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# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

1838 **180 years** 2018  
of Catholic service and witness.

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**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 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**  
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

Saturday .....5:00 p.m.  
Sunday..... 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Week Days .....7:30 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

<b>Pastor</b> ~ Rev. Mark Nowak .....	476-7657
<b>Deacon Assistant</b> ~ Ron Fronzaglia .....	864-6772
<b>Parish Secretary</b> ~ Debbie Murnock.....	476-7657
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<b>Music</b> ~ Marsha Fronzaglia .....	864-6772
<b>Parish Center Reservation / Scheduling</b> ~ Parish Office .....	476-7657

*Mass Intentions*

- Monday**      **April 9, 2018 Annunciation of the Lord**  
7:30 am      **Our Parishioners Living and Deceased**
- Tuesday**     **April 10, 2018 Easter Weekday**  
7:30 am      **Pauline Fronzaglia (Randy & Cathy Corvino)**
- Wednesday**   **April 11, 2018 St. Stanislaus**  
7:30 am      **Millie Viera (Tues. Coffee Girls)**
- Thursday**     **April 12, 2018 Easter Weekday**  
7:30 am      **Victims of the Holocaust**
- Friday**        **April 13, 2018 St. Martin I**  
7:30 am      **Cecelia Kosienki (M/M George Devenney)**
- Saturday**     **April 14, 2018 Easter Weekday**  
5:00 pm      **Donald G. Pudlick (Denise & Gary Eicher)**
- Sunday**        **April 15, 2018 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 am      **Charles Wozniak (Daughters)**
- 10:30 am      **Our Parishioners Living and Deceased**

**Please remember in your prayers.....** Marsha A. & daughter, Cassandra Aho, Amy Altimier, Dan Always, John Armstrong, Lois B., Marsha Badach, Emma Balinski, Vicky Barcio, Patty Bennett, Rachel Bourne, Patty Brown, Randy Brucher, Amanda Bryant, Shelly Buffalari, Sam Burns, Tim C., Amy Campoli, Debbie Carrick, Todd Carrier, Abigail Carullo, Doug Chernicky, Rod Coburn, Eleanor Collings, Earl Corbin, Esther Craig, Dale & family, Trudy DeCarolis, Dickson, A. Dodick, Cathie Domkowski, Katie Dombkowski, Ron Dombkowski, Danielle Dorderder, Jonathan Ledger Dougherty, Bill Drakes, Dawn Duran, Bill Eberlein, Sr., Lynn English, Jack F., Ron & Helen Feldman, Fred Fields, Carrie Fiske, Mary Fiscus, Eleanor Fox, Carol Fullom, Denise Fulton, Julia G., Linda Gidos, Sally Gradler, Bob Greene, Debbie Grove, Carol H., John H.Jr., Larry H., Andy H., Jerry H., The Haynes Family, Larry Hanas, Frank Harrison, Nathan Heath, Nicholas Hendericks, Michelle Hetrick, Kathy Highhouse, Harold Hites, Maria Hoge, Gloria Hollenbeck, Molly Holmes, Holly, Rich Hudacky, Denise Hudson, Scott James, Trevor James, Jeremy, Jim, Jim & Linda, Charles Johnson, Luke Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Jim S., R. Juarez & Family, Kathleen, Kevin K., Craig Kayden, Kelly King, Linda Kloecker, Judy Konkol, Betty Korrel, Thomas Kowalczyk, Carol Kuchinski, Ed Kuligowski, Sara L. Roberta Laird, Rose Lapenz, Gail Laughner, John Lewis, Janet Lombardo, Jean Lynch, Robin Macial, Tim Maciulewicz, Lexxi Maloney-Barnes, James Mantsch, Joe Matheis, Matt & Rachael, Paul Mayer, Mason McKenrick, Shawn Morgan, Jr., Bill Muenz, Kathy Murr, Ron and Lynn Nash, Leny Nipper, Tom O., Buddy O'Leary, Loretta Olsewski, Bill Oshinski, Catherine Ott, Kayden Painter, Michael Pamula, Patrick, Liz Pauly, Ron, Paige, David Pikelnicky, David Peter, Kathy Piotroski, Andrew Pitcher, Mike Pitonyck, Nathan Post, Erin Potter, Michael Potter, Mary Povath, Carrie Powell, Prayer Tent Intentions, Denise Pulson, Audrey & John Reese, Lucas Reynolds, Bill Reigleman & Family, Albert Renshaw, McKenna Ritter, Joan Robinson, Rocky, Alan Rodgers, Debbie Rose, Frank Rumba, Madeline Sienecki, Janie Schwab, Lindsey Ryan, Tina, Greg & Rochelle Sharrer, Dave Sarra, David Stankiewicz, Shirley Sayers, Therese Sauer, Jim Scully, Carol Winschel, Robin Snyder, Gregory Thomas, Joseph Seth, Jim Scully, Dan Via, Margaret Wasser, Dan Weber, Lisa Weber, Maureen Wentzel, Caitlin Wentzel, Danny Wadsworth, Joe Warbanski, Bob Whitford, Lois Whitcomb, Denise Wilson, Jack Z., Walter Zawistowski, A Special Intention, and all the sick and suffering of the parish.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please call the prayer line at 476-7486. Please call the same number when you would like the person's name removed from the list.

**Pray for the men and women in the military:** Captain Timothy Lohse, Chief Petty Officer Aurelio Velazquez, Jr., Private Jeff Kinnear, Lt. Phillip Pointkowski, Captain Jenny Stewart-Allen

*Rosary Society will hold its meeting this Monday, April 16, at Noon, in the Gathering Space. Refreshments will be served. All women of the parish are invited to come and enjoy this very important service organization.*

**YOUNG ADULT AND HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP -** We are again going to embark on a mission trip to Virginia, June 9 - 17. The registration fee is \$90 and the cost of the trip is approximately \$625 depending upon fundraising and available sponsorships. If you are interested in the trip please contact Marty Skladanowski 392-0034.



**HOSPITALITY -** Next weekend coffee and Danish will be served after all the Masses. Stay and enjoy the fellowship. We'd love to see you! Peruse the bulletin board in the Gathering Space as you nosh. There are many events coming up this spring.



**COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS -** Good Shepherd Collection is next Sunday, April 22. Our Diocesan priests receive a small monthly pension which they use for basic needs, such as food, housing and transportation. The skyrocketing cost for medical services, long-term care and gaps in Medicare coverage have resulted in some of these priests over the years exhausting their savings for expenses of health care and absolute essentials.

The Good Shepherd Collection allows each of us to show our gratitude and support of those priests who have cared for us and our spiritual needs and who have faithfully served our parishes.

Please be as generous as you are able. Use the special envelope for Good Shepherd Sunday.

Monday	04-16	<b>Cub Scouts 6:30 - 7:30 pm</b>
Tuesday	04-17	<b>Finance Council 6:30 pm</b>
Wednesday	04-18	
Thursday	04-19	<b>Cub Scouts 6:00 - 7:00 pm</b>
Friday	04-20	
Saturday	04-21	<b>Mass 5:00 pm</b>
Sunday	04-22	<b>Masses 8:00 &amp; 10:30 am Lioness Card Party 2 - 5 pm Boy Scouts 6:00 pm</b>

*Weekly Calendar*

**BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST**

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today’s selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in “Jesus Christ the righteous one” (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to “repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away” (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ “expiation for our sins” (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with “Peace” and urges them to preach “repentance, for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47).

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**Adult:** What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of your faith?

**Child:** What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus’ appearance to the Apostles?

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Psalms** — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

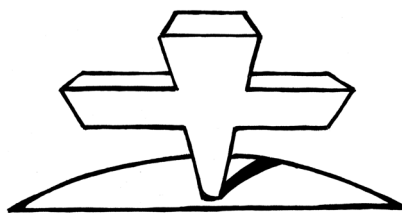
**Second Reading** — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

**Gospel** — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you” (Luke 24:35-48).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

*A Stewardship of Sharing*

April 8, 2018

Households receiving envelopes—487 Envelopes used—139  
 Goal..... \$5,215.00  
 Total Collection..... \$3,675.00  
 Capital Improvements..... 727.00

**CSA 2018**

Totals as of: 4/8/18  
 Pledged = \$46,215.00 Paid = \$29,385.00  
 # of families 118

Bills paid: 1st CSA pmt.: \$10,438.75  
 Snowplowing for March: \$951 Catholic School Support: \$3,000

~Liturgical Ministry Schedule~  
 April 21 & 22, 2018

Masses	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Danylko B. Koehler T. Weber R. Fox	F. Kroto E. Lemock J. Schultz J. Blount	W. Mientkewicz D. Fiscus M. Buzzard M. Bourke
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	C. Matheis E. Matheis	G. Soltys L. Strelecki	N. Kraus B. Neuburger
<b>Lectors</b>	M. Curtze	A. Campbell	M. Murnock
<b>Altar Servers</b>	D. Myers	R. Lorah L. Fleek	P. Jonas
<b>Cantors</b>	D. Murnock	M. Whelan	K. Orlando

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a “rule” that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolded more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called “Kentucky Dominicans,” began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ’s dying and rising in an inspiring way.

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## The Work of the People

*Third Sunday of Easter*

The Solemnity of Easter and its season can be incredibly sweet, literally and figuratively. Lily's grace the sanctuary, jelly-beans and other candies have been given and received, and symbols like the egg and the bunny remind us of fertility a new birth. In many regions of the world, the land is greening and spring has either commenced or is around the corner.

Throughout the Easter Season the first readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles, the second chapter of Luke's Gospel. This gives us a good sense of the development of the faith life in the early church. Today Peter addresses the Israelites after he has cured a man who was crippled from birth his words are accusatory, letting the people know they rejected the Holy and Righteous One and put him to death. Peter's words are also affirmative. In them, Peter testifies that the God of their ancestors is the same God who raised Jesus, the Holy and Righteous One. Jesus' suffering fulfilled the message of the prophets; his Resurrection is God's ultimate act of fidelity, fulfilling the promise of life to God's people.

In the reading from the first Letter of John, one might think that we are still in Lent. Sin is the topic of this passage. We hope to remain faithful and love to God's commandments. We hope to avoid sin, but the author of the letter is realistic. God's children will sin. Yet all is not lost. Jesus Christ will advocate for us with God.

In the Gospel of Luke, we hear of another post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus. Jesus offers peace once again to the disciples, as we heard him offer last Sunday. The disciples do not believe it is Jesus. Jesus recognizes that they are troubled and invites them to see his hands and feet for themselves. Easter joy fills the disciples. Jesus eats with them and breaks open the Scriptures for them. Their growth in faith continues.

The reflection for this Sunday is from *The Substance of Faith and Other Cotton Patch Sermons* by Clarence Jordan (1912-1969) who was a farmer and New Testament Greek scholar. He was instrumental in founding Habitat for Humanity.

The resurrection places Jesus on this side of the grave—here and now—in the midst of this life. He is not standing on the shore of eternity beckoning us to join him there. He is standing beside us, strengthening us in this life. The good news of the resurrection of Jesus is not that we shall die and go home with him, but that he has risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick, prisoner brothers with him.

And we say, "Jesus, we'd be glad to have you, but all these motley brothers of yours, you had better send them home. . . ."

The resurrection is simply God's way of saying, "You might reject me if you will, but I'm going to have the last word. I'm going to put my son right down there in the midst of you and he's going to dwell among you from here on out."

On the morning of the resurrection, God put life in the present tense, not in the future. He gave us not a promise but a presence. Not a hope for the future but power for the present. Not so much the assurance that we shall live someday but that he is risen today. Jesus' resurrection is not to convince the incredulous nor to reassure the fearful, but to enkindle the believers. The proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb, but the full hearts of his transformed disciples. The crowning evidence that he lives is not a vacant grave, but a spirit-filled fellowship. Not a rolled-away stone, but a carried-away church.

# Religious Education Faith Formation

## First Eucharist Preparation Schedule, 2018

April 15 9:00 -10:20 am Lesson 5 (Parent/child) Room 21  
 (Banner Materials distributed today)  
 April 22 9:00 - 10:20 am Lesson 6 (Parent/child) Room 21  
 April 28 9:00 - 11:30 am Parent/Child **Eucharist Retreat in Church**  
 April 29 9:00 - 10:20 am Third graders to class

**May 3 6:00 pm First Eucharist Practice**  
**May 6 10:30 am Mass First Eucharist**

**Confirmation Class** - will be taking orders after all Masses this weekend and next weekend for candles in memory of a loved one. The candle will be personalized with the person's name whom you wish to remember. The cost of the candle is \$5. If you have any questions you may call Gail Carrier at 392-7520.

**Confirmation** - Our Confirmation Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 30. Confirmation will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Edinboro. The Confirmation practice date and time will be announced soon.



### Catholic Relief Services

Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowl before April 22. Place your Rice bowls in the container displayed in the Gathering Space. If you can convert your change to cash, even better.

**LAKER GLOW 5K/1 MILE FUN WALK** - The Mercyhurst Prep 4th Annual Run will be held at the school on Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 pm. Registration includes an exclusive glow in the dark t-shirt, glow jewelry, awards, face painting and finisher medals. There is a fun party afterwards with music, a costume contest, food from Smith's, snacks and prizes for everyone. Laker Glow is \$20 registration before April 27. Go to [mpslakers.com/glow](http://mpslakers.com/glow) to register or call Karen Groshek at 824-2161.

**Food Pantry** Pantry needs this week are cereal, juice and canned fruit.



Thank you to everyone who donated last week!

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Greg Soltys	734-4957	Michael Stewart	796-6208
Cindy Zencik	476-7629	Kathy Orlando	450-2411
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#### FINANCE COUNCIL

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