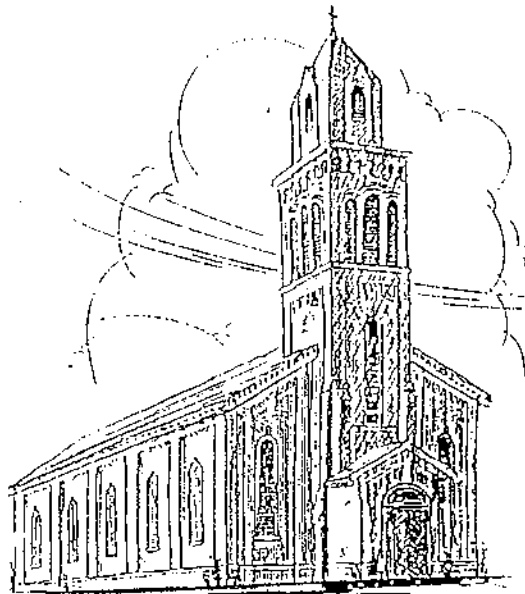


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## WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

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

## TELEPHONES:

Rectory: 673-2531  
1 West Main St., P.O. Box 177

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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

<b>Weekend Masses:</b> Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 pm Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 10:45 am	<b>Holy Day Masses:</b> See schedule inside. <b>Daily Mass:</b> 6:45 am Mon, Thur, Fri Tuesday 6:00pm
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### Weekend Mass Schedule in our area

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

Pastor: Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino\*  
Pastoral Associate: Deacon John J. Falge\*  
Faith Formation Director: Laura Carver\*  
[lcarver@syrдио.org](mailto:lcarver@syrдио.org)

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Katherine Boos [kboos@syrдио.org](mailto:kboos@syrдио.org)  
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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:  
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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 January 13

VIGIL SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
4:30 PM- Martha Lollis- Mike and Family

## Sunday January 14

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:30 AM- Howard and Agnes Weeks- Weeks Family  
10:45 AM- People of St. Francis Xavier Church

## Monday January 15

6:45AM- Ethel Cole- St. Francis Family

## Tuesday January 16

6:00 PM- Marianne Jula- Friends

## Wednesday January 17

SAINT ANTHONY

*No Mass*

## Thursday January 18

6:45AM- John "Tom" Steele- St. Francis Family

## Friday January 19

6:45AM- Gerry Joyce- Friends

## Saturday January 20

VIGIL THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
4:30 PM- Lucy Tyminski- The Clark Family

## Sunday January 21

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:30 AM- People of St. Francis Xavier Church  
10:45 AM- Tom Steele- Mary McGreal  
1:00 PM- Holy Hour- For the Protection of the Unborn

### Ministry Schedule for St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, Jan. 20	Sunday, Jan. 21	
4:30	8:30	10:45
<u>Lector</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Terry Hall	Jeanie Cupoli	Jeff Dixe
<u>E. Ministers</u>	<u>E. Ministers</u>	<u>E. Ministers</u>
Beth Feeney	Terry Kotlarz	Tim Manahan
<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Jack Lindgren	Peter Daituo	Charlotte Jinks
	Daniel Reilly	Kailyn Corfield



### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

*For the Gift of Diversity in the Church*

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

2023 Donation Letters for Tax Purposes  
Please contact Katherine at the parish office to have your donation letter sent to you. Thank you!

### What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

#### Sunday, January 14

Coffee Hour- Ch Hall- after both Masses  
CLOW- 10:45 Mass

#### Monday, January 15

Lectio- Ch Hall- 6:30pm

#### Wednesday, January 17

Parish Council Meeting- Ch Hall 7:00pm

#### Thursday, January 18

Rosary- Church- 7:00pm

#### Saturday, January 20

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

#### Sunday, January 21

Holy Hour- Church- 1:00pm

CLOW- 10:45 Mass

### Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal \$7,900 Last Week: \$7,833



#### Please Pray for...

Genie Barnes, Noah Bilsback, Jack Bragger, Laura Brown, Isabelle Callahan, Robert Darling, Nicole DeMore, Mary Dorsch, Michelle Flegel, 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, Allan Stonecipher, Carl Thorpe, Kelly Cunningham Suberts, Sandra Wallak, 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.*

*Thank You to Ryan Funeral Home and Plis Funeral Home for the 2024 calendars!*

Branch Out & Grow Support Group for Separated or Divorced: **BRIGHTER DAYS**

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 17, 2024

7:00PM – 8:00PM

For more information, contact Deacon Dean Brainard:  
dbrainard@syradio.org or 315-472-6754 ext.5

*A Hope Appeal funded program.*



*Celebrating Children at St. Christopher Parish (and here at St. Francis as well)*  
To parents of young children, may we suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children' don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. Sit toward the front where it's easier to see and hear, Quietly explain parts of the Mass.

Sing songs, pray and say the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. Feel free to leave Mass with your child if you need to, *(I hope that you stay -Fr. Dan)* but please come back!

The way we welcome children in church directly affects The way they respond to church, to God and to Jesus. Let them know they are at home in this liturgical gathering. *(and in this Church -Fr. Dan)*

To the members of the parish... A smile of encouragement and a kind word are always welcome to parents with small, active children. *(These are my own, and not part of the original, -Fr. Dan)*

#### 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



#### Faith Formation

##### **GRADES 1-8:**

Sunday 1/14: Class 9:45am-10:30am

Monday 1/15: NO CLASSES

Sunday 1/21: Class 9:45am-10:30am

Sunday 1/21: First Penance/First Communion Parent Info Session during class time 9:45am-10:30am

Monday 1/22: Class 6:15pm-7:00pm

Monday 1/22: First Penance/First Communion Parent Info Session during class time 6:15pm-7:00pm

##### **CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 and YEAR 2**

**NEXT CLASS IS:** Sunday, January 21, 12:00-2:30pm

##### **CLOW**

**NEXT CLASS IS:** Sunday 1/21 during 10:45am Mass

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### Scripture Readings

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42

#### **A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

#### **Question of the Week - Come and See**

*For Adults:* What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?

*For Children:* What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?

#### St. Francis Xavier Stewardship Committee



##### **"Gently used" coats and jackets**

may be donated for the needy after Mass on the weekends of January 13 and January 20. The clothing items can be deposited in boxes left at the front and rear entrances of the church. Thank You!

Adoration is the *First Friday* of each month. If you are interested in sitting for an hour with our Lord, please email [bcusick2487@gmail.com](mailto:bcusick2487@gmail.com) to have your name added to the Adoration email list for sign ups.



#### Grief Survivors Support Group

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 6:00PM – 7:30PM

The only people who think there's a time limit for grief have never lost a piece of their heart.

Please join us for this FREE and confidential non-denominational support group for those suffering the loss of a loved one. Meets bi-weekly on Tuesdays to help you face the difficulty associated with losing a loved one. For those who prefer to do so, the program is also being offered via Zoom. Please call to register for both in-person or virtual meetings.

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