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# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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

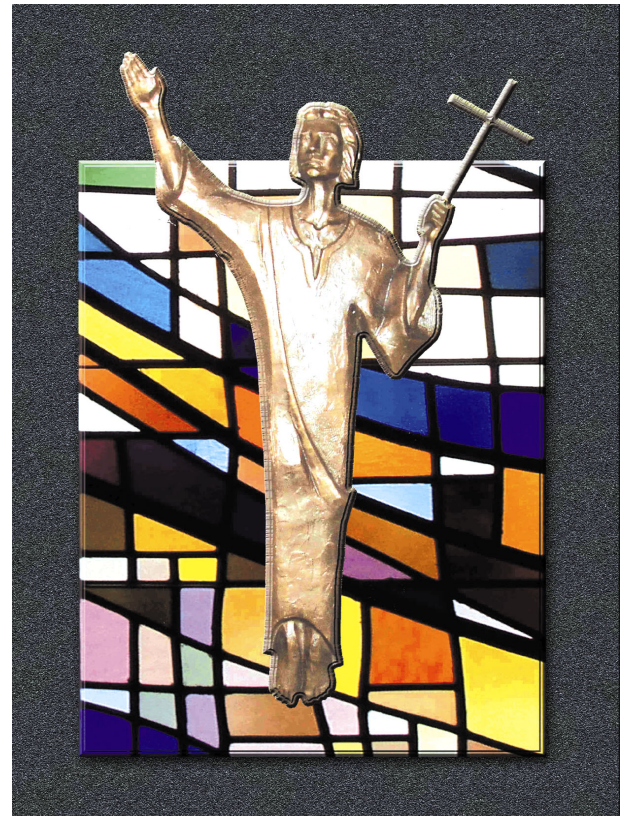
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### Parish Office Hours:

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

<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
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<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*

<b>Monday</b> 7:30 am	<b>November 25, 2019 St. Catherine of Alexandria</b> <b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 am	<b>November 26, 2019 Weekday</b> <b>Edmund, Catherine &amp; Edmund Jr. Dlugolenski</b> (Karen & Carl)
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:00 pm	<b>November 27, 2019 Weekday</b> <b>Mark Chernicky</b> (Mom & Dad)
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 am	<b>November 28, 2019 Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>NO MASS TODAY—HAPPY HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Friday</b> 7:30 am	<b>November 29, 2019 Weekday</b> <b>Genevieve Dzeskewicz</b> (Frances Dzeskewicz)
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>Nov. 30, 2019 St. Andrew</b> <b>Donald G. Pudlick</b> (Gary & Denise Eicher)
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 1, 2019 1st Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Fred Kindland</b> (Joe & Linda Flatley)
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>For Our Parishioners Living &amp; 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, 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.

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!** - Thanks to everyone who came to help prepare the church for Advent. It looks great! The cleaners request that if you chew gum in church, **DO NOT STICK IT UNDER THE PEW.** It makes it very difficult to reach it and remove it. And it's disgusting!

**CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT—TODAY,** our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Please be as generous as you are able. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**CANTORS' MEETING—All cantors are asked to attend a meeting this Sunday after the 10:30 Mass. We will go over the music for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Very important we all attend.**

**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

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Monday	11-25
Tuesday	11-26
Wednesday	11-27
Thursday	11-28 <b>NO DAILY MASS TODAY</b>
Friday	11-29
Saturday	11-30 <b>Mass 5:00 pm</b>
Sunday	12-01 <b>Masses 8:00 and 10:30 am</b>

**OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP**

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today’s feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it’s like to belong to God’s kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke’s Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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Adult: In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?

Kids: How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Lord said to David, “You shall shepherd my people Israel” (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

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

**Second Reading** — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

**Gospel** — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28

**Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:** Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

*A Stewardship of Sharing*

November 17, 2019

Households receiving envelopes—440 Envelopes used—144  
**Goal** ..... \$5,215.00  
**Total Collection** ..... \$3,535.00  
**Capital Improvements** ..... \$518.00

**Bills paid:** Cath. School Support \$2,793 Hofmann’s \$380  
 Erie Water Works \$81 Grise Audio \$93 Sewer bill \$360  
 Hagan Bus. Machines \$24 Pitney Bowes \$92

*Liturgical Ministry Schedule—December 1, 2019*

Masses	5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
<b>Ushers</b>	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
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	C. Matheis E. Matheis	K. Culbertson G. Soltys	C. Carnes M. Murnock
<b>Lectors</b>	D. Herbol	T. Blecki	B. Pamula
<b>Altar Servers</b>	B. Schrupf G. McCarthy	N. Seeders N. Naber	P. Jonas C. Jonas
<b>Cantors</b>	K. Orlando	K. Orlando	D. Murnock

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today’s solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a “Holy Year,” keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words “and of his kingdom there will be no end” were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ’s love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism’s waters, we are anointed with chrism “as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king.” This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS**

**FOR MARJORIE & JOHN**

**BRINKER, JR. (BRUCE & ROSE  
SCOUTEN)**



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

This is one of my favorite Feasts (not because it is the weekend before Thanksgiving and Christmas is on its way) because of what it teaches us. It teaches us that we are called by a King, THE King of the Universe. This means he cares for each of us individually as if we were the only one that mattered. The challenge that he gives us however, is to live out this call with all whom we meet. That is why we hear part of the Crucifixion story from the Gospel of Luke today to remind us that our King is not about anything else other than helping us to get to heaven, at any cost. To say that Christ is King means that we must put into action his message, not out of fear, but out of love. Afterall, it was love that was given to us on the Cross. Never fear this call. Just as glory came after suffering for Jesus, the same is true for us, because he is OUR King, as individuals and as a Church! Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

As we end this Liturgical Year, we know that Advent is coming. Please use the schedule that was sent home to you (or the one in the bulletin this weekend) as a guide for all of the events happening as we journey towards Christmas! Next weekend, I invite you to bring your own version of an Advent wreath to Church. As we bless our community Advent Wreath, I will bless yours as well. It does not need to be fancy, or even traditional; if it has four candles in some fashion. Place it somewhere in your house to remind you to spend time "preparing the way of the Lord". I also encourage you to bring an ornament for our Community Tree as well!

Before we get there however, we MUST give thanks. Please plan on joining us for our Thanksgiving Mass that will be celebrated as a Vigil Mass the night before (Wednesday) at 6pm. There is no Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day to allow us to prepare our meals and spend time with our families. Please start this holiday off with the Lord giving thanks for all the blessings we receive.

We are still taking signups for Altar Servers. Any child grades 4-12 can serve and we will have a brief refresher for all Servers (and training for our new ones) soon. Please pay attention to the announcements/MyParishApp for the time.

Don't forget about our Townhall mtg. regarding Faith formation after 10:30am Mass this weekend as it is the Parish's turn to give an opinion of what that position can do to help all of us beyond the Religious Education years. It will be held in the Gathering Space. I hope that we are finding comfort from the grace of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick this weekend. Remember, you can receive this Sacrament MANY times throughout your life; especially if you experience chronic pain/illness of any variety in Body, Mind, or Spirit. I also hope that you will be able to join in Adoration between 8 and 10:30 am Masses tomorrow/today to honor Christ our King. Also, if your schedule allows, please join us for the McKean Council of Churches Thanksgiving Prayer Service at 3pm at the Methodist Church. Please note that because of the holiday, our offices close at Noon on Wednesday and reopen on Monday. In the meantime, please know I am grateful and thankful for your presence in my life and for the ability to journey with you! Happy Thanksgiving!

With Much Love,

*Fr. Jason*

## Religious Education Faith Formation

5th grade is hosting the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, November 24.



**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 minute 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.

**ANGEL TREE**—Our Angel Tree is up in the Gathering Space this weekend. Please consider taking a tag, purchasing a gift and putting a smile on the face of a child this Christmas season. 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. Wrapping paper donations, ribbon, tape and a few more elves to help Cindy Gray would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make for light work.

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

Sue Bole and Deb Mager would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to our food pantry for Thanksgiving. All of our recipients received a turkey, stuffing, potatoes and yammers, corn/veggies, rolls, pie, jello, and a little bit more. Thank you so very much.

#### 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
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#### FINANCE COUNCIL

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