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# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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

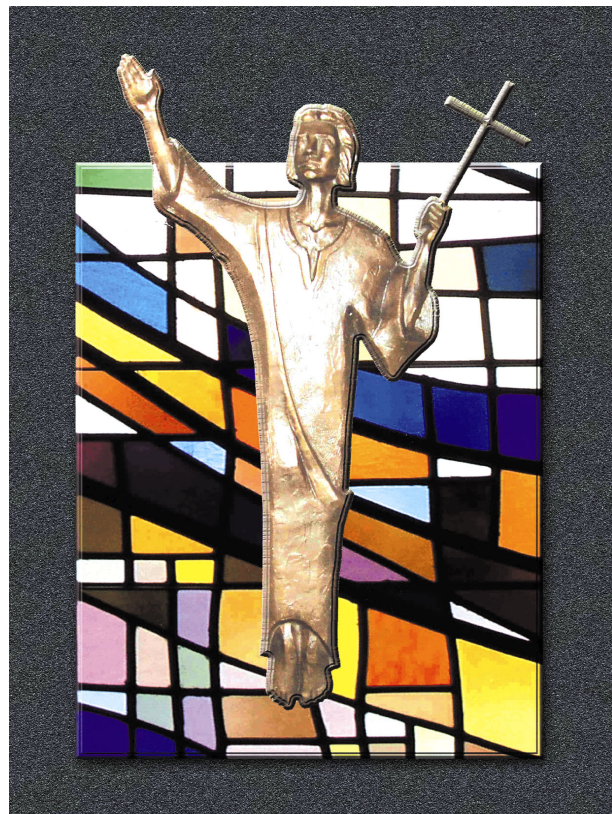
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### Parish Office Hours:

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

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| <b>Mission Statement:</b> | 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. |
| <b>Vision Statement:</b>  | 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> ~ Reverend Jason Feigh .....                            | jason.feigh@prep-villa.com               | 476-7657 |
| <b>Deacon Assistant</b> ~ Ron Fronzaglia .....                        |                                          | 864-6772 |
| <b>Parish Secretary</b> ~ Debbie Murnock.....                         |                                          | 476-7657 |
| <b>Faith Formation/Religious Education</b> ~ .....                    | faithformation@stfrancisxaviermckean.org | 476-7657 |
| <b>Music</b> ~ Marsha Fronzaglia .....                                |                                          | 864-6772 |
| <b>Parish Center Reservation / Scheduling</b> ~ Debbie Murnock .....  |                                          | 476-7657 |
| <b>Cemetery Information, Graves, Interments</b> ~ Debbie Murnock..... |                                          | 476-7657 |
| <b>Prayer Chain</b> ~ Margaret Pekelnicky .....                       |                                          | 476-7486 |

## Mass Intentions

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b><br>7:30 am    | <b>November 4, 2019 St. Charles Borromeo<br/>Communion Service</b>                                                  |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>7:30 am   | <b>November 5, 2019 Weekday<br/>Emma Moats (Judy &amp; Ted Meinert)</b>                                             |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:30 am | <b>November 6, 2019 Weekday<br/>Larry Brown (Brenda Henry)</b>                                                      |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>7:30 am  | <b>November 7, 2019 Weekday<br/>Bill Harvey (Morning Mass Group)</b>                                                |
| <b>Friday</b><br>7:30 am    | <b>November 8, 2019 Weekday<br/>Edmund, Catherine &amp; Edmund Jr. Dlugo-<br/>lenski (Chris &amp; Rod Mitchell)</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00 pm  | <b>Nov. 9, 2019 Dedication Lateran Basilica<br/>Larry Brown (Wed. Morning Mass Group)</b>                           |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:00 am    | <b>Nov. 10, 2019 32nd Sun. Ordinary Time<br/>John Meyer (Clara &amp; John Meyer)</b>                                |
| <b>10:30 am</b>             | <b>Our Parishioners Living and Deceased</b>                                                                         |

**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, Bob Whitford, 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.

**GOBBLER GIVEAWAY PARTY**—Sacred Heart Knight of Columbus Council \$11818 is hosting a good old fashion Feather Party. \$10 donation includes a chance to win a Grand Prize Freezer and \$600 worth of products from Larry's Central Market and Urbaniak's New Central Market, a chance to win a Butter Ball Turkey every 15 minutes and a Delicious Hot Turkey Sandwich Platter, unlimited beer, pop & snacks. Tickets available at the door W. 25th & Liberty.



**SUNSHINE CIRCLE MEETING**—Thursday, November 7 at NOON. Join us as we enjoy lunch, prayer, a brief meeting and penny bingo. Our Sunshine Circle provides funeral luncheons to those parishioners who pass away. If you would be able to prepare a dish when the luncheons take place, let the office know. We would love to increase our numbers and if you can't make the meeting time you can still participate in the funeral luncheons.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**—Our Council will hold their monthly meeting this **Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00 pm in the basement in the classroom.** They are looking for new members to join this wonderful service organization. Come and see what they are all about.

**TRANSITIONS**—This Support Group ministry is for individuals who are widowed, divorced or separated. They will host their annual "Coping with the Holidays after Loss" on Sunday, November 17 at St. Mark Catholic Center, from 2:00—4:00 pm Following a short program, participants will have an opportunity for personal reflection, small group sharing, a simple prayer service, and refreshments (if possible, please bring a snack to share). Feel free to bring a friend who you feel may benefit from this program. More info at 824-1265.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

|           |                                                                              |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 11-04                                                                        |
| Tuesday   | 11-05 <b>Voting</b>                                                          |
| Wednesday | 11-06 <b>K of C Mtg. 7:00 pm</b>                                             |
| Thursday  | 11-07 <b>Staff Mtg. 8:30 am</b> <b>Sunshine Circle at Noon</b>               |
| Friday    | 11-08                                                                        |
| Saturday  | 11-09 <b>Mass 5:00 pm</b>                                                    |
| Sunday    | 11-10 <b>Masses 8:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b><br><b>Boy Scouts 6:00 pm in P.C.</b> |

**A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD**

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God’s glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to “the LORD of the whole universe.” Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God’s greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke’s Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.

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**Adult:** During the next week, what could you do to welcome someone who usually feels excluded?

**Child:** Is there a child in your class or neighborhood who is left out of games and activities? What can you do?

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Lord, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

**Psalm** — I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

**Gospel** — Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus’ house (Luke 19:1-10).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24


Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]



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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

*A Stewardship of Sharing*

October 27, 2019

Households receiving envelopes—440 Envelopes used—130  
**Goal** ..... \$5,215.00  
**Total Collection** ..... \$3,444.00  
**Capital Improvements** ..... \$643.00

**Bills paid:** Cath. School Support \$2,000 Home Depot \$369  
 Mueller Locksmith \$396 National Fuel \$133  
 OCP \$188 Giant Eagle \$83 TruGreen \$78

*Liturgical Ministry Schedule—November 10, 2019*

| Masses                       | 5:00 pm                                          | 8:00 am                                                    | 10:30 am                                     |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers</b>                | K. Hansen<br>T. Weber<br>Lichtingers<br>J. Lazan | B. McLaughlin<br>H. Dunkel<br>Stephen Kargol<br>J. Johnson | D. Morehouse<br>R. Damore<br>Lacey<br>Wiests |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | C. Kuchinski<br>L. Sala                          | D. Carullo<br>L. Glaspell                                  | C. Carnes<br>J. Iavarone                     |
| <b>Lectors</b>               | D. Herbol                                        | B. Dedrick                                                 | K. Orlando                                   |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>         | R. Lorah<br>G. McCarthy                          | C. Haywood<br>N. Seeders                                   | P. Jonas<br>J. Laughner                      |
| <b>Cantors</b>               | C. Murnock                                       | L. Skladanowski                                            | D. Murnock                                   |

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God’s people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler’s rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.

One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord’s knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

How is it already the first weekend of November(!)? November 1 and 2 are two of my five top favorite feast days of the year. Oftentimes we look at these days as a Pittsburgh Steelers VS. Miami Dolphins Game (sorry Dolphins Fans), when we should look at these days as the Superbowl. The power that we have been given by the Love of God through Jesus is manifest in the relationships that we share both here on earth and in Heaven. The power of the intercession (help) of the Saints is unmatched to any power on this earth. Never hesitate to pray for their intercession. Remember, we pray for their intercession before God, not that they have power aside from God. Further, November 2 is a time to pray for those we know (and those we don't) who need our prayers on their way to Heaven (Purgatory). We should never underestimate the power of our relationships that we have here on Earth, nor should we ever underestimate the heavenly powers that God has given to us in relationship with him, and the Saints.

I also know that this time of year, and these days can be tough. I know that as well with losing a student suddenly two weeks ago. But what these days that we celebrate, and the power of God's Love always reminds us, is that our relationships transcend this Earth, and Hope always has the last word. Speaking of Hope, we are commemorating the Feast of All Souls (November 2) this weekend by remembering all who have been buried since last November with Candles placed in front of the Ambo. We also can write into the Book of the Dead all loved ones who we miss and want to remember. The Book stays out all month and we will remember them at each Mass celebrated in the month of November. The month of November always reminds us to pray for the Holy Souls every day, to not only remember them, but to let them help us in ways we, right now, can only imagine.

We are now two months into our Religious Education Year, and I cannot say enough how thankful and grateful I am for our teachers. They not only do a good "job" but are taking on extra tasks until we formally fill the Faith Formation Position. With, I would like to ask the Parish to consider attending a town hall on Sunday, November 24 right after the 10:30am Mass to discuss this position and see what your vision is of this position. I hope to hire someone in March. Thank you as well to Julia Strzalka and Gail Laughner for organizing the wonderful Living Rosary last weekend and to all who attended!

It is that time of year that we are asking for your help (again). Don't worry it is not putting up the Christmas decorations.... yet. Any student grades 5-12 are welcome to become Altar Servers. If you are interested, please let me know. We will have a formal training and refresher later this month. Also, we are asking for more Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Any Confirmed Catholic in good standing can take part in this vital ministry. Again, if you are interested, please let me know. This is a great way to serve as a family as well.

In the meantime, please know of my continued prayers and gratefulness for you in this month of Thanksgiving as well.

*Fr. Jason*

## Religious Education Faith Formation

**HOMELESS AWARENESS**—God bless our Confirmation class for braving the chilly temps overnight at Rec Park this weekend to bring awareness to the plight of the homeless in Erie County. Yes! There are those who find the warmest spot they can to spend a night or two on the streets. Yes! They would prefer to have a warm place to live, food when they want it and warm, clean clothes to wear. Either due to mental health problems or economic hard times, they are unable to rise above their plight. 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.

**Our 4th grade Religious Education students will be hosting 10:30 am Mass on November 10.**

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

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**—We consider our homes to be safe places for our children, but 1.7 million U.S. youth experience homelessness every year. 50,000 youth sleep on the streets for six months or more each year. One of the main causes of youth homelessness is family instability, which includes child abuse and/or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance abuse and family conflict. The website of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network ([www.ncmec.org](http://www.ncmec.org)) offers information on a range of child safety topics. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>

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

**Food Pantry** **FRUIT, JELLO, LUNCH MEAT (HAM, BOLONA, 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.**

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

|                 |          |                |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Greg Soltys     | 734-4957 | Kathy Orlando  | 450-2411 |
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### FINANCE COUNCIL

|                       |          |                   |          |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
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