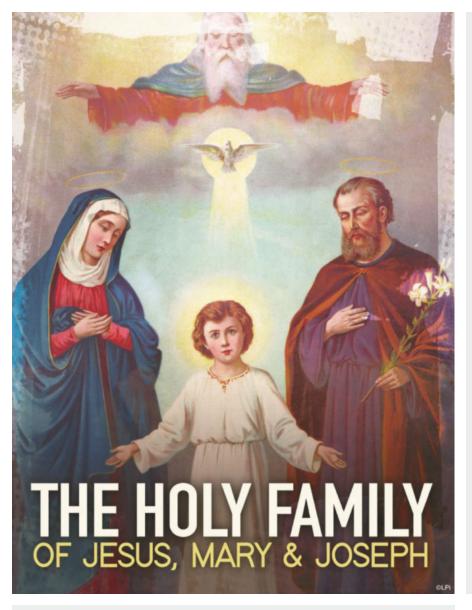


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MASS TIMES

Weekend:

Saturday - 5:00pm Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

Weekday:

Tuesday: 6:30pm Wednesday: 9:00am (at School) Thursday - Saturday: 8:00am

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesdays: 5:30-6:00pm Thursdays: 4:30pm Friday: 7:30-7:50am Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Call the Parish Office to schedule

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact at least 6 months in advance

Baptism Preparation Class:

2nd Saturday of each month 9:30-10:30am at Parish Office

Sacrament of Baptism:

First or Third Weekend of the Month Saturday: After 5:00pm Mass Sunday: After 11:00am Mass

NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 | Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12] | Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 | Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7] | Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 | Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a] | Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17 | Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a] | Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21 | Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a] | Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27 | Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a] | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 | Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11] | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

If there is an emergency and you need to reach Fr. Nathaniel Meyers, please call 763-684-0075 and press option 6

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Father Nathaniel Meyers



Today marks the Feast of the Holy Family, which is a continuation of the mystery of Christ's Nativity. We rightly bring our lives to a halt to meditate on the birth of Jesus Christ, but far too often each of us resumes our daily routines and other interests without exploring further the implications of the Christ Child. The Holy Family is a reality worthy of our adoration and commitment, because it reminds us that the Lord did not exist in a vacuum while on this earth. The humanity of Christ was raised in a concrete time and place with real people that He loved and knew not only as their God, but also as a son, cousin, and friend.

St. Mary, our Blessed Mother, was the chosen mechanism by which Christ would receive His humanity. As such, we can learn a great deal about the Messiah by knowing something about His mother. As a Jew living in the 1st century, Our Lady would have been familiar with Aramaic, Hebrew, Greek, and even some Latin; her daily life would have consisted of religious devotions of the Jewish faith; and her life would have been marked by simplicity as she lived a common existence in occupied Palestine. All of these allow us to see insights into the childhood and upbringing Christ was to experience—a home devoid of adornment, but rich in humility; a faith attuned to the heritage of the Chosen People; and a child who would hear the many languages of mankind from an early age to speak a message for the whole world.

St. Joseph, the patron of the Church, did not have any biological connection to the Christ Child, but nonetheless was selected by God for the unique role of guardian and father of the Lord due to His incredible righteousness. We learn from the renowned offspring of David that Jesus is the heir to the Davidic Kingdom, who will establish an everlasting reign. As a Jewish man, St. Joseph would have submitted himself to the Law of Moses and his work ethic would make him the true role model of all workers. Under the care of St. Joseph, Christ would show us that He chooses the pious and ethical person as His friend, bestowing upon such persons the job of tending to the coming of the Kingdom.

As we celebrate the Christmas Season, let us all take the time to meditate not only on the Lord's Nativity, but the family and society in which the author of life came to birth.

In Christ, Fr. Meyers

Francis Xavier

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STFX SCHOOL NEWS

Traditionis Custodes — "Guardians of Tradition"

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FROM THE STUDENTS & STAFF AT STFX

During Advent, we asked God to help us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Our Savior. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God, you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary.

Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your word as Mary was.

Give us the courage to face each day with the <u>yes</u> that Mary gave to you.

We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season. Amen.

The students and staff at St. Francis Xavier School wish all of you a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!





2021-2022 SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Now Through January 3rd

Christmas Break for Students

Monday, January 3rd

Teacher Work Day

School

Tuesday, January 4th

Students Return to School

4:30pm Girls Basketball Game at Home

Trinity Hall

School Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 7:30am - 3:30pm

School Contact Information

Principal:

Alisa Louwagie alisa.louwagie@stfxb.org 763-489-9227

Administrative Assistant:

Shelly Barthel shelly.barthel@stfxb.org 763-489-9228

Weekly School Liturgy:

Wednesday - 9:00am Trinity Hall

Open to All Parents, Family and Parishioners!

School Mission Statement:

In partnership with families and our parish, we foster discipleship, academic excellence, and the development of each child in the light of faith.

School Philosophy:

STFX School is dedicated to:

- +Fostering growth in the Catholic Faith.
- +Providing safe Christcentered environment.
- +Developing creative, critical thinking, communication and collaborative skills in the pursuit of true knowledge.
- +Promoting selfknowledge, generosity, and compassion to support the greater good.
- +Instilling a commitment to respond to the needs of others.

PARISH NEWS



PRAY FOR OUR PARISH VOCATIONS

Alex Rasset, Parishioner (Diocesan Priesthood)
Andrew Scherber, Parishioner (Apostolic Life)
Sofia Nikula, Parishioner (Religious Life)
Mitchell Kendrioski, Teaching Parish Seminarian
(Diocesan Priesthood)

Loving God, we ask you to guide those who are on their journey to serving you through the priesthood or religious life. Hold them close to your heart, especially during difficult or troubled times. May they feel our loving and prayerful support.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

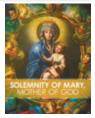
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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, January 1st

Please Note: Because this Holy Day falls on Saturday, your Sunday Mass attendance will fulfill your Holy Day obligation. However, the Saturday 8:00am Mass will be in honor of our Blessed Mother.



Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 31st in honor of this Solemnity.

MEALS ON WHEELS — MEAL DELIVERY HELP

The Church of St. Francis Xavier is responsible for delivering meals in January. If you would like to serve in this worthwhile ministry, please contact Char Lindquist at 763-682-3067.

NEW YEARS ADORATION HOURS

The Blessed Sacrament for Adoration will not be exposed from Thursday, December 30th (starting at 5:00pm) through Friday, December 31st. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed again at the usual time on Tuesday of the following week.

MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

December 19, 2021 Collection: See Next Weekend's Bulletin Our parish is grateful for your support. Thank you!

STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Mondays

Tuesday, December 28th (Holy Innocents)

6:30 pm (C) +Barb Thomes

Wednesday, December 29th (St. Thomas Becket)

9:00 am (C) †Gene Stensland

Thursday, December 30th

8:00 am (C) †Ann Knight

Friday, December 31st (St. Sylvester I)

8:00 am (C) †Reverend Edmund Goldbach

Saturday, January 1st (Mary, Mother of God)

8:00 am (C) †Kelly Anne Murphy

5:00 pm (C) †Ivan & †Roseann Klingelhoets

Sunday, January 2nd (Epiphany of the Lord)

8:30 am (C) Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

10:30 am (C) †Steven Buschel & Deceased Family Members

Mass Intentions are available for the living or deceased. To request a Mass Intention, stop by the Parish Office or contact Travis at: 763-684-0075; travis.nelson@stfxb.org

ADORATION HOURS STILL AVAILABLE

Are You Able to Fill an Opening?

Wednesdays: 2:00am & 3:00am



Can't commit to an hour every week? Other adorers can split the hour with you! There are many options to allow Adoration to fit your schedule. If you can fill one of these hours, please call Doug, STFX Adoration Coordinator, at 763-682-3277.

What Do I Do During Adoration?

- +Just sit and be at peace with Jesus.
- +Read Scripture or a religious book.
- +Pray a Rosary and/or Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The Adoration Chapel is located at STFX School (219 19th St. NW, Buffalo) on the left side of the building through the Parish Office doors.





PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

2021 YEAR-END GIVING

As the year-end approaches, if you're considering doing any kind of stock/IRA transfer to St. Francis Xavier, we have on hand a transfer form that can be used with your own brokerage company. PLEASE consult your tax advisor about your individual situation.

Contact the Parish Office at 763-684-0075 to get the proper form. Thank you for your generosity!

—Jackie Carriere, Business Administrator

STFX CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

Join the Prayer Chain — Bring Hope to Others

Interested in joining this prayer ministry, contact Travis in the Parish Office at travis.nelson@stfxb.org or 763-684-0075. When a prayer request comes in, you can be contacted by phone or email..

Have a Prayer Request? Please contact Travis. All prayer request information is kept as anonymous as the prayer requestor chooses & stays within the prayer chain group.

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FUNERAL LUNCHEON HELPERS NEEDED

Please Help with These Positions!

<u>Funeral Luncheon Chair</u>: Be one of three chair members that lead the luncheon crew.

<u>Funeral Luncheon Help</u>: Assist in the set-up, meal serving and clean-up of the luncheon.

Please help where you can! Call Roberta at 612-850-9081, for more information or to sign-up for this ministry.

SAVE THE DATE — KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

Saturday, January 29th, 2022 | STFX School

Great opportunity for families and those who need service hours. For more information, please contact Randy Bunting at 612-802-6974 or rnbunting@yahoo.com.

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

WINTER FAITH CAMP 2022

For All High School Youth January 14th-16th | 3-Day/2-Night Camp Victory, Rochester, MN



Come and spend the weekend with a group of High School Youth from across the Archdiocese, growing in faith, deepening your prayer and having fun. WFC has many activities for you to participate in, including a winter tubing hill. The retreat cost is \$200 per person. Bus transportation provided. Sign-up by January 10th.

Departing: Friday, January 14th (After School)

Returning: Sunday, January 16th

Questions? Debbie <u>debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org</u> or 763-489-9224.

TFC ALUMNI — LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP!

Teens For Christ (TFC) Alumni Retreat Saturday, January 1st, 2022 | 6:00-9:00pm STFX Education Center

This TFC Alumni Retreat is open for all those that have served on TFC as a teen or an adult leader. Due to space, we are only able to invite spouses, fiancés, betrothed and their children.

The retreat cost is \$12.00/adult; Kids (ages 5-12) are \$5.00/child. Register this weekend, by going to: https://stfrancisxavierbuffalo.wufoo.com/forms/mmefyxi0vg3cil/.

AREA & ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



NEW ADAPTATION OF A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Now at Open Window Theatre Runs Through December 30th



This new adaptation, by Emily C.A. Snyder, brings themes of Christianity and redemption, as well as being filled with music and singing, including such beloved carols as "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen", "O Come All Ye Faithful", "Here We Come A-Wassailing", "Silent Night", and more!

Tickets are available at <u>openwindowtheatre.org</u> or over the phone at 612-615-1515. Support this Catholic-inspired, local and professional theatre this holiday season!

UPCOMING KING'S HOUSE RETREATS

Retreat Theme: Amazing Grace

January 2022

14th–16th: Men's Silent Weekend 21st–23rd: Men's Silent Weekend 28th–30th: Women's Silent Weekend

February 2022

4th–6th: Men's Silent Weekend 21st–25th: Directed Retreat

25th-27th: Women's Silent Weekend

Suggested Retreat Offerings: \$160/person. There is also a \$30 non-refundable deposit required with registration.

Join us for a peaceful, prayerful and affordable retreat experience. To register for any of these retreats or for more info., call 763-682-1394 or go to www.kingshouse.com.

OPERATION ANDREW DINNER

Monday, January 17th | 6:00–8:00pm Archdiocesan Catholic Center, St. Paul

Men, ages 16 and older, who are discerning a vocation are invited for dinner and conversation about priesthood and religious life. Typically, guests invite their pastor or youth minister to meet them. Online registration is required. For more info. and to register, go to: https://www.10000vocations.org/operation-andrew-dinner.html

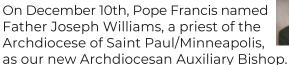
MIRIAM DINNER: WOMEN'S VOCATIONS

Tuesday, January 25th | 6:00–8:00pm Archdiocesan Catholic Center, St. Paul

Catholic women, ages 16 – 35, that are discerning consecrated life are invited to this dinner. Come for an evening of prayer and hear consecrated women share their vocation testimonies. Find out more at: https://www.10000vocations.org/miriam-dinner.html

ORDINATION OF OUR NEW BISHOP-ELECT

Auxiliary Bishop-Elect Joseph Williams





The Ordination of Joseph Williams to the Episcopacy will take place Tuesday, January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. The ordination will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese's Facebook page. Time to still be announced.

Learn more about Bishop-elect Williams, watch video interviews, and find details on the ordination at archspm.org/newbishop. Please keep our new Auxiliary Bishop in your prayers!

TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES NEEDED

Serve as a Missionary Here in the Archdiocese

Totus Tuus is looking for college-age men and women who have a missionary heart and want to share their Catholic faith with Archdiocesan youth. Totus Tuus is a two-month summer commitment, which includes training. For more info. or to apply, call Nancy Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or apply online at www.archspm.org/totustuus. Applications are due by Friday, February 1st, 2022.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 22nd | 10:30am Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul

All are invited and welcome. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. Saint John Paul II Champions for Life Awardees will be recognized during the prayer service. This event is sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family and Life. For more information visit call 651-291-4488 or go online to the website, archspm.org/prayer-service-life.



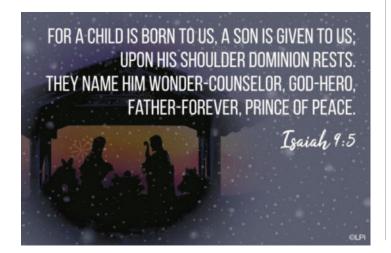
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Brother Knights: During this season of Christmas, let us remember the countless blessings that have been given to us. The birth of Our Savior Jesus, our faith, our freedom, our family, our friends and neighbors! Merry Christmas to you and yours!

—Jim Mikelson, Council #6608 Grand Knight Best to contact me by phone: 320-828-0875 Email: grandknight6608@gmail.com

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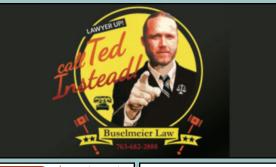
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