



NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: Gal 1:6-12 | Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c | Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24 | Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 | Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 | Ps 117:1bc, 2 | Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5 | Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 | Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14 | Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 | Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29 | Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 | Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 | 2 Tm 2:8-13 | Lk 17:11-19

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*

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Father Nathaniel Meyers



As I alluded to in my homily last weekend, October is Respect Life Month. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated October as such ever since 1972 in anticipation of the Roe v. Wade decision. For the first time since the initial Respect Life Month we now live in a country where Roe is no longer the “law of the land” and while this is indeed good news, the culture of life is nonetheless no less in need of our support and witness. Abortion is still widely legal and supported culturally, euthanasia has active proponents seeking to advance its normalization, and the phenomenon of internet pornography has distorted the very nature of human intimacy. All of these grave evils exist alongside numerous more—from the mass shootings that have become a recurring element of public life to the government’s use of capital punishment to the exploitation and trafficking of migrants. Clearly, we can see that the we need to renew a respect for human life in our society.

As we begin the month of October, there of course will be opportunities to join in certain works of mercy for the culture of life, but I would like to highlight the importance of practicing the spiritual works of mercy to make this Respect Life Month a fruitful one. So often we focus on the corporal works of mercy as they are much more tangible, but fundamentally a renewed valuing of human life has to begin with the soul of each person. Therefore, practicing the spiritual works of mercy is an indispensable part of building a culture of life. Of the seven spiritual works of mercy, I would like to call us as a parish to focus on two in particular this October: comforting the sorrowful and bearing wrongs patiently.

I imagine each of us knows someone who is in the midst of grief and experiencing sorrow. It is easy to pray for people in such a state, but sometimes intimidating to actually reach out to them and provide spiritual comfort. I invite everyone to think of at least one person who is suffering and resolve to write a hand written note expressing care and support to this person, as well as to offer to get together with this person for a meal. In doing so, we will be affirming the dignity and value of a person’s life by comforting the sorrowful. Similarly, just as we all know someone full of sorrow, we all have been wronged and it is so tempting to become bitter as a result. Therefore, to keep our hearts open to the grace and forgiveness of God and to make good on Christ’s command to love our enemies, I encourage everyone to identify some wrong he or she has experienced and to then resolve to pray for the offending party with one hour of Adoration this month. While praying before the Blessed Sacrament, reflect upon how Christ has born your own offenses patiently, draw strength from His example, and ask Him to allow you to see this offending party with the same love He sees them. For the love of Christ will indeed be the path to a culture of life.

In Christ,
Fr. Meyers

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am-12noon

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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STFX SCHOOL NEWS

Thank You!

THIS SUMMER OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY RECEIVED A MAKEOVER! WE ARE IN NEED OF NEW BOOKS.

WITH YOUR HELP WE RAISED OVER \$700 AT OUR BOOK SALE. THANK YOU!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STILL DONATE YOU CAN PURCHASE A BOOK OFF OUR WISH LIST!

Want to donate a new book to the STFX school library?

Check out our Amazon Wish List



SCAN ME

School Office Hours:

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

School Contact Information

Principal:
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763-489-9227

Administrative Assistant:
Shelly Barthel
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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 Christ-centered environment.
- +Developing creative, critical thinking, communication and collaborative skills in the pursuit of true knowledge.
- +Promoting self-knowledge, generosity, and compassion to support the greater good.
- +Instilling a commitment to respond to the needs of others.

HAUNTED HALLWAYS 2022



SCHOOL MARATHON UPDATE



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 alisa.louwagie@stfxb.org.

SCHOOL EVENT CALENDAR

Friday, October 7th

School Marathon

October 14th through 16th

Haunted Hallways

School



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Idabelle Davenport	Maya Anderson
Mary Danielson	Chris Larson
Joan Raisanen	Joyce Kurpiers
Paul Fladung	Jerry Niesen
Mary Ellen Klatt	Mary Stevens
Rick Briggs	Judi Hall
William Schouville	Chuck Buschel
Irmina Holthaus	Jerdis Thornton
Janice Lee	Karen Campbell
Carolyn Havisto	Corey Louwagie
Natalie Fix	

CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY



Sunday, October 9th

Please take this opportunity to thank Fr. Meyers and Deacon Buck for answering God's call to serve Him and His Church! There will be baskets available for cards for them after all October 8th/9th weekend Masses. Let us keep them and all priests and deacons in our prayers, praising God for their courage and their generosity.

MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

September 25, 2022 Collection: \$10,738.46

Our parish is grateful for your support. Thank you!

STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Mondays

Tuesday, October 4th (St. Francis of Assisi)

6:30pm (C) †James Weldele

Wednesday, October 5th

9:00am (S) †Deacon Adrian Boisclair

Thursday, October 6th (St. Bruno)

8:00am (C) †Francis Munsterteiger

Friday, October 7th (Our Lady of the Rosary)

8:00am (C) †Mary Ann Niesen

Saturday, October 8th

8:00am (C) †Susan Willems

5:00pm (C) LuVern & Claire Solien and
Jared & Janelle Mutterer

Sunday, October 9th (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30am (C) Fr. Nathaniel Meyers & Deacon Paul Buck

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

RECENT BAPTISM

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!

Naomi Lucia Gladitsch

Child of Michael & Courtney Gladitsch



NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING DATES

Saturday, October 1st | 9:00am

Monday, October 3rd | 7:00pm

St. Francis Xavier Church



We are looking for additional altar servers to help replenish our ranks for the weekend Masses. All children from 5th grade on up are encouraged to attend and join our altar server crew. We especially are looking for servers to assist at the 5:00pm Saturday evening Mass, so all families with younger children who attend that Mass are invited to consider attending one of our two training sessions. Both trainings will take place at the church and will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

NEW STFX GROUP: CATHOLIC+

Meeting on 1st & 3rd Sundays of Each Month

**Introductory Session: This Sunday, October 2nd
3:00pm | STFX Parish Hall**

Looking for a way to mark the Lord's Day more fully outside of attending Mass? Join our new STFX group, Catholic+!

The goal of Catholic+ is simple: Read and discuss important works from various Catholic thinkers throughout the centuries. We will start by read 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 on and spend time in full relaxation and contemplation of God's many wondrous works!

NEXT RCIA CLASS

Thursday, October 6th | 7:00pm

STFX Parish Hall



Interested in becoming Catholic or know somebody who is? Want to get Confirmed or make your First Communion? Anybody interested in learning about becoming Catholic or receiving the sacraments as an adult is invited. Classes will be held Thursdays. Come join us in learning the teachings of the Catholic faith and drawing closer to the sacraments.

If you are interested, please contact Father Meyers at 763-489-9223 or nate.meyers@stfxb.org.



ANNUAL NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN EVENT

This Sunday, October 2nd | 2:00-3:30pm 
Praying Along Highway 55 | By Culvers

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA! LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for 1½ hour on our roadways praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that we support the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

This is our 17th Life Chain in Buffalo, but National Life Chain Sunday has been held throughout the United States since 1987. Bring your whole family. Rain or shine! Please dress appropriately for the weather. Lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome. We'll be on the bike/walking path that faces Highway 55 between Highway 25 and County Road 35. Park on the service road west of Culvers. Look for the coordinators of this event and get your signs and instructions.

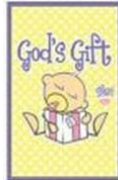
If you would like more information, contact Kathy Patterson at 763-682-6100 or fpatterson@wwdb.org.

"BABY BOTTLE FOR LIFE" CAMPAIGN

Your Loose Change Can Change A Life

October is Respect Life month and the St. Francis Xavier Council of Catholic Women (CCW) would like to ask for your help in raising money for Pro-Life organizations. Last year through your generous donations, the following Pro-Life organizations received donation of \$1,100.00: Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, Cornerstone Women's Center, and Human Life Alliance. Baby bottles will be distributed after each of the Masses next weekend. Take one home and place it in a prominent location. Over the next few weeks, 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. If you have any questions, please call Lois Pahl at 612-532-8516.



BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

MASS WITH BISHOP JOSEPH WILLIAMS

Sunday, October 9th | 10:30am Mass | Church

Join us for the 10:30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Williams. It would be great for us to be able to fill the entire church and join our new shepherd around the Lord's altar! Please strongly consider attending if you are able. The Knights of Columbus have graciously offered to host breakfast after both Sunday Masses. A great opportunity to meet/greet Bishop Williams.

CCW APPALACHIA CHRISTMAS MISSION

The Council of Catholic Women at STFX is once again sponsoring our Appalachia Christmas Mission. This mission started over 41 years ago and has brought Christmas Joy to the families in Kentucky.



In the past, we have donated new unwrapped gifts for adults and children and shipped them to Kentucky to five different parishes with the greatest needs. This year the CCW has committed to donating \$500.00 to each of the five parishes so that they are able to provide for Christmas the most needed items for their parishioners. As the deacon in one of the parishes stated "There are over 1,000 families in East Kentucky who received Christmas presents last year only because of YOU. There is no way to thank you all enough and no words to express the eyes of those who have a Christmas because of your sacrifice."

If you would like to make an additional donation to be sent along with the CCW donation, please make your checks payable to St. Francis Xavier CCW and place in the collection basket. Deadline to donate is Monday, October 17th. Thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions, please call Lois Pahl at 612-532-8516.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT DONATION REQUEST

Greetings fellow parishioners,

I am Ethan Tadych, a fellow parishioner here at St. Francis Xavier Church. I am currently working on completing my Eagle Scout Rank and will be doing my Eagle Scout Service Project at the Parish School. The project is a raised rock garden near the front entrance of the school that honors our Patron Saint.

I will be briefly speaking at all three Masses over the weekend of October 15th and 16th and could use donations to help with funding the project. I am in need of \$1,600.00 more to reach my goal. Any contributions received would be truly appreciated.

PARISH NEWS CONTINUED



SHARING AND CARING HANDS



Tuesday, October 18th

St. Francis Xavier parish will prepare, deliver and serve an afternoon meal to the homeless and needy at Sharing and Caring Hands. 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-3:00pm). Bars and cookies can be dropped off at church basement on Sunday morning (8:00am-12noon) or Tuesday morning (7:00-10:30am). Please clearly mark them for Sharing & Caring Hands. To help in any way, contact Pat at 763-607-1185.

The next meal for 2022 will be December 20th. 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.

OPEN ADORATION HOUR

Wednesdays: 2:00am & 3:00am



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.

BUFFALO FOOD SHELF REQUEST

STFX Church Food Shelf Representative Needed



The Buffalo Food Shelf is looking for a second St. Francis Xavier parishioner to serve as a representative on the Buffalo Food Shelf Council. If you are interested or would like further information, please call/text Jennifer Nelson, STFX parishioner, at 612-408-9085.

AREA NEWS



CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Friday, October 7th | 6:30pm
Minnesota State Capitol | Saint Paul



Pray the rosary from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Bishop Williams will lead the procession at 7:00pm. Prayers at Cathedral following the procession.

More information at: minnesotarosaryprocessions.org

SOUTHWEST OPTIONS FOR WOMEN GALA

2nd Annual *Magic & Miracles Gala*
Tuesday, October 18th | 5:30-9:00pm
Golden Valley Country Club | Golden Valley

Don't Miss Out! Register today for a magical evening celebrating the mission of SouthWest Options for Women Pregnancy Center and Clinic. Social Hour runs from 5:30-6:30pm followed by dinner and the program from 6:30-9:00pm. Special guest speaker, Scott Hagan, will share his firsthand account of his experience with APR (Abortion Pill Reversal) and the impact on his family. It is a stunning testament not to be missed!

Questions? Call 952-938-4496.

To register, go to:

southwestoptionsforwomen.org
and click "Get Involved".



UPCOMING CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 8th | 9:00am-3:30pm
Church of St. Henry | Monticello

You are invited to attend the *Called and Gifted* Workshop on Saturday, October 8th at the Church of St. Henry. Discover God's call for your life! God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God's call. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you!

The introductory workshop is the first step in a three-part discernment process developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute. The workshop is open to those ages 16 and up. The cost is \$80, which includes lunch and materials. There is an additional fee of \$25 for the optional follow-up interview.

To register and for more information, scan the QR code, call 763-295-2402 or go to: sthenrycatholic.info.



MONTH
OF THE
Rosary
October 2022

HOW TO BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE

From USCCB's Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

The Problem — *Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heart-breaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?*

Our Christian Identity — To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in His image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with Him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: *"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son."** We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with Him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

Check next weekend's bulletin to continue learning how to build a culture of life through knowing our mission as Christians.

**John Paul II, Homily, 17th World Youth Day, Downsview Park, Toronto, July 28, 2002.*



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Altar Servers: Fr. Meyers | **Liturgy:** Lois Pahl

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Deacon Paul Buck