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# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

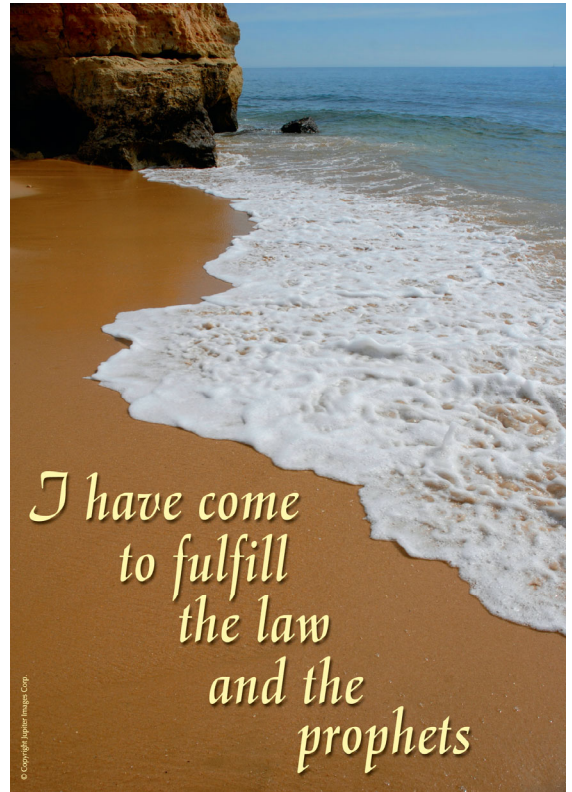
1838 **182 years** 2020  
of Catholic service and witness.

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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 Pkelnicky .....		476-7486

## *Mass Intentions*

<b>Monday</b> 7:30 am	<b>February 17, 2020 President's Day</b> <b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 am	<b>February 18, 2020 Weekday</b> <b>Genevieve Dzeskewicz (Bryan &amp; Suzie Loper)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 am	<b>February 19, 2020 Weekday</b> <b>Fred Fields (Victor Karaus)</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 am	<b>February 20, 2020 Weekday</b> <b>P. Donald Hushon (Michael Stewart)</b>
<b>Friday</b> 7:30 am	<b>February 21, 2020 St. Peter Damian</b> <b>Frances Dzeskewicz (Margaret Pekelnicky)</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>February 22, 2020 Chair of St. Peter</b> <b>Frances Dzeskewicz (Sunshine Circle)</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 23, 2020 7th Sun. Ordinary Time</b> <b>John &amp; Marion Armstrong (Ken &amp; Mary Ann Gnagi)</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Our Parishioners Living and Deceased</b>

**Please remember in your prayers.....** Artie & Stacey, Marsha A. & daughter, Cassandra Aho, Marsha Badach, Kit & Joe Balinski, Patty Bennett, Pat Blount, Rachel Bourne, David Boyd, 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, 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, Luke F., Ron & Helen Feldman, Carrie Fiske, Jake Fiske, Mary Fiscus, Eleanor Fox, Carol Fullom, Denise Fulton, Ben G., Julia G., Linda Gidos, Sally Gradler, Debbie Grove, Jerry H., The Haynes Family, Larry Hanas, Frank Harrison, 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, Charles Johnson, Luke Johnson, Mary Ellen 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, L.L. & Family, Roberta Laird, Rose Lapenz, Gail Laughner, John Lewis, Margie Loeffler, Janet Lombardo, Robin Macial, Tim Maciulewicz, Lexxi Maloney-Barnes, James Mantsch, Paul Mayer, Greg Mays, 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, Denise Pulson, Audrey & John Reese, 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, Dave & Loren Swanson, Tina, Patricia Vadala, Dan Via, Margaret Wasser, Mark Watts, Dan Weber, Lisa Weber, Robert Weber, Sr., Maureen Wentzel, Caitlin Wentzel, Joe Wardanski, Lois Whitcomb, Denise Wilson, A Special Intention, and all the sick and suffering of the parish.

**Pray for the men and women in the military:** Capt. 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..

**MARDI GRAS**—Help is needed in all areas to make it successful once again.

Mardi Gras is NEXT SATURDAY! after the 5:00 pm Mass. Help us put the finishing touches on our outstanding basket raffle. Monetary donations are always welcome and are put toward our basket raffle unless specified otherwise.

We have the fabulous hockey tickets raffle, a Jack Paluh sold out print on raffle, two exquisite quilts, a hand crafted wine rack w/wine all on raffle and the television with sound bar on raffle as well. So many wonderful gifts on which to take a chance. With your \$15 admission ticket we have Sweet Baby Ray's pulled pork sandwiches, Smith's hot dogs, jambalaya, Utz snacks, Sue Bole's world famous cole slaw, beer, pop, coffee, water and a dessert table to die for. No one goes hungry at Mardi Gras!

So grab your family and your friends and make it a wonderful night for everyone. And don't forget the \$10,000 challenge. If we make \$10,000 it will be matched by a very generous donor. That will make a big dent in the loan for the flat roof. **Tickets will be on sale after all Masses and in the church office during the week.**

Dessert donations are needed for the dessert table. Desserts can be dropped off in the Gathering Space, **Friday, February 21, between 8:00 am—4:00 pm or on Saturday, February 22, in the Parish Center after Noon.** Please make your favorite yummy recipe and help us fill our dessert table. Last year we had an enormous amount of brownies. Let's be more creative this year!!

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	02-17 <b>Office closed for President's Day</b>
Tuesday	02-18
Wednesday	02-19
Thursday	02-20 <b>Bible Study 7-8:00 pm</b>
Friday	02-21 <b>Set up for Mardi Gras 6:00 pm</b>
Saturday	02-22 <b>Mass 5:00 pm MARDI GRAS 6:00</b>
Sunday	02-16 <b>Masses 8:00 and 10:30 am</b>

**CHOICE**

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

**Psalms** — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION</b> <i>A Stewardship of Sharing</i> February 9, 2019	
Households receiving envelopes—440	Envelopes used—135
Goal .....	\$5,215.00
Total Collection .....	\$4,447.00
Capital Improvements .....	\$245.00
<b>Bills paid: PDS Support \$76, Culligan \$39, Water Works \$75</b>	
<b>Penelec \$832, Janitors Supply \$134 Toshiba \$174</b>	
<b>Mueller Locks \$112, Spectrum \$427</b>	

*Liturgical Ministry Schedule—February 23, 2020*

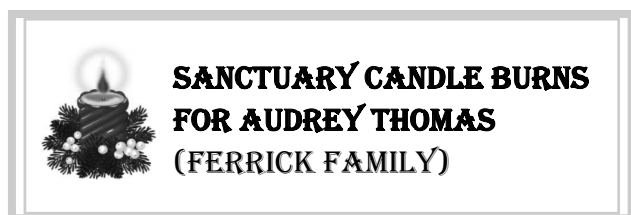
Masses	5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Cummings G. Wilkosz J. Neuberger M. Stewart	J. McLaughlin T. Trott B. Kemm L. Zemcik	D. Morehouse C. Morehouse R. Damore D. Damore
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	L. Sala E. Matheis	L. Strelecki K. Culbertson	J. Iavarone J. Jankowiak
<b>Lectors</b>	N. Sala	T. Blecki	M. Murnock
<b>Altar Servers</b>	C. Hahlen E. Hahlen M. Hahlen	C. Salvo H. Salvo	D. Gwinn C. Morehouse
<b>Cantors</b>	G. Jerioski	M. Whalen	B. Neuberger

**THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE**  
**February 22**

In brushing up for “Catholic Jeopardy,” it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair: Saint Peter’s chair in fact.

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today’s Syria, the place where we were first called Christians. From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter’s chair above the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.



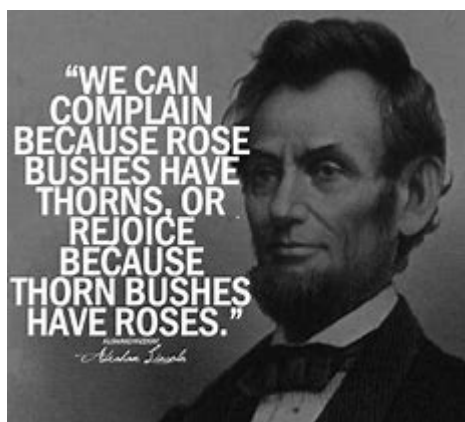
**ALL SAINTS PARISH—FISH FRY** Fridays in Lent beginning February 28 at 4:30 pm \$10 Adults, \$4 Children under 12, Toddlers Free. Baked or Fried White Fish, French fries or baked potato, coleslaw, applesauce and home-made desserts. Takeout available.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH—Lenten Fish Dinners on Fridays** beginning **March 6, 13 and 27 serving 4:30 to 7:00pm.** Adults \$11 Fish Dinner \$10 Cheese Ravioli Dinner, \$7 Mac & Cheese Dinner. Children under 12 \$6 Fish or Ravioli Dinner, \$4 Mac & Cheese Dinner.

**ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH—Fish & Pierogi Dinners Feb. 28, Mar. 13 and 27 from 4:00—7:00 pm (or until sold out).** Joining us this year is our Partner Parish, Holy Trinity Church, who will be serving Fish, Pierogi, and Potato Pancakes Dinners on **Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26) and March 20, from 4:00—7:00 pm.**



**SOUP SUPPERS** are back!!! After Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays during Lent, we will once again have our Soup Suppers. All are welcome to attend and enjoy. If you are able to provide a soup, bread, butter, beverage or dessert, please sign up on the sheet provided on the Gathering Space bulletin board.



**HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY!**

## FAITH FORMATION

### February 23—Grade 2 Parent Classes

Grade 10 will host the 10:30 am Mass

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting after  
10:30 Mass.

### March 1—Grade 2 and Grade 3 Parent Classes

Grade 9 will host the 10:30 am Mass

Child Protection Inservice Grades 6—8 9:05—10:05  
am

Teacher Mtg. after 10:30 am Mass



March 4—6:00 pm Stations of the  
Cross every Wednesday during Lent

**Gospel of Matthew Bible Study** is this Thursday,  
February 13, at 7:00 pm. The program is going very  
well. Thank you Bobbi Neuburger for coordinating  
this wonderful series.

**Eucharistic Adoration—This Thursday at  
8:00 pm.**

### Food Pantry



Pancake mix, syrup, juice, baked beans,  
bread, tuna, apple sauce, fruit, tooth-  
paste, shampoo, conditioner, shaving  
cream, razors, cleaning supplies.

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Greg Soltys	734-4957	Kathy Orlando	450-2411
Kevin Campbell	392-3151	Ted Hoover	833-8695
Dale Oesterling	476-1550	Chris Matheis	602-3998
Barb Davies	476-7267		

#### FINANCE COUNCIL

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Deacon Ron Fronzaglia	864-6772	Ray Seth	474-1245