

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 25- St. Mark
8:00am SFX Joseph Gardner by Theresa Al-Ali

Tuesday, April 26
9:00am SG Tony & Diane Petrarca by Tim & Joan Martin

Wednesday, April 27
8:00am SFX Jim Strabley by Bev Strabley

Thursday, April 28
9:00am SG Norbert Huck by Family & Friends

Friday, April 29
9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, April 30
4:00pm Dominick & Louise Cinson by M/M B.J Flesher
6:00pm Living and Deceased members of both parishes

Sunday, May 1
8:30am SFX Don Casper by St. Francis Men's Club
10:30 am SG Bev Zeidrich by Annie, Kathy & Joey

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on Easter April 17, 2016

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,648; Loose \$205; Cap. Improve. \$65; New Hall 560.76; Home Missions \$5.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$2,411; Loose \$204; Extra Ordinary Bldg Fund \$40.

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.

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN. Items needed:

April 30 / May 1 Flour, Sugar & Shortening
May 7/8 Breakfast Bars & Cereal

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara
St. Joseph Care Center: 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 Schoepner and Rita Woodruff. Please welcome them to our community.



VOCATION VIEWS: God has chosen to dwell with us. How can you best share your gifts to reveal his presence? (Revelations 21:1-5)

DINNER OUT: The next Justice and Social Concerns dinner out at the Minerva Senior Center, 1200 Valley St., Minerva is Thursday, May 5 at 5pm. You should arrive at the center no later than 4:45pm. The cost is \$6 and the menu this month will be baked chicken, baked potato, Greek salad and Texas sheet cake. Bread and drink are also included. **RESERVATIONS A MUST:** Call Norma Marko at 330-868-4502 or the Senior Center at 330-868-6004 **NO LATER** than 5pm the day before the dinner.



SYMPATHY: St. Francis and St. Gabriel offer our prayers of sympathy to Marilyn, Lori and Stephen (Jill) Marmo and family on the death of husband, father, grandfather Stephen Marmo from St. Francis. Steve was a long-time member of St. Francis church and a faithful member of the COF Men's Club and the Tuesday Crew. Steve will be greatly missed. 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 his continuing catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy Pope Francis drew inspiration from the Gospel episode of Jesus' dinner at the home of Simon the Pharisee. He said, "All of us are sinners. So many times we fall into the temptation of hypocrisy, believing that we are better than the other but", he continued, "look at your sin, your mistakes and look to the Lord, because this is the lifeline, the relationship between the sinner and the Lord."

The Pope was referring to the story from St. Luke, in which a woman known as a sinner comes up to Jesus, and bathes his feet in her tears and anoints them with precious perfume, but the Pharisee judges the woman by appearances. However, Jesus, distinguishes between the "sin and the sinner."

"The Lord," continued Pope Francis "teaches Simon that the woman's act, as an expression of faith and trust in God's mercy has merited the forgiveness of her sins. It is a lesson for us all that God's mercy reaches out to everyone; it overcomes prejudice and surmounts all barriers and through faith in Christ, we too have received the forgiveness of our sins and the new life of grace."

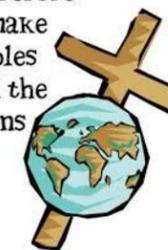
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: *"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." JOHN 13:34*

It is easy to love someone when they love us back. But it takes courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone who doesn't look like me.

DESSERTS AND DISCIPLESHIP:

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations

We invite everyone to a Special "Year of Mercy" presentation on **"Intentional Discipleship"** by **Fr. Tom Dyer**, President of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, as our guest speaker, on **Monday, May 2 at 7pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, Lower Level (an elevator is available for access to the lower level).**



Fr. Dyer, a priest of the Diocese of Youngstown, and currently President of St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Louisville, is an informative and engaging speaker. He will help us to reflect on ways in which each of us might respond to the call of discipleship in our daily lives.

A variety of special desserts will be offered for refreshments. **Save the Date!** Plan to attend and feed your faith! Sponsored by St. Francis and St. Gabriel Adult Formation Committee. All are welcome to attend.

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:

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.

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.

ST JAMES DINNER: Sunday, May 1 from 11am—2pm. Menu will be Stuffed Shells, meat or cheese. Adults \$10, children \$5. Carry Outs available—craft items for sale also.

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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 TRADITIONS:

The French Revolution swept the church in France away in an astonishing way, stripping the nation of every possible vestige of the faith, not merely shuttering churches, but using them as staging areas for pagan raves and romps. While millions of faithful simply went underground and hung on for the ride, even the seven-day week was demolished along with the names of the months. What emerged from the chaos was the Napoleonic Code of 1792 governing church life, and therefore marriage law in France, French Canada, and elsewhere. The code makes civil marriage mandatory for all citizens.

In practice, when the faithful marry, they go first to the City Hall. There, the mayor performs the civil marriage, usually accompanied by a patriotic speech about the duties of the citizen, particularly in the rearing of children. Then, typically after a lunch, everyone goes off to change into more festive attire for the wedding liturgy, featuring consent, the exchange of rings, and the nuptial blessing. Sadly, only a minority of citizens today celebrate even the civil form of the rite, and a fraction of those continue on to the church. For those who do celebrate the liturgy of marriage, however, there is near certainty that the spouses are active worshipers, and that they will later present their children for baptism.

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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.



5th Sunday of Easter April 24, 2016