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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

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

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| 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

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| Monday 7:30 am | September 23, 2019 St. Pius of Pietrelcina Communion Service |
| Tuesday 7:30 am | September 24, 2019 Weekday Sally Fiesler (Bruce & Rose Scouten) |
| Wednesday 7:30 am | September 25, 2019 Weekday Genevieve Dzeskewicz (Sharon & Jamie Ward) |
| Thursday 7:30 am | September 26, 2019 Sts. Cosmas & Damian David Pekelnicky (Margaret Pekelnicky) |
| Friday 7:30 am | September 27, 2019 St. Vincent de Paul Bettie, Edward & Dick Lohse (Jack Lohse) |
| Saturday 5:00 pm | September 28, 2019 St. Wenceslaus Our Parishioners Living and Deceased |
| Sunday 8:00 am | Sept. 29, 2019 26th Sun. in Ordinary Time Ron Tassone (Morning Mass Group) |
| 10:30 am | Tom Tushak (The Girls) |

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 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, 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 McKerrick, Clara Meyer, 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, Anmarie 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, 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, Keri Youse, 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.

ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION—Much help is needed!!!! Friday, September 27 anytime after 3:00 pm (we have a retreat that day from 8-3:00). 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.

Kathy O. had a game and BINGO was its name O, B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O and BINGO was its name O. Whoo Hoo!! Sunday, October 6, Doors open at 11:30 am, Bingo begins at 12:30 pm. \$35 donation includes a great lunch and 10 games. ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY!

BASKET RAFFLE, 50/50, Instants 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 and monetary donations towards a basket will be accepted as well. Let Kathy Orlando know if you plan to do so.

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Wednesday, October 16, 8:00 am—11:00 pm. Purchase a **SHOPPING PASS** for \$5 and you get to shop on the 16th and receive **25%** off your purchases that day. It's a win, win for our parish. We get to keep the \$5 you paid for the pass and you get to save. Christmas is just around the corner and **25%** off their already low prices is an extra bonus! Enter for a chance to win prizes, including four \$500 Shopping Sprees. Some exclusions are listed on the Shopping Pass. On sale after Masses.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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| Monday | 09-23 | Cub Scout Bike Night 6:00 pm |
| Tuesday | 09-24 | Cathedral Prep Retreat 8—3:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 09-25 | |
| Thursday | 09-26 | |
| Friday | 09-27 | Cathedral Prep Retreat 8—3:00 pm |
| Saturday | 09-28 | Mass 5:00 pm Reception to follow |
| Sunday | 09-29 | Masses 8:00 & 10:30 am Boy Scouts 6:00 pm |

GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF THE POOR

Two of today’s readings make it quite clear that God is on the side of the poor. Amos describes in detail the exploitation of the poor and needy. The psalm repeats that God acts to benefit the poor and lowly. But Luke turns things upside down, telling a tale of a conflicted steward, about to be fired, who demonstrates his cleverness and is rewarded. Like the community to whom Paul writes in Timothy, these readings are personal, directed to believers, members of the Jewish and Christian communities, who struggle to deal with personal choices about how to conduct their lives. They offer an outline for how God wishes us to live in a world as complicated and as confusing as our own.

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Adult: Can cheating and deception ever be justified?

Child: If someone treats you unfairly, do you have The right to do the same to them?

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

Second Reading — God our savior wills everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

Gospel — The one who is trustworthy in small matters is also trustworthy in great ones (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

| WEEKLY COLLECTION | |
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| <i>A Stewardship of Sharing</i> | |
| September 15, 2019 | |
| Households receiving envelopes—440 | Envelopes used—144 |
| Goal | \$5,215.00 |
| Total Collection | \$3,385.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$474.00 |
| Bills paid: 3rd CSA pmt. \$10,465 Erie Water Works \$71 | |
| Hofmann’s \$52 PRO Waste \$185 | |


Liturgical Ministry Schedule—Sept 29, 2019

| Masses | 5:00 pm | 8:00 am | 10:30 am |
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| Ushers | E. Petak B. Petak T. Weber K. Campbell | M. Vincent T. Glaspell J. Thompson G. Wilkosz | R. Damore D. Damore T. Hoover R. Gray |
| Eucharistic Ministers | L. Sala T. Kitcey | B. Gdanetz L. Strelecki | C. Gray R. Gray |
| Lectors | A. Campbell | T. Blecki | K. Orlando |
| Altar Servers | Haywood, Schrupf McCarthy, Jonas | H. Salvo C. Salvo | C. Morehouse P. Jonas |
| Cantors | C. Murnock | M. Dombrowsk | B. Neuburger |

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although June is the month most associated with weddings in the United States, September has become more popular in recent years. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning, and people who have a talent for hospitality in the mix. At the wedding feast at Cana, the mother of Jesus was recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arose, she did what she could to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run out of ice, dessert, or table settings knows the stress!

Slowly, the memory of Jesus Christ’s blessing of this marriage feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the “Nuptial Blessing,” one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is very much like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate their anniversaries well, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine.



SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS
FOR JOHN & JANELLE GURIEL
 (Mark & Barb Davies)

From the Pastor's Desk

Service is at the heart of Christian Theology. However, what Jesus reminds us is that we must serve the ONE who gives the ability to serve OTHERS. We must always remember the saying: "We cannot give what we don't have", so that we can give what HE (Jesus) has given to us. Our service should never be about ourselves, but always rooted in Jesus and the good he has given to us. He is the one who forgives debts, burdens, and restores trust. When we root our lives in his promises, he will do great things in us that we can only imagine doing on our own. Trust that he wants to give to you so that you and I can give to others!

Speaking of giving, thank you very much for all the time that has been given thus far by our Religious Education Teachers for our program. Although we have just started, they have been planning and working with me in the absence of a Religious Education/Faith Formation Facilitator to ensure that our students have a fantastically organized and powerful experience in their classes this year. But now is the time that we begin to focus on the bigger picture since Religious Education has started. We need to focus on how the Lord wants us as a parish to grow to know about him and to know him. All parishioners are invited to a brief town hall meeting that will last no more than an hour in the Church following 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 13 to discuss how we are called to learn and grow about our Faith. This will help me, our staff, Pastoral Council, and Finance Council make the best decision of how to shape the Faith Formation Position to meet the needs of our children first and the rest of us second.

Thank you for your generosity of treasure in the past two weekend's Second Collections for our Missionary Co-op Appeal and the Catholic Ed. Collection. Your help will go to many people both in Ghana (Missionary Co-op Appeal), and here in our Diocese and Parish (Catholic Education Collection) to serve in ways that we can only imagine. Thank you again!

Thank you as well to our Welcoming/Hospitality Committee under the direction of Chris Matheis for the Potluck Breakfast last weekend. It was nice to have 25-30 of us together. She and her team are also looking for volunteers to help with our monthly Hospitality in the Parish. Please keep your eyes out for the Bulletin, maharishi, and the Website for coming meetings of how you can get involved, and upcoming events. It would be great to see 50-80 people at the next event!

There have been some mysterious cars/vans in the lot of the Church and Parish Center overnight in recent weeks. If you are leaving your car for whatever reason, please let myself or the office know. Unfortunately, we cannot be too careful.

Finally, in the coming weeks I will be doing another push for myparishapp. Remember the ONLY source of real-time communication that we have is through the app. To stay up to date on the latest information throughout the parish, please make sure you have access to this. You do not need a smartphone to access this medium, as you can sign up on your computer as well. This is also the primary means of communication for our Religious Education Families as well, so please make sure you have access!

In the meantime, I hope you are looking forward with me in welcoming Bishop Persico at Mass next Saturday in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the First Mass in this current worship space and know of my continued prayers for you! Please pray for me as I also have three retreats that I am giving this week.... you wonder why my hair is thinning.... just kidding.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Jason

Religious Education Faith Formation

Last weekend was a very busy first day for our Faith Formation classes. We had a few students who were not registered and so we need to get that right. Please make sure your child is registered. Registration packets are in the Gathering Space and in the vestibule.

Respect life



CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING AND ADOPTION SERVICES—will have their annual “Diaper Drive” throughout the entire month of October. We will have a box in the Gathering Space in which new baby items can be donated. Gently used maternity clothing is also very much appreciated.

We have participated in this collection the last two years. Please make this year successful as well.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH—on **Sunday, October 13, at 2:00 pm.** Join us at St. Peter Cathedral, W. 10th and Sassafras in downtown Erie. Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, Erie Division—you are invited to march for ten blocks and pray the Rosary for peace as our Blessed Mother requested: “Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world...”. All prayer groups, adult and youth with banners, come and join Bishop Lawrence Persico and participating priests, religious and hundreds of Marchers. Call 868-1100, John Walsh for more information.

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 \$53,345 and \$47,290 paid to date.

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

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