

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 5
4:00pm SFX Amy Robertson by Family
6:00pm SG Living & Deceased of Both Parishes

Sunday, March 6
8:30 am SFX Mary Romano by John & Anita Tokos
10:30 am SG Adam Soltis by Norma Marko (CRHP group)

Monday, March 7—Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
8:00am SFX Fr. Jack Holmes

Tuesday, March 8—St. John of God
9:00am SG Mary Jo. Casper by Robert & Patricia Ailes

Wednesday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome
8:00am SFX Ida Woodruff by Anita & John Tokos

Thursday, March 10
9:00am SG Bev Filisky by Paul

Friday, March 11
9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, March 12
4:00pm SFX Fr. Bernie Krajcovic by The Thompson Family
6:00pm SG Don Zwick by Elaine & Ray Burger

Sunday, March 13
8:30 am SFX Living & Deceased of Both Parishes
10:30 am SG Bob Biggins by Ron & Jeanie Markle

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on February 27/28, 2016

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,710; Loose \$146; Eastern Europe \$20; Prop of Faith \$20; Adopted Child \$11.04. Salvation Army 341.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$2,289; Loose \$92; Bldg Fund \$30; New Hall \$635; Eastern Europe \$20; Easter Decorations \$20; Christian Care \$428.39.

PARISH SUPPORT: Please make any Checks covering your Regular Church contributions payable to the parish in which you are formally registered. This will help us with our new bookkeeping system initiated by the Diocese 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 be made payable to: St. Francis Church. Thanks.

VOCATION VIEWS: God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. (Luke 15:1-3,11-32)

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

At Home: Gary Kovacic
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, Doris Ferguson.
St. Luke Minerva: Stella Kiko; Mary Wadsworth
Woodlawn: Jerry Nicolet

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, 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 RITE OF ELECTION.

Please pray for our Catechumens preparing for Baptism and the Easter Sacraments:

Deborah Carroll Berecek and Douglas Jeffery.

And our Candidates preparing for Confirmation, Eucharist and Full Communion in the Church:

Kevin Booth, Ronnie McClellan,

Zachery Schoeppner, and Rita Woodruff.

Please make them feel welcome among us. Kindly keep them in your prayers.



FULL, CONSCIOUS & ACTIVE

PARTICIPATION AT MASS “Full” participation also means that a baptized person does not mentally weave in and out of the liturgy. Our duty is not just to be present; our duty is to be fully present. The songs are for singing, the Scriptures for listening, the silence for reflecting, the intercessions for pleading, the Eucharistic Prayer for immense thanksgiving, the Communion for every kind of hunger and thirst satisfied in partaking together of the Body and Blood of Christ, and the dismissal for going out to love the world the way God does. [from— “Gather Faithfully Together: Guide for Sunday Mass,” #92, Archdiocese of Los Angeles]

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN. Items needed:

March 5/6 Canned fruits and vegetables

March 12/13 Paper Products (Necessities)

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



“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” Phase —Target Goal” **96.4%
Reached!**

Will you help us get to the top?

Offerings as of 03/01/2016:

\$26,6076.05 Pledges & Gifts
\$ 38,750.00 Brick and Window sponsorships
\$ 21,000.00 Block sponsorships
\$ 11,603.00 Memorial Donations.
\$337,429.05 [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. 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!**



NEW IMPROVED WEB SITE stgabriel-stfrancis.org Check it out! Anyone able to help enter data, please call the church office at 330-868-4498. :



MOMENTS OF MERCY

Week of March 6, 2016

Pope Francis spoke on the season of Lent as a privileged time in which to prepare our hearts to receive God’s forgiveness and to forgive our neighbors in turn, forgetting the faults of others.

Taking as his starting point the Gospel account of Peter’s well-known question to Jesus regarding how many times we are to forgive a brother or sister who has sinned against us – seventy times seven times (cf. Mt. 18:22) the Holy Father offered a reflection on the way we ought to trust in the goodness and mercy of the Lord: “When God forgives, his forgiveness is so great that it is as though God forgets. Quite the opposite of what we do, as we chatter: ‘But so-and-so did such-and-such,’ and we have the complete histories of many people, don’t we? Why? Because we do not have a merciful heart.”

“In the Our Father we pray: ‘Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.’ It is an equation: the two sides go together. If you are not able to forgive, how will God forgive you? He wants to forgive you, but He will not if you have closed hearts, where mercy cannot enter. May Lent prepare our hearts to receive God’s forgiveness – but let us receive it and then do the same with others: forgive heartily.”

LENT 2016

New! “Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis” Every *Wednesday of Lent at 7pm*, alternating churches each week. *February 24 at St. Francis; St. Gabriel, March 2.*

New! “Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness” *Adult DVD video and discussion*, by Fr. Robert Barron and facilitated by Linda Shaw.

Track A: *Immediately following Wednesday Stations of the Cross* at the respective church for that week (see schedule) St. Gabriel, March 2; St. Francis, March 9.

Track B: *Repeat Session*, offered again every *Thursday of Lent, at 1pm* in the *Annex room at St. Gabriel.*

New! “Renew Our Hearts” A free booklet of daily meditations by Pope Francis, available in the narthex of each church. Pick one up, give one away today!

Reminder: *Abstinence from eating Meat is observed on ALL Fridays of Lent.* This is done in recognition of our Lord offering his life on the Cross for us on Good Friday.



THANK YOU TO ALL who are bringing delicious desserts to St. Gabriel Fish Fry dinners. Please remember to pick up your baking dishes on top of the coat rack in the hall way of the church. All of your baking talents are greatly appreciated.

UNTOLD BLESSINGS Are you looking for something to do this Lent that will help you to a more faithful follower of Christ? Why not plan to join us for the series entitled, Untold Blessings by Fr. Robert Barron and facilitated by Linda Shaw. **Track A** will meet on Wednesday evenings immediately following Stations of the Cross. **Track B will offer the same session on Thursday afternoons at 1 PM at St. Gabriel in the annex. All welcome.** Don't worry if you miss one, you will still find it valuable.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT "No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (Joshua 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

TRIDUUM AND EASTER CHOIR: Anyone able to assist with our choirs (voices and instruments) for Easter Triduum (Holy Thur.-Sat) and Easter Sunday Masses, please contact Peggy Romine at 330-868-4498. Practices are every **Thursday until March 17 from 7-8pm at St. Gabriel Church.** The music for the Triduum is the most uplifting and heartwarming music of the year. Please consider giving of your Time and Talent to make our Holy Week Liturgies prayerful and our worship a true gift to God!

Our 3rd Annual Quarter Auction at St. Francis Xavier is scheduled for April 10, 2016. The response to our basket donations has been wonderful and is very much appreciated. There are some remaining "Theme Idea" Gift basket ideas on the tree in the narthex for those who would like to donate a prize basket. Donations for the Silent Auction and for door prizes are also welcomed.

There are also a number of areas where we need volunteers. Anyone interested in helping, please sign the sheet in the narthex under the position you prefer. For more information, check out the flyers on the table.

With all of us working together, we anticipate our Quarter Auction being a great success once again. Thanks for all your help and support.

ENTRANCE TICKETS NOW ON SALE: The tickets are now on sale for the Quarter Auction. They are \$10 each and include 1 paddle. You may buy more paddles at the door that day. There are only 200 tickets for sale, so buy early, they will go fast. Tickets will be sold at St. Francis after Masses, at the Fish dinners or call Jan Prevot at 330-863-0789.



K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Knights of Columbus Council #11380 is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast **TODAY, March 6** at St. Gabriel Church Hall from **9am—12:30pm.** Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, home fries, scrambled eggs and a drink. \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. Come share a delicious breakfast with your family and friends. Looking forward to seeing you there!

FISH FRY DINNERS: Spread the Word! Patronize our Dinners. Volunteer Helpers are needed.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER: Dinners served from 5-7pm. Carry-Outs call 330-863-0760. Volunteer Sign up sheets in the narthex. Profits support our New Hall Fund. Please help us in whatever way you are able.

ST. GABRIEL: Dinners served from 4:30-7pm. Carry-Outs call 330-868-4610. Please help, **Sign-up sheets** on the desk. **DESSERTS NEEDED:** Pies, cakes and brownies are needed at St. Gabriel. If you are able to help, use the sign-up sheet also in the narthex.

BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY EVENING GROUP

The Thursday evening Bible Study group is studying the Gospel of St. John, meeting at 7-8:30 pm, in the Annex room at St. Gabriel. All are welcome, and bibles are available. Schedules for bible study are available in the narthex of each church.

ST. FRANCIS CWC will meet on **Mon. March 7 at 2:30pm** in the basement of the church for the regular monthly meeting.

SPRING TEEN RETREAT - April 10th Mark your calendars now to attend the Franciscan University of Steubenville's **SENT** team hosted **Spring Teen Retreat** for all teens of our parishes on Sunday April 10th from 12 noon - 4 pm **right at St Gabriel's.** For more information contact Mrs. Denise Laubacher 330-868-3808.

FREE ADORATION TOTE BAGS AT ST. GABRIEL:

The free Adoration Bags are through the efforts of Dick Rainone of St. Gabriel. Dick has a friend in the east whose church discontinued Adoration and gave the bags to Dick for our use. Feel free to take one. Thank you Dick!

LOST:NAVY BLUE SPRING COAT WITH A PRINTED INSIDE. IF YOU FIND IT, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

JOHN AND BLANCHE MUSSIO SCHOLRASHIP:

You may be eligible to receive a Scholarship. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please contact the church office for more details and an application form.

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

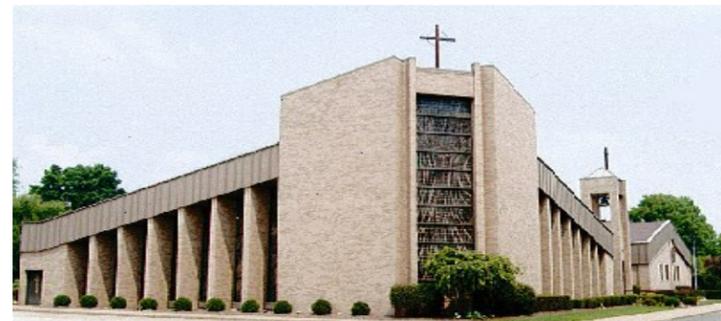
Parents are to call the Parish Office to arrange for a preparation meeting. The child need not yet be born to make these arrangements.

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

125 Carrollton Street ▪ Malvern, OH 44644

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the first steps to a Catholic wedding takes place in the parish rectory, as the newly engaged come forward to "set a date." We owe this scenario to reforms made by the emperor Charlemagne late in the eighth century. He required that nobles and commoners alike have public weddings, and also required that marrying couples be examined for factors that would block a marriage, such as previous marriages or close kinship. The pope was more conservative, however, and resisted the emperor's creativity. It was enough for the pope that the couples exchange consent.

That tradition is passed on to this day, to some couples' surprise. In 866, Pope Nicholas ruled that a marriage was legal and binding even without a liturgy or public celebration. After that, it was the consent of the couple, not the blessing of parents or priest, that made a marriage "count." If consent was lacking, such as through abduction or fear, then the marriage could not "take." Charlemagne got a great deal done, but he was a political flash in the pan, and the empire had virtually collapsed by the year 1000. Europe broke into a checkerboard of princedoms and languages, and at last all marriages came under the church, the glue holding the known world together.

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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.



4th Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2016