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31st SUNDAY in ordinary time Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said t

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."- Mk 12:34ab

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NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

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

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11 | Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 | Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18 | Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 | Lk 14:25-33

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: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 | Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 | 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 | Jn 2:13-22

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b) | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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 OPPORTUNITIES

Adoration Chapel

Located at Faith & Education Center in Parish Office entrance

Open Daily: 5:30am-9:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration available Wednesday (10:00am) — Friday (5:00pm)

Church

Saturdays: 3:30-4:50pm Sundays: 7:30-8:20am

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Call the Parish Office to schedule

Sacrament of Marriage:

Contact at least 6 months in advance

Baptism Preparation Class:

Third Thursday of January, March, May, July, September & November 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. Austin Barnes, please call 763-684-0075 and press option 6

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture



November 3, 2024 — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, "And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'" Jesus' brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with "all your mind." Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let's commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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Francis Xavier

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

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STFX SCHOOL NEWS



St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Third Graders

invite local Veterans for a

VETERANS DAY Program

Please join us as we celebrate and thank you for your service to our country!

Friday, November 8, 2024 1:00pm

St. Francis Xavier School 219 19th St. NW ~ Buffalo, MN

Refreshments will be served following the program.





EARLY LEARNING SCHOLARSHIII

www.schulzefamilyfoundation.org

2025-26 Preschool Scholarship Now Available!

Do you have a preschooler who is set to enter their final year of preschool in 2025-26? The application window for the 2025 Early Learning Scholarship will open on November 1, 2024. Both current and new families are welcome to apply.

For more information visit our school website at school.stfxb.org

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, November 4th

NO SCHOOL (End of 1st Quarter)

School Office Hours:

Monday through 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.

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



PRAY FOR OUR PARISH VOCATIONS

Father Alex Rasset (Diocesan Priest)

Andrew Scherber (Apostolic Life)

Sophia Nikula (Religious Life)

Deacon Mitchell Kendrioski

Teaching Parish Seminarian (Diocesan Priesthood)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Danielson
Joan Raisanen
Paul Fladung
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Karah Jacobson
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PLEASE RETURN YOUR BABY BOTTLES!

Fill the bottle with coins/cash/checks (made out to CCW) and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you for your prayers and support. Questions? Call Lois Pahl at 612-532-8516.



MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

Collection for October 27, 2024

\$13,512.00

Our parish is grateful for your support. Thank you!

STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Mondays

Tuesday, November 5th

6:30pm (C) Living & Deceased Thomes Family

Wednesday, November 6th

9:00am (S) †Fr. William F. Martin

Thursday, November 7th

8:00am (C) †Jerry Kelly

Friday, November 8th

8:00am (C) †Richard Rotzien

Saturday, November 9th (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

8:00am (C) †Joseph Meyer

5:00pm (C) For the Pope & Union of All Christians

Sunday, November 10th (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30am (C) Living & Deceased Behrenbrinker Family

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

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Week of November 3rd-9th

As we begin National Vocation Awareness Week, let us celebrate all who have given their lives in service to the Church by renewing our own



baptismal commitment to serve the Lord. Please consider your call to serve God in your particular vocation. Hopefully some of you will hear and be open to a call to priesthood, diaconate or religious life.

Prayer for Vocations:

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

NEW MEMBER PIZZA PARTY

Sunday, November 10th Following 10:30am Mass | Parish Hall



Are you new to St. Francis Xavier or still feel new since joining our parish over the past few years? The STFX Hospitality & Welcoming Committee would like to invite you to a newcomer pizza party! Come eat some delicious pizza and enjoy fellowship with other new church members! If interested, please RSVP to Kathy Kuzma at 612-850-2030 or kathykuzma@gmail.com.

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: Volunteers have day jobs. With uncertainty of snowfall end times/amounts, they try to shovel within 24 hours after snowfall ends.

STFX IS HONORING OUR VETERANS

At November 9th/10th Masses

IN HONOR
OF OUR
HEROES

At all Masses next weekend, we encourage veterans (in uniform or not) to process in with Father at the beginning of Mass. After procession, you can sit with your family. Fr. Barnes will also bless vets during the Mass.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Articles due on Tuesday (12noon) for weekend bulletin. Submit to Travis at travis.nelson@stfxb.org.



PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

SPECIAL VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM



VETERANS DAY

Program

Please join us as we celebrate and thank you for your service to our country!

Friday, November 8, 2024 1:00pm St. Francis Xavier School 219 19th St. NW ~ Buffalo, MN

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6TH ANNUAL FARM TOY SHOW

Save The Date: Saturday, December 7th STFX Education Center | Hosted By: Buffalo KC's

Don't miss out on this great event! More info. to come!





St. Francis Xavier Catholic School

219 19th St. NW, Buffalo, MN 55313

KC'S CHRISTMAS TREE SALES — TREE LOT OPENS ON BLACK FRIDAY!

The Knights of Columbus will again be selling Christmas Trees this year. Tree sales start on Black Friday, November 29th! Watch for more info. in future bulletins. Come early to get the best pick! The tree lot will be located by the Buffalo Middle School (west of the football field).



FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHTS

Due to the increase in attendance over the last 2 years, our Middle School Youth groups have been split into two events. Night FX (Grades 7 & 8) will be on one Friday per month from 7:00-9:30pm and Souled Out (Grades 5 & 6) will be on one Sunday per month from 6:30-8:00pm. All events will be at STFX School. 2024-2025 dates below.

Night FX (7th & 8th Graders) Fridays, 7:00-9:30pm 2024: November 15 2025: January 17, February 28, March 21, April 11 & May 2



Souled Out (5th & 6th Graders) Sundays, 6:30-8:00pm 2024: November 17 2025: January 19, March 2, March 23 & April 27



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)



Volunteer Assistants needed to help with Kindergarten and 1st grade Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes on Thursdays 12:00-1:00pm and Fridays 12:00-1:00pm at St. Francis Xavier School. If you would like to help children know Jesus and love His church, please contact Debbie at 763-489-9224 or debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

Every Recycled Can Counts!

The youth group can recycle you cans for you and earn some money for youth activities! Bring your aluminum and place them in the can trailer located in gated area by garage behind STFX School.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS





LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF MINNESOTA ON THE 2024 ELECTION

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

As we approach the 2024 election, we encourage you to reflect on the virtue of faithful citizenship. As Catholics, our spiritual life and public life are not separate. Rather, our prayer and sacramental life informs our conscience, guides our actions, and sustains us in our efforts to build a just society.

In our representative form of government, voting remains a significant responsibility. Those we elect to office make critical decisions on our behalf, and therefore, we should participate in the electoral process with informed consciences, nurtured by prayer.

As faithful citizens, the principles of Catholic Social Teaching are the foundation for discerning how to vote and advocate for policies that promote the common good. The Church's social teaching reflects the Gospel's call to love our neighbor, promote the common good, and uphold the dignity of every human person. These principles give Catholics the tools to live out our personal call to holiness despite the challenges of modern society and to share the truths of the faith. Understanding current issues through the mind of the Church informs our conscience to vote and act accordingly. Although national elections draw much attention, state and local politics directly impact the quality of life of our families and communities. Therefore, our engagement at the local level is vital.

As we discern our choices, let us remember that no candidate is likely to align fully with our positions. And although we may not find a presidential candidate, for example, who aligns with all our values, that is not an excuse to abstain from voting altogether. There is a full ballot of candidates, each with the potential to shape our communities and our future.

As we prepare to vote, let us consider the following when evaluating candidates:

At All Levels:

- Who will work to protect life from the moment of conception?
- Who will respect the liberty of the Church and the rights of all believers to practice their faith?
- Who will defend the rights of free speech and assembly, necessary for a properly functioning democracy?

At the Federal Level:

- Who will promote peace among nations and reject the escalation of violence as a means of conflict resolution?
- Who will exercise fiscal responsibility and avoid burdening families with inflation and debt?
- Who will work for a just and comprehensive immigration policy that respects the wellbeing of both American citizens and migrants?

At the State Level:

- Who will oppose the legalization of assisted suicide?
- Who will promote economic security for families, including access to housing?
- Who will uphold the rights of parents and support parental choice in education?
- Who will steward our state's natural resources responsibly?

At the Local Level:

- Who will advocate for public safety that protects citizens, respects victims, and offers restoration opportunities for offenders?
- Who will ensure harmful materials are kept out of public libraries?









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Bishop Robert BarronDiocese of Winona-Rochester

Bishop Michael IzenAuxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese

UPCOMING MOVIE EVENT

Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story
Tuesday, November 12th

Various Area Movie Theatres

Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story is the story of Servant of God Michelle Duppong, who bore witness to Christ through heroic suffering and a passion for inviting others to be

transformed by His love. The film, directed by Danny Anderson, tells the story of Michelle's beautiful and faith-filled life, especially during her diagnosis, treatment, and death. In June 2022, Bishop David Kagan of Bismarck, North Dakota, announced the opening of the diocesan phase of investigation into Michelle's life, which could lead to her beatification and canonization.

Trailer Link: https://youtu.be/RsGUK0S571w?
si=r5pmssuxikUxhRY0

For Tickets: https://www.fathomevents.com/events/ radiating-joy-the-michelle-duppong-story/

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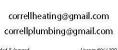
















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