August 1, 2021 A.D. | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, August 2

No Public Mass

Tuesday, August 3
No Public Mass

Wednesday, August 4
No Public Mass

Thursday, August 5
No Public Mass

Friday, August 6
No Public Mass

Saturday, August 7
4:30 pm † Michael Hellenbrand
† Laura Loomis

Sunday, August 8
8:30 am SFX Parishioners
10:30 am † Jerry Statz

Schedule Change:
There will be no Confession or Eucharistic Adoration during August 2-8

Weekly Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of:

Roger & Eleanor Zakowski

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Note from Fr. Scott

Dear friends, peace be with you! As you know, the Olympic games are currently underway in Tokyo. A few months ago I read a wonderful article about three-time Olympian gymnast Dominique Dawes and her conversion to the Catholic faith. The following is a short excerpt.

"God has been a big part of Dawes' life for as long as she can remember. She was raised in the Baptist faith. Her mother was a Sunday school teacher. When Dawes was about nine or ten years old, she left home to live with her coach and pursue gymnastics full time. Her coach wasn't religious, but Dawes said she clung to her faith. 'The seed that my mom planted in me really took. She sowed a seed that has been one that has kept me grounded, (and) has given me this level of discernment, as I think the spirit has protected me quite a bit in my life and has steered me away from some people and situations that maybe weren't the healthiest for me,' she said.

Once she was old enough to drive, Dawes took ownership of her faith. She began attending an interdenominational church, and was involved in Bible studies and faith conferences. '(I was) just really seeking peace, joy and happiness,' she said. Her career in gymnastics had taken off. She was sweeping National Championships and winning her first Olympic medals. But she said she felt something was still missing. 'I never felt as if that completed me,' Dawes said. 'I always was on this quest to find that wholeness.'

…Dawes retired from gymnastics in 2000. Around the same time, she began to feel drawn to visit a Catholic church in the Rockville area of Washington. "I would go and I would just sit in this church knowing very little about the Catholic faith, but I felt called to be there. I loved the sense of peace and silence," she said. A few years later, Dawes enrolled in RCIA, and she fell deeper in love with the Catholic faith. She told [Catholic News Agency] she felt a special connection with the Virgin Mary. 'I always felt as a young person, while my mom did the best that she could, and my coach who many times was labeled as a mother figure, neither of them were truly happy people,' Dawes said. 'I felt as if I wanted to find...a mother who maybe was happy. Those loving arms that you can run into and just feel that sense of comfort and love, which I never felt as a child.'

Dawes became a Catholic in 2013. She married a Catholic school teacher, and today they have four children together.

…'Whenever I get fearful, or I feel a sense of anxiety, which I still go through, I remind myself that, 'Hey, [Jesus is] by my side.' Sometimes I need to sit back, stay in the passenger seat because he knows what's best for me.'"

To read the entire article, please visit: https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/247259/three-time-olympian-shares-her-conversion-story

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.

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2. **PRIZE DRAWING.** The prize drawing will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on August 2, 2021 at 6:30pm in the St. Rose conference room.
3. **SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES.** All prizes will be awarded. Any potential winner that cannot be reached or fils to respond within seven (7) calendar days of being notified, or declines the prize shall forfeit all rights to the prize and an alternate winner will be selected in the same manner until a final winner is selected. Winners are responsible for all costs of prize redemption, prize delivery and/or travel to claim a prize, on any taxes or fees which may be applicable. Prizes are not transferrable; substitutions or cash exchanges of prizes will not be allowed. The value of each sweepstakes prize is determined by the prize donor or the actual retail price paid for the prize and such determination is final for all purposes. Certain blackout dates or other restrictions may apply to the redemption of prizes. Certain prizes must be picked up at the St. Francis Xavier Parish office.
4. **NO CONTRIBUTION NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.** No contribution is necessary to be eligible to win any of the 13 cash or prize packages. A donation will not increase your odds of winning. However, we do count on your generosity.

Enter by August 1st for your chance to win!

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!

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This week's featured vendor is…

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Several weeks ago, Mrs. Voegeli, our music teacher asked for Beanie Babies…
We weren't sure how many would arrive but we are excited to say that our "ark" is now full! Thank you to who donated these stuffed treasures. The **Beat Buddies** will help the students keep time and rhythm!

Positions Available

We are currently looking for a couple of parttime staff members to join our team!

Positions Available:

- Janitorial Staff: Assist Maintenance Manager with cleaning the school 3 days/ week.
- After School Care Staff: Provide care , supervision and activates for4K-5th grade students from 3pm-6pm, two days/week.

Positions would be paid hourly and will be up to 10 hours/week.

Hours are flexible and do not require any weekend or holiday availability. If you are interested in working for the parish in either of these capacities, please contact Stacey Eslinger at Stacey@sfxcrossplains.org or via phone at 608-798-2423.

Young Adult Retreat

All young adults (ages 21-35) are invited to the 2021 Young Adult Retreat at Camp Gray, near the Wisconsin Dells. It is entitled, "Living Your Call as Priest, Prophet, and King in the World Today". The retreat will take place from the evening of Friday September 17 through midday Sunday September 19. To register, please go to madisondiocese.org/yaretreats. Cost is $125. Questions or concerns please email Mandy Jo Mlsna at mjmlsna29@gmail.com. We hope to see you there for a wonderful weekend of fellowship, talks, silence and worship.

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/ Jn 6:24-35
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Saturday:	Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Memorial Candle Offerings

Sanctuary Lamp: $20.00
If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burn in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion or a special intention please contact the parish office. The Sanctuary Lamp candle burns from Sunday through Saturday.

There are a couple of weeks still available this fall! Weeks in 2022 can be scheduled now.

Also, both 3-Day and 6-Day candles can be found in the Chapel.

3-Day Candle: $3.00
6-Day Candle: $5.00

Prayers of Sympathy

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

Laura (Schulenberg) Loomis
who passed away July 16, 2021

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to the parents, John and Ashley (nee Larson) Clarke, who recently had their child,

Ellie Rose Clarke

baptized at St. Francis Xavier, Sunday July 25, 2021.

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.

Liturgical Roles
August 7 and August 8

Ministry	4:30 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Ushers	Paul Yochum *Usher Needed!*	Dennis Conohan *Usher Needed!*	Kendall McWilliams Larry Esser
Lector/ Commentator	George Loomis Tim Statz	Diane Meinholz	Cheryl Kelter Keith Bednar

Volunteer Participation Needed

It is wonderful to see things reopening and people returning to Mass and as such, we are finding that we are in need of additional people to serve in several ministries, including Ushers, Lectors, and Scrip sales. Please contact the parish office if you are willing to help in one of these capacities.

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