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Saint Francis Xavier Parish

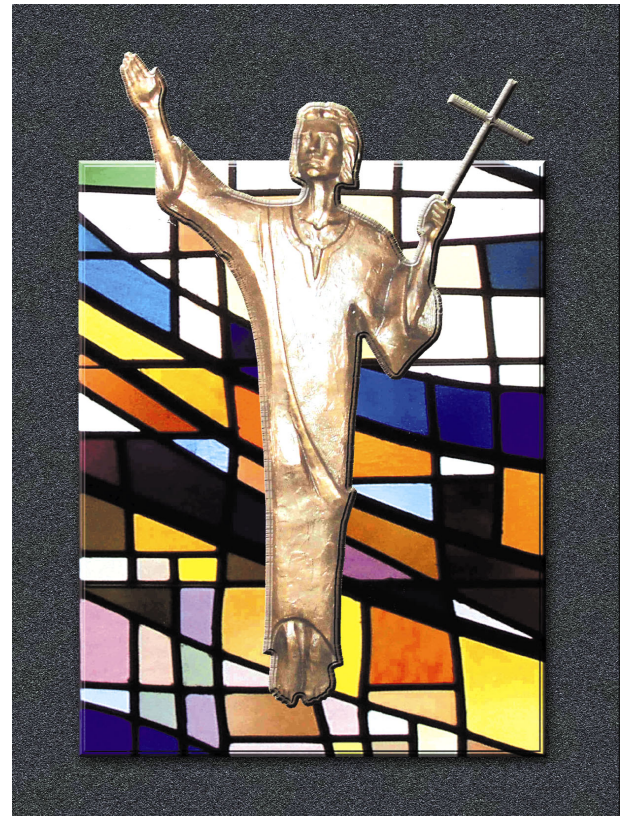
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of Catholic service and witness.

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Parish Office Hours:
Monday – 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
Parish Secretary ~ Debbie Murnock.....		476-7657
Faith Formation/Religious Education ~	faithformation@stfrancisxaviermckean.org	476-7657
Music ~ Marsha Fronzaglia		864-6772
Parish Center Reservation / Scheduling ~ Debbie Murnock		476-7657
Cemetery Information, Graves, Interments ~ Debbie Murnock.....		476-7657
Prayer Chain ~ Margaret Pkelnicky		476-7486

Mass Intentions

Monday 7:30 am	December 16, 2019 Advent Weekend Communion Service
Tuesday 7:30 am	December 17, 2019 Advent Weekday Genevieve Wilkosz (Audrey Kosienski, Jim & Cindy Viveralli)
Wednesday 7:30 am	December 18, 2019 Advent Weekday Dorothy Danylko (Bryant Family)
Thursday 7:30 am	December 19, 2019 Advent Weekday Bill Harvey (Morning Mass Group)
Friday 7:30 am	December 20, 2019 Advent Weekday Bettie, Edward & Dick Lohse (Jack Lohse)
Saturday 5:00 pm	December 21, 2019 St. Peter Canisius For Our Parishioners Living & Deceased
Sunday 8:00 am	December 22, 2019 4th Sunday of Advent Deceased Member of Kindland & Flatley Families (Joe & Linda Flatley)
10:30 am	Loretta Olszewski (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 Hudacky, 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.

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 Adults \$5 students.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS—“Thank you’ hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week’s second collection. We collected \$1,675.

Eucharistic Adoration—Due to the concert on Thursday, Adoration will be on Wednesday at 8:00 pm.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AT NOON ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 AND WILL REOPEN ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 2. PLEASE NOTE THIS AND HANDLE YOUR CHURCH AFFAIRS ACCORDINGLY.

AS WE APPROACH THE END OF THE YEAR—Please remember, we do not send out End of the Year donation statements. If you would like one for tax purposes, simply call the office and one will be mailed to you. This has helped us save a lot on postage, time and office supplies.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Monday	12-16
Tuesday	12-17
Wednesday	12-18 Adoration 8:00 pm
Thursday	12-19 Staff Mtg. 8:30 am Rectory Follow the Star Concert 7:00 pm
Friday	12-20
Saturday	12-21 Mass 5:00 pm Angel Tree Distrib.
Sunday	12-22 Masses 8:00 and 10:30 am Decorate the Church for Christmas

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalms — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).


Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS
FOR MEL & MARTHA HEADLEY
(BARB & MARK DAVIES)**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

A Stewardship of Sharing

December 8, 2019

Households receiving envelopes—440 Envelopes used—146
Goal \$5,215.00
Total Collection \$4,267.00
Capital Improvements \$673.00
Immac. Conception

Bills paid: ACS Technologies \$76 Snowplowing \$210
 Penelec \$570 Diocese \$2,000 Erie Water Works \$71
 Pitney Bowes \$180 WT Spaeder \$473 Time Warner \$430
 Toshiba \$174

Liturgical Ministry Schedule—December 22, 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	T. Hoover L. Strelecki	M. Murnock M. Skladanows
Lectors	M. Curtze	T. Blecki	J. Pamula
Altar Servers	M. Huber E. Huber	N. Naber V. Naber	J. Sickles J. Laughner
Cantors	D. Murnock	M. Whalen	Pamulas

**SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591)
December 14**

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such “seasons of the soul,” an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Ávila for her Discalced (“barefoot,” evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from *The Dark Night of the Soul* through *The Ascent of Mount Carmel* to his *Spiritual Canticle* and *The Living Flame of Love*. John summarized his spirituality simply: “Put love where there is no love, and you will find love.”

BUSY WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, December 15—Confessions will be heard after the 8:00 am Mass.

Confessions and Adoration—Wednesday, December 18, 8:00—9:00 am and 5:00—6:00 pm.

Adoration will be this evening at 8:00 pm due to the concert the next night.

4th Sunday of Advent, December 21/22—Confessions will be heard after the 5:00 pm Mass and the 8:00 am Mass until 10:00 am.

Decorating the Church will take place immediately after the 10:30 Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation—Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 pm. The Sacrament of reconciliation will be celebrated from 4-4:40 pm.

Christmas Day Masses are at Midnight and 10:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family—December 29, we return to our normal weekend schedule.

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

Epiphany Weekend—January 4/5, regular weekend schedule.

Baptism of the Lord—January 11/12, conclusion of our Christmas season. Regular weekend schedule is observed.



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.

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 AND CHICKEN 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.

Planning for Christmas. Cake mixes, frosting, cookie dough mixes, rolls.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Greg Soltys	734-4957	Kathy Orlando	450-2411
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Dale Oesterling	476-1550	Ted Hoover	833-8695
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FINANCE COUNCIL

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