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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Weekend Masses:

http://sfxmarcellus.com

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 PM Sunday Masses - 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Sacrament of Penance - Saturday 3:30pm

TELEPHONES:

Rectory: 673-2531

1 West Main St., P.O. Box 177

Rel. Ed. Center: 673-4107

53 North Street

"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."

Lituray Schedule

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

St. Mary's of the Lake Sat. Evening: 4:30 pm Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:15 am 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*

Pastoral Associate: Deacon John J. Falge* Religious Ed. Director: Renee O'Connor*

Parish Secretaries: Mary Jo Osterman

Katherine Boos

Social Service Coordinators:

Rosalie Durand Patty White

Music Director: Robin Schott, Jr.

Buildings and Grounds: Ron Schneider

Housekeeper: Kathy Welsh

Parish Historian: John P. Curtin

PARISH COUNCIL Jay Austin

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism: Class required.

Terry Hall

the Rectory.

Roxanne Taylor Kim Flood

Marty McClusky Pen Anderson Cheryl Hunt Terry Kotlarz

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

Beth Cusick

PARISH TRUSTEES:

Diane Foster* Joseph E. Durand*

Also on Parish Council

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Rick Reagan Chris Hunt

Diane Foster

Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino

Joseph E. Durand

Jay Austin



Saturday August 15 - Holy Day

THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9:00 AM- Butch Hassett- People of St. Francis VIGIL TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:30 PM- People of St. Francis Xavier

Sunday August 16

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM- William & Margaret McLaughlin- Family 10:45 AM- Sister Betty Drew- Family

Monday August 17

6:45 AM- Anne Drew- Family

Tuesday August 18

6:00 PM- Mary Buettgens- Buettgens Family

Wednesday August 19

SAINT JOHN EUDES

No Mass

Thursday August 20

SAINT BERNARD

6: 45 AM- John Muscalino- Family

Friday August 21

SAINT PIUS X

6:45 AM- Annemarie Sullivan- Rita & Colleen Condon

Saturday August 22

VIGIL TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:30 PM- Henry Gooden- Vernon & Marilyn Bush

Sunday August 23

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM- People of St. Francis Xavier 10:45 AM- Owen Corrigan- Corrigan Family



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary – Vigil Mass on Friday, August 14th at 6pm and Mass on Saturday, August 15th at

9:00am. This is not a Holy day of Obligation this year. (See the sign-up app)

Sacrament of Confession - To receive the *Sacrament of Confession*, please call the rectory and make an appointment.

Church Picnic - We have decided to hold off on our annual *church picnic* this year and look forward to a wonderful picnic next year!

Church Bulletin - The weekly bulletin is available on our website.

sfxmarcellus.com/weekly-bulletins

Elizabeth Ministry - The Elizabeth Ministry is here at St. Francis. This ministry is extremely important for it affirms that every member of the church has gifts and talents to build up the entire community.

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

St. Francis is open for public Mass for 50 people. In addition to weekend Mass, we will also have Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Mass. Parishioners need to sign up prior to the weekend and review safety instructions.

sfxmarcellus.com/events

(please sign up several days prior to weekend Mass so we can print the list ahead of time)

If you have any questions, call the rectory: 673-2531.

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal: \$7,900 Last Week: \$5,786

Please Pray For...

Isabelle Callahan, Dennis McEnery, Ed Dillon,
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,
Florence M. Linda, Peggy Paradise, Missy Fitz,
Austin Marlowe, Brian Stonelake, Brett Kresco,
Lucienne Henneberry, Allan Stonecipher,
Donna Martin, Kelly Cunningham Suberts,
Jo'Ann F., J.E.L., Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson

Please Pray for Our Homebound...

Isabelle LaClair, Theresa Holmes, Kay Wilson, Jim Reagan, Helen Volcko, Mike Berish, Ethel Cole, Marie Patterson, Mary Martin, Patricia Welch

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



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions -

Universal

The Maritime World – We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

A Vocational Prayer

Lord, through Baptism, you invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others.

Be with me as I choose each day to show your presence in our world.

Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call.

I pray especially for those who serve you as priests, brothers, sisters and deacons.

Keep them close to you.

Open the minds and hearts of many other men and women to be witnesses to your gospel.

Amen



SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, August 22nd at 9 & 11 a.m. Mass

Please remember these little ones in your prayers:

Blake Benz

Joshua Borst

Abigail Cullen

Elyse Donnelly

Logan Doshna

Anna Eriksson

Jack Lindgren

Addie Mahardy

Nicolina Masterpole

Eva Plew

Zoe Poquadeck

Sophie Smorol

Catherine Weber

Jaydin Weston

Ciara Wierbinski

Brystol Young

Dear St. Francis family,

August is passing by quickly and although there is still some uncertainty as to what the Autumn will offer; there are some things that are certain. The leaves will change, the days will be less hot and humid and schools in some shape will reopen. This summer has been unusual, yet we have many blessings to be thankful for: we are to celebrate Mass on a daily basis and on our regular weekend schedule; the Sacraments of Initiation were celebrated, the young men and women of the parish have been Confirmed and we will celebrate First Holy Communion for the children of our parish. And we, as a faith family continue to move forward, we acknowledge God's goodness and blessings. Let us always remember to thank God and care for each other with love, patience and a sense of humor. God Bless, Fr. Dan

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Information Regarding Mass

We would like to remind everyone that 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 your more susceptible; or are ill or have any symptoms of covid19; 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.

Please remember to reach out to your church if you need assistance during these difficult times.

St. Francis Xavier – (315) 673-2531



August 16, 2020 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Psalm 67

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar – The mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

Question of the Week- All Are Welcome

For Adults: The woman in this story was persistent in prayer. For what do you pray insistently?

For Children: For what do you ask God to give you

most often?

FRANCISCAN NORTHSIDE MINISTRIES,

located at 808 North Salina St. hosts a free legal assistance clinic on Tuesday afternoons from 2-4pm. Consultation is free and confidential. For an appointment, call 315-423-9961.

Poverello Health Center also located at 808 North Salina St. is open on Wednesday evenings from 5-7pm. Services are for the uninsured. Appointments are necessary...to make an appointment call 315-423-9961.



The brick & mortar repair work on the steeple is winding down this week. While some of the localized damage was severe with multiple crumbling brick zones

encountered, overall, following the re-pointing work, the tower will be in excellent condition. The upper wood-framed work is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of August 24th with a crew from the diocese performing the bulk of the construction. Based on current estimates, we are currently \$75,000 short of our fund-raising goal. Thank you for your contributions to date. Your continued support is really appreciated! We understand these are difficult times and you may not be able to make a financial donation so please support us by praying for the success of our capital campaign.

Easier Giving Online Donations:

Visit www.sfxmarcellus.com

Light our Future tab

Make a Gift button

You may make a one-time contribution or initiate recurring gifts.

Brother Richard Hendrick, a Capuchin Franciscan living in Ireland, has penned a touching poem about coronavirus.

Lockdown by Brother Richard:

Yes there is fear.

Yes there is isolation.

Yes there is panic buying.

Yes there is sickness.

Yes there is even death.

But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise

You can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet

The sky is no longer thick with fumes

But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi

People are singing to each other

across the empty squares,

keeping their windows open

so that those who are alone

may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland

Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know

is busy spreading fliers with her number

through the neighbourhood

So that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples

are preparing to welcome

and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality

To how big we really are.

To how little control we really have.

To what really matters.

To Love.

So we pray and we remember that

Yes there is fear.

But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation.

But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is panic buying.

But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness.

But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes there is even death.

But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic

The birds are singing again

The sky is clearing,

Spring is coming,

And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul

And though you may not be able

to touch across the empty square,

Sing