

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Sunday, March 17 – *Fifth Sunday of Lent—St. Patrick’s Day***  
**8:30am SFX** -Mike Hudak by Janine & Celena Hudak  
**10:30am SG** -Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes

**Monday, March 18 –St. Cyril**  
**9:00am SFX** –Ralph DeChiara Sr.

**Tuesday, March 19 *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary***  
**9:00am SG** –Kenneth Zwick

**Wednesday, March 20**  
**9:00pm SFX** –Margaret Whittington, by Carole & Dave Szink

**Thursday, March 21**  
**9:00am SG** –Angela Perkins by Burris Family

**Friday, March 22 -No Mass Today**

**Saturday, March 23**  
**5:00pm SFX** –Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes

**Sunday, March 24 - *Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord***  
**8:30am SFX** –Bill Dine by Ila & June  
**10:30am SG** –Ava Else Burman by Aunt Judy Black

### 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 \$1,287; Online giving \$530; Loose \$99; Capital Improvement \$65; Easter Offering \$10; Easter Flowers \$130; Palm Sunday \$10; Catholic Relief Services \$50

**St. Francis Xavier:** Adult \$1,995; Online giving \$875.24; Loose \$253; Extra Ord Exp \$80; Easter Flowers \$475; Catholic Relief Svcs \$270; Good Friday \$55; Easter Offering \$110; Palm Sunday \$80; Lenten Offering \$20

**Good Shepherd Hall \$60**

**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 March 10, 2024

Sat. 5pm (SFX)	74	Sun. 8:30am (SFX)	88
		Sun. 10:30am (SG)	110

**Stations of the Cross 3/13/2024 Attendance : 17**

## SICK OF ST. FRANCIS & ST. GABRIEL

**Arbors Nursing** -400 Carolyn Court, Minerva, OH 44657:  
 Doris Ferguson, Sandra Romano, Henry Monte, and MaryAnn 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  
**Alliance Altercare:** Matt Martin (Memory Care Unit)  
**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](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: March 16/17, 2024

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
5:00pm (SFX)	Levi McKarns	S.Coen	K.Winter R.Schott
8:30am (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

### Minister Schedule: March 23/24, 2024

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
5:00 pm (SFX)	Levi McKarns	B.Rossetti S.Coen	B.Coen R.Schott
8:30 am (SFX)	Volunteers	M.Larson D.Thompson	R.Irwin K.Pirolozzi J.Kandel
10:30am (SG)	M.Fescemyer X.Fescemyer	N.Marko	B.Pitati L.Grim D.Toussant

**VOCATION VIEWS:** To be God’s servant, we must follow Jesus. Do you desire to see where Jesus lives? Serve the poor and marginalized. (John 12:20—33)

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

**LENTE 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.

**SEEKING DONATIONS of Embroidery Supplies** for an asylum that houses people with children waiting for sponsors, jobs, and a home.

- Cotton embroidery floss, all colors. • Cotton crochet thread, any color. •Tiny seed beads (glass or plastic) of any color.
- **NO** Acrylic thread or yarn, this **cannot** be used.
- Embroidery needles, various sizes. Crochet hooks and small scissors. Your past donations of supplies and/or money have been much appreciated! Donations may be left in the narthex of St. Francis, marked: **“Anita Tokos, Embroidery Supplies.”**



## PSR LENTE ACTIVITIES

Our PSR students are 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 the Gospel of St. Mark as we join Jesus on the road to Calvary. Our last Lenten service will be **Wednesday, March 20, at 7 PM at St. Gabriel.** Join us as we focus on what Jesus did for each of us as he gave his life on the cross.

Also, as part of the Triduum (**Holy Week**), plan to join us on **Friday, March 29, Good Friday**, for the Stations of the Cross with St. John, at **12 Noon at St. Francis Xavier** to mark Jesus’s passion and death on the cross on this holy day.



### LENTE PENANCE SERVICE.

Join us for our Area wide Lenten Penance service (Confessions) on **Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm.** There will hopefully be eight priests available to assist us. 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!**

### ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS TIMES

**Saturday, March 23rd** from 2-3 pm

**Monday, March 25th** at **\*St. Francis from 4-5pm** and at **\*St. Gabriel from 7-8pm.**

(\*=times apply until all have had an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament). **Note:** there will **not** be any confessions scheduled for Saturday, March 30th.

### CONGRATULATIONS MALVERN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

Congratulations To Coach Denny Tucci and Team (27-0) on their success in the Division III Ohio Basketball tournaments and advancing to the Elite 8! We wish them luck as they play this Saturday at 1pm.

### MALVERN CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER

There will be **NO** Malvern Christian Care Center collections after Mass for the Easter Weekend, March 30th & 31st. Donations may still be received by placing an envelope marked **“Christian Care Center”** in the Collection. Thank you for your generosity!

**YARD WORK HELPERS NEEDED—St. Gabriel’s Confirmation Candidates, High School and Adult** helpers are needed on **Thursday, March 28th** at 9AM to help **spread mulch.** Thanks to Matt Kiko and crew who have been cleaning Billy’s Way and the parish grounds. Many hands make light work as we prepare the garden and grounds for the Holy Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday. All who are able are asked to give us a hand. Thanks.



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**FAST AND ABSTINANCE.** 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**.

**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!**

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

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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 17 : Pasta & Fixins**  
**March 24 : Flour, Sugar & Shortening**

**FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**  
**EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST**  
**BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER**


Reflect on your Lenten journey this far; What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Please plan to **bring your Rice Bowl boxes/or envelope to Mass on Holy Thursday**. Visit [crsicebowl.org](http://crsicebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.



**PALM SUNDAY. March 24, 2024.**  
Holy Week begins with the Blessing and Distribution of Palm branches at all weekend liturgies. Mass and Blessing of Palms, and Reading of Our Lord's Passion:

**St. Francis, Malvern on Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 8:30 AM.**  
**St. Gabriel, Minerva on Sunday at 10:30 AM**

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
Please make sure you take the special insert: **"HOLY WEEK CALENDAR"** with you today as a reminder of the dates and times for the holiest celebrations of the Church Year.



**CHRISM MASS—BLESSING OF THE HOLY OILS**  
Bishop Paul Bradley will celebrate the Chrism Mass this year at **St. Mary's Basilica**, 506 Fourth Street, **Marietta on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 2:00 PM** for all the faithful of the diocese. At this mass the holy oils of Catechumens, Chrism, and Oil of the Sick will be blessed by the bishop. The Mass is a sign of unity and communion of the priests with their bishop. The priests will renew their promises which were made on the day of their ordination. The oils will then be brought to the individual parishes for use during the coming year (*baptism, confirmation, and the sick*).

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY, March 17, 2024**



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