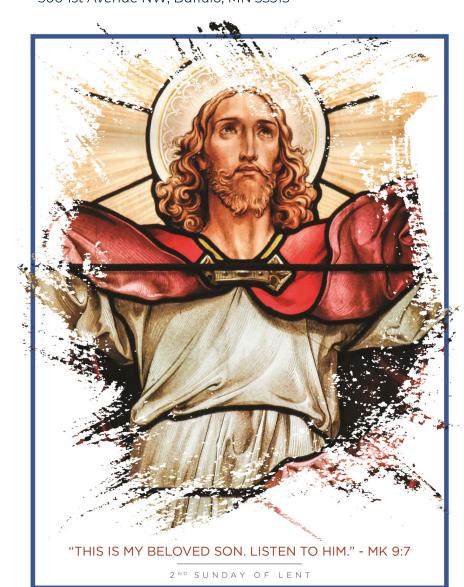


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NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10 | Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 | Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20 | Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 | Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20 | Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 | Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10 | Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 | Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a | Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 | Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 | Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 | Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 | Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c) |

1 Cor 1:22-25 | Jn 2:13-25

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7 | Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8) | Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Jn 4:5-42

MASS TIMES

Weekend:

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

Weekday:

Tuesday: 6:30pm Wednesday: 9:00am Thursday - Saturday: 8:00am

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesdays: 5:30-6:20pm Thursdays: 4:30pm Friday: 7:30-7:50am Saturdays 3:30-4:45pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Wednesdays (10:00am) — Friday (5:00pm)

Located at the Faith & Education Center (219 19th St. NW, Buffalo) through the Parish Office Doors (Left Side of Building)

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Call the Parish Office to schedule

Sacrament of Marriage:
Contact at least 6 months in advance

Baptism Preparation Class:

NEW DATE & TIME
Third Thursday of Each Month
6:30-7:30pm
St. Sophia Room (in Parish Hall)

Sacrament of Baptism:

First & Third Weekend of the Month Saturday: After 5:00pm Mass Sunday: After 10:30am Mass

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



One of the curious details in the Gospels is the fact that Jesus is described as leaving His disciples and the crowds to go and pray. Naturally, as we consider that Jesus is the Son of God and Second Person of the Trinity, we may well wonder what He would need to leave and pray. After all, can't Jesus focus perfectly well even in the midst of a busy crowd? Doesn't He already know and understand everything perfectly? Many spiritual writers have postulated that the decision of Jesus to walk away from the crowds was done not so much for His benefit, but instead for our own. By choosing to go away and pray, Jesus teaches His disciples that they similarly too must occasionally break away from the hustle and bustle of life to make time for prayer.

As Lent is an especially well-suited time of the year to make time for additional prayer, we will be offering a one-day retreat here in our parish on Saturday, March 16th. The retreat will be hosted in our church with some conferences and time for individual prayer and reflection, as well as providing a lunch. The title of the retreat will be "Holy Communion: How the Eucharist Builds and Strengthens Our Relationship with God" and it will be offered at no cost to those who wish to attend in our parish. However, as lunch will be provided as part of the retreat, I do ask that those who plan to attend please email me at nate.meyers@stfxb.org no later than Monday, March 11th so we can place an accurate lunch order for the day. The conferences will be preached by me and I will also be providing some questions to help guide the personal times of prayer.

I encourage those who are looking for a day of quiet, prayerful reflection to take part in this Lenten retreat for our parish. The day will begin with Mass at 8:00am and the retreat will formally conclude at 3:00pm with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during our regular confession times for those who wish to do so following the retreat. As we continue our Lenten campaign, may this opportunity be another way for our parish to grow closer to God and experience the peace that comes from being in communion with Him.

In Christ, Fr. Meyers

Don't Forget To Sign-Up For The Weekly Newsletter

The weekly newsletter is sent directly to your email every Friday afternoon. Go to our Parish website home page (https://www.stfxb.org), scroll down until you see what's shown below. Enter first name, last name, email address and click "Join" — that's it!





Parish Mission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." — Matthew 28:19-20

Parish Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-4:30pm Friday: 8:30am-12noon Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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STFX SCHOOL NEWS

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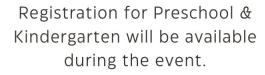
Monday, February 26, 5:30–7 p.m. STFX Education Center





Join us for an evening of fun!

Explore the classrooms, engage with our exceptional educators, and immerse yourself in the enchanting world of our book fair!

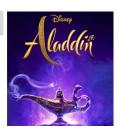




Can't make it? Personal tours can be scheduled by emailing amanda.ryan@stfxb.org or calling the school office.

SAINTS ON STAGE TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND!

Don't Miss Aladdin, Jr.! — Tickets on sale after Masses this weekend or in the school office starting on Monday. Tickets are available for purchase between the hours of 8:00am-3:00pm. Performance dates are March 8th (7:00pm), March 9th (2:00pm), and March 10th (2:00pm).



School Office Hours:

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

School Contact Information

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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.

Volunteer Opportunity QR Code:

New! Our success is in partnership with the many volunteers that help in various ways at STFX School. Scan the QR Code below to see our current volunteer needs, sign-ups and contact information.



PARISH NEWS

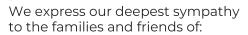


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Paul Fladung
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Irmina Holthaus
Natalie Fix
Chris Larson
Jerry Niesen
Mary Stevens
Joe Worms
Maria Belle Van Lith

Lawrence Endres
Betty Barrows
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Karen Kocer-Suerth
Jana Endres
Alice Zaske
LaVonne Hegland
Mary Schmidt
Sandy (Buschel) Greninger
Gerry Hundt
Jeffrey Geyen

IN MEMORIAM





Ronald Skoglund | Catherine Jorgenson

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

RECENT BAPTISM



Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!

Leni Rae Duske

(Daughter of Jacob & Miranda Duske)

MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

 February 18, 2024 Collection:
 \$18,057.00

 January 2024 Budget:
 \$88,402.50

 January 2024 Actual:
 \$80,179.35

 January 2023 Actual:
 \$80,844.45

STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Monday

Tuesday, February 27th (St. Gregory of Narek)

6:30pm (C) †David Anderson

Wednesday, February 28th

9:00am (S) †Cy Kohlbeck

Thursday, February 29th

8:00am (C) Living & Deceased Behrenbrinker Family

Friday, March 1st

8:00am (C) †Fr. Stephen R. O'Gara

Saturday, March 2nd

8:00am (C) Living & Deceased Thomes Family

5:00pm (C) †Steve Szarke

Sunday, March 3rd (3rd Sunday of Lent)

8:30am (C) †Jerry Cross

10:30am (C) Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

CELL EVANGELIZATION SMALL GROUPS

Don't forget to sign-up for one of our small groups as we start building our cell evangelization program! Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area at church. We have spots available in 6 out of the 7 groups: Women 40+, Empty Nesters, Young Married Couples, Divorced/Separated, Lapsed/Uninvolved Catholics and General Population.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER 2024 LENTEN CALENDAR

Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent | 7:00pm STFX Church (Except March 22nd)



Take a mini-pilgrimage in the footsteps of Jesus.

Parish Penance Service

Sunday, March 3rd | 7:00-8:30pm St. Francis Xavier Church



Come receive an outpouring of grace, strength and be restored with Christ!

All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry

Friday, March 15th | 4:00-8:00pm Huikko's Entertainment Center



Hosted by The Buffalo Knights of Columbus. \$15/person (\$10/child ages 10 and under). Proceeds benefiting STFX Youth Ministry. Pre-buying your tickets helps the youth group make more money!

Menu: Fish, Potatoes, Chicken Strips, Baked Beans, Coleslaw and Breadsticks.

*NEW EVENT: STFX Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 16th | 8:00am-3:00pm Church & Parish Hall

Join us for a one-day retreat here in our church. Fr. Meyers will be leading a preached retreat with times for quiet reflection and Eucharistic Adoration to create a close encounter with God as we focus on the Eucharist and how it can help build and strengthen our relationship with God. The day begins with Mass at 8:00am and concludes at 3:00pm with lunch included.

There are no fees, but please register by emailing Fr. Meyers at <u>nate.meyers@stfxb.org</u> no later than Monday, March 11th so we can place an accurate lunch order.

Living Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 22nd | 7:00pm STFX Education Center

Featuring the Teens for Christ (TFC) Leadership Team. Pizza dinner served prior to Stations from 5:30-6:30pm. Proceeds go to Youth Ministry programs.



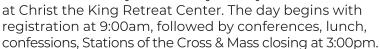


PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

NW DEANERY CCW LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, March 7th | 9:00am-3:00pm King's House, Buffalo

All women of the Parish are invited to a Northwest Deanery Lenten Day of Prayer



The topic for the day will be "Do This in Memory of Me". These words of Jesus remind us of The Last Supper shared with His disciples and the gift of His presence as He becomes the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The disciples remembered many things from that night. It is these memories that will guide the retreat.

The gift shop will be open for your convenience in finding spiritual reading materials and an abundance of religious articles. Wheelchairs and elevators are available. To RSVP, please call Judy Weldele at 763-682-1983. Reservations are due by Monday, February 26th. To show our appreciation to the members of the STFX Council of Catholic Women, the CCW will be paying the \$60 retreat fee for you.

SHARING & CARING HANDS

On February 20th, members of our parish once again prepared and delivered a meal consisting of 4 large electric roasters of



hamburger rice hotdish, 20lbs. of coleslaw, 10 loaves of buttered bread, 10 gallons of milk, and many bars and cookies to the homeless at the Sharing & Caring Hands shelter in Minneapolis. Thanks to all of those who helped prepare, deliver and serve the meal, or who helped in any other way. You're much appreciated.

<u>Upcoming dates for 2024 are:</u> April 16th, June 18th, August 20th, October 15th and December 17th. All dates are on Tuesdays.

LULLABY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a volunteer opportunity serving women and children in need in our community? St Francis Xavier, together with Love INC, supports women in need of supplies for their babies and young children. If you feel called to help with the Lullaby Ministry, please contact Michelle Studnicka at 612-834-5533.

MARCH IS MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MONTH

Support The Buffalo Food Shelf

Minnesota FoodShare began its work in 1982 as a campaign to restock food shelves in the 7-county Metropolitan area. The effort was so successful, and the need so evident, the March Campaign became a statewide initiative in 1983 and is now in its 43rd year.



The Buffalo Food Shelf is eligible for additional funding based on the pounds of food that they receive during the March Campaign. Please place any non-perishable food or hygiene donations in the church basement (near the elevator). Donations made through March 31st will be counted toward FoodShare Month. Monetary donations are also helpful and can be sent directly to the Food Shelf (there are addressed envelopes near the church entrances) or given online by going to https://buffalofoodshelf.com/donate.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

EXTREME FAITH CAMP 2024

For All 6th-8th Grade Youth June 10th-14th, 2024

It's a full week of an amazing camp experience —EFC is middle school youth from St. Francis and other local parishes hanging out at a sweet camp! Enjoy swimming, boating, nature hikes, sports, as well as Mass, small groups, talks, prayer, reconciliation, Adoration and much more to dive into your Catholic faith and set you up to take what you learned home to continue growing in your faith! Get ready for a new summer highlight. Register at https://stfxb.faithenroll.net/.



CAMP BLAZE 2024

July 9th-11th, 2024 For Current 1st-5th Graders

Camp Blaze

During this event, participants will participate in lots of fun and crazy games, cool crafts, engaging formational talks. The children will be able to learn to take their prayer deeper through different prayer experiences, listen to amazing praise and worship music, attend Mass, Adoration and Confession -- all to help introduce the Holy Spirit to them and teach them how to talk to and listen to God! Register at https://stfxb.faithenroll.net/.

More info. about these events at stfxb.org. Questions? Contact Debbie at 763-489-9224; debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org

AREA & ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Now - March 24th



40 Days for Life takes a determined, peaceful approach that puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion in America. 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer & Fasting, Constant Vigil and Community Outreach.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? — Prayer & Fasting

Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand in hand. Prayer keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God's will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help.

For the remaining days of 40 Days for Life pray for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus.

People of faith are also invited to fast throughout 40 Days for Life. We believe that when God's people fast with a broken, repentant, and contrite spirit, our heavenly Father will hear from heaven and heal our lives, our churches, our communities, our nation, and our world.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991 –2006) was born in London, England and raised in Milan, Italy. From an early age, he displayed a remarkable talent for



computer programming and a deep love for Christ in the Eucharist. He loved sports, graphic novels, and volunteering with those in need outside of his school hours. Carlo's particular devotion to the Eucharist was inspired by St. Francis of Assisi and evident in that he always spent time in prayer before his parish's tabernacle either before or after every Mass and saw the Eucharist as a tangible manifestation of God's love.

With his tech-savvy skills, young Carlo spent four years creating a website that catalogued Eucharistic miracles from around the world. The purpose of his site was to increase awareness and appreciation for the Eucharist while inspiring those who visited the site to deepen their faith and develop a strong relationship with Jesus. Tragically, in 2006 when Carlo was just 15, his life was cut short when he succumbed to leukemia. Despite this, his story, and website, live on as a shining example of youthful holiness. Recognizing his extraordinary sanctity, the Church beatified Carlo on October 10, 2020, making him the first millennial to be beatified. Carlo's beatification has gone on to spark a renewed interest in the Eucharist among young people.

LENTEN ACTIVITY — 40 HOURS OF PRAYER

Friday, March 8th — Sunday, March 10th

Looking for a Lent activity or retreat this year? Please join Saint Ignatius Church, Annandale and The Church of Saint Timothy, Maple Lake in a special forty hour period of continuous prayer and adoration made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Led prayer is scheduled at various times throughout this forty hour period, as well as abundant time for quiet and uninterrupted personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, two special presentations by the Pro Ecclesia Sancta Sisters, and closing Mass with Bishop Joseph Williams. A reception following Mass at St. Timothy will be hosted by the CCW. A detailed schedule with times and more information is available at www.stignatiusmn.com or www.churchofsttimothy.

CATHOLIC Q & A: HOLDING HANDS



Question: Should we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer: The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. It is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. While others the action of holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Articles are due at 12noon on Tuesday for the upcoming weekend's bulletin. Please submit articles to Travis at travis.nelson@stfxb.org.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane—It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!" But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which are the hardest to bear. Transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn't really mind.

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system—and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us. We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?



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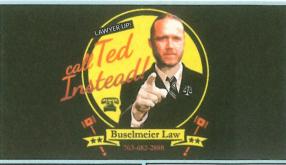
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