

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

Monday, January 8—The Baptism of the Lord
9:00am SFX—Tom Hudak by Phil & Diane Lopresto

Tuesday, January 9
9:00am SG— Kenneth Zwick by Family

Wednesday, January 10
9:00am SFX— Margaret Whittington by Carole & Dave Szink

Thursday, January 11
9:00am SG— Donald Perrin by Elaine & Jim Andreski

Friday, January 12—No Mass Today

Saturday, January 13
5:00pm SFX—Louis Alleva by Bernie & Barb Plisko

Sunday, January 14
8:30am SFX—Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes
10:30am SG—Ava Burman by Grandma Marko

Weekly Contributions Weekend of December 30/31, 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 \$1,972; Online giving \$330; Loose \$78; Christmas \$110;Capital Improvement \$120;Solemnity of Mary \$282

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$1,355; Online giving \$1,066.94; Loose \$466;Christmas \$110;Solemnity of Mary \$230

Good Shepherd Hall \$120

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 30/31, 2023

Sat. 5pm (SFX)	73	Sun. 8:30am (SFX)	97
Monday 9:30am New Years Day (SG)	35	Sun. 10:30am (SG)	65

SICK OF ST. FRANCIS & ST. GABRIEL

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

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, 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 6/7, 2024

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

Minister Schedule: January 13/14, 2024

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
5:00 pm (SFX)	Levi McKarns Grant Thompson	T.Bille	B.Coen S.Coen
8:30 am (SFX)	Volunteers	B.Rossetti	P.Tucci J.Kandel M.Larson
10:30am (SG)	M.Fescmyer X.Fescmyer	B.Cinson	L.Grim D.Cinson B.Pilati

VOCATION VIEWS: God’s glory continues to shine in our world do you need to carry the light of Christ? Consider being a light for the world as a Church minister. (Isaiah 60:1—6)



CHURCH SUPPORT FOR 2023 If you need a copy of your Church Support Statement for 2023, **please request one from the parish office.** Our staff would appreciate an advance notice. Thank you.

“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 — Year End Report

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED.

As a result of your generosity St. Gabriel should realize a rebate of \$13,056. St. Francis should receive a rebate of \$2,072. **God bless you! God bless your generosity! God bless your love!**



PARISH CHRISTMAS—EPIPHANY PARTY CANCELED

Our Epiphany Pot Luck scheduled for this Sunday, January 7th at Good Shepherd Hall has been canceled. The planning Committee felt that due to the high numbers of flu, colds and Covid in our area, a measure of caution would be in place. We appreciate all who worked so hard in planning this event. We will try to plan an event in the near future for our parishes. Thanks for your help and understanding.



ST. GABRIEL FISH FRY PLANNING MEETING

There will be a meeting at St. Gabriel’s Hall on Wednesday, **January 10, 2024 at 7:00pm** regarding the fish fry’s for Lent 2024. [Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024] Please consider volunteering. All are invited. Spread the word.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN [January 22, 2024]

God of Infinite Goodness, watch over expectant mothers as they await the birth of their child. Grant these women confidence and strength to dispel their anxiety and fear. Bless them with the courage and faith of Mary, always listening to your will and trusting in you loving care.



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!



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.

PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

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, December 22, 2023 Issue.

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS

When the song of the angel is stilled.
 When the star in the sky is gone.
 When the kings and princes are home.
 When the shepherds are back with their flock.
 The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, to heal the broken,
 to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
 to rebuild the nations, to bring peace
 among others, to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman, “Living God’s Justice: Reflections and Prayers.” St. Anthony Messenger Press. ©2006



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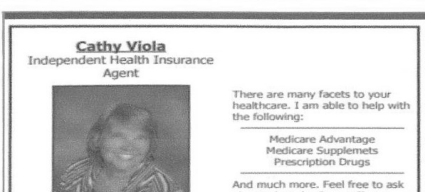
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Rental Information, Scheduling and Rates, Contact Kathy Pirolozzi (330) 705-1273 or Paula Tucci (330) 206-3657

SOCIAL HALL PHONE: St. Gabriel 330-868-4610
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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
January 7: Toiletries
January 14: Pasta & Fixins

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.



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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2024 EPIPHANY 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, Melchior 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.



Happy Epiphany

The Epiphany of The Lord— January 7, 2024