

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9

4:00pm SFX Living & Deceased of Both Parishes

6:00pm SG Marilyn Zwick by Bob & Charlene Sicker

Sunday, January 10—*Baptism of the Lord*

8:30 am SFX Richard Wackerly by Jay & Karen Wackerly

10:30 am SG Andy Marko by Bob & Joan Gallina

Monday, January 11

8:00am SFX Emilio Castellucci by Jackie Contini

Tuesday, January 12

9:00am SG Kenny Ferguson by Paul Snopel

Wednesday, January 13—*St. Hilary*

8:00am SFX Vi Scurto by Family

Thursday, January 14

9:00am SG Marilyn Nehus by Bob & Joan Gallina

Friday, January 15

9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, January 16

4:00pm SFX Mary Gardner by Family & Friends

6:00pm SG Joan Nicolet by Friends

Sunday, January 10—*2nd Sunday Ordinary Time*

8:30 am SFX Martin Albright by Pat Moeglin & Family

10:30 am SG Living & Deceased of Both Parishes

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on January 2/3, 2016

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,990; Loose \$182; Capital Improv. \$137; Solemnity of Mary \$703.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$3,084; Loose \$280; Solemnity of Mary \$511; Propagation of Faith \$25; Eastern Europe \$25.

PARISH SUPPORT: As many of our parishioners avail themselves of the variety of masses between our two parishes and may deposit your church support envelope or check in either collection basket, we ask for your help with our bookkeeping. Whichever parish you are formally registered at [*St. Francis Xavier, or St. Gabriel*], **please make any checks covering your Regular Church contribution payable to your registered parish.** This will help us with our new bookkeeping system which the Diocese of Steubenville is initiating and also enable us to give you an accurate statement at the end of the year for your accounting and tax preparations. The exception would be if you are making a donation to the New Church Hall Fund., which should, of course, be made payable to St. Francis Church. The depositing of the "Hall Fund" donations is simplified if these gifts are made out to St. Francis Church. Thanks for your help.

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

At Home: Gary Kovacik, Janet Boyer

Woodlawn: Mary Ann Campitelli

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara

St. Joseph Care Center: Steve Marmo; Fran Montella

ST. GABRIEL

At Home: Shirley Bonar; Patricia Burman, Ivette Martinez,

Eldercare: Mildred Rennier, Joe Casper (SFX)

Arbors (Great Trail) Nursing: Richard Lane.

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.

RCIA SESSIONS. The *sessions* for those preparing for adult baptism and/or full communion in the Church meet on **Monday evenings** from 7-9 PM in the Annex Rooms. Please continue to keep our Catechumens, Candidates, and team in your prayers as they prepare for the Easter Sacraments of Initiation.



SYMPATHY: St. Francis and St. Gabriel parishioners offer our prayers of sympathy:

† To Dick and Jenny, Scott (Heather) and Christopher Rainone and family on the death of wife/mother/grandmother **Marty Rainone** of St. Gabriel who died January 5, 2016. Marti

was very active in our church, served as past CWC President and many areas of parish life. She will be greatly missed.

† To Doug (Megan) Jeffery and family, of St. Gabriel, on the death of Doug's sister **Pamela Jeffery** of Delroy, who also died this past week. She is survived by her father Herbert; a son, Danny Dews; a sister, four brothers and extended family members.

May all of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

VOCATION VIEWS: Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. (Luke 3;15-16, 21-22)



"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" 96% Reached!

Will you help us get to the top?

Offerings as of 1/7/2016:

\$264,821.05 Pledges & Gifts

\$ 38,750.00 Brick and Window sponsorships

\$ 21,000.00 Block sponsorships

\$ 11,383.00 Memorial Donations.

\$335,954.05 [Note: Pledge Goal is \$350,000]



Dear Parishioners, Family Members, Visitors, and Friends: Please help our dream to become a reality!

As many of you are aware, the original quonset hut hall at St. Francis has served us well for over 65 years and has reached the stage of being beyond repair. As you know when doing improvements to your own homes, the process is not always easy.

The parish has decided that a facility is still needed for us in which to gather and celebrate special occasions, provide for wedding receptions, high school graduations, parish functions, and to be of witness and service to the wider community. The only viable solution is to replace the existing structure. For the past 15 years St. Francis and St. Gabriel have been served by one pastor. It makes great sense for our two parishes to work together for our future growth and development. We are anxiously awaiting the drawings from the architect in order to proceed with our plans for a new hall in 2016. The **Pledge Goal Phase** is only **one source** of funding for our project. **Part Two** is the **Savings** which are earmarked in our "Building Fund" and, **Part Three** will require a **Bank Loan** to cover any unpaid pledges and any amount needed to complete our project. Please prayerfully consider ways in which you may be able to help make this project a reality: A Pledge, a One Time Gift, Use of the Monthly Envelope, Volunteering of time and talent with Fund raisers, Gifts in Kind, or a Memorial Gift. **Information sheets and pledge cards available in the narthex of church, or by calling Parish Office.** **KEEP THE MOMENTUM GROWING!**



MOMENTS OF MERCY—January 2016-



Pope Francis warned against false spirituality and worldliness saying many people appear to be spiritual but live in a way that is totally detached from the presence or needs of others. He stressed that works of mercy are at the heart of our faith in God and the visible sign of that faith. The works of mercy are the visible sign of our confession that the Son of God became flesh: visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, taking care of those who are abandoned. God became flesh to identify with us. Those who suffer are one and the same as the suffering Christ."

2016 CHURCH CALENDARS: Home Calendars will available in the narthex of each church. Thanks to Gotschall - Hutchison Funeral Home for generously sponsoring our 2016 calendars. Take one home as a reminder of the feasts and seasons for the New Year.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT *"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7)* St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan; helping to do His work here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it.

DINNER OUT: Social Concerns Committee of St. Gabriel and St Francis will begin "Dinner Out" every **first Thursday of every month**. The dinners will be held at Minerva Senior Center, 1200 Valley Street, Minerva. Serving time is 5pm but you should arrive at the Center no later than 4:45pm. Cost of each well balanced, delicious meal is only \$5. The menu is listed in the News Leader. **Reservations must** be called into Norma Marko at 330-868-4502 or the Senior Center at 330-868-6004 **NO LATER** than 5pm on the Wednesday before. If you call the Center, please tell them you will be with the "Catholic Church group" so we can all sit together. Our first "dinner out" will be February 4. This will be a great way to socialize with our fellow parishioners



MINISTER SCHEDULE: The next minister schedule will begin on February 6/7 and end on May 28/29. Any exceptions will need to be in to the office **IN WRITING** no later than January 18. Please indicate Masses you will be available for during **Holy Week and Easter**. You may drop your exceptions in the collection basket, email them to the office at smstgabriel@frontier.com or drop them off at the church office.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES NEEDED

Would you like to give of gift of time and talent to your Parish? Please consider volunteering to help with one of the following areas:

Acolytes/Altar Servers **Lectors**
Art & Environment **Sacristans**
Greeters & Ushers **Lectors**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Either at Mass, or to the home bound.

Please prayerfully consider joining one of these ministries today!. Contact Fr. Vic, or leave your name at the Parish Office: 330-868-4498.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP):

Mercy Medical Center offers Natural Family planning classes for interested couples. The next class series will begin on Sunday, January 10, 2016. All classes are taught by certified teaching couple. The fee for the class series is \$40 per couple which includes all materials and parking is free. This service is offered in cooperation and under the guidance of the Office of Marriage and Family Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. NFP is the knowledge and understanding of natural fertility. It is acceptance and respect for combined fertility as a couple. NFP can be used to achieve or postpone pregnancy without the use of drugs, devices or chemicals to alter the reproductive systems. **To register** go to: cantonmercy.org/family_education. An email address and credit card payment are required. **Or** call Mercy Family Education at 330-489-1329, or 1-800-223-8662.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:



Looking for a romantic weekend to bring a husband and wife closer together? A WWME weekend is exactly what you are looking for! Celebrate the gift of love GOD has given you in one another and learn more communication techniques for a CHRIST-center marriage filled with romance and intimacy. The next weekend is February 12—14 (Valentine's Day) in Hudson. Further information is available online at GreatMarriagesOhio.org or call 330-305-9963.

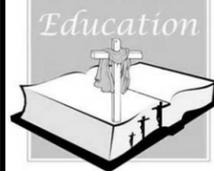
BLOOD DRIVE: The next LifeShare Blood drive will held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in the annex meeting rooms of St. Gabriel Church.

THANK YOU FROM HARCATUS: Thank you to both St Gabriel and St Francis for you clothing donations in 2015.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Evening Bible Study resumes on Jan 14th at 7-8:30 pm. ALL are welcomed and encouraged to attend. We are fortunate to have two bible study groups in our parishes, both with different days and times to accommodate more schedules. The Thursday evening group will continue with the book of Exodus; The New American Bible translation is used and bibles are available. Please make time in your schedule to attend one of our parish bible studies; make it your special commitment for the new Year of Mercy. For more information contact Pete & Denise Laubacher 330.868.3808.

Religious PSR RESUMES



St. Francis & St Gabriel

The Parishes' PSR classes resume on Sunday Jan 10th at 9-10:15 a.m. in the educational wing and annex rooms of St. Gabriel. PSR is for grades K through 12th grade and all students are to attend classes for their religious formation, as well as Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. We have a staff of dedicated volunteer teachers and helpers who take time out of their busy schedules to teach the faith to the students of our parishes. We are grateful for their commitment to teach and what a good job they do. Thank a PSR teacher or helper when you see them! May God continue to bless our teachers and students in this new year!

PSR NOTES LOOKING AHEAD:

- * **Sat/Sunday in February**, BAKE SALE YOUTH GROUP - date to be announced
- * **Sunday February 21st, 2016:** First Reconciliation 1 pm St Gabriel
- * **Sunday March 2016:** MINERVA SKATE RINK: date to be announced
- * **Sunday April 10th, 2016:** TEEN RETREAT, FUS Sent Team on site at St Gabriel, 12 noon- 4 pm
- * **Saturday April 30th, 2016:** First Communion Photos & Practice
- * **Sunday May 1, 2016:** First Communion, St. Gabriel 10:30 Mass



PROLIFE SIGNATURE AD:

"Carroll County Right to Life group are placing a pro-life signature ad in the local Free Press Standard the week of the anniversary of Roe vs Wade. Please sign your name on the sheet in the narthex of St. Francis Xavier to participate. There is a \$2 fee per signature to cover the cost of the add. The signature ad will be in the "Free Press" paper on January 20, 2016."

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PSR COORDINATOR: Mrs. Denise Laubacher

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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

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 TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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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.



Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2016