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NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: Phil 2:1-4 | Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3 | Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 | Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 | 1 Jn 3:1-3 | Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 4:7-14 | Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21 | Rom 5:17-21 |

Mt 11:25-30

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a | Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1 | Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 | Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19 | Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9 | Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 | Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b] | 2 Thes 2:16—3:5 |

Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

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

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Tuesdays (9:00am) — 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:

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 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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation.

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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 Vision: Out of love for God and neighbor, we achieve our mission by respecting all life from conception until natural death, professing the Catholic faith as received from the Apostles, sharing our gifts for the benefit of all people, focusing on the family as the center of discipleship, and celebrating the sacraments for the greater glory of God.

Parish Office Hours:

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

Parish Contact Information

Pastor:

Father Nathaniel Meyers nate.meyers@stfxb.org 763-489-9223

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Deacon Paul Buck paul.buck@stfxb.org

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Parish Bookkeeper & Pastoral/Faith Formation Administrative Assistant:

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Tim Potvin Mark Huisman <u>maintenance@stfxb.org</u> 763-489-9258



STFX SCHOOL NEWS

TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHER POSITION OPEN

St. Francis Xavier School is seeking a Technical Education Teacher. This position is two days a week for the second semester (beginning in January). This class has traditionally been primarily wood working, but there is the opportunity for other skills to be taught.

For additional information, please see the school website. To apply, please send a letter of introduction and resume to Alisa Louwagie at <u>alisa.louwagie@stfxb.org</u>.





SCHOOL EVENT CALENDAR

Monday, October 31st

Happy Halloween! (Dress in Black & Orange)

Tuesday, November 1st

9:00am All Saint's Day Mass School

Tuesday, November 8th

6:00pm Home & School Meeting School

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)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Idabelle Davenport
Mary Danielson
Joan Raisanen
Paul Fladung
Mary Ellen Klatt
Rick Briggs
William Schouviller
Irmina Holthaus
Janice Lee
Natalie Fix
Maya Anderson

Chris Larson
Joyce Kurpiers
Jerry Niesen
Mary Stevens
Judi Hall
Chuck Buschel
Jerdis Thornton
Karen Campbell
Corey Louwagie
Joe Worms
Maria Belle Van Lith

MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

October 23, 2022 Collection: \$13,813.25
September 2022 Budget: \$66,504.00
September 2022 Actual: \$88,767.86
September 2021 Actual: \$66,661.24
Our parish is grateful for your support. Thank you!

STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Monday, October 31st

5:00pm (C) †Jim & †Mary Huch

Tuesday, November 1st (All Saints)

9:00am (S) †Reverend J. Michael Byron

6:30pm (C) Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Wednesday, November 2nd (All Souls)

9:00am (C) †Jim & †Mary Huch

7:00pm (C) †Deceased Parishioners of STFX Church

Thursday, November 3rd (St. Martin de Porres)

8:00am (C) †James Munsterteiger

Friday, November 4th (St. Charles Borromeo)

8:00am (C) †Lomer & †Doris Des Marais

Saturday, November 5th

8:00am (C) †Vernon Peters

5:00pm (C) †James Weldele & †Dominic Des Marais, Sr.

Sunday, November 6th (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30am (C) †Ralph Robasse

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

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

IN MEMORIAM

We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:



Jerome (Jerry) Hance

Vivian Solien (Sister-in-law of LuVern & Claire Solien)

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of All Saints

Monday, October 31st: 5:00pm (Church) Tuesday, November 1st: 9:00am (School) Tuesday, November 1st: 6:30pm (Church)



Please Note: Parish Office closed on Tuesday, November 1st.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER REMEMBRANCE MASS

Wednesday, November 2nd | 7:00pm | Church

Each November we set aside a day to come together to lift up in prayer our deceased who have died within the last year.

REMEMBRANCE MASS

Following Mass, refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall. All are welcome,

especially those who have lost a loved one this past year.

DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR BOTTLES!

Your Loose Change Can Change A Life

Fill the bottle with coins/cash/checks (made out to CCW) and return it to the collection basket located in the main entrance of the Church by October 31st. Thank you for your prayers and support in extending a "Gift of Life" for all unborn children. Questions? Please call Lois Pahl at 612-532-8516.

STFX HOSTING THE LOVE INC. GALA

13th Annual Gala Open House Fundraiser Saturday, November 5th | 1:00-5:00pm St. Francis Xavier School



Come and find out what Love INC. and their affiliate churches are doing in *our* community! There will be appetizers and desserts catered by the Hanover River Inn. A silent auction will also be available. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at the Love INC. Office or Thrift Store, at the STFX Parish Office or at the door.

Silent Auction themed baskets are needed and very much appreciated! Volunteers are also needed for the event. Please contact Mary Buschel at 763-438-1046 or the Love INC. Office at 763-682-2550 to learn more.



PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

NEW STFX GROUP: CATHOLIC+

Sunday, November 6th | 3:00pm | Parish Hall Meet On The 1st & 3rd Weekends Each Month

The goal of Catholic+ is simple: Read and discuss important works from various Catholic thinkers throughout history. Currently, we are reading Pope Francis' oft-overlooked first encyclical, *Lumen fidei* ("The Light of Faith"), that was written mostly by Pope Benedict XVI before being finalized by Francis and promulgated shortly after his election as pope in 2013. We hope you'll come and spend time in full relaxation and contemplation of God's many wondrous works!

TEMPORARY WINTER ADDRESSES NEEDED

With winter around the corner, some parishioners will be heading to their winter homes. If you leave for the winter, we'd like to have your temporary address on file so we can send your End-of-the-Year Contribution letter to you. Providing your winter address saves the church money on postage by not having letters returned. Please contact Travis in the Parish Office at travis.nelson@stfxb.org or 763-684-0075. Thank you!

STFX IS HONORING OUR VETERANS

At All November 10th and 11th Masses

At all November 10th/11th Masses, we encourage veterans (in uniform or not in uniform) to process in with Father at the beginning of Mass. Once you proceed in, you can then sit with your family.

IN HONOR
OF OUR
HEROES

FREE SNOW SHOVELING THIS WINTER

The Knights Are Here to Help!

If you are elderly or physically unable to shovel your sidewalk or driveway, the KC's shovel crew is ready to help! They show up every snowfall without you needing to call. Contact Travis in the Parish Office at 763-684-0075 to get set-up for the winter.

Please note: We are volunteers and do have day jobs. With the uncertainty of snowfall end times and amounts, we do our best to shovel within 24 hours after snowfall ends. Thank you for your patience!



FYI - EARLY BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINES

Weekend Bulletin:

Article Deadline Date:

November 20th Thursday, November 10th (12noon) November 27th Wednesday, November 16th (12noon)

Please submit bulletin articles by dates above to Travis at travis.nelson@stfxb.org for your article to be published.

OPEN ADORATION HOUR

Wednesdays: 2:00am & 3:00am Fridays: 12Midnight



What Do I Do During Adoration?

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

Contact Doug at 763-682-3277 to fill either hour.

CATHOLIC Q & A: PRIESTHOOD



Question: If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

Answer: Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul.

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FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

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WINTER

LIFTED — IT'S A SMASHING EVENT!

Thursday, October 27th | 6:00-8:00pm STFX Education Center

For all High School Youth. There will be apples and pumpkins to smash/carve, food, fun and prayer. Join us! Event is free!

SOULED OUT — ROLLING W/ THE SAINTS

Friday, November 18th | 7:00-10:00pm STFX Education Center

For all middle school youth (5th-8th grade). Come for a night of Roller Skating, pizza and learn about the Saints. Cost is \$5.00 to help cover the cost of the roller skates.

WINTERBLAST LOCK-IN IS BACK!!!

December 9th-10th | Monticello Community Center 7:00pm-2:00am | Check-In at 6:30pm

For all youth in grades 5th-8th and 9th graders this year only. Deadline to sign-up is December 1st. The cost is \$70. If there are spaces still left after December 1st, there

will be a \$20 late fee added. Parents responsible for drop off and pick up at Community Center. To register, go to: https://stfrancisxavierbuffalo.wufoo.com/forms/

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

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Every Recycled Can Counts!

Money raised through recycling helps fund youth events and summer trips! Place your aluminum in the can trailer located in gated area by garage behind STFX School.

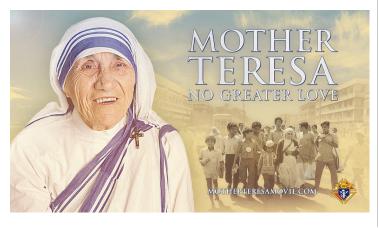
AREA NEWS

MOVIE ABOUT SAINT MOTHER TERESA

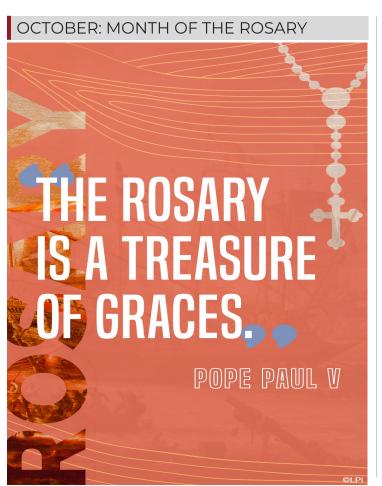
Mother Teresa: No Greater Love | November 2nd

The Knights of Columbus have produced this new documentary telling the inspirational story of one of the world's most revered saints, Mother Teresa of Calcutta. MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized today through the religious order she founded, the Missionaries of Charity.

Knights of Columbus will allocate all its revenue from ticket sales to charitable purposes and efforts to advance the legacy of Mother Teresa. To find a theater near you and to get tickets, go to: https://hubs.la/Q01lHzxv0.









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Altar Servers: Fr. Meyers | Liturgy: Lois Pahl Lectors: Teresa Langton | Sacristans: Derek Maffei Ushers: Ed Thielen | Hospitality: Lori Winter Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC): Deacon Paul Buck