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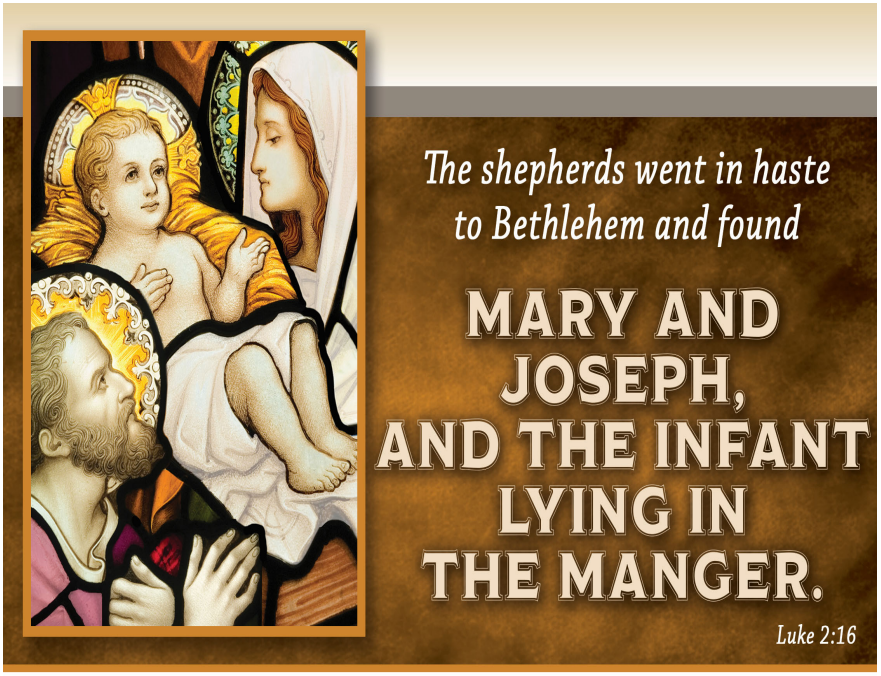

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HOLY MASS

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 5:15 pm
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am
Weekdays: Tues & Wed - 5:30 pm
Thurs - 8:00 am Fri - 8:30 am

These are our regular Mass times. Please refer to daily Mass schedule inside on Page 2 for any changes to Mass time for this week.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday & Wednesday: 6:00 pm Tues until 8:00 am on Wed
Thursday: 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Parish Holy Hour: Second Thursdays at 6:00 pm, Adoration and Benediction

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Tuesday: 6:00 pm following the Mass
Friday: 9:00 am following the Mass
Saturday: 4:00 pm

You may also contact the Parish Office to set an individual appointment with Father.

Bulletin articles or notices must be submitted by noon on Tuesdays for following weekend. Please submit to office@saintxparish.org

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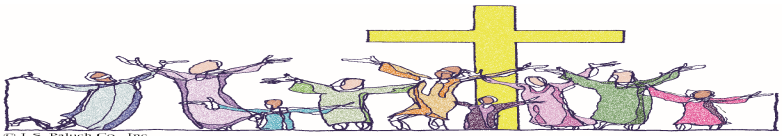

Welcome to our Parish

"Sanctify yourself, Sanctify society."
-St. Francis Xavier

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

PMR - Parish meeting room OLPH - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Room
† - Deceased

DATE	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENTS
Sunday, 01 Jan 2023	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Pro populo Intentions of Ted Courville family † Ardis Petersom	
Monday, 02 Jan 2023		No Mass		Boy Scout mtg, 7:00 pm, Bldg C
Tuesday, 03 Jan 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Auguster and Marina Davis	Kapaun's Men/Women Group, 7:30 am, Bldg C, Rm 239 Adoration, 6:00 pm until 8:00 am Wednesday Knights of Columbus mtg, 7:00 pm, KofC Hall
Wednesday 04 Jan 2023	5:30 pm	Holy Mass	† Larry Devane	St. Xavier Men's Group, 6:30 pm, Bldg C, Rm 239 RelEd class, 6:30 pm, Bldg C
Thursday 05 Jan 2023	8:00 am	Holy Mass	† Rick Hahn	Men's SOS Group, 6:15 am, KofC Hall Adoration 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday 06 Jan 2023	8:30 am	Holy Mass	† Joel Lee Murray	Women's Prayer Group, 6:30 am, via Zoom Adoration, 9:00 am -2:00 pm
Saturday 07 Jan 2023	8:00 am 5:15 pm	1st Saturday Mass Vigil Mass	Special Intention † Ernestine Schmutz	Rosary for Life, 10:00 am, Church Confessions, 4:00 - 5:00 pm Coffee and Donuts Fellowship following 5:15 pm Mass (and Sunday Masses on 08 Jan)

Mary did not give Jesus his divine nature or his divine personhood—those He possessed from all eternity as the only begotten Son of the Father. But she also didn't just give Him His flesh: She gave birth to the whole person. She gave birth to Jesus Christ, both God and man. That is what we confess every time we say the Apostles' Creed. Calling Mary "Mother of God" states a truth that must be stated in order to protect an essential truth about Christ.

In a similar way, that's what all Mary's queenly predecessors did for their sons. One of the three essential tasks of the Queen Mother was to be a sign of her son's legitimacy. She was the link between his father, the former rightful king, and her son, the present rightful king. Likewise, Mary as the virginal "Mother of God" is the link between her Son's humanity and divinity. She is the sign that Jesus is both God and man.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

07 AND 08 JAN 2023	SATURDAY, 07 JAN 2023 5:15 PM	SUNDAY, 08 JAN 2023 8:00 AM	SUNDAY, 08 JAN 2023 9:30 AM	SUNDAY, 08 JAN 2023 11:00 AM
Lector	Eric Page	Pat Beavers	Mary Effland	Knights of Columbus
Extraordinary Ministers	Susan Kamphaus Mike Rhodes Jodean Tieyah	Kellie Boeh Mike Boeh Tom Hollis	Frank Catalo Jane Bauman Brenda Dacus	Knights of Columbus
Gift Bearers	Wagner Family	Hausauer Family	Coffman Family	Knights of Columbus
Altar Servers with server assignments	Timothy Nguyen - 1st Hannah Nguyen - 2nd John Wagner - 3rd	Jayden Striggow - 1st Lyla Liebau - 2nd John Hausauer - 3rd	Jeter Gonzalez - 1st Caleb Justin - 2nd Catalina Gonzalez - 3rd	Jerry Murray - 1st Kassidy Jahnke - 2nd
Musician and Cantor	Katie Moeller Barbie Campbell	Anita Hernandez Diane Heerman	Anita Hernandez Choir	Heather and Shawn Augustine Knights of Columbus
Ushers	Teddy Tieyah Buz Bruzina George Heard Shar Boland	AnnMarie Striggow Louis Rodriguez Joe and Jane Handlos	Jeanie Wolford Bob Catalo Don Haffner Karen Eddy	Mario Langas Knights of Columbus
Money Counters	Margie Langas, Doris Fontimayor, Shirley Allen			

Due to the early bulletin submissions through the holidays, the Dec 2022 totals will be published the first week in Jan. Please remember that our parish operates solely on the contributions of each and every one of you. Thank you!

Amount needed to meet Dec operations budget $ 61,667.00 *
Dec Tithing and Offering collections as of 1st weekend
$ 15,214.05
Balance needed to meet our Dec needs: **$ 46,452.95**

Dec G&D collected to date …..$4,024.00
Our December G&D fund will go towards the cosmetic renovation of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Room.

*- This amount is determined by the Parish Finance Council. It is based on the annual cost of Parish operations for the parish year, 01 Jul thru 30 Jun. The annual cost includes items such as the maintenance for our buildings, utilities, all Mass and church supplies, salaries for staff, support for the school...everything right down to the Kleenex provided in the church. The annual amount is then divided by the 12 months in a year to establish the monthly amount necessary. The tithing collections offered by our parishioners each week, our only income, is reported in the spirit of transparency for all. When we fall short in our collections of the needed monthly operating expenses, the difference must be pulled from investments or savings to cover the operating expenses. This impairs our sustainability to 'grow' our parish programs and services in the future.

Don't forget to teach our children how to submit their envelopes weekly!

Thank you for the privilege of your generosity and support..

Please pray for the intentions and needs of the following:

Deb Chaudrary	Marissa Graham	Sandy Dietrich
Steve Matthews	Rebecca James	Tom Grelk
Elizabeth Clark	Cooper Holloway	Bruce Piava
Julie Taylor	Peggy Wawrzyniak	Reece Fairchild
Manny Pasquil	Mary Baker	Bill Mayes
Kelly Fielder	Ryleigh Joos	Pat Nicholson
Bruce Piava	Judy Rosa	

...and all those suffering in the unrest in the world.

Holiday Hours for Parish Office
Please note that the Parish Office will be closed the following dates for the holidays:
Monday, 02 Jan 2023

If you would like 2023 envelopes but haven't made those arrangements prior to their printing, there are blank sets for 2023 available in the Parish Office. Please call Cindy or stop by the office to pick up.

Mass for those souls honored in our Christmas poinsettia trees will be on Sunday, 08 Jan 2023 at the 9:30 am Mass. The Mass intention for the 9:30 am Mass will be for those souls remembered with a poinsettia.

New Year
A plan to Grow Good Corn

An unknown author tells a beautiful story of a farmer:

A farmer grew an award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon. One day, a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked. "Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

The farmer is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves. So it is with our lives. Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbors to live in peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each one is bound up with the welfare of all.

As we bid farewell to the year 2022 and step into new year 2023 with renewed hope and optimism, let us share our faith, values, peace and happiness with others and make this coming year very productive and fruitful. Let us remember: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.

I wish you all **"HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023"!** May God accompany us as we begin this new journey and help us realize all our dreams and goals!

Note: I sincerely thank you for your warm wishes, prayers, and generous gifts both for my Birthday & Christmas. Thank you for sharing your award-winning Corn. I truly appreciate your loving support and I enjoy your friendship. God Bless You!
Father G

Need a New Year's resolution….Please consider one on one time with our Lord in the practice of Eucharistic Adoration. The current times available, needing a committed person as we can not leave the Eucharist unattended, are as follows:
Wednesdays: 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 7:00 am
Thursdays: 9:00 am and 7:00 pm
Fridays: 9:00 am, noon and 1:00 pm

"*Could you not watch one hour with me?*"
~Mark 14:37

Connected

A Connected program was initiated in our parish in 2020. This is an on-going program that allows parishioners to experience an intergenerational relationship through a prayer partnership. Parishioners may sign up to be part of this program at any time and we encourage you to participate. Your only obligation is to pray for the partner you are Connected with.

When you sign-up you will be contacted with the name and some contact information of your prayer partner. Please strongly consider becoming more Connected in our parish. Sign up forms can be found at the back of the church or call the Parish Office.

COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP

The weekend of January 7 & 8 there will be food and fellowship in Our Lady of Perpetual Help room in Building B. Following Saturday 5:15 Mass there will be crackers and cheese and following all Sunday Masses there will be coffee and donuts. Please join your parish family in fellowship! Free will donations are accepted.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

If you are interested in hosting the statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week, please contact Colleen Henney at 785-238-2618 to be included in the schedule.

Statue Schedule:

01 Jan - Janet Hahn
08 Jan - Margie and Mario Langas
15 Jan - Colleen Henney
22 Jan - Rita Jenkins

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

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How to Pray

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

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JR CYO Christmas Caroling at Valleyview and Brookdale

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News from the Principal

Happy New Year from our St. Francis Xavier School staff. We are grateful to have the support of our parish community and look forward to the many blessing that God has in store for us as we prepare to begin the second semester of the school year. In 2023, let's turn to Christ and trust in him as we continue to grow as a faith family.

Shawn Augustine, Principal

7-12 Christmas Concert Rescheduled

The 7th-12th grade band and choir concert has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 11th, at 7:00pm in the school gymnasium. All are welcome to attend!

St. Xavier School will be closed from December 19th-January 2nd. The second semester will begin January 3rd. Sincere wishes to all for a happy new year!

Word of mouth is our best form of advertisement. Tell others about our exceptional parish school! We are currently enrolling students in Pre-K through 12th grade for the 2nd semester of the 2022-23 school year. Those interested are invited to tour our campus and learn more about the opportunities available at St. Francis Xavier School by calling the school office at 785-238-2841 or by sending an email to principal@saintxrams.org.

ALUMNI INFORMATION NEEDED!

St. Xavier School will soon be releasing the 2023 Rams 'n Ewes alumni newsletter. We are seeking alumni news on reunions, memorials, updates on individuals, etc. If you have any information you wish to share, please email Kristel Jahnke at jahnkek@saintxrams.org.

St. Xavier HS Cheer Clinic

When: Saturday, January 14, 2023, 2-4:30pm

*** Performance at halftime of the St. X High School Boys game on January 21, 2023, (5:30pm game time) ***

Where: Bradley Gymnasium (St. X Gym)

What to wear the day of the clinic: Comfortable exercise clothes and shoes (Please bring a water bottle to stay hydrated)

Price: $30.00 (the price includes a t-shirt and a mini megaphone to show your Ram Pride throughout the year)

Ages: Preschool – 8th grade boys and girls

Deadline: Thursday, January 5, 2023, 3:30pm

The cheerleaders will also be selling a variety of spirit items during the event.

Checks payable to St. Xavier High School Cheer

Student's Name_____

Grade_____

Shirt Size (circle): YXS, YS, YM, YL, Adult XS, S, M, L, XL, 1X, 2X, 3X

Permission Form: My child has my permission to attend the St. X HS Cheer Clinic for grade school – middle school children. I understand that the school, coach, cheerleaders or volunteers assume no responsibility for any accidents or injuries that might occur during the clinic or performance at the game.

If your child does not attend St. Xavier Catholic School, please indicate if you give permission for your child to be in group photos that will be posted to St. Xavier Social Media sites: Y or N.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

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