

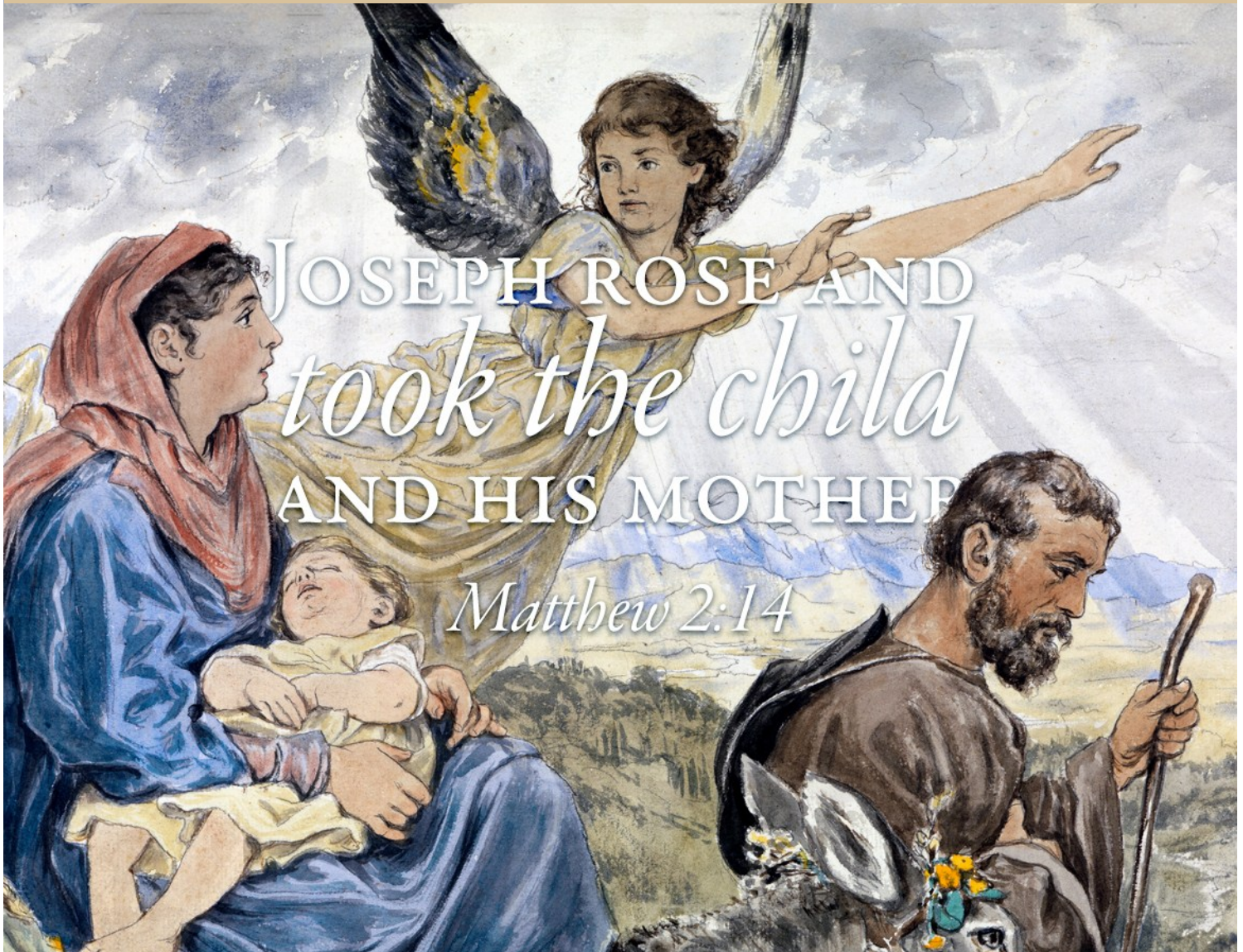
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"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."



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, Friday 6:45 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.

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Scripture: Sirach: 3:2-6,12-14 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Colossians 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sunday, December 28, 2025 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 27

Vigil The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
4:30 PM– Kathleen Fitzgerald- Martin Dillon

Sunday December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:30 AM – Bob Card-The Palmer Family
10:45 AM – Elizabeth Nolan– St. Francis Family

Monday December 29

SAINT THOMAS BECKET
No Mass

Tuesday December 30

No Mass

Wednesday December 31

6:00 PM Vigil Mass- People of St Francis Xavier Church

Thursday January 1 Holy Day

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 AM–Blessings for the Children of our Parish

Friday January 2-First Friday

SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN
6:45 AM- Claude Smith– Family

Saturday January 3 First Saturday

9:00 AM– The People of Saint Francis Xavier Church
VIGIL THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
4:30 PM Edward “Rusty” Caldwell- John and Maureen Curtin

Sunday January 4

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:30 AM–The People of Saint Francis Xavier Church
10:45AM– John Thomas Steele-Sarah and Peter Skvarch

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 that 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.

A Note from Fr. Dan

Dear Parish Family, Clouded in the Carols, Cards and Nativity Scenes, we can forget that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were a real family, not just idealized versions of what it means to be a family. Consider what they experienced: Mary and Joseph's marriage was arranged. Joseph was considerably older than Mary and after their betrothal, Joseph finds out that Mary is with child, and knows the child is not his; He decided to divorce Mary quietly so that she would not face the penalty imposed by the Mosaic Law. An angel was sent to reassure him that the child was of God, not adultery. When Mary was nine months pregnant they had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem (a journey of nine days by foot and donkey) to fulfill the Roman edict that each man return to his ancestral home for a census. They slept outside. When they arrived in Bethlehem, Mary went into labor, the only place they could stay was a cold stable where Mary gave birth to the child, Jesus. Immediately, the Holy Family had to flee to Egypt to escape Herod's attempt to kill the Child. They stayed in Egypt until the death of Herod, and then returned to Nazareth. We hear nothing of the Holy Family again until Jesus was twelve and as devout Jews they went up to Jerusalem, to celebrate Passover in the Temple. Jesus stayed in Jerusalem while his parents thought he was with the group, a parent's worst nightmare when they found that he was missing. Hurrying back to Jerusalem they found Jesus in the Temple. Then Jesus set out to begin His public ministry at thirty; it is assumed Joseph had already died. The ultimate family horror was when Mary stood at the foot of the Cross to be with her Son as she was crucified and died. Like any family, the Holy Family had joys and struggles that by the grace of God and their mutual love they were able to survive. Every family is called to imitate the Holy Family. Not only is the family the basic foundation of society, it is also called the “Domestic Church”; the place where mutual love is shared, real life is lived and the next generation can learn the value of true self-giving sacrificial love, respect, dignity for self and others and the need to forgive and be forgiven and the true value of faith. Catholic Engaged Encounter has a saying that is very appropriate here: “The best thing a parent can do for the child is to love their spouse”. God bless all families, no matter size or make up, you are a blessing and model to us all. God Bless, Fr. Dan

PS I would like to thank each and every one of you who continue to take the time to help our growing St Francis Xavier Family. Our Christmas Liturgical Program is one to be proud of, Our Deacons, Music team, Servers, Outreach giving tree, Religious ed, Volunteers and Parishioners all do an incredible job to make St Francis Xavier Church a wonderful place to worship.

Thank you from Honey and Fr. Dan for all the cards and well wishes!

Ministries

Saturday, Jan. 3
4:30pm

Lector

Terry Hall

E. Ministers

Terry Hall

Altar Servers

Ava MacDonald

Tye MacDonald

Sunday, Jan 4

8:30 am

Lector

Patty Gooden

E. Ministers

Skip Dorsch

Altar Servers

Peter Daiuto

Daniel Reilly

Lincoln Griffin

Sunday, Jan 4

10:45 am

Lector

Tricia Austin

E. Ministers

Eliot Austin

Altar Servers

Charlotte Jinks

Paige Jinks

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Monday, December 29

No Mass

Lectio – Church Hall – 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 30

No Mass

Wednesday December 31

Holy Day Vigil Mass– 6:00pm

Thursday, January 1—Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Day Mass– 10:00am

Rosary– Church– 7:00pm

Friday, January 2– First Friday

Exposition– 7:00am

Benediction– 7:00pm

Saturday, January 3—First Saturday

Men's Group– Ch Hall– 7:30am

First Saturday Day Mass– Church– 9:00am

Sunday, January 4

Sandwich Sunday and Coffee Hour after the 10:45 Mass

Faith Formation

GRADES 1-8

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

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

2026 Calendars St Francis Xavier Church would like to thank Mary Ryan and Jamie Plis from Ryan and Plis funeral homes for the beautiful calendars. Please get your 2026 calendar by the church entrances.

Thank You to Mrs. Smorol's Gr 3/4 class

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. 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

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

-St. Catherine of Siena

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.

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Our Weekly Collection

Last Week..... tbd

Weekly Goal.....\$7,900

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