

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 6
4:00pm SFX Fr. Dominic Orsini
6:00pm SG Ted Moeglin by Helen Garafalo

Sunday, February 7—5th Sunday Ordinary Time
8:30 am SFX Living & Deceased of Both Parishes
10:30 am SG Ruth Pilati by Ann Marie Hank

Monday, February 8—Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josphine Bakhita
8:00am SFX George & Isabelle Burkhardt by Family

Tuesday, February 9
9:00am SG Mary Petros by Ben Davis

Wednesday, February 10—ASH WEDNESDAY
8:00am SFX Steve Mohr by The Blocher Family
5:00pm SFX Living & Deceased of Both Parishes
7:00pm SG David Casper by Gregory & Helen Casper

Thursday, February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes
9:00am SG Bev Zeidrich by Annie, Kathy & Joey

Friday, February 12
9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, February 13
4:00pm SFX Virginia Kintz by Ron & Linda Kintz
6:00pm SG Don Zwick by Mourice & Mary Margaret Fowler

Sunday, February 7
8:30 am SFX Tom Nieschwitz by Judy & Vince Palleschi

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on January 20/31, 2016

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,749; Loose \$131; Capital Improv. \$90; New Hall \$90; Salvation Army \$310.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$2,037; Loose \$288; Bldg Fund \$10; New Hall \$5,525; Christian Care Center \$498.

PARISH SUPPORT: Whichever parish you are formally registered, *St. Francis Xavier, or St. Gabriel, please make any checks covering your Regular Church contribution payable to your registered parish.* This will help us with our new bookkeeping system which the Diocese of Steubenville is initiating and also enable us to give you an accurate statement at the end of the year for your accounting and tax preparations. The exception would be if you are making a donation to the New Church Hall Fund., which should, of course, be made payable to St. Francis Church. Thanks for your help.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE: Check out the Minister Schedule for both St. Gabriel and St. Francis on our website at stgabriel-stfrancis.org. If you lose your schedule, don't fret just look it up on the website!!!

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

At Home: Gary Kovacic
Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara
St. Joseph Care Center: Steve Marmo; Fran Montella

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At Home: Shirley Bonar; Patricia Burman, Ivette Martinez,
Eldercare: Mildred Rennier, Joe Casper (SFX)
Arbors (Great Trail) Nursing: Richard Lane.
St. Luke Minerva: Stella Kiko; Mary Wadsworth
Woodlawn: Jerry Nicolet

Prayer Chain for St. Gabriel and St. Francis:

If you know of someone who is in need of prayer and would like them to be put on the prayer list for **St. Francis**, please call Dolores Hudson at 330-863-0273; To be put on the list 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.

RCIA SESSIONS. For those preparing for adult baptism and/or full communion in the Church. **Monday evenings** 7-9 pm in the SG Annex Rooms. Please continue to keep our Catechumens, Candidates, and team in your prayers as they prepare for the Easter Sacraments of Initiation.



FISH FRY DINNERS: Spread the Word! Patronize our Dinners.

Many Volunteer Helpers are needed for the success of our Lenten Fish Fry Dinners. Please give us a hand.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER: See Sign up sheets in the narthex at St. Francis for Lenten Fish Fry Dinners. We will begin on February 12, 2016. Helpers are needed in a variety of areas. Profits go to our New Hall Fund. Please help us in whatever way you are able.

ST. GABRIEL: The First Fish Fry at St. Gabriel have already begun. ALL help is greatly appreciated. Please see the Sign-up sheets on the desk at St. Gabriel Church.

DESSERTS NEEDED: Pies, cakes, brownies and cupcakes are needed for the Fish Fry at St. Gabriel. If you are able to help out with these items, please sign the sheet in the narthex of St. Gabriel.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

SESSIONS We will begin with our first session on Tuesday, February 16 at 7 pm in the annex at St. Gabriel for all New Ministers and any current ministers as a refresher course. We will set future dates at this meeting.



“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—Target Goal” 96.2% Reached!

Will you help us get to the top?

Offerings as of 1/26/2016:

\$265,386.05 Pledges & Gifts
\$ 38,750.00 Brick and Window sponsorships
\$ 21,000.00 Block sponsorships
\$ 11,533.00 Memorial Donations.
\$336,669.05 [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. As you know when doing improvements to your own homes, the process is not always easy. The parish has decided that a facility is still needed for us in which to gather and celebrate special occasions, provide for wedding receptions, high school graduations, parish functions, and to be of witness and service to the wider community. 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 GROWING!



MOMENTS OF MERCY—February 2016

Lent is a time of conversion and a time to deepen one's faith, demonstrating and sharing it through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. "Faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit. Feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, welcoming strangers, offering instruction, giving comfort -- on such things will we be judged," the pope said. Particularly during the Year of Mercy, he said, Catholics are called to recognize their own need for God's mercy, the greatness of God's love seen in the death and resurrection of Christ and the obligation to assist others by communicating God's love and mercy through words and deeds. "In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered and visited," he wrote. "In the spiritual works of mercy -- counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer -- we touch more directly our own sinfulness." In the Christian life, Pope Francis said, "the corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated."



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am, Lord, send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8) Every day—in little ways and in big ways—God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for a stranger, God constantly provides doors of opportunity. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."



LENT 2016

Ash Wednesday, February 10th. Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at **St. Francis: 8am and 5 pm. St. Gabriel: 7pm.**

Ash Wednesday and Every Friday of Lent: Abstain from eating meat.

Ash Wednesday a Day of Fasting Only one full meal. The other two meals may not equal the one meal. For all **18-59 yrs of age.** Those under a doctor's care are excused.

New! "Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis" Every **Wednesday of Lent at 7pm**, alternating churches each week. **February 17 at St. Gabriel. Volunteers needed to help.**

New! "Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness" Following **Wednesday Stations of the Cross.** By Fr. Robert Barron and facilitated by Linda Shaw. Also offered again every **Thursday of Lent at 1pm** in the **Annex room at St. Gabriel.**

New! "Renew Our Hearts" A free booklet of daily meditations by Pope Francis, available in the narthex of each church. Copies are limited. Pick one up today!

Watch for your copy of the "2016 Lenten Letter and Calendar" in the mail soon! Have a Great Lent!

UNTOLD BLESSINGS Are you looking for something to do this Lent that will help you to a more faithful follower of Christ? Why not plan to join us for the series entitled, Untold Blessings by Fr. Robert Barron and facilitated by Linda Shaw. The sessions will meet on Wednesday evenings immediately following Stations of the Cross and again on Thursday afternoons at 1 PM at St. Gabriel in the annex. Everyone is welcome.



The Annual St. Francis Xavier Quarter Auction, is scheduled for *April 10, 2016*. We are asking for donations of baskets to be auctioned. There will be a tree with suggested baskets in the Gathering Space soon. Donations for the Silent Auction are also welcomed. The second meeting for our annual Quarter Auction will be **Monday, February 29 at 7pm in the Narthex at St. Francis**. There are a number of areas we need volunteers. Anyone interested in helping, please sign the sheet in the Narthex under the position you prefer. The more help we get, the more successful we will be. **For more info, see the flyers in the narthex of the church.**

YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE: The teens of our parishes are hosting a bake sale on the weekend of **March 6/7th at both parishes, following all Masses**. We ask that youth group: 7th/8th, 9/10th, & 11/12th grade students bring their baked goods for the Mass they signed up for. We need many baked good donations, so youth group members may be asking family and friends to help. Proceeds for the bake sale will go toward the PSR Sponsor Child of Honduras, Roxana Lopez, and for a special roller skate event for the PSR families at Minerva Skate Rink. More information will be given to students in PSR, and date for roller skate party to be announced.

CALLING ALL TEENS: SPRING TEEN RETREAT - April 10th Mark your calendars now to attend the Franciscan University of Steubenville's *SENT* team hosted *Spring Teen Retreat* for all teens of our parishes on Sunday April 10th from 12 noon - 4 pm *right at St Gabriel's*. This is a great opportunity for our parishes' teens to meet and interact with excellent Catholic college student leaders who serve in this special ministry. Dinner is provided at the end of day. Invite a friend, they don't have to be Catholic to attend. Sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering spaces this early spring. For more infor-

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN. Items needed:
February 6/7 Toiletries
February 13/14 Pasta & Fixin's
 Please place items in shopping cart at St. Gabriel hallway, and the marked boxes in the St. Francis coatroom.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH REPORT: *"The State of the Parish Report"* for *St. Francis Xavier* had a couple of line items which may have been confusing. Therefore, I have prepared an **"Addendum"** to further explain these expenses. I had intended to mail a copy to everyone, but even with bulk mailing it would not have been cost efficient. In order to practice good stewardship, I have decided to make the Addendum available to any parishioner interested by placing copies in the narthex of church. May God bless all who continue to give of your time, talent and treasure for the good of our parishes. Fr. Victor Cinson.

BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY EVENING GROUP
 The Thursday evening Bible Study group is studying the Gospel of St. John, meeting at 7-8:30 pm, in the Annex room at St. Gabriel. All are welcome, and bibles are available. Schedules for bible study are available in the narthex of each church.

MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL: The 7th annual Men's Day of Renewal will take place at St. Stephen Church, Caldwell on Sat., February 27. The theme for the day is *"RISE UP! Men of God."* Registration forms are available in the narthex of each church. Call Dave Cinson at 330-868-5613 for information.

CHURCH IN EASTERN EUROPE: The collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide affordable shelter and training to seminarians, in addition to providing pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in the aftermath of Soviet rule. There is an envelope in your envelope packet for this donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CATHOLIC BOOKS & MEDIA DONATION
 Thank you for the generous donation of Catholic books and multi-media items, CDs and DVDs donated by Gary Kovacik and his mother the late Emolene Kovacik of St. Francis.

SPECIAL EASTER BREAD SALE: The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration at Sancta Clara Monastery 4200 N. Market Ave, Canton, are sponsoring an Easter Bread Sale on March 18 & 19. Please call 330-492-1171 or visit their website at www.poorclares.org for more info.

 **WELLNESS PROGRAM:** Annual blood analysis sponsored by Minerva Rotary on March 12 from 6:30am—9:30am at 687 Lynwood Dr., Minerva. Call to make your reservation today at 1-800-234-8888.

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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.]

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

CONFESSIONS
 Saturday: 2:00 – 2:45pm St. Gabriel
 3:15 – 3:45pm St. Francis

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

All items must be submitted to the Parish Office **in writing** by **12:00 Noon on Tuesday**.



ST. FRANCIS

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As the Roman Empire shattered and collapsed, the bishops were the people best equipped to catch the falling stones. In the West (that's us), they sought to stabilize society by weaving a structure of laws and courts to uphold the rights and dignity of married couples in a chaotic world. The bishops in the East had a different approach, even allowing the dissolution of marriages in certain cases. To an extent, the bishops took a measure of control away from the fathers of families in order to provide pastoral care for those who suffered most in the social collapse: women and children.

In the West, much of the marriage law was contained in the "penitential books" the bishops devised to regulate the lives of public sinners. In the seventh century, Theodore of Canterbury's penitential book said that he had the power to give consent to remarriage in the case of a poor fellow whose wife had been carried off by the Vikings. If the Vikings subsequently brought her back, she could remarry, too! No bishop ever made peace with divorce, but there was never a time when the pastoral concern of the church was not struggling with how to care for people in unhappy situations.

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LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE: We have a special ecclesiastically approved low-gluten(0.01%) host available for any with glucose intolerance (celiac disease). Please inform the ushers *before* Mass begins. Those receiving this special host should come forward in the line in which the priest is distributing the Eucharist.

VOCATION VIEWS: Holiness is a gift of God, Open yourself to the gift. When God calls, be ready to respond: "Here I am, send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-23-8)



5th Sunday Ordinary Time, February 7, 2016