthex of the Church. All are welcome!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

You need more than water for a bath. Most family bathrooms contain an arsenal of soaps and emollients, lotions, shampoos, and conditioners to combat grime and honor the body. A bath without oil is still unthinkable. No wonder early Christians used lavish amounts of oil to "paint" the skin of people drawn dripping wet from the baptismal font on Easter. There were two oils used in baptism long ago. "Oil of exorcism" protected candidates from "evil spirits"; it strengthened their resolve and purified their purposes. The second oil, slathered over them after baptism's bath, "sealed" them, making them like Christ, the anointed one, the priest, the prophet, the king. Chrism has always had a powerful odor; rich resinous perfumes are stirred in before it is consecrated. As the newly baptized were embraced by new brothers and sisters in Christ, the scent permeated the hall of Eucharist, a sign of our connection to Christ and to one another.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Mrs. Betsy Cinson & Mrs. Suzanne Lawson

FAITH FORMATION/RCIA DIRECTOR: Ms. Linda Shaw

GOOD SHEPHERD HALL:

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

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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

January 28: Breakfast Bars & Cereal **February 4:** Canned Fruits & Vegetables

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.

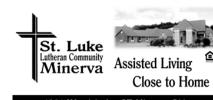
Grant us the grace to recognize and follow the voice of your Son, the Good Shepherd and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Francis de Sales guide and accompany us in our discernment. With gratitude, we offer you this prayer, dear Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus, and in union with your Holy Spirit, 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 chooses ordinary people to speak his message. Can you perceive the voice of God in those around you? If you hear God's voice, harden not your heart. (Deuteronomy 18: 15-20)

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms (gifts) within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



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