



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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### NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8 | Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 | Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11 | Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b | Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31 | Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 | Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 | Ps 13:6ab, 6c | Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 | Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 | Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22 | Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 | Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 | Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 | 1 Tm 1:12-17 |  
 Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

### 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 (Northside 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



A friend and I were visiting the other day and the conversation turned towards Labor Day, which is the unofficial last day of summer for us in Minnesota. As a sarcastic aside, we joked that Labor Day is a white-collar holiday since so many stores stay open and advertise sales to draw people into shop for various items. Indeed, it strikes me as quite strange that so many of our federal holidays have been turned into shopping days, but the fact that we do this on Labor Day is particularly confounding.

The concept of Labor Day, as a federal holiday, is to recognize the works and contributions of the American labor movement in the development of the United States and the various accomplishments of our country. Yet, in practice, the day is ultimately a day in which people in the service industry work to provide yet another day in which people can engage in commerce. Yes, there are plenty of people who do not go shopping on Labor Day and instead choose to spend the day relaxing with family, but the amount of travel and commerce on the first Monday of September is not minimal and thereby does require a great many people to work on a day in which the explicit intent is to honor laborers and provide them with a day of rest.

As a society, we are experiencing right now a major shortage in the service industry and related industries. For quite some time, Americans have begun to think of these jobs as being lowly and beneath them, but I honestly consider these jobs to be among some of the most important in our country. I am grateful that I worked in the service industry before entering seminary, for it caused me to learn how to socialize with different kinds of people, to problem solve, and to become responsible to other people. As we come to Labor Day this weekend, let us all make it a point to be thankful and to express our appreciation to the various people who work in the service industry. Perhaps we can even give them a day off and not go shopping on Monday.

In Christ,  
Fr. Meyers

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**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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763-489-9223

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# STFX SCHOOL NEWS

*Traditionis Custodes — "Guardians of Tradition"*

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE POSITION

St. Francis Xavier School is seeking additional help with the After School Care Program. This person will primarily help supervise students and plan activities for students in the program. Typical hours are 2:00-5:30pm on school days. If interested in this position, contact Alisa Louwagie at [alisa.louwagie@stfxb.org](mailto:alisa.louwagie@stfxb.org).

## GETTING READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

**School Year Starts This Tuesday, September 6th!**

The STFX School Staff is excited to welcome students back to school this coming week! We are excited to partner with our new and returning families in the education of their children. Registration for the 2022-2023 school year remains open for the remaining spots in our classrooms. Please contact the school office at 763-489-9228 for more information.



## PRAYER FOR STUDENTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR

**Dear Jesus,**

Thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school. In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world. Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write.

In arts and music, help me to be creative. In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology.

Jesus, you are the perfect teacher. Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school. Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect. Thank you, Jesus, for school! **Amen.**

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## SCHOOL EVENT CALENDAR

**Tuesday, September 6th**

First Day of School (Grades K-8th; Preschool: Explorers & Voyagers)

**Wednesday, September 7th**

First Day of School (Preschool: Pathfinders & Trailblazers)

9:00am First School Year Mass

Trinity Hall

**Friday, September 30th**

School Pictures

**Friday, October 7th**

School Marathon

## School Office Hours:

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

## School Contact Information

**Principal:**

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

**Administrative Assistant:**

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

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

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

## OPEN ADORATION HOURS

**Wednesdays:** 2:00am & 3:00am



Contact Doug at 763-682-3277 to fill either hour, to be added to the substitute list or for more info.

## MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

August 28, 2022 Collection: \$11,186.38

Our parish is grateful for your support. Thank you!

## STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Mondays

**Tuesday, September 6th**

6:30pm (C) †George & †Jon Lambrecht

**Wednesday, September 7th**

9:00am (S) †Toivo & †Katie Kangas

**Thursday, September 8th (Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

8:00am (C) †James Weldele

**Friday, September 9th (St. Peter Claver)**

8:00am (C) †Evelyn Cleveland

**Saturday, September 10th**

8:00am (C) †Edna Knoblauch

5:00pm (C) †Joe, †David and †Justin Galvin;

†Archie Mjelde; †Kathy Setzler

**Sunday, September 11th (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:30am (C) †Arvilla Hopkins

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

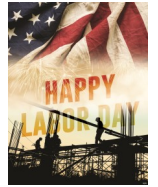
Mass Intentions are available for the living or deceased.

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

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**Monday, September 5th (Labor Day)**

Have a blessed and safe Labor Day!



## PEACH FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS!

Special thanks from the Knights of Columbus #6608 and the CCW to everyone who ordered or purchased peaches and peach wine these past few weeks. Not only did we reach our goal, but surpassed it. We are truly grateful for your support!



We would also like to thank the members of the Knights of Columbus and the Council of Catholic Women who helped with reminder phone calls and distributing and loading the peaches.

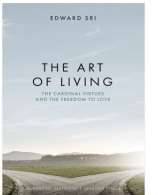
God's Blessings on all,  
 Wayne Shamla & Lois Pahl  
 Fundraiser Co-chairs

## WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP

**First Meeting: September 21st | 10:00-11:30am**

**Meet Location: Youth Room at the School**

All women are invited to join the Wednesday morning Women's Group as we read and discuss the book, *The Art of Living*, by Dr. Edward Sri. In this book, we will discover the close connection between growing in the virtues and growing in friendship and community with others. In his easy-to-read style, Dr. Sri shows us that the virtues are the basic life skills we need to give the best of ourselves to God and to the people in our lives.



We will meet every Wednesday from 10:00-11:30am during the school year. We enjoy coffee and conversation, and end by praying the Rosary together. All ages welcome, including KIDS! If you would like to participate, come on September 21st, or any Wednesday that works for you! Contact Julie Miriovsky at 612-961-9027 or [juliemiriovsky@hotmail.com](mailto:juliemiriovsky@hotmail.com). Hope to see you there!

## BOOK DONATIONS WANTED!

**Declutter Your Book Collection for a Great Cause!**

St. Francis Xavier Church & School will be accepting book donations for an upcoming book sale. The sale proceeds will be used to update the STFX School library both with new books and furniture. The sale will take place the weekend of September 24-25th. Book drop-off locations are still being finalized. More details to come in next weekend's bulletin.





# PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

## UPCOMING RCIA CLASSES



Starting Thursday, September 22nd  
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](mailto:nate.meyers@stfxb.org).

## KC'S ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, September 21st | 1:00-7:00pm  
St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall

Find more information can be found at  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



## FABRIC DONATIONS NEEDED

### New or Gently Used Fabric is Appreciated

Our STFX *My Brother's Keeper* Ministry is in need of new or gently used fabric. They are looking for upholstery fabric (samples or pieces), yardage of medium weight fabric and bed sheets. They will modify to utilize! Lighter colors are not ideal as the bedrolls are used on the ground. Donated materials can be left in the parish hall (church basement). Questions? Please call/text Jeanette Hermanson at 612-719-7094.

## SIGN-UP FOR THE STFX YOUTH CHOIR

### Open to Youth in 2nd Grade & Older

STFX youth are invited to be part of this ministry. The youth choir will practice on Wednesdays in the Music Room at the Education Center. The youth choir will begin Wednesday, September 28th. Anne Miller, STFX parishioner, will provide direction for the group. Please sign up by using the QR code or by going to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084baca728a6ff2-youth>



# FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS



## 2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION — DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

Opportunities for Children & Teens — Ages 3 Years Old to 12th Grade  
All Faith Formation Groups Will Start on Wednesday, September 21st



**NEW! 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. Orientation on September 14th.

**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 this year will have additional parent/child or teen meetings (schedule provided once signed up).

Registration Link for CGS, FOF & Faith Formation:  
<https://stfrancisxavierbuffalo.wufoo.com/forms/mpgj5zy17ilfli/>

**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 out their faith in their everyday lives. Register for YDisciple at: <https://stfrancisxavierbuffalo.wufoo.com/forms/mx8qfcu08yh1xf/>.

### HELP GREATLY NEEDED!

Feeling called to share the faith with young people? Confirmed and practicing Catholics, High school age or older, are needed!

- Faith Formation Catechists
- *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Assistants
- Family of Faith Assistants
- YDisciple Leaders

To learn more, please go to our website under *Faith Formation of Children/Youth Formation* or contact Debbie — 763-489-9224 or [debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org](mailto:debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org).



## ST. MICHAEL PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

September 10th & 11th | St. Michael Catholic School  
St. Michael, MN | Saturday from 12Noon-7:45pm  
Sunday from 10:00am-4:00pm

Car show, bags tournament, meat raffle, brats, chicken dinner, kids games and more with the raffle drawing at 4:00pm. Find more details at:  
<https://stmccatholicchurch.org/fallfestival>.

## ALBERTVILLE TO HOST MCCL FALL TOUR

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL)  
Monday, September 12th | 7:00pm  
St. Albert's Parish Center | Albertville, MN

Would you like to learn more about life issues and be involved in efforts to protect innocent human lives? In a one hour presentation, you will hear about the Supreme Court's landmark Dobbs v. Jackson decision, what it means for Minnesota, the latest abortion numbers and trends and why the fall elections are so important for protecting unborn children and supporting mothers. Each attendee will receive an information packet. Come enjoy fellowship and refreshments at this free gathering. Questions? Please call Marlene at 763-497-2265.

## ST. ALBERT PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 18th | 11:00am  
1400 57th St. NE | Albertville, MN

Have a family fun day while enjoying food, Bingo, kids games, bean bag tournament, cake walk, pull tab races raffles and more! Grand raffle drawing will be at 3:30pm (Grand Prize: \$3,000). Find more information at:  
[churchofstalbert.org](http://churchofstalbert.org)

## WOMEN'S FIAT DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Weekend of September 23rd-25th  
Dunrovin Retreat Center, Marine on St. Croix

Single women ages 18-28 who are seeking to do God's will are invited to attend this Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat. Religious sisters from various religious orders, including the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, Pro Ecclesia Sancta Sisters, Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles and the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, assist by giving talks, leading small groups, sharing testimonies, and providing a joyful witness. Cost is \$100 (includes meals, lodging and materials). Register at [fiatministries.org](http://fiatministries.org) by Sept. 19th.

## HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, September 24th  
10:00am | Lake Rebecca Park Reserve

Holy Spirit Academy is holding a 4-mile run/walk fundraiser to raise money for school activities. The registration fee is \$30. More details and registration can be found at [holyspiritacademy.org](http://holyspiritacademy.org).



## SPEAKER EVENT: IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA

Rwandan American Author & Speaker  
Thursday, September 22nd | 6:30-8:00pm  
Shakopee Area Catholic School, Shakopee

Please join us to hear Immaculée Ilibagiza, Rwandan genocide survivor, tell her story of faith, hope, and forgiveness. Immaculée has shared her message around the world, and is also a best-selling author. She is coming to Minnesota to encourage and inspire all of us to great faith and hope as well. Cost is \$10.00/adult and \$5.00/student. Visit [ssjacs.org](http://ssjacs.org) to learn more.

## POST ROE VS. WADE — WHAT NOW?

September 29, 2022 | St. Agnes School | St. Paul  
Social Hour: 5:00-6:50pm | Program: 7:00-9:00pm

This event is sponsored by the St. Joseph Business Guild. Learn how the reversal of Roe v. Wade will impact the pro-life cause in Minnesota. Join us as five top pro-life leaders share the latest information and opportunities for you to get involved and act on your pro-life beliefs.

Attendance is free for general public. Hors d'oeuvres & drinks will be provided. RSVP at [sjbusinessguild.com](http://sjbusinessguild.com). Contact Roger Vasko at [roger@sjbusinessguild.com](mailto:roger@sjbusinessguild.com) with questions.

## FERTILITY AWARENESS & NFP CLASSES

Billings Ovulation Method | St. Michael Church  
St. Michael, MN

These Natural Family Planning classes teach a modern, scientific, and natural means of postponing, avoiding, or achieving pregnancy. For more info., contact Nora at [noradehmer@hotmail.com](mailto:noradehmer@hotmail.com).



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