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Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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of Catholic service and witness.

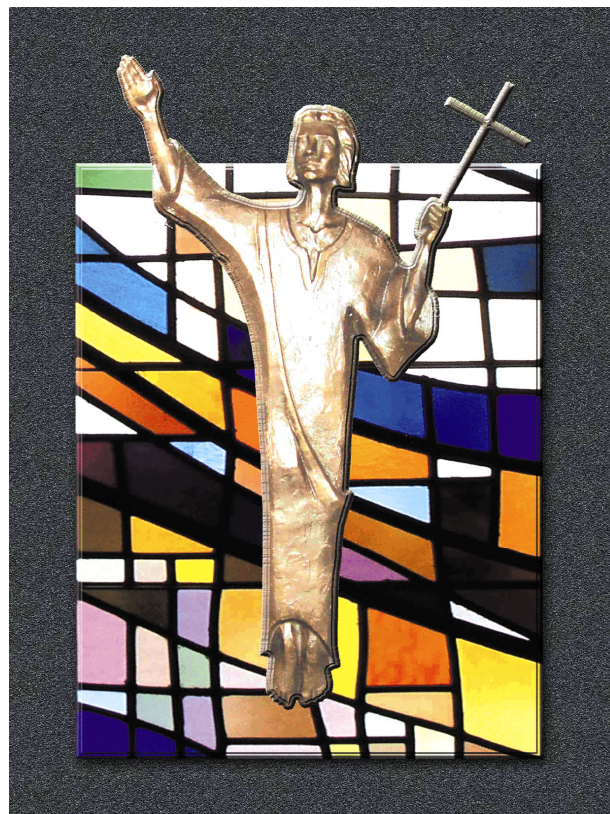
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Parish Office Hours:

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 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

Administrator ~ Reverend Jason Feigh	jason.feigh@prep-villa.com	476-7657
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Parish Secretary ~ Debbie Murnock.....		476-7657
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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

Mass Intentions

Monday 7:30 am	September 17, 2018 St. Robert Bellamine Communion Service
Tuesday 7:30 am	September 18, 2018 Weekday Audrey Ratzloff (Arline Hido & Brenda Henry)
Wednesday 7:30 am	September 19, 2018 St. Januarius In Honor & Thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity and the Holy Family (Sr. Placida, OSB)
Thursday 7:30 am	September 20, 2018 St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon Honoring Father Mark Nowak
Friday 7:30 am	September 21, 2018 St. Matthew Communion Service
Saturday 5:00 pm	September 22, 2018 Weekday Mike Ferrick (Shirley Flak)
Sunday 8:00 am	Sept. 23, 2018 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Parishioners Living and Deceased
10:30 am	Steve & Kathryn McKenrick (Family)

Please remember in your prayers..... Marsha A. & daughter, Cassandra Aho, Amy Altimier, Dan Always, John Armstrong, Dewey B., Marsha Badach, Emma Balinski, Vicky Barcio, Patty Bennett, Rachel Boume, Patty Brown, Randy Brucher, Amanda Bryant, Shelly Buffalari, Sam Burns, Carole C., Tim C., Amy Campoli, Debbie Carrick, Todd Carrier, Abigail Carullo, Doug Chernicky, Rod Coburn, Eleanor Collings, Earl Corbin, Esther Craig, Dale & family, Trudy DeCarolis, Artie Defoy, Karen, Dickson, A. Dodick, Cathie Dombkowski, Katie Dombkowski, Ron Dombkowski, Danielle Dorderder, Jonathan Ledger Dougherty, Bill Drakes, Dawn Duran, Bill Eberlein, Sr., Ashley English, Lynn English, Jack F., Ron & Helen Feldman, Fred Fields, Carrie Fiske, Mary Fiscus, Patrick Fitzgerald, Eleanor Fox, Carol Fullom, Denise Fulton, 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, Maria Hoge, Gloria Hollenbeck, Molly Holmes, Holly, Rich Hudack, Denise Hudson, 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, Ed Kuligowski, Sara L. Roberta Laird, Rose Lapenz, Gail Laughner, John Lewis, Janet Lombardo, Robin Macial, Tim Maciulewicz, Lexxi Maloney-Barnes, James Mantsch, Joe Matheis, Matt & Rachael, Paul Mayer, Patrick McKenrick, Shawn Morgan, Jr., Bill Muenz, Kathy Murr, Ron and Lynn Nash, Leny Nipper, Tom O., Buddy O'Leary, Loretta Olsczewski, Bill Oshinski, Catherine Ott, Nadine P., Rick P., Kayden Painter, Michael Pamula, Patrick, Liz Pauly, Ron, Paige, David Pekelnicky, 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, Christi Reilly, Albert Renshaw, McKenna Ritter, Melissa Rindfuss, Joan Robinson, Rocky, Alan Rodgers, Debbie Rose, Bob Rudzenski, Frank Rumba, Lindsey Ryan, Jim S., Dave Sarr, Shirley Sayers, Jim Scully, Joseph Seth, Greg & Rochelle Sharrer, Therese Sauer, Madeline Sienecki, Robin Snyder, Tina, Gregory Thomas, Patricia Vadala, Dan Via, Erica Wagner, Margaret Wasser, Dan Weber, Lisa Weber, Maureen Wentzel, Caitlin Wentzel, Danny Wadsworth, Joe Warbanski, Carol Winschel, 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

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION - Today we take up this important collection. Please support this important program, where half of what you give will remain within our parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs. Your support helps to make these lifelong faith formation ministries possible.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON??? - If you have a Smart phone go to myParish App. We are trying to keep up with all the events that are happening within the parish... mtgs., scouts, concerts, Center rentals and the Faith Formation calendar. Please use this App to stay informed. We have a lot going on.

DON'T LET THE FLU BUG YOU! - St. Francis Xavier Parish will host a LECOM Flu Clinic in our Parish Center on **Saturday, September 29, 10:00 - 1:00 pm, and on Tuesday, October 2, 9:00 - 1:00 pm and 5:00 - 7:00 pm.**

Yes, the flu season will be upon us before we know it. Protect yourself and your loved ones now.

OCTOBER IS "RESPECT LIFE" MONTH - It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through September. And as we start to enjoy warm days and cooler nights and all that the coming of fall has to offer, we are reminded of those who may be struggling to stay warm, to stay fed, and to keep a roof over their heads.

St. Francis Xavier Parish will be participating in Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services' annual "Diaper Drive". There will be a box in the Gathering Space in which infant supplies can be donated. Diapers, blankets, wipes, formula, infant clothing, new bottles and pacifiers, lotion, shampoo, and gently used maternity clothing will be gratefully accepted.

Monday	09-17	<i>Weekly Calendar</i>
Tuesday	09-18	
Wednesday	09-19	
Thursday	09-20	
Friday	09-21	
Saturday	09-22	
Sunday	09-23	
		Mass 5:00 pm
		Masses 8:00 & 10:30 am
		Boy Scouts 6:00 pm

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

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Adult: Why should faith always lead to good works?

Child: What good works can you do to show your faith in Jesus?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37



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WEEKLY COLLECTION

A Stewardship of Sharing

September 9, 2018

Households receiving envelopes—487 Envelopes used—130
Goal. \$5,215.00
Total Collection. \$2,940.00
Capital Improvements. \$218.00

Catholic Services Appeal - Families participating 142
Totals as of: 8/27/18 - Pledged: \$50,850 Paid: \$45,045

Bills paid: Diocese CSA pmt. \$10,438 Penelec \$672
Rel. Ed. Curriculum \$1,708 Spectrum \$367

Liturgical Ministry Schedule - September 23, 2018

Masses	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	E. Petak B. Petak T. Weber K. Campbell	M. Vincent T. Glaspell J. Thompson G. Wilkosz	R. Damore T. Hoover R. Gray D. Damore
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Matheis E. Matheis	G. Soltys L. Glaspell	C. Gray R. Gray
Lectors	M. Curtze	P. Flynn	J. Pamula
Altar Servers	B. Schrupf	J. Sickles	C. Morehouse
Cantors	M. Whelan		

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

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From the Administrator's Desk

It is hard to believe that the school year for many of us is entering its third full week. I consider it a blessing to work with our youth, as any teacher would agree, but we are all called to be teachers. The basic lesson that we must teach as Christians is that we need to put our Faith in Action while remembering that we don't earn our Faith or Salvation by our actions. This is the point that Saint Paul was trying to make in our Second Reading. In other words, our actions should not be always about ourselves, but the Lord and his Will in our Life. One way to do this is to ask ourselves the question at the end of each day: Have I done one selfless act for another. Remember, Jesus calls us to be more than "nice" but to be "holy". How we become "holy" is seeing our Lord in each other, and then let our actions mirror that reality.

Too many times we get caught in our daily lives and think that we need to "do" something for the Lord when we forget that he is in every moment of our day. Further, we must always remember we cannot earn his love or grace, as it is freely given for us to freely receive. There is no action that we can do to earn his love....it is given freely to us, and we must give that love in our actions.

The ultimate reminder of our time in this reality is what we commemorated this past Tuesday, the seventeenth (!) anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks of 2001. Many of us remember where we were and what we were doing. But we all must remember that day's lessons for all of us: Time is Precious and see Jesus in all that we do and the people we meet! I continue to be inspired by the many stories that we hear of the heroes of that day. It was the simple actions that changed our lives forever. Continue to pray for the survivors, their families, and our beautiful Nation.

I am thankful to all who took time to participate in the Diocesan Wide Day of Prayer yesterday. Whether you were able to take time before the Blessed Sacrament here in Church or another Church; or paused to reflect in your busy day wherever you were, our prayers build a foundation of healing and renewal in our Church.

Speaking of Teaching, I am also thankful for Megan, our Director of Faith Formation, speaking to us this weekend about her Vision for our Religious Education/Faith Formation Programs of our Parish. Thank you as well for your generosity in supporting the Second Collection today that helps fund our Religious Education programs as well as other education programs in our Diocese. May we always make teaching our youth a priority and thank you for your support in this endeavor. Religious Education Classes begin September 30 and check the bulletin, website, and myparishapp.com for further information, or to register.

As we know "education" does not end with formal schooling or Religious Ed Classes, but continues in our daily life. Please stay tuned in the coming months for different ways that we will explore being informed in our faith. One of the main ways we will be exploring is our usage of the [myparishapp](http://myparishapp.com), and other multimedia communication tools that help us in this endeavor. Another way we will be exploring "education" is through some other Adult and Family Formation Activities. Finally, the best way to continue to be "educated" in our faith and life, is through our daily prayer life. We will continue to explore ways to share tools to grow that as well.

By this time next weekend, we will be enjoying the First Day of Fall! (Fall, though beautiful, for me is a stepping stone to my FAVORITE time of year: Christmas, but that is a story for another day!) In the meantime, let Saint Paul continue to educate us on what is important: "I will show you faith that underlies my works", and have a great week!

Religious Education Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration - Registration packets for the 2018- 2019 Program were mailed this week to all families currently in the program. If you are new to the program please call 476-1622 or email faithformation8880@gmail.com for a registration packet. The program is held for all parishioners in grades Kindergarten through 11th grade on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:20 am. Classes will start **Sunday, September 30**

Catechists Are Needed - We are currently in need of three adults to teach in our program. We are looking for Catechists for our 6th grade class. Many people who would make great Catechists are hesitant to volunteer thinking they do not know enough about their faith. To be a great Catechist all you need is a desire to share your faith with the youth of your parish. All teaching materials and training are provided. The rewards for this minimal time commitment are plenty. *You can make a difference in the life of a child.* If you are interested in this ministry please contact Megan at 476-1622 or email at faithformation8880@gmail.com

ROSARY SOCIETY - Due to low membership, our Rosary Society has decided to join with our Sunshine Circle. There will be no Rosary Society Card Party this year. It will be sorely missed. The office is already receiving calls asking if it will be held this year. We thank the ladies for there participation over the decades and wish them well in the future.

Food Pantry



Our needs this week are meat, cheese, macaroni and cheese, CANNED FRUIT, snacks, cereal, crackers, toilet tissue, laundry detergent, bar soap.

The Health Dept. has informed us not to accept Kellogg's Honey Smacks at this time. They have been linked to a Salmonella outbreak.

If you have them at home, it is recommended you throw them out ASAP.

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