

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 16

4:00pm John Pirolozzi by Rick & Theresa Andreski

6:00pm Bob Biggins by Marlene Biggins

Sunday, April 17

8:30am SFX Living and Deceased members of both parishes

10:30 am SG Healing & Peace of Maryanne Ziegler by Ed & Judy Libbey

Monday, April 18

8:00am SFX Jack Malenowski by Beverly Burns

Tuesday, April 19

9:00am SG Adam Soltis by CRHP Group (Norma Marko)

Wednesday, April 20

8:00am SFX Emilio Castellucci by Carmie McMahan

Thursday, April 21

9:00am SG Ruth Pilati by Nick & Mandy Hoagland

Friday, April 22

9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, April 23

4:00pm Living and Deceased members of both parishes

6:00pm Charles Hoep by Family

Sunday, April 24

8:30am SFX Emilio Castellucci by Family

10:30 am SG Donald Bonar by Mom & Family

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on Easter April 10, 2016

St. Gabriel: Adult \$2,276; Loose \$153; Cap. Improve. \$60; Candles \$85; Rice Bowl 27; Adopted Child \$ 44.50.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$1679; Loose \$218; Bldg. Fund \$35; New Hall \$425; Easter \$70.

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.

NOTE: OFFICE HOURS FOR THIS WEEK

Peggy, our Parish Secretary, is away this week and will return Thurs., April 21. The Office will be open from 9:00 AM to Noon daily. Thank you for your patient cooperation.

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara

St. Joseph Care Center: Steve Marmo; Fran Montella

ST. GABRIEL

At Home: Shirl Bonar; Patricia Burman, Ivette Martinez, Jerry Nicolet

Eldercare: Mildred Rennie, Joe Casper (SFX)

Arbors (Great Trail) Nursing : Richard Lane, Doris Ferguson.

St. Luke Minerva: Stella Kiko; Mary Wadsworth

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Douglas Jeffery, Kevin Booth (Carrollton), Ronnie McClellan, Zachary Schoeppner and Rita Woodruff. Please welcome them to our community.



VOCATION VIEWS: Who will shepherd God's people? Pray that good leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, will serve our church. (Acts 13:14, 43-52)

Quarter Auction Thank You!

Many thanks to all of the very generous parishioners who donated to the CWC's Third Annual Quarter Auction; it may have been a basket, a dessert, your time, decorating, putting out flyers, asking businesses for a donation, writing newspaper notices, and/or attending and bringing along your friends. Especially thank you to all the co-chairwomen and their committees who put many hours into this very successful project. Because of all of you we are able to donate \$6,500 to our New Hall Project. And thank you to Father Cinson for his guidance to our parishioners in sharing all their wonderful talents.

SYMPATHY: St. Gabriel and St. Francis parishioners offer our prayers and sympathy to Karla Bolanz and Family on the unexpected death of their father, Roland Walters, on April 9th. He was baptized on April 6th. Following cremation, services will take place at the family's convenience. May all of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



"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" 96.8% Reached!

Will you help us get to the top?

Offerings as of 04/06/2016:

\$267,466.05 Pledges & Gifts
\$ 38,750.00 Brick and Window sponsorships
\$ 21,000.00 Block sponsorships
\$ 11,603.00 Memorial Donations.
\$338,819.05 [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!**



USING ONLY YOUR CELL PHONE? PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO UPDATE YOUR RECORDS. Thanks!

MOMENTS OF MERCY:



In this week's catechesis, Pope Francis centered on the Gospel account of Jesus calling St. Matthew – a tax collector and a sinner – to be his disciple. He said that by eating with the tax collectors and sinners, Jesus shows how even they can become disciples. "Like the tax collector Matthew, every one of us relies on the Lord's grace, despite our sins. We are all sinners. All of us have sinned."

"The Church is not a community of the perfect, but of disciples on their way, who follow the Lord because they recognize they are sinners and need forgiveness."

Pope Francis observed that those who are arrogant and proud are not able to recognize their need for salvation, thereby impeding their ability to see the "merciful face of God" and to act with mercy. He spoke of the importance of the Eucharist as a "powerful remedy" which "renews the grace of our baptism."

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"Drawing near to the Eucharist, we nourish ourselves with the Body and Blood of Jesus, and yet, coming to us, it is Jesus who unites us with his Body!" Turning to the prophet Hosea's words on God's desire for mercy and not sacrifice, the Pope said the Pharisees did not understand "God's heart," for they did not recognize the possibility of reformation and healing, trusting in the law over mercy. How am I living as a disciple of Jesus today? Do I take nourishment and find strength from Jesus in the Eucharist? Am I an agent of mercy to those I encounter?

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." ACTS 13:52

Because the disciples heard Our Lord's call, they were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we take time to open our hearts, listen to God, ask for His direction and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our decisions.

JUST DO IT

Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. —Attributed to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

St. Gabriel Knights of Columbus Council #11380 would like to thank all who have supported our Pancake Breakfast. We look forward to seeing you in the fall when we continue with our breakfasts again. Have a good summer.



2016 DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN IN PROGRESS.

Bishop Monforton has reminded us that, "An effective way we share God's mercy with others is through the Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign." An *Advanced Gift Letter* and *Fact Sheet* has been mailed to all registered parishioners. Thanks to those who have *already* made a response. Because of others like *YOU* we will once again be able to exceed our target goals, with generous rebates being returned to the parishes. Please prayerfully consider how you might help us with the 2016 Campaign. Any gift will be appreciated. *God Bless you! God bless your generosity! God bless your love!* Fr. Victor Cinson

MONSIGNOR MOLLOY SCHOLARSHIP:

The K of C Council #11380 is offering a scholarship up to \$1,000.00 to an eligible High School Senior. You are required to be a **practicing** Catholic member of **St. Gabriel or St. Francis Church or a Catholic High School**. You must be attending a Catholic Institution of Higher learning in the fall of 2016. You will find applications on the desk in the narthex of both churches. **Applications must be postmarked by Sunday, May 8, 2016.**

PSR SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

Sunday: April 17th & 24th - ALL PSR grades resume

Saturday: April 30th, 9:30-11 am: First Communion Photos & Practice at St Gabriel

Sunday: May 1st -NO PSR Classes- **First Communion** at 10:30 Mass, reception follows in church hall for ALL.

Sunday: May 8th -NO PSR Classes- **Mother's Day**

Sunday: May 15th - Last day of PSR with May Crowning ceremony

Sunday: May 22nd: Graduation Mass for HS Graduates at St Francis 8:30am, and St Gabriel 10:30am.

BAKING DISHES: Missing a baking dish? Check at St. Gabriel on top the coat rack. All baking dishes from the Fish Fry, or funeral dinners will be there.

SALVATION ARMY OPERATION "STORKS NEST"

The Justice and Social Concerns Committee is assisting the Salvation Army in collecting disposable diapers, especially the larger sizes, for the needy of our area. Please consider donating either diapers or cash to help the Salvation Army. You may put the diapers in the coat room of either church, or use one of the envelopes in the narthex of the church for a monetary donation. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



NEW MINISTER SCHEDULE: The new Minister Schedule has been mailed. If you didn't receive your copy, please call the church Office. We are still experiencing complications with the new Scheduler Program and you may find that you were not included. Please be patient as we work out the bugs! Also, if you are unable to serve on a scheduled date/time, please arrange for your replacement, or call the Office. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY: THURSDAY EVENING

GROUP The Thursday evening Bible Study continues with the Book of Revelation. Join us on Thursdays in the annex rooms of St. Gabriel from 7-8:30 pm. For more information contact Pete & Denise Laubacher 330-868-3808.

K OF C COUNCIL #11380 Super Cash Bonanza

Tickets for sale. The proceeds are used for: the PSR appreciation dinner, the First Communion Prayer Books, and other Parish projects that promote the Catholic Faith in both churches. The cost of each ticket is \$5 and the drawing will be held on Sat. May 21. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

ST. GABRIEL CWC NEWS:

SENIOR LUNCHEON will be Wed. April 27 in the Annex meeting room. All seniors from both St. Gabriel and St. Francis are welcome to attend. Please use the Sign-Up sheets in the narthex of either church.

NEXT MEETING for the St. Gabriel CWC will be Wed. May 4 at **NOON** in the annex meeting room of St. Gabriel. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided and we will finalize details for the Mother/Daughter Dinner.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER will be held Wed. evening May 11 at 6pm in the church social hall. All ladies of both parishes are encourage to attend. Please use the Sign-Up sheets in the narthex of either church.

ST FRANCIS CWC NEWS:

NEXT MEETING: First Tuesday of the month which is May 3. Rosary at 2pm and meeting at 2:30pm in narthex of St. Francis.

DIOCESAN CWC NEWS:

CWC CONVENTION will be June 7 and 8th at the Holy Family Church, Steubenville. The theme will be **MERCY—THE HEART OF IT ALL**. Preconvention dinner is at Froehlich's Classic Corner.

MOTHER OF HOPE CWC COOKBOOK

Our (CWC) units are collecting recipes for a "Mother of Hope Cookbook". *Mother of Hope Deanery CWC is our area of the Diocesan Catholic Women's Club*. Please submit your favorite family recipe. The recipe cannot be from an already published cookbook. It needs to be original. Details will be announced in future bulletins.

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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**.



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS:

Just as the early church consecrated women living alone in the world, today that consecration is available to women who take solemn vows as cloistered nuns (different from religious sisters), women who follow a way of life in communities called "secular institutes," and laywomen. Oddly, the ritual is not permitted for religious sisters. The prayers talk about the woman's self-gift to Christ, and her self-gift to the Church. Up until recent years, this was a solemn ceremony performed only for cloistered nuns under certain circumstances. In its new form, we have a ritual that revives a very ancient and little-known way of life. Today, a woman can live independently at home, without association with any religious sisterhood or institute, yet be consecrated to holiness and service. Normally, a ring and/or a veil may be given in the liturgy of consecration. It is a rite very different from religious profession, where the sister makes promises or vows, and is rather an expression of approval and blessing for a way of life already embraced. Unlike ancient times, which valued actual virginity, the new rite may be celebrated for anyone provided there has never been a marriage and the woman has always lived a virtuous life.

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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:

April 16/17 Toiletries

April 23/24 Pasta & Fixins



4th Sunday of Easter April 17, 2016