



# LABOR DAY

**THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

**Sunday, August 31**

5:00 pm Bingo (CB)

**Monday, September 1**

*Labor Day—Rectory Office and School Closed*

**Tuesday, September 2**

5:30 pm Youth Choir (CH)  
 6:30 pm Bingo (CB)  
 7:00 pm Cantor/Guitar Rehearsal (CH)  
 7:00 pm RCIA (RH)  
 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (RH)

**Wednesday, September 3**

7:00 pm Employment Network (HM)

**Thursday, September 4**

3:00 pm Girl Scouts—Troop 1229 (RH)  
 7:00 pm SPA (XR)  
 7:30 pm Adult Choir (CH)  
 7:30 pm LifeTeen Teen Thursday (RHLT)

**Friday, September 5**

9:15 am Moms and Tots (CB)

**Saturday, September 6**

8:30 am Cleaning Angels (CH)  
 9:00 am Men's Fellowship (RH)  
 3:00 pm Ministry Fair Setup (CB)

**Sunday, September 7**

*Hospitality Sunday/Ministry Fair*

10:00 am RCIA (RH)  
 11:00 am Adult Confirmation (RLR)  
 1:00 pm MCRHP (RH/Deck)  
 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)  
 6:30 pm LifeTeen Life Night (XR)

**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**

III Amanda Cucuz and Justin Nagel

**Parish Treasury Update:  
 August 23-24, 2014**

Sunday Offertory: \$14,462.77  
 Envelopes: 408  
 Faith & Values Appeal: \$830.35

**Thank you for your  
 generosity!**

**Mass attendance,  
 August 23-24, 2014**

5:00 pm 400  
 8:00 am 274  
 10:00 am 590  
 12:00 pm 426  
 5:30 pm 271

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, August 31**

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am Fr. Chester Cudik (TS)  
 10:00 am Agnes Port (TS)  
 12:00 pm James Huber (TK)  
 5:30 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier (TK)

**Monday, September 1**

*Labor Day*

9:00 am Fr. Thomas Tiff (CC)

**Tuesday, September 2**

7:30 am Ed and Libby Bush (CC)

**Wednesday, September 3**

7:30 am Wilson Pompili (TS)

**Thursday, September 4**

7:30 am Bishop A. J. Quinn (CC)  
 6:15 pm Reconciliation  
 7:00 pm Paul Bihn (TK)

**Friday, September 5**

7:30 am Sandy and Kathryn Rossi (TK)  
 7:00 pm Carol Reagan (TS)

**Saturday, September 6**

7:30 am Edward and Emma Skala (CC)  
 3:30 pm Reconciliation  
 5:00 pm Rose Marie and Ted Chmiel (TK)

**Sunday, September 7**

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am A. J. Kosack (TK)  
 10:00 am Richard Niese (CC)  
 12:00 pm Louis Babik (CC)  
 1:30 pm Baptisms (TS)  
 5:30 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier (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

*A Stewardship Moment*

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus brings up the topic of the cross to his followers. They would not realize the cross was part of God's plan and was to be their legacy until after the Resurrection. Today's followers of Christ recognize they are stewards of his entire legacy, including his cross; that through their mutual sacrifices God's glory is revealed. They don't live their life in Christ only when it is convenient for them. They make a decision to take up their cross and carry it, no matter what the cost. What crosses do we bear in order to reveal God's glory?

### St. Francis Xavier Church Staff

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

(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: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

## St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Update

### The Start of September is Upon Us!



This past week our Kindergarteners had the chance to settle in and we welcomed our Preschoolers to St. Francis Xavier School. Now every room is officially bustling with activity. Our opening school liturgy was a beautiful celebration and a true witness that our school is committed to teaching respect for God respect for oneself and respect for others. I would like to thank all of the staff and parents for helping to make the first few weeks of the school year go so smoothly. I appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to make our school safe for all of the students, especially during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. As we begin our third week, for the safety of all of our students, I would like to encourage our parents to respect our visitor's policy and sign in at the school office if you need to enter the building. So many people help to make our school a Christ-centered place. The entire staff of St. Francis Xavier School is committed to providing outstanding Catholic education and the success of each and every student. Often, there are a few quiet stars that may not receive the gratitude that they so deserve. I would like to thank several women who have worked extremely hard over the summer months to be sure that all of the

"back to school needs" for our staff, parents and students have been met. A giant, heartfelt thank you goes out to Mrs. Susan Herman, our Assistant Principal and Mrs. Dreama Kellner, Mrs. Kathy Metzger, and Mrs. Joyce Dolinar, our office staff. Each one of these dedicated women has put in many hours of work throughout the summer months to prepare for the upcoming year. As you come and go this school year, please be sure to thank these ladies for their



dedication to St. Francis Xavier School. Please remember that school is not in session Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day. Also, mark your calendars for the first PTC General Meeting next Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. I look forward to seeing you there. Have a blessed week.

In Christ,

*Mrs. Seislove*



This Week at a Glance:		
Date	Event	Time
Monday, September 1	Labor Day—No School	
Looking Ahead:		
Date	Event	Time
Tuesday, September 9	All School Liturgy	9:15 a.m. in the Church
	PTC General Meeting	7:00 p.m. in the Xavier Room

***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! 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.



# Ninth Annual Knights of Columbus Clambake

September 20  
Saturday



5 p.m.

**Camp Paradise**

4283 Paradise Rd. | Seville, OH  
Five minutes south of the Medina Square

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Clambake Dinner @ \$29/each \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets  
Chicken Dinner @ \$23/each \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets  
Extra dozen @ \$ 8/each \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets

Complete Clambake Dinner includes:  
one dozen clams, chicken, corn, yam, chowder, broth

Orders must be pre-paid by September 15<sup>th</sup>, to:  
Knights of Columbus #4168, c/o Jim Sieniawski  
131 N. East St., Medina, OH 44256

Enjoy a fun-filled evening complete with one dozen clams, half chicken, yam, corn, chowder, broth, beverages and desserts.

<b>Clambake with all the fixins'</b>	<b>\$29</b>
<b>Chicken dinner</b>	<b>\$23</b>
<b>Extra dozen clams</b>	<b>\$ 8</b>

*For more info, contact Jim at, 330-461-2700*

**Proceeds benefit  
Camp Paradise**

Clambakes provided by:  
Lobster Brothers, 26055 Detroit Rd., Westlake, Ohio

**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.

**FOR YOUR MARRIAGE** For information on strengthening your marriage and family life, check out: <http://www.foryourmarriage.org>

**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](mailto:cathcartd@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:bknittle@aol.com). Go to our Face Book page and like us to follow along.

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



**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](mailto:jplys@indians.com).

**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.

**Bereavement Support Group**

The Catholic Community of Northern Medina County Bereavement Support Group which consists of St. Francis Xavier, Holy Martyrs, and St. Martin of Tours Catholic Churches will sponsor the next bereavement group meetings at St. Francis Xavier in Medina. The group will meet for six consecutive weeks on Sunday afternoons beginning Sunday, October 5, 2014, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Look for more information in future bulletins.



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](http://www.walkwithyourbestfriend.com) to register your team and join us as we walk and raise money and awareness for this year's event.



**Music Ministry Notes:**

**WE NEED YOU!!!!**

Our parish choirs are resuming their rehearsal schedules with our fall membership drive in full swing and continuing through the month of September. Once the month of September is over, so is joining any of the choirs until AFTER Christmas!

- " The Traditional Choir practices every Thursday from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the choir loft and sings weekly at the 10:00 am Mass.
- " The Youth Choir practices every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30pm in the choir loft and sings at the 12:00pm Mass, USUALLY the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. **THIS TUESDAY IS THE FIRST YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL...**please bring your 3 ring binder and the Youth Choir sings next Sunday 9/14/14!!! Parents are welcome to stay and help in the loft!
- " The 5:00 pm Mass Group is looking for a few more singers to join their ranks too! This group rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm in the choir loft.

If you can't make every rehearsal or your schedule doesn't allow you to sing every week, there is still a place for you in the music ministry! Please come up to the loft after a mass and introduce yourself and let's find a good fit for what you ARE able to do!

Lastly, please mark your calendars early for the Music Ministry's Annual Family Christmas Concert on Friday, December 13th at 7:00 pm in the church. This concert is getting bigger and bigger every year! If you want to sing for one of the Christmas Masses and participate in the concert, please join the music ministry now so you can participate!

**Questions? Call Mrs. Mary Gabriel at (330) 636-1739.**

## 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!

### Sacrament Program

#### First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

This year's Sacrament students will begin formation during the 2014-2015 school year. All students entering the Sacrament Program must have attended the Grade 1 program according to our parish policy. Questions? Please call the PSR 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".



### Save the Date!

Our Life Teen Reach ministry is offering a summer 2015 mission trip! Registration is now open for Catholic Heart Work Camp July 12th to July 18th in Pittsburgh, PA. CHWC is one of the best service camps in the nation. The cost of the trip is \$295.00, and that includes transportation, food, and lodging. What a great opportunity to help the poor and bring Christ to others. **Spots are limited. On reservation forms will be available at Life Night and on [xavierlifeteen.com](http://xavierlifeteen.com) for you to reserve your spot. There will be a \$100 dollar deposit required along with your reservation form. Spots will be on a 1st come 1st serve basis. The forms will be numbered as they arrive.**

### 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.

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.



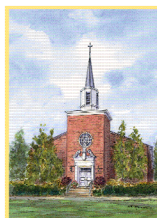
All PSR Programs require students to be registered each year. Forms are available on our parish website or in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Office.

### 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.




We are looking for PSR Office volunteer staff for Saturday morning and Thursday night.



### Reminder!

The rectory office will be closed September 1, 2014 in observance of Labor Day.

Mass on Labor Day will be at 9:00 a.m.

 **'Like' us on Facebook!** St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is on Facebook!

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

If you have an event coming up contact Jennifer Webb at 330-764-8946 or [jwebb@stfrancisxavier.info](mailto:jwebb@stfrancisxavier.info).

**Pray for all military**

**May God heal our sick and suffering**

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	

Francie Anderson  
 Rita Andrich  
 Jude Ballinger  
 Becky Barker  
 John Benson  
 Maxine Bergdorf  
 Claire Bevec  
 Flo Boehme  
 Sue Boyne  
 Sioux Campbell  
 Danny Colonna  
 Kathleen Cunningham  
 Marianne Curry  
 Evan Dolinar  
 Myrna Dooley  
 Billie Duta  
 Lynda Erickson  
 Brendan Federinko  
 Ed Fraley  
 John Francisco  
 Roger Friedrich  
 Bobby Fusco  
 Rhettec Galaska  
 Roz Ganzer  
 Jacob Gaume  
 Kerry Grimm

Del Guerra  
 Mike Harris  
 Vivian Heim  
 Camden Heil  
 Charlotte Heil  
 Savannah Heil  
 Anthony Hosick  
 Richard Emil Janson  
 Mark Jablonowski  
 Charline Karsnak  
 Mary Keith  
 John Kirda, Sr.  
 Mary Kneale  
 Andrew Korduba  
 Brenda Kutcher  
 Ruth Lancki  
 Steven Lastuka  
 Dave Leidecker  
 Jerry Liechty  
 Mary Ann Makowski  
 Emily Markert  
 Aaron Markiewicz  
 James M. McDonald  
 Lou McDonald  
 Lois McFadden  
 Alexa Meyers

Ann-Marie Mills  
 Nathan Mion  
 Mike Mitchell  
 John Neuwar  
 Mary Neuwar  
 Lisa Owen  
 Nathaniel Plasco  
 Richard Pryatel  
 Bill Ripple  
 Rea Ripple  
 Mark Rudolph  
 Mimi Russ  
 Richard Russ  
 Beth Sielski  
 Jean Smith  
 Janet Taranto  
 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](mailto: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](mailto:sfxparishoffice@gmail.com).*



**Senior News!**

The Seniors Club traveled to the Cathedral of Holy Rosary in the Dioceses of Toledo this last Tuesday. The seniors visited a total of three cathedrals in the area. It was a great day for Graces. All the seniors really enjoyed the day.

As a part of the trip, they visited the a Glass Pavilion closely associated with the Art Museum in Toledo where they enjoyed a glass blowing demonstration. An unexpected Medina connection was revealed during the demonstration. Leonard Marti, professor at the University of Toledo and the individual presenting the demonstra-

tion is a 1979 graduate of Medina High School.

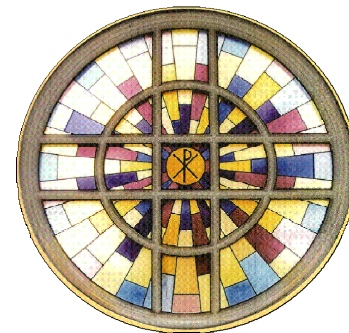
The group then ate at the restaurant **Tony Packos** made famous by the character Klinger played by Jamie Farr in the television series MASH.

It was a day of grace, good food and great company.

The next meeting of the Seniors Club will be the annual picnic at the Pavilion at Buckeye Woods Park beginning at 12 noon. The main dish of baked or fried chicken will be provided by the seniors club. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you

would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a \$5.00 gift.

God Bless!



**LifeTeen Ministries: Connecting to faith through service and retreats**

Our LifeTeen Ministries team has been hard

at work to help lead our parish teens to Christ in meaningful ways. An important component of our ministries is **Reach** (Service), in which teens and their families participate in service projects once a month from September to May. Through this ministry, teens can reach outside themselves and reflect on the power of giving to others.

Our first Reach program of the year is **Saturday, Sept. 13**. About 15-20 volunteers are needed for 2-3 hours during Camp Cheerful's Respite Weekend. The theme of the weekend for the campers is "Sportsmanship;" we will put together an Inclusive program for the campers. Please contact the Rectory office if you would like to participate.

Our **Praise** (Retreat) Team will be focusing on planning our fall and spring retreats. Praise is the culmination of the three aspects our ministries: **Inspire** (Life Night), **Connect** (Life Night Issue Night) and **Exalt** (Praise & Worship). Together, with their peers, teens come to have a deeper understanding of their relationship to Christ and what He wants us to do.

Fall Retreat: November 7-9 at Camp Cheerful in Strongsville  
Spring Retreat: May 1-3rd at St. Leonard's in Avon

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, Sept. 7 - 5:30 p.m.** - We'll be kicking off the new school year at the Life Teen Service, 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.

**Monday, September 22 - 7 p.m.** - Nationally renowned speaker Justin Fatica, co-founder of Hard as Nails Ministry, and author of three books, will share his message on Christ and the liberating truth of the Gospel.

**Thursday, Oct. 16 - 7 p.m.** - Best-selling author and inspirational speaker Jason Evert will be at St. John Neumann. Evert is the author of 10 books including "Theology of the Body for Teens," and "How to Find Your Soulmate without Losing Your Soul." Don't miss this great opportunity to hear a phenomenal message from a most inspiring speaker.

If you cannot attend the Oct. 16 event, Jason Evert will also be speaking at St. Hilary in Fairlawn on Wednesday, October 29th. There will be a 6 p.m. talk for parents and a 7 p.m. talk for teens.

For more information, check out the bulletin in the coming weeks, visit our Web site: [xavierlifeteen.com](http://xavierlifeteen.com), e-mail us at [xavierlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto: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/>



Father Chris speaks to teens preparing for confirmation at the August confirmation session.