



ASCENSION *of the* LORD

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 606 Washington St. Medina, OH 44256
(330) 725-4968 sfxmedina.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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)

Monday, June 2

6:00 pm Schola rehearsal (CH)
 7:00 pm Scouts—Troop 506 (CB)
 7:00 pm Liturgy Commission (TL)
 7:00 pm New Parishioner Welcome (107)
 7:00 pm WCRHP (RH)
 7:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal (CH)

Tuesday, June 3

6:30 pm Bingo (CB)
 7:30 pm Cantor/Guitar Rehearsal (CH)

Wednesday, June 4

1:00 pm Seniors Club (XR)
 7:00 pm Employment Network (HM)

Thursday, June 5

9:00 am Life Teen—Teen Thursday (RHLT)
 7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (CH)

Friday, June 6

9:00 am A and E Setup—Pentecost (CH)

Saturday, June 7

8:30 am Cleaning Angels (CH)

Sunday, June 8

Hospitality Sunday—Fr. Lee Farewell

10:00 am RCIA (RH)
 4:00 pm Life Teen Freshmen Welcome (XR/RH)
 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 1

The Ascension

8:00 am Anna Tamborini (JL)
 10:00 am Agnes Port (TS)
 12:00 pm Mary Ann Imburgia (TK)
 5:30 pm People of Saint Francis Xavier (TK)

Monday, June 2

7:30 am Tillie Galant (JL)
 7:00 pm Gordon Burkhart (TK)

Tuesday, June 3

7:30 am Jeanne Smudz, Joyce Ebner, James Wolfe,
 Bob Mickle, Mary Muth, Joe Andrich, Fritz
 Hoffman, Janice Gayette, John Malone
 (TK)

Wednesday, June 4

7:30 am Neal Strouf (JL)

Thursday, June 5

7:30 am Tim Mulcahy (JL)
 6:15 pm Reconciliation
 7:00 pm Frances Meterchick (TK)

Friday, June 6

7:30 am Angeline Marro (TK)
 7:00 pm Fr. Tiff (TS)

Saturday, June 7

7:30 am Edward and Emma Skala (TK)
 3:30 pm Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Dorothy Feron (JL)

Sunday, June 8

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am People of Saint Francis Xavier (TS)
 10:00 am Barb Dull (JL)
 12:00 pm Helen Matsko (TK)
 1:30 pm Baptism (TS)
 5:30 pm Raya Jean Coleman (TS)

(TS) Fr. Tony Sejba; (TK) Fr. Thomas Kowatch;
 (JL) Fr. John Lee; (CC) Fr. Chris Cox;
 (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

**Parish Treasure Update:
 May 24-25, 2014**

Sunday Offertory: \$11,303.12
 Envelopes: 339

**Thank you for your
 generosity!**

**Mass attendance,
 May 24-25, 2014**

5:00 pm 337
 8:00 am 290
 10:00 am 439
 12:00 pm 475
 5:30 pm 156

Banns of Marriage

II Maria Lewarchick and Jason Glaser

St. Francis Xavier Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Anthony Sejba (ext. 8956)
Parochial Vicars	Rev. Thomas Kowatch (ext. 8955) Rev. John Sungwoong Lee (ext. 8957)
Deacons	Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl Deacon Joseph Loutzenhiser Deacon Daniel Norris
Director of Adult Initiation	Jenny Bonarrigo
Director of Music	Mary Gabriel (ext. 8960)
Director of Religious Education	Susan Rohe-Brooks (ext. 8961)
Youth Minister	Paul Koopman (ext. 8958)
Director of Ministry and Communication	Jennifer Webb (ext. 8946)
School Principal	Bibiana Seislove (ext. 2903)
Director of "Little Sailors" Pre-School	Monica Gorman (ext. 8920)
Business Manager	Ray Scherry (ext. 8954)

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, day or night! 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

Jenn Stanziano (vice chair):

(330)416-7207

Anthony Kovalik (secretary):

(330)723-6315

Mike Baumgartner: (330)725-4445

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Charise Kasper: (330)721-6510

James McIntyre: (330)304-2453

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 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,
35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21: 15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Update

SFX School Years Comes to an End:

This week brings the last few days of a very busy year and we are excited about our first ever STEM Activity Day on Monday. Week after week, SFX students have continued to do amazing things this school year. I have tried my best to communicate to our school families, our parish community and the greater community of Medina all of the great accomplishments that our St. Francis Xavier School students have been involved in this past year. The pride we all feel for our students is definitely understandable. Last week, our students were honored at our yearly Awards Ceremony on Wednesday. To see so many students receiving honors, once again validates that great things are happening at St. Francis Xavier School. We certainly are proud to be a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence where we not only recite our school mission statement every day, we truly LIVE out our mission each and every day: *We educate for excellences and together we learn to become Disciples of Christ.*

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Graduates. The entire staff of St. Francis



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!

Xavier School wishes each of them the best of luck in their futures ahead.

Finally, please remember that Monday June 2, Tuesday, June 3, and Wednesday, June 4, are all Early Release Days and we will be dismissing at 2:05pm. 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 Summer.

In Christ,

Mrs. Seislove

Week at a Glance:

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
Report Cards Distributed
Early Release 2:05 p.m.

Looking Ahead (to the new year!):

Wednesday, August 26—Kindergarten—Grade 5
Curriculum Night

Friday, August 15 —Middle School Orientation

Saturday, August 16 —School Open House
Welcome Back Tailgate

Monday, August 18 —First Day of School; Grades 1-8

Tuesday, August 19 —First 1/2 Day for Kindergarten

Wednesday, August 20 —First Full Day for Kindergarten
Preschool Parent Meetings

2014 "Little Sailors" Preschool Graduates

St. Francis Xavier "Little Sailors" Preschool is excited to announce the graduation of 37 students from the 4's and Young 5's Pre-Kindergarten classes, in a graduation ceremony attended by family and friends on Wednesday, May 21 in the Xavier Room. During the ceremony, the students shared prayer, songs, and poems they learned throughout the year. We are especially excited to know that 24 of our graduates will be joining our day school family as students in our full-day Kindergarten program. We wish all of our "Little Sailors" the very best as they begin their formal education.

4's Class

Ava Abramczyk
Gianna Alessio
Madilyn Amburgy
McKayla Bergman
Madison Davis
Cesar Esis
Austin Funk
Frank Garritano
Maylie Gowe
Ashoka Kerns
Brayden Korduba
Ava Lebeck
Cooper Lutz

Dominic Marsala
Emma McCann
Josef Plamper
Halle Posey
Kellen Price
Chase Rohrbaugh
Grace Tabaka
Emma Welsh
Elizabeth Wolny

Pre-Kindergarten

Benjamin Burke
Andres Gaume
Molly Gaume
Nicholas Grunenwald
Christina Kenney
Estella Kosakowski
Kathleen Palmer
Olivia Peebles
Anthony Pritchard
Brian Pritchard
Carson Rittmaier
Aiden Stucker
Nicholas Wallace
Patrick Walters
Katherine Wetzel

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

330-722-7700 sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info

Preschool Classes (Ages 3, 4, 5; Sundays during 10 a.m. Mass): Registration forms for all incoming preschool children (Ages 3, by September 1, 4, and 5 year olds) are available at the rectory office, at the parish website (see above), 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 10:00 a.m. Liturgy beginning in October 2014.

Elementary Classes for students Grades 1-5 (Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings):

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 on the website (see above), 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.

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.

Congratulations!

The Parish School of Religion, Sue Rohe-Brooks, the Staff and Students thank Deacon Joe for his 20 years of ministry to our parish youth.

Deacon was a blessing to us in Life Teen, the Edge, Elementary, and Pre School with his ministry in classes and on retreats.

May God continue to bless you Deacon and give you the needed time for family and relaxation.

Attention Parents:

To access PSR information the new website is www.sfxmedina.com. Go under the Parish side, then "About", then Religious Education, then the Program you are looking for!

Vacation Bible School

We are still need of adult help with the groups and with set up. The time for the staff is 8:30 A.M. to 12:45 p.m. the week of June 23-27, 2014. Our set up will be on Friday June 20 and Saturday June 21. Questions? Call 330-722-7700 or 330-764-8961.



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 9:00 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 in the rectory office or on the parish website www.sfxmedina.com under Parish – About – Religious Education – Vacation Bible School.

Make this Summer fun as we all search for Jesus in the treasures.

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

Students in this year's Grades 7 and 8 classes: Come and join this summer's Edge Camp. We still have a few openings in Camp 1 June 16-20 and Camp 2 July 20 (this is a combined fun day for both camps), and July 7-10. These camps feature giving service to different organizations with new opportunities this summer. Service hours are given for your school, etc.

Share this week with your peers and be the Hands and Feet of Christ as you go forth to serve!

Registered students for Camp 1 will receive their paperwork which was mailed out on May 28, 2014. Camp 1 papers need to be returned to the PSR office by Monday, June 9. Forms are available at the Rectory office, on the website (see above), or by calling the PSR office.

We are still looking for current high school juniors and seniors to assist as counselors. Please call the PSR office.

Welcome to our parish

New to the area, or to St. Francis Xavier? Welcome presentations are held throughout the year. Sessions are held in the school. To register for these gatherings, or for more information about parish registration please call our office: 330-725-4968.

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.

Summertime Fun Trip!

The St. Francis Xavier Senior Club will be traveling north to the Cleveland Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, June 10, leaving the SFX side parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

We will be in the Gardens from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. viewing the beautiful spring and summer flowers, and then bus up to Little Italy for lunch at the Trattoria restaurant.

After lunch, we will bus up to Communion of Saints Church on Coventry Road (Fr. John Lee's new parish assignment) for a mini tour of this beautiful church. We will try to be back home in Medina by 5:00 p.m.

Cost of the trip will be \$19.00 with each participant absorbing their own lunch expense offered off the restaurant menu.

Please call Pete Danszczak at 330-725-7283 to reserve a place on this excursion.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration that 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.

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.

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.

Catholic Homeschool Conference

July 11 and 12, 2014: The Immaculate Heart of Mary Cleveland Homeschool and Parent Conference will be held at St. Adalbert Parish — Keller Center, 66 Adalbert St., in Berea, on Friday, July 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, July 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Confirmed speakers include: Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mr. Philip Gray, Mrs. Virginia Seuffert, and Mrs. Maureen Wittmann.

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call 540-636-1946, email info@ihmconference.org or visit www.ihmconference.org.

Tend a Community Garden for the Needy

Do you have a green thumb, or want to develop one to provide food for the hungry? Our Lady Help of Christians, the parish to our south and west that grew years ago as a mission of our parish, has a 1-acre garden in front of its Litchfield parish office and church that its parishioners plant and tend all summer. Its harvest benefits the hungry people who visit the parish food pantry so they can have fresh, healthy produce.

St. Francis Xavier parishioners are invited to partner with OLHC this summer as we gauge interest in developing a similar garden here on our property that would benefit the people we help through our St. Vincent de Paul Society. They are in need of able volunteers since some of their volunteers are not able to get around as well as they'd like.

If you are interested, email Jennifer Webb at jwebb@stfrancisxavier.info or call her at 330-764-8946, for more details. Or, call OLHC's Father John Mullee at 330-722-1180.

TEEN THURSDAYS!

Teens come to Teen Thursdays every week on 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.



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 13 to 17 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!

'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.

Holy Name High School All-Class Reunion:

Join us in celebrating 100 years of Holy Name High School on Friday, June 13. An all-class Reunion Party will be held at 6000 Queens Highway and on June 14, NamerFEST will be open to the community from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with food, music, fun and tours of the current school. In addition, all Nazareth Academy alumnae are invited back to their former campus along with Holy Name alumnae and friends from Harvard & Broadway and Parma Heights.

To find out information or make reservations, visit:

www.holynamehs.net/namerfest

or call Colleen Corrigan Day at 440-886-0300, ext. 136.

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.**



SAVE THE DATE!

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

What are YOU doing this summer?

Taught by the talented and caring teachers of Walsh Jesuit High School, the *Summer Warrior Enrichment Camp* will be an incredibly fun experience that will showcase the school's outstanding college preparatory curriculum.

Each day of camp will feature exciting hands-on activities in science, history, math, English, world languages, technology, and fine arts. The camp days will conclude with outdoor sessions of extracurricular activities and team competitions.

Daily snacks and beverages will be provided. Please notify us of any special dietary needs.

Campers may wear appropriate summer attire (shorts, t-shirts, and tennis shoes). *Summer Warrior Enrichment Camp* t-shirts will be distributed on the first day. Walsh Jesuit spirit wear will be awarded to campers throughout the two weeks of camp.

Designed for young men and women entering grades 7 and 8, the *Summer Warrior Enrichment Camp* is the perfect opportunity to get to know the Walsh Jesuit family!

Tuition for the Summer Warrior Enrichment Camp is \$225. Enrollment in this camp is limited. For more information, please contact Mr. Rob Eubank '85, Director of Admissions at

330.929.4205 ext. 103
eubankr@walshjesuit.org

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
 Abigail Fink
 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
 Jerry Liechty
 Emily Markert
 Aaron Markiewicz
 James M. McDonald

Lou McDonald
 Lois McFadden
 Mary Ann Makowski
 Alexa Meyers
 John Neuwar
 Mary Neuwar
 Lisa Owen
 Nathaniel Plasco
 Richard Pryatel
 Richard Rudolph
 Mimi Russ
 Richard Russ
 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

The Ascension 2014

This weekend will mark the near closing of the Easter Season with the Ascension of the Lord. In Jerusalem, across the valley to the west is a high hill over which is built a very simple Church, designed in the round, with only exposed concrete walls and roof and



no altar or seating. It is built over the place where Jesus bade farewell to the 12 as he was taken beyond their sight. In the center of the church is bare rock that has been worn down and is highly polished by the hands of pilgrims who come to touch the spot. Our pilgrimage group gathered inside to read briefly the gospel account we hear this weekend. We prayed a short time there in anticipation of his second coming. I remember praying for a greater openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit who Jesus promised would console his followers in his physical absence.

Next weekend we will celebrate the Great Pentecost Event, the Gift of the Holy Spirit of God, given to the Apostles and given to us in the sacramental encounters of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The Holy Spirit is the one who directs our efforts in the name of Jesus to continue to build upon his Kingdom here on earth. I am deeply humbled by so many of you who give of your time and your talent and treasure to

advance the Gospel here at St. Francis Xavier.

The southern portion of the parking lot should be drivable by next weekend. Please pay careful attention when the shift takes place. Until stripes are added, the plan is to have one center aisle from the west to the east with parking along the tree line, head in, and along the light poles, head in as well. Please use the saw cuts to serve as divider spaces. Please maintain one way traffic flowing from the East Smith Drive moving west to the Spring Grove apron. I appreciate your patience with our dust.

Also please stop down in the church basement on June 8 to wish Fr. John Lee God's blessings in his next assignment at Communion of Saints in Cleveland Heights. He is scheduled to begin working there June 10. That is the same day that Fr. Chris Cox will begin his assignment here at St. Francis Xavier. He will be saying hello after all of the Masses the following weekend.

Have a very blessed week!

Fr Tony

