



Pentecost

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

Sunday, June 8

Hospitality Sunday—Fr. Lee Farewell

- 10:00 am RCIA (RH)
- 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)
- 7:00 pm MCRHP (RH)

Monday, June 9

- 11:00 am A and E Teardown (CH)
- 6:00 pm Schola rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Scouts—Troop 506 (CB)
- 7:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:30 pm Pastoral Council (XR)

Tuesday, June 10

- 6:30 pm Bingo (CB)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (RH)
- 7:00 pm Stewardship (RLR)
- 7:00 pm Stitching Stewards (TL)
- 7:00 pm Vacation Bible School Planning (XR)
- 7:30 pm Cantor/Guitar Rehearsal (CH)

Wednesday, June 11

- 6:30 pm Women of Grace Bible Study (RH)

Thursday, June 12

- 5:30 pm Instrumental Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:30 pm Marriage Ministry Reception (XR)
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (CH)
- 7:30 pm Teen Thursday (RH)

Friday, June 13

Saturday, June 14

- 8:30 am Cleaning Angels (CH)

Sunday, June 15 — Father's Day

- 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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)

Monday, June 9

- 7:30 am John Stager (TS)
- 7:00 pm Fr. Chester Sudik (TK)

Tuesday, June 10

- 7:30 am Sue Kirkham (TK)

Wednesday, June 11

- 7:30 am Angela Caito (TK)

Thursday, June 12

- 7:30 am Earl Lariviere (CC)
- 7:00 pm George Tulisak (TK)

Friday, June 13

- 7:30 am Mary Findish and Veronica Goeclowski (CC)

Saturday, June 14

- 7:30 am Bob Lavelle (CC)
- 3:30 pm Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Ethel Wancata (TK)

Sunday, June 15

The Most Holy Trinity

- 8:00 am Ralph Arnholt (CC)
- 10:00 am Duplaga and Friedrich Families
Patricia and Ralph Musgrave Anniversary
Blessing (TS)
- 12:00 pm Beverly McArdle (TK)
- 5:30 pm People of Saint Francis Xavier (CC)

(TS) Fr. Tony Sejba; (TK) Fr. Thomas Kowatch;
(JL) Fr. John Lee; (CC) Fr. Chris Cox;
(EL) Fr. Ed Lajack; ; (PK) Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl;
(DJL) Deacon Joe Loutzenhiser; (DN) Deacon Dan Norris

Banns of Marriage

III Lauren Graf and Mario Sciortino
II Maria Lewarchick and Jason Glaser

**Parish Treasure Update:
May 31-June 1, 2014**

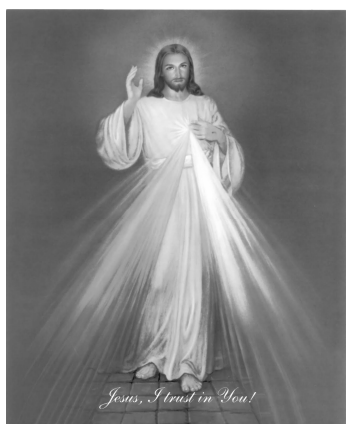
Sunday Offertory: \$13,203.00
Envelopes: 374

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

**Mass attendance,
May 31-June 1, 2014**

5:00 pm 358
8:00 am 289
10:00 am 475
12:00 pm 366
5:30 pm 204

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



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 3:30 p.m.; games start at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; games start at 6:30 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):

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Mike Baumgartner: (330)725-4445

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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:	1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday:	Ex34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Update

Good Bye to Special People!

The 2013-2014 school year has come to an end. As the year closed, we said good bye to several of our staff members that will not be returning to St. Francis Xavier School next year: Our Assistant to the Principal, Mrs. Judy Podrasky; Middle School Religion and Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Mary Anne Mayer; Piano teacher, Mrs. Virginia Churgovich; Classroom and Recess Aide, Mrs. Laura Chomanics; our Speech and Language Specialist, Miss Marie Rowinski; and our Friday School Nurse, Mrs. Susan Frantisak. The entire staff and student body wishes them all well as they journey down their new paths in life. We are so very appreciative of the many years of service that each of them has given to St. Francis Xavier School. We will miss you all immensely and will con-



tinue to keep you in our prayers. We hope that you come back to visit SFX often. May God bless each one of you.

Thank you.
Have a Blessed Summer.
In Christ,
Mrs. Seislove

Looking Ahead (to the new year!):

- Wednesday, August 13—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 for 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
Andrew Gaume
Molly Gilbert
Nicholas Grunenwald
Christian Kenney
Estella Kosakowski
Kathleen Palmer
Olivia Peebles
Anthony Pritchard
Brian Pritchard
Carson Rittmaier
Aaden Stucker
Nicholas Wallace
Patrick Walters
Katherine Wetzel

We educate for excellence and together we learn to become disciples of Christ

Buy your gift cards this Summer! Gift Cards support St. Francis Xavier Church and School! You may buy your gift cards at the rectory office throughout the summer. The new year started June 1!

'Like' us on Facebook!

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is on Facebook! [facebook.com/St.FrancisXavierCatholicChurchMedina](https://www.facebook.com/St.FrancisXavierCatholicChurchMedina) you have an event coming up contact Jennifer Webb at 330-764-8946 or jwebb@stfrancisxavier.info.

Congratulations!

We wish to congratulate Girl Scout Troop 1383 on their 11 years of service. Pictured: Abigail Draiss, Stephanie Rohrbach, Amanda Peloso, Rebecca Kerr, and Elizabeth Krause who earned the “Pillars of Faith” award which is the highest religious award that may be received.



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 years old) 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.

The FEST!

Mark your summer calendar, and plan to join us on Sunday, August 3, for the FEST—our 14th Annual Catholic Family FESTival, held on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. The FEST is free and open to all, and concludes with an inspiring outdoor Mass. It's the highlight of the summer for thousands from across our region. For more information, go online to: www.theFEST.us.

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

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.

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.

Adult Help Needed: 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 and 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!

Looking forward to a great conference!

All spots are filled for the Steubenville Youth Conference June 13-15. Pray for us!



Join Us!

Teens at our first Teen Thursday! Join the fun!

SAVE THE DATE!

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

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.

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.

Music Ministry Notes: Thank You!

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Spirit of God, grant me the gift of **WISDOM**
to see through your eyes,
the gift of **COUNSEL**
to make difficult decisions,
the gifts of **KNOWLEDGE** and **UNDERSTANDING**,
to use my mind to know you and to love you,
the gift of **FORTITUDE**,
to have the courage to live in faith
despite difficulties and disappointments,
the gift of **PIETY**,
to be able to express my special love
and commitment to you,
and the right kind of awesome **FEAR**
that makes me pause and wonder
and revere God's love.*

Amen.



Thank you to all the members of the music ministry for sharing their **gifts** of time, talent and treasure, making 2013-2014 so beautiful and inspirational to the parish!

Youth Choir and Traditional Choir resume their regular rehearsal and Mass schedule in September!

Please see the bulletin in August for more information on the 2014-2015 year!

Any questions in the meantime? Please call Mary Gabriel, at (330) 636-1739.

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	

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.

Jude Ballinger	Del Guerra
Becky Barker	Vivian Heim
John Benson	Camden Heil
Maxine Bergdorf	Charlotte Heil
Claire Bevec	Savannah Heil
Sue Boyne	Anthony Hosick
Sioux Campbell	Joann Houdek
Danny Colonna	Richard Emil Janson
Kathleen Cunningham	Mark Jablonowskie
Marianne Curry	Charline Karsnak
Evan Dolinar	Mary Keith
Myrna Dooley	John Kirda, Sr.
Billie Duta	Andrew Korduba
Maribeth Edgley	Brenda Kutcher
Lynda Erickson	Ruth Lancki
Ed Fraley	Steven Lastuka
John Francisco	Dave Leidecker
Roger Friedrich	Jerry Liechty
Bobby Fusco	Emily Markert
Rhettec Galaska	Aaron Markiewicz
Jacob Gaume	James M. McDonald
Kerry Grimm	Lou McDonald

Lois McFadden
Mary Ann Makowski
Alexa Meyers
Ann-Marie Mills
John Neuwar
Mary Neuwar
Lisa Owen
Nathaniel Plasco
Richard Pryatel
Mark Rudolph
Mimi Russ
Richard Russ
Beth Sielski
Jean Smith
Amy Taylor
Carolyn Vasko
Lacey Vickers
Celene Wallen
Helen Yakubik

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**Farewell from Fr. Lee****+ Peace be with you!**

Our lives are a series of “hellos” and “good-byes.” Many of my fellow priests say that they never forget their first parish assignment. On June 10, I end my time with you and move to Communion of Saints Parish in Cleveland Heights. I will certainly NEVER, EVER forget my beautiful memories of the people of St. Francis Xavier Parish. You have become “my home away from home”, my families and friends. I have been very blessed to be with you and this farewell is not easy. Even though we will be away from each other, our prayers will connect us and we will be with each other in spirit.

As you know, I am a huge baseball fan. I have caught nine baseballs so far and I hope to safely achieve my goal of catching a 10th baseball this season. When I graduated from St. Mary Semi-

nary, I felt very sad to leave my best baseball buddy, Fr. Tift, the former rector and a diocesan historian. He was a huge Indians fan and we had become good friends. Before I graduated, he said to me, “John Lee! You are the most memorable Korean seminarian. I will never forget you.” Now I can say, “St. Francis Xavier Parish is a most memorable friend of mine.” I have been very impressed by your heartfelt welcoming and angelic affection.

Please, pray for me to continue to faithfully serve God's people wherever I go and until we meet again, I say,

“I love the people of St. Francis Xavier!”

Fr. John Sungwoong Lee



In past years we've had a summer social to gather parishioners for an evening after the Saturday vigil Mass to enjoy each other's company and celebrate our community. This year, Father Tony has proposed that we gather for a series of summer Picnics with the Priests on the beautiful Randel House deck that our volunteers finished last year.

Of course, with a parish of more than 10,000 people, it's hard to have everyone over for dinner at once. But over the course of five Saturdays this summer, we will focus our attention on members of certain ministries and invite them to join the priests for an old-fashioned cook-out. And, if you aren't a member of these ministries, but would like to come anyway, please do.

For our first picnic, **all men and women who have made a Renewal at St. Francis Xavier Parish**, and their families, are invited to attend a Picnic with the Priests on Saturday, June 21, following the 5 p.m. Mass (roughly 6:15 p.m. to ?).

On June 28, we invite **members of Knights of Columbus, Respect Life, Battered Women's Shelter, Operation HOMES and St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

In addition to renewing friendships and forging new ones, you will have the opportunity to interact with your parish priests, Father Tony and the newest members of our staff, Father Chris and Father Thom. This picnic will be held on the new deck of the Randel House (rain location is the church basement).

You need not bring anything but yourself and, if you wish, an alcoholic drink. The Knights of Columbus have graciously offered to be our “Grill Masters.” The parish will gladly provide all the hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, side dishes, water and dessert.

For the June 21 picnic, you are kindly asked to RSVP by June 18 to help us prepare for the evening. For the June 28 picnic, please RSVP by June 25. Please call Rhonda at the parish office, 330-725-4968 or email rmckinnon@stfrancisxavier.info.

We look forward to seeing you here! Watch for additional invitations to be made for July's picnics!