



MEMORIAL DAY

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 606 Washington St. Medina, OH 44256
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THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday, May 25

5:00 pm Bingo (CB)

Monday, May 26

Office and School Closed

Tuesday, May 27

3:00 pm Scouts — Troop 469 (RH)

6:30 pm Bingo (CB)

7:00 pm RCIA (RH)

7:00 pm Marriage Ministry (125)

7:00 pm Respect Life (CR)

7:00 pm Stitching Group (TL)

7:00 pm Vacation Bible School Prep (XR)

7:00 pm Cantor Rehearsal (CH)

Wednesday, May 28

10:30 am School Awards (CH)

7:00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study (RH)

Thursday, May 29

10:30 am 8th Grade Lunch (RH)

3:15 pm Market Day (XR)

5:30 pm Instrumental Rehearsal (CH)

7:30 pm Life Teen—Teen Thursday (RHLT)

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (CH)

Friday, May 30

Saturday, May 31

8:30 am Cleaning Angels (CH)

Sunday, June 1

10:00 am RCIA (RH)

1:30 pm Baptism Class (XR)

4:00 pm Life Teen Freshmen Welcome (XR/RH)

5:00 pm Bingo (CB)

Parish Treasure Update: May 17-18, 2014

Sunday Offertory: \$13,042.78

Envelopes: 394

Mission Co-op: \$6,456.00

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

**Mass attendance,
May 17-18, 2014**

5:00 pm 437

8:00 am 274

10:00 am 489

12:00 pm 379

5:30 pm 260

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Ralph Arnholt (JSL)

10:00 am Agnes Port (TPK)

12:00 pm Mary Ann Imburgia (AFS)
Deacon Joe's Anniversary Celebration

5:30 pm People of Saint Francis Xavier (JSL)

Monday, May 26

9:00 am George Cerio (JSL)

Tuesday, May 27

7:30 am Margaret Gorman (TPK)

Wednesday, May 28

7:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory (TPK)

7:00 pm Graduation Prayer Service (AFS)

Thursday, May 29

7:30 am Lee and Irene Bush (JSL)

9:15 am School Closing Mass (JSL)

7:00 pm Sarah Coyne (TPK)

Friday, May 30

7:30 am Patricia Ryan (JSL)

Saturday, May 31

7:30 am Ed and Libby Bush (TPK)

3:30 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mike and Helen Toth (JSL)

Sunday, June 1

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Anna Tamborini (JSL)

10:00 am Agnes Port (AFS)

12:00 pm Mary Ann Imburgia (TPK)

5:30 pm People of Saint Francis Xavier (TPK)

(AFS) Fr. Tony Sejba; (TPK) Fr. Thomas Kowatch;
(JSL) Fr. John Lee; (EL) Fr. Ed Lajack;
(PK) Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl; (JL) Deacon Joe Loutzenhiser;
(DN) Deacon Dan Norris

Location key: (CH) church (CB) church basement
(LR) Loyola Room (CR) rectory conference room
(XR) Xavier Room (SCH) school (TL) teachers' Lounge
(LIB) school library (RH) Randel House (RHLT) RH Life Teen
(RLR) Rectory Living Room (HM) Holy Martyrs Church
(K of C) Knights of Columbus Hall

Banns of Marriage
II Amy Casey and Ken Schoen
I Heather Graham and Jameson Maag

St. Francis Xavier Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Anthony Sejba
Parochial Vicars	Rev. Thomas Kowatch Rev. John Sungwoong Lee
Deacons	Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl Deacon Joseph Loutzenhiser Deacon Daniel Norris
Director of Adult Initiation	Jenny Bonarrigo
Director of Music	Mary Gabriel
Director of Religious Education	Susan Rohe-Brooks
Youth Minister	Paul Koopman
Director of Ministry and Communication	Jennifer Webb
School Principal	Bibiana Seislove
Director of "Little Sailors" Pre-School	Monica Gorman
Business Manager	Ray Scherry

Sunday Masses

5 p.m., Saturday Vigil; 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

7:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday

7 p.m. Monday and Thursday

First Friday - 7 p.m.

Holy Day Masses

7 p.m. Vigil, 7:30 a.m., 7 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Rectory office hours

Monday through Thursday,

8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Contact us

Rectory Offices: 330-725-4968

Parish School of Religion: 330-722-7700

St. Francis Xavier School: 330-725-3345

School Fax: 330-721-8626

Church Basement: 330-764-8912

Latchkey: 330-725-6203

Cemetery (Dave Thomas): 330-722-4477

Bingo

Sundays: Doors open at 3 p.m.; games start at 5 p.m.

Tuesdays: Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; games start at 6 p.m.

Worship and Sacraments at St. Francis Xavier

Baptisms: Two Sundays each month at 1:30 p.m.; baptism classes every other month. Call the rectory for dates.

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday before First Friday, 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick: Prompt attention at any time! Please call the rectory to arrange for this sacrament: 330-725-4968.

Marriage: Please call as soon as possible! Preparation requires a minimum of sixth months. Marriage guidelines are available on request.

Nocturnal Adoration: First Friday of the month, 7:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

Adoration for Life: Third Saturday of the month following 7:30 a.m. Mass, 8-8:30 a.m.

Parish Pastoral Council

Ric Sturm (chair): (330)725-3575

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(330)416-7207

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Barry Norris: (330)598-1663

Pam Reese: (330)334-3985

Rachelle Skupski: (330)721-1785

Vince Tricoli: (330)603-7327

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16: 20-23

Saturday: Zep 3: 14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Epf1: 17-23; Mt 28:16-20

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Update

SFX School Year is Almost Over!

It is hard to believe that this school year is so close to the end. With so few days left, there are many things that we still need to accomplish and celebrate. This week our 8th graders will be on retreat on Tuesday. Please keep them in your prayers that day. On Wednesday morning, the students of St. Francis Xavier will gather for our yearly Awards Presentation. That evening, our 8th graders will graduate. Thursday, grades K-8 will celebrate liturgy together for the last time this school year. Please plan to join us if your schedule permits. Finally, please remember that Friday 5/30, Monday 6/2, Tuesday 6/3 and Wednesday 6/4 are all Early Release Days and we will be dismissing at 2:05 p.m. Kindly refer to the bright orange information sheet that was sent home that outlines the transportation availability for those Early Release Days.

Thank you.

Have a Blessed Week.

In Christ,

Mrs. Seislove



Week at a Glance:

Monday May 26—Memorial Day, School is Not in Session

Tuesday May 27—8th Grade Retreat

Wednesday May 28—Awards Presentation

8th Grade Graduation Ceremony

Reception Following Xavier Room

Thursday May 29—All School Liturgy

8th Grade Last Day

Market Day Church Basement

Friday May 30—Early Dismissal 2:05pm

Looking Ahead:

Monday, June 2—Grades K-7 STEM Activity Day

Early Release 2:05 p.m.

Tuesday, June 3—Early Release 2:05 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4—Last Student Day Grades K-7

6th Grade Social, Xavier Room

Preschool Graduation, Xavier Room

Early Release 2:05 p.m.

SFX Shines in Talent Show!

Congratulations to our 2014 SFX Talent Show Cast and Crew. They all did an amazing job!

SFX Factor 2014 Talent Show Cast and Crew

Directed and Produced by the SFX Middle School Drama Club

TECH CREW

Evan Franklin, *Ricky Rose, Tyler Dillon

M.C.s

Robbie Salek, Madison Stubbendieck, Haley Felber,

*Summer Haynes, Kayla Hofmeister, McKenna Peters,

*Serena Olesinski, *Jessica Robishaw, Matt Russo, Sidney Simak, *Nicole Strickland, and *Abigail Yurich.

STARRING

Piano: Clare Esposito, Kayla Zurowski, *Theresa Damm, Megan Aquino, Jacob Forgan, Robbie Salek.

Dance: O'Hare Irish Dancers: Camryn Kennedy, Gabriella Spangler, Emma Spangler, Tap: Alexandra Dillon, Jazz: Anna Hamel, Sophia Tylicki.

Vocal: Jules Miller, Alex Faust, Marian Getz, Rachael Grumbach, Anna Fletcher, Hannah Bessmer, Gabrielle Bessmer, Ralph King, Colson Brown, *Kathleen Bachmann, Bridget DeMichael

Instrument: Middle School Band: *above & below plus Kenna Formani, Lexi Kendel, Ethan Flynn, Ethan Knapik, Alexandra Kiehnau, Cody Dryer, Tommy Supan, and Jared Metz. Saxophone Trio: *Alex Baumgartner, *Matt Bildstein, *Isaac Kirsch, Flute Quintet: *Mallorie Rohrbach, *Abigail Yurich, *Kenna Formani, *Christinia Krause, *Serena Olesinski Guitar: Alex Brunckholz Guitar and Drums: *Josh Lee

Gymnastics: Andrew Slisko

*member of middle school band

Faculty Advisors

Drama Club: Mrs. Janet Grimm, Mrs. Mary Anne Mayor,

Mrs. Mindy Woll

Middle School Band: Mrs. Pat McDermott

Gift Cards support St. Francis Xavier

Church and School! Gift card sales have resumed in the church rectory. Thank you for supporting the Gift Card program and for your patience during the past several weeks when cards were not as easily accessible. For those families who have chosen to have 50% of their profit applied toward their SFX school tuition, the gift card sales year closes **May 31**. So, get your weekly orders in and earn a few more dollars!

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

330-722-7700 sbrooks@stfrancixavier.info

Preschool Classes (Ages 3, 4, 5 Sundays during 10 a.m. Mass): Registration forms for all incoming preschool children (Ages 3 [by Sept. 1], 4 and 5) are available at the rectory office or by calling the PSR office. We are looking for adult help for the 2014-2015 year ahead. For more information call 330-722-7700. Classes are on Sunday mornings during the 10 a.m. liturgy beginning in October 2014.

Elementary Classes for students Grades 1-5:

We offer our youth and their families a choice of either classes on Thursday evenings from 6:15-7:45 p.m. or on Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Registration forms are available at the rectory office or by calling the PSR office. Both of our programs need help as catechists or assistants for different levels. We provide staff meetings and help. Please call and we can answer your questions and provide more information.

Jesus tells us to bring the children to Him. Please pray and respond (330-722-7700). Thank you on behalf of our parish students.



Father Lee with the Saturday morning PSR students.
Thank you Father Lee!

The Edge (Grades 6,7,8) for Fall 2014-2015:

The program takes place on Wednesday evenings in the school. Students arrive at 6:15 p.m. and are dismissed at 8:15 p.m. These are very important years for our middle school youth. Our classes use facilitators and we need many adults to keep the small groups limited in size. Please pray and consider helping out our students in their faith journey. We have materials and help for the ministry of the Edge.

You can make a difference to our youth as you faith share with the Edgers. For more information call 330-722-7700.

**Attention Parents:
Our website links are
currently under construction.
More info to follow**

Great job! Elementary PSR students raised close to \$300 through Operation Rice Bowl. Thank you for your generosity.

Vacation Bible School

This year our Summer program will be the week of June 23-27. Forms are coming in now and we hope to see many of our parish youth (Age 4-through Grade 6) share in the



"Adventures of Son Treasure Island". Our arrival time of 9 a.m. takes us to many places in Scripture, with crafts, games, music and food as we seek the treasures Jesus has for us.

Forms are available on the parish website and are also available in the rectory office. Make this summer fun as we all search for Jesus in the treasures.

We are still need of adult help with the environment and for the week. The time for the staff is 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. the week of June 23-27.

Our rescheduled staff meeting for adults to help in any way will be Tuesday, May 27, in the school 7-8 p.m. Questions? Call 330-722-7700 or 330-764-8961.

We are in need of island props and items to make this year's adventure come alive and exciting for our parish youth. Our needs are palm trees, treasure chests and anything tropical to help make the environment a special attraction. We also need large appliance cardboard boxes to make boats.

Edge Summer Camp

This is a great way for students in this year's 7th and 8th grade to give service to different organizations and have a great week in fellowship. We still have openings in Camp 1 and 2. Camp 1 is June 16-20 and Camp 2 is June 20 and July 7-10. We will give service to some Cleveland and Medina organizations plus enjoy some fun activities. Forms are available at the Rectory office and on the parish website under Religious Education – The Edge.

We are looking for current high school juniors and seniors to assist as counselors.

We will be the Hands and Feet of Christ to others as we give service.

A Few Words of Wisdom for our Graduates... from the Music Ministry

Follow your heart, never surrender your dreams.
 Constantly work towards your goals.
 Believe in yourself, and always be truthful.
 Take time to enjoy life's pleasures.
 Keep your mind open to new experiences or you'll become old too quickly.
 Think before acting, but don't forget the joys of spontaneity.
 Make your own decisions.
 Look out for yourself but remember that you share the universe with others.
 Look for the good in others; everyone has their own special song to sing.
 Live each moment to the fullest, for each moment too soon becomes a memory.
 Hope for the best.
 Give people a chance to love you, for that is how you learn to love.
 Live your life for yourself, but always be considerate of others.
 Believe in tomorrow, for it holds the key to your success.

Above all else, remember that you are a child of God, your life should reflect His love.
 The material things of this life are temporary.
 Store up treasures that neither moth can destroy nor earth can make vanish. (*author unknown*)

Thank you and special congratulations to the 8th graders who are graduating from Youth Choir:

Gabbie Bessmer
 Meagan Caughey
 Ashley Hoegler
 Alexandra Horowitz
 Drie Janowitz
 Audrey McKee
 Jules Miller
 Jordin Riccelli
 Lydia Smith

May God bless you all in a special way and please continue to share your gift of song in the (adult) Music Ministry!

Children's Liturgy of the Word June 8 to Sept. 7

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held only at the 10 a.m. Mass for the summer months (June 8 to Sept. 7). Then, we will return to the 10 a.m. and noon schedule. Anyone interested in joining this ministry as a volunteer, please contact Betsy Henry at 330-725-7156 or Elayne Siegfried at 330-635-1091.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, July 27, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Richard Lennon will be the principal celebrant. Deadline for registration is Monday, June 23.

Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1964). Couples who are celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or more) or have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend.

Seating is limited in the cathedral. The number of guests will be determined by the seating capacity and total number of registrants. Please contact our parish office to register.

Save the Date!

St. Francis Xavier Marriage Ministry

Come celebrate your marriage and renew your vows. The spring Anniversary Mass and dessert reception is Thursday, June 12, at 7p.m.

All married couples, young and old, are invited. For more information, please call Dino and Gabby Paoletta at 330-725-3563 or Pete & Mary K Rakytiak at 330-725-1105.

Respect Life Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, meeting in the rectory conference room at 7 p.m.

Gary Didado from St. Frances de Sales Parish in Green will join us to informally share his right to life experience. Gary is the president of Didado Electric in Akron and is on the board of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration. His wife, Rhonda, is the president of the board for the Community Pregnancy Center in Barberton. We will also review upcoming respect life events. If you have any questions please contact Renea LaGuardia at 330-242-5645.

Senior Club News!

The Senior Club will pray the Rosary at the senior meeting on Wednesday, June 4 at 12:00 p.m. on the outside patio directly across from the rectory office. We will venerate the Blessed Mother with the Angeles. We will relocate to the first three rows of the church for inclement weather. Our speaker's topic at the meeting will be "Laughter". God bless.

This June 13 to the 15th, Life Teen will be going to the Franciscan University of Steubenville Youth Conference:



This is, by far, the best youth conference in the nation. Get your spot for our Franciscan University youth conference today! Space is running out. The dates of the conference are June 13th to 15th. The cost is \$190. Matt Maher from 95.5 the Fish will be there! You will not want to miss this opportunity!

FRESHMEN
of the **FUTURE**

LIFE NIGHT

is where it's at!



LIFE TEEN MASS AT 5:30

LIFE NIGHT 6:30-8:15

IN THE XAVIER ROOM

Come be with friends, eat great food, and be part of something **AMAZING.**



Does your teen need service hours?

Save the date for our summer mission trip called Servants for Christ. This is the best local service trip there is! The dates are July 13th to 17th at St. Mary's Church in Hudson, Ohio. We will be joining other Life Teen High School Youth Groups in an effort to help those in need right here in Cleveland!

TEEN THURSDAYS!

Teen Thursday's start this week! Teens come to Teen Thursdays every week starting this Thursday. Teen Thursdays are a relaxed and fun drop in night at the Randel House. We will play games, sports, hang out, eat food, and more. Come meet your youth group in a fun and safe place. Teen Thursday is 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Again, meet in the Life Teen section of the Randel House.

SAVE THE DATE!

Cardboard City will be June 28th and June 29th!

'Like' us on Facebook!

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is on Facebook! "Like" our page to stay up to date on events and activities around the parish:

[facebook.com/St.FrancisXavierCatholicChurchMedina](https://www.facebook.com/St.FrancisXavierCatholicChurchMedina)

Ministry leaders: If you have an event coming up and would like to have it featured on our Facebook page or website, contact Jennifer Webb at 330-764-8946 or jwebb@stfrancisxavier.info.

Employment Network

For general information about our group, call Jim Mayiras at 330-721-9796.

Do you know of someone who needs help or direction in their job search? Call Joe Gainard at 330-725-8690.

If your company needs talent and has a position available to post with our group, email the information to Dan Cathcart at cathcartd@yahoo.com.

The Many Faces of Adoption

St. Martin of Tours (1800 Station Rd., Valley City, OH 44280) is hosting "**The Many Faces of Adoption**" Conference on Saturday, June 14, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Who should attend? Those who are interested in learning more about all aspects of adoption, families looking to adopt or who want more information, as well as those who may be pregnant and unsure about the future. There will be speakers who have navigated the process including adoption professionals that will inspire, uplift and bear witness to the truth that life is a beautiful choice. You won't want to miss this enlightening event.

A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is no charge but a free will offering would be appreciated. For registration and additional information email: theresapiatt@yahoo.com or call Maureen at 330-241-3832.

May God heal our sick and suffering

Pray for all military

David M. Campbell	Jeffrey Simko
Ryan P. Cox	Daniel Smith
Cody M. Feron	Jeff Stein
Nicholas Glenbocki	Kevin Stein
Dan Haggerty	David Tagliaferro
Brandon Hamilton	Maritza Tagliaferro
Alex Hicar	David Vanik
Kayla Lane	Aaron Virkler
Taylor Lane	Robert Weiler
Brandon Lichty	J. Matthew Zweifel
Reinhard Nann	Joseph Zweifel
Jared Ross	
Erica Sachleben	
Taylor Salmons	

Joe Ault
 Jude Ballinger
 Becky Barker
 John Benson
 Claire Bevec
 Sue Boyne
 Sioux Campbell
 Danny Colonna
 Kathleen Cunningham
 Marianne Curry
 Joe Delvecchio
 Evan Dolinar
 Myrna Dooley
 Billie Duta
 Maribeth Edgley
 Lynda Erickson
 Ed Fraley
 John Francisco
 Roger Friedrich
 Bobby Fusco
 Rhettec Galaska
 Jacob Gaume

Kerry Grimm
 Del Guerra
 Vivian Heim
 Camden Heil
 Charlotte Heil
 Savannah Heil
 Anthony Hosick
 Joann Houdek
 Richard Emil Janson
 Charline Karsnak
 Mary Keith
 John Kirda, Sr.
 Andrew Korduba
 Brenda Kutcher
 Ruth Lancki
 Steven Lastuka
 Dave Leidecker
 Connie Liechty
 Jerry Liechty
 Emily Markert
 Aaron Markiewicz
 James M. McDonald

Lou McDonald
 Lois McFadden
 Mary Ann Makowski
 Alexa Meyers
 Mike Mitchell
 John Neuwar
 Mary Neuwar
 Lisa Owen
 Nathaniel Plasco
 Richard Pryatel
 Mark Rudolph
 Mimi Russ
 Richard Russ
 Erica Sacoto
 Beth Sielski
 Jean Smith
 Amy Taylor
 Carolyn Vasko
 Lacey Vickers
 Celene Wallen
 Helen Yakubik

If you would like to add a name to the list of active-duty military, e-mail sfxparishoffice@gmail.com or call the rectory office.

If you would like to place a name on the list of those in need of prayer, please contact the rectory office, or e-mail sfxparishoffice@gmail.com.

Pastor's Page**Sixth Sunday of Easter:**

This weekend at the noon Mass we celebrate with Deacon Joe and his family 20 years of diaconal ministry here at St. Francis Xavier. He was ordained May 21, 1994. He is planning to preach the Mass and offer some reflections on two decades of working here. If you are able to make the Mass, that would be wonderful. If you can stop after Mass for the social, that would be good too. Feel free to send a note to him to thank him for the way he impacted your life or the life of someone you love. He has baptized hundreds of children, prepared

countless couples for marriage, helped with many annulments and has taught our children at PSR and school. He is also the keeper of the Paschal Fire for the Easter Vigil. He has served as Master of Ceremonies for countless confirmations and Masses with the bishops across the region. I know that he helped

me to transition into the role as pastor, coming to better understand how things worked here at our parish. Congratulations, Deacon Joe! And thank you for letting us have a celebration with you and for you this weekend! Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the people, not only of St. Francis Xavier, but of the whole diocese. We have been blessed by you.

Speaking of ordination anniversaries, Deacon Paul celebrated 13 years on May 12, Fr. Lee celebrated three years on May 21. Deacon Dan celebrated 16 years on May 23, and I will celebrate 15 years on the 29th of this month. Fr. Thom was ordained Jan. 12, 1985, so he will be coming up on his 30th anniversary in six months. We will have to plan something warm for him in the cold of winter, but let's not go there just yet.

Just a reminder that Monday we will be celebrating Memorial Day. Mass will be at 9 a.m., and there will be no 7:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. Masses that day. The office will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

Unfortunately this week we had a snag with the parking lot. The cement cracked which means we will need to re-pour thus pushing back this phase of the project.



Hopefully, the next phase of the project will begin after school ends on Wednesday, June 4.

Last weekend I was able to concelebrate ordination at the cathedral. I am glad that so many of you were able to make it there to pray for all six men who were ordained priests. The Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Chris was the 5 p.m. Vigil at St. Justin Martyr in Eastlake. I was able to meet his parents and siblings, grandparents and many of his friends. It turns out that I baptized his

cousin nine years ago at St. John Vianney. His godmother is one of our own, Chris Strong. She has kindly offered to her family parking at her house nearby so that they do not lose a car in the big hole that is our parking lot. Fr. Chris is very excited to begin his ministry here on June 10 and will be introducing himself at all of the Masses on the 14th and 15th of June. Be sure to say hello!

Have a good week.

Fr. Tony

Thank you

I am writing to express my most sincere thanks to you, Fr. Tom, Fr. John, Deacon Paul, Deacon Joe and all the kind people at St. Francis Xavier Parish who gave me such a warm welcome this past weekend during my mission appeal visit. I am deeply grateful to you all for your great kindness and charity. I also wish to acknowledge the exceptionally generous response to my appeal. We are greatly indebted to so many who support our missionary work in Africa and South America through their prayers and donations. Without your help our missionary work would be much more limited in scope. I thank you all very sincerely for giving us a helping hand and for becoming our partners in mission. We pray for our benefactors every day. It is the least we can do for people who do so much to assist our missionary efforts.

I greatly enjoyed my visit to the parish and I was very impressed by the warm personal approach to ministry that I observed among you. My visit happily coincided with St. Peter's reminder in the second reading of the Mass to the effect that we are "living stones" in the process of being built into "a spiritual edifice". May the Lord prosper the work that you are doing to promote the spiritual growth of your community in the missionary spirit of your patron Saint Francis Xavier.

With renewed thanks and blessings to all,

Denis O'Brien S.A.C.