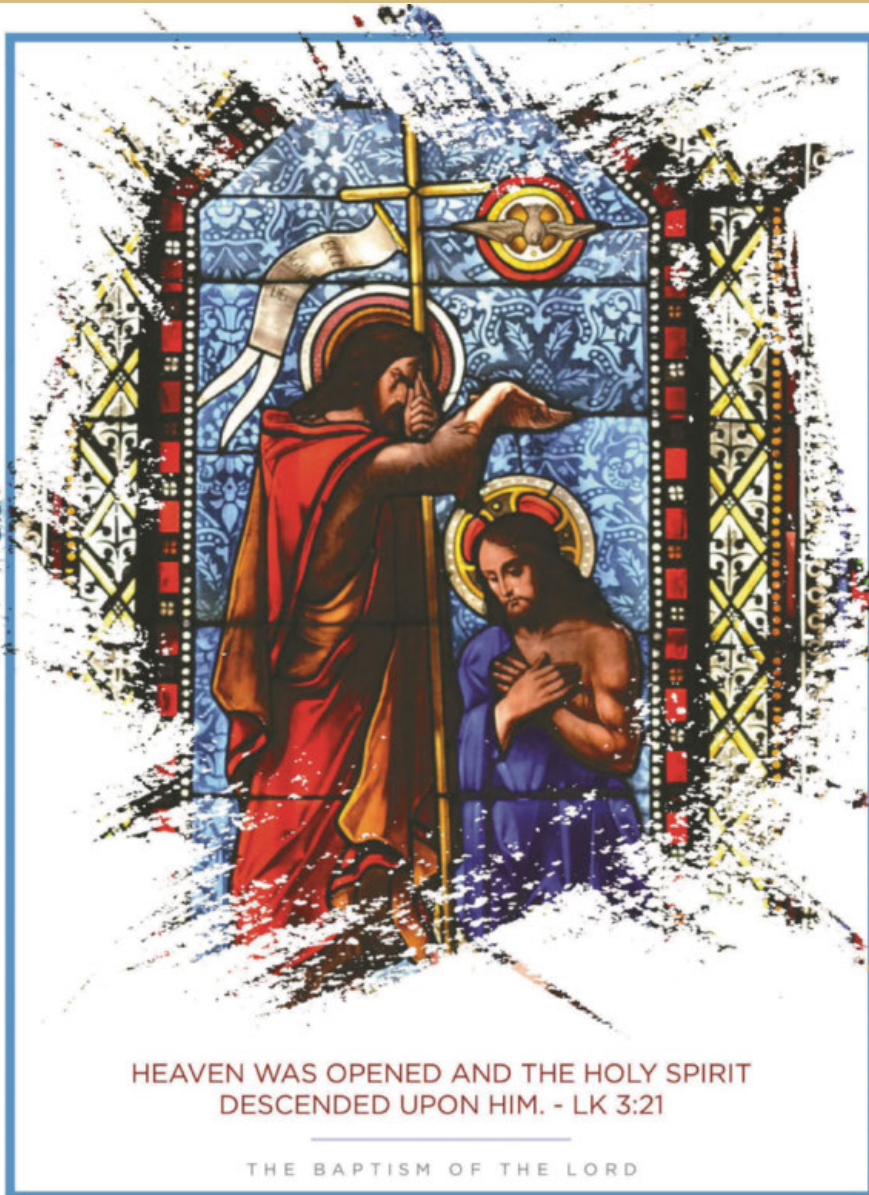




Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church & School

January 9, 2022 A.D.

The Baptism of the Lord



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, January 10

5:00 pm † Don & Lydia Pertzborn
† Jim & Mary Billmeyer

Tuesday, January 11

8:15am † Cathy & Lee Purdy

Wednesday, January 12

8:15am † Fr. Steve Umhoefer

Thursday, January 13

8:15 am † Beverley Barnes

Friday, January 14

No Public Mass

Saturday, January 15

4:30 pm † Mike Kellogg

Sunday, January 16

8:30 am SFX Parishioners

10:30 am † Duane & Janel Eller

Confession Schedule

Tuesdays 7:30-8:00am

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:15 pm

Sundays 9:45-10:15am

**If this time does not work for you please
contact Father to set up an appointment.*

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

Mondays 4:00-4:45 pm

Wednesdays 8:45-9:30 am

**Please contact Karen Szudera for more
information (608-831-2412).*

Weekly Sanctuary Lamp

In Honor of:

St. Francis Xavier Staff

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A Message from Molly

The Virtue of Faith



A few months ago I wrapped up our discussion on the four cardinal virtues (prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude), which means we are moving on to the three theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Many of us are probably familiar with the bible passage from First Corinthians where Paul lays out the three theological virtues. He says, "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." Over the next couple of months we are going to dive into what these virtues really mean and how we can access them in our daily lives.

Unlike the cardinal virtues, the theological virtues are infused virtues. Meaning that at Christian Baptism, God gives the person these three virtues freely as a gift. The catechism tells us that the theological virtues are our means of "acting as God's children and of meriting eternal life." They animate every aspect of the Christian life, and help elevate the cardinal virtues to glorify God more perfectly.



The virtue of Faith is the first of the three theological virtues. Many of us probably toss this word around like confetti when it comes to talking about God, but I wonder how many of us have really stopped to think about what this word actually means -- I know I don't very frequently! Faith, quite simply, is the virtue by which we believe in God, His Church, and all of His promises that have been

revealed to us. But even more so, faith unites us to God and makes us a living member of the Church, which comes with a lot of responsibility! As Christian disciples, we are not only called to possess a deep faith on our own, but we are called to share it with our brothers and sisters who do not know Christ. We are called "not only to keep the faith and live it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it." Let us all pray for an increase in the virtues of Faith and fortitude! Faith so that we may give ourselves fully to God, and fortitude so that we may confidently share the joy of the Gospel with our neighbors.

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.

December 20—December 26, 2021

	Weekly Income	Weekly Budget	Weekly Over (Short)
Offertory Income	\$17,229	\$25,000	(\$7,771)

Year to Date: July 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021*

*Note that the 12/31 Mass Collection was not included in the YTD amount

	YTD Income	YTD Budget	YTD Over (Short)
Offertory Income	\$375,513.20	\$395,000	(\$19,486.80)

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 begin 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.

School Enrollment for 22/23 School Year

Registration for the 22/23 school year opens for parish members on January 16th. Due to a very high demand, we are only accepting new families that are willing to make a multi-year commitment at this time. Call 608-798-2423 to schedule a tour.



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1. Safe, Values Based Environment
2. Student Happiness
3. Proven Success Rate
4. Family Culture
5. Catholic School



SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Schools Week Open House
Sunday, January 30th

Let's celebrate our amazing Catholic School!

Join us for Mass, followed by a free, continental breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

Tour our school to see various student works on display and to hear musical performances.

Shop the book fair. Each purchase helps us earn new books for our school library and classrooms.

2021 Scrip Gift Card Fundraising Results



St. Francis Xavier sold \$578,838 worth of gift cards in 2021 resulting in a profit of \$28,000 for our parish and school. If you are familiar with purchasing scrip gift cards, you already know that is like getting \$28,000 for free!

The Scrip Program allows us to purchase gift cards at a discount. We then sell them at face value and the difference becomes profit for St. Francis Xavier. We sell scrip year-round from the parish office and after weekend Masses. We keep over 40 retailers on-hand, many local businesses such as Culver's, Crossroads, Nineteen09 and Kwik Trip give generous rebates of 10%!

Special thanks to Brienne Kuhn and Denise Adler who work tirelessly to run our program along with our amazing team of volunteers.



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team for you upon arrival!

All ages welcome.

Prizes

The Winning Team will get \$100 to
donate to the cause of your choice!

Additional team prizes will be
awarded for the top 3 teams!



THURSDAY, 1/20

Upcoming Parish Events

- Heart to Heart Night: Jan. 12th
- Connect @ St. Francis: Jan. 20th
- CSW Open House: Sun. Jan. 30th

"Seek me with
all your heart..."
Jeremiah 29:13

Heart to Heart Nights

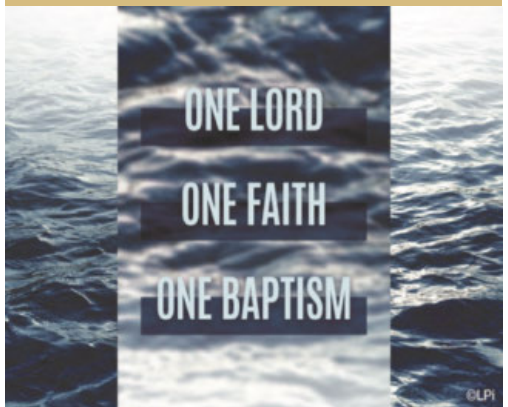
Spend time with Jesus in guided prayer.
Allow His Sacred Heart to heal, strengthen,
and transform your heart.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28,
29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



Liturgical Roles
January 15—January 16

Ministry	4:30 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Ushers	Keith Lyster Jim Beall	Stan Nonn Dennis Conohan	Joe Bomkamp Richard Esser
Lector/ Commentator	George Looms Jim Caya	Michelle Benson Julie Esser	Frank LaBoda Julie LaBoda

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.

SFX Football Craze

Week 16 Results:

12/27/21

First Highest Score
133 points • \$500.00
Tony Martinelli, Madison

First Lowest Score
19 points • \$50.00
Kelsey Nonn

Second Highest Score
131 points • \$200.00
Cliff & Lori Zander, Cross Plains

Second Lowest Score
25 points • \$12.50 each
Kathy Esser, Cross Plains
Tom Winchell, Middleton

Third Highest Score
129 points • \$100.00
Brandon Waldsmith, Poynette

Third Lowest Score
26 points • \$5.00 each
Greg Tuescher, Waunakee
Henrickson Family, Verona
Lori Blosser, Lodi

Fourth Highest Score
124 points • \$75.00
Ryan Meili, Arena

Fifth Highest Score
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