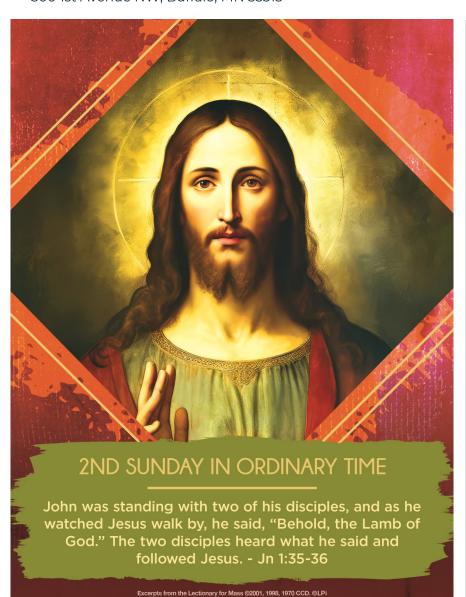


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#### **NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS**

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23 | Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 | Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13 | Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 | Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 | Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 | Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 | Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 | Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21 | Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 | Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 | Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 | Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10 | Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a) | 1 Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

#### **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: 5:30-6:20pm Thursdays: 4:30pm Friday: 7:30-7:50am Saturdays 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

# FROM FATHER'S DESK

Father Nathaniel Meyers



At Mass last weekend, we announced that the Knights of Columbus in our parish are looking to have a bronze statue of their founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, placed in the alcove on the church's north side as people walk in from the parking lot. Pictures of the statue can be seen in the Gathering Space and the Knights have an anonymous donor who will match donations. The hope is that members of the parish will be able to contribute \$10,000 towards this project and the rest will be covered through the anonymous donor from the Knights. I encourage everyone who is able to contribute towards this to do so by placing their offering in the red envelopes at the end of the pews; checks can be written out to the Knights of Columbus.

Statuary is a common part of Catholic devotion and worship. Indeed, we already have statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and St. Francis Xavier. One might rightly ask, why add an additional statue or why one of Bl. Michael McGivney in particular? There are several reasons for using statuary as part of the faith. The first is that as embodied beings, we have physical senses and our body is an intrinsic part of our life and, therefore, a part of our faith. Sight is an important part of how we understand the world and it only makes sense to make good use of this sense in our faith. The Christmas Season, which we just completed, reminds us that the Lord chose to take on a human body and thereby has consecrated our bodily reality—statuary reinforces this great truth.

Within this understanding of the body and its senses being an essential part of how we worship and serve God, the images of the saints provide us with a clear example and reminder of what kind of life we should lead in order to be pleasing to God ourselves. Bl. Michael McGivney, being an American saint, is one who can be very near and dear to each of us. The acts of his charity in providing assistance to widows and their children, for example, can encourage us to reach out to the vulnerable in our own midst. When we look upon a statue of Bl. Michael McGivney on our way into the church, the goal is that this will inspire us to respond to God's grace as he did and build upon the great work that Bl. Michael McGivney and countless others have done for the Kingdom of God.

In Christ, Fr. Meyers

#### In Case You Haven't Heard

St. Francis Xavier Church now has a weekly newsletter that can be sent directly to your email every Friday afternoon. Go to our Parish website home page (<a href="https://www.stfxb.org">https://www.stfxb.org</a>), scroll down until you see what's shown below. Enter first name, last name, email address and click "Join" — that's it!

You'll receive six upcoming Parish news/updates in your email mailbox each week on Friday. Sign-up today!



#### Parish Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-4:30pm Friday: 8:30am-12noon Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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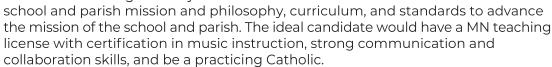
# STFX SCHOOL NEWS

#### NOW HIRING — STFX SCHOOL JOB OPENING

#### Long-Term Substitute Music Teacher (Grades 1st-8th)

STFX School is seeking a long-term substitute music teacher to provide music instruction to students in grades 1st-8th. This is a part-time position for 2 days a week for the remainder of the school year.

This person would be responsible for the instruction of students in all assigned subjects in accordance with the



This position will remain open until filled. There is the possibility for full or part-time employment for the 2024-2025 school year. To apply, send a letter of introduction and resumé to Alisa Louwagie, Principal, at <a href="mailto:alisa.louwagie@stfxb.org">alisa.louwagie@stfxb.org</a>.

#### CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE IS BACK IN 2024!



Tickets available in the school office or after Masses Jan. 20 & 21



#### UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, January 15th — No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Friday, January 19th — STFX Bowling Tournament

Register at <a href="https://school.stfxb.org/">https://school.stfxb.org/</a> or with QR Code



#### School Office Hours:

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

#### School Contact Information

#### Principal:

Alisa Louwagie alisa.louwagie@stfxb.org
763-489-9227

#### Administrative Assistant:

Shelly Barthel 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.

# Volunteer Opportunity OR 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

#### PRAY FOR OUR PARISH VOCATIONS

Deacon Alex Rasset (Diocesan Priesthood)

Andrew Scherber (Apostolic Life)

Sr. Sophia Benedicta of the Cross & Our Lady (Religious Life)

Mitchell Kendrioski, Teaching Parish Seminarian (Diocesan Priesthood)

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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Joan Raisanen
Paul Fladung
Mary Ellen Klatt
William Schouviller
Irmina Holthaus
Natalie Fix
Chris Larson
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Karen Kocer-Suerth
Jana Endres
Alice Zaske
LaVonne Hegland
Mary Schmidt
Sandy (Buschel) Greninger

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



#### Monday, January 15th

"We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish together as fools." —Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

Corrected Collection for December 31, 2023: \$19,271.00 Collection for January 7, 2024 \$9,402.00

Our parish is grateful for your support. Thank you!

#### STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Mondays

Tuesday, January 16th

6:30pm (C) †Dianne Mosley

Wednesday, January 17th (St. Anthony) 9:00am (S) †Fr. William F. Martin

Thursday, January 18th 8:00am (C) †Taylor Nystrom

Friday, January 19th 8:00am (C) Laurie Anderson

Saturday, January 20th (St. Fabian; St. Sebastian)

8:00am (C) †Lomer & †Doris Des Marais

5:00pm (C) Dean Lavato

Sunday, January 21st (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30am (C) †Marv Leuthardt

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

Mass Intentions are available for the living or deceased. To request a Mass Intention, contact Travis at: 763-684-0075; travis.nelson@stfxb.org

#### IN MEMORIAM

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



#### Ray Banyai

#### Greg Austreng

(Father of Dustin Austreng, STFX Music Director)

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

### WHAT DID THE CHURCH SAY? PRESENTATION

Thursday, January 18th (following the 8:00am Mass) or Sunday, January 21st (1:00pm)
Both Presentations in Parish Hall

The recent statement from the Vatican on blessings for people in irregular relationships has provoked strong reactions, but what does this document (*Fiducia supplicans*) actually say? Come listen to a careful and detailed analysis of this document presented by Fr. Meyers at the Church of St. Francis Xavier. The presentation will evaluate the content of this document, its connection to the Church's unchanging teaching, and what it both does and does not mean for Catholics going forward. Join us at one of two options to learn more about this important declaration from the Church.

#### MEAL PACKAGING EVENT



#### Saturday, February 3rd | STFX School

Join us for the 7th Annual Meal Packaging event. The activity is similar to Feed My Starving Children meal packaging but available locally. The event is a great service opportunity for families, groups, individuals, and those who need service hours. Register to pack meals at 10:00am, 12Noon or 2:00pm by going to the STFX Parish website home page (<a href="https://stfxb.org/">https://stfxb.org/</a>) and clicking on the link at the top of the page. Contacts for this event are Randy Bunting, 612-802-6974, and Randy Latzig, 763-334-2488.

#### ADOPT-A-BABY PROGRAM "BABY SHOWER"

#### Donations Accepted January 13th-31st

We have now reached the conclusion of our Adopt-A-Baby program. We are planning a "baby shower" for our local crisis pregnancy center in St. Michael, Options for Women/Cornerstone. We will be collecting disposable diapers, formula, layette items, and new baby clothes (up to 24 months size) for mothers who cannot afford these items. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please bring your gift and place it in the bassinet in back of church.

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

#### 2024 MINNESOTA MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY

Monday, January 22nd | 9:00am-3:15pm St. Paul Cathedral & State Capitol, St. Paul



The KC's are sponsoring a bus to go to the MN March for Life Rally. The bus will leave the church lot at 9:00am and return around 3:15pm. Event starts with prayer service at the Cathedral, followed by rosary walk to the Capitol. At 12noon, the MCCL program will begin. Bus will stop for a lunch (your cost) on the return trip. Hold your spot by contacting Michael Holmstrom at 763-645-9701 or Frank Patterson at 612-616-1433 or register online at: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C48A9AE29A13-47004938-mnmarch#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C48A9AE29A13-47004938-mnmarch#/</a>.

#### 2024 CANA DINNER — GET YOUR TICKETS!

#### Saturday, January 27th | 6:00pm | Parish Hall

Enjoy a night to celebrate your marriage with a dinner and be inspired to re-ignite your marital vows. Reception doors open at 6:00pm (after 5:00pm Mass) with dinner served

at 6:30pm. After dinner, couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage vows and enjoy a talk from guest speaker, Andrew Lang (Headmaster of Holy Spirit Academy, Monticello). Tickets are \$50 per couple. Register after Masses this weekend, scan the QR Code or go online to: <a href="mailto:stfrancisxavierbuffa-lo.wufoo.com/forms/cana-dinner">stfrancisxavierbuffa-lo.wufoo.com/forms/cana-dinner</a>.

#### 2024 SHARING & CARING HANDS DATES

Six times in 2024, STFX parishioners will prepare, deliver and serve an afternoon meal to the needy at Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis. 2024 dates: February 20th, April 16th, June 18th, August 20th, October 15th and December 17th. All dates are on Tuesdays.

Almighty God, You promised to welcome with joy those who feed You, clothed You, visited You, sheltered You, and gave You drink. Inspire us to also help those in need and see Your face when I encounter them. Amen.

#### WATCH FORMED AT HOME OR ON THE GO

Don't forget to check out *FORMED*, *the* FREE Catholic resource for STFX Parishioners. Whether at home or on the go, *FORMED* has 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 & enter our unique parish code: 07d3b3

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### OUR BROTHERS KEEPER NEWS & NOTES

The STFX Parish *Our Brothers Keeper* group appreciates and thanks Wright-Hennepin Electric Trust for a \$1,500.00 grant to be used for bedding materials. They also want to thank everyone that has donated fabric to make bedrolls for the homeless. Bless you all!

Our Brothers Keeper is also looking for more hands to continue this great work of mercy. Please join them to "construct comfort" on Thursdays from 9:00-11:00am in the Parish Hall. We need <u>your</u> help!



#### HELP PURCHASE STATUE FOR CHURCH

Join the Knights of Columbus in beautifying the entrance to our church with a statue of Blessed Father Michael McGivney. Our goal of \$22,000 will help fill the former basement doorway with a beautiful bronze likeness of him. Due to the kindness of an anonymous donor, all donations will be MATCHED. Donations can be placed in the collection basket (marked "Statue Campaign") or brought to the Parish Office. Please note: Checks should be made out to the Knights of Columbus.

Father McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus already has one miracle recognized through his intercession involving an unborn child in the United

States who, in 2015, was healed in utero from a life-threatening condition after prayers were said by his family to Father McGivney.

Questions about the statue? Call Rob Nosbush at 763-682-2371. Find more info. about the life and works of Blessed Michael McGivney found at <u>fathermcgivney.org</u>.

# FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS



#### WINTER FAITH CAMP — HIGH SCHOOL EVENT

#### February 23rd-25th | Camp Victory, Zumbro Falls

All high school youth are invited to attend Winter Faith Camp. It's a fun get-away for high school youth! We offer great talks, awesome music,



interesting discussions, and powerful encounters with Our Lord in Confession, Mass and Adoration! Other activities include: Snow tubing, Broom ball and hockey. The cost for Winter Faith Camp is \$225. Register at <a href="https://stfxb.faithenroll.net/">https://stfxb.faithenroll.net/</a>. Create an account (if you don't have one), then register.

Adults: We need chaperones — Please contact Debbie!

#### SOULED OUT — MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT

Friday, January 19th | 7:00-10:00pm 5th-8th Grade | STFX Education Center



Come for fun, food, friends, and Jesus! And it's free!

#### EXTREME FAITH CAMP 2024



For All 6th-8th Grade Youth June 10th-14th, 2024

Join us for a week-long camp filled with Extreme fun! Get ready for your summer to have a new highlight!

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

### **AREA & ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**



#### LEARN ABOUT SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

# January 29th | 6:30pm | St. Albert Parish Center January 30th | 8:30am | St. Albert Church

Who Are We? What Do We Do? — Would you like to learn more about what the Society of St. Vincent de Paul does to serve our community? Have you ever wondered how you can be the hands and feet of Christ serving others in our area? If you are interested in learning more about becoming an Active, Associate, or Contributing Member of our local conference or a SVdP Store volunteer, please mark your calendar!

The local Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference is hoping that you will consider becoming a volunteer and part of our St. Francis of Assisi Conference, serving the eastern Wright County communities, including Buffalo. If you have questions or can't make the meeting but would like to know more, please call Jeanne Van Drasek 612-968-3551.

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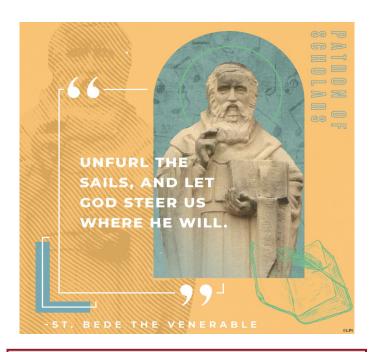
Cappella is a new University of Mary choir made up of skilled student musicians who have a special devotion to sacred music. They are scholarshipped like college athletes to come and sing sacred music at the University of Mary. They are accepting auditions from students until February 19th. More information found at <a href="https://www.cappellaumary.com">www.cappellaumary.com</a>.

#### 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: <a href="mailto:archspm.org/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-marian-route">archspm.org/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-marian-route</a>





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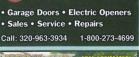
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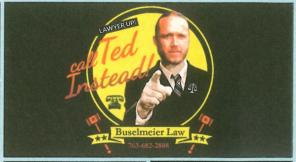
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