

Third Sunday of
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THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**Sunday, December 14**

- 9:00 am K of C Pancakes with Santa (after 8am and 10am mass)
 10:00 am RCIA (RH)
 10:00 am PSR Preschool (XR/SCH)
 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)
 6:30 pm LifeTeen Life Night (XR)

Monday, December 15

- 3:30 pm Staff Meeting (RLR)
 6:00 pm Schola Rehearsal (CH)
 7:00 pm 5th Grade Band Concert (GYM)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts—Troop 506 (CB)
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 506 Parent Committee (LR)
 7:00 pm WCRHP (RH)
 7:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal (CH)
 7:30 pm Marriage Ministry Reception (XR)

Tuesday, December 16

- 3:00 pm Girl Scouts—Troop 469 (RH)
 5:30 pm Youth Choir (CH)
 6:30 pm Bingo (CB)
 7:00 pm Cantor/Guitar Rehearsal (CH)
 7:00 pm Employment Network (K of C)
 7:00 pm Preschool Christmas Concert (GYM)
 7:00 pm RCIA (RH)
 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (RH)

Wednesday, December 17

- 9:00 am 4th Grade Speaker (XR)
 6:45 pm The Edge (XR/School)
 7:00 pm Cub Scout—Webelos (LR)

Thursday, December 18

- 12:00 pm Faculty Christmas Set-up and Party (XR)
 3:00 pm Market Day (CB)
 3:00 pm Chess Club (XR)
 5:30 pm Instrument Rehearsal (CH)
 6:15 pm Elementary PSR (XR/SCH)
 7:30 pm Adult Choir (CH)

Friday, December 19

- 9:15 am Moms and Tots (CB)
 12:00 pm SFX Staff Christmas Party (RLR)

Saturday, December 20

- 8:00 am SVDP Christmas Basket/Gift Distribution (RH)
 8:30 am Cleaning Angels (CH)
 9:00 am PSR Elementary/Prayer Service (XR/SCH)

Sunday, December 21

- 10:00 am RCIA (RH)
 1:30 pm New Parishioner Welcome (109)
 4:30 pm Cub Scouts (RH)
 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)
 6:30 pm LifeTeen Life Night (XR)
 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

LITURGY SCHEDULE**Sunday, December 14*****Third Sunday of Advent***

- 8:00 am Mildred Benner (TK)
 10:00 am Joan Tucheck (TS)
 12:00 pm George Matsko, Sr. (TK)
 1:30 pm Baptisms (CC)
 5:30 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier (CC)

Monday, December 15

- 7:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory (CC)
 2:00 pm Western Reserve (TS)
 7:00 pm Benefactors of St. Vincent DePaul (TK)

Tuesday, December 16

- 7:30 am Janice Kalil (TK)
11:00 am Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 17

- 7:30 am Joyce Ebner, Jeanne Smudz, Jim Wolfe, and Bob Mickle (TS)

3:30 pm Reconciliation**Thursday, December 18**

- 7:30 am Mike and Helen Toth (CC)
 7:00 pm William P. Hohman (TK)

Friday, December 19

- 7:30 am Margaret Stangel (CC)
 9:15 am School Advent Prayer

Saturday, December 20

- 7:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory (TK)
 8:00 am Adoration for Life
3:00 pm Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Wilson Pompili (TS)

Sunday, December 21***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

- 8:00 am Ralph Arnholt (TS)
 10:00 am Agnes Port (CC)
 12:00 pm Perianne St. Vincent (CC)
 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; (JM) Fr. John Mullee
 (PK) Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl;
 (JL) Deacon Joe Loutzenhiser; (DN) Deacon Dan Norris

**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.

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.

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.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9;

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23;

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27-29;

Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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.

Thank you! "We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members," writes a religious brother. Your gift to last week's collection for the retirement Fund for Religious benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brother, and religious order priests. May God bless you for your generosity!

Parish Treasury Update: December 6-7, 2014

Sunday Offertory: \$15,349.00

Envelopes: 471

Religious Retirement: \$3,253.00

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

Mass attendance, December 6-7, 2014

5:00 pm 425

8:00 am 284

10:00 am 586

12:00 pm 355

5:30 pm 287

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Update



We Prepare our Hearts!

During this special time of the year, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord, it is a time to show our gratitude. I would like to thank our St. Francis Xavier

School PTC for all of their support and hard work this Christmas season. Many, many volunteers were busy as the PTC helped to make the season brighter for all of our students. The PTC organized a special visit from St. Nicholas, sponsored the SFX Santa Shop, which provided the opportunity for our students to buy holiday gifts for their family and friends and also led the annual St. Francis Xavier School Cookie Walk. The St. Francis Xavier School community relies on the commitment that our volunteers make to our school. When you chose a Catholic education for your children at St. Francis Xavier School, you promised to give of your talents in many ways, volunteering being an important one. This commitment does not go unnoticed. Thank you for giving of yourself this Christmas season.

Please come and enjoy our 5th graders and our Band students as they share holiday music on Monday evening and our Preschoolers who will entertain you with a delightful Christmas program on Tuesday evening. We will rejoice together as Advent comes to an end at an All-School Prayer Service Friday morning. Our First Graders have a special Advent presentation planned for us, as a part of that Prayer Service! Finally, all of our students will enjoy a Christmas celebration in their classrooms on Friday afternoon.

On a scheduling note, please remember that **ONLY** Thursday, December 18th is a scheduled Early Release day at 2:15PM. On Friday, December 19th school will dismiss at the regular scheduled time of 3:15PM. There will be **NO HOT LUNCH** in the cafeteria on Friday. Please pack your child a lunch and drink that day.

Have a Blessed Christmas Season.

In Christ,

Mrs. Seislove

Looking:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
December 20- January 4	NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK!	
Monday, January 5	School Resumes	

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

St. Francis Xavier School Students of the Month – November

This year, St. Francis Xavier School will continue to teach lessons on Catholic Social Justice and we will focus on the theme of Service. We are looking forward to providing our students, parents and staff with opportunities to share their Time, Talent, and Treasure with members of our community.

In conjunction with our commitment to education on Social Justice, each month, our teachers will select a student from their class that has demonstrated values based on the principles of Catholic Social Justice and Service. The following students were selected for the month of November demonstrating their outstanding service, being generous and their respect for others. We are extremely proud of these students!

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| Kindergarten-126 – Josef Plamper | Grade 3-204 – Ethan Gallo |
| Kindergarten-127 – Rian Dumchus | Grade 4-205 – Ethan Webb |
| Grade 1-105 – Gavin Janik | Grade 4-206 – Jason Kolecki |
| Grade 1-106 – Lillian Kirsch | Grade 5-201 – Samantha Bergman |
| Grade 1-120 – Mark Cobb | Grade 5-203 – Kaitlyn Pierce |
| Grade 2-101 – Grace Ruppelli | Grade 6-207 – Ivan Shuran |
| Grade 2-103 – Christian Gehlmann | Grade 6-209 – Cole Mamone |
| Grade 2-104 – Blake Boehnen | Grade 7-108 – John Cobb |
| Grade 3-102 – Natalia Welsh | Grade 7-208 – Tessa D’Errico |
| Grade 3-202 – Molly Sloan | Grade 8-107 – Alexander Baumgartner |
| | Grade 8-109 – Rachel Tuffy |

This Week at a Glance:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Monday, December 15	Band Concert	7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium
Tuesday, December 16	Teacher Tuesday	
	Preschool Christmas Program	7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium
Thursday, December 18	Market Day	3:00 p.m. in the Church Basement
	EARLY RELEASE AT 2:15	
	Marco’s Pizza Night	
Friday, December 19	All School Advent Prayer Service	9:15 a.m. in the Church
	NO HOT LUNCH AVAILABLE	
	REGULAR AFTERNOON RELEASE TIME	



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.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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



PARENTS, please note:

New Parent Updates for January and February will be on the Parish website beginning Friday, December 19th.

2014-2015 Reconciliation Students

This year's students are reminded to return their completed Reconciliation home study book to their classroom teacher/catechist by Thursday, December 18th or Saturday, December 20th.



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

Classes will be in session this Sunday, December 14th. Our students will celebrate the Season with music and the Nativity story. No classes on Sundays, December 21st, 28th, and January 4th due to Christmas Break.

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

Classes are in session this Wednesday, December 17th as the students discover the themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. There will be no classes on Wednesdays, December 24th and 31st. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 7th and that begins our second semester of 2014-2015.

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

This week's class on Thursday, December 18 will end the first semester. The students will have a Prayer Service in the Xavier Room. No classes on December 25 and January 1. Classes resume on Thursday, January 8 as we begin a new semester.

St. Nicholas the Bishop visits Saturday PSR!



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

This Saturday, December 20th the students will conclude semester one with a prayer service in the Xavier Room. There are no classes on Saturdays, December 27th and January 3rd due to Christmas break. Students will return on Wednesday, January 7th and that begins our second semester for 2014-2015!

Save the Dates!



Exalt

Sunday, Dec. 14—Make the most of the joy of Advent ... celebrate the coming of our Lord with songs and prayer.

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.

Inspire Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 21—Mark your calendar now for our last Inspire of 2014. We're hosting a fun-filled holiday celebration for all our parish teens.

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.

Spring Retreat—March 6-8, 2015

LifeTeen Lock-in—May 1-2, 2015

Franciscan University of Steubenville Youth Conference—June 12-14, 2015

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.

SFX "Wines of the World" Annual Wine Tasting

Leisurely taste over 60 wines from around the world complemented by cheese, crackers, and light appetizers. Also enjoy select beers from Lager Heads Brewing Company.

Date: Friday, January 30, 2015

Time: 7:00-10:00 PM

**Location: Rustic Hills Country Club
5399 River Styx Road**

Cost: \$40 per person (\$45 at the Door)

*** Reserved Tables of 10 will be sold for \$375
in one transaction only at the SFX Rectory office or
via the form below.**

**Purchase tickets at the rectory office (checks only), both Medina Buehler's locations, US mail, or SFX school mail c/o Paul Budi Room #208. Pre-sold tickets available until Tuesday, 1/27/15.*

All profits go to St. Francis Xavier Church.

For tickets by mail, send to: Robert Budi
2950 Robert Gary Court
Medina, OH 44256

Please send _____ tickets. I have enclosed a check to SFX for _____ (\$40 per ticket).

Name _____
Address _____
City/State _____
Phone _____
E-mail address _____

Questions: Call Maria/Robert at 330-764-3963 or E-mail RLBUDI@aol.com



A reminder that all of the gifts for the "Giving Tree" are due back to St. Francis Xavier by the end of the LifeTeen Mass (TODAY) Sunday, December 14th.

Thank you
for your
generosity!



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). or questions, but NOT reservations, call Germaine Wilson at 330-241-1328.



The Knights of Columbus, Medina Council #4168, will be sponsoring the annual "**Pancake Breakfast with Santa**" today, Dec 14th after the 8 and 10 O'clock Masses. The Pancake Breakfast will be held in the St. Francis Xavier Church basement hall.

Santa invites all 'KIDS' to come and enjoy the pancake breakfast, join in on the various crafts that will be available with help from the 8th Graders and best of all, the Kids (young and old) will get a chance to have their picture taken with Santa. Breakfast consists of pancakes, sausage, eggs, syrup, coffee, milk, fruit drink and cocoa.

Adults - \$6.00
Ages 6-11: \$4.00
Children under 6 - FREE

The benefactor for the "Pancake Breakfast with Santa" will be **The Tony Imburgia Scholarship Fund.**

Come One and ALL!!



HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT YOUR SPOUSE POSSIBLY SPEAKS A

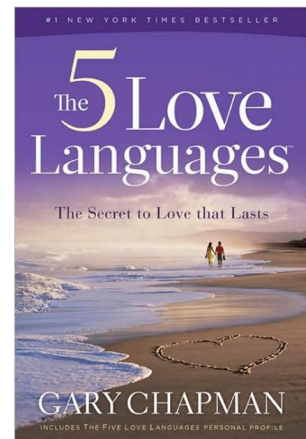
DIFFERENT LANGUAGE THAN YOU? HAVE YOU EVER ASKED WHY DO WE MISUNDERSTAND EACH OTHER? ...

Come join us for a small group study of "THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES" on 6 Thursday evenings: January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th & February 5th & 12th

Fr Thom Kowatch, has much experience to offer married couples through his work with Marriage Encounter, and Pre-Cana

PLEASE RSVP TO PETE/MARYK

RAKYTIAK: AT 216-346-0415 OR RECTORY 330-725-4968



COME LEARN YOUR LOVE LANGUAGES...

PRESENTED BY

FR THOM KOWATCH, AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER , RANDALL HOUSE , 7:30PM/AFTER 7PM MASS.

Music Ministry Notes:

This year, the Friday evening Music Ministry Christmas Concert has been moved to BEFORE each one of the liturgies on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Schedules were busier than usual and rehearsals and the concert date did not allow everyone to come to practices or the concert. To expand participation, and for more parishioners and guests to hear the concert music, the best choice was to have a concert before each one of the Christmas masses. Make sure you come early to mass to get your favorite seat while enjoying all the beautiful music.

The music schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses is as follows. Music will begin 30 minutes before the start of mass:

Christmas Eve

- 4:00pm:** Youth Choir: all overflow from this mass will be directed to the MHS Performing Arts Center for 4:30pm Mass (music by the Life Teen Band)
- 6:30pm:** Contemporary Group
- 10:30pm:** Traditional Choir with brass

Christmas Day

- 9:00am:** 8am Mass Cantor Schola
- 11:00am:** Cantors

On behalf of everyone in the music ministry, thank you for all your support and kind words and have a Blessed Christmas and New Year!!!! If you like to sing, come join one of the choirs in January!

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 sbulletin@stfrancisxavier.info 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
 Elizabeth Diamond
 Evan Dolinar
 Billie Duta
 Lynda Erickson
 Brendan Federinko
 Ed Fraley
 John Francisco
 Roger Friedrich
 Bobby Fusco
 Rhettec Galaska
 Roz Ganzer
 Ashley Garnes
 Jacob Gaume
 Judy Glose
 Kerry Grimm
 Del Guerra
 Mike Harris
 Vivian Heim

Camden Heil
 Charlotte Heil
 Savannah Heil
 Anthony Hosick
 Mark Jablonowski
 Charline Karsnak
 Mary Keith
 Mary Kneale
 Andrew Korduba
 Brenda Kutcher
 Ruth Lancki
 Phyllis Lapeus
 Patricia LaRose
 Steven Lastuka
 Dave Leidecker
 Jerry Liechty
 Mary Ann Makowski
 Aaron Markiewicz
 James M. McDonald
 Lou McDonald
 Lois McFadden
 Alexa Meyers
 Nathan Mion
 Rachael Mion
 Mike Mitchell

Marcy Nero
 John Neuwar
 Mary Neuwar
 Lisa Owen
 Nathaniel Plasco
 Richard Pryatel
 Bill Ripple
 Rea Ripple
 Mark Rudolph
 Mimi Russ
 Richard Russ
 Ed Scherer
 Beth Sielski
 Jean Smith
 Marie Starck
 Richard Stiver
 Faith Szczypinski
 Janet Taranto
 Amy Taylor
 Pat Taylor
 Carolyn Vasko
 Lacey Vickers
 Celene Wallen
 Helen Yakubik

If you would like to place a name on the list of those in need of prayer, please contact the rectory office, or e-mail sbulletin@stfrancisxavier.info.

Pastor's Page

With Christmas less than two weeks away, you still have time to celebrate the sacrament of Penance, should you desire it. In addition to Saturday afternoons, we have some time this week on Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon, and next Monday evening after the 7:00 pm Mass. Next Saturday we will begin confessions at 3:00 pm. At any rate there are still plenty of times to celebrate the sacrament of mercy. If none of these times will work, please call Fr. Thom, Fr. Chris or myself to schedule a time that will work for you.

Our parish will be hosting Operation HOMES at the Randel House during the Christmas break from Monday, December 29th through January 5th. Due to the holiday, and the circulation of the flu, some of our regular helpers might not be able to make meals, provide hospitality and serve as night watchmen through the night. If you would like to help with preparing dinner, serving dinner, staying through the night, or providing any laundry or cleaning help, please call Donna Bica at 330-723-3226. This is one very concrete way that we care for those in need right here in Medina County.

Advent and Christmas 2014

Reconciliation Schedule

- Tuesday, December 16** — 11 am to Noon
- Wednesday, December 17**—3:30—4:30 pm
- Saturday, December 20**—3—4:30 pm
- Monday, December 22**—7:30—9:30 pm

Christmas and New Year's Day Mass Schedule

**Wednesday, December 24
Vigil of Christmas**

- Christmas Vigil Mass at Church, 4:00 pm
- Christmas Vigil at Medina High School Performing Arts Center, 4:30 pm
- Christmas Vigil Mass at Church, 6:30 pm
- Christ Vigil Mass at Church, 10:30 pm

**Thursday, December 25
The Nativity of the Lord**

Masses at Church, 9:00 and 11:00 am

**Wednesday, December 31
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

Vigil Mass at Church, 5:00 pm

Thursday, January 1

Masses at Church, 9:00 and 11:00 am

The Randel House is the yellow house on Smith Road to the east of our driveway. This is a great way to provide the gift of time to those in need. Maybe those of you, college-aged children back home from school, might want to help as well... just a thought

As you plan ahead to celebrate Christmas you may want to look at these numbers to help you and your family to find a seat for Christmas Masses. These are the counts from last year's Masses from Christmas Eve and Day. If you want a seat in

Christmas Eve	
4:00 pm	910
4:30 pm (PAC)	1600
6:30 pm	438
10:30 pm	543
Christmas Day	
9:00 am	382
11:00 am	578

Church for the 4:00 pm vigil, arrive no later than 3:15 pm. If you want a seat at the Medina Performing Arts Center for the 4:30 pm Mass, arrive no later than 3:45 pm. Overflow seating will be available for about 300 in the cafeteria and standing in the lobby is also an option to view and listen to Mass by video feed. Please plan ahead. When the Church is full for the 4:00 pm vigil, signs will go up at the entrances to the parking lot letting you know to head over to the PAC. Please be kind to each other in the parking lot and in the Church. I know its tight, but it is good that so many want to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord.

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Tony

THE RCIA
PREPARING FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH


Are you or someone you know attending Mass but are unable to receive Holy Communion because you or they are not Catholic? Or, if Catholic, have you or someone you know missed the preparations required for the reception of the sacraments of Eucharist and /or Confirmation? If so, the Church has a process (the RCIA) which can help a person decide if membership in the Roman Catholic Church is right for them, or help a baptized Catholic prepare for Confirmation and /or Eucharist.

The RCIA is always available here at St. Francis Xavier; therefore, one can explore the teachings of the Church and prepare for full Catholic initiation at any time during the year. Simply call Jenny Bonarrigo (the RCIA coordinator) at 330-592-0086. Jenny will set up an appointment to explain the RCIA process, answer any questions, and discuss requirements and meeting times.

The RCIA process is for unbaptized persons (age seven – adulthood) and baptized Christians (age seven – adulthood) from non-Catholic faith traditions. Additionally, parts of the RCIA process are necessary for baptized Catholics (age seven – adulthood) who have not remained active in the Catholic Church and, therefore, have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. The parts of the RCIA and the length of time required differ from person to person. Call, today, to find out what it takes to become a full member of the Catholic Church!

MONDAY NIGHT: St. Francis Xavier Marriage Ministry

Come celebrate your vocation of marriage and renew your vows at the winter Anniversary Mass and dessert reception on tomorrow night, **December 15th** at 7:00 p.m. All married couples, young and old, and your families are invited! Bring your wedding photos to share.



For more information, please call
Dino and Gabby Paoletta at 216-407-1893
or
Pete and Mary K. Rakytiak at 216-346-0415.