

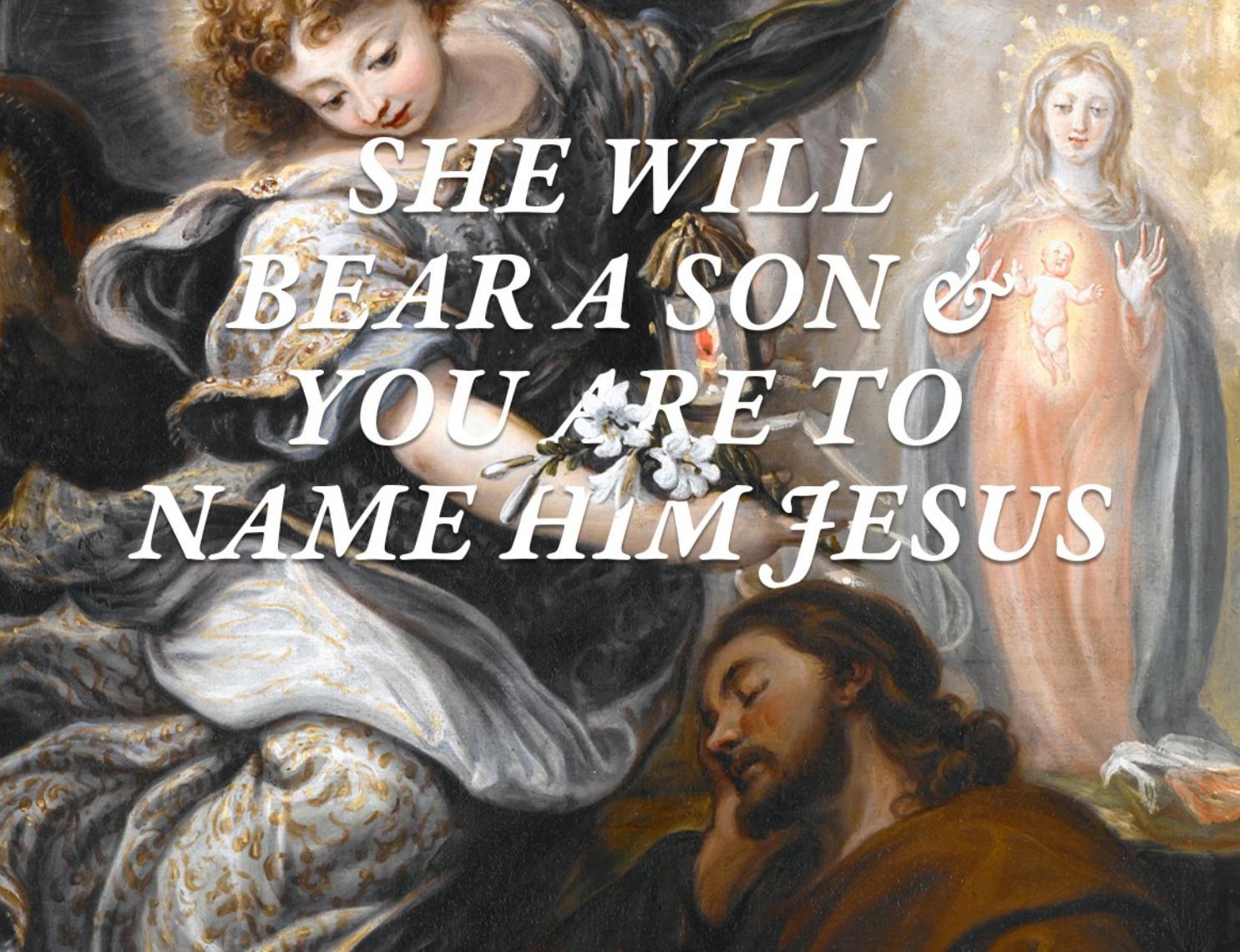
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"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."



**SHE WILL
BEAR A SON &
YOU ARE TO
NAME HIM JESUS**

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil.....4:30 pm
Sunday Masses..... 8:30 am & 10:45 am

Holy Day Masses....See schedule inside.

Daily Mass

Monday, Thursday, Friday6:45 am
Tuesday6:00pm

Baptism

Class required. Call rectory for arrangements.

Penance

Tuesday..... 5:30 pm
Saturday.....3:30 pm

Website.....www.sfxmarcellus.com

Marriage

Arrangements at least 6 months in advance.

Parish Office: (315) 673-2531

Monday-Thursday 9:30-1:30

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Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1: 18-25

Sunday, December 21, 2025 4th Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 20

Vigil Fourth Sunday in Advent-
4:30 PM– The People of St Francis Xavier Church

Sunday December 21

Fourth Sunday in Advent-
8:30 AM – Eva Frood-Family
10:45 AM – Thomas Reilly– The Reilly Family

Monday December 22

6:45 AM–Carol Anne McGrath-The McGrath Family

Tuesday December 23

6:00 PM Dale E. Weed–Friends

Wednesday December 24 Christmas Vigil

Childrens Liturgy

4:00 pm Elizabeth Gooden-St Francis Family

12:00 Midnight:Kevin Falge– Family

Thursday December 25-Christmas Day

10:00 AM–The People of St Francis Xavier Church

Friday December 26

St Stephen

No Mass–

Saturday December 27

4:30 PM Kathleen Fitzgerald-Martin Dillon

Sunday December 28

The Holy Family-Jesus Mary and Joseph

8:30 AM–Bob Card-The Palmer Family

10:45AM– Elizabeth Nolan-The Saint Francis Xavier family

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The Child born to Mary and Joseph was named EMMANUEL, which means “God is with us”. Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us “God is with us”. Children are signs of God’s continuous presence in our lives.

Holy Father Prayer Intentions:

For Christians in areas of conflict—Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

“God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.” -Mother Teresa

Ministries

Saturday, Dec. 27

4:30pm

Lector

Jennifer Zinn

E. Ministers

Terry Hall

Altar Servers

Jack Lindgren

Calum Mosure

Sunday, Dec. 28

8:30 am

Lector

Johanna Duffy

E. Ministers

Skip Dorsch

Altar Servers

Peter Daiuto

Daniel Reilly

Lincoln Griffin

Sunday, Dec. 28

10:45 am

Lector

Mike McAuliff

E. Ministers

Eliot Austin

Altar Servers

Lucas Vaga

Nicholas Vaga

A Note from Fr. Dan

Oh Antiphons

.The “O Antiphons”

The order of the prayers is significant.

Starting with the last title in reverse order, the first letter of each (Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapienta) forms an acrostic: the Latin words Ero cras, which speak Jesus’ response and promise to us. “Tomorrow, I will come.”

17 December: O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

18 December: O Adonai

19 December: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)

20 December: O Clavis David (O Key of David)

21 December: O Oriens (O Dawn of the East)

22 December: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)

23 December: O Emmanuel

These are called the Great O Antiphons and are used during evening prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours that priests, deacons, religious and some lay people pray daily. The last seven days leading up to Christmas have special liturgical celebrations of the Mass and the Liturgy of the hours.

God bless as we draw close to the Celebration of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Dan

Upcoming Christmas Schedule

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Masses- 4:00pm and Midnight

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Mass- 10:00am

(Friday, Dec. 26 - No Mass)

St. Francis Xavier Stewardship Committee

Please consider purchasing \$15 (max) prepaid gift cards to Subway, McDonalds, Burger King and Arby's to assist Dc. Jeff in service to those in need of a hot meal. These can be put in the collection basket throughout the year. Thank you !

Please Pray For...

Margaret Abrahamson, Marlene Robinson, Fr. Jim Fritzen, Bernice Wagner, Dan Cupoli, Tom Finn, Theresa McClusky, Eamon Powell, Genie Barnes, Jack Bragger, Isabelle Callahan, Lauren Carnes, Kelly Cunningham, Robert Darling, Nicole DeMore, Rev. J. Michael Donovan, Michelle Fleegel, Greg Gibbons, Steven Goldberg, Larry Hammond, Robert Hammond, Lucienne Henneberry, , Ryan Huff, J.E.L., Katie Kelly, Ann Konieczny, Brett Kresco, Martin Long, Austin Marlowe, John Muscalino, The Myles Family, Andy Nagen, Viking Nyberg, Danielle Painter, Tom Palmer, Lyla Perkins, Peyton James Perkins, Gretta Petterson, Lisa Pikarski, Casey Smith, Allan Stonecipher, Carl Thorpe, Sandra Wallak, Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson

Please Pray for our Homebound

Mike Berish, Gene Koloski

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

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Monday, December 22

Lectio – Church Hall – 6:30pm

Wednesday Christmas Eve

4 PM and Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25

Christmas day

Faith Formation

GRADES 1-8

Sunday 12/14-Gr. 1-8: (9:45am-10:30am)

Monday 12/15-Gr. 1-8: (6:15pm-7:00pm)

Sunday 12/21-Gr. 1-8: NO CLASSES

Monday 12/22-Gr. 1-8: NO CLASSES

Sunday 12/28-Gr. 1-8: NO CLASSES

Monday 12/29-Gr. 1-8: NO CLASSES

CONFIRMATION—Sunday 12/14: Year 1 and Year 2: Class 3: Mass @ 10:45am, then class from 12:00-2:30pm at Religious Ed Center (N St)

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be going up this year on Saturday December 6th. In the past, we have had community groups and individuals sponsor a family. If you, or an organization you belong to wishes to do so, Please call Rosalie @ 315-727-9706. Thank you!

Blessing of the Bambinelli

We will have the blessing of the **Bambinelli**. If you would like to have the infant Jesus from your Christmas creche blessed, simply bring it to Mass with you Sunday, December 21.

Thank You!!

A huge Thank You goes out to Mrs. Smorol's Gr 3/4 class who made around 200 sandwiches for the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. They along with their parents went right to work in making sandwiches, helping with cleanup, and then enjoyed donuts, coffee and juice. The next Sandwich Sunday is Jan 4 with our Confirmation Class after the 10:45 mass. Hope to see you there!!

St. Peregrine

Did you know that we have a Saint to whom we can pray specifically for intercession for cancer patients? He is St. Peregrine. Please visit our website under announcements and select the link to read more of his story. sfxmarcellus.com

I found a statue of St. Peregrine which I purchased and blessed along with a book of Catholic Novenas with the novena in honor of St. Peregrine in it. If any one or any family would like to take the statue and novena to their home and pray that novena for themselves, a loved one or a friend; please contact the rectory. All that I ask is that you bring the statue and novena back to the rectory after your nine days so that others might have the opportunity to take part in this prayer.

God Bless,

Fr. Dan

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