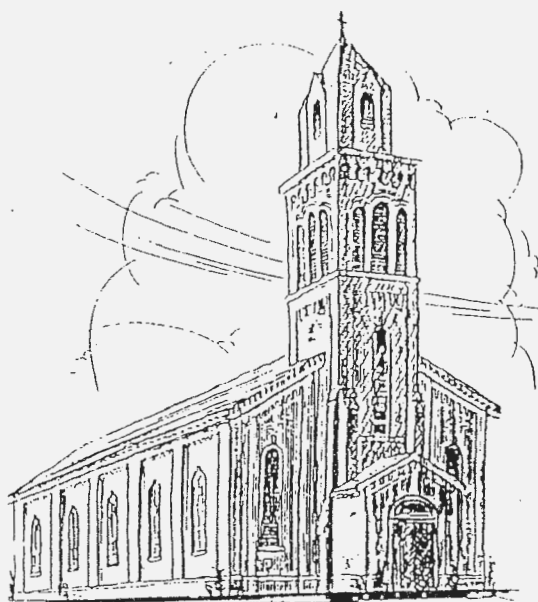


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

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, 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

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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.

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Carter Austin

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Jay Austin

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday January 30

VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 PM- Daniel T. Drew- Family

Sunday January 31

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:45 AM- Helen Fenlon- Marianne Julia

Monday February 1

6:45 AM- Martha Lollis- Barb Hassett

Tuesday February 2

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

6:00 PM- Laura McCormick- Mom

Wednesday February 3

SAINT BLAISE, SAINT ANSGAR

No Mass

Thursday February 4

6:45 AM- Ronald Owen- Friends

Friday February 5 – First Friday

SAINT AGATHA

6:45 AM- Jonathan E. Clark- Family

Saturday February 6 – First Saturday

SAINT PAUL MIKI

9:00 AM- Jack Palen- Family

VIGIL FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 PM- Joe Delaney- Bob & Diane

Sunday February 7

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM- Bud McGreal- Family

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

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

St. Francis is open for public Mass for *50 people*. In addition to weekend Mass, this week we will also have Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Mass. 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: \$5,839

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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

Human Fraternity – May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

-from Pope Francis' apostolic letter

Information Regarding Mass & Confession

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 & take care of yourself. You may view the weekend Mass on our Facebook page or through the link on our website.

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.



Faith Formation

"The things that matter most in our lives are not fantastic or grand. They are the moments when we touch one another, when we are there in the most attentive and caring way."

...from *A Path with Heart*



January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Dt 18:15-20

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar – Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

Question of the Week – Sharing Good News

For Adults: What can you tell others about Jesus with the most assurance?

For Children: What is the most important thing you would like others to know about Jesus? How will you show or tell them?

A Message from Fr. Dan:

I am writing this so that any confusion may be cleared up. As many of you know, as a language teacher I find it very important to use words correctly, and to paraphrase St. Pope John- Paul II: we must call things what they actually are. There is a euphemism that is used in our culture; "reproductive rights". While that sound perfectly plausible, many of the concepts to which it refers are directly opposed to our Catholic Moral teaching. One of which is abortion. Included in this week's bulletin as a hand out and posted on our social media platforms you will find the excerpt from the Catechism of the Catholic Church as what the Catholic Church teaches about abortion.

-Fr. Dan

Morning Mass Attendees

Reminder: Starting November 1 - April 1, there is **NO** on-street parking from 2am until 7am. Please use the parking lots around the church. You will be ticketed if parked on the street.

Online Rosary

Friday mornings @ 10:30am

Feel free to invite anyone you think might be interested or that may want to connect with others.

Please contact the church office:

kboos1914@gmail.com or (315) 673-2531.

Fisherman's Club Spring 2021

All are welcome to attend the Fisherman's Club, which is an initiative sponsored by the Office of Vocation Promotion that aims to reach college-age and young adult men who are thinking about the priesthood. The mission of "FC" is to build fraternity among young adult Catholic men as well as provide these men with tools for mature discernment of their vocation. These meetings will take place this year at St. Mary's Church in Cortland due to the pandemic, and will go from 6:30pm until 8pm. The Spring meeting dates are as follows: Tuesday, February 23; Tuesday, March 23; and Tuesday, April 20. For more information, please contact Fr. Nathan Brooks, the coordinator of this outreach, at NBrooks@syrddio.org.

World Marriage Day Update

Due to COVID-19, Mass at the Cathedral on February 14th will not take place. Parishes instead are invited to offer special blessings to married couples at the Masses on February 13th & February 14th. If you are celebrating 25, 20 or more years of marriage in 2021 please contact the Family/Respect Life Office at familyrespectlife@syrddio.org for a certificate from Bishop Lucia recognizing your special anniversary.

Vocation Corner

Psalm 95: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Keep listening to the Lord in the silence of your heart...the more you are open to hear him, the more he speaks. Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or email: vocations@syrddio.org.

Each week we will print one name of our 2020-2021 Syracuse Diocesan Seminarians so that we can remember them specifically, by name, in prayer throughout the week. This week we remember in prayer: **Dcn. John Leo Oduor.**

Be Not Afraid - Discussing Racism

This is the last session 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.syrddio.org to the Family/Respect Life Office page, scroll down to the bottom to find the last Be Not Afraid session regarding racism.

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Abortion

2270 Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.⁷¹

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.⁷²

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.⁷³

2271 Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law:

You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.⁷⁴

God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.⁷⁵

2272 Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life. "A person who procures a completed abortion incurs excommunication latae sententiae,"⁷⁶ "by the very commission of the offense,"⁷⁷ and subject to the conditions provided by Canon Law.⁷⁸ The Church does not thereby intend to restrict the scope of mercy. Rather, she makes clear the gravity of the crime committed, the irreparable harm done to the innocent who is put to death, as well as to the parents and the whole of society.

2273 The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation:

"The inalienable rights of the person must be recognized and respected by civil society and the political authority. These human rights depend neither on single individuals nor on parents; nor do they represent a concession made by society and the state; they belong to human nature and are inherent in the person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took his origin. Among such fundamental rights one should mention in this regard every human being's right to life and physical integrity from the moment of conception until death."⁷⁹

"The moment a positive law deprives a category of human beings of the protection which civil legislation ought to accord them, the state is denying the equality of all before the

law. When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular of the more vulnerable, the very foundations of a state based on law are undermined....As a consequence of the respect and protection which must be ensured for the unborn child from the moment of conception, the law must provide appropriate penal sanctions for every deliberate violation of the child's rights."⁸⁰

2274 Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being.

Prenatal diagnosis is morally licit, "if it respects the life and integrity of the embryo and the human fetus and is directed toward its safe guarding or healing as an individual....It is gravely opposed to the moral law when this is done with the thought of possibly inducing an abortion, depending upon the results: a diagnosis must not be the equivalent of a death sentence."⁸¹

2275 "One must hold as licit procedures carried out on the human embryo which respect the life and integrity of the embryo and do not involve disproportionate risks for it, but are directed toward its healing the improvement of its condition of health, or its individual survival."⁸²

"It is immoral to produce human embryos intended for exploitation as disposable biological material."⁸³

"Certain attempts to influence chromosomic or genetic inheritance are not therapeutic but are aimed at producing human beings selected according to sex or other predetermined qualities. Such manipulations are contrary to the personal dignity of the human being and his integrity and identity"⁸⁴ which are unique and unrepeatable.

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