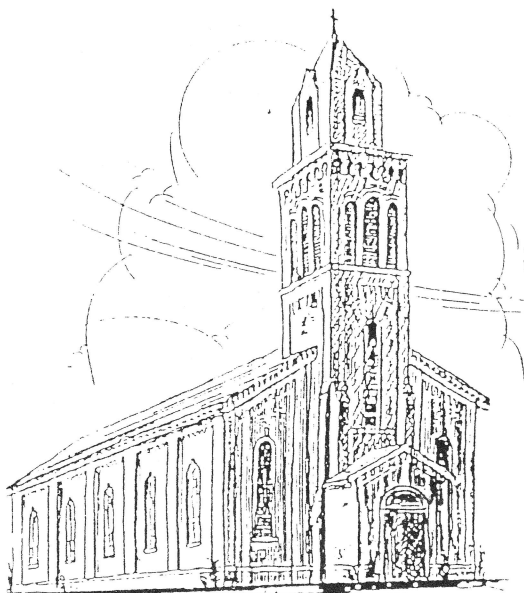


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses - 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Sacrament of Penance - Saturday 3:30pm

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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:

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:

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PARISH TRUSTEES:

Diane Foster*

Joseph E. Durand*

* Also on Parish Council

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism:

Class required.

Call rectory for arrangements.

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30 - 4:00

Marriage: Arrangements at least 6 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS are most welcome.

See Fr. Muscalino after Mass or call the Rectory.

PARISH COUNCIL

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Terry Kotlarz

Beth Cusick

Patty Gooden

Roxanne Taylor

Kim Flood

Marty McClusky

Carter Austin

John Ketterer

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Rick Reagan

Chris Hunt

Diane Foster

Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino

Joseph E. Durand

Jay Austin

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday December 24

VIGIL CHRISTMAS

4:00 PM- Elizabeth Gooden- Mom, Dad and Matt

Midnight – Kevin Falge- Family

Sunday December 25

CHRISTMAS

10:00 AM- Bob and Laura- Marilyn Warnock

Monday December 26

SAINT STEPHEN

No Mass

Tuesday December 27

SAINT JOHN

No Mass

Wednesday December 28

No Mass

Thursday December 29

No Mass

Friday December 30

No Mass

Saturday December 31

VIGIL SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

4:30 PM- Peggy Ann & John McGreal- Mary McGreal

Sunday January 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8:30 AM- Michael & Ellen Coyne- Tim Erwin

10:45 AM- People of St. Francis Xavier

Ministry Schedule for St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, Dec. 31

4:30

Sunday, Jan. 1

8:30

10:45

Lectors

MaryJo Palmowski

Patty Gooden

Marilyn Duffy

Altar Servers

Jack Lindgren

Mac Ciras

Dan Cross

Kailyn Corfield



Christmas Symbols

The bulletin insert has an explanation

of these wonderful Christmas symbols.

If you miss the insert, please visit our website:

www.sfxmarcellus.com. Enjoy!



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses- Church- 4:00pm and midnight

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Mass- Church- 10:00am

Monday, December 26

No Mass

Lectio Divina- Ch Hall- 6:30pm

Thursday, December 29

Rosary- Church- 7:00pm

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal \$7,900 Last Week: \$11,090

Please Pray for...

Baby Gavin, Marilyn Warnock, Tom Palmer, Andy Nagen, Martin Long, J.E.L., Robert Darling, J. Michael Kelly, Barb Stapleton, Peyton James Perkins, Mary Dorsch, Msgr. Bob Yeazel, Gretta Petterson, Robert Hammond, Richard Hammond, Isabelle Callahan, Riley Christine Perkins, Danielle Painter, Genie Barnes, Nicole DeMore, Lisa Pikarski, Michelle Fleegel, Jack Bragger, Missy Fitz, Austin Marlowe, Brett Kresco, Lucienne Henneberry, Allan Stonecipher, Kelly Cunningham Suberts, Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson

Please Pray for our Homebound...

Frieda Stopyro, Isabelle LaClair, Helen Volcko, Mike Berish, Mary Martin, Ethel Cole

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



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SPIRITUAL ADOPTIONS

Our spiritually adopted sons and daughters are now 8 months and gaining weight, adding fat that will help keep them warm after birth. They are ready at any time to take their first, big breath. Kicking and moving around, they are preparing for their birthing event. We can imagine that they are hearing and listening to Christmas songs being sung. We are reminded of another birth about to happen in a place long ago, in a place unexpected by His mother and father. Please continue to pray for your spiritually adopted child. Let the angels sing at their birth, like they did at that birth long ago.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted..." *Prayer by Archbishop Fulton Sheen.*
Thank you for your prayers.

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



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

Faith Formation

Gr. 1-8:

Sunday: CLASSES RESUME 1/8/23 9:45AM-10:30AM

Monday: CLASSES RESUME 1/9/23 6:15PM-7:00PM

Confirmation:

Next Confirmation class is Sunday, 1/8/23 @
Religious Ed Center for both Year 1 and Year 2:
12:00pm-2:30pm



We would like to invite all children of the parish to join us at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass (Saturday Dec. 24) to sing a few carols prior to the

beginning of mass. If your child plans on singing, please plan on being at the Church at 3:30pm. All are welcome! It would be a blessing to have as many kids as possible share in the joy of the season and hear all of their beautiful voices. Please let me know if your child(ren) plan on participating by emailing me at lcarter@syrdio.org. Wishing everyone a most blessed Christmas! Laura

Bishop Lucia's Christmas Letter 2022 is posted on our website under reflections.



December 25, 2022

Christmas

Scripture Readings

Is 52:7-10

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.

Heb 1:1-6

Lk 2:1-14

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar – This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

Question of the Week - Christmas Day: Nativity of the Lord

For Adults: If Jesus were to be born today, do you think you would accept him and follow him? Why or why not?

For Children: What could you and your family do for others during the next week to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

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

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