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### MASS TIMES

Weekend: Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

Weekday:

Tuesday: 6:30pm Wednesday: 9:00am Thursday - Saturday: 8:00am

### **CONFESSION TIMES**

Tuesday: 5:30-6:20pm Thursday: 4:30pm Friday: 7:30-7:50am Saturday: 3:30-4:45pm

### 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: \*NEW DATE & TIME\*

Third Thursday of Each Month 6:30-7:30pm St. Sophia Room (in Parish Hall)

Sacrament of Baptism: First & 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

# **3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:46

#### NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: Acts 6:8-15 | Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 | Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a | Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab | Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8 | Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a | Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40 | Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 | Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20 | Ps 117:1bc, 2 | Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42 | Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 | Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12 | Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22) | 1 Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18

### APRIL 14, 2024 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

# FROM FATHER'S DESK

#### Father Nathaniel Meyers



Each Easter Season is a truly blessed time of the year, but this year's Eastertide is a particularly special one for my family as both my nephew, Jack, and his sister, Michele, will be experiencing important moments in the life of grace. This weekend will mark the first time Michele receives the Holy Eucharist and just a few weeks later Jack will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be physically present for these milestones in their lives of faith due to my responsibilities here in the parish, but the great news is that the sacraments have the power to unite us even when we are physically apart from one another.

The Holy Eucharist is able to unite all Catholics across space and time. As a result, when I am distributing the Blessed Sacrament to our First Communicants this Sunday afternoon, I will be mystically present for Michele's First Communion down in Los Alamos, New Mexico. The Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Christ, so those who receive it are united in Him. In fact, by our sharing in the Eucharist, Michele and I will share a bond that is far more profound and much deeper than simply being in the same room. Similarly, the reception of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation binds us more perfectly into the life of the Church, so Jack and I will share in the Church's mission in a new way that transcends the limits of our physical experience.

It is quite easy for any of us (myself included) to be so caught up in the material world that we lose sight of the spiritual reality that engulfs us. The sacraments —properly understood— can help expand our understanding of the nature of life to incorporate a much grander vision. As we approach the Holy Eucharist, or contemplate our baptism or marriage, we should always keep this mystical understanding in mind so that we can truly appreciate the beauty and power of God in the sacraments.

In Christ, Fr. Meyers

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#### 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



## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPRING FEVER EXTRAVAGANZA





ickets can be purchased online here We are still accepting donations! Donations of cash or items can be dropped off at the school or parish office.

### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration for our 2024-2025 preschool classes is open.

A variety of class options to fit your families schedule. Some classes fill fast so register today.

Visit our website at <u>school.stfxb.org</u> for registration information or to schedule a tour!





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

#### School Contact Information

Principal: Alisa Louwagie <u>alisa.louwagie@stfxb.org</u> 763-489-9227

Administrative

Assistant: Shelly Barthel <u>shelly.barthel@stfxb.org</u> 763-489-9228

Weekly School Liturgy: Wednesday - 9:00am Trinity Hall

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Open to All Parents, Family and Parishioners!

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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.

#### Volunteer Opportunity QR Code:

New! Our success is in partnership with the many volunteers that help in various ways at STFX School. Scan the QR Code below to see our current volunteer needs, sign-ups and contact information.



# PARISH NEWS

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Danielson Joan Raisanen Paul Fladung Mary Ellen Klatt William Schouviller Irmina Holthaus Natalie Fix Chris Larson Jerry Niesen Mary Stevens Joe Worms Maria Belle Van Lith Lawrence Endres Betty Barrows Mary Kay Biegler Karen Kocer-Suerth Jana Endres Alice Zaske LaVonne Hegland Mary Schmidt Sandy (Buschel) Greninger Gerry Hundt Jeffrey Geyen Bob Baldwin LuVern Solien Elizabeth (Endres) Beissel George Althoff

#### IN MEMORIAM

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

#### Jerome Niesen (Brother of Gerald "Jerry" Niesen)

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

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

#### Wednesday, May 22nd | 1:00-7:00pm STFX Parish Hall



Blood is always needed. Schedule an appointment at <u>redcrossblood.org</u> and enter Zip Code "55313" to find our drive.



### MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

Collection for April 7, 2024

\$13,034.00

STFX MASS SCHEDULE (C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Monday

Tuesday, April 16th (Easter Weekday) 6:30pm (C) †David Anderson

Wednesday, April 17th (Easter Weekday) 9:00am (S) †Greg Austreng

Thursday, April 18th (Easter Weekday) 8:00am (C) †Michael Vetsch

Friday, April 19th (Easter Weekday) 8:00am (C) †Greg Austreng

Saturday, April 20th (Easter Weekday) 8:00am (C) †Lomer & †Doris Des Marais 5:00pm (C) †Joe, †David & †Justin Galvin

Sunday, April 21st (4th Sunday of Easter) 8:30am (C) †Colleen Ortmann 10:30am (C) Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

### SHARING AND CARING HANDS

#### Tuesday, April 16th

St. Francis Xavier parishioners will prepare, deliver **HAXOS** and serve an afternoon meal to the homeless and needy at Sharing and Caring Hands on Tuesday, April 16th. 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 to 3:00pm). Bars and cookies can be dropped off at church basement on Sunday morning, 8:00am-12noon, or Tuesday morning, from 7:00-10:30am. <u>Please clearly</u> <u>mark</u> them for Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis.

To help in any way, contact Pat at 763-607-1185. Please consider helping with this great work. If you cannot physically help, please remember to pray for the poor!

#### ATTENTION GRADUATING H.S. SENIORS!

#### Four \$1,000 Scholarships Available

The Knights of Columbus Council #6608 will be awarding four scholarships again this year. Interested students should submit a school transcript, scholarship application letter and email address. Please address your letters to the KC's Scholarship Committee and include the following details:

<u>Extra points are awarded for these areas</u>: Active Parish Involvement; Your (or your father's) Knights of Columbus Involvement, if applicable.

<u>Applications are also judged based on:</u> Community Involvement or Work; School Involvement; Quality of Application and School Transcript.

You do not need to have a Knight in your family to apply. Scholarships must be used within two years. All applications should be dropped off at the Parish Office and must be received by Thursday, May 23rd. Questions? Please contact Rob Nosbush at 763-682-2371.

#### UNBORN BABY ADOPTION PROGRAM

#### First Month Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of its brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. The baby's heart began to beat on the 21st day and is pumping blood through its own circulatory system. The blood type can be different from its mothers. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted.

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.





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# PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

#### GARDENERS — REMEMBER THE PLANT SALE

Plant People: As you are checking your garden this spring for plants that need dividing or moving or starting from seed, remember our Plant Sale in May. Your donations are welcome. If you need any pots, call Marcia at (763)682-2090. The Plant Sale is the weekend of May 18th.

#### RING FOUND IN STFX CEMETERY

There was a woman's wedding ring found in the St. Francis Xavier Cemetery. If you or someone you know lost a ring while visiting the cemetery, please contact the Parish Office, 763-684-0075, with a detailed description of the ring to claim it.

# FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

#### STEUBENVILLE - ROCHESTER

#### Dates: July 12th-15th | Mayo Civic Center, Rochester For All Current 8th-12th Grade Youth

We will travel to Rochester, MN for the conference then have an overnight retreat at St. Francis Xavier Education Center. Mode of transportation will be chaperone vehicles. Meet great people, hear awesome music, participate in outrageous games and dive deeper in your faith while spending time with Our Lord! To register, go to: <u>https://stfxb.faithenroll.net/</u>

#### † Cost: \$330

† Space is limited!

June 10th-14th

† Adult volunteers are needed for the event. Contact Debbie to volunteer.

#### EXTREME FAITH CAMP 2024



# For All 6th-8th Grade Youth

It's a full week of an amazing camp experience —EFC is middle school youth from St. Francis and other local parishes hanging out at a sweet camp! Enjoy swimming, boating, nature hikes, sports, as well as Mass, small groups, talks, prayer, reconciliation, Adoration and much more to dive into your Catholic faith and set you up to take what you learned home to continue growing in your faith! Get ready for a new summer highlight. Register at https://stfxb.faithenroll.net/.

#### PICK-A-PLEDGE FUNDRAISER

The Pick-A-Pledge fundraiser helps support our parish youth to attend camps, trips and programming (Pro-Life events, mission work, faith-building, evangelizing). Unfortunately, a number teens are



unable to afford the cost of some of these events. In addition, our chaperones must use their own vacation time from work AND pay their own way to attend these events. Stop at board, grab an envelope, fill it with the amount (cash or check made out to St. Francis Xavier) on the front of the envelope and drop it off at the parish office or drop it in the collection basket.

#### CAMP BLAZE 2024



#### July 9th-11th For Current 1st-5th Graders

During this event, participants will participate in lots of fun and crazy games, cool crafts, engaging formational talks. The children will be able to learn to take their prayer deeper through different prayer experiences, listen to amazing praise and worship music, attend Mass, Adoration and Confession -- all to help introduce the Holy Spirit to them and teach them how to talk to and listen to God! Register at https://stfxb.faithenroll.net/.

More info. about these events at stfxb.org. Questions? Contact Debbie at 763-489-9224; debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org



# AREA & ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

#### CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS MEETING

Everyone is welcome to attend! Call 763-658-4009 for

Court 1560 Quarterly Meeting Saturday, April 20th | 10:00am 310 Pacific Avenue | Waverly

information or directions.



HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY "FIT FOR LIFE"

Saturday, May 4th | 10:00am Lake Rebecca Park Reserve | Rockford, MN

Experience faith, fitness & nature on a 4 mile walk/run at Holy Spirit Academy's annual Fit for Life fundraiser. The cost is \$30 with a \$100 family cap. See more details and to register, go to: <u>holyspiritacademy.org/fit-for-life</u>.



# AREA & ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS CONT'D 🚸

#### UPCOMING KING'S HOUSE RETREATS

#### April 23rd-25th — Women's Midweek Silent Retreat *Do This in Memory of Me* | Led By: King's House Staff

These words of Jesus remind us of The Last Supper shared with His disciples and the gift of His presence as He becomes the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The disciples remembered many things from that night. It is these memories that will guide our retreat. Includes Mass, personal prayer time, Reconciliation, Scriptural Rosary and a healing service. Per person: \$50 deposit at registration and suggested donation of \$195; includes 2 overnights, private room and meals.

#### "A Day Away" Retreat (Men/Women) — April 27th

Can't make it to our Wednesday day retreats? Now you have the option to join us for a retreat on a Saturday. Do you need some time away from your normal all-too busy life, to be in solitude with the Lord? The King's House offers "HOLY GROUND", a peaceful spot to "walk humbly with your God". Just sit and be, have lunch, and attend the optional guided meditations, holy hour and conferences. Suggested offering is \$30. per person.

Register at <u>www.kingshouse.com</u> or call 763-682-1394. If you are hesitant to register for any of our retreats due to financial restrictions, please contact the King's House office to complete their registration.

### TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES NEEDED

#### Is God Calling YOU To Serve?

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is in need of college age men and women who have a missionary heart, love children and youth, and are committed to the Catholic faith who feel called to share it with the youth from local parishes around the Archdiocese. The position is a temporary two-month commitment (May 31 – July 27) which includes one week of training. There is a one week break for Independence Day. Each team member will receive \$3,640 for their work; most meals and all lodging included. To apply or learn more, go to archspm.org/totustuus.

#### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

#### Stay Connected With The Movement!

For beautiful reflections and resources on the Eucharist, as well as updates on the Revival, subscribe to receive the "Heart of the Revival" weekly newsletter at <u>eucharisticrevival.org</u>.

#### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

#### May 19th-July 16th | Marian Route

Starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, four processions around the country will begin and end at the Eucharistic Congress. The route coming through the Archdiocese is the Marian Route, which begins at headwaters of the Mississippi, and will descend through the Midwest. To take part in event or to learn more, go to: archspm.org/national-eucharisticpilgrimage-marian-route

#### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

#### 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. More information at <u>archspm.org/eucharisticrevival</u>.

### CATHOLIC Q & A: ANGELS

Question: I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?



Answer: As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

#### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Articles are due at 12noon on Tuesday for the upcoming weekend's bulletin. Please submit articles to Travis at <u>travis.nelson@stfxb.org</u>.

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If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion.

#### ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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