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Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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

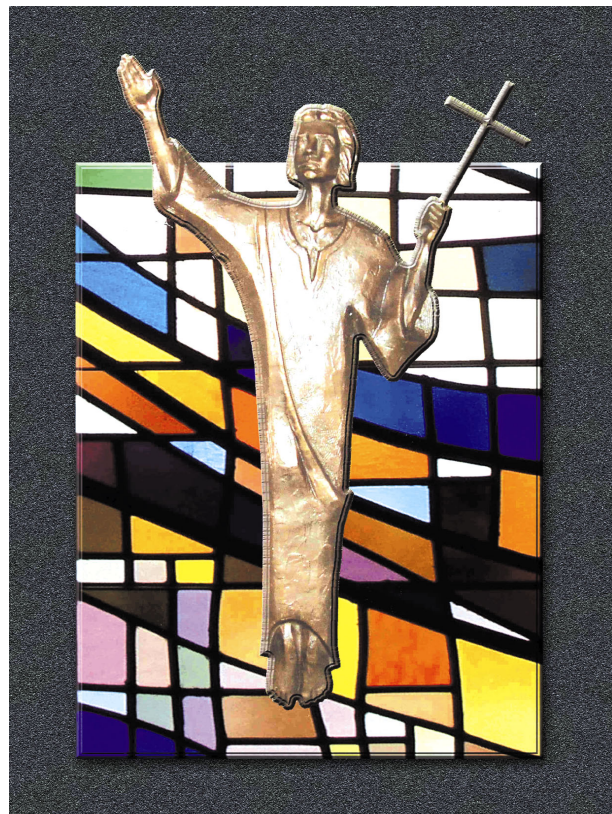
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Parish Office Hours:

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

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 30, 2019 Octave of Christmas Guy Van Damia (Mary Ann & Nemo Alecci)
Tuesday 5:00 pm	December 31, 2019 St. Sylvester I For Our Parishioners Living & Deceased
Wednesday 10:30 am	January 1, 2020 Solemnity of Mary Elizabeth Harvey (The Rooneys)
Thursday 7:30 am	January 2, 2020 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Edmund, Catherine & Edmund Jr. Dlugolenski
Friday 7:30 am	January 3, 2020 Holy Name of Jesus Adam & Genevieve Dzeskewicz (Stewart Family)
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 4, 2020 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Dave Salvatore (Chuck & Penny Keller)
Sunday 8:00 am	January 5, 2020 Epiphany of the Lord Wilford McLaughlin (Family)
10:30 am	For Our Parishioners Living & Deceased

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 Hurdack, 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, Mary Lou Scalzitti, 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, PFC Jacob Lenhardt.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL—The 2019 CSA will close at the end of this month. We thank everyone who so generously gave this past year. Once we reached our goal, the remainder of money stayed in our parish. To date we have pledges of \$53,725 with \$51,140 paid. Our goal was \$41,862. Because of your generous spirit, and if all pledges are met, \$11,863 will remain in the parish.

Eucharistic Adoration—There will not be Adoration on this Thursday, January 2.

However, there will be First Friday Adoration on Friday, January 3.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL THURSDAY, JANUARY 2. PLEASE NOTE THIS AND HANDLE YOUR CHURCH AFFAIRS ACCORDINGLY.

PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST—SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, AT THE BAYFRONT CONVENTION CENTER.

ERIE MARCH FOR LIFE—SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 AT 11:00 AM IN DOWNTOWN ERIE.

BUS TRIP TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC—JANUARY 23-25. LEAVE ERIE AT 11 PM ON THE 23RD AND RETURN ABOUT 1:30 AM ON THE 25TH.

INFORMATION ON BULLETIN BOARD IN GATHERING SPACE.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	12-30 Christmas Break Fun Nite 6-8:00 pm
Tuesday	12-31 Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Wednesday	01-01 Solemnity Mass 10:30 am
Thursday	01-02 No Adoration
Friday	01-03
Saturday	01-04 Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday	01-05 Masses 8:00 and 10:30 am

SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

A Stewardship of Sharing

December 15, 2019

Households receiving envelopes—440 Envelopes used—133
Goal \$5,215.00
Total Collection \$3,519.00
Capital Improvements \$695.00
Immac. Conception \$492.00

Bills paid: Diocese Self Insurance \$1,914 Mazza Wine \$13
Hagan Bus. Machines \$92 Weber Electric \$118

Solemnity of Mary Schedule on fold out page.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule—January 5, 2020

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 L. Sala	L. Glaspell B. Gdanetz	C. Carnes M. Murnock
Lectors	L. Herman	G. Otteni	K. Orlando
Altar Servers	L. Myers O. Weismiller	L. Fleek C. Haywood	P. Jonas C. Jonas
Cantors	K. Orlando	L. Skladanowski	B. Neuburger

SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)

December 29

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the king's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.

From the Pastor's Desk

I hope that you are enjoying the Christmas Season. Remember, I have a Christmas Radar and if I find out that you already undecorated, I will put your tree back up or make you watch the Steelers-Ravens Game, or both as a punishment. Just kidding. Remember, Christmas has only begun. It is a short season filled with great meaning through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. Or you can be like me and follow the ancient custom of keeping your decorations up until February 2 (the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord). Anyway, keep singing "O Come Let Us Adore Him" and enjoy this beautiful time with each other!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This is when we ponder the importance of relationships and love in our life. That is not only what Christmas is about, but our life as Christians. Relationships are very important. Please take time to nurture the relationships that you have and spend time with. Also, it is a time to make amends with strained relationships.

A reminder that **Wednesday, January 1, 2020 (!) is A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**. Please join us for **Mass on Tuesday, December 31 at 6pm** for the Vigil Mass (Confessions will be heard from 5-5:40pm); or on **New Year's Day at 10:30am**. (Confessions will be heard from 9:45-10:15am). End and Start with the Lord at the Manger!

Thank you to Emily Jonas and Jen Haywood for organizing our Christmas Break Get Together for our Faith Formation students. It's tomorrow night, Monday, December 30 from 6 – 8:00 pm.

Further, thank you to everyone who helped decorate the Church as beautiful as it is, as well as our Altar Servers, Cantors, Musicians, Lectors, and Ushers. Thank you as well to our Staff that helps with MANY things. I hope they are enjoying a few well-deserved days off. Everyone always steps up to the plate and I/we are grateful.

This Friday we have First Friday Adoration, please take time with our Lord in prayer before Him in the Blessed Sacrament by signing up for a ½ hour timeslot from 8am -6pm. If you cannot commit to an hour, come when you can, or for Benediction at 5:45pm.

Remember, the Offices remain Closed until January 2. Please know of my continued love and prayers as we continue the Christmas Season and New Year Blessings to all.... please be safe!

Fr. Jason

Religious Education Faith Formation

December Fun Get Together—Tomorrow night, Monday, Dec. 30, 6-8:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Classes will resume next Sunday, Jan. 5.

Solemnity of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation—Masses will be on Tuesday, December 31 at 6:00 pm and on New Year's Day at 10:30 am

Masses	6:00 pm	10:30 am
Ushers		
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Glaspell C. Kuchinski	J. Jankowiak T. Hoover
Lectors	D. Herbol	M. Murnock
Altar Servers	C., E. & M. Hahlen	N. Naber V. Naber
Cantors	L. Skladanowski	K. Orlando

Food Pantry



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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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