

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 2
5:00pm SFX –Amy Robertson by Family

Sunday, March 3- *Third Sunday of Lent*
8:30am SFX -Care & Comfort of Ron Koniecko
10:30am SG -Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes

Monday, March 4-*St. Casimir*
9:00am SFX –Dominic Cinson by Family

Tuesday, March 5
9:00am SG –Victor Cinson, Sr. by Family

Wednesday, March 6
9:00pm SFX –James Castellucci Sr. by Jim & Betty Castellucci

Thursday, March 7– *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*
9:00am SG –David Lay by John & Rita Batcho

Friday, March 8 -No Mass Today

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

Weekly Contributions Weekend of February 25, 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 \$1,851; Online giving \$230; Loose \$190; Capital Improvement \$150; Church Eastern Europe \$65; Diocese Priest Retirement \$105; Easter Flowers \$60.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$1,550; Online giving \$216.24; Loose \$339; Extra Ord Exp \$20; Easter Offer \$130; Easter Flowers \$75.

Good Shepherd Hall \$140

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 25, 2024

Sat. 5pm (SFX)	69	Sun. 8:30am (SFX)	107
		Sun. 10:30am (SG)	120

Stations of the Cross 2/21/24 Attendance :

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
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 2/3, 2024

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
5:00pm (SFX)	Levi McKarns	T.Bille	R.Schott K.Winter
8:30am (SFX)	Volunteers	M.Larson	J.Kandel R.Irwin P.Tucci
10:30am (SG)	M. Fescemyer X. Fescemyer	L.Michel	V.Orem S.Roby D.Toussant

Minister Schedule: March 9/10, 2024

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
5:00 pm (SFX)	Levi McKarns	B.Rossetti	B.Coen S.Coen
8:30 am (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

VOCATION VIEWS: God’s commandants lead us on the path to life. What path will you choose to walk? Pray for wisdom (Exodus 20:1-17)

SENIOR CENTER DINNER March 7th (Thursday) at **5:00pm**. Menu: Gourmet pork chops, roasted red potatoes, tossed salad and cherry crisp. 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.

**“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.**



Today, Saturday, March 2, after the 5 PM Mass at St. Francis Church, there will be a **short instruction on the use of the AED Device** (Automated External Defibrillator),

which is used to aid a person experiencing cardiac arrest. We now have this device located in the Gathering Spaces at both worship sites as well as in Good Shepherd Hall. We thank our instructor, Valerie Sponseller, RN (a parishioner) who is educating us as to how to use the AED device which could possibly save someone’s life. You are encouraged to take a few minutes and join us for this important instruction.

ST FRANCIS CWC NEWS - The next meeting of the St. Francis CWC will be **March 6, 2024** (Wednesday). The rosary will begin at **2:00pm**. Meeting will follow at **2:30pm** in the Narthex of the Church. Anyone wishing to go to The Lenten Day of Spirituality at The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta on **March 16th** can sign up in the Narthex of St. Francis. The information is on the table with the bulletins. Registration should be turned in by **March 4th**. If we have a few ladies wanting to attend, we could carpool. When you sign up, leave your phone number and the CWC will contact you. All are welcome!



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.”

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.



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 evenings at 7 PM alternating worship sites. Please consider joining us for this Lenten practice that helps us to focus on what Jesus did for each of us as he gave his life on the cross. It is a 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.

Wednesday, March 6, St. Gabriel
Wednesday, March 13 St. Francis Xavier

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. At the end of Lent, on **Holy Thursday**, bring your Rice Bowl to church. Connecting as one family we will help our brothers and sisters worldwide. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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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
March 03 : Condiments, Salad Dressings, Etc.
March 10 : Toiletries



THIRD WEEK OF LENT
RAISING CHICKENS TO SUPPORT HER FAMILY

Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enable Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community.
Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

2024 DIOCESAN PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN (DPSC)

Today is pledge weekend/Sunday for the DPSC, and the time when we ask all parishioners to make a financial commitment to your parish.

As your Pastor, I want to thank all of you who have given so generously in the past, or who have already responded to the letter you received in the mail from Bishop Bradley. I can assure you that your gifts and your prayers are deeply appreciated.

The theme for the 2024 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign is **"One Body in Christ."** We are called to share in the mission of the Church and proclaim Christ through our words and actions to all we encounter. As Bishop Bradley wrote, **"This is rarely and easy feat, and there are times when many may feel discouraged or overwhelmed, but our hope and our strength come from Jesus Christ who remains with us in the Holy Eucharist"**



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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.

DIOCESAN MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL The annual Men's Day of Renewal is Sat., March 9, 2024 at St. Stephen Church in Caldwell, Ohio. 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.. You can register by using one of the registration forms on the bulletin table, or online at: <https://athenscatholic.org/steubenville-mens-day>

Third Sunday of Lent - March 3, 2024