

Let us give thanks



THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday, November 23

- 9:00 am Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast (CB)
- 10:00 am PSR Preschool (XR/SCH)
- 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)
- 6:30 pm LifeTeen Life Night (XR)
- 7:00 pm MCRHP (RH)

Monday, November 24

- 6:00 pm Schola Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts—Troop 506 (CB)
- 7:00 pm Webelos (LR)
- 7:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:30 pm Finance Council (RLR)

Tuesday, November 25

- 5:30 pm Youth Choir (CH)
- 6:30 pm Bingo (CB)
- 7:00 pm Cantor/Guitar Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Respect Life Committee (CR)
- 7:00 pm Stitching Stewards (TL)
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (RH)

Wednesday, November 26

Thursday, November 27—Rectory Office Closed



Friday, November 28—Rectory Office Closed

- 9:00 am CYO SFX Thanksgiving Invitational (GYM)
- 10:00 am A and E Setup for Advent (CH)
- 10:00 am Giving Tree Setup (CH)

Saturday, November 29

- 8:30 am Cleaning Angels (CH)
- 9:30 am CYO SFX Thanksgiving Invitational (GYM)

Sunday, November 30

- 1:30 pm CYO SFX Thanksgiving Invitational (GYM)
- 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)
- 7:00 pm WCRHP Discernment (CH)

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:
November 15-16, 2014**

Sunday Offertory: \$14,010.27
 Envelopes: 402

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

**Mass attendance,
November 15-16, 2014**

5:00 pm 450
 8:00 am 292
 10:00 am 507
 12:00 pm 355
 5:30 pm 273

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 23

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 8:00 am Mary DeLuca (TS)
- 10:00 am David Danszczak (CC)
- 12:00 pm Edward Mokrzycki (TK)
- 5:30 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier (TK)

Monday, November 24

- 7:30 am Mike Guevara (TK)
- 7:00 pm Mary DeLuca (TS)

Tuesday, November 25

- 7:30 am Jason Adams (CC)
- 9:15 am School Liturgy (JL)

Wednesday, November 26

- 7:30 am Francis Gelormini (TK)

Thursday, November 27

- 9:00 am Helen Riske (TS)

Friday, November 28

- 7:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory (TK)

Saturday, November 29

- 7:30 am Joyce Ebner, Jeanne Smudz, James Wolfe, Bob Mickle, Mary Muth, John Malone and Fritz Hoffman (CC)
- 11:00 am Wedding (CC)
- 3:30 pm Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Angela Robbs (TK)

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am Bill Kennedy (CC)
- 10:00 am Agnes Port (TK)
- 12:00 pm Madeline Battaglia (TS)
- 5:30 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier (CC)

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



Banns of Marriage

I Laverne Koenig and Thomas A. Byers

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.

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. 8903)
Director of "Little Sailors" Pre-School	Monica Gorman (ext. 8920)
Business Manager	Ray Scherry (ext. 8954)

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

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.



Music Ministry Notes:

An Invitation is Extended to Men of the Parish...

A Men's Choir has ministered the past 2 years at 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass and has received positive feedback, so, by request....it's being organized again for a 3rd year! The men of the traditional choir again invite any man in the parish, 18 years old and older, with a pleasant singing voice (reading music is not necessary) to join them ministering at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day. There are NO auditions and NO additional evening rehearsals required. Just show up in the loft no later than 8:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day morning for a quick review of the music and you too, can help lead the singing in the Men's Choir on Thanksgiving Day morning!!! Hope to see some more new faces in the loft T-day morning! If you have any questions, please come up to the loft after any weekend mass or call Mrs. Mary Gabriel at (330)636-1739. No excuses this year...you have 11 more days to clear your schedule for T-day morning!



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

Damian Ludwiczak (chair): 330-725-6567
 Jenn Stanziano (vice chair): (330)416-7207
 Anthony Kovalik (secretary): (330)723-6315
 Mike Baumgartner: (330)725-4445
 Jo Ann Cook: (330)725-6240
 Kathy Gaughan: (330)722-8848
 Tuesday Hamilton: (330)591-0580
 Charise Kasper: (330)721-6510
 Rachelle Skupski: (330)721-1785
 Vince Tricoli: (330)603-7327

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
Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday (Thanksgiving Day): Sir 50:22-24;
 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a,
 Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
 1 Cor 1:3-9; Ps 85:8; Mk 13:33-37

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Update



St. Francis Xavier School Food Drive a Big Success!

Our Student Council sponsored their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive last week and our entire school community showed a tremendous outpouring of support. Thank you all for giving to others less fortunate. This is just one more way that we are teaching our students the importance of service to others. A great big **THANK YOU** goes out to our Teacher Tuesday cooks and bakers. Once again, the St. Francis Xavier School staff is so appreciative of your goodies.

Please plan on joining us for our Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday if your schedule permits. There will be Early Release on Tuesday as well. Please be sure that your child knows how they will be getting home that day. School is not in session on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Finally, this is a reminder that you may purchase St. Francis Xavier School SpiritWear all year long. Use this link to order SpiritWear for the holidays <http://sfxmedina.clvhosting.com/>. Check out all of the great St. Francis Xavier items available. Orders placed by Nov. 26 will be delivered to the school by Dec. 15. If you want it to be a Christmas surprise for your little Navi-



gator, you can pick your items up at the store. Remember, a portion of the proceeds go directly back to the school! Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis Xavier School.



Have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

In Christ,

Mrs. Seislove



This Week at a Glance:		
Date	Event	Time
Tuesday, November 25	All School Thanksgiving Prayer Service	9:15 a.m. in the Church
Early Release at 2:15 p.m.		
Wednesday, November 26 through Friday, November 28	 NO SCHOOL—THANKSGIVING BREAK 	

Looking Ahead:		
Date	Event	Time
Wednesday, December 3	FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER	
	All School Liturgy	9:15 a.m. in the Church
	Benediction	2:15 p.m. in the Church
Friday, December 5	7th Grade Reconciliation	1:00 p.m. in the Church
	Poinsettia Pick-up	2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Xavier Room
Saturday, December 6	Poinsettia Pick-up	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Xavier Room
Tuesday and Wednesday, December 9 and 10	 SANTA SHOP 	
Friday, December 12	School Spirit Dress Day	
	8th Grade Reconciliation	1:00 p.m. in the Church
Saturday, December 13	PTC Cookie Walk	1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Xavier Room

Knights of Columbus—Pancake Breakfast
 The First Pancake Breakfast of the season will be held after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. masses today, November 23rd in the St. Francis Xavier church basement. Adults—\$6, Ages 6-11—\$4 and children under 6—FREE.
 The benefactor for this Pancake Breakfast is Cups/Café in Medina.
Come One; Come ALL!!



The Incredible Years
Parents, teachers, and children training series

PARENTING SUPPORT Sessions Added!
NO COST CHILD-CARE PROVIDED
BOOK PROVIDED

The Incredible Years Parenting Program is proven to be effective for parents and families of young children. The program includes such topics as play, using effective praise and rewards, limit setting that works, handling misbehavior and problem solving.

Catholic Charities will be hosting an Incredible Years group at St. Francis Xavier in Medina (612 E Washington St) this fall — **Sessions Added!**
 December 5th 9:15 am-10:45 am
 December 12th 9:15 am-10:45 am

Parents will meet in Loyola Room. ChildCare will be provided nearby in the Church basement. A snack will be provided (for parents and children). Join us for helpful parenting information, sharing and fun!

For more information Call Michelle Kipfstuhl, LSW at Catholic Charities Services, 330 723-9615 ext. 20
 Funding for this Incredible Years Parenting Group has been provided by the Ohio Children's Trust Fund



Buy your gift cards!

Gift Cards support St. Francis Xavier Church and School!

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

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

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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



PARENTS, please note:

Our information for November-December will be updated on the parish website (website www.sfxmedina.com under Parish—About—Parish School of Religion then the program area).

Sacrament Program

Our Sacraments students received Reconciliation this past weekend. We are very grateful to our families who worked with our Sacrament staff to prepare their sons and daughters for this Healing and Loving Sacrament.

Parents and students will be attending a special night in January 2015 to begin preparations for First Eucharist.



Preschool Classes (Ages 3 by September 1, 4, 5; Sundays during 10:00 a.m. Mass):

Our classes will be in session this Sunday, November 23rd with a short Thanksgiving prayer service in the Xavier Room during class. No classes on Sunday, November 30, Thanksgiving weekend. Classes in December are the 7th and 14th.

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

No classes on Saturday, November 29th due to Thanksgiving break. Classes resume on Saturdays, December 6th, 13th, and 20th. **Reminder:** Please have your students turn in their Stewardship papers.

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

No classes this Wednesday, November 26th due to Thanksgiving break. Classes resume on Wednesday, December 3rd. The students will be celebrating the Feast of our patron saint — St. Francis Xavier.

Service Project: On December 9, students will be traveling to Emeritus on High Point Drive to give service from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. Permission forms are available on the parish website. Students must turn in their permission forms the week before or e-mail sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info so we can plan for drivers.

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

Classes will not be in session on Sunday, November 27th (Thanksgiving). Classes resume on Thursday, December 4th, 11th, and 18th. Students are reminded to turn in their Stewardship papers.



The Parish School of Religion Staff and Students wish all of our parish families many blessings for the season. Also, we reach in prayer to those who are hungry, homeless or are away from their families during this holiday season.



There will be no Inspire Night on November 30.

Reach Christmas Party - Leaving St. Francis at 4:20 p.m. and returning at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16—We need 10 volunteers to host a Christmas party at the Westside Catholic Center. We'll have games for the children, serve food to the homeless and more. If you'd like to help spread Christmas cheer, please contact us at (330) 725-4968

LifeTeen Movie Night

Friday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.—All parish teens are invited to join us in the Xavier Room for a night of entertainment, popcorn & snacks.

Pro-Life March

Jan. 21-22, 2015—The cost is \$100 dollars, includes bus, hotel and food. We depart from St. Mary's in Hudson at 4 p.m. on the 21st.

Catholic Heart Workcamp

July 12-18, 2015; Pittsburgh, PA
Be part of mission that can transform you and the lives of others. The "Steel City" is in great need of helping hands and loving hearts. The cost is \$295; the form and \$100 deposit are due Jan. 25, 2015. Don't miss out on this opportunity to share the love of Christ with those in need. The sign-up form is available on xavierlifeteen.com under the DOCS tab.

New Start Date for UP Book Club

We've moved the start date for the first meeting to Dec. 4. During the four-week book series, we will be reading *Win it All* by Justin Fatica. Fatica is one of the founders of the Hard as Nails ministry, a dynamic speaker and author of several books about faith for young people. Come and be with your friends, grow in your faith and invest in yourself. The sign-up form is available on xavierlifeteen.com under the DOCS tab.



A Prayer of Thanksgiving

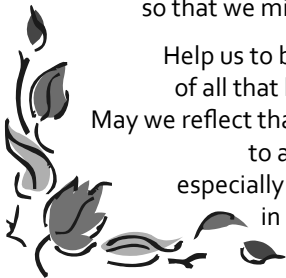
God, source and giver of all things,
we give you thanks on this Thanksgiving Day
for the beauty of the whole creation

We give you thanks for the blessings
of family and friends: both those
gathered around this table and those
who are present only in our hearts.

We give you thanks for this food,
prepared by loving hands
and for the graces you provide to nourish
our bodies; minds and hearts
so that we might better serve you.

Help us to be faithful stewards
of all that has been given us.
May we reflect that which we have received
to all we meet,
especially the less fortunate
in our midst.

Amen



Senior News

The SFX Senior Club will be having their annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 3rd, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Weymouth Country Club. In addition to a very scrumptious lunch, there will be some special entertainment on the agenda. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Senior Club members wishing to make a reservation should call Pete Danszczak at 330-725-7283.

The club will also be traveling by bus to Lakewood's Beck Theatre on Friday, December 12th to see the musical "Mary Poppins". The bus leaves at 4:00 p.m., stopping for dinner, then viewing the downtown Christmas lights and the Playhouse Square Chandelier. We then proceed to the Beck Theater for the show. All are welcome including children/grandchildren. Cost for the show and transportation is \$45.00 for adults, \$38.00 for children/students. Please call Pete Danszczak (330-725-7283) for information.



We need your Help!

If you have any of the *Christ Renews His Parish* books at home, please return them to the rectory office.

Thank you!

Our Goal:
\$1,472,000.00

Our Total Raised:
\$1,817,665.12

Number of Gifts:
555

Our Average Gift:
\$3,275.07

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Every payment you make benefits St. Francis Xavier! As you know, **30%** of the funds collected up to our goal return to our parish to use for our own local projects. SFX receives distributions quarterly. To date, we have received **\$266,812.00**. Thank you to everyone who continues to make this a success.



Rooted in Faith Forward in Hope
Strengthening the Catholic Church in Northeast Ohio

Engaged?

Wedding Ceremony to be celebrated in 2015? As part of your preparation to be married in the Catholic Church, programs designed to help couples to live marriage for a lifetime are offered. Participation in a program is required of engaged couples. St. Francis Xavier will host a **Pre-Cana Day on March 21, 2015** facilitated by married couples in the parish. This program is open to all engaged couples. Reserve your spot by calling Dan and Patty Cathcart at 330-722-6715.

The *Knights of Columbus* sponsor the Tony Imburgia Scholarship to help families of St. Francis Xavier School. In 2014, seven \$750 scholarships were awarded, in 2013, five at \$750 each and in 2012, five at \$500 each. This can only happen as a direct result of our Knight's efforts in remembrance of Tony Imburgia and his and our common desire to support our kids and their families at SFX Day school.

Tax deductible Donations can be made to the Knights of Columbus Imburgia Scholarship Fund c/o Dan Cathcart, 5204 Glenmoore Way, Medina OH 44256

Unplanned pregnancy? Adoption is an option! We can help. Catholic Charities/Diocese of Cleveland. Please call 440-843-5591 or 440-366-1106 ext. 13 or e-mail us at adoption@clevelandcatholiccharities.org



ST. FRANCIS FAMILY NIGHT & FUNDRAISER AT KALAHARI

Begins after school Thursday, February 12, 2015 - Friday, February 13, 2015 for **ONLY \$119!!**

Mark your calendar - school's out Friday the 13th! Plan to be part of the tradition and getaway to America's **LARGEST** indoor waterpark without going too far from home! Take advantage of special Winter rates for all St. Francis families, staff, and friends. Rooms are only \$119 and feature 2 Queen beds and **INCLUDE** waterpark passes! A portion from EACH room booked will benefit the 8th grade DC trip. Book early to avoid being shut out, it fills up every year!

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 877-KALAHARI (525-2427).

For questions, but **NOT** reservations, call Germaine Wilson at 330-241-1328.

Donate to...

The Meadows Turkey Bowl 2014!



WWW.MEADOWSTURKEYBOWL.COM



Honoring Pete Radke, a hero who lost his life saving another.

100% of the proceeds from the Meadows Turkey Bowl benefit Saint Vincent DePaul Society to help the needy in our community with a portion of proceeds going to the family of Pete Radke who lost their dad.

DIAMOND PACKAGE - DONATION \$1,000

Includes the Platinum Package PLUS... DIAMOND BONUSES

Value well over \$1,000

Six Lower Level Gladiators tickets to a game of your choice.

Two foursomes of golf at Medina Country Club.

\$50 gift certificate to Delmonico Steakhouse

Sponsorship of the event, including signage at the event and signage on our website.

The first five donors of \$1,500 or more will receive autographed Cavs memorabilia (basketballs/jerseys).

Donors of over \$3,000 will have their names go into a drawing for a celebrity foursome golf experience at Medina Country Club.

Our largest donor will receive a grand prize to be named later.

PLATINUM PACKAGE - DONATION \$500

Includes Gold, Silver & Bronze Packages PLUS... A PLATINUM BONUS

Six Lower Level Gladiators tickets to the game of your choice.

Plus, everything included in the GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE Packages.

Value well over \$500

GOLD PACKAGE - DONATION: \$250

Foursome of golf at Medina Country Club. Plus, a \$25 Gift Certificate to Delmonico Steakhouse. (\$20 per person cart fee applies)

Gladiators Tickets
Four lower level tickets to the game of your choice.

Value well over \$250



SILVER PACKAGE - DONATION: \$100

Four box seats to a menu of Indians games to be posted on our website after February 2015.

Gladiators Tickets
Two lower level tickets to the game of your choice.

Value well over \$100



BRONZE PACKAGE - DONATION: \$50

Those who make a \$50 donation or more will receive 25% off a meal at Hyde Park... Offer good through September 30th, 2015.



HYDE PARK
PRIME STEAKHOUSE

Pray for all military

David M. Campbell	Jeffrey Simko
Ryan P. Cox	Daniel Smith
Cody M. Feron	Jeff Stein
Wyatt Fields	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
Reinhard Nann	Joseph Zweifel
Jonathan Podrasky	
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.

May God heal our sick and suffering

Francie Anderson	Vivian Heim	Mike Mitchell
Rita Andrich	Camden Heil	Marcy Nero
Jude Ballinger	Charlotte Heil	John Neuwar
Becky Barker	Savannah Heil	Mary Neuwar
John Benson	Anthony Hosick	Lisa Owen
Maxine Bergdorf	Mark Jablonowski	Nathaniel Plasco
Claire Bevec	Charline Karsnak	Richard Pryatel
Flo Boehme	Mary Keith	Bill Ripple
Sue Boyne	Mary Kneale	Rea Ripple
Sioux Campbell	Andrew Korduba	Jerome Riske
Danny Colonna	Brenda Kutcher	Mark Rudolph
Kathleen Cunningham	Ruth Lancki	Mimi Russ
Elizabeth Diamond	Phyllis Lapeus	Richard Russ
Evan Dolinar	Patricia LaRose	Ed Scherer
Myrna Dooley	Steven Lastuka	Beth Sielski
Billie Duta	Dave Leidecker	Jean Smith
Lynda Erickson	Jerry Liechty	Marie Starck
Brendan Federinko	Mary Ann Makowski	Richard Stiver
Ed Fraley	Aaron Markiewicz	Janet Taranto
John Francisco	James M. McDonald	Amy Taylor
Roger Friedrich	Lou McDonald	Carolyn Vasko
Bobby Fusco	Lois McFadden	Lacey Vickers
Rhettec Galaska	Alexa Meyers	Celene Wallen
Roz Ganzer	Nathan Mion	Helen Yakubik
Ashley Garnes	Rachael Mion	
Jacob Gaume		
Judy Glose		
Kerry Grimm		
Del Guerra		
Mike Harris		

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

It's hard to believe that the Fall has slipped away and that we gather this weekend for the celebration of the conclusion of the Liturgical Year with the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Next weekend we will be shrouded in purple and singing Advent Hymns. In a few short weeks we will be celebrating the Nativity of Jesus. And this week we pause as a country to give thanks. We remember the humble beginning of European travelers leaving their homes for a better life in America. We remember the hospitality offered by the original inhabitants of this great and beautiful land who welcomed those first immigrants with a fall feast. Hopefully, this week will afford you an opportunity to be with those you love.

I know that my family is excited to meet my youngest nephew who was born on New Year's Day in Okinawa Japan. My sister, brother-in-law and the three boys moved near Camp Lejeune in August. The plans are to have him baptized at St. Basil on Saturday. Needless to say it will be good for all of us to be together... and for that I am especially grateful. I would imagine that many of you will be quite pleased to have the college students home and grown children return with spouses and children to sit at your table of gratitude and bounty.

This past weekend we had about 120 of our first graders celebrate First Penance either Friday evening or Saturday Morning. Oh to watch

them bounce out of the confessionals with big smiles is a picture worth 1000 words. If you want to have that smile and deep peace in your heart, know that there are a number of opportunities to make a good confession before Christmas. Besides the usual hour on Saturday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., we will have a joint communal Penance service at Holy Martyrs on Monday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. Additional times will be listed here in the bulletin.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Tony

SAVE the DATE! St. Francis Xavier Marriage Ministry

Come celebrate your marriage and renew your vows. The winter Anniversary Mass and dessert reception is Monday, **December 15th** at 7:00 p.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 216-346-0415.

Welcome to all visitors!

We extend a warm welcome to everyone visiting St. Francis Xavier today!

If you attend St. Francis Xavier on a regular basis and consider this your parish home, please register and become an active member.

For more information, please call our office: (330)725-4968.



DON'T MISS OUT!

Please save the date of Friday, January 30, 2015, for the Annual St. Francis Xavier "Wines of the World" Wine Tasting! Tickets will be on sale starting December.

Next Weekend!!

Advent season begins and our annual "Giving Tree" will be placed in the Sanctuary.

We invite you, once again, to participate in this worthwhile activity for the Christmas Season.



It's the.... Fourth Annual

St. Francis Xavier

Thanksgiving Invitational

November 28, 29, 30

We are in need of sponsors for our program



For more information please contact Tom Bauer at 330-416-3097