

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 19—*St. Januarius*

4:00pm SFX Irene Wiedlebacher by Don & Olga Sabula

6:00pm SG Joan Nicolet by Eleanor Ley & Family

Sunday, September 20—*25th Sunday Ordinary Time*

8:30 am SFX Living & Deceased of Both Parishes

10:30 am SG Bill Toussant by M/M Tom Bolanz

Monday, September 21—*St. Matthew*

8:00am SFX Communion Service

Tuesday, September 22

9:00am SG Communion Service

Wednesday, September 23—*St. Pius of Pietrelcina*

8:00am SFX No Service Today

Thursday, September 24

9:00am SG No Service Today

Friday, September 25

9:00am SG Communion Service

Saturday, September 26—*St.s Cosmas & Damian*

4:00pm SFX Collin Stone by John & Anita Tokos & Family

6:00pm SG Don Zwick by Jeff & Martha Davis

Sunday, September 27—*26th Sunday Ordinary Time*

8:30 am SFX Living & Deceased of Both Parishes

10:30 am SG Gregory Mangus by Barbara Lockney

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on September 12/13

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,861; Loose \$95; New Hall \$155; Cap. Impr. \$95; Immaculate Heart Fund \$5.

RECAP ADULT COLLETION AT ST GABRIEL

6	Envelopes with \$1 to \$5	\$29
18	Envelopes with \$6 to \$10	\$174
27	Envelopes with \$11 to \$20	\$515
12	Envelopes with \$21 to \$30	\$315
6	Envelopes with \$31 to \$50	\$265
5	Envelopes with OVER \$50	\$563
74	Envelopes for St. Gabriel totaling	\$1,861

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$1,682.29; Loose \$325; New Hall \$590; Extra Ord. Bldg \$40.

RECAP ADULT COLLETION AT ST FRANCIS

4	Envelopes with \$1 to \$5	\$16.29
11	Envelopes with \$6 to \$10	\$110
22	Envelopes with \$11 to \$20	\$406
25	Envelopes with \$21 to \$30	\$650
7	Envelopes with \$31 to \$50	\$300
2	Envelopes with OVER \$50	\$200
71	Envelopes for St. Francis totaling	\$1,682.29

Thank you! Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

At Home: Gary Kovacik, Mary Ann Campitelli

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara

Carrollton Health Care: Carol Sinar

St. Joseph Care Center: Steve Marmo; Fran Montella, (Fran's address is: 2300 Reno Dr NE, Louisville, OH 44641)

ST. GABRIEL

At Home: Shirley Bonar; Ivette Martinez; Edith Mick.

Eldercare: Alice Gade; Mildred Rennie; Joe Casper (SFX)

Great Trail Nursing Facility: Richard Lane; Kay Morrison

St. Luke 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 inform the Admissions Office you are Catholic and your Parish. Due to the Privacy of Information Act, hospitals no longer give out personal information.



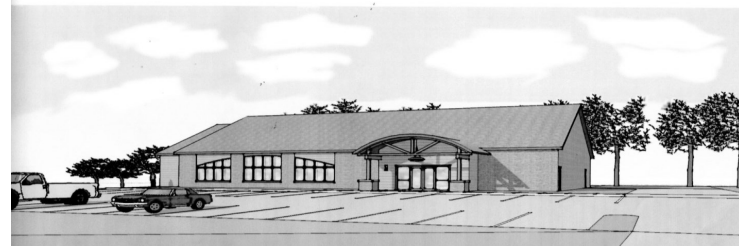
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA is the name we give to the process by which we welcome new members into the church. Our next session will be Monday, **September 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Annex classrooms at St. Gabriel (for easier entrance use the parking lot off of the alley on Grant Street, or use the main entrance of church and follow signs to back classroom)**. This is not a "one size fits all" program. Each person comes at a different stage. Let us tailor it to your needs. Please Contact the Parish Office to register and for information. Let us help you to answer your questions. Jesus said "Come and See".



Kindly welcome Fr. James McKarns, a retired priest living in Louisville, who will preside at the weekend liturgies on September 19-20. And welcome back Fr. Tom Petronek, a retired priest of our diocese, who will preside on the weekend of September 26-27 while Fr. Vic enjoys a "long overdue" rest.

Office schedule: The Church office will be closed on **Friday, September 25, 2015**



"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"

94.5% Reached!

Will you help us get to the top?

Offerings as of 09/16/2015:

\$259,832.05 Pledges & Gifts
 \$ 38,750.00 Brick and Window sponsorships
 \$ 21,000.00 Block sponsorships
 \$ 9,808.00 Memorial Donations.
\$329,390.05 [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 \$20,609.95 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.**

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!



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	\$33,746	90	146%
# families	318	\$10,312 <i>Over goal</i>	29% <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>	

ALL new gifts/pledges will be returned entirely to the parish for our use and the parish will not be assessed on this amount. This 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 has been sent out to all who have not yet responded. Watch *The Steubenville Register* for an article on September 11, listing all Diocesan Parish results. **God bless you! God bless your generosity! God bless your love!**

VOCATION VIEWS: If we want to be great we must serve others. Are you willing to serve others? You can make a difference with your life. (Mark 9:30-37)

A DAY WITH BISHOP MONFORTON: a Day with the Bishop will be held **October 14** at **St. Francis in Toronto**. The day begins with Mass and the Rosary at 10:30am followed by a luncheon and a talk with the Bishop. There is no cost to the ladies of either parish to attend. Please contact either **Jan Prevot, St Francis CWC President** at 330-863-0789 or **Ida Carver, St Gabriel CWC President** at 330-868-6867 if you would like to attend.



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.

NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR FOR OUR PARISHES

Please welcome Linda Shaw, a new member to our parish family, who will also serve as our Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation for St. Francis and St. Gabriel Parishes. Linda will assist with the RCIA, Adult Programs and as a Resource Person for our PSR Teachers, Catechists and other ministries. She comes to us with a wealth of experience and creativity. Please make her feel welcome among us.

PARISH MINISTRY: SIGN UP & FOR-

MATION Please take a few minutes to read and respond to the special insert which appeared in the bulletin recently regarding recruitment and training for a variety of Liturgical Ministries [lectors, special ministers of the eucharist, mass servers, home communion ministers, choir, cantors] needed in both of our parishes. Extra copies are available in narthex. **The Lord is calling YOU!**



ST FRANCIS CWC NEWS:

MEN'S BREAKFAST AT ST FRANCIS: The St. Francis CWC will host a Men's Club Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 10am in the church hall. This breakfast is for Men's Club members, sons, grandsons and friends only, no ladies. Please sign the sheet in the narthex of St. Francis if you plan to attend.

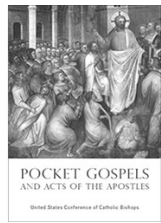
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! St. Francis CWC is holding a Quarter Auction on Sunday, March 13, 2016. See today's insert for help needed.

THANKS! Thank you all who helped in any way at the Church Picnic for the Chinese Auction. The St. Francis CWC was able to raise \$267. Thank you for supporting the auction.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter 2015 will be Oct. 16—18 in Hudson. For more info or to apply, please call 330-305-9963 or email LGrieshammer@gmail.com. To go WWME.org to learn more about Marriage Encounter.



POCKET GOSPELS – FREE!

Due to popular demand our supply of a **FREE Pocket Gospel** book has run out. We have ordered extra copies and will distribute them as soon as they arrive.

Pope Francis said that reading the Gospel 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!*

Pope Francis asked everyone to *share this message with others. "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."*

MINISTRY DAY 2015: The Youngstown Diocese is inviting us to attend "Embracing Our Call" a Ministry Day for **ALL: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, RCIA teams, Parish Council, Social Justice Committees, Youth Ministry, PSR Catechists, Leaders of Prayer** and anyone interested in growing in our faith. The Ministry Day takes place at **St. Thomas Aquinas in Louisville on Saturday, October 24 from 9am—3pm.** Lunch is included in the registration. PSR teachers will receive credit for continuing education if you attend this workshop. There are some extra booklets in the narthex of either church. **Registrations made through the church office will be paid for by the parish. Deadline** to register for the sessions you would like to attend is **September 28th.** This is being held sooooo close, it would be good for all ministries to attend. There are booklets in the narthex of either church. Look them over and call the church office with which classes you would like to attend.

THAT MAN IS YOU! (TMIY) Saturday from 6am-7:30am at Our Lady of Mercy Hall. Meetings begin with breakfast. See the pamphlets in the narthex of either church. For more information: INFO@THATMANISYOU.ORG

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.



ST. GABRIEL/ST. FRANCIS

SENIOR LUNCHEON Our Senior Luncheon will be held for Seniors and their guests on **Wednesday, September 23**, from 12:00 noon until 1:30 pm., in the Meeting Room Annex at St. Gabriel's. Please come and enjoy good food and great fellowship! Hope to see you there!

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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 pm on Tuesday.**

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Toward the end of the second century, a churchman in North Africa, Tertullian, described an early form of penance. Imagine if it had survived! There were three steps to this very public ritual. The unfortunate sinner was brought before the community in an itchy garment of goat's hair. The communities of the day were small and intimate, and everyone knew everyone else. The shame of exposure for a big sin—murder, idolatry, or adultery—would have been profound. The penitent would beg the community for prayers of intercession, and then go sit in a place assigned to penitents. After this public confession, the penitent would be assigned some discipline, usually a relatively severe fast, or the wearing of distinctive garb. This remedy for sin was for a certain period of time, or at least until the bishop (every small community has its own bishop) judged that enough was enough. Then the person would be readmitted to the eucharistic community, although Tertullian doesn't tell us how. Probably the bishop tenderly placed his hands on their heads, precisely where they were anointed at baptism. We do know that the readmission of penitents to the eucharistic table became in some churches a great celebration, and there are records from Spain of bishops leading penitents in a dance-like processional into the eucharistic hall on Holy Thursday.

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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.

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN. Items needed:

September 26/27 Condiments, Salad Dressings, etc

October 3/4 Toiletries

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



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 20, 2015