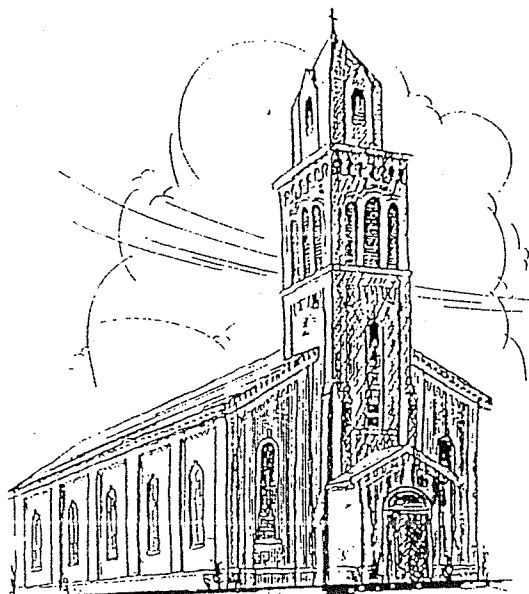


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

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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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:

Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 10:45 am

Holy Day Masses: See schedule inside.

Daily Mass: 6:45 am Mon, Thur, Fri
Tuesday 6:00pm

Weekend Mass Schedule in our area

St. Michael-St. Peter

Sat. Evening: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 & 11:00 am

St. Mary's of the Lake

Sat. Evening: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:15 am

St. Patrick's Jordan

Sat. Evening: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am

PASTORAL STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino*
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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
Ed Dunn	Marty McClusky
Terry Kotlarz	Patty Gooden
Beth Cusick	John Ketterer
Jason Palmowski	

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday December 14

VIGIL THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30PM- J.W. MacDonald- The Weeks Family

Sunday December 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30AM- Thomas Reilly- The Szczech Family

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

Monday December 16

6:45AM- Anne Fragale- Class of 1970

Tuesday December 17

6:00PM- The Losky Family- Family

Wednesday December 18

No Mass

Thursday December 19

6:45AM- Ed Grabowski- Family

Friday December 20

6:45AM- Eva Frod- Family

Saturday December 21

VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Sunday December 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30AM- Claude Smith- Family

10:45AM- Colleen Sennett Franz- John & Maureen Curtin

Ministry Schedule for St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, Dec. 21

Sunday, Dec. 22

4:30

8:30

10:45

Lector

MaryJo Palmowski

Lector

Patty Gooden

Lector

Tricia Austin

E. Ministers

Beth Feeney

E. Ministers

Christine Reilly

E. Ministers

Marty McClusky

Altar Servers

Blake LaPlant

Altar Servers

Peter Daiuto

Altar Servers

Lucas Vaga

Jesse LaPlant

Daniel Reilly

Nicholas Vaga



Marcellus Ecumenical Food Pantry

The 4th Sunday of every month, Dec. 21 and 22, is our St. Francis Food

Pantry Collection. If you are able to make a donation, please leave the items in/by the baskets at the back entrance ramp door. *Wish List:* Cereal, Kids Snacks, Coffee, Pet Food, Personal Care Items



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE - Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Monday, December 16

The Light is On For You- Church- 4-7pm

Lectio- Ch Hall- 6:30pm

Thursday, December 19

Rosary- Church- 7:00pm

Saturday, December 21

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

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal \$7,900 Last Week: \$6,145



Please Pray for...

Pam and Doug Myles and Family,
Penny Anderson, Greg Gibbons,
Ann Konieczny, Casey Smith, Isabelle Callahan, Genie Barnes, Noah Bilsback, Jack Bragger, Laura Brown, Robert Darling, Mary Dorsch, Nicole DeMore, Steven Goldberg, Michelle Fleegel, Sandra Wallak, Robert Hammond, Lucienne Henneberry, Ryan Huff, Katie Kelly, John Kianka, Eugene Koloski, Brett Kresco, J.E.L., Martin Long, Austin Marlowe, Andy Nagen, Viking Nyberg, Danielle Painter, Tom Palmer, Gretta Petterson, Lyla Perkins, Peyton James Perkins, Lisa Pikarski, Barb Stapleton, Allan Stonecipher, Carl Thorpe, Kelly Cunningham Suberts, Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson, Msgr. Bob Yeazel

Please Pray for our Homebound...

Mike Berish, Mary Martin

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

St. Peregrine

Dear Parish Family,

Did you know that we have a Saint to whom we can pray specifically for intercession for cancer patients? He is St. Peregrine. Please visit our website under [reflections](#) 9/17/24 and select the link to read more of his story. sfxmarcellus.com

I found a statue of St. Peregrine which I purchased and blessed along with a book of Catholic Novenas with the novena in honor of St. Peregrine in it. If any one or any family would like to take the statue and novena to their home and pray that novena for themselves, a loved one or a friend; please contact the rectory. All that I ask is that you bring the statue and novena back to the rectory after your nine days so that others might have the opportunity to take part in this prayer.

God Bless, Fr. Dan



Gaudete Sunday

Dear Parish Family,
 This past week I learned some wonderful things. On Sunday, during my homily, a little child began to count: 1,2,3,4,5..10; it was innocent and perfect. On Monday at Mass for the Immaculate Conception another young child began to recite the alphabet, again, totally innocent and perfect. There are so many things that we should be happy and rejoice over, but nothing more than the pure joy, love, and innocence of a little child. This week we will light the pink candle on the Advent Wreath, joyful that our salvation is so near. We will also bless the creches from mangers and we will bless the "Bambellini" and have the infant Jesus available to go to our parish homes. It is a very good time to remember that the Baby Jesus is not just a play, plastic or paper-mache model that we take out once a year then put back into storage. Jesus was truly a human baby, (like us in all things but sin), he cried when he was hungry, needed a change or was 'fussy'. As he grew he learned to walk, and probably stumbled and fell, learned to talk and recite his prayers. As he grew, Joseph taught him the carpenter's trade; and ultimately Jesus began His public ministry and ended up on the cross, but was raised on the third day. On Christmas we celebrate the birth of Immanuel, God with us: Jesus Christ truly God and truly human. Sometimes we forget the humanity of Jesus, but He truly was, and is God and man.

God Bless, Fr. Dan



FAITH FORMATION

GRADES 1-8

Sunday 12/22-NO CLASSES
 Monday 12/23-NO CLASSES
 Sunday 12/29-NO CLASSES

Monday 12/30-NO CLASSES

Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!
 Classes resume on Sunday 1/5 and Monday 1/6

CONFIRMATION:

Year 1 and Year 2: Class 3: Sunday, December 15: Mass @ 10:45am, then class from 12:00-2:30pm at Religious Ed Center (North Street)

Year 1 and Year 2: Class 4: Sunday, January 12: Mass @ 10:45am, then class from 12:00-2:30pm (Safe Env. 12-1pm) at Religious Ed Center (North Street)

ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH are invited to participate in signing a few carols before Christmas Eve mass. We ask that any children participating join for a brief rehearsal after the 10:45am mass on December 22.

Please email me with any questions! Thank you!

Laura Carver lcarver@syrdio.org



December 15, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings

Zep 3:14-18a
 Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.
 Phil 4:4-7
 Lk 3:10-18

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give necessities to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.

Question of the Week - *The Joy of Kindness*

For Adults: What might John the Baptist challenge you to do differently in your life?

For Children: Do you have extras that you can share with others this week?

GIVING TREE - Due to the low number of Food Pantry families this year, we will not be putting up a Giving Tree. However, we do have a few children from the Food Pantry that need gifts. If you would like to sponsor a family, please contact Katherine at the parish office at (315) 673-2531.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



The Light Is On For You 2024

Monday, December 16th from 4-7pm
 St. Francis Xavier Church will be open for quiet prayer and Confession.

Upcoming Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Masses- 4:00pm and Midnight

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Mass- 10:00am

(Thursday, Dec. 26 & Friday, Dec. 27 - No Mass)

Our next Sandwich Sunday is Dec. 15
 Please join us after the 10:45 mass to make sandwiches followed by enjoying donuts, coffee, and juice. We hope to see you there!

WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS on behalf of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, welcome! We are happy that you have come to our parish to gather with us in prayer and to give thanks. We hope that you will soon call this faith community your home.

"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer." -Mother Teresa

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