St. Francis Xavier
St. John the Baptist

July 25, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule
K—Saturdays.....4:30 PM
K---Sundays.....7:30 AM & 8:30 AM
P---Sundays.....10:15 AM
K&P Holy Days.....TBA

Daily Mass
Please contact Fr. Jim to schedule time and attendees.

Reconciliation
By appointment only.
Please contact Fr. Jim

Baptisms
Please email Fr. Jim at frjimtrempe@gmail.com during pregnancy (prior to the birth of your child) to make arrangements.

Weddings
Arrangements are to be made with Fr. Jim at least 8-MONTHS in advance of your wedding. You should not set your date until you know the church and Fr. Jim are available.

Ministry to the Sick
If you or a loved one are hospitalized, in a nursing home/ in assisted living center or homebound & would like a pastoral visit from Fr. Jim please notify him at 715-693-3120

Holy Mass Intentions

Sat July 24	†	Deceased members of SFX & SJB
Sun July 25	†	Bob Borski
	S	God's Blessings on Fr. Jim's 25th Anniversary of Priesthood
Mon July 26	†	Chet Raflik
Tue July 27	†	Patricia Filipiak
Wed July 28	†	Glen Christiansen
Thu July 29	†	Darrin Walkowski
Fri July 30	†	Bill Sankey
Sat July 31	H	Health of Parishioners
Sun Aug 1	H	Gary Wisz

† - Deceased H Health S-Special

ATTENTION
If you will be attending a weekday Mass,
please use the church side door entrance (toward Rectory).

Appointments

St. Francis Xavier

All ministries, please sign-in upon arrival.

MC
Sat 4:30 PM July 31 Hilary Omernik
Sun 8:30 AM, Aug 1 - check online ministry schedule

Lector
Sat 4:30 PM July 31 Cindy Feit
Sun 8:30 AM Aug 1 - check online ministry schedule

Servers
Sun 8:30AM Aug 1

Hospitality
Sat 4:30 PM July 31 Jim Morris, Jim Olson
Ed Stankowski
Sun 8:30 AM Aug 1 Carl Belohlavek, Jerry Budnik,
Greg Sondelski

Brinks
Wed July 28 Carol Ahles, Jack Knetter, Linda Wiczbicki

Sacrificial Giving

Offerings:

St. Francis Xavier	July 11	$ 5,020.00
St. John the Baptist	July 11	$ 782.00

Paper Pulpit

This Sunday and for the next five Sundays we will be reading from the 6th Chapter from St. John's Gospel which is called the Bread of Life Discourse. I'll be reflecting on what we believe about the Eucharist (Bread of Life) as Catholics and the importance of Communion in our lives. Jesus was a good teacher. In the beginning of the chapter Jesus performs a miracle with bread. The people were always up for a good miracle with Jesus. Five loaves of bread and two fish and Jesus feeds over 5000 men, not counting the woman and children. He'll conclude the chapter with how the bread becomes His Flesh and Blood. How can that be? I don't know about you, but I'd rather have a good miracle than drink blood. I'm hoping you'll look forward to hearing what Jesus teaches us about the Eucharist. It's truly amazing. Truly a miracle. I'll be encouraging you to read John's Gospel, chapter 6. Anyone who reads John 6 will be able to enter their name in for a drawing for a boat ride for five followed by supper at one of the restaurants on Lake DuBay. I'll explain at Mass each week.

A basic teaching and expression that the Church teaches is "the Eucharist makes the Church and the Church makes the Eucharist. No Eucharist, no Church, no Church, no Eucharist." One of my primary responsibilities as a priest is to celebrate daily Mass. Today, it is with great joy that I celebrate my 25th Anniversary as priest (actual day was July 13th). One of my classmates, Fr. Douglas Robertson celebrated his anniversary two weeks ago. I had the privilege to join him for his celebration with Mass at 3:00 PM at Our Lady of Peace in Marshfield followed by a reception in the church basement. His celebration was very joyful with lots of incense and formality. I told him I was having Mass outside, under a tent, probably with shorts on. We both had a good laugh. That is one of the great joys of the Mass. There are various ways to celebrate - music, incense, formality, but the Eucharist is the same and is at the heart and center. So whether a formal Mass or Mass outside under a tent, Jesus comes to us Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in Communion. Whether you receive Mass in a formal or informal setting, in a country parish or with the Pope in Rome, we receive the exact Eucharist the Apostles received. Wow, just think of that. What Peter, James, John and all the Apostles receive at the Last Supper is what we receive. Truly amazing if we think about it.

This weekend I celebrate my 25th Anniversary as a priest. I have celebrated Mass about 10,000 times since my ordination. My heart is filled with joy not only to celebrate Mass with you but in thanksgiving for all the memories that we shared together. Last week at Mass we read about Jesus asking his Apostles what they "did" and what they "taught." If you have a memory of something that I "did" or "taught" in the last 25 years, I ask you to write about it in a book I'll have out. You don't need to write all the details, but enough that I might remember.

I've been blessed in so many ways. I pray that God gives me many wonderful years to be your priest, your pastor, your spiritual father. Please pray for me and know I'll be praying for you - *every day*.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Jim Trempe

New Parishioner BBQ

Please mark you calendars!
New Parishioner BBQ – August 25th, 5:30pm.
All new parishioners who have joined since July 1, 2019

2022 Missal Order

We will again be ordering individual Missals for 2022. Please let us know if you are interested in having your own missal for 2022. We would just ask for a donation to help cover the costs.

We would continue to have a limited number available for parishioners to use in the pews for those who do not wish to have their own.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the gather space ***or*** email or call Julie at 715-693-3120 or sfxknowl@mtc.net and let us know how many missals you would like to order. (Arrival of the missals is in November but orders need to be placed by July 30, 2021)

Parish Photo Directory

It is time for our new directory!

This past year has been difficult for everyone and life is slowly beginning its journey back to "normal". Now is the perfect time for our parish community to come together and re-introduce ourselves to each other. An updated directory is a step in that direction.

Universal Church Directories will take individual and families photographs in the gathering space at St. Francis Xavier on Wednesday, August 4th thru Saturday, August 7th. A make-up date will be established in the future for those unavailable on the above dates.

There are several ways to schedule your appointment.

1. Sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering space on Saturdays and Sundays.

2. On-line sign-up is available Monday thru Friday. Go to www.ucdir.com and click on the 'Schedule your Photography Session' on the right side of the page. Enter 'wi126' in the Church Code field and the word 'photos' in the Church Password field. Choose the date you prefer, and click on the 'edit' icon for the desired time. Then simply enter your name, phone number and email address.

3. Call Universal Church Directories at 1-888-742-5823.

4. Call Julie at the Parish Office at 715-693-3120.

Our directory will not be complete without you!

Our goal is 100% participation! Please call Linda Borski at 715-321-4441 with any questions or concerns. Linda will provide additional information in the near future regarding committee and activity photos.

Congratulations from Your Parishioners

In Remembrance of my Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.
Fr. Jim Trempe
July 13, 1996
July 13, 2021
†
Almighty Father, grant this servant of yours the dignity of the priesthood.
Renew within him the Spirit of holiness.
May he be faithful to the ministry he receives from you and be to others a model of right conduct.
+Rite of Ordination to the Priesthood

School Supply Collection

There will be a collection box and a list of needed items in the Gathering space. Items need to be returned to the church by August 14-15. Items collected will be divided between Marathon County and Portage County collection sites. *Thank you* so much for participating, Justice and Peace Committee,

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Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

To have, To hold, To honor. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 25th - 31st. Learning how to live in harmony with God's design for love and life in marriage is the mission of NFP education. The Diocese of La Crosse offers NFP classes virtually and face to face in 3 different methods. To find a class or learn more go to diolc.org/nfp.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Psalm 34(33):9

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