Exaltation of the Holy Cross

ry for dates.

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

Worship and Sacraments at St. Francis Xavier Baptisms: Two Sundays each month at 1:30 p.m.; baptism classes every other month. Call the recto-

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.

Banns of Marriage

III Lauren Saliga and David Foster II Rebecca Keller and Daniel Humbel I Amanda Cucuz and Justin Nagel

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk2: 33-35

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 10:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;

Lk 6:27-38 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15;

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9;Ps 145:2-3, 89, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday, September 14

10:00 am RCIA (RH)

11:00 am Adult Confirmation (CR) SVDP Breakfast (XR) 11:00 am

5:00 pm Bingo (CB)

6:30 pm LifeTeen Life Night (XR)

Monday, September 15

3:30 pm Staff Meeting (RLR) 6:00 pm Schola Rehearsal (CH) Boy Scouts—Troop 506 (CB) 7:00 pm Cantor Rehearsal (CH) 7:30 pm SVDP Meeting (109) 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 16

Girl Scouts—Troop 469 (RH) 3:00 pm

Youth Choir (CH) 5:30 pm

Bingo (CB) 6:30 pm

Employment Network (K of C) 7:00 pm

Cantor Rehearsal (CH) 7:00 pm

7:00 pm RCIA (RH)

Young Adult Bible Study (RH) 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 17

Constitution Day

Thursday, September 18

3:00 pm Daisies (RH)

PSR Elementary (XR/SCH) 6:15 pm

SPA (CB/LR) 7:30 pm Adult Choir (CH) 7:30 pm

LifeTeen Teen Thursday (RHLT) 7:30 pm

Friday, September 19

Moms and Tots (CB) 9:15 am School Dance Setup (XR) 4:00 pm 7th and 8th Grade Dance (XR) 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 20

Cleaning Angels (CH) 8:30 am PSR Elementary (XR/SCH) 9:00 am

Sunday, September 21 10:00 am RCIA (RH)

Adult Confirmation (CR) 11:00 am

New Parishioner Welcome (107) 1:30 pm Cub Scouts — Troop 3506 (RH) 4:30 pm

Bingo (CB) 5:00 pm

6:30 pm LifeTeen Life Night (XR)

MCRHP (RH) 7:00 pm

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 Treasury Update: September 6-7, 2014

Sunday Offertory: \$16,074.51 Envelopes: 394 Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mike and Helen Toth (CC) 8:00 am

DuPlaga and Friedrich Families (TS) 10:00 am

Ida Reho (TS) 12:00 pm

The People of St. Francis Xavier (TK) 5:30 pm

Monday, September 15

Tony Lobban (TS) 7:30 am

Benefactors of St. Vincent DePaul (CC) 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 16

7:30 am Earl Lariviere (CC) School Liturgy (TS) 9:15 am

Wednesday, September 17

Rose and Wilbert Poiser (TS) 7:30 am

Thursday, September 18

Albert Guggenbiller (CC) 7:30 am 7:00 pm Lee and Irene Bush (CC)

Friday, September 19

7:30 am Zofia Pakictier (TK)

Saturday, September 20

Mary Muth, Joyce Ebner, Jeanne Smudz, 7:30 am

James Wolfe, Bob Mickle, Joe Andrich, Fritz

Hoffman, John Malone, and Nicholas and

Janice Goyette (TK) Adoration for Life

8:00 am Reconciliation 3:30 pm Wilson Pompili (TS) 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 21

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ralph Arnholt (CC) 8:00 am 10:00 am David Danszczak (TK)

People of St. Francis Xavier (TS) 12:00 pm

1:30 pm **Baptisms**

Joe and Georgia Loutzenhiser (TS) 5:30 pm

> (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



Diocese A special second collection is scheduled for this Sun-

day, September 13-14 to support Catholic Relief Services to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs facing the people of Iraq, Gaza, Syria and surrounding countries.

Mass attendance, September 6-7, 2014

5:00 pm 405 8:00 am 312 10:00 am 556 12:00 pm 339 5:30 pm 272

St. Francis Xavier Church Staff

Pastor Rev. Anthony Sejba (ext. 8956)

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Director of "Little Sailors" Pre-School

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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.



Save the date!

Th' parish Halloween Parrrty be comin' up 'n we hope ye'll join us! Open t' sprogs o' all ages. Parents, elders, anyone who wants t' see cute sprogs in costume are invited t' brin' candy fer a trick-or-treat around th' inside o' th' gym.

Games, prizes, costume contest, dancin'. All free! Join us **Saturday, Oct. 11,** from 3 t' 4:30 p.m. in th' SFX gym.



The Sisters of Notre Dame invite you to attend their 52nd Annual Barbecue and Boutique to be held on Sunday, September 21 and Sunday, September 28, from noon to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy barbecued chicken or ribs, chips, apple pie, coleslaw or applesauce and beverages.

Select Sisters' handmade items in the Boutique. Tickets available at the door:

\$12 for chicken \$15 for ribs

Held at Notre Dame Education Center, 1300 Auburn Road, Chardon, Ohio, south of Mayfield Road (Rt. 322) (the Notre Dame Cathedral Latin Campus). Rain or shine! Handicapped accessible. Take out dinners also available.

Music Ministry Notes:

There is still an opportunity to join!

- The Traditional Choir welcomes any high school student through adult, with a pleasant singing voice, to join their ranks. Reading music is not a requirement but attendance at most Thursday night rehearsals at 7:30pm is encouraged. The Traditional Choir ministers at 10:00am 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 Youth Choir practices on Tuesdays, from 5:30-6:30pm and ministers at 12:00 noon Mass, usually on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Parents and guardians are welcome to stay for rehearsals. Please consider helping for one hour during rehearsals...not only is it greatly appreciated, but it can be your contribution to the stewardship drive!
- The 5:00 pm Mass Group is still welcoming new members too! Maybe Sunday morning doesn't fit into your schedule but Saturday does...maybe you can only sing once or twice a month...this group is very flexible and accommodating. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evening at 7pm in the loft. attendance at the Tuesday rehearsal BEFORE the following Saturday 5pm mass is strongly encouraged.

Questions? Please call Mrs. Mary Gabriel at (330) 636-1739 or just come up to the loft after any weekend mass. Looking forward to seeing many more new faces in the choir loft this fall!

Save the Date! Regardless of the circumstances, separation, and divorce is a painful process for most people. Because of this and the need for support during this difficult time, St. John Neumann Parish is once again offering a divorce recovery and support group for those that are experiencing the hurt and uncertainty that often accompanies divorce and separation.

The group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. starting September 23, 2014. We will use a program entitled DivorceCare which is a fourteen week video seminar series featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar topics include "Facing My Anger", "Forgiveness", "New Relationships", plus other. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the topics presented during the video program.

Anyone who is in need of this type of support and encouragement is most welcome to attend. Please contact Deacon Ken Piechowski at St. John Neumann Parish (deaconken@sjnohio.com) at 440-238-1770 or contact Kathy

(deaconken@sjnohio.com) at 440-238-1770 or contact Kathy Cutre (curlykathy1@gmail.com) to register for this program.

Community Pregnancy Center — Call for Volunteers

Join us for Community Pregnancy Center's own extreme makeover! CPC is gearing up for a major expansion of serves and space and we need you! We are ready to start the first phase ~that would be partial demolition of the interior structure of the building that will be converted to the new Community Pregnancy Center. Demolition is set to begin Thursday, September 25, Friday, September 26, and Saturday, September 27. We need volunteers to help in every facet of demolition~skilled and non-skilled. We also need people willing to help provide side dishes and snacks for the work crews. For more information or to sign on to help, please contact Mark Smith at smithme2300@gmail.com. With your help, we can shave a great deal of expense from this very worthy project!

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Update



It's Already Mid-September!

It is the middle of September and St. Francis Xavier School is beginning the fifth week of school already. Staff and students have settled into their regular daily schedules and the fresh-

ly painted halls of the school are bustling with plenty of activity. This week students in grades 1-4 will attend liturgy on Tuesday. Please join us if your schedule permits. On Wednesday, St. Francis Xavier School will celebrate Constitution Day. Great activities are planned and the students are encouraged to wear red white and blue with their school uniform bottoms that day. Friday is our Summer Volunteer Appreciation Dress Down Day for any student whose parent volunteered over the summer months. We also kick-off our Magazine Drive Fundraiser and our 7th & 8th graders will have their first dance of the school year on Friday.

Have a blessed week.

In Christ,

Mrs. Seíslove

SFX Continues To "Go Green"

The SFX Go Green Group would like to announce that the school will CONTINUE our successful and fun recycling program this school year. In November 2013, SFX held its' first small electronics recycling drive. The school raised over \$800 and part of that revenue was used to purchase our Earth Day Tree, the "Green Guardian". We will hold the 2nd collection drive in JANUARY 2015. In the meantime, please set aside your unwanted cell phones, mp3 players, cameras, Leapsters, laptops, and GPS devices for SFX. We will send them to a recycling facility that will wipe their memory and recycle them responsibly.

Printer cartridge recycling raised OVER \$1,000 last year, thanks to the parents and staff of SFX. The income was used by SFX office staff to purchase many necessary supplies. All small laserjet cartridges and large toner cartridges are recycled! These can be from home printers AND work printers. Ask at work if you can have all of their empty cartridges and donate them to the school! You or your student may drop off the cartridges in the large cardboard bin in the Xavier Room

This is the 3rd year that students will be able to recycle **glue sticks**, **glue bottles** and **crayons**. A tracking thermometer will be placed in each classroom so that the students can watch their progress. Recyclables will be collected every quarter and end with a fun competition. Teachers: If your collection bin is broken, please E-mail Mickie Getz at mickie.getz@gmail.com.

Entenmann's Little Bites pouch recycling is another successful program. If you have a son or daughter who LOVES Little Bites, please save the pouches! Put them in a Ziploc baggie and send them in to the school. The collection bin is in the Xavier Room, just inside the doors on the right. We are so pleased that the SFX community is interested in making their school a recycling school. We will use a new bulletin board in the main hallway to brag about our efforts, showcase our Earth Day Celebration, and educate the students about caring for God's wonderful gift to us: the Earth.

This Week at a Glance:

Date	Event	Time		
Tuesday,	School Liturgy (Grades			
September 16	1-4)	9:15 a.m. in the Church		
Wednesday,				
September 17	Constitution Day	Constitution Day		
Thursday,				
September 18	Marco's Pizza Night	Marco's Pizza Night		
Friday,		7:00-9:00 p.m. in the		
September 19	7th and 8th Grade Dance	Xavier Room		
	Summer Volunteer Dress	Summer Volunteer Dress Down Day		
	Magazine Drive Kickoff	Magazine Drive Kickoff		

Looking Ahead:

Date	Event	Time	
Tuesday, September 23	School Liturgy (Grades 5-8)	9:15 a.m. in the Church	
	Teacher Tuesday		
Wednesday, September 24	Picture Day — Grades K-8 Individual and Preschool 4's and 5's		
Thursday, September 25	Picture Day—Preschool 3's and K-8 Class Pictures		
	Early Dismissal	2:15 p.m.	
Friday,	2nd Grade Grandparents	1:00 p.m. in the	
September 26	Day	Church Basement	

SFX Receives the Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities

Congratulations to St. Francis Xavier School and eight of its teachers for earning recognition from the Ohio Academy of Science & The Technology Division of The Ohio Department of Development.

St. Francis Xavier School and the following teachers have received recognition earning the

Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education

for the 2013 – 2014 school year: Stephanie Baker * Christina Bresnahan Karen Carabin * Cindy Gerity Marita Leachko * Stephanie Novicky Gail Reynolds * Michael Eleo

STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The Academy's definition of STEM education is as follows: STEM Education is both mastery and integration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for all PK-12 students. It incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design through student-focused, project-based curricula to develop skills of communication, teamwork/collaboration, critical thinking, and problem solving.

Our school has received a certificate signed by Governor John R. Kasich and our honored teachers have been offered membership to The Ohio Academy of Science. We are extremely proud of our teachers and our students for their accomplishments and for earning this award.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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



Our 2014-2015 year of "Continuing to Build up the Kingdom" is just a week away from starting. All students need to be registered no later than Monday, September 15. All information for all of our programs, Preschool, Elementary Thursday evening, Elementary Saturday morning and the Edge are on the parish

website www.sfxmedina.com under Parish—About—Parish School of Religion. Also included on the website is our handbook which explains our policies. We look forward to this new year of ministry to our parish youth.



Help Still Needed! We need a volunteer Wanted for help in the PSR office during PSR times. Also, the Edge still needs facilitators to

begin on September 24. Pray as God might be calling you to help our youth!!!

Call: 330-764-8961

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.

Parents and Students need to register for one of the following Reconciliation nights:

Tuesday, October 7, from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in Church Friday, October 10, from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in Church Tuesday, October 14 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in Church Friday, October 17, from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in Church

Please e-mail sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info with your choice of dates.

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

The Staff meeting is Tuesday, September 30 from 7:00— 8:30 p.m. in the school.

All students needs to be registered by September 26. Sunday classes begin on October 5, 2014.

Elementary Classes (Grades 1-5) - Thursday evenings from 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Classes begin on Thursday evening, September 18, with our blessing of students, staff and books. Help is still needed.

Elementary Classes (Grades 1-5) - Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 α.m.

Our 2014-2015 year begins on Saturday 20, 2014. Students and staff will receive a blessing at the opening class for the year along with their text.

The Edge (Grades 6,7,8) Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:15 p.m.:

Many different opportunities in Faith will be presented this year in Sacraments, Scripture, Service, Stewardship, and Retreats. All students must be registered for the program. Our classes will begin Wednesday, September 24 in the gym. Forms are available on the parish website (See above).





Annual Ministry Fair Showcases Opportunities to Share Your Gifts!

Thank you to more than 30 of our ministries who were able to staff our Ministry Fair last weekend after the 8, 10 and noon Masses! We had a great showcase of some of the many ways parishioners can get involved to share their talents with our church and community. An extra Ministry Fair. -special thanks goes to Liz Barr, a member of our Stewardship Committee, who

spent many hours planning for this annual event. We hope that you were able to come downstairs, browse the ministry opportunities, visit with members of those ministries and ask any questions you might have about what they do. We also appreciate our dedicated Hospitality Sun-



day ministers who resumed their service after the summer break to provide goodies and coffee during the

All of our ministries need your

> help! Hospitality Sunday, Cleaning An-



gels (also known as the Sacristans), Avilas, Bingo, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion ... the list goes on. You were made by God with unique gifts and talents - we urge you to embrace your baptismal call and take a step out in faith. Discover your gifts and share them with the world to do your part in heeding Christ's call to build disciples right here in Medina.

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Return Your Commitment Card to Share Your Gifts!

This weekend we will hear from some of our parishioners about how and why they choose to share their gifts with the parish community. Our stewardship witness video, assembled by Stewardship Committee member Stephen Hamilton, with help from parishioner Laura Pagura, highlights the diversity of our parish and the many benefits

that come with stepping out and sharing more of ourselves with God. We no longer are just consumers of what we can "get" out of Mass, but part of a joyful community that comes together in gratitude, selflessness and love.

Spend some time this week with the Commitment Cards. All registered parishioners received one adult card and one youth card inside the Navigator newsletter mailed to your home – if you didn't get yours, stop by or call the parish office to inquire, or to register! Those in households with more than one adult

and/or one child should pick up more forms – Stewardship Committee members will be handing them out after all Masses this weekend, or you may pick them up at the parish office, or print off a copy from our website at

<u>sfxmedina.com/parish/about/stewardship</u>. Students in grade 2 and older will receive them in school.

You will find details about all of the ministries on the website. Check the boxes of those ministries that interest you, and a leader will contact you with more information. Try loosening the bonds that money might have over you, and trust God by increasing the percentage of your offering, even by just 1%. Commit to spending more time in prayer and basking in God's providence.

Then bring your completed Commitment Cards with you to Mass next weekend, or drop them off at the parish office any time. We'll collect the cards and offer them to God, asking for his blessing as, together, we share our gifts.



First Prize:

4-Premium Floor Seats Plus Parking Pass vs. Brooklyn Nets on Friday December 19, 2014

(Section 7, Row 3, seats 15,16,17,18)

Second Prize:

2-Premium Floor Seats vs Atlanta Hawks on Saturday, November 15, 2014 (Section 107, Row 1, seats 5 and 6)

RAFFLE TICKET CHANCES ARE \$15.00 EACH

The Winners will be chosen at random and will be notified by phone and e-mail. Total prizes are valued at \$12,000.00. Raffle drawing date is October 31, 2014. All proceeds benefit the not for profit Country Life Kids Camp, Inc.

To purchase a raffle ticket online, visit us on the web at:

www.countrylifekidscamp.com

CYO Basketball, Grades 3-8

Registration forms for the St. Francis Xavier CYO Basketball program (boys/girls, grades 3-8) are available in the rectory, church website, or via e-mail. For details: Kim Tuchek, 725-2213 (kimtuchek@yahoo.com). Registration deadline is Thursday, October 2nd. Athletes must be committed to attending twice-weekly practices as well as weekend games. Practices begin November 1st, games commence in early December and the season ends around late February-early March.

Watch for high school registration coming soon!



The new liturgical schedule is live on MSP. Please review your assignments and request a substitute if you are unable to serve.

The Catholic Community of Northern Medina County Bereavement Support Group Ministry of Consolation

The churches of St. Francis Xavier, Holy Martyrs, and St. Martin of Tours will host their biennial Bereavement Support Group beginning Sunday, October 5, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

If you have experienced the death of a loved one and would like to share the journey through the seasons of grief and hope, please consider joining us.

We are here for you to offer education, care and support during this difficult time.

The sessions will be held for six weeks on consecutive Sundays at the Randal House of St. Francis Xavier.

For more information, check out the handouts in the entrances of the church.

If interested in the Bereavement Support Group please
complete this form and drop it off at one of the Parish
Offices by October 1, 2014:

Offices by October 1, 2014:		
l Name !		
Phone #		
Parish		
Loved one	's name	

Relationship to deceased (circle one)

Spouse Parent Child Sibling Close friend Other

Exambake Knights of Columbus

September 20

131 N. East St., Medina, OH 44256

Saturday

5 p.m.

Na	ame:			
Ad	ddress:			
City:			Zip:	
Er	mail:			
	Chicken Dinner Extra dozen Complete Clamb	er @ \$29/each @ \$23/each @ \$ 8/each pake Dinner includ s, chicken, corn, ya	# of tickets # of tickets les:	
	Orders must be pre	e-paid by September	15 th , to:	
	Knights of Columbu	us #4168, c/o Jim Sie	niawski	



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

Clambake with all the fixins' \$29

Chicken dinner \$23

Extra dozen clams \$ 8

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

Proceeds benefit Camp Paradise

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



LifeTeen Ministries: Join us for Exalt on Sept. 14

We had an exciting kick-off to the 2014-15 LifeTeen last Sunday. We're carrying over all the energy and enthusiasm with our first **Exalt** (Praise & Worship) of the school year on Sunday, Sept. 14. We invite you to lend your hearts in prayer and your voices in song as we rejoice in God's goodness.

Special Event - Hard as Nails Ministry

Monday, Sept. 22, 7-8:30 p.m.

We're pleased to be hosting nationally renowned speaker Justin Fatica from Hard as Nails Ministry! Please join us in the church to hear his dynamic message on forging on a strong relationship with Jesus Christ and overcoming the challenges to faith.

Save the Date

Week of July 12-18, 2015: Through our **Reach** (Service) ministry, we're offering a summer Catholic Heart Work Camp in Pittsburgh, PA. CHWC is one of the best service camps in the nation. The cost of the trip is \$295, and that includes transportation, food, and lodging. Spots are limited. Reservation forms are available at xavierlifeteen.com for you to reserve your spot. There will be a \$100 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.

Don't miss the latest news and information!

For more information, on LifeTeen Ministries and all our activi-

ties, check out the bulletin each week, visit our Web site: xavierlifeteen.com, e-mail us at xavierlifeteen@gmail.com Teens - follow us on Twitter@XavierLifeteen.
Life Teen Parents: we invite you follow us on Face-

book: https://www.facebook.com/groups/sfxlifeteenparents/



LifeNight **Inspires** this month focuses (September 7th and 21st) on Discipleship. The goal of this month is to help the teens see how their talents and spiritual gifts can be used to build up God's Kingdom. Our teens will discuss what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and will talk though how they can respond to God's call to discipleship in their own lives. Together we will explore the gospels for clues to discipleship and we will look at the lives and writing of some greatest saints to help us shed some light on what discipleship really means.

Pray for all military

Jeffrey Simko

David M. Campbell Ryan P. Cox Cody M. Feron Nicholas Glenbocki Dan Haggerty **Brandon Hamilton** Alex Hicar Kayla Lane **Taylor Lane Brandon Lichty** Reinhard Nann Jared Ross Erica Sachleben **Taylor Salmons**

Daniel Smith Jeff Stein Kevin Stein David Tagliaferro Maritza Tagliaferro David Vanik Aaron Virkler Robert Weiler J. Matthew Zweifel Joseph Zweifel

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 Rita Andrich Jude Ballinger Becky Barker John Benson Maxine Bergdorf Claire Bevec Flo Boehme Sue Boyne Sioux Campbell Danny Colonna Kathleen Cunningham Marianne Curry Elizabeth Diamond Evan Dolinar Myrna Dooley Billie Duta Lynda Erickson Brendan Federinko Ed Fraley John Francisco Roger Friedrich Bobby Fusco Rhetteć 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 Aaron Markiewicz James M. McDonald Lou McDonald Lois McFadden Alexa Meyers

Nathan Mion Mike Mitchell Marcy Nero John Ńeuwar 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 Laceý 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

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Triumph or Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Every seven years or so, it falls on a Sunday and it supersedes the Sunday readings and prayers in Ordinary time. The priest wears red vestments for the passion of Christ and that he poured forth his life for us upon the cross that Good Friday in Jerusalem.

It is with fondness that I recall being with our sabbatical group of priests in the Holy Land. The 5 a.m. time for Mass at Calvary was not a coveted slot for presiding, so I signed up for it. We had half an hour. We were not allowed to sing so as to interfere with other groups. I remember thinking, "what am I going to say at 5:15 a.m. that anyone will remember? Even better, that I would remember?" I thought of all the buildings, churches, arches, domes, pictures and art that we had seen and been praying inside. Many of these have a significant part to which all other parts can be seen in perspective, like the horizon, or like a vanishing point in art. Or like the keystone in an arch or cornerstone in the building. So I preached about how the cross of Jesus and his love for us is that event from which every other human experience, tragic or joyful, exciting or mundane, planned or spontaneous and everything in between is to be properly experienced and understood. The early Church described Christ as the cornerstone of the building that provided the point from which the whole structure would take it shape and form. The person of Jesus reveals who we are in the heart of his heavenly Father.

As we watch and listen this weekend to the witness of our parishioners, listen for how their relationship with Jesus and an

awareness and experience of his love for each person has played a role in their involvement at St. Francis Xavier. I am humbled by so many joy-filled and generous parishioners who make ministry here at our parish possible. There is always a need for more. Moreover, each of us has a need to give back to God in prayer, service and treasure. Please take time over the next week to pray and deliberate how you may wish to help this year. Parents and grandparents, please talk with your children and teens about how they, too, can be part of our parish community now, by getting involved.

There comes with giving one's self in love and service a deep joy and an overwhelming awareness that we are part of something far greater than ourselves. We belong to Christ. We are his Body and he directs us as our Head and Lord. Each of us has a vital role to play, some work to accomplish, some difference to be made, a gift of self that ushers in more fully God's Kingdom. What is he calling you to do?

In the next few weeks we will be publishing here in the bulletin the financial report from this past fiscal year and the budget for the current year. I will offer some reflections and commentary of some notable facts that might help to make more sense of the numbers. I appreciate the help of the members of the finance council who meet monthly to review the financials, converse with our business manager Ray Scherry, and to advise me on the risk and feasibility of continuing to make repairs and improvements to the physical plant.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Tony



