

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 23
1:30PM SFX Wedding Ryan Miller & Jessica Satterfield
4:00pm SFX Yola Buzzelli by Family
6:00PM SG Living and Deceased members of both parishes

Sunday, September 24—25th Sunday Ordinary Time
8:30am SFX 50th Anniversary of Scott & Mary Ellen Rutledge
10:30am SG Joan Nicolet by Jerry

Monday, September 25
8:00am SFX Dominick & Louise Cinson by Bob & Joanne Cinson

Tuesday, September 26
9:00am SG Tom Bolanz by Mary Alice & Family

Wednesday, September 27
8:00am SFX Joe Casper by Sara & Bruce Pumphrey

Thursday, September 28
9:00am SG Emilie Rhodes by Jackie Contini

Friday, September 29
9:00am SG Communion Service

Saturday, September 30
1:30PM SFX Wedding Isaac Gotchall and Nicole Wackerly
4:00pm SFX Jim Strabley by Beverly Strabley
6:00PM SG Max Meindl by Marion

Sunday, October 1—26th Sunday Ordinary Time
8:30am SFX Living and Deceased members of both parishes
10:30am SG John Hudson by Sandy & Louie Romano

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on September 17, 2017

St. Gabriel: Adult \$2,009; Loose \$380; Cap Imp.\$45; New Hall \$35.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$1,883; Loose \$243; Extraordinary Bldg Fund \$20; New Hall \$10,094.76.

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

“So the last will be first and the first last” - MATTHEW 20:16
You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

SICK AND SHUT-INS

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara (SFX)
St. Joseph Care Ctr.: Fran Montella (SFX), Jerry Nicolet (SG)
SG Home: Ivette Martinez
SG at Arbors (Great Trail) Nursing : Richard Lane , Doris Ferguson, Mary Campbell
St. Luke Minerva: James Smith, Josephine Moyseenko
Carroll Health Care: Mary Wadsworth (SG)
The Pines: Roman Ritterbeck (SG)
Copeland Oaks: Jane Collins, 800 S 15th St, Sebring, OH 44672

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, 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.

BANS OF MATRIMONY:

III Isaac Gotchall and Nicole Wackerly (SFX 9/30/17)

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of

Adults We are just beginning the first stage of the RCIA process, called the Period of Inquiry. This is a time for reflecting on how God has been active in our lives thus far, looking at Scripture and prayer and discerning if God is calling us to the Catholic Church. If you are someone you know, would like to be part of this journey please contact Linda Shaw at 330 -868-4498 as soon as possible. If you’ve been thinking about this for awhile why not call now?

MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to Jessica Satterfield, now married to Ryan Miller at St. Francis Parish. “This is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.” Enjoy many happy years together.

MINISTER SCHEDULE: The next minister schedule will run from November—January and will include the Holy Day—Immaculate Conception on December 8 (regular Holy Day Schedule), Christmas and New Years schedule. Please send in your exceptions in **writing** to the church office no later than October 15. You can place them in the collection basket, email to smstgabriel@frontier.com, mail them, or bring them off to the church office.



**“Come Together, Build Our Future,
“Leave a Legacy”
Support the NEW “St. Francis & St. Gabriel”
Parish Hall Fund Drive.**

**PHASE II: “GROUND BREAKING” DRIVE
The excitement is building! PLEASE HELP!**



Help us to keep the momentum growing. We are in the “Ground Breaking” phase of our New Hall plans. In order to keep the “**St. Francis and St. Gabriel Hall**” Project moving forward, to secure building and construction quotes, a bank loan, set a “Ground Breaking” date, and to avoid inflation costs. To date the **Phase II Drive has raised \$306,583 in new, or additional, gifts and pledges. The extra money needed will help towards the furnishings and equipment for the hall. Thanks and God Bless your generosity.**

We need the help of All members of both parishes, summer visitors, former parishioners, and the wider local community and Business/Corporate gifts. If you have not yet had an opportunity to make a sacrificial Pledge and/or Gift, or would be able to add to your original pledge/gift, we invite you to respond to this appeal as soon as possible. A special brochure with a return envelope is available in the narthex of each church, or by calling the Office. Please make checks payable to: “St. Francis Church”.

The successful completion of this project will give both of our parishes hope for the future as a Catholic presence in the northernmost part of our diocese. **No gift is too small!** Thanks to the many who have already responded. **Church is more than buildings!** Since 2001 St. Francis and St. Gabriel Parishes were **combined under one Pastor.** Help us to leave a legacy for the future of our parishes! **Thanks. God Bless!**

Pledge Amounts as of 09/18/2017
\$ 576,428.00 Pledges & Gifts
\$ 62,760.00 Brick, Block and Window Pledges
\$ 639,188.00 Sub-total of Pledges
\$ 119,120.99 Fundraisers/Organization gifts
\$ 23,153.00 Memorial Donations.
\$ 781,461.99 Total of Pledges and Gifts*

[Note: All gifts and memorials will be recognized on a special plaque in the new hall.]

PSR News

Today, September 24, we begin our PSR year for children of our parishes in grades K through 8. The classes will meet from **9 AM to 10:15 AM** each Sunday. We look forward to a year of sharing faith as we seek to live this year’s catechetical theme, “Living as Missionary Disciples.” For questions/registration, call parish office at 330-868-4498.

High School Youth



Attention students in Grades 9 through 12. We haven’t forgotten about you! We are looking to do something different this year with our high school youth of our parishes. We will not be meeting on Sunday mornings so you can sleep in a little... just don’t forget that Mass is still at 10:30 AM, at St. Gabriel. God and the rest of us would be happy if you would join us then! Watch the bulletin for details soon! We hope to gather everybody in mid October and we’ll try to give you have ample time so you can save the date.

Lector/Reader Training



The Second session in this series will be held on Tuesday, September 26 from 7 to 9 PM in St. Gabriel’s Annex Meeting Rooms (best to use back parking lot entrance). The Third session on Tue., October 10, is required for ALL current and new Lectors. We will go over new information and directives. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!



BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM:
Our local schools have initiated a program to provide weekend meal items for those students in need. The Food Backpack Program is organized by the CARE Team. Bags will be distributed each weekend. This would be a great program for our PSR students to be involved with.

A collection bin will be placed in the gathering space and CARE team members will collect items for distribution every other week. We are asking for the following individually packed lunch snacks: **Goldfish crackers, raisins, applesauce, and fruit snacks.**

Brown Local Schools has a goal to feed 100 students each weekend. Help us to work with the area churches to fill this need. We are looking into coordinating this with the Minerva Local program also.

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN:
September 23/24 Breakfast bars & cereal
September 30/October 1 Canned Fruits & Veggies

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

stgabriel-stfrancis.org



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MEET THE 2017 DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE GOAL.

“Do Whatever He tells you”. It’s not too late to respond to the **2017 Annual Diocesan Parish Share Campaign** on behalf of St. Francis or St. Gabriel Parish.

No gift is too small. If you might be able to give even \$10 or \$20 a month for a ten month period we would be most appreciative. You may: complete an **Appeal Envelope** (narthex of church), call the **Parish Office**, or go **Online** at: www.diosteub.org *The needs of our individual parishes are great. Any Goal which is not met, the balance must be paid out of parish funds.* Any amount raised *over our goal* will be returned to our parishes tax-free. You may make a one-time gift, or divide it over several months. **All gifts are tax deductible. God Bless you! God bless your generosity! God bless your love!** Fr. Victor Cinson.

Parish:	Goal:	Gifts:	Balance:
St. Francis Xavier	\$23,852	\$22,165 (75) 90%	- \$1,687
St. Gabriel the Archangel	\$24,956	\$31,255 (67) 125%	+ \$6,599

ST. GABRIEL CWC The “Candy Kitchen” is open. Volunteers are needed. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you will be able to join us.

THE BOUTIQUE: The St. Gabriel CWC annual Boutique will be held **Thursday and Friday, Nov. 2 and 3, 2017.** If you are interested in making donations for the Boutique, or are interested in Table Rental, please call Judy Wood at 330-418-1067. If you would like to volunteer to work at the Boutique, please use sign up sheet at the desk in the narthex of St Gabriel.



JUBILEE MARRIAGES: Bishop Monforton will offer special Masses to recognize marriages of 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 55, 60 and 60+. Parishioners celebrating any of the above are invited to attend. They are scheduled in three locations.

- † Sat. Nov. 4, 5:15pm Mass at St. Lawrence O’Toole Church, Ironton.
- † Sun. Nov. 5, 12 Noon Mass at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta.
- † Sun. Nov. 5, 5:30pm Mass at Holy Family Church, Steubenville.

See the insert in today’s bulletin for more info. Contact the church office at 330-868-4498 for a registration form.

K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST:



The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, **October 1** from 9am—12:30pm in St. Gabriel Church Hall. Adult \$5, children 6-12 \$2, and under 6 are free. Please join us for a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, 3 sausage links and hash browns. *All are welcome to attend the best breakfast in town!*

DINNER OUT: The next Justice and Social Concerns dinner out at the **Minerva Senior Center**, 1200 Valley St., Minerva is Thursday, October 5 at 5pm. You should arrive at the center no later than 4:45pm. The cost is \$6 and the menu this month will be Beef roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots and pumpkin pie squares for dessert. Bread and drink are also included. **RESERVATIONS A MUST:** Call Norma Marko at 330-868-4502 or the Senior Center at 330-868-6004 **NO LATER** than 5pm the day before the dinner.

THE PARISH SENIOR LUNCHEON will be held Wed. Sept. 27 at 12 Noon in the annex meeting rooms of St. Gabriel. Seniors from both St. Francis and St. Gabriel are welcome. Please use the sign-up sheets in the narthex.



RED MASS: Bishop Monforton will celebrate the annual Red Mass at 4:30pm on Sat. Oct. 28 at St. Mary Church in St. Clairsville. The Red Mass is a centuries-old tradition celebrated to pray for judges, lawyers, and those in the legal profession. All legal professionals are invited to participate in this special celebration. For more information, contact the Diocese of Steubenville at 740-282-3631.

HURRICANE IRMA: Bishop Monforton is asking our parishes for help from Hurricane Irma which devastated the islands and Florida. *“The Church is a channel for grace and solidarity in the wake of natural disasters as it offers solace and support in their aftermath. However, as is so often the case, the Church itself in these regions is both a long-standing provider of aid and now is in need of tremendous assistance itself. So many of the Church’s structures have been damaged and their resources depleted which makes it even more challenging to provide assistance and pastoral outreach to those in need. A special collection will be taken up in the Diocese of Steubenville on the weekend of September 30/October 1. Please join me with in prayer for those who are suffering as a result of these tragic circumstance.”* **Bishop Monforton**



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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

125 Carrollton Street ▪ Malvern, OH 44644

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We’ve seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren’t somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated “Through Christ” at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the Lord’s words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced.

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VOCATION VIEWS: God calls people at different times and in various ways. You’re never too old or too late to give your life to God. Generosity is his hallmark. (Matthew 20:1-16)



25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 24, 2017