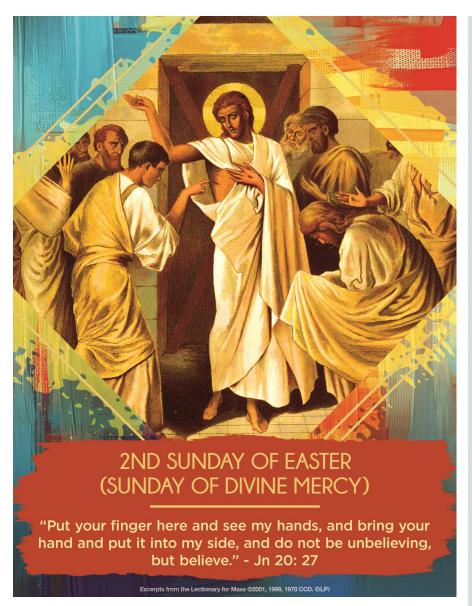


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NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 | Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 | Heb 10:4-10 | Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 | Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 | Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 | Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 | Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 | Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42 | Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 | Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7 | Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 | Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a) | 1 Jn 2:1-5a | Lk 24:35-48

MASS TIMES

Weekend:

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

Weekday:

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

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday: 5:30-6:20pm Thursday: 4:30pm Friday: 7:30-7:50am Saturday: 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

If I was writing this bulletin column in 1984 and decided to focus on Divine Mercy Sunday, pretty much every single parishioner would be asking. "What's Divine Mercy Sunday?" Forty years later, however, I imagine very few practicing Catholics are unaware of this celebration that has spread throughout the Church thanks to Pope St. John Paul II's advocacy in making us aware of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, whose mystical writings on the infinite mercy of Christ have helped renew countless people's trust in the goodness of God. As our parish observes Divine Mercy Sunday with time for Adoration and Confession, we are taking part in a movement that has spread with incredible speed throughout the Church.

Naturally, when a phenomenon like Divine Mercy Sunday occurs, one must wonder why this is the case. After all, many other noble and worthy practices already exist in the Church and there's plenty of other wonderful spiritual devotions that have emerged in the past decades, yet none of these have expanded quite like Divine Mercy Sunday and the chaplet associated with it. I suspect on some instinctive level, the explosion of Divine Mercy devotions in the Church is a reflection of the fact that our world is in desperate need of merciful interactions. In a world where people emphasize insulting one another and our colloquialisms focus on people "owning" or "destroying" one another with "sick burns," a little bit of mercy can go a long way.

As Catholics, each of us can be an image of Divine Mercy. When someone offends or bothers us, we can forego the usual response of responding with anger or returning the offense. By showing mercy to one another, especially towards our enemy, we give a window into a better and more humane civilization that is built upon God's love. Now that we are fully into the Easter Season and our focus is on the Resurrection, let us each deliberately pursue the path of mercy in order to witness to the world a better path of life.

In Christ, Fr. Meyers

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STFX SCHOOL NEWS

SERVING OTHERS Middle School Service Project

As a group we packed over 17,000 meals for children in need in partnership with Feed My Starving Children.















SILENT & LIVE AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR SPRING FEVER 2024

Please Help Us Get Items In As Early as Possible!

Please continue to bring in silent and live auction items! The earlier the better! We are in need of more event donations for our auction. Do you have a cabin you could share for a couple's event? Would you want to teach a pasta making class? Interested in offering a Lake Pulaski sunset boat ride on your family's pontoon? Pick a date, pick a price, and come up with a fabulous experience our school community could bid on. Event experiences raise great money for our school!



Silent and live auction items are due by April 12th.

Please contact Betsy Kelly for more information, betsy.kelly@stfxb.org.

School Office Hours:

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

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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 OR 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



SHARING & CARING

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH VOCATIONS

Deacon Alex Rasset (Diocesan Priesthood)

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 22nd | 1:00-7:00pm STFX Parish Hall



Blood is always needed. Schedule an appointment at <u>redcrossblood.org</u> and enter Zip Code "55313" to find our drive.

MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

Collection for March 31, 2024 (Easter) \$20,955.00

STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Monday

Tuesday, April 9th (Easter Weekday)

6:30pm (C) †Jason Morin

Wednesday, April 10th (Easter Weekday)

9:00am (S) †Angela Korf

Thursday, April 11th (St. Stanislaus)

8:00am (C) †Deceased Kontz Family Members

Friday, April 12th (Easter Weekday)

8:00am (C) †Cleonna Picus

Saturday, April 13th (St. Martin I)

8:00am (C) †Robert Gartner

5:00pm (C) †Lennie Zens

Sunday, April 14th (3rd Sunday of Easter)

8:30am (C) †Jane Louwagie

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY EVENT

This Sunday, April 7th | 3:00-4:00pm Church



Every year on Divine Mercy Sunday, God's mercy is overflowing through the world! You have the opportunity to receive that DIVINE MERCY and accept this profound compassion. In turn, that mercy can impact many others! Come for prayer, Confession and Adoration.

SHARING AND CARING HANDS

Tuesday, April 16th

St. Francis Xavier parishioners will prepare, deliver and serve an afternoon meal to the homeless and needy at Sharing and Caring Hands on Tuesday, April 16th. Your help is needed to make bars or cookies, shop, butter bread, make coleslaw, prepare the meal, and deliver and serve the meal (from 11:30am to 3:00pm). Bars and cookies can be dropped off at church basement on Sunday morning, from 8:00am-12noon, or Tuesday morning, from 7:00-10:30am. Please clearly mark them for Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis.

To help in any way, contact Pat at 763-607-1185. Please consider helping with this great work. If you cannot physically help, please remember to pray for the success of this and other organizations that minister to the poor and homeless.

ATTENTION GRADUATING H.S. SENIORS!

Four \$1,000 Scholarships Available

The Knights of Columbus Council #6608 will be awarding four scholarships again this year. Interested students should submit a school transcript, scholarship application letter and email address. Please address your letters to the KC's Scholarship Committee and include the following details:

<u>Extra points are awarded for these areas:</u> Active Parish Involvement; Your (or your father's) Knights of Columbus Involvement, if applicable.

<u>Applications are also judged based on:</u> Community Involvement or Work; School Involvement; Quality of Application and School Transcript.

You do not need to have a Knight in your family to apply. Scholarships must be used within two years. All applications should be dropped off at the Parish Office and must be received by Thursday, May 23rd. Questions? Please contact Rob Nosbush at 763-682-2371.



FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

PICK-A-PLEDGE FUNDRAISER — BOARD LOCATED IN THE CHURCH GATHERING AREA

The Pick-A-Pledge fundraiser helps support our parish youth to attend camps, trips and programming. Every year over 100 youth participate in various summer camps and trips. These events range from Pro-Life, mission work, faith-building, evangelizing and other various events. Each activity educates, strengthens and inspires our youth to go out into the world to live their faith and share it with others! Unfortunately, a number teens are unable to afford the cost of some of these events. In addition, our chaperones must use their own vacation time from work AND pay their own way to attend these events. This places a burden on many families.

Stop at board, grab an envelope, fill it with the amount (cash or check made out to St. Francis Xavier) on the front of the envelope and drop it off at the parish office or drop it in the collection basket.



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





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.

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AREA & ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

HEARTS UNITED: MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 13th | 8:30am-12:30pm St. Michael Church | St. Michael Sponsored By: Cana Family Institute

Married Couples, especially newly married through 15 years of marriage, are invited to a special morning out with your spouse to renew your commitment to each other. Join us for a workshop that will help you both rediscover the joy of being together, recommit to your shared goals, and reignite the spark in your marriage. Rekindle your faith and leave with hearts united.

Featuring Pat and Kenna Millea of The Martin Center for Integration. Infant welcome! Cost: \$55. Sponsored by Cana Family Institute, The Martin Center for Integration and St. Michael Catholic Church. Register at canafamilyinstitute.com/events.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS MEETING

Court 1560 Quarterly Meeting Saturday, April 20th | 10:00am 310 Pacific Avenue | Waverly



Everyone is welcome to attend! Call 763-658-4009 for information or directions.

HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY "FIT FOR LIFE"

Saturday, May 4th | 10:00am Lake Rebecca Park Reserve | Rockford, MN

Experience faith, fitness & nature on a 4 mile walk/run at Holy Spirit Academy's annual Fit for Life fundraising event to support faithful Catholic education. The cost is \$30 with a \$100 family cap. See more details and to register, go to: holyspiritacademy.org/fit-for-life.

AREA & ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS CONT'D



UPCOMING KING'S HOUSE RETREATS

April 23rd-25th — Women's Midweek Silent Retreat Do This in Memory of Me | Led By: King's House Staff

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 our retreat. Includes Mass, personal prayer time, Reconciliation, Scriptural Rosary and a healing service. Per person: \$50 deposit at registration and suggested donation of \$195; includes 2 overnights, private room and meals.

"A Day Away" Retreat (Men/Women) — April 27th

Can't make it to our Wednesday day retreats? Now you have the option to join us for a retreat on a Saturday. Do you need some time away from your normal all-too busy life, to be in solitude with the Lord? The King's House offers "HOLY GROUND", a peaceful spot to "walk humbly with your God". Just sit and be, have lunch, and attend the optional guided meditations, holy hour and conferences. Suggested offering is \$30. per person.

Register at www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394. If you are hesitant to register for any of our retreats due to financial restrictions, please contact the King's House office to complete their registration.

TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES NEEDED

Is God Calling YOU To Serve?

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is in need of college age men and women who have a missionary heart, love children and youth, and are committed to the Catholic faith who feel called to share it with the youth from local parishes around the Archdiocese. The position is a temporary two-month commitment (May 31 – July 27) which includes one week of training. There is a one week break for Independence Day. Each team member will receive \$3,640 for their work; most meals and all lodging included. To apply or learn more, go to archspm.org/totustuus.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Stay Connected With The Movement!

For beautiful reflections and resources on the Eucharist, as well as updates on the Revival, subscribe to receive the "Heart of the Revival" weekly newsletter at eucharisticrevival.org.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

May 19th-July 16th | Marian Route

Starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, four processions around the country will begin and end at the Eucharistic Congress. The route coming through the Archdiocese is the Marian Route, which begins at headwaters of the Mississippi, and will descend through the Midwest. To take part in event or to learn more, go to: archspm.org/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-marian-route

CATHOLIC Q & A: ANNULMENT



Question: After a civil divorce, should a Catholic pursue an annulment?

Answer: Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

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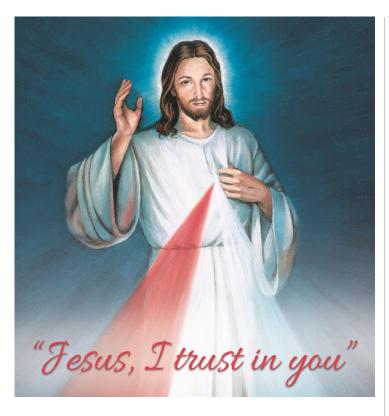
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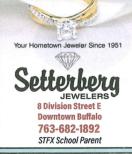






























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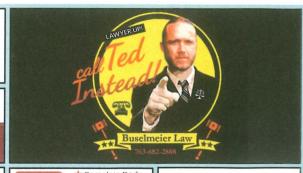
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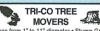
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