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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Thursday 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Tuesday 9 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Note: Parish Office is on the west side of the Church

MASS & SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

All Masses are open to the public and are live streamed on Facebook and our Website.

Weekdays: 7:30 am Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am

CONFESIONS: Saturday 5:00—5:30 pm, as scheduled in the bulletin, or by appointment

BAPTISM: Classes are required. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE: Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with the Pastor at least 9-12 months prior.

HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITS: Regular homebound visits are made on the First Friday of the month. Please call the office to schedule hospital or home visits as needed.

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Mass Intentions

Monday	September 1 LABOR DAY (Mass at Cemetery)
8:30 a.m.	Rev. Robert Humenay (Martha Chernichky)
Tuesday	September 2 WEEKDAY
7:30 a.m.	Ed Lemock (Elmer & LeAnne Lemock)
Wednesday	September 3 St. Gregory the Great
7:30 a.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday	September 4 WEEKDAY
7:30 a.m.	Rose & Remo Rinaldi (Family)
Friday	September 5 WEEKDAY
7:30 a.m.	Mary Jane Feigh (Ken Gross)
Saturday	September 6 WEEKDAY BVM
6:00 p.m.	Peter Skywark (Chuck & Penny Keller)
Sunday	September 7—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Joseph & Rosemary Flatley (Linda & Joe)
10:30 a.m.	Living and Deceased Parishioners



*The Sanctuary Candle is burning for
Rev. Robert Humenay
By Marty Chernichky*

BINGO
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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Church is open 24 hrs/day for Personal Prayer
All Regularly scheduled Masses are livestreamed
on Facebook and Website

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1—LABOR DAY

- OFFICE CLOSED
- No Church cleaning

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Adoration

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 8 a.m.-Noon Adoration
- Noon—Sunshine Circle (Parish Center)
- 7:00 p.m. Roman Catholic Knights Fellowship
- 8:00-9:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Adoration

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 8:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m. FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION with Benediction at 5:50 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 5:00-5:40 Confession
- 6:00 p.m. Mass
- Fellowship following Mass to Welcome Fr. Ben
- 7:15ish p.m. Pier Giorgio Frassati Movie Night (Parish Center)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- Fellowship following Masses to Welcome Fr. Ben
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. 1st Day of Faith Formation
- 10:30 a.m. Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-
17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Lyrics for Masses

The Order of the Mass (Penitential Act, Creed, Eucharistic Prayer, etc. can be found in your Magnificat on pages 212-238).

OPENING HYMN: MY COUNTRY TIS OF THEE

1. My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!
From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring.
2. Our fathers' God to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 68

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

OFFERTORY HYMN: TEND THE GROUND

Refrain: We till the earth, we tend the ground, sowing hope and peace where none is found. In selfless love God's life abounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

1. As God provides our every need, with grateful hearts, let us receive these gifts of love, and make return to bless the world, to bless the world. *(Refrain)*
2. All creatures share one common home, one loving God, one song of hope. The rocks cry out and praises ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing! *(Refrain)*
3. With open hand our Lord has giv'n his life for all that we might live. No greater love is there than this, no greater love, no greater love. *(Refrain)*
4. Where hardened hearts have turned to greed, trampling upon the fledgling seed, help us to tend to others' needs, open our eyes, open our eyes. *(Refrain)*

COMMUNION HYMN: THIS IS JESUS

*Refrain: This is Jesus, Emmanuel.
God is with us, in this sacrament.
Come, receive Him. Adore Him.
This is Jesus, our Lord.*

1. Bright Star of David, Radiance of God; now become the Living Bread, the body of the Lord. Come in adoration, receive with trembling hands; the sacrament most holy, the banquet of the Lamb. *(Refrain)*
2. Drink of Living Waters, flowing from the Lord. Taste the cup of blessing, partake of precious blood. River of Salvation, holy cleansing tide; Fountain of Redemption, flowing from the Savior's side. *(Refrain)*
3. Priest of highest honor, King and Sovereign Lord, unblemished Lamb of Sacrifice, Your very life outpoured; royal paschal victim, true begotten Son, offered as our ransom by the Holy One. *(Refrain)*

CLOSING HYMN: HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite, thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.
Infinite, thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.
2. Hark! The loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim, In unceasing chorus raising;
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

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We are so glad you are here!

Know that you are welcome any time, but if you would like to belong to the parish and receive correspondence from us about parish happenings, please visit our website or call the office.

Evangelization & Faith Formation

We are excited to begin our Faith Formation Year on **Sunday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m.** Families are invited to join us for our Annual Meet & Greet. This gives us a chance to share news for this year, catch-up on how summer activities, and make new friends. If you haven't signed your child(ren) up yet, there is still time to join us!

Parents of Sacramental Years, mark your calendar now for Parent Meetings:

First Reconciliation (2nd Grade) - Sunday, Sept. 14th at 9:10 a.m.

First Holy Communion (3rd Grade) — Sunday, Sept. 14th following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Confirmation (9th Grade) Parent & Candidates — Sunday, September 21st following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

We also invite anyone who is not Catholic, or has not received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion), who would be interested in learning more about the faith and/or receive the Sacraments to Contact Irene.

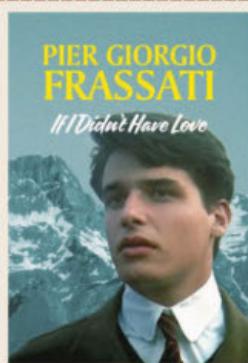
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday,
September 6th

Vigil Mass
6:00 PM
Dinner & Movie
7:05 - 9:00 PM



This Classic Italian movie, dubbed in English, has been remastered & re-released to celebrate the canonization of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, now scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 7th.

Frassati was a popular young man who turned away from a life of privilege to work with the poor, suffering and homeless; courageously witnessing the Catholic Faith.

Frassati was an avid mountain climber and exemplified a great love for life, nature, and humanity. He lead youth in Italy in Catholic social justice and charitable organizations, and is the patron saint of World Youth Day. He died of the polio virus at age 24.

Join us in celebrating and learning more about one of the Church's newest formal Saints!

St. Francis Xavier Gathering Space or Parish Center Depending on number of people. Bring a comfortable chair. Scan the QR Code to RSVP or Visit our website: www.stfrancisxaviermckean.org Contact Irene for more info: 814-476-7657 x7 evangelization@stfrancisxaviermckean.org



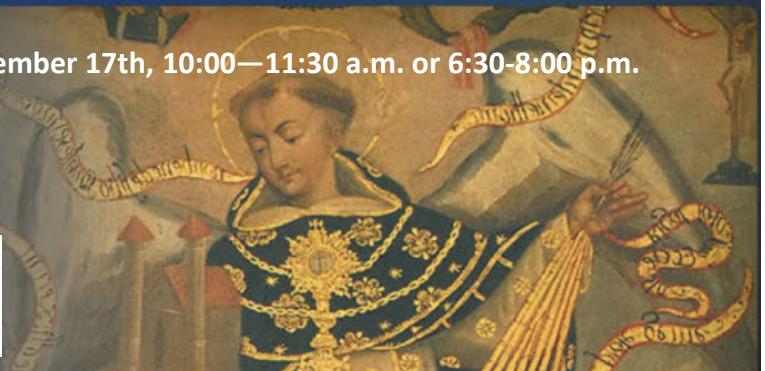
NEW COURSE

Join us for this study on Wednesdays beginning September 17th, 10:00—11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m.

BECOMING A SAINT

Wisdom from Aquinas to Grow in Virtue

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

The Power of a Handshake

Recently, my mother shared the news that my high school bus driver, Denny, passed away. His death saddened me. He faithfully drove me and many others to and from school. He was also the main bus driver for our varsity basketball games.

Denny left a lasting impression on my life.

Every time I stepped onto the bus, Denny greeted me with a handshake and a smile. At the end of each bus ride, he did the same—always adding a simple “thank you.” These small gestures left a significant mark on me. Over the years, I’ve tried to emulate Denny. As a teacher, I made it a point to shake each student’s hand as they entered and left the classroom. I now do this at Cathedral Prep each afternoon before and after class. As a priest, I try to greet and send forth each parishioner with that same personal gesture.

Denny did far more than safely drive students home. With every handshake and every word of gratitude, he shaped students into young men and women who understood respect, dignity, and professionalism. His simple kindness still echoes in my life.

I want to encourage all of us at St. Francis Xavier Parish to remember that the little things we do—the small gestures, the words of gratitude, the sincere handshakes—can leave a significant and lasting impression. Denny’s example reminds me that holiness often hides in the most ordinary of encounters.

+ Fr. Ben Daghir



We would like to welcome our newest parishioners:

Joan Passerotti

Sherrill Strain

Bonnie Anderson

Brianna McAndrew

Charles III, Emily, Elena and Charles IV Detrick

Mark, Jennifer, Katelyn, Luke, Evelyn and Holly Mannelli

James, Madelyn and Timothy Marsh



We are glad you are here!

Why become a parishioner? The definition of a parish is “a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in a particular church, whose pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor under the authority of the diocesan bishop.” (Code of Canon Law 515) Thus belonging to a parish allows you to belong and be known in the community. We welcome everyone, but we’d love to have you be known in our community. If you would like to join, please contact the parish office at 814-476-7657 Ext. 4.

Parish & Community Life



August 24, 2025

Goal: \$5,215 Total Collection: \$ 3,179.
Capital Improvement: \$ 57
CSA 2025 Goal: \$50,983
Pledged to Date: \$65,141
Received to Date: \$57,344



The Church relies on the generosity of our parishioners and guests to live out our mission of caring for souls and spreading the Good News, as well as the maintenance of our property. We strive to be good stewards of your kindness.

Throughout the year there are special collections for various needs. **This weekend, August 16/17, the 2nd Collection will be for the Church in Latin America.**

Thank you & may God continue to bless you.



McKEAN FOOD PANTRY

Our shelves are *DEPLETING* and we ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:

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PLEASE LEAVE ONLY NON PERISHABLE ITEMS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE AND MAKE SURE TO CHECK EXPIRATION DATES!!!

IF YOU HAVE PERISHABLE ITEMS PLEASE CONTACT SUE BOLE AT 814-434-2730.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 814-476-7657 EXT 5. ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND OUR FOOD BANK IS OPEN TO ANYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

**YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!**

There is HELP AVAILABLE with errands, groceries, pick-up of medication, etc. PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE CURTZE, 814-450-5126

Prayer Requests — Conner, Sal A., Michael O., Sydney S., Amanda B., Mark W., Cheryl H., Katherine A., Arline H., Beverly O., Autumn, Christy F., Jared P., Steve I., Debbie C., Pam D., Beverly V., Rick M., Dan M., Terry M., Sandy & Tom D., Jim C., Colin, Shannon, Sally H., June B., Patty, Scott B., Barb, Leila, Ashley, Lori W., Nancy B., Kayla F., Rich W., Ted T., Sean C., Al N., Lilly, Mary H., Barb W., Alexis, Marion S., Ron S., Maria D., Anthony, Charlotte, Zelma R., Bill C., Kayla S., John, Lori S., Ruth P., Walt D., Tommy K., Jan M., Bob H., Rob, Jia, Jess, Rob C., Cheryl, Elayna K., Mrs. T., Mr. H., Jim, Jeff, Doug C., Dan B., Kelly R., Liam, Jeannine M., Barb P., Carrie C., Joe, Karen H., Kara, Joey, Valerie, Katie D., Julia P., Baby S., Trista D., and all the sick of the Parish. We also pray for vocations and those serving in the military. **Thank you to all who have offered prayers and are part of our Prayer Chain Ministry. If you would like to be part of this ministry officially, please contact Lori Kruszewski.**



Pray for the Military Men & Women

PO 1st Class Jack Kaulis, CPO Aurelio Velazquez, Jr., PVT Jeff Kinnear, Major Jenny Stewart-Allen, Lt. Colonel Alan Herbol, Major Natalie Rambish-Long, TSgt. Cody Wagner, SFC Vincent E. Paris, III, Capt. Nicholas Gdanetz, Major Wesley Hansen, Tgst. Lucas Sinnott, SS William A. Vorse, Spec-E4 Landry J. Livengood

The 31 Club is committed to praying for an increase in holy vocations each day of the month. Members pray for Vocations, Attend Mass, and/or make additional sacrifices for this important intention.

31 CLUB—This week:

25. Randy Gray/Kathy Holland
26. Chandler Villanueva/Denise Borsuk
27. June Bujnoski/TBD
28. Richard & Pam Moore
29. Jim Lazan/Lori Sala
30. Fr. Jason Feigh/TBD
31. Joe Preston/TBD



Traveling Chalice Program

Join us in this unique opportunity to pray for Vocations!! Sign-up via our website or by calling the parish to bring home the Sacred Chalice for a week, remembering to pray for Vocations daily. You will be able to select the week you would like to host the chalice and indicate during which Mass you will receive the chalice. The Chalice is to be returned to the Sacristy the following Saturday by 5:30 p.m.

We would like to have at least two people committed for each day. If you would like to join us in praying for more vocations, please sign-up via our website or by contacting the office.

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<https://stfrancisxaviermckean.org/parishgear.html> or
<https://parishgear.com/collections/st-francis-xavier-parish>



SPECIAL COLLECTION



August 18, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza prompts concern from all people of goodwill. As Catholics, we especially are called by Christ to care for the suffering and the needy.

Pastoral concern has prompted the bishops of the United States to take up a collection for the assistance of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas. Many are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions.

I ask you to give generously to this special collection, held in our parishes on the weekend of September 6-7, 2025. Funds received will be passed on to Catholic Relief Services. This group has a long-standing relationship with the Catholic Church in the region, which allows them to provide humanitarian relief and medical assistance quickly and efficiently.

Thank you for doing what you can to support our suffering brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas. I join with you in praying for peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



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