

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9
5:00pm SFX –Carol Gallina by Family

Sunday, March 10 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:30am SFX -Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes
10:30am SG -Elizabeth Calhoun by Mom & Bob

Monday, March 11
9:00am SFX –Joann Takacs by Dick & Barbara Carter

Tuesday, March 12
9:00am SG –Martha Zwick by Carilyn Michel

Wednesday, March 13
9:00pm SFX –Tom Hudak by Wanda Hughes

Thursday, March 14
9:00am SG –Donald Perrin by Lee & Linda Faa

Friday, March 15 -No Mass Today

Saturday, March 16
5:00pm SFX –Michael Monsman by Joanne Cinson

Sunday, March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30am SFX –Mike Hudak by Janine & Celena Hudak
10:30am SG –Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes

Weekly Contributions Weekend of March 3, 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 \$3,410; Online giving \$885; Loose \$112; Capital Improvement \$100; Easter Offering \$50; Easter Flowers \$300; Good Friday \$10; Catholic Relief Svcs \$140

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$3,010; Online giving \$581.99; Loose \$361; Extra Ord Exp \$80; Easter Flowers \$95; Catholic Relief Svcs \$20

Good Shepherd Hall \$300

Please note: The “On-line Giving” total (above) is the Adult Collection as well as any Other Donations made on our website. **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 25, 2024

Sat. 5pm (SFX)	93	Sun. 8:30am (SFX)	103
		Sun. 10:30am (SG)	105

Stations of the Cross 3/6/2024 Attendance : 20

SICK OF ST. FRANCIS & ST. GABRIEL

Arbors Nursing -400 Carolyn Court, Minerva, OH 44657:
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 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: March 9/10, 2024

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

Minister Schedule: March 16/17, 2024

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
5:00 pm (SFX)	Levi McKarns	S.Coen	K.Winter R.Schott
8:30 am (SFX)	Volunteers	K.Wackerly	P.Tucci M.Larson R.Irwin
10:30am (SG)	Ava Whiteleather Alice Whiteleather	P.Laubacher	J.Ellis M.Ellis S.Roby

VOCATION VIEWS: God loves the world so much and blesses us with the gift of his son, Jesus. How do you receive and share this gift of love? (John 3:14-33)



**“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**

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 **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 **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 to help at each church. Helpers are still needed to assist in many areas every week. Please consider signing up on the **Volunteer Sheets**.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a way to experience the gift of God's boundless mercy. Not only does it free us from our sins, but it also challenges us to offer the same compassion and forgiveness to those who have sinned against

us. Jesus entrusted the ministry of Reconciliation to the Church. In Confession, we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in His presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE.

Join us for our Lenten Penance service for all in our area parishes on **Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm**. There will be eight priests available to assist with confessions. Plan on making this a part of your Lenten preparation for Easter. Parents are also urged to assist their children in preparing for and celebrating this wonderful sacrament. **Go in Peace!**



Aids for Our Journey Through Lent

We mark these 40 days of Lent with the sign of ashes to remind us that this is a season of conversion, a season of change and growth, as we allow God the time and space that he will use to change our hearts. These are days where we are called to remember God's love and mercy in our lives. They are times of prayer and repentance, of reflection and penance. They are days where we try to be more attentive to the needs of others and ourselves. As both a season of action and a season to pause, the Church invites each of us to enter into a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that, as Pope Francis says, “we will experience openness and self emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down any attachments that imprison 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to come and pray with St. Mark as we join Jesus on the road to Calvary. We will gather on **Wednesday, March 13th, at 7 PM at St. Francis Xavier**. Please consider joining us as we focus on that Jesus did for each of us as he gave his life on the cross. It is quiet and reflective prayer time that generally takes less than an hour. It's a good experience for children, for teens and for adults. Come and see how this simple prayerful practice can deeply enrich your Lenten Journey.



THANK YOU. “How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?” Psalm 116:12.

Thank You to all who are offering a generous response to this year's campaign in the form of a gift/pledge. It is greatly appreciated. Please accept my sincerest thanks as your pastor in helping us to reach our target goal for 2024. Hopefully we will exceed our goal once again and in doing so will be able to meet our obligations to the diocese and use the rebate for improvements in our respective parish.

Thank you also for the other ways in which you support the church through your contribution of time, talent and regular church support. Your support is a sign of your deep faith and commitment in making our Catholic community “a light to all in the house.”

If you haven't had an opportunity to respond, please consider how you might make a generous response this year. Extra envelopes are in the pews and on the bulletin table in church. You may also give online by using the Diocesan web site. Thank you. There is no way in which any of us is able to repay the Lord for all the goodness which God offers us daily.



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FAST AND ABSTINANCE. All Fridays of Lent are universal days of fast and abstinence.

Abstinence: All Catholics 14 and older (no age limit) 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.

CANYON LANDS TOUR. Join Father Jim Dunfee and other members of St. Agnes Parish on a tour of the magnificent canyons and desert scenes of the American Southwest from September 12 to 20, 2024. See the breathtaking Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion and Arches National Parks, take a train ride through the Colorado Rocky Mountains and a boat cruise on Lake Powell, and much more. Cost: Only \$3,899 - double occupancy including roundtrip airfare from Pittsburgh! For a full-color brochure, please contact: Father James M. Dunfee, Pastor, St. Agnes Church, 204 St. Clair Avenue, Mingo Junction, Oh 43938. Telephone: 740-535-1491 or email: frjmd1984@stagnesmingo.org.

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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
March 10 : Toiletries
March 17 : Pasta & Fixins



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT
INCREASING DISASTERS,
INCREASING RESILIENCE

Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the World's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how—with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours—Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. **Return Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday.** Connecting as one family we will help our brothers and sisters worldwide. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred Shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**



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Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 10, 2024