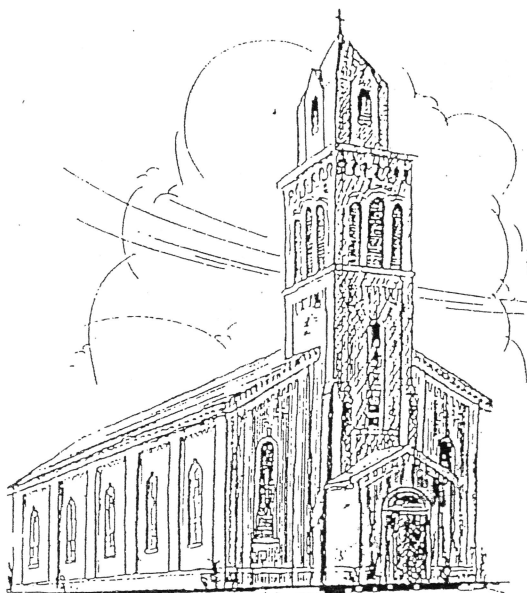


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses - 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Sacrament of Penance - Saturday 3:30pm

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:

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, Wed, Thur, Fri

Weekend Mass Schedule in our area

St. Michael-St. Peter

Sat. Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:15 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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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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Beth Cusick

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Marty McClusky

Terry Kotlarz

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Chris Hunt

Diane Foster

Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino

Joseph E. Durand

Jay Austin

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday December 26

VIGIL THE HOLY FAMILY

4:30 PM- Robert Welsh- The Welsh Family

Sunday December 27

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:30 AM- Daniel Balman- The Dixie Family

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

Monday December 28

No Mass

Tuesday December 29

SAINT THOMAS BECKET

No Mass

Wednesday December 30

No Mass

Thursday December 31

No 6:45 AM Mass

VIGIL THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

6:00 PM- Steve Vamosy- John & Veronica Hughes

Friday January 1 – First Friday

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

8:30 AM- Peter Jula- Family

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

Saturday January 2 First Saturday

SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN

9:00 AM- Respect for the Dignity of Human Life

VIGIL EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:30 PM- Joe Delaney- Lynn Hickman

Sunday January 3

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:30 AM- Robert Warnock, Jr- Joan

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - Evangelization

For a life of prayer – We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Information Regarding Mass: We are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice. If you are uncomfortable with attending any group gathering or have a preexisting medical condition that would make you more susceptible; or are ill or have any symptoms of covid19 or your family member is ill; please stay home and take care of yourself. You may view the weekend Mass on our Facebook page or through the link on our website.

2021 Calendars, courtesy of Ryan Funeral Home and Plis Funeral Home, are available at the church entrance.

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

St. Francis is open for public Mass for 50 people. There will be no Mass this week on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday morning. There will be a Vigil Mass Thursday evening and Friday for the Holy Day.

REMINDER: Please SIGN UP online if you plan on attending Mass & review safety measures.

www.sfxmarcellus.com/events

(Please sign up by Friday morning for weekend Mass)

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal: \$7,900 Last Week: \$6,580

Please Pray For...

Gretta Petterson, Robert Hammond,
Richard Hammond, Isabelle Callahan,
Dennis McEnery, Riley Christine Perkins,
Nick Olenych, Roger Schott, Danielle Painter,
Genie Barnes, Nicole DeMore, Lisa Pikarski,
Michelle Fleegel, Jo-Ann Foertch,
Ellie Hauver, Justin MacLachlan, Jack Bragger,
Peggy Paradise, Missy Fitz, Austin Marlowe,
Brian Stonelake, Brett Kresco, Lucienne Henneberry,
Allan Stonecipher, Donna Martin, J.E.L.,
Kelly Cunningham Suberts, Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson

Please Pray for Our Homebound...

Isabelle LaClair, Theresa Holmes, Kay Wilson,
Helen Volcko, Mike Berish,
Marie Patterson, Mary Martin, Ethel Cole
Please call the Church Office to add anyone to our Prayer List.



As Pope Francis says
"God is not afraid of new things! That is why he is continually surprising us, opening our hearts, and guiding us in unexpected ways."

Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Do you have questions about Jesus and the Catholic community? Please call the church office for more information: (315) 673-2531

Confession: We have confessions each Saturday in the Church from 3:30-4:00 PM. Fr. Dan will hear confessions in the Sacristy. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing while waiting in the pews. Please do NOT line up outside of the Sacristy, when the door nearest St. Francis Xavier's statue is closed you will know that Fr. Dan is not free, when it is open, you are welcome to come in for confession. Thank you.

A Note from Fr. Dan:

This year many things are different about how we celebrate Christmas. Family gatherings are smaller if we can gather at all. People still need to greet one another wearing a mask and keeping social distancing. Even in Church our numbers are limited, sign up for Masses are required, the use of hand sanitizers and practicing social distancing in our pews; even the way we receive the Eucharist is very different. Yet, the message of Christmas does not change: our God is with us, choosing to become like us in all things but sin. Born of the Virgin Mary, the Lord Jesus entered human history to save us and set us free from the age old tyranny of sin and death. In the words of John's Gospel 3: 16 "For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son into the world, not to judge or condemn, but to set it free." With great faith, hope and love we proclaim: Merry Christmas! God bless you all. Fr. Dan

Be Not Afraid - Discussing Assisted Suicide &

Poverty: You are invited to view the second and third sessions in a 4-part series learning about the issues of abortion, assisted suicide, poverty and racism and how to discuss the Catholic perspective about these issues in a way that fosters respect between loved ones, neighbors and friends. Go to www.syrdio.org to the Family/Respect Life Office page, scroll down to the bottom to find the second and third Be Not Afraid sessions regarding assisted suicide and poverty.



December 27, 2020
**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

Scripture Readings

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

COL 3:12-21

LK 2:22-40

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar – The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph were not “perfect” parents. If you have ever been “amazed” and “astonished” at what came out of your child’s mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you “didn’t understand” your children or felt “anxious” about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

Question of the Week – *Respect for Elders*

For Adults: What does your family do to honor and respect its oldest members?

For Children: Who are the oldest people you know, and what can you learn from them?

Let the Children Come...

Thank you to all you parents who bring your children to celebrate the Eucharist with us; they are a delight and joy and remind us of how wonderful a gift children really are. Please know that ALL children, no matter their age, are welcome here at St. Francis Xavier and by our Lord. To quote one of my favorite Scripture passages: “And the people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Then he embraced them, blessed them, placing his hands on them.” Mark 10: 13-15
God bless, Fr. Dan

Vocation Corner – Feast of the Holy Family

“Over all these put on love.” Discerning a vocation to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life are ways to love the Lord and his people. Call Father Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or email: vocations@syrdio.org.

Each week we will print one name of our Diocesan Seminarians so that we can remember them specifically, by name, in prayer throughout the week.

This week we remember in prayer:

Douglas Villanella.

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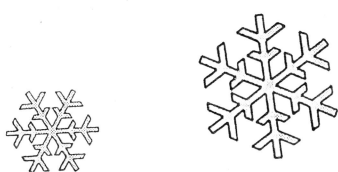
Year of Vocations



GOD, MY FATHER,
YOU CREATED ME WITH A SPECIFIC PURPOSE
FOR MY LIFE; THIS IS MY VOCATION.
BY FOLLOWING YOUR PLAN,
I WILL BE HAPPY ON EARTH,
EARN THE REWARD OF HEAVEN,
AND HELP OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.
PLEASE HELP ME TO HEAR,
UNDERSTAND, AND FOLLOW
YOUR CALL WITH MY WHOLE HEART,
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT SEEMS MOST DIFFICULT.
SAINT JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE
UNIVERSAL CHURCH,
PRAY FOR ME TO KNOW AND ACCEPT,
GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE.

AMEN.





Merry Christmas



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