

### NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 | Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 | Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12 | Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 | Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 | Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 | Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25 | Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13 | Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 | Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20 | Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 | Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 | Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b) | 2 Cor 13:11-13  
Jn 3:16-18

### 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

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:

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



The images coming from Ukraine over the past 15 months have been a harrowing reminder of the grim, uncompromising nature of war. Particularly striking is the destruction of Bakhmut, which is now in utter ruins as Russian forces occupy it following the deadliest land battle since World War II. The Russian government is using this as an opportunity to remind their citizens of the historical victories, also obtained at immeasurable costs, of Stalingrad and Berlin. Yet, despite the efforts of politicians to say otherwise, the words of General William Tecumseh Sherman remain the most apt description of military campaign: "War is hell."

As our nation observes Memorial Day this weekend, it is important for us to never glamorize war. The heroism of those who serve honorably in armed conflict is not rightly honored when war is considered without proper attention to its ugliness. I think often of one of my great uncles, who served as a Marine in the Pacific, that was among the sweetest and gentlest people you could ever imagine. Yet, shortly after returning stateside following the War, his brother recalled a truly frightening moment when this uncle of mine got into a fight with another veteran and both of them were willing to kill each other without any hesitation—it was only through the intervention of several men that the fight ended before one of them killed the other. Something of my great uncle's humanity was deeply scarred and perhaps even lost in his service to the country, but thankfully with time and the grace of God, it was restored and he once again became a sweet, kindly soul.

The Catholic Church does not demand pacifism of anyone, but neither does the Church look benevolently on the reality of war. "All citizens and all governments," the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* declares, "are obliged to work for the avoidance of war." Under certain circumstances, war can be a just cause due to the march of evil through human institutions and affairs, but one must never mistake this for meaning that war is a good. The soldiers, marines, airmen, and seaman who have died in our country's history know well the terror and scourge of war. As we remember and honor them this weekend, let us do so by recognizing the evil they suffered and doing our part to make sure no one else need suffer it again.

In Christ,  
Fr. Meyers

Don't forget to check out *FORMED*, the FREE Catholic resource for STFX Parishioners, to find out many videos, books and audio recordings to help your family learn and deepen our understanding of the Catholic Church and how much Christ loves us! Go to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) & enter our unique parish code: **07d3b3**



**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

## STFX SCHOOL IS HIRING!

To Accommodate Our Growing Enrollment, We Are Hiring!

Please see our school website, [school.stfxb.org](http://school.stfxb.org), for details about these positions:

- \*Kindergarten Teacher
- \*Kitchen Assistant, part-time
- \*Before/After School Care, part-time
- \*Physical Education, part-time



## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!

We are so thankful for the many people that give of their time, talents, and treasures to make our school a success. We couldn't do it without you!

*Heavenly Father, thank You for providing our school with generous volunteers. We ask You to send Your Spirit upon them for unselfishly sharing the gifts You gave them with our school, staff and students. Amen.*



## INVITATION TO ENROLL IN PRESCHOOL AT STFX SCHOOL

You are invited to explore Faithful Beginnings at St. Francis Xavier School for your child's preschool education. At STFX you will find a family-friendly environment that is welcoming and nurturing to your child and your whole family. To learn more about Faithful Beginnings at St. Francis Xavier School, please contact the school office at 763-489-9227 to schedule a tour. Registration materials and more information is available on our website at [school.stfxb.org](http://school.stfxb.org). Enrolling at St. Francis Xavier School is joining a community of families committed to helping every child grow academically, socially, and spiritually.



## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

### Monday, May 29th

Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)

### Thursday, June 1st

9:30am Preschool (T/TH) Program

5:30pm 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Banquet

Trinity Hall  
Church/Trinity Hall

### Friday, June 2nd

9:30am Preschool (M/W/F) Program

8th Grade Last Day of School

Middle School Cup/Track & Field Day

Trinity Hall

### Tuesday, June 6th

Kindergarten-4th Grade Track & Field Day

### Wednesday, June 7th

Last Day of School (K-7th Grade)

## School Office Hours:

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

## School Contact Information

### Principal:

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763-489-9227

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Shelly Barthel  
[shelly.barthel@stfxb.org](mailto: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 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.





## PRAY FOR OUR PARISH VOCATIONS

Deacon 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

Mary Danielson	Mary Stevens
Joan Raisanen	Maria Belle Van Lith
Paul Fladung	Lawrence Endres
Mary Ellen Klatt	Betty Barrows
William Schouville	Debbie Paumen Vokaty
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Janice Lee	Karen Kocer-Suerth
Natalie Fix	Jana Endres
Chris Larson	Margaret Kalis
Jerry Niesen	Phyllis Cross

## MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

May 21, 2023 Collection:	\$12,844.25
March 2023 Budget:	\$69,504.00
March 2023 Actual:	\$66,238.96
March 2022 Actual:	\$71,364.90
April 2023 Budget:	\$73,004.00
April 2023 Actual:	\$75,962.34
April 2022 Actual:	\$80,475.66

Our parish is grateful for your support. Thank you!

## STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

**Monday, May 29th (Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day)**  
 8:00am (C) Fr. Meyers (13th Anniversary of Ordination)

**Tuesday, May 30th**  
 6:30pm (C) †Marvin Masteller

**Wednesday, May 31st (Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**  
 9:00am (S) †Ann Thomes

**Thursday, June 1st (St. Justin Martyr)**  
 8:00am (C) †Vernon Peters

**Friday, June 2nd (Ss. Marcellinus & Peter)**  
 8:00am (C) †Vanetta Gerhardt

**Saturday, June 3rd (Ss. Charles Lwanga & Companions)**  
 8:00am (C) †Fr. Edwin Savundra  
 5:00pm (C) †Gene Stensland, †Bob Salonek &  
 †Jerry Salonek

**Sunday, June 4th (Trinity Sunday)**  
 8:30am (C) Leo & Marcia Endres  
 10:30am (C) Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

To request a Mass Intention, stop by the Parish Office or contact Travis at: 763-684-0075; [travis.nelson@stfxb.org](mailto:travis.nelson@stfxb.org)

## WELCOME NEW REGISTERED MEMBERS

Bradley & Amanda Maenner and family



## GOD BLESS YOU FATHER MEYERS!

13th Anniversary of Ordination  
 Ordained on May 29th, 2010



*Dear Lord Jesus, You have given us a holy priest in Fr. Meyers. We are grateful for the many blessings of this good man who brings us Your Holy Sacraments of salvation. Father in heaven, bless and multiply Fr. Meyers' ministry so that Your Church will multiply for Your glory and for our salvation. Amen.*

## MEMORIAL DAY MASS & CEMETERY BLESSINGS

Monday, May 29th | 8:00am Mass  
 Cemetery Blessings After Mass

Join us for Mass and the blessing of St. Francis Xavier & St. Mark Cemeteries to honor those men and women who have died in war, as well as those who have fought for our freedoms as Americans.

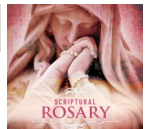
**Please Note:** The Parish Office will be closed May 29th.



## SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

Tuesday, May 30th | 5:45pm | Church

Join members of the Council of Catholic Women in praying a Scriptural Rosary on Tuesday, May 30th, just prior to the 6:30pm Mass. Before each Hail Mary is prayed, a short scriptural meditation will be read.



## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING

Tuesday, May 30th | 7:00pm | Parish Hall

Please join us for the Scriptural Rosary at 5:45pm and Mass at 6:30pm. The CCW knows there is a great need at the Buffalo Food Shelf and ask those coming to the meeting to either make a check payable to "Buffalo Food Shelf" or make a cash donation when you come to the meeting. Questions? Contact Marcia at 763-682-2090, Judy at 763-682-1983, or Lois at 612-532-8516.



## CONFESSION CANCELLATION

No Confession on Saturday, June 3rd

Due to a wedding, Fr. Meyers will not be available to hear confessions on Saturday, June 3rd at 3:30pm. Fr. Meyers will be back in time for 5:00pm Saturday night Mass.





# PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

## IN MEMORIAM

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

**Duane Barthel**  
(Father of Anne Tiernan)



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

## CONGRATULATIONS DEACON ALEX RASSET!

**Ordained Transitional Deacon — May 13th**

*These are some of my closest Saint friends. Join me in asking them to intercede for us:*

*St. Joan of Arc | St. Paul | St. Therese of Lisieux  
Our Lady of Kibeho | St. Pio of Pietrelcina  
Sts. Louis & Zelig Martin | St. John Paul II*



## CATHOLIC Q & A: SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH THOSE THAT NEVER HEARD OF CHRIST



**Question:** I want to share the Gospel with my non-Christian friend but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

**Answer:** There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

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# FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

## ATTENTION STFX HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

**Graduation Mass | Sunday, June 4th | 10:30am Mass**

You are invited to attend the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, June 4th in honor of you! Please wear your Graduation Gown (no caps please). There will be a group picture taken at the end of Mass. The KC's scholarships will also be presented.



## PICK-A-PLEDGE FUNDRAISER

**Board Located in Gathering Area**

The Pick-A-Pledge fundraiser helps support our parish youth to attend camps, trips and programming. Stop at the board, grab an envelope that fits what you can donate, fill it with the amount (cash or check) and drop it off at the parish office or drop it in the collection basket. Can't find right amount? Any donation is appreciated!

## SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

**Every Recycled Can Counts!**

Place your aluminum in the can trailer located in gated area by garage behind STFX School.



## SIGN-UP FOR STEUBENVILLE - ST. PAUL

**July 28th-30th | University of St. Thomas | St. Paul**

Meet new people, hear great music, take part in outrageous games, dive deeper in your faith and spend time with Our Lord! Space is limited! Cost is \$270 (\$70 to hold your spot). Register at: <https://stfrancisxavierbuffalo.wufoo.com/forms/m8hl3wpl6dsnl/>. Adult volunteers needed! Contact Debbie at [debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org](mailto:debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org).

## CAMP BLAZE — SUMMER CAMP

**July 18th-20th | 8:00am-8:00pm Each Day**  
**STFX School & Education Center**



Current 1st-5th grade children will participate in fun games, engaging talks, learn to take prayer deeper, attend Mass, Adoration, Confession and more! Cost is \$75 per child (includes 3 dinners, snacks and a t-shirt). Please bring a bagged lunch each day.

Register at: <https://stfrancisxavierbuffalo.wufoo.com/forms/m8hl3wpl6dsnl/>. Questions? Contact Debbie at [debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org](mailto:debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org).



## FOOD SHELF SHOPPER HELP



The Buffalo Food Shelf is looking for more volunteers to help fill the shopper role. Sign-up for shifts that fit your schedule. If interested, contact Tennille at 763-684-1699.

## APPLY FOR THE CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

**Class of St. Thérèse of Lisieux | Sept. 2023-May 2025**  
Applications due August 1, 2023

The Saint Paul Seminary's Catechetical Institute 2-year Pillars Program brings students through the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a story from blessing to blessing. Students participate in 4 modules that focus on the Creed, sacraments, moral life, & prayer. In-person class at St. Patrick's, Edina, and live-streamed to satellite locations on Monday Evenings from 7:00-9:00pm, with two formative sessions per module. After completing all 4 modules, students receive a certificate of completion. Scan the QR code for more information or go to: [saintpaulseminary.org/ci](http://saintpaulseminary.org/ci)



SCAN FOR INFO AND APPLICATION



## CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY JOB OPENING

The Church of Saint Timothy in Maple Lake is looking for a Parish Custodian. The schedule for this position is 32.5 hours per week, Monday-Friday. Duties include maintaining a clean church facility, light repairs and maintenance of the church and rectory, parish grounds upkeep, and more. We are looking for a person who has maintenance and/or facilities experience, is self-motivated, is friendly, and has a desire to serve the Church. The position requires a boiler license or the ability to obtain one. A complete job description is available upon request. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please send an inquiry to St. Timothy Church (8 Oak Ave. N, Maple Lake, MN 55358) or via email: [frmeyer@churchofsttimothy.org](mailto:frmeyer@churchofsttimothy.org).

## ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE DAY

**Saturday, June 10th | 10:00am | Cathedral of St. Paul**

Celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony! This celebration includes Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver, golden and platinum anniversaries will be honored in a special way. Families and friends of all couples are welcome! Registration is encouraged by contacting 651-291-4488.

Couples married one year or more may request a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Hebda. To request a certificate, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family & Life by Monday, June 5th at 651-291-4488 or [mfl@archspm.org](mailto:mfl@archspm.org).

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC: THE FLAMES

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**  
By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"Fire! Fire! They're all gonna die! They're all gonna burn up!"

I had absolutely no hope of restoring order as I read the story of Pentecost with my young children last year. As soon as they glimpsed the tongues of fire hovering over the foreheads of the apostles, they were lost to giggles and shrieks. I sighed, sipped my coffee, and wondered resentfully why the Holy Spirit couldn't have chosen to be a dove on that particular day. Just a nice, peaceful dove. I'll say this, though: the fire left an impression. It usually does, doesn't it? Fire consumes. It renews. It illuminates. It leaves you breathless with fear and awe. The memory and scent and impact of a flame lingers long after it is extinguished.

When I am trying to explain theology to my kids, I have an awful habit of overcomplicating things. I'd had a whole speech prepared for them about what the Holy Spirit is, but it went out the window as soon as they saw the flames. And you know what? It's probably for the best. They wouldn't have remembered that speech. The flames, though? The flames they remembered. The flame communicated.

As a result of Pentecost, the apostles suddenly had the ability to give the truth to foreigners. Aliens. People who were heretofore beyond their reach, isolated by language. The flame communicated. God's sense of timing is impeccable, and His delivery is carefully crafted. And on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did not descend as a dove or pour forth as water. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit burned.

*"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." — Psalm 104*

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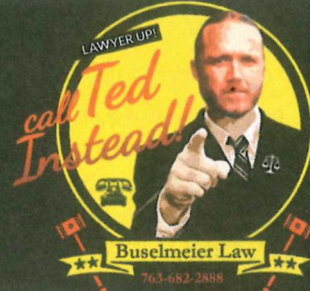
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