

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 23

4:00pm SFX Buzzelli & Di Menna Family

6:00pm SG Fr. Bernie Krajcovic

Sunday, January 24—3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 am SFX Living & Deceased of Both Parishes

10:30 am SG Marty Rainone by Norma Marko & Lisa Burman

Monday, January 25—The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:00am SFX Thomas Burkhart by Anita & John Tokos

Tuesday, January 26—Sts Timothy & Titus

9:00am SG Tony & Diane Petrarca by Tim & Joanne Martin

Wednesday, January 27—St Angela Merici

8:00am SFX Fr. Jack Holmes

Thursday, January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00am SG Joan Nicolet by Friends

Friday, January 29

9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, January 30

4:00pm SFX Albert & Gerald Burkhart by Family

6:00pm SG Living & Deceased of Both Parishes

Sunday, January 31—4th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 am SFX Don Casper by M/M Tom Shearer

10:30 am SG Anna & Louis Romano by Sandy & Louis

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on January 16/17, 2016

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,493; Loose \$213; Capital Improv. \$20; Solemnity of Mary \$20; Adopted Child \$9.81; Disaster Relief \$134..

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$1,689; Loose \$167; Disaster Relief \$385; Retired Religious \$20.

PARISH SUPPORT: Whichever parish you are formally registered, *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. Thanks for your help.

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN. Items needed:

January 23/24 Soaps & washing products

January 30/31 Condiments, salad dressings, etc.

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

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

At Home: Gary Kovacik, Janet Boyer

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.

STATE OF THE PARISH REPORT:

All registered parishioners/households should have received in the mail a copy of "The State of the Parish Report" for the parish in which you are currently registered. This report contains facts about each individual parish, sacramental information and an accounting of our income and expenses from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. We had hoped to make this report available last fall. However, due to the fact of the diocese adopting a new computer program for all parishes and a few other delays, we were unable to provide this in a more timely manner. The report is based on the Diocesan Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30) and not based on the calendar year, or as of the current date.

Note: Explanations to St. Francis Report: (1) A misplaced comma on "Other Accounts," should read \$448,294." (2) Increase in Bldgs. Grounds was due to furnace replacement, lighting work on church and equipment upgrades. (3) Property Taxes: "Prior Year" of \$1,134 was only for 6 mos. "This Year" was for 2015 taxes of \$2,733. May God bless all who continue to give of your time, talent and treasure for the good of St. Francis and St. Gabriel parishes.



"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 1/13/2016:

\$264,911.05 Pledges & Gifts

\$ 38,750.00 Brick and Window sponsorships

\$ 21,000.00 Block sponsorships

\$ 11,533.00 Memorial Donations.

\$336,194.05 [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 says God looks beyond appearances and into the heart. We are often the slaves of appearances and allow ourselves to pursue appearances: 'But God knows the truth'. "We have all been chosen by the Lord to be Baptized, to be part of His people, to be saints; we have been consecrated by the Lord on the path towards sainthood. During the Christian journey, the journey the Lord has invited us to undertake, there is no saint without a past and no sinner without a future".

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 "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (Nehemiah 8:10) Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life, he wants us to be happy! However, He expects us to generously share our blessings with those who are in need, without expecting anything in return.

DINNER OUT: The Justice and Social Concerns Committee of St. Gabriel and St Francis will begin "Dinner Out" on the **first Thursday of every month.** This coming month will be Thursday, February 4. 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 **\$6.00.**



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The menu for February 4th is Stuffed peppers and mashed potatoes and all the trimmings. 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

Liturgical Minister: Thank you to all who sent in exceptions and availabilities through the Easter Holiday. The schedules will be mailed out sometime this coming week and if you don't receive yours in the mail by Thursday, February 4th, please call the church office.



The Annual St. Francis Xavier Quarter Auction, scheduled for *April 10, 2016*, has begun to be planned. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 27th in the narthex of St. Francis Church. This is open to all women of the parish who would be interested to help in any way. The following are the co-chairwomen and the areas they are responsible for: Vendors – Jackie Contini; Silent Auction – Marty Reed; Live Auction – Bonnie Newell Chiurco; Entrance Tickets – Jan Prevot; Advertising – Linda Faa; Decorating – Lynette Angeloni; Auction Paddles – Dolores Hudson; Donations/Door Prizes – Marty Reed; Raffle – Karen Wackerly. We are asking for donations of baskets to be auctioned again. There will again be a tree with suggested baskets in the Gathering Space. These baskets **HAVE TO BE RETURNED** by March 20, 2016. Donations for the Silent Auction are also welcomed. The more help we get the more money we can raise for the New Hall. Any questions, please call the appropriate co-chair.

CWC MEETINGS:

The next meeting for **St. Francis CWC** will be held on Monday, February 1 at 2:30pm in the basement of the church with rosary beginning at 2pm in the church.

St. Gabriel CWC will meet on Wednesday, February 3 at Noon in the annex meeting rooms of St. Gabriel. Lunch will be provided during the meeting. Planning for the 2016 events will be discussed. All ladies of the parish are urged to attend.



ST. GABRIEL CWC: The St. Gabriel CWC will again be sponsoring the Senior Luncheons beginning January 27 at 12:00 noon in the Annex meeting rooms at St. Gabriel. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets at the respective churches. The Senior Luncheons will be held the fourth Wednesdays of the month. However, **if Minerva Local Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the luncheon will also be canceled.**

MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL: The seventh annual Men's Day of Renewal will take place at St. Stephen Church in Caldwell on Saturday, February 27. The theme for the day is *"RISE UP! Men of God."* Mr. Matthew Leonard, executive director of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology in Steubenville will be the guest speaker. Other details will be made available as we receive them. Call Dave Cinson at 330-868-5613 for information.

ST. GABRIEL ADORATION: See Special Insert in Today's Bulletin.

FISH FRY PLANNING MEETING FOR ST. GABRIEL: There will be a meeting for ALL who would like to volunteer with the 2016 Lenten Fish Fry Dinners at St. Gabriel on **Tuesday, January 26, at 6pm** in the Church Hall. **Helpers needed** to coordinate: Prep Work (making coleslaw etc), Dining Room Server Staff, Set up and Clean up, Dishwashers, Cooks, Cashiers and more. Many hands make light work. The profits have helped our parish in many ways. Please lend a hand. The **First Fish Fry** at St. Gabriel will be **February 5**, the week before Ash Wednesday, to give us an extra week.

FISH FRY AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER: Sign up sheets are available in the narthex at St. Francis for Lenten Fish Fry Dinners which will **begin on February 12, 2016**. Helpers are needed in a variety of areas. Profits go to our New Hall Fund. Please help us in whatever way you are able as often as you are able.

SALVATION ARMY DINNER: The Social Justice and Concerns Committee of St. Gabriel and St. Francis are once again hosting the Salvation Army dinner on Tuesday, February 2nd at the Minerva Community Building at 6pm. The committee will be at all of the Masses this weekend handing out donation cards with items needed to serve the dinner. Please return the items to the church on January 30/31. Call Ryan Irwin with questions at 330-205-5475.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY
Thursday Evening Bible Study is held at St. Gabriel Church annex meeting rooms on Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. ALL are welcomed and encouraged to attend. 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.

BLOOD DRIVE: The next LifeShare Blood drive will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in the annex meeting rooms of St. Gabriel Church beginning at 3pm.

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 at the 10:30 Mass

ST. GABRIEL

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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

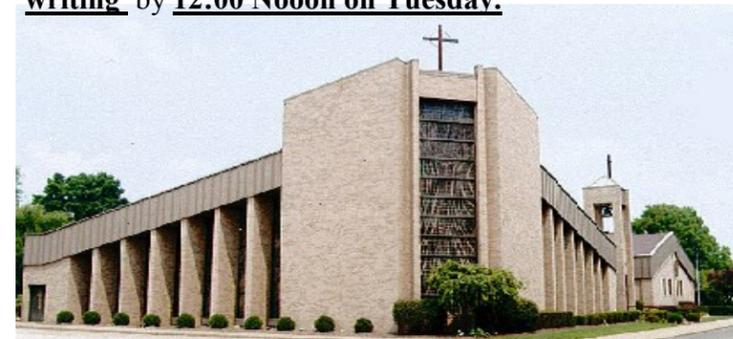
Parents are to call the Parish Office to arrange for a preparation meeting. The child need not yet be born to make these arrangements.

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

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As Roman Catholics, our marriage practices have their pedigree in ancient Rome. One of the major players in shaping our practices was the warfare involved in building an empire. Soldiers vanished and sometimes never returned. Women began to manage their lives and to make decisions. The old family values were replaced by patriotic ones, and religion was more attuned to the gore and glory of battle, a religion of the state, not of the family. Weddings were still family celebrations, but had a public face. The bride wore a white toga and a red veil and walked to her new home. There, she and her husband joined their right hands and gave consent to each other, not relying on her father to give consent for her. Religion was optional: a pagan priest might be invited or not, and even without the ceremony, society agreed by common law that a year of living together equaled marriage consent. By the same token, marriage by consent also meant divorce was on the same legal footing, and did not require the courts or civil declarations. This is the world-view the first Christians inherited, and it was up to them to determine what was good and to hold marriage up to the light of the gospel.

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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: Through the power of the Spirit Jesus proclaimed his mission. How are you carrying on that mission today? Ponder the possibility of being a deacon, priest, brother or sister. (Luke 1:1,4-14-21)



3rd Sunday Ordinary Time, January 24, 2016