

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 1

4:00PM SFX John Cinson by John & Anita Tokos

6:00pm SG Rosemary Swinger by David & Barbara Cinson

Sunday, September 2—Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30am SFX Virginia Greeneizen by Pat & Jan Wackerly

10:30am SG Living and Deceased members of Both Parishes

Monday, September 3—*St. Gregory the Great*

8:00am SFX David Casper by Mary Dchaira

Tuesday, September 4

9:00am SG Ruth Pilati by Norma & Family

Wednesday, September 5—*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

8:00am SG Jim Strabley by Bev.

Thursday, September 6

9:00am SG Denise Laubacher by Alese & Brian Wise

Friday, September 7

9:00am SG Communion Service

Saturday, September 8

4:00PM SFX Living and Deceased members of Both Parishes

6:00pm SG Mary T. Koniecko by Family

Sunday, September 9—Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30am SFX Dan & Norma Grego by Frank & Cathy Grego

10:30am SG Tom Bolanz by Mary Alice & Family

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on August 26, 2018

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,708; Loose \$292; Cap. Imp. \$75; Work-less Festival \$30. New Hall \$15; PSR \$25.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$3,000; Loose \$204; Assumption of Mary \$20; Extraordinary bldg. \$10; PSR \$70 New Hall \$1,525.

PARISH SUPPORT: Please make any Checks covering your Regular Church contributions payable to the parish in which you are formally registered. The exception would be if you are making a donation to the New Hall Fund, which should be made payable to: St. Francis Church. Thanks.



BANS OF MARRIAGE II:

Thomas Edward Korda and Hanna Nicole Morelli (St. Gabriel). Wedding Date Sept. 15, 2018

VOCATION VIEWS: You are called to be a person of integrity. Live in a way that shows that God is your center. (Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23)

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN:

September 1/2 Condiments, salad dressings, etc.
September 8/9 Toiletries

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER & ST. GABRIEL

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara (SFX)

St. Joseph Care Ctr.: Fran Montella (SFX), Jerry Nicolet (SG)

Home: Rosemarie Scurto (SFX), Ivette Martinez (SG), Bonnie Parish (SG), Wanda Manley (SG), Margaret Peddicord (SG)

SG at Arbors (Great Trail) Nursing : Doris Ferguson.

St. Luke Minerva: James Smith, Josephine Moyseenko,

Sharon Shotwell

Copeland Oaks: Jane Collins.

Prayer Chain for St. Francis and St. Gabriel:

FOR ILL & HOSPITALIZED: Please call Parish Office as soon as one is hospitalized, and/or 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.

The 2018 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign is drawing to a close. Everything *over the parish goal* is returned as *tax-free income* to be used according to parish needs. *Any balance of the goal that is not reached, must be paid from parish funds.* If you have not responded, please do what you are able by returning the envelope with your gift of cash, check (made out to "Diocese of Steubenville"), or your pledge on the space provided. The Diocese also accepts online payments. To choose this option go to diosteub.org/giveonline to schedule or make payments securely by credit/debit card. Call the Parish Office for questions. *A Gift through the D/PSC IS the BEST WAY to make a gift to your parish. Thanks and God Bless!*

Prayer Chain for St. Francis and St. Gabriel: for St. Francis, please call Dolores Hudson at 330-863-0273; for St. Gabriel, please call Darlene Mackey at 330-868-6639.

DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

"In a spirit of gratitude."

Parish Goal: \$24,706.00
Gifts To Date: \$19,380.00 [80%]
Balance: \$5,326.00

St. Gabriel: \$31,153.00
Gifts To Date: \$31,380.00 [125%]+\$6,227.00

HAPPY 49th ANNIVERSARY to Robert and Phyllis Smith who were married on September 2nd. Robert and Phyllis attend St. Francis Xavier Parish. May you have many happy years to come.



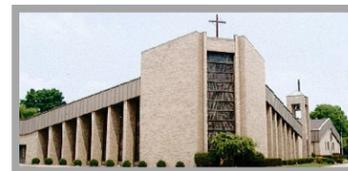
DINNER OUT: The next Justice and Social Concerns dinner out at the Minerva Senior Center is Thursday, Sept. 6 at 5pm. The cost is \$6 and the menu this month will be Beef Roast, Mashed Potatoes/gravy and Tossed Salad. Texas Sheet Cake is dessert. **Reservations a must:** call Norma at 330-868-4502 or the Senior Center at 330-868-6004 **NO LATER** than 5pm the day before the dinner.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY SEPT. 3 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

Support the NEW "Parish Life Center"

for St. Francis & St. Gabriel.

"We have so much to do and we must do it together!" (Pope Francis)



Our Mission Statement:
"We are called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the presence of Christ in our community."



Chapter Four: Building a Parish, or "Father Vic, Do you have a crystal ball?"

"Where there is a lack of vision, the people perish." Proverbs 19:18.

Last week we reflected on the nature of "church." In summary we said that the word is from the Greek, "ekklesia", meaning a gathering of people for some specific function, in our case a growing movement of growing disciples who are gathering more people to become disciples. Jesus never used the word "kirche", from the German, for a "church building" (c.f. "Tools for Rebuilding," Michael White and Tom Corcoran. Ave Maria Press, pp. 4-7).

Sorry, but when the bishop imposed hands on me at ordination he did not guarantee that as a newly ordained priest I would have "consummate knowledge in all things!" I don't have a crystal ball, but we do have a vision of what we are called to be. Our Combined Parish Council has been discussing a book to guide us in forming and communicating our vision of parish, "Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful. Reaching the Lost, Making Church Matter, (Ave Maria Press, c. 2013)." As a pastor, I am challenged to lead and "build" a parish. I do not do this work alone, I rely upon the knowledge and skills of all who join us in this work of building the "church" of Jesus Christ at St. Francis and St. Gabriel.

"The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, of action, and of hope. They are where the gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of our Church". (National Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Communities of Salt and Light*).

We are always in the process of becoming the individuals and the community that God wants us to be. We try and if something doesn't work, we try again. As the famous quote of Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta says, "God didn't call me to be successful. He called me to be faithful." There was a time when our parishes were vibrant, growing, filled with young children and generous volunteers. Now they appear to be in a state of slow, steady decline. As Catholics we are not alone in this scenario. Even some of the mega churches, national and local, experience this ebb and flow of membership. God is the one who provides the growth. (*1 Corinthians 3:6-7, 9*) In the *Purpose Driven Church*, Rick Warren writes that trying to make your church grow is like saying

"how can we build a wave? The question we need to ask instead is, "What is keeping our church from growing?"

The task of church leadership is to discover and remove growth restricting diseases and barriers so that natural, normal growth can occur." (pp.14-16)

"The genius of any successful organization is always going to be in the receptivity to change and openness to good ideas wherever they can be found. Likewise, many of the saints were people who lived and shared their faith in creative new ways that successfully engaged their culture with the message of the Gospel" (*Rebuilt*, p.30). We continue to invite each of you, young and old, male and female, to join us in this exciting time of growth for St. Francis and St. Gabriel. We firmly believe that God will show us the way. All we need to do is to trust!

Pledge Amounts as of 08/27/2018

\$ 667,885.00 Pledges & Gifts (Note: Amounts reflect pledges, not total payments received)

\$ 154,101.00 Fundraisers/Org. gifts & memorial donations to date

\$ 821,986.00 Total of Pledges and Gifts

REMEMBER OUR MATCHING FUNDS CHALLENGE

New Pledges, New Gifts and Additional amounts added to an existing pledge/gift will be MATCHED Dollar-for Dollar up to \$50,000 THANKS TO A VERY GENEROUS DONOR. To date we have received **\$41,738 in additional gifts.**

Parishioners, Friends and Visitors who have not yet been able to make a response to our Campaign are invited to respond to our Building Fund Drive. Contribution Pledge/Gift forms may be found in the narthex of each church. Please return to the Parish Office at: St. Francis and St. Gabriel New Hall Fund

Attention: Fr. Victor Cinson, Pastor
P.O. Box 275, Minerva, Ohio 44657

Our Dreams Now become a reality! Making new memories!



Parish School of Religion (PSR)



Mark your calendars! Religious Education classes for children Kindergarten through Grade 8 will begin September 16. We are busy preparing for the classes with the children and we need your help. We are in need of an aide for Kdg., Grades 1 and 5/6.

High school youth – if you need service hours serving as an aide might be a good fit for you. Just give us a call if you are available to help. We will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15 AM.

If you feel God is calling you to share in this important ministry of passing our faith on to the young people of our parish community, please call either Michele Fescemyer at 330-771-0442 or Linda Shaw at 330-868-4498 this week. We are striving to have everyone in place so we can hold our catechist orientation meeting in early September and be ready to greet the children on September 16!

ATTENTION: CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Students entering **Grades 7, 8, and 9** as well as any **older** high school youth who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation is invited to declare their desire to be a candidate for the sacrament by completing the form below and returning it in an envelope marked, "Confirmation" in the collection basket or to the Parish office no later than Sunday, Sept. 9. We are planning to hold the preparation sessions in addition to PSR classes for our 7th, 8th and 9th graders and anyone older, would be required to be actively involved in High School Youth Ministry.

Watch the bulletin for more details regarding the classes, Parent and Sponsor meetings and other important information regarding this process in the next week or so. If you would like to begin the journey to prepare to celebrate this third Sacrament of Initiation, it is important that you declare yourself as a candidate as soon as possible. We are looking forward to sharing this exciting time with you as you grow in your role as a disciple of Jesus living out more fully your Baptism the Gifts of the Holy Spirit!

(Please cut here and return bottom to church office)

Confirmation Candidate Information

Name _____
(Please print clearly)

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone _____ School _____ Grade _____

Father _____ Mother _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Church of Baptism _____

Date of Baptism _____

I am interested in becoming a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Gabriel-St. Francis Xavier parish for 2019.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



In a few weeks we will begin the first stage of the RCIA process called the Pre-Catechumenate or Period of Inquiry. During this time we will gather and share our stories of faith and how God has been active in our lives thus far. If you have been considering finding out more about the Catholic Church, we invite you to "Come and See". The RCIA process is designed for adults who are either unbaptized or baptized in another tradition or, possibly baptized Catholic, but not raised in the faith or did not receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. If you would like to find out more simply call the parish office at 330.868.4498 and ask for Linda Shaw.

CWC ST. FRANCIS: The next CWC meeting for St. Francis will be Tues, Sept 4. Rosary at 2pm; mtg at 2:30. All ladies of St. Francis are asked to join us.

MINISTER SCHEDULE: Our next minister schedule will run from October 1—January 31. Please send exceptions to the parish office as soon as possible. The plans are to send the schedule out September 21.



CANINE COMPANIONS

"DogFest":

Jan Wackerly, of St. Francis, and his companion dog "Chance" are participating in "DogFest" on Sept. 23, which is sponsored by Canine Companions. Canine Companions provides highly trained assistance dogs to adults, children and veterans with disabilities FREE of charge. Leading up to the event, we're raising money to support Canine Companions. The impact they make on the lives of people with disabilities is incredible. Please help us get to our fundraising goal by donating online. You can email janwackerly@yahoo.com or go to <http://support.cci.org/goto/jwack>

"Ladies Night Out" The St. Gabriel CWC will be hosting a **"Ladies Night Out"** at the **Granite Grill Restaurant at the Quarry Restaurant, 5650 Quarry Lake Dr., Canton, OH 44730, on Thursday evening, September 6, 2018 at 6:30pm.** All the ladies from both St. Gabriel and St. Francis are invited to attend. We can car pool from St. Gabriel Church parking lot, departing at 6:00pm. Make your reservation by using the sign-up sheets at both churches or by calling Judy Wood at 330-418-1067

ST GABRIEL CWC will begin making candy for the annual **Boutique on Monday, September 10 at 9am** in the St. Gabriel hall kitchen. If you would like to join us for any part of the morning on any Monday in September or October feel free to sign the paper in the narthex. **The Boutique will take place on Thursday and Friday, October 25 and 26, 2018.** If you or anyone you know would be interested in renting a table at the Boutique, please contact Judy Wood at 330-418-1067.

ST. GABRIEL

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Ms. Linda Shaw

PSR COORDINATOR:

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St. Francis 330- 863-0760

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 [Check bulletin for Holiday Schedule]

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

125 Carrollton Street ▪ Malvern, OH 44644

Sometimes the heat of summer translates into unrest in a city's streets. In the summer of 1834, popular sentiment against the presence of the Ursuline nuns near Boston reached a boiling point. An influx of Irish laborers had an impact on the work force in the city, and a deep-seated resentment against Catholics fueled the fire. The nuns supported themselves with a school, and most of the young women students were drawn from patrician Protestant families. Nevertheless, rumors fed by the saga of an unhappy junior sister and a later episode of a senior sister fleeing the place increased tensions. The city's selectmen were given a tour by the disgruntled sister, who by then had returned, and found all things in good order. That didn't please the mob, and the mother superior didn't help matters when she said that the bishop had platoons of Irishmen at hand, twenty thousand strong, to do marauders harm. By August 11, the convent had been invaded, ransacked, and burned to the ground. The nuns fled to Maine and Canada. The diocese attempted to recover losses, but the commonwealth offered only ten thousand dollars, which was rejected. Years later, a legislative bill for the state to rebuild the convent and school was roundly defeated. Yet the enterprise of Catholic education had great resilience, and in 1946, more than a hundred years after the riots, the Ursulines returned to Boston to re-establish an academy that endures to the present day.

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222nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – September 2, 2018

Treasures from Our Traditions