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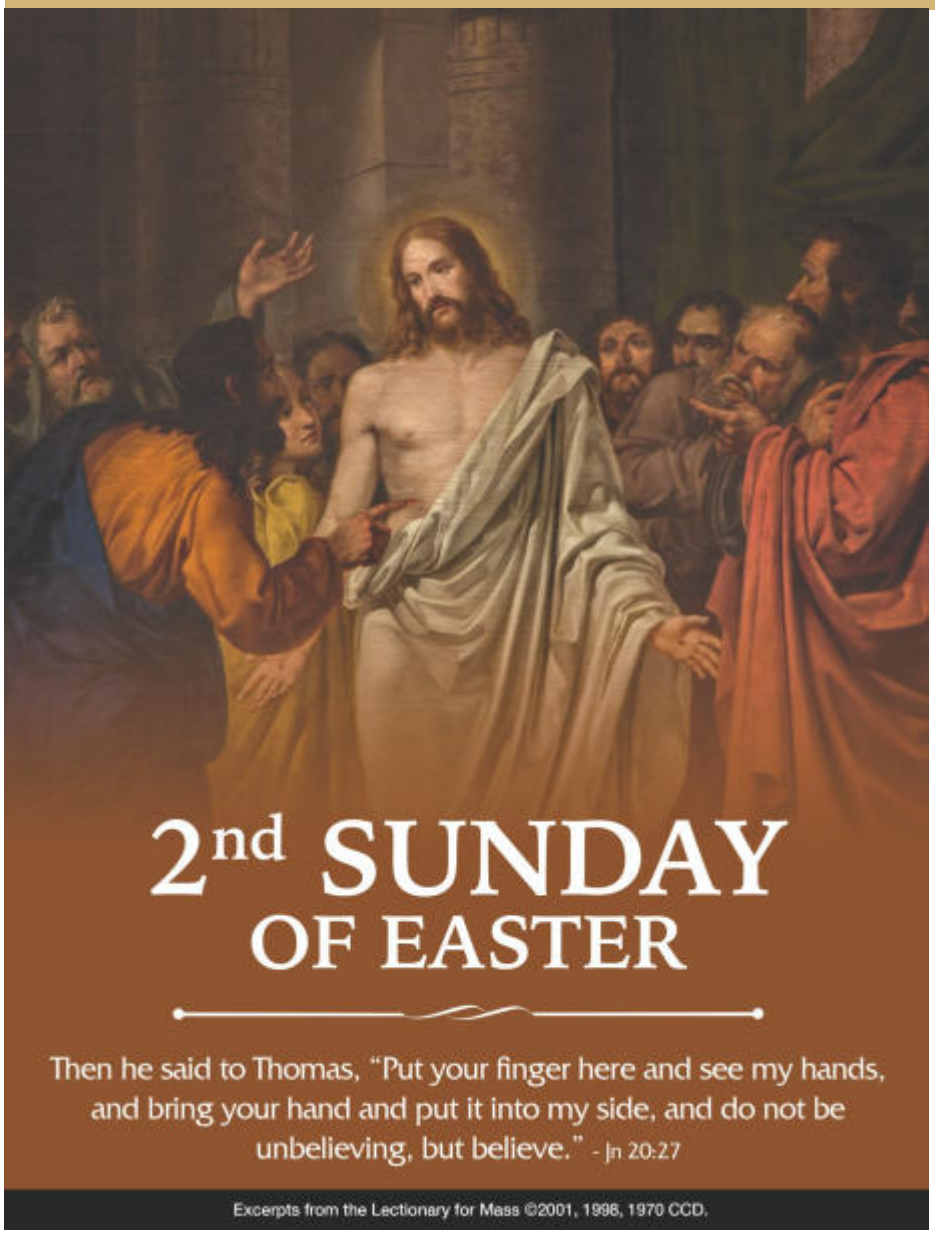

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, April 12
No Public Mass

Tuesday, April 13
5:00 pm † Loretta Maier

Wednesday, April 14
8:15 am † Willa Faust

Thursday, April 15
8:15 am † Norman Esser, Sr.

Friday, April 16
8:15 am † Brian Jones

Saturday, April 17
4:30 pm † Tom Stout

Sunday, April 18
8:30 am † John Fury
10:30 am SFX Parishioners

Confession Schedule

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:15 pm
**If this time does not work for you please contact Father to set up an appointment.*

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

Tuesdays 1:00 - 4:45 pm
**Please contact Karen Szudera for more information (608-831-2412).*

Weekly Sanctuary Lamp

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Linda Acker

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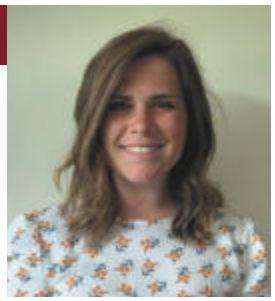
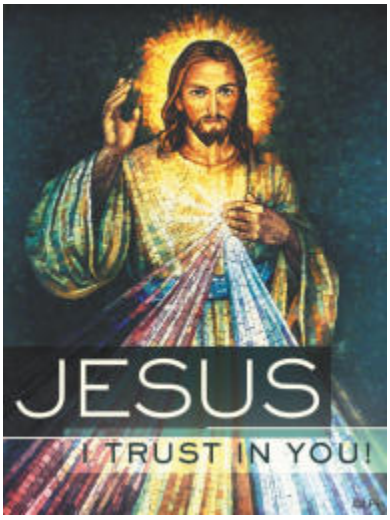
A Message from Molly



Divine Mercy Sunday

The tomb is empty, the Lord is risen, Alleluia! Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is the last day of the Easter Octave -- the most glorious, joyful, and triumphant eight days of the Liturgical year. Today we also celebrate the unfathomable mercy of God! In the year 2000 at the canonization Mass of Saint Faustina, Pope Saint John Paul II declared the second Sunday of Easter *Divine Mercy Sunday. Let us reflect on these words written by the "Apostle of Divine Mercy" herself, Saint Faustina Kowalska:*



"O Most Sacred Heart, fount of mercy from which gush forth rays of inconceivable graces upon the entire human race, I beg of you light for poor sinners. O Jesus, be mindful of your own bitter Passion and do not permit the loss of souls redeemed at so dear a price of your most precious blood. O Jesus, when I consider the great price of your blood, I rejoice at its immensity, for one drop alone would have been enough for the salvation of all sinners. Although sin is an abyss of wickedness and ingratitude, the price paid for us can never be equaled. Therefore, let every soul trust in the Passion of the Lord, and place its hope in his mercy. God will not deny his mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy never will be exhausted… O Lord, though I cannot comprehend you and do not understand your ways, I nonetheless trust in your mercy…"

May the words of this incredibly holy and sweet Saint inspire you this season as we continue to celebrate Easter! And in particular, may this Divine Mercy Sunday bring you close to the Most Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. "Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is love and mercy itself." -*Prayer from the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*.

Stewardship of Treasure

"God loves a cheerful giver…" (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Thank you for your continued generous support of St. Francis Xavier Parish and School! And thank you in a special way to those of you who give via electronic funds transfer, which helps us with our planning and budgeting. If you are interested in signing up to give in this way please contact the parish office.

March 22-28, 2021

	Weekly Income	Weekly Budget	Weekly Over (Short)
Offertory Income	$6,437	$16,250	($9,813)

Year to Date: July 1, 2020 - March 28, 2021

	YTD Income	YTD Budget	YTD Over (Short)
Offertory Income	$597,660	$605,000	($7,339.71)

Becoming a Parish Member

Are you new to our community? Or, perhaps you've never officially joined our parish? Either way, we would love to have you become a registered parish member. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Becoming Catholic

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic or learning more about the beauty of the Catholic faith please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Marc Laudonio.

Sacrament of Baptism

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Francis Xavier please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Marc Laudonio, or visit our website.

Sacrament of Marriage

If you would like to get married at St. Francis Xavier please contact Fr. Scott at least 6 months prior to your desired wedding date to being the marriage preparation process.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one are in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick please contact our Director of Pastoral Care, Cheryl Chamberlain - unless it is an emergency, in which case please contact the parish office and/or Fr. Scott directly.

Cemetery & Burials

Please contact Denise Adler in the parish office if you are interested in purchasing a cemetery plot or columbarium niche, or if you have any other cemetery related questions.

Thank you

A sincere thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with Holy Week & Easter preparations. Your efforts in helping us create beautiful liturgies, decorate the Church inside and out, ensure technology needs were met and assist in maintaining a safe environment, allowed for an awe-inspiring Holy Week and Easter Season ahead!

What is SCRIP?

SCRIP is an ongoing fundraiser for our parish and school, whereby we sell gift cards to hundreds of different local and national restaurants, gas stations, retailers, and other businesses and they donate a portion of the sale back to us as a thank you. SCRIP costs you nothing (you get the full value of the purchased gift card) and it helps us tremendously. Please visit the parish office to purchase your SCRIP gift cards today!

This week's featured vendor is...

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Lenten Mission

Our parish and school collected over ***$12,300.00*** for Hope of the Poor in support of their work serving the people of Mexico City.

HOPE OF THE POOR

We are so grateful for your generosity and look forward to learning more from Hope of the Poor in how this contribution will support their ministry.

Living Faith Booklets

The Living Faith Booklets (April, May, June) are available and can be picked up at the Parish Office.
$2.00 is a recommended donation.
Opening an issue of Living Faith is like bringing a beautiful liturgy into your home, since each daily devotion draws on a Scripture passage from the Mass readings.

Faith Formation: LBH

LOVE BEGINS HERE
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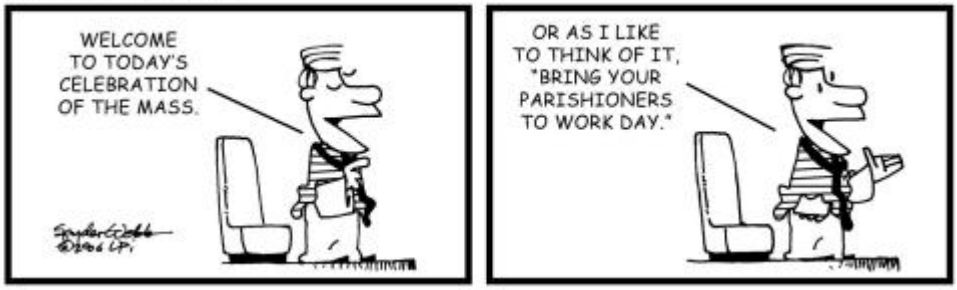
Love Begins Here (LBH) Registration for summer 2021 is open! Mark your calendars, our parish is signed up for **High School Week 2 (June 27-July2),** which will be held here at St. Francis Xavier in Cross Plains, and **Middle School Week 3 (July 18– July 21)** at St. Maria Goretti in Madison.

For more information or to register, please visit: www.madisondiocese.org/lovebeginshere If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Molly at (608)798-4824 or molly@sfxcrossplains.org

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-3
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48

Tips for Attending Mass During COVID-19

Masses are at 50% capacity with social distancing and other safeguards in place.
Also, please note the following:

- Please stay home if you feel unwell or are at high risk. If you fall into either of these categories you are dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation. The live-stream remains available on our website and Facebook page.
- Wear a face mask.
- Use the restroom at home before coming to Church.
- Use the main Church entrance.
- Use hand sanitizer upon arrival and when you leave.
- Ushers will seat you in Church; please maintain 6 feet between households (1 and 1/2 kneelers).
- There is no congressional singing.
- Worship aids have been removed from the pews and we will not pass an offertory basket (a basket will be available in the narthex for your gift).
- Ushers will dismiss parishioners by pew to go up for communion & at the end of Mass. Please maintain 6 feet distance between households.

Prayers of Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers of support to the Family and Friends of:

Christopher Leahy,
who passed away March 21, 2021
and
Robert Schulenberg,
Who passed away March 29, 2021.

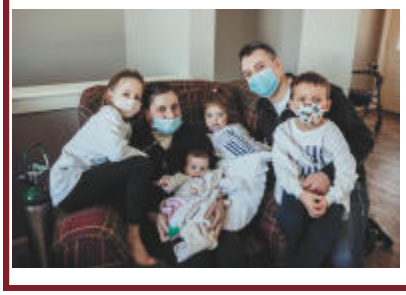
"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted"
Matthew 5:4

Townsend Family Fundraiser
Knights of Columbus
KC Style Pulled Pork

Kelsey Townsend was diagnosed with Covid near the end of her pregnancy. Due to complications of the virus she was put into a medically induced coma on November 4th. While in coma she delivered her baby girl, Lucy, by cesarean. Kelsey remained in the hospital for another 12 weeks fighting for her life because of failing lungs. Her fight continues at home now with some small improvements.

Her husband, Derek, had to quit work to be at home to care for their four children. The Fr. Inama Knights of a Columbus Council #3924 is donating the proceeds from their Kansas City Style Pulled Pork to the family to assist with monthly bills. You can place an order for Pulled Pork for Mother's Day, graduations and summer outings through the below link, or by ordering after masses on **April 10-11 and April 17-18.**

Order online at: http://bit.ly/KoCBBQPork



You can also make a donation on their behalf using the link or with the Knights. All will be appreciated!

On behalf of the Townsend family, thanks in advance.

Saint Michael Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast
into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Saint Francis Xavier Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
We thank you for your Servant Francis Xavier,
whom you called to preach the Gospel
to the peoples of Asia.
Raise up, we pray,
in this and every land
heralds and evangelists of your kingdom,
that your Church may proclaim
the unsearchable riches
of our Savior Jesus Christ;
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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