

EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

As Pope Francis has reminded us, our celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the solemn Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are powerful moments that allow us to enter more fully the great mystery of our faith: the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our celebration of Easter 2016 speaks of mercy, because it makes God's love visible in each one of our lives. How much our whole world is in need of this love and mercy. Violence, hatred, racism, terrorism surrounds us. It is only the love, mercy, patience and forgiveness offered by true disciples, followers of Jesus, that this terrible evil may be confronted.

As pastor, I am indebted to the faithful members of both parishes in assisting me in announcing the Good News of salvation to all who worship with us and are touched by our parish ministries. Please keep me in your prayers that God will continue to give me the strength to be a "strong, loving and wise" pastor. Happy Easter!

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: The Thursday evening Bible Study will not meet on Thursday, March 31 for Easter Break. It will resume on Thursday, April 7 in the annex meeting rooms of St. Gabriel. All from both St. Gabriel and St. Francis are encouraged to attend.

MONSIGNOR MOLLOY SCHOLARSHIP: The K of C Council #11380 is offering a scholarship up to \$1,000.00 to an eligible High School Senior. You are required to be a **practicing** Catholic member of St. Gabriel or St. Francis Church or a Catholic High School. You must be attending a Catholic Institution of Higher learning in the fall of 2016. You will find applications on the desk in the narthex of both churches. [Applications must be postmarked by Sunday, May 8, 2016.](#)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: K of C Council #11380 is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at St. Gabriel Church Hall from 9am-12:30pm. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, home fries, scrambled eggs and beverage. \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6-12 and ages 5 and under free. Come and share a delicious breakfast with your family and friends. Looking forward to seeing you there!

EASTER FLOWERS & DECORATIONS If you missed the deadline for the flower donations to be printed in the Easter bulletin, don't despair! You can still send them and they will be printed in the next bulletin.

MINISTER SCHEDULE: The new minister schedule will be from [April 16 thru May 31](#). Please have your exceptions in as soon as possible. They will be mailed out the week of April 4th.

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

At Home: Gary Kovacik

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara

St. Joseph Care Center: Steve Marmo; Fran Montella

ST. GABRIEL

At Home: Shirl Bonar; Patricia Burman, Ivette Martinez,

Eldercare: Mildred Rennier, Joe Casper (SFX)

Arbors (Great Trail) Nursing : Richard Lane, Doris Ferguson.

St. Luke Minerva: Stella Kiko; Mary Wadsworth

Prayer Chain for St. Gabriel and St. Francis:

For the prayer list for St. Francis, please call Dolores Hudson at 330-863-0273; For St. Gabriel, please call Darlene Mackey at 330-868-6639.

FOR ILL & HOSPITALIZED: Please call Parish Office as soon as one is hospitalized, to request home visits and Holy Communion, from either parish. The Eucharistic Ministers are not to make these arrangements. Whenever one is admitted to an area hospital, or nursing care facility please inform the Admissions Office you are Catholic and your Parish. Due to the *Privacy of Information Act*, hospitals no longer give out personal information.

CHURCH SUPPORT:

*May God bless you for your generosity
to our parishes on March 19/20 2016*

Thank you! Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,733; Loose \$92; Cap. Improv: \$20; Flowers \$250; New Hall \$155.76.

St. Francis: Adult \$1,928; Loose \$176; New Hall \$420; Flowers \$165.

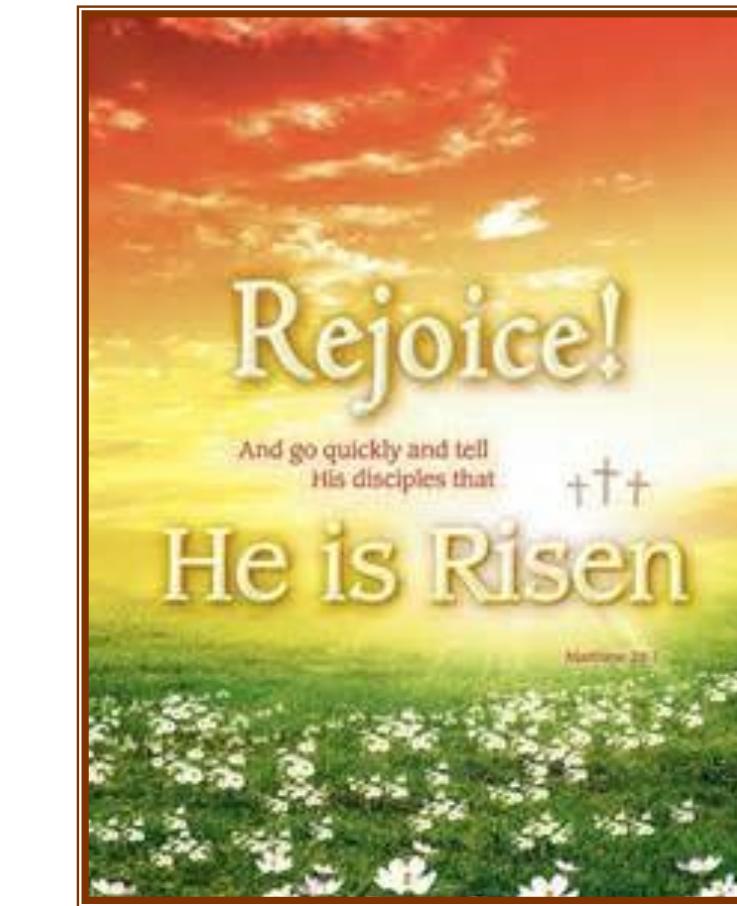
ST FRANCIS CWC RAFFLE: Congratulations to Don Begue who was the winner of the Hand Crocheted Tablecloth donated by Betty Castellucci raffled off at the last Fish Fry at St. Francis.

A KNIGHT TO REMEMBER: April 9 at 6pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Campus, 2121 Reno Drive, Louisville. Ticket \$75 each or \$150 per couple. Questions, call Jacci Adams at 330-704-5277.

RICE BOWLS: Please return your rice bowl boxes, or monetary/check offering, in the regular collection. If able, please exchange coins for cash. This will greatly help us in counting the money.

CARROLL COUNTY CAREGIVER LUNCHEON:

Wed. April 13 at Atwood Yacht Club 2637 Lodge Rd. Sherrodsburg. Unpaid caregivers of Carroll County are invited to join us for a complimentary appreciation luncheon. to register contact Laurel at 800-945-4250 ext. 4719 by April 6.



*Fr. Cinson and the parishioners of
St. Gabriel the Archangel, Minerva
and
St. Francis Xavier, Malvern
Wish you a Joyous & Blessed Easter*

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OFFICE HOURS:

9am – 5pm Monday - Thursday; 9am—2pm Friday

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm at St. Francis
6:00pm at St. Gabriel

Sunday: 8:30am at St. Francis
10:30am at St. Gabriel

Weekdays 8:00am Mon. and Wed. at St. Francis
9:00am Tues. and Thurs. at St. Gabriel
9:00am Fri. St. Gabriel Communion Service

[See Weekday Schedule inside for changes & special days.]

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Vigil (evening before) 7:00pm at St. Francis
Holy Day 9:00am and 7:00 pm at St. Gabriel

CONFESIONS

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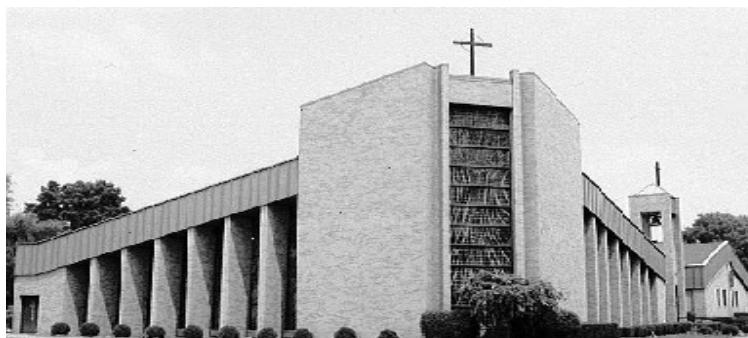
Other times by request. [Note: Confessions will be cancelled when there is a wedding at either church. Check weekly bulletin.]

BAPTISMS

Parents are to call the Parish Office to arrange for a preparation meeting. The child need not yet be born to make these arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Couples intending to marry must consult the pastor personally at least 6 months prior to the desired date. No date will be set until this meeting takes place.



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Fifty years or so ago, it was popular to teach that every Sunday is a “Little Easter.” Today, after several decades of intense liturgical reform, it is more proper to think of today as a “Big Sunday.” On every Sunday of the year, the Church is obliged to assemble, keeping the day holy. In most places, we hardly attain the goal of gathering all who are in Christ by baptism. Look around today and see what a Big Sunday looks like!

Our tradition speaks of remembering, *anamnesis*, as the antidote to “amnesia,” the tragic forgetting of who God is and who we are as God’s most beloved creation. On this Easter day, we are at our very best. We remember who God is, and we remember who we are in God’s eyes: beloved sons and daughters, reborn to eternal life in baptismal waters. We rekindle our candles and reclaim our baptismal promises. As a “Big Sunday,” today also reflects the character of festivity and leisure that should mark every Lord’s Day. We wear “Sunday best” today, and we may take some time, especially in the northern states, to stroll through a budding garden. It is truly a “Big Sunday,” and how different our lives would be if we took its values and traditions forward into all the Sundays of our lives.

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VOCATION VIEWS: What stones are being moved away so you can be a minister of the Gospel? Who would you invite to consider being a sister, brother, priest, or deacon? Spread the good news: “Jesus is risen!”

(John 20:1-9)

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN. Items needed:

March 26/27 Soaps & Washing Products

April 2/3 Condiments, Salad Dressings, etc

Please place items in shopping cart in St. Gabriel Hallway, and the marked boxes in the St. Francis coatroom.



EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016



“Come Together, Build Our Future, Leave a Legacy”

*Help keep the momentum growing. Support
The Pledge Drive Phase for a New “Parish Hall”.
“Pledge Drive” Phase —Target Goal” **96.4%**
Reached!*

Will you help us get to the top?

Offerings as of 03/21/2016:

\$266,881.05 Pledges & Gifts
\$ 38,750.00 Brick and Window sponsorships
\$ 21,000.00 Block sponsorships
\$ 11,603.00 Memorial Donations.
\$338,234.05 [Note: Pledge Goal is \$350,000]



Dear Parishioners, Family Members, Visitors, and Friends: Please help our dream to become a reality! As many of you are aware, the original quonset hut hall at St. Francis has served us well for over 65 years and has reached the stage of being beyond repair.

The only viable solution is to replace the existing structure. For the past 15 years St. Francis and St. Gabriel have been served by one pastor. It makes great sense for our two parishes to work together for our future growth and development. We are anxiously awaiting the drawings from the architect in

order to proceed with our plans for a new hall in 2016.

The **Pledge Goal Phase** is only **one source** of funding for our project. **Part Two** is the **Savings** which are earmarked in our “Building Fund” and, **Part Three** will require a **Bank Loan** to cover any unpaid pledges and any amount needed to complete our project. Please prayerfully consider ways in which you may be able to help make this project a reality: A Pledge, a One Time Gift, Use of the Monthly Envelope, Volunteering of time and talent with Fund raisers, Gifts in Kind, or a Memorial Gift. **Information sheets and pledge cards available in the narthex of church, or by calling Parish Office. KEEP THE MOMENTUM**



ST FRANCIS CWC QUARTER AUCTION:

Thank you for the great array of creative theme baskets for our Quarter Auction. Any baskets yet to be dropped off at the church this week can be put in the coat room. Please remember to list the items included plus an estimated value of your basket.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 26—Easter Vigil

8:00pm Living and Deceased members of both parishes

Sunday, March 27—Easter Sunday

8:30 am SFX Margarita Thiesen by June Martin

10:30 am SG Roseann Morrison by St. Thomas Lady Knights

Monday, March 28

8:00am SFX Dick Contini by Doris Eltrich

Tuesday, March 29

9:00am SG Donald Bonar by Mom & Family

Wednesday, March 30

8:00am SFX Emilio Castellucci by Family

Thursday, March 31

9:00am SG Sick & Homebound by Eucharistic Ministers

Friday, April 1

9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, April 2

4:00pm Jim Strabley by Bev

6:00pm JoAnn Bennett by AJ, Ilia & Dierks Bernstine

Sunday, April 3

8:30am SFX Living and Deceased members of both parishes

10:30 am SG Frank Rybka by Pete & Denise Laubacher

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: *“He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (Acts 10:38)* On this Easter Sunday, allow Jesus to fill your mind, body and soul. Pray for guidance on how to live your life, open your heart to those in need and give thanks to God for all that He has given you.

RCIA SESSIONS. Please join us in welcoming the newest members of our parish family: **Deborah Carroll Berecek, Douglas Jeffery, Kevin Booth, Ronnie McClellan, Zachary Schoepfner and Rita Woodruff.** These adults were baptized and made their Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil. Our session will not meet this week. We will resume on Monday, April, 4th.



SYMPATHY: St. Francis and St. Gabriel offer our prayers of sympathy to Jane Phillips and family on the death of husband, father, grandfather Gary Phillips. Gary was a faithful member of our parish and will be greatly missed. May all of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

QUARTER AUCTION TICKETS ON SALE NOW: You may purchase tickets after any Mass at St. Francis or by calling Jan Prevot t 330-863-0789. They are \$5 each and include 1 paddle. You may buy more paddles for \$1 each at the door. Watch next week's bulletin for more information.