

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, September 5**  
**4:00pm SFX** Living & Deceased of Both Parishes  
**6:00pm SG** Paul Wiedlebacher by Vice Borland & Family

**Sunday, September 6—23rd Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**8:30 am SFX** Josh Shearer by The Gardner Family  
**10:30 am SG** Mary Jo Casper by Gloria & Bob McDaniell

**Monday, September 7—Labor Day**  
**8:00am SFX** Mary Romano by Helen Eberhardt

**Tuesday, September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**9:00am SG** Mary T. Koniecko by Family

**Wednesday, September 9—St Peter Claver**  
**8:00am SFX** Pauline Halter by Julie & Rita Kenny

**Thursday, September 10**  
**9:00am SG** Special Intention for grandson Michel by Stella Kiko

**Friday, September 11**  
**9:00am SG** Communion Service

**Saturday, September 12**  
**4:00pm SFX** Joseph Petenzi by Janet Casper  
**6:00pm SG** Living & Deceased of Both Parishes

**Sunday, September 13—24th Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**8:30 am SFX** Martin Albright by Gary & Nancy Neisel  
**10:30 am SG** Michael Canestraro by M/M John Dunlap & Family

**CHURCH SUPPORT:**

*May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on August 29/30, 2015.*

**St. Gabriel:** Adult \$1,415; Loose \$121; New Hall \$125; Workless Festival \$20; Cap. Impr. \$75; Salvation Army \$358.53

**RECAP ADULT COLLETION AT ST GABRIEL**

8	Envelopes with \$1 to \$5	\$40
20	Envelopes with \$6 to \$10	\$189
25	Envelopes with \$11 to \$20	\$490
13	Envelopes with \$21 to \$30	\$350
8	Envelopes with \$31 to \$50	\$346
0	Envelopes with OVER \$50	\$-0-
<b>74</b>	<b>Envelopes for St. Gabriel totaling</b>	<b>\$1,415</b>

**St. Francis Xavier:** Adult \$2,257; Loose \$336; New Hall \$475; Extra Ord. Bldg \$20; Christian Care \$630.

**RECAP ADULT COLLETION AT ST FRANCIS**

8	Envelopes with \$1 to \$5	\$33
11	Envelopes with \$6 to \$10	\$107
17	Envelopes with \$11 to \$20	\$317
19	Envelopes with \$21 to \$30	\$495
9	Envelopes with \$31 to \$50	\$395
5	Envelopes with OVER \$50	\$910
<b>69</b>	<b>Envelopes for St. Francis totaling</b>	<b>\$2,257</b>

*Thank you! Your kindness is greatly appreciated.*

**SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH**

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

**At Home:** Gary Kovacik, Mary Ann & Rich Campitelli  
**Stone Crossing:** Vera Kompara  
**Carrollton Health Care:** Steve Marmo and Carol Sinar  
**St. Joseph Care Center:** Fran Montella, Steve Marmo  
 2300 Reno Dr NE, Louisville, OH 44641

**ST. GABRIEL**

**At Home:** Shirley Bonar; Jim Fowkes; Ivette Martinez; Edith Mick.  
**Minerva Eldercare:** Alice Gade; Mildred Rennier, Joe Casper (SFX)  
**Great Trail Nursing Facility:** Richard Lane; Kay Morrison; Margaret Wasik.  
**St. Luke Assisted Living:** Minerva: Stella Kiko; Mary Wadsworth

**Prayer Chain for St. Gabriel and St. Francis:**

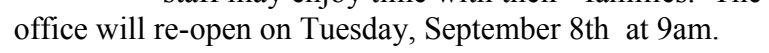
If you know of someone who is in need of prayer and would like them to be put on the prayer list for **St. Francis**, please call Dolores Hudson at 330-863-0273; To be put on the list for **St. Gabriel**, please call Darlene Mackey at 330-868-6639.

**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 tell the Admissions Office you are Catholic and the name of the Parish where you are registered. Due to the Privacy of Information Act, hospitals no longer give out personal information.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

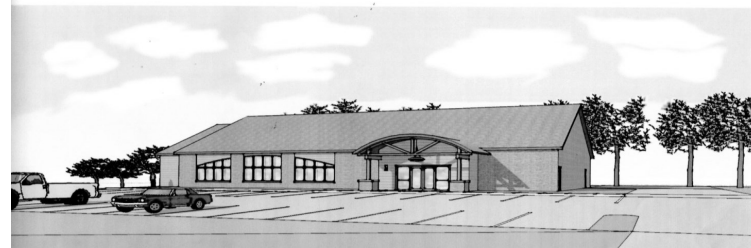
The RCIA is the name of the process by which we welcome new members into the church. We will begin formal sessions on September 14, 2015. See insert in today's bulletin. This is not a "one size fits all" program. Each person comes at a different stage. Let us tailor it to your needs. Contact Fr. Cinson at the Parish Office for information. Let us help you to answer your questions. Jesus said, Come and See.

**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY:** To celebrate Labor Day, our church office will be closed on Monday, September 7th so that our parish staff may enjoy time with their families. The office will re-open on Tuesday, September 8th at 9am.



**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" (James 2:5)

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith we know that material things really do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.



**“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” 94% Reached!**

**Will you help us get to the top?**

Offerings as of 08/24/2015:

- \$259,352.05 Pledges & Gifts
- \$ 38,750.00 Brick and Window sponsorships
- \$ 21,000.00 Block sponsorships
- \$ 9,808.00 Memorial Donations.
- \$328,910.05 [Note: Pledge Goal is \$350,000]



**Dear Parishioners, Family Members, Visitors, Friends:**

♦We welcome your help. The need is great to replace the Hall at St. Francis. A new Parish Center will benefit both St. Francis and St. Gabriel, as well as our Community. **Thanks. ONLY \$21,089.95 to reach the PLEDGE GOAL! Keep those pledges coming!!** This is but one source of income for our project. We will also need to use: (1) the Savings earmarked in our “Building Fund” and, (2) require a bank loan to complete the project. Fund Raisers will be an essential source of income (see note below). **Extra flyers/pledge cards available in the narthex, or by calling Parish Office.**

**HELP NEEDED:** We are in need of People to give of their time and talent as **VOLUNTEERS** for various Fund Raising projects in the near future. **The Design Committee met on July14, 2015 and we are instructing the Architect to continue work on the drawings for the building, interior and exterior, in order for us to make a presentation for the Bishop and Diocese for final approval, to secure a loan, and set a timeline for construction to begin. This is an exciting time for our parishes. We will have a brochure available soon listing some of the plans we have for fundraising. Please prayerfully consider ways in which each parishioner may help to make this hall a reality.**

**PARISH MINISTRY: SIGN UP & FORMATION**

Please take a few minutes to read the special flyer that appeared in the bulletin recently regarding recruitment and training for a variety of Liturgical Ministries needed in both of our parishes. Extra copies are available in narthex. **The Lord is calling YOU!**

**Please Support the 2015 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign (D/PSC)**

*“Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord.”*

2015 D/PSC	GOAL	AMOUNT PLEDGED & GIFTS	# pledges	% OF GOAL
<i>St. Gabriel</i>	\$23,064	\$33,376	84	146%
# families	318	\$10,312 <i>Over goal</i>	26.5% <i>response</i>	
<i>St. Francis</i>	\$21,204	\$22,995	84	108%
# families	210	\$1,491 <i>Over goal</i>	40% <i>response</i>	

Both parishes have recently reached and exceeded the Target Goal for the Diocese portion of the D/D/PSC. From this point on **ALL new gifts/pledges** will be returned entirely to the parish for our use and we will not be assessed on this amount for determining future parish assessments. This then really is the **BEST** way to make a special gift to your parish!

Many from both parishes have already responded very generously with gifts. We invite all those who have not yet had an opportunity, to please do so soon. The success of EACH parish depends upon YOU! Please help us in any way you are able. No gift will be refused. A Reminder Letter will be sent out this week to all who have not yet responded. All gifts received by **September 4th** will be included in the Steubenville Register article on September 11, listing all Diocesan Parish results. **God bless you! God bless your generosity! God bless your love!**

**MINISTER SCHEDULE:** It's time once again for the Minister Schedule to be done! The schedule will begin October 3/4 and run through January 31, 2016. Please submit any preferences to the church office **IN WRITING** no later than September 13. Please also write down which Mass you plan to attend for Christmas and New Years. If you don't send in which Masses you plan to attend over the holiday's, it will be assumed that you are available for any Mass.

**VOCATION VIEWS:** Ask God to open your ears to hear his call. May he also free your tongue to proclaim the good news. Consider serving God as a pries, brother, or sister. (Mark 7:31-37)

**THANK YOU FOR CONSERVING ENERGY**

Thanks to all who continue to help keep our utility bills down by making sure that lights are not left on unnecessarily and air conditioner settings are turned back when not in use. You are worth your weight in gold! God Bless!

**PSR NEWS:** PSR for both St. Gabriel and St. Francis Xavier will begin next Sunday, September 13 from 9-10:15 am in both the educational wing and the annex rooms of St. Gabriel.

**ST. FRANCIS CWC NEWS:**

- \* First meeting will Monday September 14 (changed due to Labor Day). Rosary at 5:30pm; meeting at 6pm.
- \* Oct Meeting will be Monday, Oct 5. Rosary at 5:30, Meeting at 7pm.

Meetings are usually done by 7pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**ST GABRIEL CWC:** Installation of new officers will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7pm in the Meeting Room Annex at St. Gabriel. Refreshments will be served. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend and meet your new officers.

**PLEASE HELP! SCRIP AT ST GABRIEL** needs your help. Anyone interested in helping to SELL SCRIP on Sunday morning after the 10:30am Mass, please call **Christi Timmerman at 330-868-1095. (It is not difficult at all.)** The SCRIP program is an easy fundraiser. For every SCRIP gift card you buy, the church receives a percentage from that purchase. Please consider giving a few minutes of your time to help our church.



**THANK YOU:** Thank you for donating 579 items to our Back-to-School program for needy children in the Minerva/Malvern area. We provide hundreds of children with school supplies. Because of your generosity, we are able to help meet the needs of people in our community who need emergency assistance and brighten their days.

**DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION:** Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50 and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversaries of marriage are invited to attend one of the celebrations to follow:

**Saturday, Nov 21, 2015**

5:15pm Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, Ironton

**Sunday, Nov 22, 2015**

12:00 Noon Mass at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta, **And**

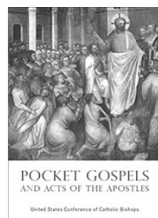
5:30pm Mass at Holy Family Church, Steubenville.

Please contact the church office if you plan to attend at 330-868-4498.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHEDULE FOR OUR PARISHES:**

St. Francis: **Monday** after 8AM Mass until 4:00PM

St. Gabriel: **Tue.** after 9AM Mass until Wed. at 9AM.



**POCKET GOSPELS – FREE!**

Pope Francis gave gifts of a *pocket Gospel* book to all pilgrims gathered in St. Peter Square recently. He explained that it is a tradition to give a Gospel to anyone who is getting Baptized on Easter. But reading the Gospel, he said, is something that all Christians should welcome at all times. *Take it, carry it with you and read it every day. It's Jesus Himself who speaks to you in the Gospel. It's the Word of Jesus, this is the Word of Jesus. And welcome it with an open heart. Then the good seed will bear fruit!*

We have ordered a supply of "Pocket Gospels" for our parishes. We too are giving these Pocket Gospels out for **FREE!** The Pope did ask for a favor in return. He asked everyone to *share its message with others.* "Maybe there's someone who doesn't believe that this is free: 'How much is it? How much do I have to pay for it, Father?' OK, so let's do this... *To pay for this gift, do an act of charity, a little gesture of love, for free. Pray for an enemy, reconcile with somebody, do something.*"

If our supply goes quickly, don't worry, we will order more. **It is a FREE gift!** Simply do something for someone else, freely, to pay for it. And read a little portion of the Gospels daily. Pope Francis also reminded everyone that with high technology like smart phones and tablets, it's now easier than ever, to read the Gospel. He emphasized that all means are valid, as long as it's read "with an open heart." Let Jesus change your lives! Let Jesus help you to change the world! "Then the good seed will bear fruit!"

**THAT MAN IS YOU! (TMIY)** Beginning Saturday, Sept 12, 2015 6am-7:30am at Our Lady of Mercy Hall. Meetings begin with breakfast. The next series is "the Revelation of the Father," in which we consider man in his relationship to his children. For more information on "That Man Is You" go to [INFO@THATMANISYOU.ORG](mailto:INFO@THATMANISYOU.ORG) See the pamphlets in the narthex of either church.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:**

We have a Bible Study which meets every Tuesday, after the 9am Mass, in the annex meeting rooms of St. Gabriel church. You don't need to be a Bible Scholar to attend. We read and discuss passages from the bible and have coffee and refreshments. You don't need to "sign up", just come and enjoy the company. It is open to both St. Gabriel and St. Francis Parishioners and friends.

**THANK YOU:** The children of Lou & Mary Jane Thurin would like to thank all of the parishioners for the warm wishes during their 65th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Special thank you to Fr Cinson for offering a Mass and the special blessing that he gave for our parents. You all made it very special. *Thank you.*

**ST. GABRIEL**

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**ST. FRANCIS**

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**SECRETARY:** Mrs. Peggy Romine

**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

**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 pm on Tuesday.**



**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Orthodox Christians have a saying about the reality of sin. They speak of "this holy and sinful Church, which we love." We know all too well the effects of sin on the faith community. From our earliest days, we have seen baptism as a place where the old self dies in Christ, dies to sin, and rises to new life. Our ancestors in faith held that post-baptismal major sin was unthinkable. Yet, as one Baptist minister once explained, "We know that sin is drowned in the water, but it would appear that the devil is a pretty good swimmer."

The origins of the sacrament of penance have to do with a similar insight among bishops in the early church. A critical question for them was whether or not a baptized person who had committed a public sin could be re-established in church life, forgiven, and restored. Forgiven, yes, was an early answer, but restored was another matter. Penance would be a permanent lifestyle for the forgiven; they would live at the margins of the community, clearly visible in distinctive garments, and their access to the table of the Eucharist was restricted. The harsh beginnings of public penance led in time to a true treasure of our tradition: the ability to find our way home through the ministry of others, and a way for all of us sinners to experience the gentle embrace of our forgiving Lord.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**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.

**PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN. Items needed:**

**September 12/13** Hot drink mix, coffee, tea, etc.

**September 19/20** Soaps & Washing Products

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

**Office schedule:** The Church office will be closed on

**Friday, September 11, 2015**



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**