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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

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*

- Monday**      **September 9, 2019 St. Peter Claver**  
**7:30 am**      **Communion Service**
- Tuesday**     **September 10, 2019 Weekday**  
**7:30 am**      **Genevieve Dzeskewicz (Micki Harned)**
- Wednesday**   **September 11, 2019 Weekday**  
**7:30 am**      **Victims of Abuse and Terrorism**
- Thursday**     **September 12, 2019 Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
**7:30 am**      **Joseph & Margaret Crook (grandsons, Matt & Jason Feigh)**
- Friday**        **September 13, 2019 St. John Chrysostom**  
**7:30 am**      **Michael Ferrick (Mike & Cheryl Stewart)**
- Saturday**     **September 14, 2019 Weekday**  
**5:00 pm**      **Charles Nicholson (Marleen & John Dudzinski)**
- Sunday**        **Sept. 15, 2019 24th Sun. in Ordinary Time**  
**8:00 am**      **Bill Harvey (Morning Mass Group)**
- 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 Boume, Patty Brown, Randy Brutcher, 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, Dale & family, Trudy DeCarolis, Artie Defoy, Karen Dickson, A. Dodick, 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 Hudacky, Denise Hudson, 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, Shawn Morgan, Jr., Bill Muenz, Kathy Murr, Kathy N., Ron and Lynn Nash, Leny Nipper, Tom O., Buddy O'Leary, Bill Oshinski, Catherine Ott, 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, Madeline Sienecki, Robin Snyder, Tina, Gregory Thomas, Patricia Vadala, Dan Via, Margaret Wasser, Dan Weber, Lisa Weber, Maureen Wentzel, Caitlin Wentzel, Danny Wadsworth, Joe Wardanski, Bob Whitford, Lois Whitcomb, Denise Wilson, Jack Z., 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**—Congrats to the Petaks on winning this month's 50/50 drawing. Remember to support our Knights. You can't win if you don't buy a ticket. We are always accepting new members. Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of every month.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION**—If you can help set up on Friday evening, September 27 that would be great. Help is needed in the kitchen, just a couple hours on Saturday afternoon, September 28 is all we need to put the finishing touches on it all. Please call the office to sign up.

**BINGO—ITS BACK!! BE STILL MY HEART!**  
**Sunday, October 6, Doors open at 11:30 am, Bingo begins at 12:30 pm.** \$35 donation includes lunch. **ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY!**  
**BASKET RAFFLE, 50/50 AND MORE!** Volunteers are needed for the October 6 Bingo right here in our Parish Center.

Kitchen help is needed to help prepare the luncheon for the event. Once done, you can play bingo to your heart's content. Call Debbie in the office if you can help. A basket raffle will also take place. Baskets are needed. If you belong to an organization or club that could sponsor a basket, it would be greatly appreciated. Let Kathy Orlando know if you plan to do so.

**MISSION CO-OP**—Every year we invite a Missionary to come and speak to our congregation on evangelization in other parts of the world. This weekend we are happy to have Fr. Alphonsus from Ghana to speak at all the Masses. Let's welcome him into our parish family and listen to the Good News through him. Please be as generous as you are able.

| <b>WEEKLY CALENDAR</b> |                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday                 | 09-09                                                                                                                         |
| Tuesday                | 09-10                                                                                                                         |
| Wednesday              | 09-11 <b>Cathedral Prep Retreat 8-3pm</b>                                                                                     |
| Thursday               | 09-12                                                                                                                         |
| Friday                 | 09-13                                                                                                                         |
| Saturday               | 09-14 <b>Mass 5:00 pm Cat Yoga 9-10 am<br/>In the Parish Center</b>                                                           |
| Sunday                 | 09-15 <b>Masses 8:00 &amp; 10:30 am Pot Luck<br/>Communion Breakfast after 10:30 Mass. Y'all Come!<br/>Boy Scouts 6:00 pm</b> |

**POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES**

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend’s Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year’s Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend’s scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with “timid deliberations” and “unsure plans.” Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to “let the good you do be voluntary.” Jesus instructs “great crowds” traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples’ lifelong labors.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

**Psalm** — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).


**Second Reading** — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

**Gospel** — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]



**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS  
FOR CHARLES NICHOLSON**  
(Marleen & John Dudzinski)

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
*A Stewardship of Sharing*  
September 1, 2019

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Households receiving envelopes—440 | Envelopes used—132 |
| Goal .....                         | \$5,215.00         |
| Total Collection .....             | \$4,253.00         |
| Capital Improvements .....         | \$485.00           |

**Bills paid: ACS Tech. \$76 Cathedral Corp. \$452 Hofmanns \$85  
Janitor Supply \$534 Giant Eagle \$191**

*Liturgical Ministry Schedule—Sept 15, 2019*

| Masses                       | 5:00 pm                                         | 8:00 am                                                | 10:30 am                                       |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers</b>                | E. Petak<br>B. Petak<br>T. Weber<br>K. Campbell | M. Vincent<br>T. Glaspell<br>J. Thompson<br>G. Wilkosz | R. Damore<br>D. Damore<br>T. Hoover<br>R. Gray |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | D. Herbol<br>T. Kitcey                          | T. Hoover<br>L. Strelecki                              | M. Murnock<br>M. Skladanowski                  |
| <b>Lectors</b>               | M. Curtze                                       | P. Flynn                                               | C. Villanueva                                  |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>         | L. Weismiller<br>O. Weismiller                  | R. Lorah<br>C. Haywood                                 | J. Laughner<br>J. Sickles                      |
| <b>Cantors</b>               |                                                 |                                                        |                                                |

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God’s people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was “full, conscious, and active,” a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

*From the Pastor's Desk*

I hope that you had a great Labor Day Weekend. Although the weather was not the best, it was still a nice reminder that the Lord meets us with rest from our Labors no matter the season. With Labor Day now behind us, our new “ministry year” will soon be hitting high gear over the coming weeks. Not only with Religious Ed starting back up with next weekend being our first weekend of classes, and the commissioning of our teachers at the 10:30am Mass, but with many other opportunities that invite us to journey deeper in our faith and to celebrate milestones. Stay tuned to dates for our Anniversary Blessings, Anointing of the Sick at Masses, etc. to name a few. But starting us off is our Missionary Co-op Weekend which is this weekend.

A very special welcome to our Missionary, Fr. Alphonsus, joining us this weekend. It is great to have him here with us and to help us to live out the Gospel Message with and for all!

Please read the insert from Bishop Persico and the Diocese of Erie inviting us to participate in a day of Prayer on September 15. We will mark the day with our normal Sunday Masses and with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7pm in the Church. Please sign up for a half hour time slot to be with our Lord and to pray for all effected by the scourge of Abuse.

I know for all of us this Wednesday, September 11 also marks a somber day in our Nation's History. However, I am glad that it is called Patriots Day to remind us of our brave brothers and sisters who have been “patriots” for what they went through on that day, and for all who continue to remind us that our Country is a gift. Please take time to remember why this day is important, and to pray for our Country and peace in our World.

In the meantime, enjoy the kickoff of the 100<sup>th</sup> Season of the NFL this weekend and enjoy these days of late summer as God gives them to us to live in his light!

*Fr. Jason*

**NEXT WEEKEND**—is the 2019 Catholic Education Collection. Please give generously. Without you, our faith formation and religious education programs would not be as successful as they are. Because of you, our many children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith. THANK YOU for your support.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**—As the campaign moves along, we want everyone to know that we are so very grateful for everyone's support and generosity. If you would still like to participate there is plenty of time to pledge today. No pledge is too small. Envelopes are in the Gathering Space.

We have 132 families participating (out of 460 registered families) with pledges of \$53,285 and \$46,490 paid to date.

# Religious Education Faith Formation

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES START NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15!!!**

## Volunteers Needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word

*What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?*

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special program celebrated for the children of the parish during 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

This program gives the children an opportunity to listen and respond to the readings in a smaller setting where they can explore God's love and His Word.

During Children's Liturgy of the Word, they hear the Gospel read to them from a Children's Lectionary.

The leader for the day will discuss the important parts of the reading and how it relates to the children.

Although this is not a religion class, it is an opportunity for the children to express their thoughts and ideas about the world in which we live and how God fits into their world.

The children are actively engaged in the liturgy and the discussions. After the reading and discussion, a small craft or activity may be done.

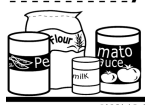
Finally, the children are encouraged to join the congregation in the Mass for the celebration of Communion.

*Get Involved!*

If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

All volunteer clearances are required (pending diocesan approval). We welcome anyone to volunteer, no prior teaching experience is needed.

### **Food Pantry**



**LUNCH MEAT (HAM, BOLOGNA, SALALMI) HAMBURGER, CHICKEN AND VEGGIES ARE NEEDED. Meat can be put in the refrigerator freezer in the Gathering Space. Sue just requested toilet paper as well. Yikes!**

#### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

|                 |          |                |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Greg Soltys     | 734-4957 | Kathy Orlando  | 450-2411 |
| George Wilkosz  | 474-3131 | Kevin Campbell | 392-3151 |
| Dale Oesterling | 476-1550 | Ted Hoover     | 833-8695 |
| Barb Davies     | 476-7267 | Chris Matheis  | 572-6411 |

#### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

|                       |          |                   |          |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Andrea Campbell       | 392-6833 | Lori Skladanowski | 431-0797 |
| Deacon Ron Fronzaglia | 864-6772 | Ray Seth          | 474-1245 |