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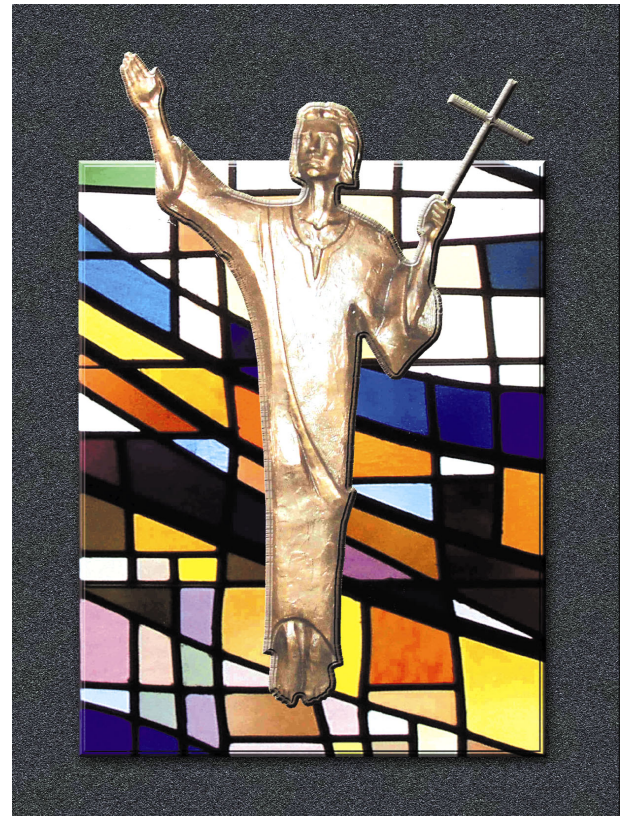
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of Catholic service and witness.

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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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Prayer Chain ~ Margaret Pekelnicky		476-7486

Mass Intentions

Monday 7:30 am	December 2, 2019 Advent Weekday Communion Service
Tuesday 7:30 am	December 3, 2019 St. Francis Xavier Catherine Dlugolenski (Dzeskewicz Family)
Wednesday 7:30 am	December 4, 2019 St. John Damascene Larry Brown (Wed. Morning Mass Group)
Thursday 7:30 am	December 5, 2019 Advent Weekday Bill Harvey (Morning Mass Group)
Friday 7:30 am	December 6, 2019 St. Nicholas Genevieve Dzeskewicz (William Loper)
Saturday 5:00 pm	December 7, 2019 St. Ambrose Joe Matheis (Michael Marchini)
Sunday 8:00 am	December 8, 2019 2nd Sunday of Advent For Our Parishioners Living & Deceased
10:30 am	Edmund, Catherine & Edmund Jr. Dlugolenski (Mike & Cheryl Stewart)

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, 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.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY—Tuesday, December 3. We will celebrate our feast day with **Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm and the Lighting of the Trees outside.** We will end our evening with a scrumptious dinner in our **Parish Center.** All parishioners are invited to attend the evening's celebration. Get those reservation slips in **ASAP!**

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU—This is a diocesan wide experience for the Advent season. Our doors will be open and the lights will be on **December 4, from 5:00—7:00 pm.** Take a break and come and talk to the Lord. Discern how you want to experience this upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons.

"Our heart is restless till it rests in You."—St. Augustine

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Meeting this Wednesday, December 4, at 7:00 pm downstairs. Remember, 50/50 tickets are on sale after all Masses. Benefitting Seminarian Jared Lichtinger.

SUNSHINE CIRCLE—Christmas meeting will be at the Ushers Club at Noon on Thursday, December 5. All members are to bring 1 dozen cookies to share and there is no pot luck for this meeting.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—This Friday, December 6, we will have Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 8:00am—6:00pm with benediction at 5:45pm. **PLEASE!** Sign up for a 1/2 hour slot. During exposition, the eucharist cannot be left alone. Come and spend a quiet moment with the Lord.

FOLLOW THE STAR CONCERT TICKETS ARE ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES. CONCERT IS SET FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, AT 7:00 PM. TICKETS ARE \$15.

Eucharistic Adoration is offered 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays at 8:00 pm.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Monday	12-02
Tuesday	12-03 Evening Prayer 6:00 pm & Dinner
Wednesday	12-04 The Light Is On For You 5-7:00 pm K of C Mtg. 7:00 pm
Thursday	12-05 Sunshine Circle Noon
Friday	11-29 First Friday Adoration & Visits
Saturday	11-30 Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday	12-01 Masses 8:00 and 10:30 am Pastoral Council Mtg. 4:00 pm in Rectory

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ’s new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God’s power will have brought universal peace and God’s Word will have instructed all people, radiating God’s “light” (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks “in the light of the LORD” (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed “in [God’s] ways” (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to “awake from sleep” for this final “day is at hand” (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday’s scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God’s plan of salvation.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD’s house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalms — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS
FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS (KEN
GNAGI FAMILY)**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

A Stewardship of Sharing

Bulletin transmitted early due to holiday

Households receiving envelopes—440 Envelopes used—
Goal \$5,215.00
Total Collection \$0.00
Capital Improvements \$0.00

**Bills paid: Autom \$250 Country Petals \$100 Home Depot \$49
 National Fuel \$474 Giant Eagle \$170
 Word Among Us Books \$111**

Liturgical Ministry Schedule—December 8, 2019

Masses	5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
Ushers	D. Danylko C. & C. Hahlen T. Weber R. Fox	F. Kroto E. Lemock J. Schultz S. Haywood	W. Mientkewic K. Norris M. Buzzard M. Bourke
Eucharistic Ministers	D. Herbol T. Kitcey	L. Glaspell C. Kuchinski	M. Murnock J. Jankowiak
Lectors	L. Herman	B. Dedrick	P. Alboni
Altar Servers	L. Weismiller O. Weismiller	C. Haywood R. Lorah	C. Morehouse C. Villanueva
Cantors	B. Neuburger	L. Skladanowski	Pamulas

**SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749)
December 4**

From almost 1300 years ago, John’s message for the church’s spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict said that in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This “incarnational theology,” the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today’s pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as “windows into heaven”—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year! What is your resolution? Before you think that I have eaten raw turkey this past week and totally lost my mind, remember that Advent begins a new church year. But my challenge to you is not to make a “Resolution” but “do something”...daily...in your prayer life. A resolution is typically a statement of intention, whereas doing something, whatever it is, in your prayer life goes further. Advent is a good time to not only “Prepare the Way of the Lord”, but to also “Repair” the Way of the Lord. Where have we fallen short? Where have we given up spiritually? Now is the time to do something. Take advantage of the opportunity for Reconciliation, Daily Mass, Adoration, Spending a few moments with Scripture or a Devotional Book, or a few moments of personal quiet prayer, etc. Small simple acts of time spent in prayer will help us not only Prepare, but Repair what is already there. Advent is a great time to realize the power and challenge of “quiet” in a time that is busy, loud, and anxious. All that the Lord wants from us is some of our heart in this new year. Don't let time pass by, but both Prepare and Repair your heart in Him!

Speaking of Repairing our way to the Lord, this **Wednesday, December 4** throughout all of Erie County from 5pm-7pm, all Churches will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Whether it has been 10 days or 10 years or more, please take advantage of this opportunity. Our Church will also have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as well.

Another great way to “do something” is to get involved. Whether it is joining the Knights of Columbus, a Liturgical Ministry (Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Altar Server, etc.), or simply helping with our Angel Tree project or donating to the Food Pantry. These acts matter because YOU matter. We are always in need of all the above, don't be afraid to get involved.

All and all, our job this Advent is to take the Lord up on the invitation of Hope. In addition to working on our own prayer life, we must invite others. Advent is a great time to look around and not ask the question, where have you been, but, we miss you and would you join me on Sunday? I know with the recent news about our Church, that some have had struggles with their faith. Perhaps by your invitation to come back, it might be the witness to the Gospel that another may need. Invite someone back to church with you each weekend of Advent and Christmas! Also, invite the Lord into your social media! We have a Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Parishapp to help us. I hope everyone who is technologically savvy (and if you are not ask someone to teach you) will follow our social media sites to keep up to date.

Finally, our Parish Feast Day is this Tuesday, December 3. If you have not yet had a chance to RSVP, please let the Office know as soon as possible. All are welcome. Good luck to our Hunters and Travelers, and I hope that you enjoyed your time for Thanksgiving and now it is time to Prepare (and Repair) the Way of the Lord! A blessed Advent to all!

Fr. Jason

Religious Education Faith Formation



BABYSITTING—Our Mission Trip students will be providing babysitting in the Parish Center on **December 22, from Noon—4:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity for you to finish last mi-

nute shopping, wrapping or just relaxing for a few hours. There will be crafts, games, movies and a light snack. A sign up sheet will be in the Gathering Space next week. We just need to know how many for which to prepare. We ask for a monetary donation as well as a non perishable food item. All money collected will help our Mission Trip. Questions? Call Gail Carrier 392-7520.

NEXT SUNDAY—December 8, our 3rd grade Faith Formation Students will be hosting the 10:30 Mass. Bless their little hearts.

ANGEL TREE—As the gifts come in...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. **Please return by December 14/15**. Wrapping paper donations, ribbon, tape and a few more elves to help Cindy Gray would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make for light work.

Food Pantry



FRUIT, JELLO, CEREAL, LUNCH MEAT (HAM, BOLOGNA, SALALMI) 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.

Land Sakes! We just finished Thanksgiving and now onto planning for Christmas. Hams, cake mixes, frosting, cookie dough mixes, rolls, canned yams, veggies frozen or canned.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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