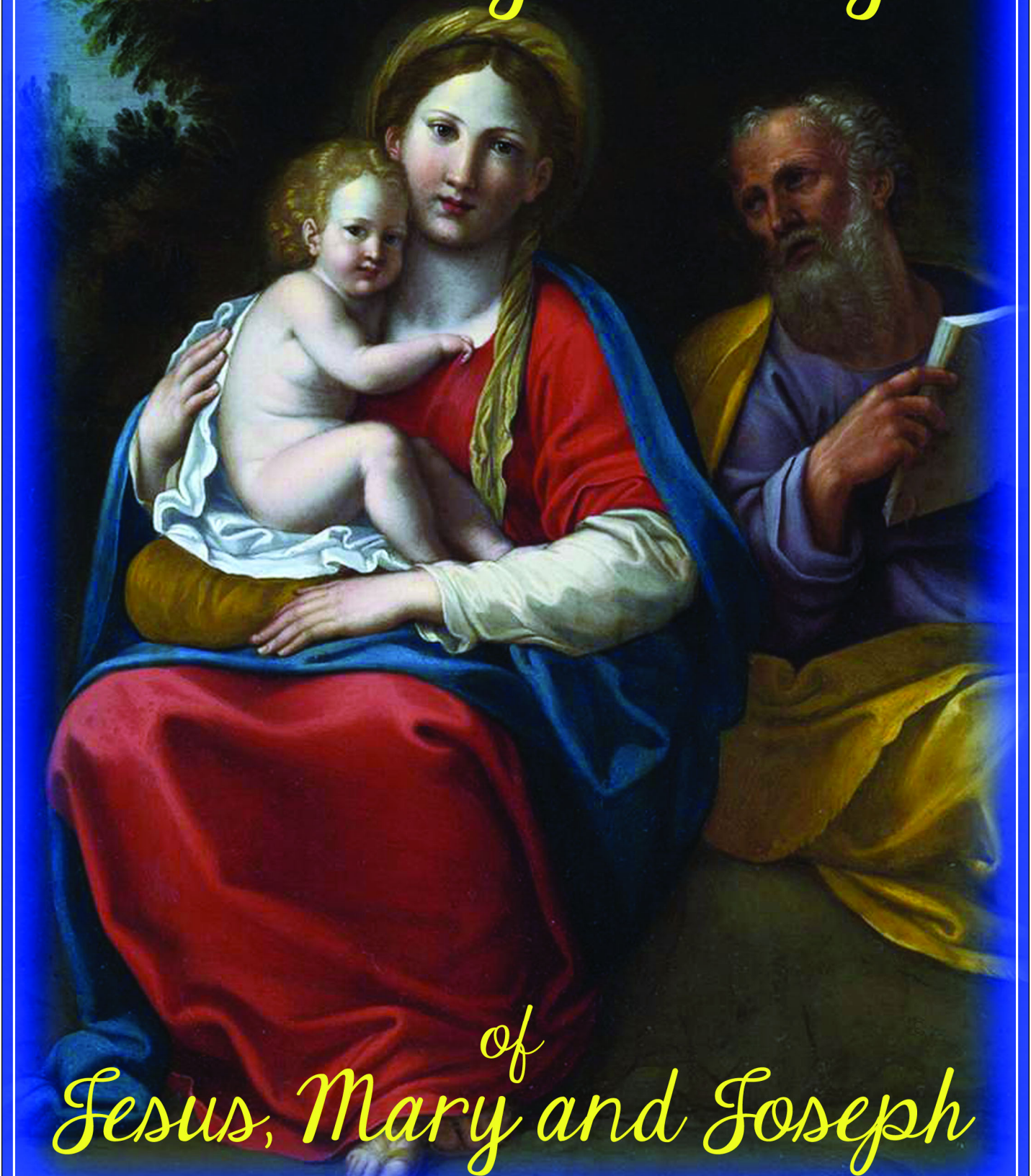


The Holy Family



*of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday, December 28

5:00 pm Bingo (CB)

Monday, December 29 [Operation Homes—RH]

6:00 pm Schola Rehearsal (CH)
 7:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal (CH)
 7:30 pm Finance Council (RLR)

Tuesday, December 30 [Operation Homes—RH]

5:30 pm Youth Choir (CH)
 6:30 pm Bingo (CB)
 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (RH)

Wednesday, December 31 [Operation Homes—RH]
 Rectory Office Closes at Noon

Thursday, January 1 [Operation Homes—RH]
 Rectory Office Closed

Friday, January 2 [Operation Homes—RH]

9:15 am Moms and Tots (CB)

Saturday, January 3 [Operation Homes—RH]

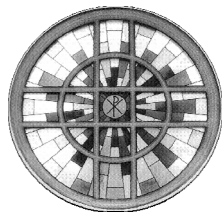
8:30 am Cleaning Angels (CH)
 9:00 am Men's Fellowship (RH)

Sunday, January 4 [Operation Homes—RH]

Hospitality Sunday

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
 (PAC) Medina High School Performing Arts Center



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.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 am Joseph Meterchick (CC)
 10:00 am DuPlaga and Friedrich Families (TS)
 12:00 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier. (TK)
 1:30 pm Baptisms (TK)
 5:30 pm John Brooks (TK)

Monday, December 29

7:30 am Albert Guggenbiller (TK)
 7:00 pm Bill Homan (TS)

Tuesday, December 30

7:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory (TS)

Wednesday, December 31

5:00 pm Lee and Irene Bush (TS)

Thursday, January 1

9:00 am Edward and Emma Skala (TK)
 11:00 am Paul Humphrey (CC)

No Evening Confessions due to the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 2

7:30 am David Basalla (CC)
 7:00 pm Mary DeLuca (TK)

Saturday, January 3

7:30 am Mary D. And Jim Ranker (TK)
 3:30 pm Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Katherine and Brendan Fay (TS)

Sunday, January 4

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Bob Lavelle (TK)
 10:00 am Longin Dziczkowski (TK)
 12:00 pm Francis Branic (CC)
 1:30 pm Baptisms
 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 Mullee
 (PK) Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl;
 (JL) Deacon Joe Loutzenhiser; (DN) Deacon Dan Norris

**Parish Treasury Update:
 December 13-14, 2014**

Sunday Offertory: \$10,114.12
 Envelopes: 453
 Immaculate Conception:
 \$1,749.00

**Mass attendance,
 December 13-14, 2014**

5:00 pm 429
 8:00 am 298
 10:00 am 537
 12:00 pm 307
 5:30 pm 252

**Thank you for your
 generosity!**

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.

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: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2: 36-40
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
 Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
 Lk 2:16-21
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Save the Date!

The **SFX RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE** will be traveling by bus for the **MARCH FOR LIFE**. The bus leaves January 21, 2015 returning January 23, 2015. Check future bulletins for full trip itinerary and details.

Cost: \$65.00 per Passenger

If you have questions, please contact
 Stephen Hamilton at (330) 703-6583
 or
 by e-mail at noble1996@gmail.com.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Update



Enjoying Time with Family!

My continued holiday prayer for all of you is that you have the chance to enjoy your family and friends during this holy season.

Have a Blessed Christmas Season and Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Mrs. Seislove

This Week at a Glance

Date	Event	Time
December 20- January 4	NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK!	

REGISTRATION REMINDER:

We will soon begin Registration for the 2015-2016 school year. If you have a child of Kindergarten age for the 2015-2016 academic year, and are interested in providing a quality Catholic Education for them, please call the St. Francis Xavier school office (330) 725-3345 for more information.

We will begin our registration process for Kindergarten in January. Re-registration for our current students will follow.



Looking Ahead:

Date	Event	Time
Monday, January 5, 2015	School Resumes	
January 25 to January 30, 2015	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	

Save the Date!

Please come and visit St. Francis Xavier School during our Catholic Schools Week Open House on January 25, 2015. The week-long Catholic Schools Week celebration will begin at the 12 noon liturgy with our students participating in the different ministries. We then invite you to come over to the school and see what makes St. Francis Xavier School so special. Open House will be held immediately following mass from 1:00pm until 2:30p.m. Members of our student body, our School Advisory Committee (SAC) and Parent-Teacher Committee (PTC) will be providing tours for any new guests to St. Francis Xavier School. More information will follow about the upcoming events of Catholic Schools Week, but we wanted you to plan on attending Open House on Sunday January 25, 2015 from 1:00-2:30p.m.

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



There will be no Connect Night on Sunday, Dec. 27.

We'll be kicking off 2015 LifeTeen ministries with a New Teen Night on Jan. 4. If you are a St. Francis teen who has never participated in any of our ministries and you attend our Inspire Night **OR** if you regularly attend and bring someone new, you will be entered to win a gift card!

Help us grow our ministries and help other teens share in the fellowship and faith-building opportunities LifeTeen offers.

Save the Dates!

- Pro-Life March — Jan. 21-22, 2015
 - 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.



Teens celebrate Christmas with homeless women and children at the Westside Catholic Center on December 16th.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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



PARENTS,

The Staff and Students of PSR send joyous blessings for the New Year, 2015, filled with Faith and Family

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

There are no classes this Sunday, 28th, and January 4th due to Christmas break. Our new sessions for 2015 will begin on Sunday, January 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the school.

2014-2015 Sacrament Students

Parent and Student First Eucharist Meeting

Please select from **one** of the following meetings for **you and your student** to attend and email sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info with your choice.

- ✠ Tuesday, January 20 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in the Church
- ✠ Friday, January 23 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in the Church
- ✠ Tuesday, January 27 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in the Church
- ✠ Friday, January 30 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in the Church



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

Our Wednesday evening Edge students will not be in session on December 31st. The new semester will begin on January 7th in the Xavier Room with a social event. Our new theme for the second semester will be "Prayer".

Edge Service/Stewardship: Our next visit to a nursing home will be on Tuesday evening, January 13th from 6:15-7:45 p.m. at Medina Meadows. Permission forms are available on the parish website.



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 (877-525-2427).

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

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

We hope students are enjoying a safe and fun Christmas break. There are no classes this week, January 1st. Classes will begin Semester 2 on Thursday, January 8th. Students will receive their evaluation cards on January 15th.

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

We hope students are enjoying their Christmas break. There were no classes this Saturday, December 27th and also there will be no classes on January 3rd. The new semester will begin with classes in session on January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st. Evaluation cards will be passed out for Semester 1 on Saturday, January 17th.

Upcoming PSR Events

Grade 6 Retreat for The Edge, Day School and Home Schooled Students will be on Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Inspiration Hills in Burbank, OH. More information and Registration forms will be available on the parish website in February.

Summer Opportunities

Edge Camp 1 & 2 — This year our first Service/Fun Summer Camp will be June 8-12, 2015, and Camp 2 will be June 22-26, 2015. More information and forms will be available on the parish website in March.

Vacation Bible School — Our parish summer program will be on Monday-Friday, June 15-19, 2015 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Children age 4 through Grade 6 will enjoy a week of Scripture stories, crafts, songs, games, etc. More information will be available on the parish website in February. Forms will be available on the website at the end of April.

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!

Music Ministry Notes:

The rest of the story...

The significance of the Twelve Days of Christmas...

The significance of the Christmas carol THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS is almost lost. There are many stories that have evolved around the carol, but it was originally written as a carol sung at Christmas time during the 18th century. But it had been traditional to celebrate 12 days for Christmas since medieval times, starting on Christmas Day.

While the Christmas season used to be celebrated from Christmas Eve and ended twelve nights later, the Twelfth Night had long been thought to be the day the Magi of Three Wise Men arrived from the East with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to present to the infant Jesus. Folklore tells that because of religious persecution of the Christians, that religious teachings were then attached to the TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS carol for those that could not worship openly.

Jesus is represented by the partridge in the pear tree, symbolizing the sacrifice of his life he gave to free us from our sins on the cross. The New and Old Testaments of the Holy Bible are represented by the 2 turtle doves. The theological virtues of faith, hope and charity by the 3 French hens and the 4 gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John represented by 4 calling birds. The 5 golden rings represent the Pentateuch which are the first 5 books of the old testament of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. The biblical story of the 6 days creation are represented by the 6 geese a laying and the 7 swans a swimming are the 7 sacraments. The 8 beatitudes are represented by the 8 maids a milking and the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit are the 9 ladies dancing. The most obvious aspect for many will be the 10 commandments and the 10 Lords a leaping, with the 11 faithful apostles of Jesus Christ as the 11 pipers who pipe out their call to the faithful. Finally the Apostle's Creed has 12 points of principle which are drummed by the 12 drummers. And now you know the "rest of the story"!



Memorial Flower listings will continue next week.

Contributed by	In Memory Of
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Alaburda	Wes & Dottie Warnock, Stanley & Florence Alaburda
Mr. & Mrs. Heath Bair	Joseph & Agnes Lilac
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Beal	Edward & Sophie Kolasinski, Hugh & Jeanette Beal
Shirley Bedford	Douglas Bedford
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bergmann	Charles Bergmann, Jacqueline Bergmann
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bonitz	Chester Bonitz, Paul Rusinko, Michael Rusinko, George Rusinko, David Basalla
Mrs. Kathleen Brennan	Christopher Brennan, William Vella, Antoinette Vella, Vinciguerra Family
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bugner	Frank & Mary Bugner, Patt Steele
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Burroughs	Kenneth Burroughs, Jr., Nestor Petrysayn, Helen McIntire
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bush	George Broslawik, Larry Walter, Brian Prince, Lee & Irene Bush
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Campbell	Francis Leitenberger, Rosemary Leitenberger
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Casey	Michael James Casey, John & Mary Vereb, Albert & Philomena Casey, Patricia Kucharski, Mary Rose Purguly
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cavanaugh	Jordan Elizabeth Cavanaugh
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cejer	Nancy Abramowski, Jack & Olga Armour, A. & C. Cejer
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Cerio	Cerio Family, Holland Family, McKee Family, Nealen Family
Ms. Susan Cooper	Alfred & Veronica Cooper, Cecil & Mary Comer
Mr. Joseph Coreno	Nettie Coreno, Tony & Yolanda Coreno, Joe & Lola Meador, Jim & Linda Humphrey
Mr. Tom Cowling	Mary Cowling
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Danszczak	David Danszczak

Contributed by	In Memory Of
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dargan	Dargan & Madar Families
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Davanzo	Mary H. Davanzo, Michael A. Davanzo, Joseph S. Chiaramonte
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Di Marino	Tony Imburgia, Ferdinand Di-Marino
Mr. & Mrs. Chris DuBiel	Ralph Arnholt, Bill & Irene DuBiel
Mr. Frank Dull	Barbara M. Dull
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fafrak	Molnar Family, Fafrak Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Francisco	Francisco, Wagner and Hathaway Families
Mr. & Mrs. Neal Furlong	Robert & Kathleen Lucey, Helen Furlong
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gaich	George & Irene Gaich, Rick Kilway
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gainard	Anthony Gainard
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Galish	Donna Tekempel, Kyle Lichty, Deceased of Brandt Family, Deceased of Galish Family
Mrs. Ruth Graves	Jack Graves
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Greer	Mr & Mrs Edward Greer, Raymond Manhart, Robert T. Starkrey, Robert M. Starkey, Virginia Anderson
Mr. Michael Hach	Norman Hach
Mrs. & Mrs. Daniel Haggerty	Ed Haggerty, Joe Haggerty
Mrs. Nancy Hauck	William Hauck, David Hauck
Anna Haverdill	Alfonso Farruggia, Gladys Farruggia
Mrs. Vickie Hawker	Albert Hawker, Sr.
Mr. Edward Hilkowski	Ida Hilkowski, Myrna Dooley
Mrs. Jacqueline Kabdebo	Les Kabdebo
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kagel	Deceased of Kagel & Gerbasi Families

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.

*** 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, January 27, 2015**

Date: Friday, January 30, 2015

Time: 7:00—10:00 p.m.

Location: Rustic Hills Country Club
5399 River Styx Road

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

* Reserve Tables of 10 will be sold for \$375 in one transaction only at the SFX Rectory Office or via the form included.

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 Stewardship Moment



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly, or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?

Prayer for God's blessing in the new year

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.
Amen

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.



GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD

St. Francis Xavier will host a blood mobile drive on **Sunday January 18 from 9AM - 1 PM**. LifeShare Community Blood Services will be outside the rectory garages for a blood collection that will benefit people in our Medina Community. At the same time, all donations will also benefit our parish school as for every 25 donors, grant monies will be available to help with the replacing and upgrading of Information Technology equipment. Individuals can donate every 56 days.

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

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

I hope that all of you had a blessed celebration of the Nativity of the Lord Jesus. This weekend we reflect on the ones that the Father entrusted the care of his son to while he was an infant, toddler and little boy: Mary and Joseph. They had the unique task of caring for Jesus and forming him according to their Jewish traditions and way of life. Today we pause to look at the relationship between the three of them that allows them to live in perpetual respect, reverence and holiness. It was in this home that Jesus learned how to pray and to help in the trade that Joseph taught him.

Today we pause to reflect on our own experience of family life which is ever pulled by so many worldly values that tend to tempt us to feel that things are more important than people and that we can use others to get to some other desired end. The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that people are to be held in esteem above material things and that they are never to be used to get something else. These Core Christian values are at the heart of married life and at the heart of what parents model for their children. Do not underestimate the role that grandparents play and the place for wider extended family and friends in helping to form holy families. Please make time over the next week to reach out to those who might be alone, those on the fringe, or whose families are having a rough time. These would be great ways to help your family become more like Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

I would like to thank all of you who help to make our parish family what it is. The giving of yourself, the sharing of your time with the Lord in prayer, your attention to our young people, the poor, the ill, imprisoned and elderly. All of your generosity makes this sacred

work possible to meet Christ through our Church Thanks you!

I also appreciate your financial support. Your generosity allows us to fix things here at this "big house." For those who would like make other gifts before the year's end, the gifts must arrive at the office by December 31st. We still have about a million dollars of repairs, replacements and improvements in the next couple of years. On the list for this summer: the gymnasium roof (it started blowing off in the last big storm), replacing the last 11 original single pane windows from the 1950-part of the school, repairing the middle school windows, the roof over the 2nd floor of the 1950-portion of the school building, the rectory windows, and the West Vestibule of the Church....these are the projects of which I am currently aware...it may be added to by mother nature... we will see. State monies will help us replace the two older mobile units with one larger new unit for our school as well. The timing of the work depends on a combination of finances and the severity of how soon the work need to be done before it gets worse.

I am also appreciative to those who are helping with the RFFH Diocesan Campaign. The other day we received checks for \$15k for the windows, \$35k to technology upgrades and \$7k for various LifeTeen, Edge, PSR, and summer camp catechetical programs. Again your financial stewardship is making good things possible here at the parish and across the entire eight county diocese.

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Tony



Is Your Love Tank Nearing "Empty?"

Falling in love is easy. After a period of dating, couples choose to get married believing they have discussed all the issues and communicate well. However, years later a couple can struggle with communicating even simple things. Maintaining healthy relationships is a daily and a lifelong pursuit.

It does not have to be an arduous pursuit though. Words of Affirmation, Acts of Service, Receiving Gifts, Quality Time, and Physical Touch, are all ways to show and to be shown love. Once a couple understands these "love languages," they frequently nurture not only a romantic relationship, but also casual, business, and familial relationships effectually. Dr. Gary Chapman's classic *The 5 Love Languages* has sold more than 9 million copies and is as applicable as it is insightful.

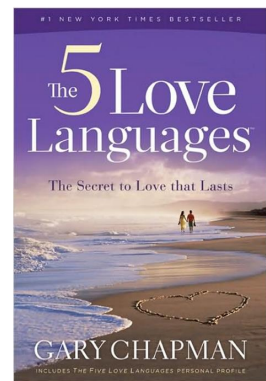
St. Francis Xavier Marriage Ministry will present a book study series on "*The 5 Love Languages*." Married couples and Fr. Thom will guide couples to identify their language that is most beneficial to maintaining and growing in relationships. The series will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:45 to 9:00 PM in the Randal House beginning on January 8 for five weeks. This program is open to all married couples (no matter how long you have been married) and to the engaged as well. Please call the parish office to reserve a book for yourself - 330.725.4968.



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



COME LEARN YOUR LOVE LANGUAGES... PRESENTED BY FR THOM KOWATCH, AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER, RANDALL HOUSE, 7:30PM/AFTER 7PM MASS.

PLEASE RSVP TO PETE/MARYK

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