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"The Day of the Dead" — William Adolphe Bouguereau (1825-1905)

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

Monday: Eph 2:19-22 | Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 | Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 | Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 | Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9 | Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 | Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20 | Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 | Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 | Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 | 1 Jn 3:1-3 | Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 4:7-14 | Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21 | Rom 5:17-21 | Mt 11:25-30

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6 | Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2) | Heb 7:23-28 | Mk 12:28b-34

### **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 OPPORTUNITIES

### **Adoration Chapel**

Located at Faith & Education Center in Parish Office entrance

Open Daily: 5:30am-9:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration available Wednesday (10:00am) — Friday (5:00pm)

### Church

Saturdays: 3:30-4:50pm Sundays: 7:30-8:20am

### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Call the Parish Office to schedule

### Sacrament of Marriage: Contact at least 6 months in advance

### Baptism Preparation Class:

Third Thursday of January, March, May, July, September & November 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. Austin Barnes, please call 763-684-0075 and press option 6

# FROM FATHER'S DESK

Father Austin Barnes



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

### All Souls Day & A Month Praying for the Dead

It is only a few months since your husband or wife died, or perhaps your parents who lived with you, or maybe it was your child. You get up from the sofa in the living room to go to the kitchen, and for a split second you think you see him or her. Then you remember, "No, Mom passed away two months ago." Or you go to Grandpa and Grandma's house. Only Grandma is not there; she passed away recently. But in an unguarded moment, in the blink of an eye, with a quick glance, you think you see her there.

These are common occurrences. Certain places or events can trigger our memory in such a powerful way that the person we remember seems present. Now, some people will say, "Mom's gone." or "She's just a memory, but she isn't here anymore," and do their best to move on with life. We Christians do more than that, though. Much more. For us Christians the everyday event of sensing the presence of our departed loved ones reminds us of a wonderful reality: our loved ones still live. The flashback to their presence in our lives often leads us to say a prayer for them. Perhaps we might say, "May she rest in peace, united to the Lord forever in the peace of Christ."

Why do we pray for our deceased loved ones? Why do we have this celebration today, the Commemoration of All Souls? Why do we dedicate the month of November to praying for the dead? Why do we have funeral Masses? We do all these things because we believe in the power of prayer. We believe that our continual entreaty to God to bring our loved ones to peace will prepare them to bear the fullness of His Love in heaven. We pray because we believe in love. We believe that true love, the love that flows from God and returns to Him, true love remains forever. We sincerely loved the members of our family, our friends and all who have died. And we still love them. This love which is looking for nothing other than to express itself as sacrificial love. It is loving as Jesus loved. We are not expecting anything in return. We just want to express our love for others. We do this through prayer.

Some of our loved ones are not ready to enter His Presence. The results of their sins are still affecting them. Just like an arm broken many years ago still hurts when the weather changes, the deceased who is forgiven his or her sins still suffers the result of the sin. But God's love is motivated by the love this person inspired in others, seen in their constant prayer. These prayers lead Him to heal the results of sin, or as we say in the terminology of the Church, to free them from Purgatory. This was presented beautifully and succinctly by Dante Alighieri in the second book of the Divine Comedy, *The Purgatorio*. There he presents the souls in purgatory as holding themselves back from climbing the mountain of God until they can accept the fulness of His Love. They are dependent on the prayers of their loved ones still on earth to prepare them to receive the fire of God's love.

The power of prayer is far greater, infinitely greater than we could ever imagine. Often when we pray, we call on the strength of the Almighty One to perform an action beyond our capabilities, but not beyond His. In the month of November we pray that the Lord heals the wounds of all who are not yet ready to enter the fulness of His presence. May they be healed. May any part of their lives that have been closed to Love be completely open to the Presence of God.

So, we pray in a special way these days for our deceased parents, spouses, children, relatives, and friends. We know that they were good people. But we also know that they were people. We want them to be capable of receiving the full blast of God's love; so we pray for them. We celebrate funeral Masses, for that is the prayer of Jesus on the Cross for the deceased, the greatest prayer we could offer. We have additional Masses said for our loved ones throughout the year. We remember them in our daily prayers. And we pray for them particularly on today, All Souls Day, and throughout the month of November.

We are all united in the Community of the Church. We are united to the saints in their triumph. We are united with the souls in purgatory in their preparation for triumph. And the saints in heaven and the souls in purgatory are united with us in our efforts to make Christ a reality in our world.

"I will reject no one who comes to me," the Lord says in the Gospel of John (6:37). We trust in the God who loves us to care for us and our loved ones in life and in death. And so we pray, "May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."

On All Souls Day, priests are invited to celebrate three Masses, and the faithful are invited to attend and receive Holy Communion three times. Here at Saint Francis, we will observe this tradition:

8:00 am Mass - For the repose of all the faithful departed

11:00 am Mass (Remembrance Mass) - For the repose of all those who have died this year

5:00 pm Mass\* - For the Pope's Intentions (Reparation for Masses not celebrated in which stipends were received)

\*A special note that this Mass will still fulfill ones Sunday obligation.



### STFX SCHOOL NEWS



All Saints Day Mass Celebration

As a school and parish family we will come together to celebrate All Saints Day.

Mass will held at the church Friday, November 1 @ 9:30 am

\*no school Mass on Wednesday 10/30



St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Third Graders

invite local Veterans for a

# VETERANS DAY Program

Please join us as we celebrate and thank you for your service to our country!

Friday, November 8, 2024 1:00pm

St. Francis Xavier School 219 19th St. NW ~ Buffalo, MN

Refreshments will be served following the program.

### UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, October 27th

6:30-8:00pm Souled Out (5th-6th Grade Youth Night) School

Friday, November 1st

9:30am All Saints Day School Mass (No School Mass on 10/30) Church

Monday, November 4th

NO SCHOOL (End of 1st Quarter)

### School Office Hours:

Monday through 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

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### PRAY FOR OUR PARISH VOCATIONS

Father Alex Rasset (Diocesan Priest)

Andrew Scherber (Apostolic Life)

Sophia Nikula (Religious Life)

Deacon Mitchell Kendrioski

Teaching Parish Seminarian (Diocesan Priesthood)

Loving God, we ask you to guide those who are on their journey to serving you through the priesthood or religious life. Hold them close to your heart, especially during difficult or troubled times. May they feel our prayerful support. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Danielson
Joan Raisanen
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Karah Jacobson
Rose Voda
Phyllis Cross
Elizabeth Lindholm
Bennett Pattison

### MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

 October 20, 2024 Collection:
 \$10,559.41

 September 2024 Budget:
 \$77,068.85

 September 2024 Actual:
 \$74,400.06

 September 2023 Actual:
 \$62,236.59

### STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Mondays

Tuesday, October 29th

6:30pm (C) †Toivo Kangas

Wednesday, October 30th

9:00am (C) †Will Edward Gullickson

Thursday, October 31st

8:00am (C) †Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:30pm (C) †Tracey Foede & †Ben Foede

Friday, November 1st (All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation)

9:30am (C) †Dee Hance

5:00pm (C) Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, November 2nd (All Souls Day)

8:00am (C) †For All Souls

11:00am (C) †Deceased Parishioners of STFX Church

5:00pm (C) For Intentions of the Holy Father

Sunday, November 3rd (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30am (C) †Vern Peters

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

### ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS MASS SCHEDULE

All Saints Day (Holy Day) | Friday, November 1st All Souls Day | Saturday, November 2nd

<u>Friday, November 1st (All Saints Day — Holy Day):</u> Thursday, October 31st: 5:30pm Vigil Mass Friday: 9:30am (School Mass) & 5:00pm

<u>Saturday, November 2nd (All Souls Day):</u> 8:00am, 11:00am (Remembrance Mass) & 5:00pm\*

All Masses will be located at the Church.

\*Note: This Mass also fulfills Sunday obligation.

### RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!

Jolie Jean Serrato

(Daughter of Matthew & Susan Serrato)

Ashleigh Caitlyn Carlos Bart (Daughter of John & Apple Bart)

### NEW MEMBER PIZZA PARTY

### Sunday, November 10th Following 10:30am Mass | Parish Hall



God's Gift

Are you new to St. Francis Xavier or still feel new since joining our parish over the past few years? The STFX Hospitality & Welcoming Committee would like to invite you to a newcomer pizza party! Come eat some delicious pizza and enjoy fellowship with other new church members! If interested, please RSVP to Kathy Kuzma at 612-850-2030 or kathykuzma@gmail.com.

### "BABY BOTTLE FOR LIFE" PROGRAM

### Your Loose Change Can Change a Life

October is Respect Life month and the St. Francis Xavier Council of Catholic Women would like to ask for your help in raising money for Pro-Life organizations. Baby bottles are available at each of the entrances of Church. Please take one and fill the bottle with coins/cash/checks (made out to CCW) and return it to the collection basket located in the Gathering Space of the Church by Thursday, October 31st.

Questions? Please call Lois Pahl at 612-532-8516.

### **BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS**

Articles are due on Tuesday (12noon) on Tuesday for the upcoming weekend's bulletin. Please submit articles to Travis at <a href="mailto:travis.nelson@stfxb.org">travis.nelson@stfxb.org</a>.



# PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

### COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING

### This Tuesday, October 29th | Parish Hall

The next Council of Catholic Women general meeting is being held on Tuesday, October 29th, in the Parish Hall following the 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. Have you ever considered being an officer for the CCW? If so, we have a couple of opportunities for you to help. If interested, please call Lois Pahl at 612-532-8516.

### JOIN FR. BARNES ON PILGRIMAGE



# FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHTS

Due to the increase in attendance over the last 2 years, our Middle School Youth groups have been split into two events. Night FX (Grades 7 & 8) will be on one Friday per month from 7:00-9:30pm and Souled Out (Grades 5 & 6) will be on one Sunday per month from 6:30-8:00pm. All events will be at STFX School. 2024-2025 dates below.

### Night FX (7th & 8th Graders) Fridays, 7:00-9:30pm 2024: October 25 & November 15 2025: January 17, February 28, March 21,

April 11 & May 2

Souled Out (5th & 6th Graders) Sundays, 6:30-8:00pm 2024: October 27 & November 17 2025: January 19, March 2, March 23

& April 27





### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Volunteer Assistants needed to help with Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes on Thursdays 12:00-1:00pm and Fridays 12:00-1:00pm at St. Francis Xavier School. If you would like to help children know Jesus and love His church, please contact Debbie at 763-489-9224 or debbie.gladitsch@stfxb.org.

### SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

### **Every Recycled Can Counts!**

The youth group can recycle you cans for you and earn some money for youth activities! Bring your aluminum and place them in the can trailer located in gated area by garage behind STFX School.



# **AREA & ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

### UPCOMING MOVIE EVENT — RADIATING JOY: THE MICHELLE DUPPONG STORY

### Tuesday, November 12th | Various Area Movie Theatres

Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story is the story of Servant of God Michelle Duppong, who bore witness to Christ through heroic suffering and a passion for inviting others to be transformed by His love. The film, directed by Danny Anderson, tells the story of Michelle's beautiful and faith-filled life, especially during her diagnosis, treatment, and death. In June 2022, Bishop David Kagan of Bismarck, North Dakota, announced the opening of the diocesan phase of investigation into Michelle's life, which could lead to her beatification and canonization.



Trailer Link: <a href="https://youtu.be/RsGUK0S57]w?si=r5pmssuxikUxhRY0">https://youtu.be/RsGUK0S57]w?si=r5pmssuxikUxhRY0</a>
For Tickets: <a href="https://www.fathomevents.com/events/radiating-jov-the-michelle-duppong-story/">https://www.fathomevents.com/events/radiating-jov-the-michelle-duppong-story/</a>

### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS CONTINUED





# LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF MINNESOTA ON THE 2024 ELECTION

### **DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

As we approach the 2024 election, we encourage you to reflect on the virtue of faithful citizenship. As Catholics, our spiritual life and public life are not separate. Rather, our prayer and sacramental life informs our conscience, guides our actions, and sustains us in our efforts to build a just society.

In our representative form of government, voting remains a significant responsibility. Those we elect to office make critical decisions on our behalf, and therefore, we should participate in the electoral process with informed consciences, nurtured by prayer.

As faithful citizens, the principles of Catholic Social Teaching are the foundation for discerning how to vote and advocate for policies that promote the common good. The Church's social teaching reflects the Gospel's call to love our neighbor, promote the common good, and uphold the dignity of every human person. These principles give Catholics the tools to live out our personal call to holiness despite the challenges of modern society and to share the truths of the faith. Understanding current issues through the mind of the Church informs our conscience to vote and act accordingly. Although national elections draw much attention, state and local politics directly impact the quality of life of our families and communities. Therefore, our engagement at the local level is vital.

As we discern our choices, let us remember that no candidate is likely to align fully with our positions. And although we may not find a presidential candidate, for example, who aligns with all our values, that is not an excuse to abstain from voting altogether. There is a full ballot of candidates, each with the potential to shape our communities and our future.

As we prepare to vote, let us consider the following when evaluating candidates:

### At All Levels:

- Who will work to protect life from the moment of conception?
- Who will respect the liberty of the Church and the rights of all believers to practice their faith?
- Who will defend the rights of free speech and assembly, necessary for a properly functioning democracy?

#### At the Federal Level:

- Who will promote peace among nations and reject the escalation of violence as a means of conflict resolution?
- Who will exercise fiscal responsibility and avoid burdening families with inflation and debt?
- Who will work for a just and comprehensive immigration policy that respects the wellbeing of both American citizens and migrants?

### At the State Level:

- Who will oppose the legalization of assisted suicide?
- Who will promote economic security for families, including access to housing?
- Who will uphold the rights of parents and support parental choice in education?
- Who will steward our state's natural resources responsibly?

### At the Local Level:

- Who will advocate for public safety that protects citizens, respects victims, and offers restoration opportunities for offenders?
- Who will ensure harmful materials are kept out of public libraries?









MINNESOTA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE www.mncatholic.org/election2024

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Bishop Andrew Cozzens Bisho

Diocese of Crookston

**Bishop Chad Zielinsk**i Diocese of New Ulm **Bishop Daniel Felton**Diocese of Duluth

**Bishop Patrick Neary**Diocese of Saint Cloud

**Bishop Robert Barron**Diocese of Winona-Rochester

**Bishop Michael Izen**Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese

### AUXILIARY BISHOP EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

Most Reverend Kevin Thomas Kenney This Monday, October 28th | 1:00pm Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul

Pope Francis has named Father Kevin Thomas Kenney as an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese. All are invited to his episcopal ordination at the Cathedral or livestream it at:



https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseSPM

### UPCOMING KING'S HOUSE RETREATS

Men's Silent Weekend Retreat | November 1st-3rd Women's Silent Midweek Retreat | November 5th-7th

Begin or continue the tradition of an annual retreat by attending a silent retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center here in Buffalo. Take this opportunity to grow in your relationship with God, the Father through the experience of this year's theme "Do This in Memory of Me". Retreat includes Mass, personal prayer time, Reconciliation, Scriptural Rosary and a healing service. Cost: \$50 deposit at registration and suggested donation of \$195 (includes 2 overnights, private accommodations and 5 meals). Register online at <a href="https://www.kingshouse.com">www.kingshouse.com</a>. If hesitant to register due to financial restrictions, call 763-682-1394 to register.



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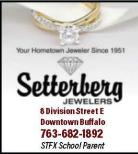




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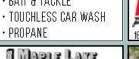


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