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MESSAGES:

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

1838 **181 years** 2019
of Catholic service and witness.

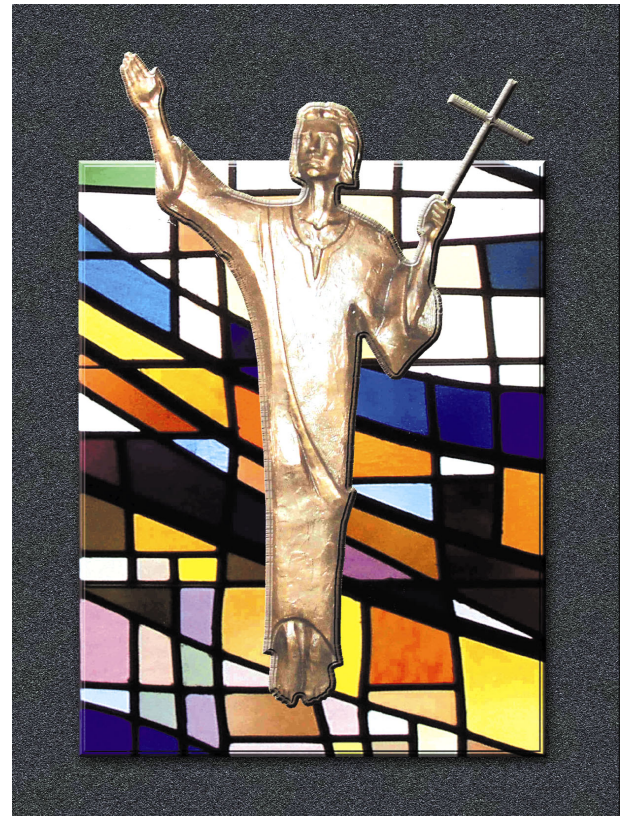
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Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
(closed for lunch Noon - 12:30 pm)
Parish Office is located on west side of Church

Sister Parish: Saint Peter the Apostle
Chacsinkin, Yucatan, Mexico

All are welcome in the family of Saint Francis Xavier
To be a registered member call the Parish Office



For in truth, no one is really timid and weak who knowingly leans upon the assistance of God.
-St. Francis Xavier

Mission Statement: Saint Francis Xavier Parish, empowered by the Holy Spirit, witnesses to the presence of Jesus Christ and proclaims the Gospel Message through Catholic service to all.

Vision Statement: We want to be a welcoming community where all people can deepen their faith relationship with God and each other through Liturgy and parish gatherings.

Mass Schedule

Saturday5:00 p.m.
Sunday..... 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Week Days7:30 a.m.
Holy Day Mass..... 7:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Classes are required. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Visits to the Homebound

Regular visits are made on the first Friday of the month. Please call the office if you would like a visit.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with the Pastor at least 6 months prior.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children is an opportunity for any interested person who desires to become a full member of the Church. For information call the Parish Office.

Parish Staff

Pastor ~ Reverend Jason Feigh	jason.feigh@prep-villa.com	476-7657
Deacon Assistant ~ Ron Fronzaglia		864-6772
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Music ~ Marsha Fronzaglia		864-6772
Parish Center Reservation / Scheduling ~ Debbie Murnock		476-7657
Cemetery Information, Graves, Interments ~ Debbie Murnock.....		476-7657
Prayer Chain ~ Margaret Pekelnicky		476-7486

Mass Intentions

Monday 7:30 am	November 11, 2019 St. Martin of Tours Communion Service
Tuesday 7:30 am	November 12, 2019 St. Josaphat Victims of Abuse
Wednesday 7:30 am	November 13, 2019 St. Frances Xavier Edmund, Catherine & Cabrini Edmund Jr. Dlugolenski
Thursday 7:30 am	November 14, 2019 Weekday Paul Keller (Chuck & Penny Keller)
Friday 7:30 am	November 15, 2019 St. Albert the Great Genevieve Dzeskewicz (Ron & Doreen Romba)
Saturday 5:00 pm	Nov. 16, 2019 St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude Loretta Borawski (Wally Borawski)
Sunday 8:00 am	Nov. 17, 2019 33rd Sun. Ordinary Time Karen & Maureen Flatley (Joe & Linda Flatley)
10:30 am	Our Parishioners Living and Deceased

Please remember in your prayers..... Artie & Stacey, Marsha A. & daughter, Cassandra Aho, Marsha Badach, Kit & Joe Balinski, Vicky Barcio, Patty Bennett, Rachel Bourne, David Boyd, Patty Brown, Randy Brucher, Amanda Bryant, Shelly Buffalari, Sam Burns, Carole C., Tim C., Amy Campoli, Debbie Carrick, Todd Carrier, Abigail Carullo, Doug Chernicky, Christi Claxton, Rod Coburn, Eleanor Collings, Earl Corbin, Esther Craig, Colin Cunningham, Dale & family, Trudy DeCarolis, Artie Defoy, Karen Dickson, A. Dodick, Helen Dombkowski, Katie Dombkowski, Ron Dombkowski, Danielle Dorder, Jonathan Ledger Dougherty, Bill Drakes, Dawn Duran, Bill Eberlein, Sr., Ashley English, Lynn English, Ron & Helen Feldman, Carrie Fiske, Mary Fiscus, Eleanor Fox, Carol Fullom, Denise Fulton, Ben G., Julia G., Linda Gidos, Sally Gradler, Bob Greene, Debbie Grove, Jerry H., The Haynes Family, Larry Hanas, Frank Harrison, Nathan Heath, Nicholas Hendericks, Michelle Hetrick, Kathy Highhouse, Harold Hites, Gloria Hollenbeck, Molly Holmes, Holly, Rich Huddack, Denise Hudson, Cole Huegel, Carrie Jaco, Scott James, Trevor James, Jeremy, Jim, Jim & Linda, Charles Johnson, Luke Johnson, Nancy Johnson, R. Juarez & Family, Kathleen, Kevin K., Craig Kayden, Kelly King, Linda Kloecker, Judy Konkol, Betty Korrel, Thomas Kowalczyk, Carol Kuchinski, Ed Kuligowski, Roberta Laird, Rose Lapenz, Gail Laughner, John Lewis, Margie Loeffler, Janet Lombardo, Robin Macial, Tim Maciulewicz, Lexxi Maloney-Barnes, James Mantsch, Matt & Rachael, Paul Mayer, Patrick McKenrick, Clara Meyer, Morinelli/Quinn Family, Shawn Morgan, Jr., Bill Muenz, Kathy Murr, Kathy N., Ron and Lynn Nash, Leny Nipper, Tom O., Buddy O'Leary, Bill Oshinski, Rick P., Kayden Painter, Michael Pamula, Patrick, Liz Pauly, Ron, Paige, David Peter, Annmarie Phillips, Kathy Piotroski, Andrew Pitcher, Mike Pitonyck, Nathan Post, Erin Potter, Michael Potter, Mary Povath, Carrie Powell, Prayer Tent Intentions, Denise Pulson, Audrey & John Reese, Bill Reigleman & Family, Christi Reilly, Lucas Reynolds, McKenna Ritter, Melissa Rindfuss, Joan Robinson, Rocky, Alan Rodgers, Debbie Rose, Bob Rudzenski, Frank Romba, Lindsey Ryan, Jim S., Dave Sarra, Shirley Sayers, Jim Scully, Joseph Seth, Greg & Rochelle Sharrer, Therese Sauer, Gavin Schulte, Madeline Sienecki, Robin Snyder, Dave & Loren Swanson, Tina, Gregory Thomas, Patricia Vadala, Gail Van Damia, Dan Via, Margaret Wasser, Mark Watts, Dan Weber, Lisa Weber, Robert Weber, Sr., Maureen Wentzel, Caitlin Wentzel, Danny Wadsworth, Joe Wardanski, Lois Whitcomb, Denise Wilson, Keri Youse, A Special Intention, and all the sick and suffering of the parish.

Pray for the men and women in the military: 1st Lt. Nicholas Gdanetz, Petty Officer 3rd Class Jack Kaulis, Chief Petty Officer Aurelio Velazquez, Jr., Private Jeff Kinnear, Major Jenny Stewart-Allen, Major Alan Herbol.

ANGEL TREE—What? Already? Believe it or not, the nurse at McKean Elementary school has been working on this since the second week of school. God bless her organization! Our parishioners help make Christmas a little brighter for many McKean Elementary children, the girls' group home Brighter Horizons and our own food pantry families. Our Angel Tree will be up in the Gathering Space next weekend. Please consider taking a tag, purchasing a gift and putting a smile on the face of a child this Christmas season. Please leave gifts unwrapped so if we need to add to a child's gifts we will know what to provide. Please make sure the angel tag is securely fastened to whatever bag the gifts are in when you return them. Wrapping paper donations, ribbon, tape and a few more elves to help Cindy Gray would be greatly appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Congratulations! Recently these Knights made 4th Degree—Paul Chernichky, Marty Skladanowski, Jim Johnson, Jim Sykes, Doug Lightinger, Randy Gray, Tom Blecki, Jim McLaughlin and Jim Lazan. There were three observers: Dean Morehouse, Ted Hoover and Rob Damore. Wives of the 4th Degree Knights also had a GREAT time. New members always welcome.

GET THE CHURCH READY FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DAY—Saturday, November 23, at 9:00 am we will have a general cleaning of the church to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Yes, we know he was born in a stable. Yes, we know it wasn't all that clean. But still, we really would like the church to look its best for the coming liturgical seasons. Bring your buckets, bring your rags and join us for a quick morning of major cleaning. If you are a student and have service hours to perform, this is a great way to do it and we can really use some younger people to get to the nooks and crannies for those of us who can't kneel, bend or shouldn't be on ladders. Oh yeah! You know who you are.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	11-11
Tuesday	11-12
Wednesday	11-13
Thursday	11-14 Adoration 8:15 pm
Friday	11-15
Saturday	11-16 Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday	11-17 Masses 8:00 & 10:30 am 4th, 5th, 6th grade retreat 9-1:00 pm

CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. Today's readings remind us that our own lives will draw to a close one day, and we can be certain that the Lord will encourage, strengthen, and save us—both now and at the last. The astonishing story of the Maccabees invigorates our faith as we behold an entire family willing to die rather than deny the Law of Moses. The psalm response echoes the faithful cries of the Maccabees: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God." That same confidence appears in Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. "The Lord is faithful," he testifies; "he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." In the Gospel, Jesus explains just how long God's protection will endure. The children of God whom God guards, Jesus says, will live forever like angels.

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Adult: How does your belief in the resurrection of the dead affect the way you live?

Child: Has someone in your family or among your friends died? Do you think about that person in heaven? What do you hope to talk about with this person?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14).

Psalm — Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full (Psalm 17).

Second Reading — May the Lord encourage and strengthen your hearts (2 Thessalonians 2:16 — 3:5).

Gospel — Those who are deemed worthy of the coming age can no longer die (Luke 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

WEEKLY COLLECTION

A Stewardship of Sharing

November 3, 2019

Households receiving envelopes—440 Envelopes used—130
Goal \$5,215.00
Total Collection \$4,339.00
Capital Improvements \$592.00

Bills paid: ACS \$76 C.P. Ink \$175 Spectrum \$233
 Cath. School Support \$2,000 Toshiba \$174

Liturgical Ministry Schedule—November 17, 2019

Masses	5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
Ushers	K. Hansen T. Weber Lichtingers J. Lazan	B. McLaughlin H. Dunkel Stephen Kargol J. Johnson	D. Morehouse R. Damore Lacey Wiests
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Hoover T. Kitcey	B. Gdanetz L. Strelecki	C. Gray R. Gray
Lectors	N. Sala	G. Otteni	K. Damore
Altar Servers	D. Myers B. Schrupf	C. Salvo H. Salvo	C. Morehouse C. Villanueva
Cantors	B. Neuburger	M. Dombrowski	Pamulas

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the seventeenth century, English Catholics, many of them wealthy and well educated, looked to the American colonies as a place to regain a measure of religious freedom. In Ireland, the so-called penal laws were even harsher than in England, as a minority Parliament tried to force the conversion of the population by denying the majority political and economic power. Beginning in 1691, laws were passed that punished dissenters, principally Catholics, but also causing hardship for Jews, Quakers, and others. There were acts forbidding "mixed marriage" or sending children "beyond the seas" for schooling. Catholics were taxed at double the common rate, barred from the legal professions and from university, and not allowed to build churches or own a decent horse.

In 1793 the situation began to change, as it became clear that the economic persecution would not drive the majority away from Catholicism. Gradually, laws were repealed until by 1829 freedom was won, although Catholics at university were ineligible for honors, and until the 1920s when the Republic was formed, the Church of Ireland was the state church, funded by the taxes of all citizens.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS
 FOR LARRY BROWN (MORNING
 MASS GROUP)**

A FEW REMINDERS.....

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. There will be Adoration in the church between the 8:00 am Mass and the 10:30 Mass on that day.

We will also offer the **Anointing of the Sick** at all Masses that weekend. Please let your family and friends know that all are welcome to come to receive this special blessing.

At **3:00 pm, Sunday, November 24** there will be the annual McKean Council of Churches Prayer Service. It is a wonderful thing that all faiths in our community can come together and worship as one. The Service this year will be hosted by the **Methodist Church** on Main St. All are welcome to attend. Please remember to bring a nonperishable item(s) for the Food Pantry.

We will have the Advent and Christmas schedule out within the next week. They will be available in the church. We will not mail them out. We always offer many opportunities to make the seasons of Advent and Christmas a special, spiritual time for everyone. Please take advantage of these offerings and make this your best Advent/Christmas yet.

We will have the small daily devotional books available as well. We will have those out the weekend of Thanksgiving.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, we will have a **Vigil Mass at 6:00 pm** to celebrate Thanksgiving. There will not be a 7:30 am Mass this day.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, we will not have a Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Father Jason will be with his family for the holiday.

The office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and that Friday.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, Feast of St. Francis Xavier. If you haven't marked your calendars yet, please do so, and join us as we celebrate our annual feast day. We will have **Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm** followed with the lighting of the trees to the east of the church and then a wonderful feast day dinner in the Parish Center after. A reservation form will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks. But get it on your calendar now!

Religious Education Faith Formation

HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS—God bless our Confirmation class for braving the chilly temps overnight at Rec Park last weekend to bring awareness to the plight of the homeless in Erie County. Our Confirmation students ask for our help with collecting donations that will be given to the local shelters in Erie. Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space at church. A box will be marked Homeless Awareness. We will continue to collect donations until November 17. The Confirmation candidates would like to thank you in advance for your generosity.

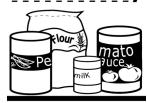
4th grade hosting 10:30 Mass this Sunday. Way to go 4th graders!

9th and 10th grade Retreat will be this Sunday, November 10 from 9:00—2:00 pm in the Parish Center. The retreat includes class and 10:30 am Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration is offered 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays at 8:15 pm.

REMEMBER Father Lohse in your prayers this week as he and a group of people make a pilgrimage to Italy. We wish them a safe and spiritual journey.

Food Pantry



FRUIT, JELLO, LUNCH MEAT (HAM, BOLOGNA, SALAMI) HAMBURGER, CHICKEN AND VEGGIES ARE NEEDED, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, TOMATO SOUP, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, VEGETABLE SOUP AND CRACKERS. . Meat can be put

in the refrigerator/freezer in the Gathering Space.

We always like to give our Food Pantry Families food for their Thanksgiving Dinners. Please remember them as you are food shopping. Sue and Deb are asking for turkeys and pies.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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