



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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### NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 | Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b | Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8 | Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 | Mk 6:17-29

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13 | Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab | Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13 | Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 | Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8 | Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 | Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11 | Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 | Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9 | Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b) | Rom 12:1-2 | Mt 16:21-27

### MASS TIMES

Tuesday: 6:30pm  
Wednesday: 9:00am  
Thursday - Saturday: 8:00am  
Saturday - 5:00pm  
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

### 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*

# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP



## The Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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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](http://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

### Pastor:

Father Nathaniel Meyers  
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### Youth Formation & Ministry Coordinator: Open Position

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# STFX SCHOOL NEWS



**SAVE THE DATE  
LET'S CELEBRATE 85 YEARS**

**FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

**LIVE MUSIC**

Wagon Wheelers | Jerry Well

**BEVERAGES FOR SALE**

Boy Scout Troop #358 | Knights of Columbus

**FOOD TRUCKS**

The Pork Chop Guys  
What's the Scoop | Safeside BBQ

**A COMMUNITY EVENT!**



## PRAYER FOR TEACHERS AT THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Christ our Teacher,  
You conveyed Your message through parables and proclamations, through mighty deeds and miracles, through silence, sacrifice, and love. As all teachers begin this school year, may they be inspired by Your example of patient invitation to truth. Grant them the grace to lead by example, to teach with wisdom and authority, and to treat every child with dignity. May they be strengthened to continue in this necessary work for the Kingdom of God. Amen.



## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

### Monday, August 28th

Teacher Workshops Begin

6:00pm Parent Information Night

### Tuesday, August 29th

4:00-6:00pm Back-To-School Open House (K-8th) & Preschool Orientation

### Tuesday, September 5th

1st Day of School (Grades 1st-8th; Explorer & Voyager Preschoolers)

### Wednesday, September 6th

1st Day of School (Pathfinders & Trailblazers Preschoolers)

## School Summer Office Hours:

Tuesday-Wednesday:  
8:00 - 11:00am

To schedule time outside of these hours, please contact Shelly Barthel at 763-489-9228 or [shelly.barthel@stfxb.org](mailto:shelly.barthel@stfxb.org).

## School Contact Information

### Principal:

Alisa Louwagie  
[alisa.louwagie@stfxb.org](mailto:alisa.louwagie@stfxb.org)  
763-489-9227

### Administrative

### Assistant:

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## 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	Maria Belle Van Lith
Joan Raisanen	Lawrence Endres
Paul Fladung	Betty Barrows
Mary Ellen Klatt	Debbie Paumen Vokaty
William Schouville	Mary Kay Biegler
Irmina Holthaus	Karen Kocer-Suerth
Janice Lee	Jana Endres
Natalie Fix	Margaret Kalis
Chris Larson	Phyllis Cross
Jerry Niesen	Alice Zaske
Mary Stevens	Jackie Wurm
Joe Worms	

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sarah Hartneck | Mark & Mary O'Brien  
 Connor & Amanda Larson



## MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

Collection for August 20, 2023 \$11,664.02

Our parish is grateful for your support. Thank you!

## STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Mondays

Tuesday, August 29th (St. John the Baptist)  
 6:30pm (C) †Connie, †James & †Helen Schmidt

Wednesday, August 30th  
 9:00am (C) Travis & Jen Nelson

Thursday, August 31st  
 8:00am (C) †Marcia Kontz

Friday, September 1st  
 8:00am (C) †Roger Szarke

Saturday, September 2nd  
 8:00am (C) †Reverend Leonard F. Siebenaler  
 5:00pm (C) †Julian & †Irene Bjornson

Sunday, September 3rd (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
 8:30am (C) †Judy Bittmann  
 10:30am (C) Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

## RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!

Camden Lee Ensminger  
 Son of Nathan & Kristina Ensminger

Cade Norval Larson  
 Son of Connor & Amanda Larson



## LAST CHANCE TO GET PEACHES!

This Sunday, August 27th

The peaches are growing nicely and will soon be on their way. If you pre-ordered peaches or peach wine, pick-up will be next weekend:

Sunday, August 27th: 10:00am-2:00pm

Distribution will take place at the Education Center.

**\*\*REMEMBER\*\*** We have no place to store your peaches. If you are unable to pick them up, please find someone to pick them up for you.

Questions? Call Wayne (612-889-5370) or Lois (612-532-8516)



## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING

Tuesday, August 29th | 7:00pm | Parish Hall

The next Council of Catholic Women general meeting is being held on Tuesday, August 29th, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us for Mass at 6:30pm. The CCW understands there is a great need at the Buffalo Food Shelf. The Food Shelf can make our dollar go a long way, so please either make a check payable to "Buffalo Food Shelf" or make a cash donation when you come to the meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please call Marcia Endres at 763-682-2090, Judy Weldele at 763-682-1983, or Lois Pahl at 612-532-8516.



## ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINNING SOON

Welcoming All Returning and NEW Members!  
 Wednesday, September 6th | 6:45pm | Church

Fall is a great time to get involved in our music ministry! All returning and new members are invited to return to the first adult choir rehearsal on September 6th.



Also, we are looking for anyone interested in accompanying on the piano at the weekend Masses.

If you're interested in joining the adult choir, providing piano accompaniment at weekend Masses or if you have questions, please contact Dustin Austreng, Director of Music, at [dustin.austreng@stfxb.org](mailto:dustin.austreng@stfxb.org).





# PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

## UNBORN BABY ADOPTION PROGRAM

### Five Month Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound and the baby's mother can feel it moving now. Before it was too small for her to feel. Although the baby swam with ease in its watery world, it needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it--the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

## CHECK OUT HOLY HEROES!



### Weekly Sunday Mass Prep Kits for Kids!

Holy Heroes brings great, FREE Catholic content to families pursuing holiness as a whole! To learn more about Holy Heroes, please visit: [holymheroes.com](http://holymheroes.com).

## BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Articles are due at 12noon on Tuesday for the upcoming weekend's bulletin. Please submit articles to Travis at [travis.nelson@stfxb.org](mailto:travis.nelson@stfxb.org).

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

*Who Do You Say That I Am?* I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul. His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just "extra."

She was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15, the critical question in all our lives. She was confident that her godson knew the answer. He may have forgotten it or tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. There's a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. "Who do you say that I am?" Let our whole lives be our answer.

*"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

— Matthew 16:16

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# FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

## YOU CAN STILL REGISTER FOR 2023-2024 FAITH FORMATION

Opportunities for Ages 3 Years Old to 12th Grade | Begins on September 20th, 2023  
Registration Deadline Has Passed, But Sign-Up Still Available (\$25 Late Fee)



### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS):

A Montessori based faith program for 3-6 year olds (Must be potty trained). Parents meet once/month and children come once/week.

**Family of Faith (Grades 1st-5th):** Parents and children meet twice/month at the Education Center and families have lessons at home the rest of the month.

**Middle School Faith Formation (Grades 6th-8th):** Students meet weekly at Education Center.

Please Note: Students preparing for Sacraments will have additional parent/child or teen meetings.

**YDisciple - High School Youth:** A group of 4-8 teens (with 1-2 adult trained leaders) meet weekly, all four years of High School. Recommended that teens create a group with friends, but not necessary. YD groups discuss their faith and how to live it out in their everyday lives.

## HELP GREATLY NEEDED!

Feeling called to share the faith with young people? Confirmed and practicing Catholics, High school age or older, are needed! Contact Debbie for info.: 763-489-9224; [debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org](mailto:debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org)

To learn more or to register, please go to our parish website ([www.stfxb.org](http://www.stfxb.org)) and find the Faith Formation pages under the "Youth" tab. Questions? Contact Debbie at 763-489-9224 or [debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org](mailto:debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org).



## SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT



1st Annual Sporting Clay Tournament  
Wednesday, September 20th | 2:30pm  
MN Horse & Hunt Club, Prior Lake  
Hosted By: St. Joseph Business Guild

Whether you're a novice or an expert this will be an experience unlike any other! Bringing Catholic and/or sports enthusiasts together to bond, at one of the most premier facilities in the country!

Register as a parish team of 4, or sign up individually (and be assigned to a team). Cost is \$700/team or \$175/individual. Tournament sign-up includes 12-gauge shells, beer, and a catered supper! Multiple teams from a parish may sign up! The winning team will receive a traveling trophy. Even if you can only attend the supper, they'd still love to have you!

Reserve your spot at [sjbusinessguild.com](http://sjbusinessguild.com). Sign up by Wednesday, September 13th!

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Discounted Tickets Available! | July 17th-21st, 2024  
Lucas Oil Stadium | Indianapolis, Indiana

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years! Encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and be sent out on mission for the life of the world. With tens of thousands of pilgrims expected, the best time to secure your spot at this historic event is now. The Archdiocese has a limited number of discounted tickets! More info. at [archspm.org/eucharisticrevival](http://archspm.org/eucharisticrevival).

Stay Connected with the Movement: For beautiful reflections and resources on the Eucharist, as well as updates on the Revival, subscribe to the "Heart of the Revival" weekly newsletter at [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org).

## SOUTHWEST OPTIONS FOR WOMEN

Annual SWOW Gala | Saturday, Oct 14th  
Golden Valley Country Club, Golden Valley

*Magic & Miracles Gala:* Enjoy a magical evening celebrating the mission of SouthWest Options for Women.

Featuring guest speaker, Rebekah Hagan. Mrs. Hagan is a writer, speaker, advocate and mom on a mission to use her story of unplanned pregnancies and abortion pill reversal to encourage Christians to lead with truth & compassion on the issue of abortion.

Questions? Go to [swoptionsforwomen.org](http://swoptionsforwomen.org) or call 952-938-4496.



## ELEVATE LIFE FUNDRAISING GALA



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Thursday, September 7th | 5:30-9:00pm  
Plymouth Community Center, Plymouth

In a post-Dobbs world and a state where our laws fight against the life saving work of our pregnancy resource centers and clinics, we must work to change hearts. Just as God's love overflows so much that He gives us all life, so too must we fall in love with life so deeply that our love overflows to give life. Support women and families facing crisis pregnancies by attending or sponsoring this gala. For more info., go to [elevatelifeusa.org/gala2023](http://elevatelifeusa.org/gala2023).

## CATHOLIC Q & A: GIVING OF TREASURE



**Question:** Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

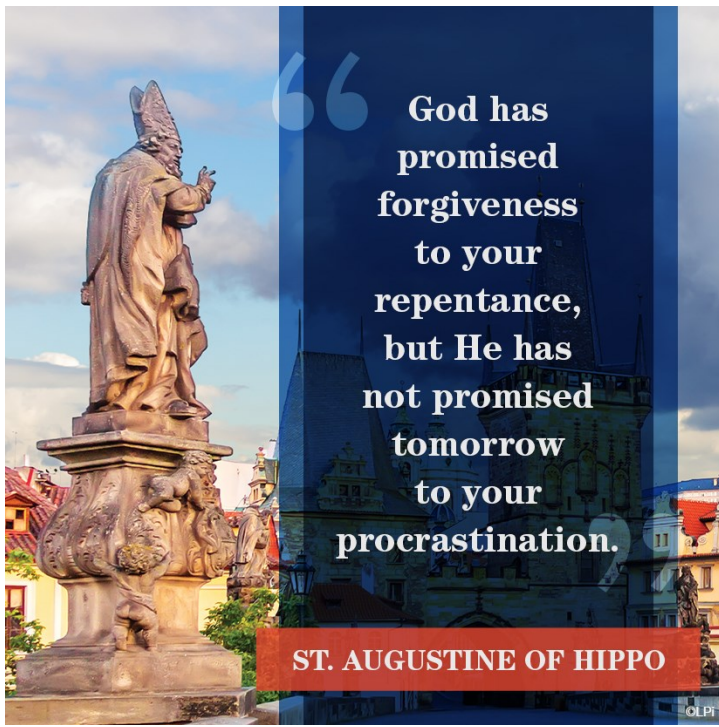
**Answer:** Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

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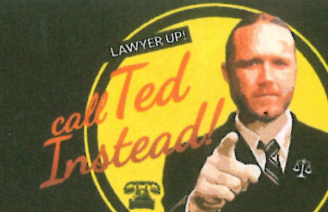


  
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