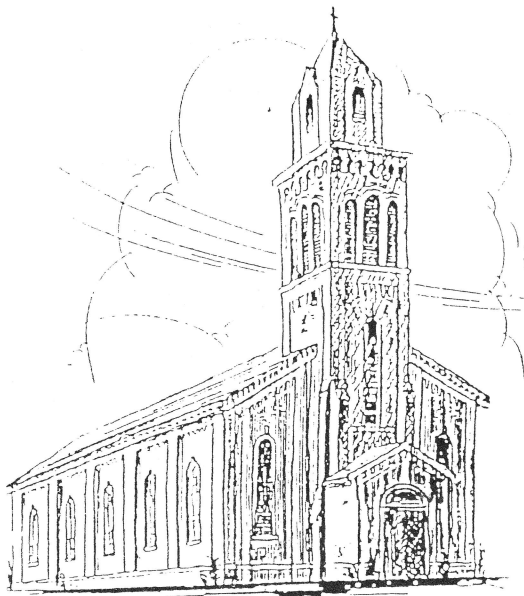


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

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 Hall

Pen Anderson

Terry Kotlarz

Beth Cusick

Patty Gooden

Roxanne Taylor

Kim Flood

Marty McClusky

Carter Austin

John Ketterer

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Rick Reagan

Chris Hunt

Diane Foster

Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino

Joseph E. Durand

Jay Austin

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday February 18

VIGIL SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 PM- Tom Reilly- Martin Dillon

Sunday February 19

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM- Paul McGreal- Mary McGreal
10:45 AM- People of St. Francis Xavier

Monday February 20

6:45 AM- Ed Grabowski- Family

Tuesday February 21

SAINT PETER DAMIAN
6:00 PM- Joan Bruzdziński- Family

Wednesday February 22

ASH WEDNESDAY
6:45 AM Mass- Peter VanOpdorp- Friends
12:10 PM Service
6:00 PM Mass- Bobby Woods- Friends

Thursday February 23

6:45 AM- Amber Longmeyer- Family

Friday February 24

6:45 AM- Martha Read- Friends

Saturday February 25

VIGIL FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
4:30 PM- Fredrick Anthony Lubkin- Catherine Grace

Sunday February 26

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AM- Ann Burns- Family
10:45 AM- People of St. Francis Xavier

Ministry Schedule for St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, Feb. 25	Sunday, Feb. 26	
4:30	8:30	10:45
Lectors	Lectors	Lectors
Mary Jo Palmowski	Patty Gooden	Marilyn Duffy
Altar Servers	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
Blake LaPlant	Mac Ciras	Dan Cross
Jesse LaPlant		Max Stokking

Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Days of Abstinence: No meat can be eaten on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays during Lent. This applies to all Catholics 14 and older.

Days to Fast: Only one full meal is permitted on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics between 18 and 59. Two smaller meals are permitted, but the small meals should not equal a second full meal. Drinking coffee, tea and water between meals is allowed. Snacks between meals are not allowed.

One is not bound to fast if health or the ability to work is affected.

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Saturday, February 18

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

Monday, February 20

Lectio Divina- Ch Hall- 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday

(all 3 times have distribution of Ashes)
6:45 AM Mass and 6:00 PM Mass
12:10 PM Service

Thursday, February 23

Rosary- Church- 7:00pm

Friday, February 24

Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition and Benediction- Church- 7:00pm

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal \$7,900 Last Week: \$8,421

Please Pray for...

John Kianka, 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.

The Fr. Mike Donovan Memorial Scholarship

This past Fall we held the first annual Fr. Mike Donovan Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament and are now ready to accept applications for the scholarship. The Scholarship is open to any Senior from St. Francis Xavier Parish who will be graduating from High School this spring and will be attending a four or two year college or a trade school in the 2023/2024 Academic year. The Scholarship is worth \$500. To apply, simply submit a printed copy to Fr. Dan by noon on Sunday April 30, 2023 of an essay describing what your Catholic Faith means to you and what St. Francis Xavier Parish means to you. Please include your full name, address and phone contact number along with the School from which you are graduating this year, the date of your graduation and the school you will be attending in the fall.



LENT

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Forty Days of Lent that lead us on our faith journey to the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter). Lent is a time set aside by the Church for reflection, repentance and conversion so that each of us and by extension, our parish family, may become more identified with Jesus and cleared witness to His Gospel of Redemption and Salvation. Although Lent is a penitential season, the main focus is not on our sins (though we need to acknowledge our sin and come to God for forgiveness); we focus on God's compassion, mercy and forgiveness offered to us by the saving victory of Jesus in His Cross and Resurrection over sin and death. We traditionally look at our loves in light of the injunction of Ash Wednesday: "Repent and believe the Good News." We repent, acknowledge our sin and come to Confession for forgiveness; and we believe the Good News that we are able to be forgiven by God. The three-fold ancient practices of Lent are Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving.

Prayer is not to change God's will or mind, but to align our lives and will more with the will of God; to be able to say with Jesus in the agony of the garden: "Not my will, but Your will be done."

Fasting: is not just to give something up, but rather to help us appreciate that yes we are physical being, we are also spiritual beings and to help us re-focus on who we are; not just people of the world, but also, Children of God and Heirs of the Kingdom and to rely on God's goodness and generosity. It also helps to appreciate and enter into solidarity with those who are hungry: physically, and/or spiritually.

Alms giving gives us the chance to imitate God in His great generosity to us and to share His many gifts to us with our brothers and sisters who are in need of the basics necessary to live a dignified life. -Fr. Dan

Faith Formation

Gr. 1-8:

Sunday 2/19 and Monday 2/20- NO CLASSES

Confirmation- Upcoming Events:

Year 2: Sunday, March 5th- **Rite of Enrollment** at 8:30am Mass and **Retreat** at Church Hall following 8:30am Mass until 12:30pm

Year 1:

Saturday, May 6th- Retreat @ Orenda Springs 9:30 – 2

Join our faith community across the United States in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl by the entrances. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Please bring your rice bowl back by Holy Thursday.



February 19, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Scripture Readings

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Cor 3:16-23

Mt 5:38-48

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar – Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking / driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be FAMILY to others.

Question of the Week – Love of Enemies

For Adults: What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do?

For Children: Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?

Marcellus Ecumenical Food Pantry

The 4th Sunday (February 2/25-26) of every month is our St. Francis Food Pantry collection. If you are able to make a donation, please leave the items in the baskets by the back entrance ramp door. Thank you!

Wish list: personal care items, children's snack food, coffee, pet food.

Meeting Christ in Prayer IS BACK!

After a 3 year break due to covid, we are elated to bring back this incredible 8 week prayer experience this Lenten and Easter season. Modeled after the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Meeting Christ in Prayer introduces participants to various ways of praying, helps them form regular habits of prayer, and provides them with an opportunity to meet Christ anew. Participants take part in a retreat within their daily lives, during which they commit to 20 – 30 minutes of daily prayer and reflection exercises. Throughout the retreat, you are supported with eight weekly small group meetings that include group prayer, guided meditation, faith sharing, and reflection; and an overview of prayer exercises that are practiced throughout the week. Nearly 100 people in our parish have previously participated in MCIP! This year we are incredibly fortunate and blessed to have Gina Powell and Maribeth Rayfield serve as our group leaders. Weekly meetings will be held on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm at the Religious Education Center on North St. More information to come!! God bless.

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