

2009-2010 Ministry Catalog

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Lector (Minister of the Word)

"The lector is entrusted with the crucial task of making the Word of God come alive by proclaiming it for the Christian assembly" (Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers). Our parish lectors proclaim the Word of God at all weekend and holy day liturgies. They are high school age and older and are trained before they begin their ministry. The Ministers of the Word are committed to the study of the Scriptures and to hours of prayer and preparation. The parish supplies lectors with written background information and a yearly "Lector Workbook." On-going mandatory workshops are provided by the parish to educate ministers and keep everyone united in purpose.

Anna Marie Kelly – 723-8165

Mary Pat Salomone – 722-4937

Usher (Minister of Hospitality)

Ushers (Minister of Hospitality) are people with the ability to meet and welcome parishioners in a helpful manner as they enter the doors of our church. They are men and women of high school age and older. In addition, ushers assist with the collection, direct the Communion procession, distribute bulletins and straighten up pews for the next liturgy. On-going workshops are given by the parish to educate ministers and keep everyone united in purpose.

Marina Marquez – 725-4968

Altar Servers

The Ministry of the Altar consists of assisting at weekend liturgies, funerals, weddings and other special liturgical celebrations. Through an article in the parish bulletin, and information sent through the day school and PSR classes, an invitation is extended to young men and women in the latter part of the sixth grade to attend several training sessions before assuming this liturgical responsibility as seventh and eighth graders.

Joyce Dolinar – 239-1131

Art and Environment

This is a group of men and women concerned with the liturgical space for all liturgies and prayer services. They study guidelines for each liturgical season and develop visual settings for the liturgies. Needs exist for people with experience in art, interior and floral design and sewing skills. Helping hands are also needed to water plants, set up seasonal displays, move furniture, clean up and store items, etc. Carpenters, craftsmen and people not afraid of heights are also needed. Meetings will be called as needed during the seasons.

Maureen Niese – 725-5492

Lisa Heydinger – 723-7210

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

CLOW is a ministry that occurs at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word in which children in grades 1-5 are invited to their own worship space to experience Liturgy of the Word at their own level. Children participate in CLOW at the 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Masses. Adults and young adults are needed to assist in this rewarding ministry. Ministers of the Word proclaim the readings and lead the prayer of the children's assembly. Adult facilitators accompany the children to their worship space and share their faith experience with the children.

Anna Marie Kelly – 723-8165

Gift Bearers

Gift Bearers carry the bread and wine forward to the priest at the time of the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. Couples, families or teams of two individuals may be scheduled as gift bearers for weekend and holy day liturgies. Those interested in this ministry may sign up during announced times throughout the year, prior to the publishing of the seasonal liturgy schedule, or may contact the parish office to be put on the Gift Bearer list.

Parish Office – 725-4968

Sacristans: Team Members

The sacristans are men and women who work in teams of five people every two months for one and half hours on a Friday during the day or Saturday morning to clean the sacristy and sanctuary areas of the church.

Jeanette Rebeschler – 725-5745

Adult Choir

Men and women, senior high age and older, who like to praise God with song are invited to interview for the adult choir. This choir sings at the 10 a.m. Mass and other special liturgies during the year (except summer). Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7:35-9:15 p.m., in the church balcony.

Marina Marquez – 725-4968

Youth Choir

Boys and girls in the third through eighth grades who like to sing and want to learn more about church music and the art of singing are invited to join. Interviews are conducted by Miss Marina at the beginning of the process. The Youth Choir sings at choir festivals, visits a nursing home and provides music for church liturgies at least once a month, usually at 12 p.m. Mass. Those choir members who have committed to the whole year share in a trip to Cedar Point in June. The 2009-10 Youth Choir has been selected. Interviews for next year's choir begin in June.

Marina Marquez – 725-4968

Resurrection Funeral Choir

Men and women available to sing weekdays or Saturday mornings for funerals are invited to join this choir. Rehearsals take place 30 minutes before the funeral.

Marina Marquez – 725-4968

Cantor

Cantors must be able to sing and lead a large assembly comfortably. On-going training is provided for all cantors Thursday evenings, 4:30 p.m., in the church balcony.

Marina Marquez – 725-4968

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES

Operation “HOMES”

Operation “HOMES” consists of 12 churches of all denominations and community groups working together on a rotating basis to provide food, shelter and friendship for the homeless in our county. Each church is responsible for providing the homeless with safe shelter and meals in a compassionate and friendly environment so they might regain self-esteem, pursue employment and educational opportunities and become self-sufficient. Volunteers are needed to provide meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We also need overnight and morning hosts, as well as donated items as advertised in the church bulletin.

Rosemary Haumesser – 721-3106

Respect Life

These individuals are committed to pro-life activities and willing to assist our parish contact person with yearly projects such as Life Chain, phone chains, Mother’s Day Flower Sale, Art and Essay Contest, January Washington D.C. trip and legislative activities as directed by the Diocese of Cleveland.

Mary Lee – 722-6383

BirthCare

BirthCare of Medina County, 620 E. Smith Road, Unit E-5A, is an all-volunteer agency that aids needy pregnant women and families with young children. Donations of good used baby equipment, formula, baby food, diapers, and clothing up to size 4T are accepted. Teen and adult volunteers are always needed and are expected to work one two-hour shift every 4-8 weeks.

Marita Tulisniak & Diane Bugner – 722-1190

Rosary Leaders at Nursing Homes

Come join us as we pray the rosary with residents of our local nursing and assisted living homes. Individuals involved in this ministry have a great amount of flexibility choosing the day and time. Substitute leaders are always needed and very much appreciated.

Deacon Dan Norris – 725-4968

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has been serving people in northeast Ohio since 1865. The charitable network helps in various ways – such as emergency food, clothing, friendly visiting, information about government and agency services, and more. These works are made possible by the charitable donations of others. The St. Vincent de Paul Society membership is composed of parish men and women who help others in the name of Jesus. The SVDP Society meets once a month. Its members assist clients at the rectory every Monday and Thursday evening, 7-8 p.m., (unless it is a holiday) and distribute food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Rectory Office – 725-4968

Employment Network Group

The Employment Network Group is a network of individuals from St. Francis Xavier Parish and the community who are dedicated to sharing their knowledge, skills and, where able, contacts with those in career transition seeking employment opportunities as well as prayerful support for their search.

Dan Cathcart – 722-6715

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

Sunday Nursery Helpers

Sunday Nursery offers babysitting services for children age 4 years and under during the 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. liturgies. This service is available every Sunday unless canceled by prior notice in the bulletin. Volunteer adults and teens, male and female, are always needed to help with the Sunday nursery from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Sara Mion – 416-3349

Hospitality Sunday/Special Events

The first Sunday of most months is Hospitality Sunday. Various ministries host a Sunday throughout the year by helping with refreshments, baked goods and possible a display about their ministry. This is a great way to meet new parishioners and enjoy some fellowship with each other after each Mass. Bakers and phone callers are always needed as well as people who are able to serve and clean up after any of the liturgies.

Coordinators: Larry and Judy Hering – 667-8213

Bakers: Judy Matsko – 721-0624

Lending Library

The parish lending library is open during Hospitality Sundays, September through June. Its purpose is to provide Catholic resources for spiritual growth and education. Our library is a great resource to help parishioners learn more about their Catholic faith by reading great Catholic books at no charge. The library is operated cost-free through parish volunteers and donated books. We have an approved book wish list for donations. Books are available for checkout after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Masses during Hospitality Sundays in the church basement. Volunteers are needed for about 30 minutes after Masses on those days.

Teresa Franklin – 721-8278

Welcoming Ministry

Composed of a group of families from the parish, the Welcoming Committee seeks to make all new parishioners feel welcomed as well as informed about parish life here at St. Francis Xavier. Members of the Welcoming Committee contact new parishioners in an informal setting and talk to them about their involvement in the parish, the schools and the community. The purpose of this ministry is to ensure that all new parishioners feel that they are a part of our Catholic community from the start and are aware of the many ministries in which they can become involved.

Rita Luebke – 725-6259

Seniors Club

Membership is open to all parishioners who have reached 55 years of age. The Seniors Club was formed for the purpose of spiritual growth, friendship, mutual support and participation in parish and community activities. Many fun trips (near and far) are taken during the year. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. in the Xavier Room.

Pete Danszczak – 725-7283

Knights of Columbus

Founded by Fr. Michael McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization that helps the Church and local community through charitable support of the parish CYO program, Camp Paradise and pro-life events. The Knights are family-focused and help spread Catholic values in all their endeavors. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m., at The Knights Hall, 131 North East St., Medina.

Brian Coughlin, Church Director – 722-6968

Ministry of Consolation

The St. Francis Xavier Ministry of Consolation is designed to give support and consolation to those who have lost a loved one. Members of the team attend wake and funeral liturgies whenever possible. Additionally, follow-up contact is made with family members through cards, letters, and personal visits. Funeral luncheons are also offered.

Deacon Dan Norris – 725-4968

Mary Ann Vann – 725-5141

Sewing/Stitching Club

Join this newly formed group of people who will use their talents of sewing, knitting and crocheting to support our church community and provide an opportunity for fellowship. Meetings occur twice a month.

Patty Cathcart – 722-6715

Lisa Pettry – 667-3188

Moms & Tots

The goal of this newly formed group is to create a relaxed atmosphere for moms to share faith, fellowship and socialize. Babysitting is provided.

Lisa Boucher – 241-4397

CYO Coach (Basketball, Volleyball, Cross Country and Track)

The St. Francis Xavier CYO is dedicated to providing an athletic program for the children of the St. Francis Xavier community. The program strives to enhance our children's spiritual, mental and physical development. Basketball season starts in October and runs through February. Cross Country season runs from August 1 through November 1. Volleyball and track seasons begin in February and end in May. We are always looking for parents who are interested in coaching.

Kim Tuchek – 725-2213

Girls Scouts, Brownies, Daisies

The Girl Scout Program is dedicated to inspiring girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service so that they may become happy resourceful citizens. St. Francis Xavier School is a member of the Girls Scouts of Northeast Ohio. Any girl in grades K-8 is welcome to join the program. Age groups are as follows: Daisies – Kindergarten and 1st grade; Brownies – 2nd and 3rd grades; Junior Scouts – 4th and 5th grades; Cadettes – 6th through 8th grades. Scout groups generally meet twice per month after school in the church basement.

Maria Budi – 764-3963

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

The scouting program is designed to provide a fun-filled learning experience for boys. The aims of scouting are to build character, foster good citizenship and develop fitness. Catholic scouts can earn a special religious award, the Ad Altare Dei, by learning more about their faith. Scout Troop 506 at St. Francis Xavier is

for boys ages 11 to 18. St. Francis Xavier sponsors Cub Scout Pack #3506 for boys in the 1st through 5th grades.

Boy Scouts meet at 7 p.m. every Monday in the church basement. They have a full schedule of outdoor activities with monthly camping trips, hikes, a week-long summer camp and a “high adventure” program for boys over 13 years of age. Boys learn new skills and self-confidence as they work toward their Eagle rank. There are over 100 merit badges ranging from archaeology to zoology. Boy Scouts run the program, elect leaders, plan and conduct weekly meetings, and schedule outdoor activities.

Cub Scouts is an informal educational program for young boys designed to train them in responsibilities of participatory citizenship, providing growth in moral strength and enhancing the development of physical and emotional fitness, all done in the spirit of fun!

The Cub Scout program involves parents and leaders working together to influence the development of character and helping improve understanding within the family,

Boy Scouts: Mike Sweet – 725-2582

Cub Scouts: Barb Green – 722-3294

Marriage Ministries

Pre-Cana

Pre-Cana Day is designed to cover various aspects of married life through witnesses by married couples and direct interaction by the engaged couple through the WED (Write-Exchange-Dialogue) process. To prepare for the day, during a Saturday in March, the Pre-Cana team generally meets for seven Saturday evenings during January and February. Any couple married at least two years is welcome to join the team.

Mark & Beth Bugner -764-1953

Natural Family Planning

NFP is a program offered to reach the fundamental practices of a natural way of family planning. Married and engaged couples learn the observable signs of fertility so that they may responsibly regulate pregnancy. NFP is the acceptable alternative to methods of contraception and sterilization. The Diocese of Cleveland has classes available on a regular basis. Please call the parish office for more information or check the web site of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese at www.dioceseofcleveland.org.

Dean & Theresa Tschannen – 723-3864

Education Ministries

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Director: Susan Rohe-Brooks – 722-7700

Secretary: Donna McEwen

Pre-School and Elementary Helpers

PSR preschool and elementary programs utilize young adults in grades 9 through 12 who would like to assist in classrooms on Saturday or Sunday mornings. An orientation program is given to help you understand what is involved.

Pre-School Catechists

Adult catechists provide pre-school students, ages 3-5, spiritual growth and beginning experiences of formal religious education. Classes are on Sunday mornings in the school during the 10 a.m. Mass from Oct. 18 through the end of April. Instructions and help plus texts and materials are given to assist those who are willing to share their time, talents and love of Jesus. We are in need of adults in order for this special program to be experienced at this early age.

Elementary Catechists

This formal religious education program for students attending public schools or home school is offered on Saturday mornings from 9 to 10:30 a.m. during September through April. Catechists are given help, training, and assistance as they lead our youth, Grades 1-5, in a formal setting of religious education. Text and materials are used to help catechists share their faith and time with our young people. We are also in need of substitutes for the year. Classes run from September 13 through the end of April.

Middle School Catechists

Our 6th grade program is on Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m., from October 7 through the end of April. This program continues our students' faith journeys by giving them deeper insights into Scripture, our Church, the Catholic faith, and also many different activities and experiences. The catechists are given instruction and materials to help guide the lessons and opportunities during the year.

The Edge Facilitators

This exciting program for our seventh and eighth graders is a non-classroom setting on Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. starting October 14 through the end of April. Our facilitators receive training and materials to assist them in bringing a different style of sharing and experiencing Faith and Church to our junior high students. We need adults as well as juniors and seniors in high school each week.

The Edge Summer Camp

This is a week-long experience of service and fun for students who have completed Grades 7 & 8. The program for our youth is designed to give service to others in different areas of social justice. Students can be in the parish day school, public school, or home school setting to be involved. We need high school juniors and seniors to be counselors as well as parents/adults who are able to drive the students to their service locations. The camp is *July 6-9, and 12, 2010.*

Vacation Bible School

This is a Catholic Bible-based program for children in our parish ages 4 through Grade 6. The program will take place the week of June 21-25, 2010. There is a different theme each year. This summer program is an exciting adventure and enables youth to experience the Scriptures through instructions and different activities. High school students and adults are needed. There are many areas of need: craft helpers, music, playground, snack, set up, scenery design, etc. Our preparation begins with an initial meeting in February for those interested. It takes many hands to make this a great experience for our parish youth. Watch the bulletin for details!

Confirmation Process

The formal process for the sacrament of Confirmation begins in the fall following the registration in the spring for sophomore high school students; juniors and seniors are also welcome. Preparation includes attendance at eight Monday night sessions. Confirmed adults are needed to help these Monday sessions as facilitators of the break out sessions, leading the discussions and activities. All facilitators will be trained.

Father Kawalec or Deacon Joe – 725-4968

Life Teen

Life Teen is a parish-based, Eucharist-centered PSR youth ministry movement that has social, worship and service dimensions. This the SFX PSR program for the teens in the parish in private, public or home school settings and their friends. There are a number of areas in which adults can help serve our teens during the months of October through April when Life Teen is in session. Life Teen gives the teens many different opportunities in non-classroom environments to experience Christ, deepen their faith and transform their relationship with Christ. As members of the Core group, adults and college-age students are needed to share their faith with teens each week for different Life Night Experiences.

Life Teen Retreat Helpers

Adults are needed to assist the Core team members as drivers, cooks and overnight chaperones during the weekends.

Life Teen Prayer/Scripture Groups

Teens meet to read Scripture, pray and share in Christian music. Adults are needed to facilitate this monthly meeting with events.

Life Teen Music Ministry

Life Liturgies are celebrated almost every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. October through April. Adult and teen singers as well as adult musicians are invited to share their musical talents. Open practice will be on Wednesday evenings.

John Husbands – 722-7883

Life Teen Refreshments

Refreshments are provided at each Life Teen night. Adults are needed to plan, organize and set up for refreshments. This commitment which includes “clean up,” requires only 45 minutes to 1 hour of time on the Sunday night chosen.

Life Teen Fund Raising

Life Teen charges no fee for the program but relies for support of our “Trees and Treasures” event, to be held this year on November 20, 2009. Adults are always needed to help with crafts and decorating on Monday evenings in the Randel House or for set-up on November 19. Donations of theme baskets or other gifts are appreciated.

Students Activity Awareness

Parents whose children attend local high schools are needed to keep the Life Teen Core Group informed of teen members’ activities and accomplishments by sending birthday cards, notes of congratulations, etc.

Parents for Life Teen

This is a ministry for all parents of high school students assisting in the above programs. By your help and involvement you are showing your teen and their friends your interest, care and love for them.

St. Francis Xavier Day School

School Principal: Sister Sandra Bevec, sfcc

Assistant to the Principal: Judy Podrasky

Office Manager/Secretary: Kathy Metzger

Secretary: Dreama Kellner

School Office: 725-3345

Web Site: www.stfrancisxavier.info

Library Aide

SFX Library volunteers help with the library and computer classes every Monday through Friday. They shelve and repair books, perform easy catalog jobs, decorate, dust and straighten shelves, and read stories to the children. They also help students with art projects or finding titles and authors. Volunteers are needed to come and help for an hour or for a morning. All tasks are do-able by anyone with a smile!

Mindy Woll – 725-3345

Spiritual Life Ministries

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a faith conversion process for those interested in joining the Catholic Church. Through faith-enhancing experiences, discussion of Sunday readings and weekly meetings, inquirers are given the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and deepen their relationship with God. Sponsors are needed from among the faithful to walk this journey with these people. Meetings are Tuesday evenings from 6:45 to 9 p.m. for the Pre-Catechumenate period and on Sundays after the 10 a.m. liturgy until 12:30 p.m. for the Catechumenate period.

Catechists are also needed each of the four periods of the Rite, as well as "Scripture Breakers" who reflect on the experience of the Liturgy of the Word with candidates at the 10 a.m. Sunday liturgy. Previous sponsors of RCIA, past renewalists, those involved in small faith-sharing groups and anyone interested in sharing their journey of faith with a newcomer is asked to contact the rectory to schedule information/training sessions with the RCIA director.

Jenny Bonarrigo – 239-1592

Avilas

Avilas is a diocesan organization of people who hear the gentle command of Jesus: "The harvest is good but laborers are scarce. Beg the harvest master to send out laborers to gather the harvest." (Mt. 9:37-38) On the third Thursday of each month, 6-7 p.m., a holy hour is held in church to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for the perseverance of those who have already consecrated their lives to God.

Diane Akers – 725-4816

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration

Parishioners are invited to give honor and praise to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament by spending an hour in His presence on the First Friday of each month. Adoration begins after the 7 p.m. First Friday Mass and continues until the Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:15 a.m., First Saturday.

Dennis Martin – 722-7620

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain receives requests for prayer from parishioners seven days a week by a telephone call to one of the captains. Prayer requests are relayed by telephone to the prayer chain members with each person individually praying for the request. See the bulletin for captains' phone numbers.

Dorothy Feron – 725-5945

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

Christ Renews His Parish is an effective spiritual renewal process, which calls together the members of the parish, priests, religious and laity to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of our own parish. The program begins with a two-day, one-night, live-in experience at the parish for a group of men or women participants, followed by a spiritual formation period in preparation for the next Renewal.

Men's Renewal: Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl – 722-1388

Women's Renewal: Deacon Joe Loutzenhiser – 725-4968

Small Faith-Sharing Groups

Groups of 10 to 14 adult parishioners gather at a facilitator's home to share their faith journey, study Scripture and pray. Yearly, about 200 to 400 people participate in weekly meetings lasting about two hours. Many enduring friendships have been formed through these groups as participants come together to talk about how God touches their lives. An opportunity to sign up to be a part of a faith-sharing group is available in December. Small groups will begin in January and continue through Easter.

Dain & Anitra Redlefsen – 723-6500

Office Volunteers

Volunteers will be called in as needed to assist in special mailings and bulletin stuffing.

Melissa Gwynne – 725-4968

Fund Raising

Bingo

Bingo is held every Sunday at 6 p.m. and every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., unless notified in the bulletin. Volunteer adults, 21 and over, are needed as members of Bingo teams to perform a variety of duties, including kitchen help. Consider being a part of this important fund-raising ministry to support our parish and parish school.

Judy Pagura – 722-1646

Summer Social

This event, which takes place in June, has brought new faces and visitors to St. Francis Xavier. The ice cream social/cook-out takes place outside the church after the 5K and one-mile fun races. Volunteers are needed to help with both the ice cream social/cook-out and the races.

Karen Soles – 722-8787

Gift Card Program

This is a “dollar for dollar” PTC/parish fundraiser. The PTC/parish purchases gift cards from local businesses as a discount. The PTC/parish then sells the gift cards to the families in the St. Francis Xavier community at face value. For example, the PTC/parish buys a \$100 gift card from Speedway for \$96 and sells the card for \$100; the card can then be spent like cash. The PTC/parish makes \$4. There are many merchants from which to choose. Volunteers are needed to sell the Gift Card certificates. Certificates are available after weekend Masses, and daily at the school.

Ann Salek – 721-7395

School Spring Auction

The School Spring Auction is our major fundraiser for the day school. Donations are solicited from businesses, parents and classrooms. The committee is also responsible for decorations and assembling gift baskets.

Kim Mahon – 722-0836

Nicole Kennelly – 721-7289

Spaghetti Dinners

This is a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and fantastic food! Twice a year, homemade spaghetti dinners are served in the church basement. Proceeds benefit the parish’s Endowment Fund.

Carolyn Constance – 722-5348

The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland requires all adults over eighteen years of age who work or volunteer with children in a parish sponsored organization to fulfill the directives in the document, “Policy for the Safety of Children in Matters of Sexual Abuse” and subsequent directives. Questions can be directed to the church office, 725-4968.

