

THE
FOREIGNERS WHO
JOIN THEMSELVES
TO THE LORD

I WILL BRING
TO MY HOLY MOUNTAIN



Isaiah 56:6, 7



THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday, August 17

1:30 pm New Parishioner Welcome (107)
 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)

Monday, August 18

3:30 pm Staff Meeting (RLR)
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts—Troop 506 (XR)
 7:30 pm SVDP Meeting (109)
 7:30 pm Schola Rehearsal (CH)

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 am Kindergarten Parent Meeting (XR)
 12:30 pm Kindergarten Parent Meeting (XR)
 6:30 pm Bingo (CB)
 7:00 pm Cantor/Guitar Rehearsal (CH)
 7:00 pm RCIA (RH)
 7:00 pm Employment Network (K of C)
 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (RH)

Wednesday, August 20

6:00 pm Preschool Parent Meeting (XR)
 6:45 pm Preschool Parent Meeting (XR)
 7:30 pm Preschool Parent Meeting (XR)

Thursday, August 21

7:30 pm SPA (LR)
 7:30 pm LifeTeen Thursday (RHLT)
 7:30 pm Adult Choir (CH)

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

8:30 am Cleaning Angels (CH)

Sunday, August 24

10:00 am RCIA (RH)
 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)
 6:30 pm Confirmation Session (CH)
 7:00 pm MCRHP (RH)

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 Heather Farrar and Craig Elrod
 I Katelyn Warnke and Adam Bray

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 17

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Dorothy Feron (TK)
 10:00 am Agnes Port (TK)
 12:00 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier (CC)
 5:30 pm Mildred Benner (CC)

Monday, August 18

7:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory (TK)
 7:00 pm Benefactors of St. Vincent DePaul Society (CC)

Tuesday, August 19

7:30 am Mario Corsi (TS)

Wednesday, August 20

7:30 am Earl Lariviere (TS)

Thursday, August 21

7:30 am Lois Straslicka (CC)
 7:00 pm Wilson Pompili (TK)

Friday, August 22

7:30 am Richard Paulus (TK)

Saturday, August 23

7:30 am Jim Glenbocki (CC)
 3:30 pm Reconciliation
 5:00 pm William and Carol Bero (TS)

Sunday, August 24

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am People of St. Francis Xavier (CC)
 10:00 am Kuczmarski Family (TK)
 12:00 pm Margaret Presley (CC)
 1:30 pm Baptisms (TS)
 5:30 pm Brenda Fay (TK)

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

Patriarch Sako's Prayer for Peace in Iraq

Lord,
 The plight of our country
 is deep and the suffering of Christians
 is severe and frightening.
 Therefore, we ask you Lord
 to spare our lives, and to grant us patience,
 and courage to continue our witness of Christian values
 with trust and hope.
 Lord, peace is the foundation of life;
 Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us
 to live with each other without fear and anxiety,
 and with dignity and joy.
 Glory be to you forever
Louis Raphael I. Sako, Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq

**Parish Treasury Update:
 August 9-10, 2014**

Sunday Offertory: \$12,530.12
 Envelopes: 348

**Thank you for your
 generosity!**

**Mass attendance,
 August 9-10, 2014**

5:00 pm 388
 8:00 am 248
 10:00 am 474
 12:00 pm 312
 5:30 pm 227

St. Francis Xavier Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Anthony Sejba (ext. 8956)
Parochial Vicars	Rev. Thomas Kowatch (ext. 8955) Rev. Chris Cox (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 six 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

Mario Colangelo: (330)723-3040

Kathy Gaughan: (330)722-8848

Tuesday Hamilton: (330)591-0580

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 Tricomi: (330)603-7327

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Update

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

Well, to say that it has been a busy summer on the campus of St. Francis Xavier would be an understatement! The 2014 - 2015 school year is upon us with the first day of school being Monday, August 18th. The entire faculty and staff are excited for the new faith-filled year to begin. Please give a warm St. Francis Xavier welcome to our new staff members. Welcome to Mrs.



Susan Herman, our new Assistant to the Principal. Miss Megan Gonzalez will be joining our Middle School team, teaching Language Arts and Reading in room 207. Mr. Michael Podrasky will be teaching technology in our Computer Lab. Mrs. Jeanne Schmidt will be joining the Learning Center staff as our new Speech and Language Teacher. Finally, Mrs. Becky Muhlenkamp will be joining our staff as a classroom aide and playground supervisor. We are blessed to have all of these wonderful additions as part of our St. Francis Xavier family.

The students in Grades 1 through 5 will have a regular schedule Monday and get acquainted with the expectations of their new grade levels. Middle School students will have special team-building activities on that day with icebreakers, games and various activities to get them familiar with the Middle School. Middle School students **only** will wear their gym uniforms for the day. Our Kindergarten students will begin on Tuesday, August 19th and have a modified schedule in that the boys will come in the morning of that first day and the girls will come in the afternoon. There will be an orientation time for the students in their classrooms, as well as their parents, who will meet in the Xavier Room with the Teacher Aides. The first full day of school for all of our Kindergarten students will be Wednesday, August 20th.

ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED TO PACK THEIR LUNCH and DRINK FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18th.

Our Little Sailors Preschool staff was very busy with home visits in August. Pre-School is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 25th for the 4's and 5's and Tuesday, August 26th for the 3's.

Mrs. Monica Gorman, the program director, shared with me that Little Sailors Preschool is also looking forward to a great year. The new school year promises to be filled with opportunities to grow spiritually, academically and socially, as we all continue to focus on the commitment to respect God, respect yourself and respect others.

In Christ,

Mrs. Seislove

This Week at a Glance:

Date	Event	Time
Monday, August 18	First Day of School for Grades 1-8	
Tuesday, August 19	First ½ Day for Kindergarten Boys*	9:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. in the Xavier Room
	First ½ Day for Kindergarten Girls*	12:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. in the Xavier Room
	*PARENTS MUST ATTEND THE SESSION	
Wednesday, August 20	First Full Day for All Kindergarteners	
	Preschool Parents Only Orientation (3 year olds)	6:00 p.m. in the Xavier Room
	Preschool Parents Only Orientation (4 year olds)	6:45 p.m. in the Xavier Room
	Preschool Parents Only Orientation (5 year olds)	7:30 p.m. in the Xavier Room
Thursday, August 21	Marco's Pizza Night	

Looking Ahead:

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday, August 26	Opening School Liturgy (Grades 1-8)	9:15 a.m. in the Church
Friday, August 29	Student Council Elections	

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



Catholic Schools exist to form young people in the Catholic faith. Academic success and rigorous achievement mark our schools as outstanding institutions. Essential to the Christian message is the command of Christ to serve others. Our students are at their best when they exemplify in their actions this command and they do so daily.

Students, their parents and grandpar-

ents sacrifice to provide a Catholic education and are grateful for tuition assistance provided through the Faith & Value Appeal for Education. Please pray that the generosity of our parishioners will continue to support the formation of our youth in Catholic schools as they are taught to be the very best that they can be.

You can help! Our students and teachers need your help to keep our faith vital and to discover a sense of family and belonging within the walls of our schools. Please consider making a donation so we can continue to provide faith-centered education to more Northeastern Ohio children. Give today using the envelopes for the special collection or online at:

www.catholiccommunity.org/eddonate

About Our Schools...

- 1 104 Elementary Schools
- 1 20 Secondary Schools
- 1 61 Pre-Kindergarten Programs (within elementary schools)
- 1 45,919 total students enrolled

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

330-722-7700, ext. 8961 sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info

Important Information!



The theme for the PSR 2014-15 year is "Continuing to Build Up the Kingdom of God". Fall programs are planned for all levels in our Preschool, Elementary and Edge programs. In order to begin our programs on time, we are in need of more adults in all levels. It is important that each group has a faith sharing adult and assistant. Help is given in each level plus program needs and materials. You, too, will be inspired about your Catholic faith! Please pray and call 330-722-7700 and leave your name and phone number. We need to plant the seeds of our faith to His children and youth!

All PSR Programs require students to be registered each year. Forms are available on our parish website or in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Office.

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

The Edge (Grades 6, 7, and 8) will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Many different opportunities in faith will be presented this year. All students must register each year for this program. Forms are available on the Parish website under "About" - "PSR" - "Edge".



See what's fresh with Life Teen for 2014 and 2015!

Our LifeTeen Ministries' team has spent the summer planning a year's worth of activities loaded with faith, fun and friendship. We've enhanced the program with five key ways that will help make your faith journey more meaningful and exciting:

Inspire (Life Nights) – 1st & 3rd Sunday nights of each month

Connect (Life Night Issue Nights) – 4th Sunday night of each month

Exalt (Praise & Worship) – 2nd Sunday of each month

Praise (Retreats) – scheduled for Nov. 2014 and May 2015

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.

Preschool Classes (Ages 3, 4, 5; Sundays during 10:00 a.m. Mass):

Parents, registration forms for all incoming preschool children (Ages 3 (by Sept. 1), 4 and 5 years old) are available on our parish website or in the rectory office.

Please note we are looking for adult help in the different age levels. Help is given and no degree necessary just a love of faith and children. Our classes are on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 a.m. liturgy. This is a great start to a child's formal religious education. Call the PSR Office for more information and leave your name and number.



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

All students must register each year. Classes are available either on Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. or students can be signed up to come on Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Registration forms need to be turned in this fall. They are available on the SFX website.

Reach (Service) – every month there will be a minimum of one service project you can participate in

We'll be kicking off the new school year at the LifeTeen Service, Sunday, Sept. 7 at 5:30 p.m. We invite **all** parish teens come, meet new friends and find out all the great ways you can get closer to God and your community.

For more information, check out the bulletin in the coming weeks, visit our Web site: xavierlifeteen.com, e-mail us at xavierlifeteen@gmail.com and follow us on Twitter @XavierLifeteen.



Life Teen Parents we invite you follow us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sfxlifeteenparents/>

Buy your gift cards this Summer!

Gift Cards support St. Francis Xavier Church and School! Get ready for the start of school! Buy gift cards at the Rectory Office or after mass.

REMINDER: The Gift Card box is **not** in the rectory office on Mondays. Thank you.

Adults Desiring to be Confirmed

Have you thought about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? For one reason or another, you may have not been confirmed earlier in your faith journey. A faith formation program will be held on Sunday mornings to help prepare adults to be confirmed. **Alive in the Spirit** will be a program to explore the Sacrament of Confirmation and include immediate preparation for receiving the Sacrament in October when Bishop Gries comes to our parish. Meetings will be on each of the four Sunday mornings in September at 11 a.m. in the Rectory. Please call Fr. Thom for information and to register.

Images of Life Fundraising Banquet

The Knights of Columbus and the Pro-Life Groups of St. Ambrose, St. Collette's and St. Francis Xavier are hosting a fundraiser on October 11, 2014, to raise money for a 3D-4D ultrasound machine for the **Oaks Family Care Center**.

Please save the date to attend this event and if you can help by hosting a table contact Beth at 585-727-9844 or bknittle@aol.com. Go to our Face Book page and like us to follow along.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Images-of-Life/771403312899561>

Seniors News!

The St. Francis Xavier Senior Club will be venturing to Toledo, Ohio for a cathedric/glass experience on Tuesday, August 26, leaving by bus at 7:00 a.m., returning at 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The trip will include visits to three landmark churches/cathedrals—mass celebration, lunch at **Tony Packos** renowned restaurant, and a visit to the "**Toledo Glass Museum**", (with glass blowing demonstration). Cost of transportation is \$30, breakfast and lunch at your own expense. Please call Pete Danszczak (330-725-7283) if you are interested in joining the adventure.



The Medina County Battered Women's Shelter is excited to bring to the Medina community the 7th annual "Walk With Your Best Friend Against Abuse" awareness and fundraising event! "Walk With Your Best Friend Against Abuse" is the ONLY 2014 Medina County fundraiser to support the over 1,600 Medina County domestic abuse victims that are served each year.

Proceeds help to sustain the mission to lead the community by providing hot line services, emergency shelter, support, advocacy, and education in an effort to break the cycle of abuse and promote peace to families throughout Medina County.

This year's event will be held on the Square of Medina, October 4, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will include a one-mile walk (with your furry best friend), dog costume contest, doggy demo, music, information tables, refreshments and more!

Visit www.walkwithyourbestfriend.com to register your team and join us as we walk and raise money and awareness for this year's event.

Welcome to Our Parish

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



Music Ministry Notes:

The Traditional Choir is "officially" back from summer break with the first rehearsal on Thursday, August 21, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the loft. New members are welcome to come to our first practice (immediately after Mass) and meet all the great people in choir. Continuing throughout the month of September, new members are welcome to join us so that there is plenty of time (less than 4 months to be specific) to learn the Advent and Christmas music as well as all the music for Sunday liturgies. The Traditional Choir welcomes any high school student through adult, with a pleasant singing voice, to join the music ministry. Reading music is not a requirement but attendance at most Thursday night rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. is encouraged. The Traditional Choir ministers at 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning, September through Pentecost.

The Youth Choir also invites any 2nd through 8th grade student of the parish to join their ranks during the month of September. The first practice for the Youth Choir this year is Tuesday, September 2, 2014, PROMPTLY at 5:30 p.m. in the choir loft. The Youth Choir practices on every Tuesday, from 5:30-6:30pm and ministers at 12 noon Mass, usually on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Parents and guardians are welcome to stay for rehearsals and are encouraged to help during rehearsals and mass. Please remember to be on time and to physically come into the church to pick up your child.

The 5:00 p.m. Mass group is also accepting new members. This group rehearses all year round at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the loft. High school students through adults are welcome to join if Saturday evening mass is more convenient for you to minister than Sunday morning.

Questions? Please call Mrs. Mary Gabriel at (330) 636-1739 or just come up to the loft after any weekend mass.

A Stewardship Moment

In today's first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political dissolution and moral decline. The prophet had warned of God's judgment against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions, and condemned them for various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah's message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: Do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.



**CLEVELAND INDIANS
CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY**

Join the Cleveland Indians for Mass and a ball game on September 28, 2014. Pre-game Mass at 10:15 a.m. in the Ball Park.

Tickets start at \$14.00. Purchase them online at:

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/KMTYG8Z](http://TINYURL.COM/KMTYG8Z)

And enter the special offer code "BASEBALL". If you have any additional questions, please call 216-420-4162 or e-mail jplys@indians.com.



For information on strengthening your marriage and family life,

check out: <http://www.foryourmarriage.org>



23rd Annual SFX Charity Golf Benefit!

Join us on Monday, August 25, for the 23rd Annual SFX Charity Golf Benefit at Weymouth Country Club. Begins with Mass at 11:00 a.m. at the course. Over \$10,000 in giveaways! All proceeds go to the St. Vincent DePaul Society and St. Francis Xavier Church. Go to our facebook page for details. [facebook.com/St.FrancisXavierCatholicChurchMedina](https://www.facebook.com/St.FrancisXavierCatholicChurchMedina)

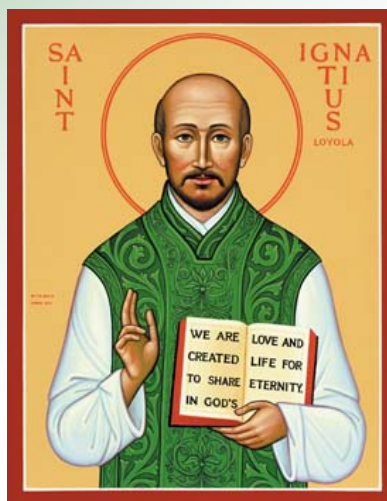


Come learn about the fun of Scouting for all boys 1st-5th grades! The first meeting for all new Scouts and their parents will be Thursday, August 28, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church Basement. At this meeting, you will learn more about the Scouting program here at St. Francis Xavier.

We will answer questions, complete applications, collect annual dues and seek to establish dens of Scouts. Form more information, contact either Ed Martin, (martinedp@outlook.com or 330-350-1290) or Heath Bair (bairhc@gmail.com or 440-289-9820)

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Thursday evenings at St. Francis Xavier August 28 - November 6 Following Mass



This Spirituality Program for Adults or SPA

is a retreat opportunity focusing on the powerful spiritual exercises written by St. Ignatius of Loyola during his conversion experiences in 1521 - 1523. The aim of the spiritual exercises is to assist people in finding God's will for their life and giving them the motivation and courage to follow that will.

To register for the SPA Retreat call the parish office (330) 725-4968. Spaces may be limited. For more information contact Mike Sweet at msweet32219@zoominternet.net or Chris and Jan Alaburda at jalaburda@aol.com

Pray for all military

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

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.

May God heal our sick and suffering

Francie Anderson	Jacob Gaume	James M. McDonald
Rita Andrich	Kerry Grimm	Lou McDonald
Jude Ballinger	Del Guerra	Lois McFadden
Becky Barker	Vivian Heim	Alexa Meyers
John Benson	Camden Heil	Ann-Marie Mills
Maxine Bergdorf	Charlotte Heil	Mike Mitchell
Claire Bevec	Savannah Heil	John Neuwar
Flo Boehme	Anthony Hosick	Mary Neuwar
Sue Boyne	Richard Emil Janson	Lisa Owen
Sioux Campbell	Mark Jablonowski	Nathaniel Plasco
Danny Colonna	Charline Karsnak	Richard Pryatel
Kathleen Cunningham	Mary Keith	Bill Ripple
Marianne Curry	John Kirda, Sr.	Rea Ripple
Evan Dolinar	Michael Klimko	Mark Rudolph
Myrna Dooley	Mary Kneale	Mimi Russ
Billie Duta	Andrew Korduba	Richard Russ
Lynda Erickson	Brenda Kutcher	Beth Sielski
Brendan Federinko	Ruth Lancki	Jean Smith
Ed Fraley	Steven Lastuka	Janet Taranto
John Francisco	Dave Leidecker	Amy Taylor
Roger Friedrich	Jerry Liechty	Carolyn Vasko
Bobby Fusco	Mary Ann Makowski	Lacey Vickers
Rhettec Galaska	Emily Markert	Celene Wallen
Roz Ganzer	Aaron Markiewicz	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.

Christmas in July Drive Benefits Battered Women's Shelter By Angela Sass

The Christmas in July Donation Drive for the Battered Women's Shelter was a tremendous success thanks to the generosity of St. Francis Xavier parishioners. We filled two and a half pickup trucks with donations and collected \$690.00 in cash contributions. Your donations will directly impact the more than 1,600 Medina County domestic violence victims served each year by the Battered Women's Shelter.

Domestic violence is widespread and has no demographic boundaries. Abuse can occur in many forms – sexual, physical, verbal and emotional. Everyone knows a victim of domestic violence. The Battered Women's Shelter provides short- and



long-term protective shelter, hotline services/support, advocacy and education in an effort to break the cycle of abuse, empower victims and help promote peace in every family.

A new ministry has been established at St. Francis Xavier to work closely with the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina County. The Christmas in July Donation Drive is the first of many upcoming initiatives sponsored by this ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information about our ministry, contact Monica Russell at 330-721-9160 or mki650@yahoo.com.



2014 First Step Programs: Continuing education regarding marriage and divorce in the Catholic Church

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is complex and demanding. One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Church. Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do?

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland is continuing to offer its very successful First Step Program in order to help individuals deal with these questions. The Church's teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage are often misunderstood. This program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching in these areas. Representatives from the Ministry to the Divorced Office of the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry will also be present to explain their ministry to those who are divorced.

Everyone is welcome to:

Deepen their knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage...
Learn about the Church's ministry to the divorced/separated in the Diocese...

Hear the true facts about the annulment process and how to submit a case...

Discover a path to healing after divorce.

In any endeavor, taking the "first step" is always the most difficult. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure, of which the annulment process is an important aspect. Please refer to the Tribunal website (www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal) for testimonials about the program from past participants.

The schedule for the general meetings in 2014 is:
Tuesday, 23 September 2014, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 14 October 2014, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls, at 7:00 p.m.

We encourage everyone to....

Come to heal...

Come to learn...

Come open to the spirit...

Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. For more information check our website: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal Or call the Tribunal: 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, ext. 4000

Ministry Leaders – watch for your invitation!

Father Tony and the SFX Stewardship Committee invite all ministry leaders to our annual Ministry Leaders Dinner on Wednesday, August 27, in the Xavier Room.

The event will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. with a wonderful pasta buffet dinner prepared by the committee members to thank you for your service to our parish. We'll get right to work with important new information about the coming Stewardship Renewal campaign and more. We are honored to have Terri Preskar, director of Stewardship for the Diocese of Cleveland, joining us as our guest speaker. Terri will present "Servant, Steward, Shepherd" – with special emphasis on shepherding volunteers, and helping them to move from sign-up to involved member. We'll share some ideas that have worked well.

Watch your email in-box for your Evite invitation. We ask that you RSVP through the Evite, if possible, by Aug. 20. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Webb, Director of Ministry and Communication, at 330-764-8946 (direct number) or 330-725-4968.