



NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: Is 4:2-6 | Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10 | Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 | Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18 | Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 | Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6 | Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a | Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24 | Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 | Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 | Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 | Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10 | Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 | Rom 15:4-9 | Mt 3:1-12

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



While the larger American culture is focusing on Thanksgiving this weekend, the Catholic Church begins the Season of Advent today in one of those rare years where we will actually get a full four weeks of this beautiful liturgical season. I regularly take this occasion to encourage everyone to fully embrace the Season of Advent and not rush to Christmas and this column will be no exception to that rule. Advent is a magnificent time of the year and it is one that has a deep spiritual and even human significance that can help us deal with many of the anxieties and challenges facing us in this particular period of history.

Every week, I hear from people and see stories on the news about supply chain disruptions, inflation, and energy crises (particularly in Europe as the Russo-Ukrainian War continues to wreak havoc on so many people). If we have learned anything since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020, it is that our world order is incredibly fragile. Previous generations understood this in an intimate way, but as our technology advanced during the 20th century and material prosperity allowed even those deemed impoverished by our modern standards to live with amenities medieval monarchs could never fathom, our appreciation for the delicate nature of life quickly vanished from the society at large. Now, almost like an avenging angel, circumstances have reminded us that civilization is always in danger of collapsing and we must work hard to prevent it from doing so.

The Season of Advent, at its core, is about precisely this reality: the end of the world. As Catholics, we know that the world as we experience it is fading away, but the comforts of this world can easily distract us from this truth. Now that Advent has begun, we have the opportunity to focus these next four weeks on the fact that this world will not exist forever no matter what we do. Yes, we have a moral obligation to help people encounter in this life the grace and peace of God's Kingdom, but we must never mistake earthly kingdoms for the Kingdom of Heaven. Instead, let us look forward to the Second Coming of Christ, who alone can build eternal life.

In Christ,
Fr. Meyers

Check out *FORMED*, the FREE Catholic resource for STFX Parishioners, to find out many videos, books and audio recordings about the season of Advent. *FORMED* provides the very best Catholic content to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith. *FORMED* supports thousands of movies, children's programs, e-books, audio, parish programs and studies. Watch, listen and read— anywhere, anytime! Go to 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

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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, send a letter of introduction and resume to Alisa Louwagie at alisa.louwagie@stfxb.org.



GENEROSITY & CHARITY DURING ADVENT

St. Francis Xavier School once again is working to support Toys for Tots this Advent season. Please help us fill the Toys for Tots box and help those in need in our community. Donations can be dropped off at the school or parish office.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelly in the School Office at 763-489-9228.



PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

Dear Lord Jesus,

We ask that You help us prepare our hearts for Your coming this Christmas. During this Advent season, may we pray more, look for ways to help others, and show kindness in Your name.

*We wait in **HOPE** that You will be with us soon. You became man to save us from our sins, so that we may have eternal life one day. We have **FAITH** that You will truly come, as Mary and Joseph had faith on their journey to Bethlehem before Your birth so long ago. We have **JOY** that light has overcome the darkness! You are almost here with us! We know that You will bring **PEACE** on Earth to all who seek You. **Amen.***



ADVENT Q & A: WHAT'S THE STORY BEHIND THE ADVENT WREATH?

During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.



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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.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Idabelle Davenport	Chris Larson
Mary Danielson	Joyce Kurpiers
Joan Raisanen	Jerry Niesen
Paul Fladung	Mary Stevens
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Rick Briggs	Chuck Buschel
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Irmina Holthaus	Karen Campbell
Janice Lee	Corey Louwagie
Natalie Fix	Joe Worms
Maya Anderson	Maria Belle Van Lith

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, December 11th | 7:00pm
St. Francis Xavier Church

"The confessional is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's Mercy motivates us to be better."
 — Pope Francis



OPEN ADORATION HOURS

Tuesdays: 10:00am
Wednesdays: 2:00am & 3:00am
Fridays: 12Midnight



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

MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

Collection for November 20th, 2022 See Next Bulletin

November 2022 Electronic Giving: \$11,178.75

November 2022 Do Unto Others: \$5,978.25

20% to Each Cause: Local - Lakeside Oasis; County - Cornerstone/Options for Women; State - Sharing & Caring Hands; National - Students for Life; Emergency Needs

STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Mondays

Tuesday, November 29th

6:30pm (C) †George & †Jon Lambrecht

Wednesday, November 30th (St. Andrew the Apostle)

9:00 am (S) †Fr. Francis A. Pouliot

Thursday, December 1st

8:00 am (C) †Deceased Family Members of
 George & Helen Beissel

Friday, December 2nd

8:00 am (C) †Reverend Timothy F. Nolan

Saturday, December 3rd (St. Francis Xavier, Our Patron Saint)

8:00 am (C) †James Munsterteiger

5:00 pm (C) †Fr. William J. Paron

Sunday, December 4th (2nd Sunday of Advent)

8:30 am (C) †John Braun

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

IN MEMORIAM

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

Taylor Nystrom
 (Brother of Shannon Grossman)

Nancy Helmbrecht
 (Relative of Mary Buschel)

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



KC'S CHRISTMAS TREE LOT IS OPEN!

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Trees again this year. The lot will be open each week, until trees are gone, during following hours:



Monday—Thursday 4:00-7:00pm | Fridays: 4:00-8:00pm
Saturdays: 9:00am-8:00pm | Sundays: 10:00am-6:00pm

Cash and checks are preferred, but we will take credit cards also. Brother Knights be sure to sign up to help by going to our website kc6608.mnknights.org. Tree lot is located by the middle school (west of the football field).

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING

This Tuesday, November 29th | 7:00pm | Parish Hall

The next Council of Catholic Women general meeting is being held on Tuesday, November 29th. Join us for Mass at 6:30pm, followed by the meeting and refreshments in the Parish Hall.



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.

UNBORN BABY ADOPTION PROGRAM

Seven/Eight Month Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby will soon be born. All the baby is doing now is gaining weight and making their mother uncomfortable with its size. Your baby's mother appreciates the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy, as they've given her the grace to seek the help she needs. She has probably made plans to bring the baby home or to place her baby for adoption. Either way, she knows she can receive the assistance she needs from the Catholic Church and from the crisis pregnancy centers.

PRAYER: *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.*



PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

4TH ANNUAL FARM TOY SHOW

Next Saturday, December 3rd | 9:00am-4:00pm
STFX Education Center | Hosted By: Buffalo KC's

For more information, please contact Tim by calling 763-280-1405 or by email, BuffKCFarmTS@gmail.com. Don't miss out on this great event!



LADIES...START YOUR OVENS!

CCW Christmas Bake Sale After All Masses on December 10th & 11th



It's time for the CCW Christmas Cookie Bake Sale! Bake your festive cookies, candies, and breads. Pre-package them for sale if you choose or we will do it for you. Drop off items on Saturday, December 10th in the Parish Hall between 8:30am and 12:00Noon. You'll be entered in a drawing to win a holiday gift tray.

Questions? Call Kathy Peterson at 612-418-8155 or Teresa Langton at 763-370-3366.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER JESSE TREE



The Jesse Tree is an Advent custom using stories to help people have a stronger sense of who Jesus is, and who the people were that pointed the way to Him. Starting this weekend, STFX will participate in this custom by placing a Jesse Tree in our gathering area to point to Jesus through charity. Our church has again been asked to be the Emergency Church for those families who missed the registration for the Buffalo Rotary's Adopt-A-Family program.

There is great need this year as many families struggle financially and emotionally. Please take an ornament from the tree, read the prayer on the back and purchase the item requested. Please return the actual Jesse Tree ornament with your gift card (or money for the CCW to purchase the gift card) to either the box by the Jesse Tree, in the collection basket, or drop off at the Parish Office by Monday, December 12th. This allows time for our volunteers to purchase the needed items and for the gifts to be distributed.

Questions? Please call Lois Pahl (612-532-8516), Shannon Duerr (612-741-4892), or Joleen Olson (612-210-7018).

DEC./JAN. BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINES

Weekend Bulletin:	Article Deadline Date:
December 4th	Normal: Tuesday, Nov. 29th (12noon)
December 11th	Friday, December 2nd (4pm)
December 18th	Thursday, December 8th (4pm)
December 25th	Wednesday, December 14th (12noon)
January 1st	Thursday, December 22nd (12noon)

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



FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

January 17th-22nd, 2023
Washington D.C.

St. Francis Xavier is joining with St. Michael, St. Albert and Sacred Heart parishes to attend the final March for Life in Washington D.C. We will also visit the National Basilica, John Paul II Shrine, National Mall & various sites, Arlington National Cemetery, ProLife Youth Conference and more! Use the QR code or go to: <http://stfxb.org/youth-ministry/active/high-school/march-for-life/>.



WINTERBLAST LOCK-IN IS BACK!!!

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



For all youth in grades 5th-9th. Sign-up deadline is December 1st. Cost is \$70. If space left after December 1st, a \$20 late fee added. Parents responsible for drop off and pick up. Register at: <https://stfrancisxavierbuffalo.wufoo.com/forms/m10542h21a93z6s/>



FOOD SHELF SHOPPER HELP NEEDED

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



ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

"Called to Encourage" For Mothers of Young Children
Saturday, December 10th | 8:00-11:30am
Church of Saint Raphael, Crystal

Mothers of young children, a special morning just for YOU! Come be encouraged in faith and friendship and find practical ways to welcome Christ into your home this Advent. Talks include "Beautiful Feminism: Being Women of Encouragement" and "Nurturing Motherhood: What we need in order to encourage our children." The morning begins with the Celebration of the Mass. To inquire, please call 763-391-0205 or email gina@canafamilyinstitute.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

March 12th-21st, 2023

When we go on a Pilgrimage we are walking towards God. We go to God, not perfect, but as we are. Join Fr. Dufner, Pastor of The Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids, on a Pilgrimage to The Holy Land. Full payment is due January 11th, 2023. You'll spend 1 night in Tel Aviv, 2 nights in Tiberias and 5 nights in Jerusalem. Let's move forward with and towards Jesus.

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Billings Ovulation Method | St. Michael Church

These classes teach a modern, scientific, and natural means of postponing, avoiding, or achieving pregnancy. For more info., contact Nora: noradehmer@hotmail.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

February 10th-12th, 2023 and May 5th-7th, 2023
Christ the King Retreat Center | Buffalo, MN

You've celebrated a few anniversaries... maybe MANY. You've been through ups and downs and you have learned a lot about each other. But what if there's more to your marriage than you've ever realized?

Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and discover the beauty of your relationship. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at 612-234-7440 or applications@twincitieswwme.org.

CATHOLIC Q & A: PROPHETS



Question: The Church teaches that, through our baptism, we are made priest, prophet, and king like Christ. What does it mean for us to be prophets in the world today?

Answer: We are indeed sharers in the threefold mission of Christ. We live our "kingship" when we serve others in justice, work for the common good in society, and overcome sin in our own lives. Our "priestly" mission is lived when we unite our lives to Christ's sacrifice on the cross, offering them up as a gift of love. We are also called to be prophets. Our lives may not look like Isaiah and Jeremiah of old — and perhaps desert living and locust eating like St. John the Baptist might feel out of reach — but this doesn't nullify our invitation and obligation.

As baptized Christians, we have accepted the Gospel in faith. We're also called to proclaim the Gospel as well. This may mean by giving Christ-centered advice to another person or defending truth when it's threatened. It also means living our faith in deeds.

St. John Paul II writes that we are "*called to allow the newness and the power of the Gospel to shine out every day in [our] family and social life*" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 14). A prophet points to a higher truth beyond himself or herself. We live prophetically when we treat others as Christ treated people and when we arrange our schedule to prioritize those to whom we have the greatest obligation, including our families, as well as the poor and vulnerable around us. We live prophetically when we think critically about the culture around us and we allow our faith to inform our public life.

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UPCOMING PATRON SAINT FEAST DAY

St. Francis Xavier | December 3rd

Next Saturday is the feast of St. Francis Xavier, our Patron Saint. As a young man, Xavier met Ignatius of Loyola at the University of Paris. Xavier was inspired by his friend's zeal and devotion. When Xavier was 31, he became one of the first members of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). The order presented themselves to the Pope for service as missionaries. Xavier would spend the rest of his life traveling the world and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. He served side by side with the poor in India, modern-day Malaysia, Pacific Islands, and ultimately Japan. Rather than imposing on the people, Xavier wore local dress and arranged translations of religious texts into the local language. It's estimated that he baptized 30,000 people. His charismatic joy is an inspiration for all who want to bring people to Christ.



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