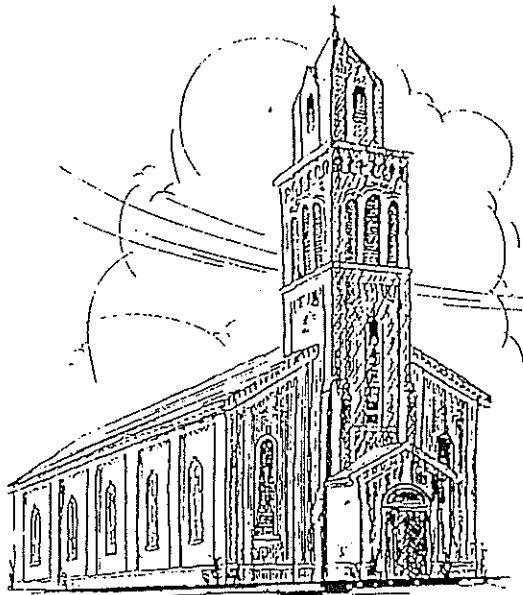


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses - 8:30 & 10:45 AM
Sacrament of Penance - Tuesday 5:30pm
Saturday 3:30pm

TELEPHONES:

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Rel. Ed. Center: 673-4107
53 North Street

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

"Saint Francis Xavier Parish is a Christian Family dedicated to the mission of Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We are committed to fostering spiritual growth and to responding to the human needs of both our faith community and the larger community by sharing our gifts and resources."

Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses:	Holy Day Masses: See schedule inside.
Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 pm	Daily Mass: 6:45 am Mon, Thur, Fri
Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 10:45 am	Tuesday 6:00pm

Weekend Mass Schedule in our area

St. Michael-St. Peter	St. Mary's of the Lake	St. Patrick's Jordan
Sat. Evening: 5:30 pm	Sat. Evening: 4:30 pm	Sat. Evening: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:30 & 11:00 am	Sunday: 8:00 & 10:15 am	Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am

PASTORAL STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino*
Pastoral Associate: Deacon John J. Falge*
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Rosalie Durand, Patty White
Music Director: Chrissy Camuglia*

Buildings and Grounds: Ron Schneider
Housekeeper: Kathy Welsh
Parish Historian: John P. Curtin
Confirmation Coordinators:
Laurie LeFever, Laura Carver
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PARISH TRUSTEES:

Diane Foster*
James P. Curtin

* Also on Parish Council

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism:
Class required.
Call rectory for arrangements.
Penance
Marriage: Arrangements at
least 6 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS are most welcome.
See Fr. Muscalino after Mass or call
the Rectory.

PARISH COUNCIL

Jay Austin	Roxanne Taylor
Terry Hall	Kim Flood
Pen Anderson	Marty McClusky
Terry Kotlarz	Carter Austin
Beth Cusick	John Ketterer
Patty Gooden	Ed Dunn

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Rick Reagan Jon Roberts
Chris Hunt
Diane Foster
Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino
Joseph E. Durand
Jay Austin

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday December 9

VIGIL SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30PM- People of St. Francis Xavier Church

Sunday December 10

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30AM- Tom Reilly- John & Ellen Brennan

10:45AM- Helen Volcko- Mary McGreal

Monday December 11

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6:45AM- Walter J. Theisen- John & Karen Lipartito

Tuesday December 12

OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

6:00PM- Ethan Chynoweth- John & Diane Foster

Wednesday December 13

ST. LUCY

No Mass

Thursday December 14

ST. JOHN of the CROSS

6:45AM- Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday December 15

6:45AM- Rev. Msgr. John J Heagerty

Saturday December 16

VIGIL THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30 PM- Barbara Stachelek- Palmowski Family

Sunday December 17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM- Bob Card- Family

10:45 AM- People of St. Francis Xavier Church

Ministry Schedule for St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, Dec. 16	Sunday, Dec. 17	
4:30	8:30	10:45
Lector	Lector	Lector
Jamie Curtin	Carolyn Withiam	Trish Austin
Altar Servers	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
Ava MacDonald	Peter Daiuto	Anna Carver
	Daniel Reilly	Kailyn Corfield
E. Ministers	E. Ministers	E. Ministers
Pat Dailey	Hugh White	Tim Manahan

The Light Is On For You 2023

Monday, December 18th from 4-7pm
St. Francis Xavier Church will be open for quiet prayer and Confession.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Monday, December 11

Lectio Divina – Ch Hall – 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 13

Stewardship Meeting- Ch Hall- 7:00-8:00pm

Thursday, December 14

PEACE Luncheon- Ch Hall- Noon

Rosary – Church -7:00pm

Saturday, December 16

Men's Group-Ch Hall- 7:30am

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal \$7,900 Last Week: \$6,136



Please Pray for...

Genie Barnes, Noah Bilsback, Jack Bragger, Laura Brown, Isabelle Callahan, Robert Darling, Nicole DeMore, Mary Dorsch, Michelle Fleegel, Baby Gavin, Steven Goldberg, Richard Hammond, Robert Hammond, Lucienne Henneberry, Ryan Huff, J. Michael Kelly, Katie Kelly, John Kianka, Eugene Koloski, Brett Kresco, J.E.L., Martin Long, Austin Marlowe, Gerry Muldoon, Andy Nagen, Viking Nyberg, Danielle Painter, Tom Palmer, Gretta Petterson, Lyla Perkins, Peyton James Perkins, Lisa Pikarski, Anthony Rodolico, Barb Stapleton, John Steele, Allan Stonecipher, Kelly Cunningham Suberts, Carl Thorpe, Sandra Wallak, Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson, Msgr. Bob Yeazel

Please Pray for our Homebound...

Mike Berish, Ethel Cole, Mary Martin

Please call the Parish Office to add anyone to our Prayer List.



St. Francis Xavier Giving Tree

Our Parish Social Services Team will be hanging cards and angels with gift requests for families. Also, our Stewardship and Respect Life Committees are holding a "Warm Hands and Feet" drive for Birthright and Emmaus Ministry. They will be hanging mitten and sock cut-outs with size requests.

Angel gifts only must be returned wrapped. All other gifts with cards/cut-outs must be returned unwrapped.

All gifts must be returned by *December 17th*. Thank you!



PEACE, INC. LUNCHEON

The next lunch will be served at noon on Thursday, **December 14th** in our church

hall. If you have not already registered for this lunch, please call our parish office by Monday, December 11th.

~beef bourguignon over buttered noodles, green beans, strawberries with whipped topping and a fresh baked whole wheat dinner roll~



The Blessing of the “Bambinelli”

Dear Parish Family,

Next weekend, the Third Sunday of Advent, we will bless Baby Jesus figurines at all Masses. You may bring your own baby Jesus figurines if you would like to have them blessed. We will also have baby Jesus figurines available to be blessed and distributed.

The blessing of the “Bambinelli” [Baby Jesus figurines] as they are called in Rome, reminds us that the crib is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy. This does not consist in having many things but in feeling loved by the Lord, in giving oneself as a gift for others and in loving one another. Let us look at the crib. Our Lady and St Joseph do not seem to be a very fortunate family; their first child was born in the midst of great hardship; yet they are full of deep joy, because they love each other, they help each other and, especially, they are certain that God, who made himself present in the little Jesus, is at work in their story. And the shepherds? What did they have to rejoice about? That Newborn Infant was not to change their condition of poverty and marginalization. But faith helped them recognize the “babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger” as a “sign” of the fulfilment of God’s promises for all human beings, “with whom he is pleased” (Lk 2: 12, 14). -National Catholic Register

God Bless, *Fr. Dan*

As you may know, there is a change in the parish office:

Dawn O'Hara who came on board last summer has moved with her husband Kevin to Fayetteville and no longer is with us in the Rectory. I want to thank Dawn for all she did, the ease with which she helped the parish make a transition and the delight she brought to her position. Also, I would like to welcome back Katherine Boos: it is great to have Katherine back working with us in the Rectory; (Honey could not be more excited).

Welcome back Katherine.

Immaculata Award - Diocese of Syracuse

The Immaculata Award is an award recognizing and honoring lay people who generously and unselfishly volunteer time and service to their parishes. On one side of the medal appears an image of the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of the Diocese of Syracuse. The reverse features an image of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The St. Francis Xavier recipients of this year’s award are:

Vernon & Marilyn Bush

An award ceremony will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Sunday, Dec. 10th at 2:30pm.

There will be a Second Collection this weekend: Cathedralicum

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent



Scripture Readings

IS 40:1-5, 9-11

PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

2 PT 3:8-14

MK 1:1-8

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today’s gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings, which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift, which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

Question of the Week - *Patience*

With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?



Faith Formation

Grades 1-8

Sunday 12/10: 9:45am-10:30am

Monday 12/11: 6:15pm-7:00pm

We are still collecting donations for our grade-level service projects!

Don't forget to bring in your donations when you can!!

Grade 1-3: Collecting new socks

Grade 4-6: Collecting loose change to purchase baby blankets

Grades 7-8: Collecting new children's books

Confirmation Year 1 and Year 2

CLASS IS THIS SUNDAY, Dec. 10 @ the Religious Ed Center...Sponsors encouraged to attend class from 1:30pm-2:30pm, but are welcome to join for the whole class! Don't forget your Jail Ministry donations!

CLOW

THANK YOU TO ALL that have been so generous as to offer your time and talent to help with CLOW! I am so happy to say that we have enough volunteers to begin! We are planning on starting in early January. Stay tuned for more info!

OTHER NEWS

We are so excited to invite all children of the parish to sing at Christmas Eve Mass. We will be having practices during Faith Formation classes in December, as well as a practice at Church following 10:45 Mass on Sunday, December 17. ALL ARE WELCOME! More information will be sent home to Faith Formation students. If you have a child not in Faith Formation classes, but they would like to sing on Christmas Eve, please email me! Lcarver@syrديو.орг

HOPE Appeal Update

Our goal: \$40,850

Total pledges/gifts to date: \$36,819

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