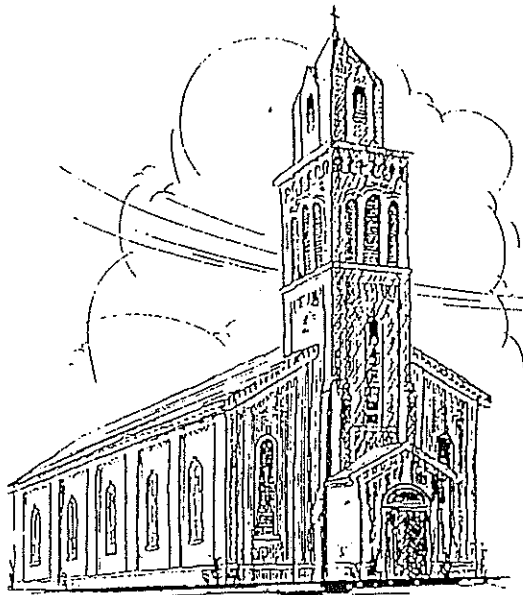


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

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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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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lcarver@syrdio.org

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Confirmation Coordinators:
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sfxconfirmation1@gmail.com

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 23

VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30 PM- Carol Anne McGrath- The McGrath Family

Sunday December 24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM- People of St. Francis Xavier Church

10:45 AM- Deceased members of the Muscalino Family

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

4:00 PM- Elizabeth Gooden- Family

Midnight- Kevin Falge- Family

Monday December 25

CHRISTMAS

10:00AM- Special Intentions of Fr. Dan- St. Francis

Xavier Parish Family

Tuesday December 26

SAINT STEPHEN

No Mass

Wednesday December 27

SAINT JOHN

No Mass

Thursday December 28

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

No Mass

Friday December 29

SAINT THOMAS BECKET

No Mass

Saturday December 30

VIGIL THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

4:30 PM- Gerry Curtin- Pat Eisenberg & Family

Sunday December 31

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:30 AM- Ethan Thomas Chynoweth- Bob & Carol Clark

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

VIGIL SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLY DAY (not of obligation)

6:00 PM- Ann Schmitt- Beverly & Al

Ministry Schedule for St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, Dec. 30	Sunday, Dec. 31	
4:30	8:30	10:45
Lector	Lector	Lector
Mary Dailey	Angi Daiuto	Marty McClusky
E. Ministers	E. Ministers	E. Ministers
Chris Hunt	Judy Priest	Marty McClusky
Altar Servers	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
Jack Lindgren	Peter Daiuto	Daniel Cross
	Daniel Reilly	Max Stokking

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and Plus Funeral Home for the 2024
calendars!*

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses- 4:00pm and Midnight

Monday, December 25

Christmas Mass- 10:00am

Tuesday, December 26-December 29

No Masses

Thursday, December 28

Rosary – Church -7:00pm

Sunday, December 31

Holy Day Vigil Mass- Solemnity of Mary- 6:00pm

Monday, January 1

Holy Day Mass- Solemnity of Mary- 10:00am

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal \$7,900 Last Week: \$8,516



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's Stewardship Committee & Respect Life Committee would like to express many thanks for your outpouring generosity and support with the "Warm Hands and Warm Feet" giving tree response. St Francis Xavier is truly blessed with all our parishioners. A big THANK-YOU and a Merry Christmas.

Branch Out & Grow Support Group For Separated Or Divorced: Single Living

This is a support group for those who are experiencing separation or divorce. All are welcome! Come to listen or to talk! This will be a virtual meeting and will last about 1 hour.

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

7:00PM – 8:00PM

For more information, contact Deacon Dean Brainard:
dbrainard@syrdio.org or 315-472-6754 ext.5 A Hope Appeal funded program.



Dear Parish Family,

What Child is this?

A popular Christmas carol asks the question: "What child is this?" Our

Gospels for the celebration give us a complete answer.

In Matthew 1:1-25 we are given the genealogy of Jesus: son of David, the son of Abraham recalling for us that Jesus is completely human with a family history and a family tree. Luke 2:1-14 (the most well known of the Christmas Gospels) and Luke 2:15-20 gives us the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and here we hear of the Angels and Shepherds; truly a remarkable birth! John 1:1-18 proclaims clearly the Divinity of Jesus as truly the Light that was to come into the world and the Word through all things come into being. What child is this? He is Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, truly human and truly Divine, truly God and truly man. He who was promised to come into the world to redeem us from sin and death. As we read in John 3:16; "For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son into the world, not to judge or condemn the world, but to set it free." This Christmas, we embrace the gift of God, given Himself for us and for our salvation. This is how we answer the question: What child is this? and this is why we say Merry Christmas.

God bless and Merry Christmas,

Fr. Dan

Because It's Christmastime

Because it's Christmastime again,
the time of peace - goodwill to men.

We marvel at the reds and green,
the ever-lovely Christmas scene.

The cards, the gifts, the treasured love
and blessings rich from God above.

It's Christmas on each city street,
the country lane with snow piled deep.

While children wait so patiently
to trim that magic Christmas tree,
to tuck the packages away awaiting
one more Christmas Day.

We greet our dear ones - far or near -
to add our touch of Christmas cheer.

God bless each one,
may joys increase,

with new year happiness for each.

A world of peace,
a heart sublime,

my wish for you this Christmastime.

Written by: Garnett Ann Schultz

Joy, prayer and gratitude are three ways that prepare us to experience Christmas in an authentic way. -Pope Francis



December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings

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

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

QUESTION: What do you call a family, which began with an unmarried pregnant teen, and had a twelve-year-old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

Question of the Week - Acceptance of God's Will

For Adults: How do you open your heart to what God wants for you? How do you follow the pathway that leads to happiness?

For Children: Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?



Faith Formation

Grades 1-8:

Sunday 12/24: NO CLASS, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Monday 12/25: NO CLASS, MERRY

CHRISTMAS!

Sunday 12/31: NO CLASS, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Monday 1/1: NO CLASS, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday 1/7: Classes Resume-9:45am-10:30am

Monday 1/8: Classes Resume-6:15pm-7:00pm

CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 and YEAR 2

NEXT CLASS IS: Sunday, January 24, 12:00pm-2:30pm

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!

Are you a new parishioner? *Welcome!* Please introduce yourself to Fr. Dan & Dc. John. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community. Contact the church office to register. (315) 673-2531

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