

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 3
4:00pm SFX Christopher Norton by Tim & Denise Wigley
6:00pm SG Richard Bolanz by Ardell & Family

Sunday, September 4—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am SFX Mabel & Daniel Bitzel by Mary Ann & Theresa
10:30 am SG Living and Deceased members of both parishes

Monday, September 5—Labor Day

9:00am SFX Dick Contini by Mike & Kay Costello

Tuesday, September 6

9:00am SG Mary Petros by Nancy Castellucci & Family

Wednesday, September 7

8:00am SFX Special Intention by Rose Thrower

Thursday, September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am SG Mary T. Koniecko by Family

Friday, September 9—St. Peter Claver

9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, September 10

4:00pm SFX Living and Deceased members of both parishes

6:00pm SG Beverly Zeidrich by Dan & Regina Sparks

Sunday, September 11—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am SFX Margarita Thiesen by June Martin

10:30 am SG Ruth Pilati by Karen & Larry Spidel

7:00pm SG "September 11 Prayer Service"

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on August 28, 2016

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,557; Loose \$287; Assumption \$10; Workless Festival \$36; Salvation Army \$323; New Hall \$100.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$2,014; Loose \$305; New Hall \$460.

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 Church Hall Fund, which should be made payable to: St. Francis Church. Thanks.

STEWARSHIP: Giving of time, talent and treasure. "A checkbook is a theological document; it will tell you who and what you worship." Billy Graham. Thanks to all who have been helping us with your regular contributions during the lean summer months. Any help you are able to offer is deeply appreciated: a few extra in the collection, volunteering to help with grounds maintenance ("Monday Crew" at St. Gabriel; "Tuesday Crew" at St. Francis), joining a parish ministry, or sharing your talent. We make every attempt to be good stewards of all that you offer to our parishes. "The Lord loves a cheerful giver!"



SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara

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

ST. GABRIEL

At Home: Shirl Bonar; Ivette Martinez, Tom Bolanz

Woodlawn: Patricia Burman

Eldercare: Mildred Rennier; Joe Casper (SFX)

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

St. Luke Minerva: Stella Kiko; Mary Wadsworth

The Pines: Roman Ritterbeck

(3015 17th St. NW, Canton, OH 44708)

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Francis: Monday following the 8 am Mass until 3pm.

St. Gabriel: Tuesday after the 9am Mass until Wednesday morning at 9am. Substitutes are welcomed. Call **Denny Chaddock (330-863-1497)** for St. Francis, and **Bill Pilati (330-868-5794)** for St. Gabriel.

SEPTEMBER 11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE:



St. Francis and St. Gabriel will host a Prayer Service on Sunday, **September 11, 2016 at 7pm at St. Gabriel Church**. This service will honor all active and retired first responders of our area and military personnel, as well as all who gave their lives on that fateful day. The evening will include, prayer, music with bag pipes and an ice cream social. All are invited to join us as we pray for the protection and guidance of our nation in these troubled times. Bring a friend!



SYMPATHY: We offer our prayers of sympathy to the family of **Angie (John) Cinson** on the death of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Angie was a long time parishioner of St. Francis. In addition to her daughters, Dolores (Rod) Wise and JoAnn (Denny) Amelung, she is survived by her sister Rosemary Pirolozzi and many nieces and nephews. May she find rest from all her labors.

CHECK OUT OUR PARISH WEBSITE
stgabriel-stfrancis.org



"Come Together, Build Our Future,
Leave a Legacy"

Help keep the momentum growing. Support Our "New Parish Hall" Building Fund Drive.

Help us get to get over the top!

Offerings as of 08/22/2016:

\$251,108.00 Pledges & Gifts [Goal **\$350,000**]

\$ 55,560.00 Brick, Block and Window Pledges

\$ 306,668.00 **Sub-total**

\$ 76,669.00 Fundraisers/Organization gifts

\$ 12,103.00 Memorial Donations.

\$395,440.00 Total of Pledges and Gifts



GOOD NEWS!

We hope to have all of the preliminary design work, diocesan and state approvals by Fall of 2016.



At that time we will put the project out for bid and plan to begin construction in the Spring of 2017. Please prayerfully consider ways in which you may be able to help make this project a reality: Consider: A

Pledge, or A One Time Gift , Use of the Monthly Envelope, Volunteer time and talent with Fund raisers, Gifts in Kind, or a Memorial Gift. Our Financing, according to Diocesan Policy involves three parts:

I. Pledges/Gifts. Individual Pledges towards the project. Preferably payable over a five year period. Our Building Committee set this target goal at \$350,000.00.

II. Savings and Fundraisers. We do not want to totally deplete our savings and investments. We will need to keep a "rainy day" fund for emergencies. All Fund Raisers and gifts received through the "Building Fund Envelopes" and other special gifts are earmarked for this project. The Annual "Quarter Auction" is one example of what we are able to accomplish by working together.

III. Bank Loan. As soon as we are able to determine projected costs we will need a bank loan to cover the unpaid pledges and balance of costs. We estimate this amount to be in the range of \$400,000—\$600,000.

Information sheets and pledge cards available in the narthex of church, parish Web Site, or by calling Parish Office.



MOMENTS OF MERCY:

This week, Pope Francis spoke about how faith in Christ brings salvation. At the heart of the Pope's catechesis was the salvation of Christ to those who are rejected. The Holy Father was reflecting on the account in the Gospel of St. Matthew in which Jesus cures the woman suffering from hemorrhages.

The Pope said, that this woman is considered impure according to the law, "but she trusts in Jesus' mercy and saving power to free her from her illness and isolation." Pope Francis described the woman as a person of deep faith who reaches out and touches Jesus' garment. This gesture was a form quiet prayer and a sign of hope and courage. Jesus' response was one of tenderness, which also acknowledged her dignity. He treats her with love and heals her of her affliction. The Pope emphasized that faith in Christ brings salvation; it offers healing, restores right relationships between people and affirms our inviolable dignity. Pope Francis asked, "how many times have we ourselves felt inwardly rejected because of our sins," But he added, the Lord says, "Have courage, come to me you are not rejected, discarded." This is a time of grace, of forgiveness and of mercy, and Jesus asks all of us to trust in his word and, having experienced his mercy, to be a leaven of that mercy in our world.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Have you noticed that thoughts and questions about God are entering your mind more often lately? Have you, or maybe someone you know, been thinking about looking into what the Catholic Church teaches? If so, this is the perfect time to respond to God's nudges and find out more about the Church and what Catholics believe. We will begin the RCIA session for inquirers on Wednesday, September 14, at 7 PM at St. Gabriel. The RCIA process is a faith journey designed for those who were never baptized, baptized in another faith, or baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. If you would like to find out more about this process and/or register for the opening session, please call Linda Shaw or Fr. Cinson this week at the parish office at 330-868-4498.

ST. EDWARD'S 50TH CLASS REUNION

The First Graduating Class of St. Edward High School, Class of '66, is celebrating their 50th Reunion along with members of the Class of 1967 this weekend and will attend Mass on Saturday at St. Francis. We are thankful for the many sacrifices made by our area parishes, dedicated faculty and boosters in providing us (yes, your pastor is a member of that class) with a wonderful education. As the St. Edward Knights we continue on in the faith. May those who have gone before us in death be at peace.

NEW MINISTER SCHEDULE WILL GO FROM OCTOBER 1, 2016—JANUARY 31, 2017. Please have your exceptions, in writing, to the office before Sept. 12. Thanks.

DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you."

Diocese
of
Steubenville



The needs of our diocese and individual parishes are great. Our **2016 Parish Goal** is:

St. Francis is \$21,452

St. Gabriel's is \$22,568.

Any amount generated over our goal will be returned to our parishes. Any gift will be appreciated.

Responses to date:
21% response from St. Gabriel (306 households)

31% from St. Francis Xavier (200 households)

Thanks to those who have already responded so generously to our request. A **Second Reminder Letter** was mailed to all who have not responded. Simply **return the Appeal Card/Envelope to the Parish Office**, or visit the D/PSC site www.diosteub.org **PLEASE HELP US TO EXCEED OUR GOAL**, God Bless you!

Rise Up! Let Your Light Shine. The 14th annual **Diocesan Youth Conference**, at St. Mary's School in Marietta, OH. Sunday, October 16, 2016 for all students in grades 7 -12. Contact Denise Laubacher at 330-868-3808 for registration and information.

CWC NEWS:

SFX CWC: St. Francis CWC will meet **this coming Tues. Sept. 6 for Rosary at 2pm** and meeting in basement to follow.

SFX QUARTER AUCTION: Volunteers are needed to start planning the 2017 Quarter Auction for St. Francis CWC. If you are able to help, contact Jan Prevot at 330-863-0789.

SG CWC: The next meeting for the St Gabriel CWC **will be this coming Wed. Sept 7 at 12 Noon** in the Annex meeting rooms. Lunch will be served, all women of the parish are encouraged to attend. We will be planning our up-coming events including a baby shower for the Alliance Pregnancy Crisis Center and our annual Boutique.

CANDY MAKING for the Annual Boutique will take place on Monday mornings beginning in Sept., and volunteers are needed to help in the "Candy Kitchen". A sign-up sheet for candy making will be on the desk in the narthex soon. The Annual Boutique, is scheduled for Nov 3-4-5, 2016.

MOTHER OF HOPE DEANERY: Deanery Meeting, Sunday, Sept 11 at 2pm at St. Francis Hall. Please RSVP reservations to Jan Prevot for SFX ladies at 330-863-0789 and Judy Wood for SG ladies at 330-868-5627. Meeting and luncheon. Welcome our guests.

PARTH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) SIGN-UPS & REGISTRATION

St Francis Xavier & St Gabriel's **Parish School of Religion (PSR)** will begin on **Sunday September 11th 9-10:15 a.m.** in the educational wing and annex rooms of St. Gabriel. Please go upstairs into the educational wing to sign up, **the weekends of August 20/21st & 27/28th**. Returning students need only use the "sign up sheets" to sign their name and grade level with a current phone number. NEW students, including Kindergarten need to complete a full **registration form (yellow card)**. *If any of your previous information has changed, including address and phone number, please complete a new registration form for your student(s).* We look forward to beginning a new PSR season with the youth of our parishes! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Denise Laubacher 330-868-3808.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2016-2017

Confirmation preparation will take place this PSR season of 2016-2017. Students in grades 8 are eligible for confirmation and must attend the confirmation classes that take place during regular PSR, Sundays from 9-10:15 a.m. **Confirmation registration** will take place in the St Gabriel's annex room hallway the weekend of **September 17th/18th**, where forms will be available with further information. **We ask Parents only** to complete the registration forms with the required information.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Evening Bible Study will begin again on Thursday evenings in October. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: *"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33* When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

You are invited to join Bishop George Murry, S.J., of Youngstown diocese for a civil dialogue regarding challenges in exercising our right to vote, as we prayerfully reflect upon the church's teachings. The session is free and will be held Wednesday, September 21 from 6 to 9 PM at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Helman Center in Canton. Brochures can be found in the gathering space. The registration form needs to be returned either by mail or e-mail by September 15.

PARTH SHARE CAMPAIGN

Items needed:

September 3/4 Flour, sugar & shortening
September 10/11 Breakfast Bars & Cereal

ST. GABRIEL

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FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR: Ms. Linda Shaw

PSR COORDINATOR: Mrs. Denise Laubacher

SOCIAL HALL PHONE: St. Gabriel 330-868-4610

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

CONFESIONS

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

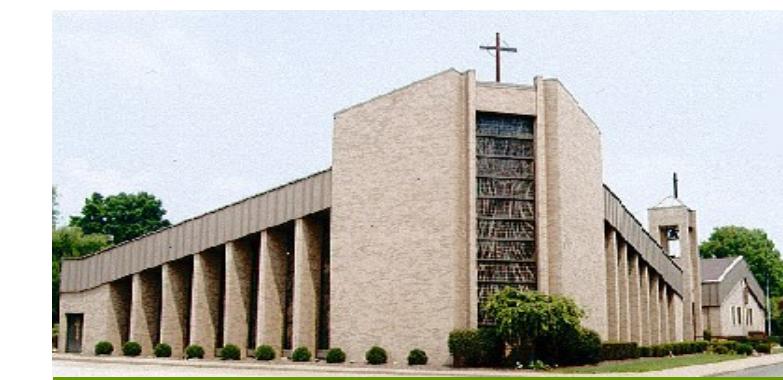
Parents are to call the Parish Office to arrange for a preparation meeting. The child need not yet be born to make these arrangements.

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**.



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS:

Sometimes, this "Treasures" column can seem to be a species of crib-notes for Catholic *Jeopardy*. Indeed, you may never know when knowledge of our particular vocabulary may come in handy. Such is the case with papal bulls, which conjure up all sorts of images, but are actually not what you might expect. A bull is a papal letter on a matter of great consequence, such as a decision about a crisis in the Church, the declaration of a doctrine, the summoning of a council, or the canonization of a saint. It has a more solemn intention than a mere letter or even an encyclical, a teaching letter circulated through the whole Church. Its odd name comes from the Latin *bulla*, which is the stamp used to apply a signatorial design to the hot lead, or even molten silver or gold, that seals the decree.

The format for the bull is the name of the pope in Latin, followed by the title "servant of the servants of God," also in Latin, and then the text. The title of the bull is always the first two words of the text. Some famous papal bulls are *Exsurge Domine* (Arise, O Lord), written against Martin Luther's Ninety-five Theses in 1520; *Munificentissimus Deus* (The Most Bountiful God), the promulgation of the dogma of the Assumption in 1950 by Pope Pius XII; or *Humanae Salutis* (Human Salvation), by which Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

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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: You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Are you willing to accept the challenges of discipleship? (Luke 14:25-33)



23rd Sunday Ordinary Time, September 4, 2016