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Saint Francis Xavier Parish

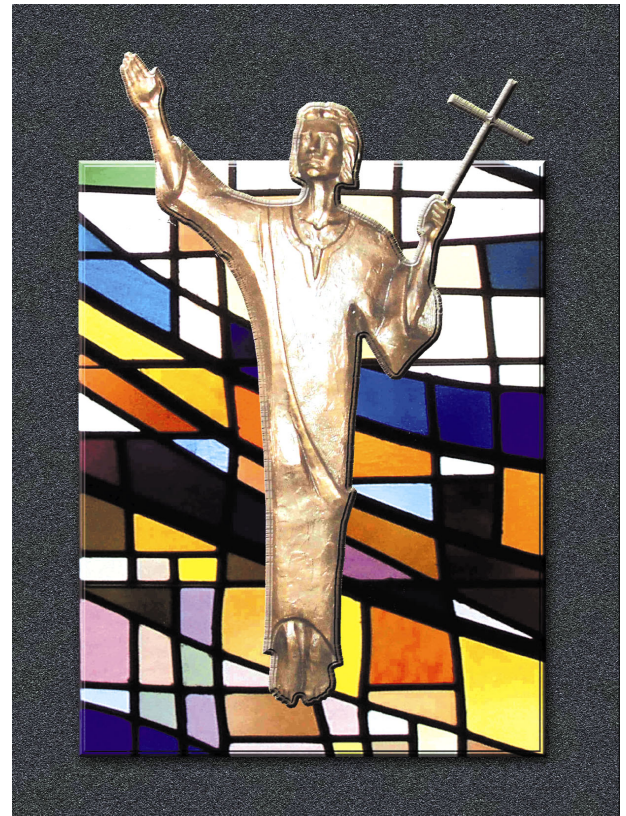
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Parish Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
(closed for lunch Noon - 12:30 pm)
Parish Office is located on west side of Church

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
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Mass Intentions

Monday 7:30 am	November 18, 2019 St. Rose Philippine Communion Service Duchesne
Tuesday 7:30 am	November 19, 2019 Weekday Larry Brown (Wed. Morning Mass Group)
Wednesday 7:30 am	November 20, 2019 Weekday Bill Harvey (Morning Mass Group)
Thursday 7:30 am	November 21, 2019 Weekday Rachel & Frank Marcinko (Marcinko Family)
Friday 7:30 am	November 22, 2019 St. Cecilia Communion Service
Saturday 5:00 pm	Nov. 23, 2019 St. Clement I, St. Columban Katherine Dzeskewicz (Fran Dzeskewicz)
Sunday 8:00 am	Nov. 24, 2019 Christ the King Joseph McLaughlin (Family)
10:30 am	Our Parishioners Living and 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 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, 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, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—The Knights approved \$500 for seminarian Jared Lichtinger.

GET THE CHURCH READY FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DAY—**Saturday, November 23, at 9:00 am** we will have a general cleaning of the church to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Yes, we know he was born in a stable. Yes, we know it wasn't all that clean. But still, we really would like the church to look its best for the coming liturgical seasons. Bring your buckets, bring your rags and join us for a quick morning of major cleaning. If you are a student and have service hours to perform, this is a great way to do it and we can really use some younger people to get to the nooks and crannies for those of us who can't kneel, bend or shouldn't be on ladders. Oh yeah! You know who you are.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT—Next week, 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.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	11-18	Cub Scout Pack Mtg. 6:00 pm
Tuesday	11-19	Cub Scout Den Mtg.
Wednesday	11-20	
Thursday	11-21	Staff Mtg. 8:15 am Adoration 8:15 pm
Friday	11-22	
Saturday	11-23	Church Cleaning Day 9:00 am Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday	11-24	Adoration between 8 and 10:30 Masses 5th grade hosts 10:30 Mass Council of Churches Prayer Service 3:00 pm Methodist Church

LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today’s readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in “toil and drudgery” as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God’s saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun’s “healing rays,” and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalms — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).


Second Reading — Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS
FOR MARJORIE & JOHN
BRINKER, JR. (BRUCE & ROSE
SCOUTEN)**

WEEKLY COLLECTION
A Stewardship of Sharing
November 10, 2019

Households receiving envelopes—440 Envelopes used—144
Goal \$5,215.00
Total Collection \$3,462.00
Capital Improvements \$653.00

Bills paid: Cathedral Corp. \$473 Penelec \$670 Hofmann’s \$380
 Janitor Supply \$35 PRO Waste \$185 Spectrum \$197
 PNC Bank \$1,858

Liturgical Ministry Schedule—November 24, 2019

Masses	5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
Ushers	K. Hansen T. Weber Lichtingers J. Lazan	B. McLaughlin H. Dunkel Stephen Kargol J. Johnson	D. Morehouse R. Damore Laceys Wiests
Eucharistic Ministers	D. Herbol C. Mangiaracin	D. Carullo K. Culbertson	J. Iavarone N. Kraus
Lectors	M. Curtze	P. Flynn	J. Pamula
Altar Servers	M. Huber E. Huber	L. Fleek J. Sickles	D. Gwinn V. Naber
Cantors	D. Murnock	M. Whalen	K. Orlando

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today’s liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life’s inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history.

Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world’s end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

“Nothing lasts forever” is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today’s liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today’s liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

From the Pastor's Desk

I hope that you enjoyed the first snowfall. Whether you are a fan of snow or not, hopefully we all can appreciate the beauty that it brings. We must remember whatever is thrown at us in life (whether we enjoy it or not), to find the blessings that are present. That is why Saint Paul reminded the Thessalonians in the Second Reading that they are to “model” his witness. The question for all of us: If someone sees us as their first experience of being Catholic, do we model for them the beauty of the blessings that we have been given, or not? Our answer to that question must also begin with the realization that we are always blessed and given what we need no matter the circumstance. As we approach Thanksgiving, don't just count your blessings, but model blessings for others!

Next Weekend is Christ the King Weekend (the final Week of the Church Year). We will be celebrating the Anointing of the Sick at all the Masses. If you know of someone who would benefit from the Graces of the Sacrament, please let them know. Remember, this Sacrament can be received multiple times throughout life, and it is for anyone sick in body, mind, or spirit. No questions asked! Please sit in the “Reserved” pews towards the front of the Church. Also, between the 8am and 10:30am Masses we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please plan on staying after Mass or coming early to spend a few extra minutes with the King of the Universe who gives us everything. Finally, our celebration of this feast ends with the McKean Council of Church's Thanksgiving Service at 3pm at McKean United Methodist Church. Please join us!

Speaking of sickness, Please, please, please remember to **notify the Office if you get sick and are hospitalized** in the Winter Months (or anytime of the year). The hospitals do not let me/us know that you are there. Please call us day or night and I will be happy to visit!

Looking towards Thanksgiving, please note that our Mass for Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated as a Vigil Mass (meaning the evening before) at 6pm. There is no Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Please join us. The schedule beginning with Christ the King, through Epiphany will be in the mail this week as a reminder of all the activity and excitement going on at St. Francis Xavier as we kick off the Holiday Season. Don't forget to get your tags for the Angel Tree and the Concert Tickets as well!

The Sunshine Circle needs volunteers to provide cooked dishes to share for Funeral Luncheons. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact the office so that we have your contact information and the ladies will call upon you when there is a luncheon.

All parents are reminded to return the Photo Release Forms that were given out last weekend during Religious Education. *These need to be on file as part of the Diocesan Compliance with the Child Protection Office.* Also, for our K-5 parents, please see the flyer sent home regarding a Christmas Program on Sunday, December 22 during 10:30am Mass. Please sign up as soon as you can!

Please pray for me as I am leading a Confirmation Retreat for the good people of St. Francis Church in Clearfield Tomorrow/Today (depending on when you are reading this). In the meantime, remember St. Paul's Words to be a model of Christ to all whom you and I meet. Enjoy the week!

Fr. Jason

Religious Education Faith Formation

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

Father Jason is calling a Town Hall Mtg. to discuss our Religious Education program. All parishioners and especially parents of our students are encouraged to attend. What are your expectations of our program? How can we make it the best ever?

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 8:15 pm.

REMEMBER Father Lohse in your prayers this week as he and a group of people make a pilgrimage to Italy. We wish them a safe and spiritual journey.

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.

We always like to give our Food Pantry Families food for their Thanksgiving Dinners. Please remember them as you are food shopping. Sue and Deb are asking for turkeys and pies.

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