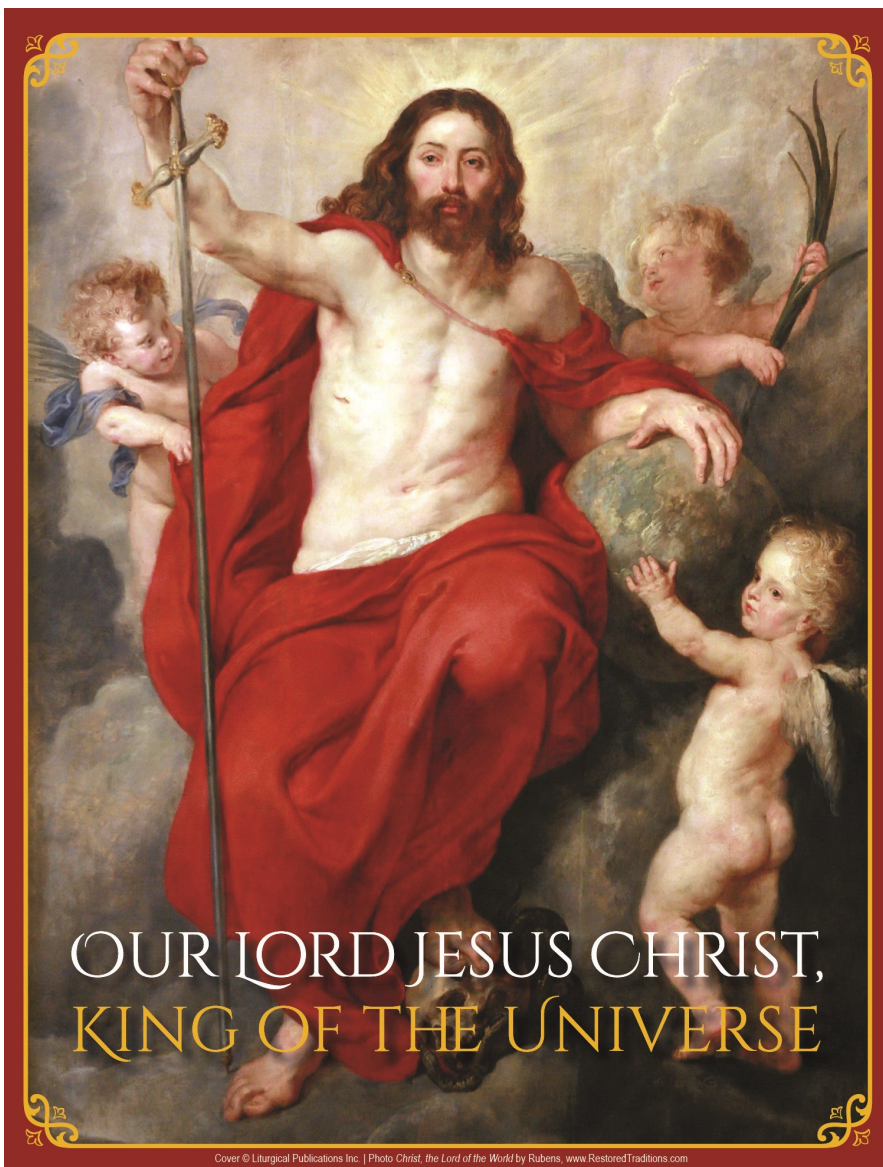




NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 | Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 | Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19 | Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 | Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 | Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a | Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 | Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2 | Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a | Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7 | Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab | Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 2:1-5 | Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Rom 13:11-14 | Mt 24:37-44

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*

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture



It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

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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

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STFX SCHOOL NEWS

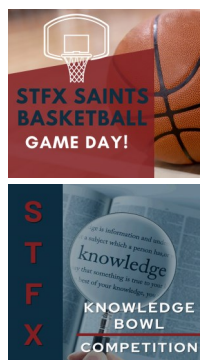
GO SAINTS! WE'RE ROOTING FOR YOU!

Good Luck to the St. Francis Xavier School Basketball Teams and Knowledge Bowl as They Begin Competitions

Basketball: The STFX boys and girls basketball teams will compete against area private schools. Good luck STFX teams!

Knowledge Bowl: 5th-8th Grade students compete with other teams in local competitions. STFX will be hosting a Knowledge Bowl Meet on Monday, November 21st. The Knowledge Bowl Meet is open to the public, so come and support our STFX teams.

Thank you students for sharing your gifts with others through these activities.



IT'S ROLLER SKATING TIME AT STFX SCHOOL!

St. Francis Xavier School students are enjoying a special unit in Physical Education—roller skating! Students have the opportunity to practice their skating skills during PE classes for the month of November. Middle School Students also enjoyed a special Skate Night event. It's a great opportunity for students to learn a skill that can lead them to a life of fitness and fun!



School Office Hours:

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

School Contact Information

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

Administrative Assistant:

Shelly Barthel
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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.

STFX SCHOOL WISHES YOU A
**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

REMINDER: NO SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23-
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25





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)

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 loving and prayerful support. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

November 13, 2022 Collection: \$15,297.00

Our parish is grateful for your support. Thank you!

STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Mondays

Tuesday, November 22nd (St. Cecilia)
 6:30pm (C) †Edna Knoblauch

Wednesday, November 23rd (St. Clement I, St. Columban)
 9:00am (C) †Toivo & †Katie Kangas

Thursday, November 24th
 (St. Andrew Dung Lac & Companions; Thanksgiving Day)
 9:00am (C) †Mary Ann Niesen

Friday, November 25th (St. Catherine of Alexandria)
 8:00am (C) †Jon Lambrecht

Saturday, November 26th
 8:00am (C) †Thomas & †Bertha Rancour
 5:00pm (C) †Gene Stensland

Sunday, November 27th (1st Sunday of Advent)
 8:30am (C) †Deceased Catholic United Financial Members
 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

THANKSGIVING WEEK NEWS

Thanksgiving Day Mass | Church
Thursday, November 24th | 9:00am

Please join us for Mass as we give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us!

Parish Office Closed November 23rd-25th
 Happy Thanksgiving from the STFX Parish Staff!



COMMUNITY FESTIVAL OF THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, November 23rd | 7:30pm
Zion Lutheran Church, Buffalo

Enjoy this faith-filled festival, which will feature anthems of thanks and praise! Musicians from many churches, including St. Francis Xavier, will be present to provide music for the whole family. For those that can't join in person, KRWC Radio (AM 1360) will be broadcasting the festival live on November 23rd and will re-broadcast it at 11:00am on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th.

OPEN ADORATION HOURS

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



What Do I Do During Adoration? Just sit and be at peace with Jesus | Read Scripture or a religious book | Pray a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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

THANKSGIVING ADORATION UPDATE

During the Thanksgiving holiday, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed from 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 23rd through Friday, November 25th. However, the chapel will still be open for those that want to visit the chapel and pray during the Thanksgiving week and weekend.



FREE SNOW SHOVELING THIS WINTER

The Knights Are Here to Help!

If you are elderly or physically unable to shovel your sidewalk or driveway, the KC's shovel crew is ready to help! They show up every snowfall without you needing to call. Contact Travis in the Parish Office at 763-684-0075 to get set-up for the winter.

Please note: We are volunteers and do have day jobs. With the uncertainty of snowfall end times and amounts, we do our best to shovel within 24 hours after snowfall ends. Thank you for your patience!





PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BABY BOTTLES

Bottle Return Deadline Has Passed

Fill the bottle with coins, cash, or checks (made out to CCW) and return it to the parish office. Thank you for support in extending a "Gift of Life" for all the unborn. Questions? Please call Lois Pahl at 612-532-8516.



KC'S CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Tree Lot Opens on Black Friday!

The Knights of Columbus will again be selling Christmas Trees this year. Tree sales start on Black Friday, November 25th from 9:00am to 8:00pm. Then the lot will be open each week until trees are gone during following hours:



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

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).

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 (612-418-8155) or Teresa Langton (763-370-3366).

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING

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

Join us for Mass at 6:30pm, followed by the meeting and refreshments in the Parish Hall. Please bring a check or cash donation for the Buffalo Food Shelf. If you have questions or comments, please call Marcia Endres (763-682-2090), Judy Weldele (763-682-1983) or Lois Pahl (612-532-8516).



4TH ANNUAL
BUFFALO FARM TOY SHOW!!



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.



ST. TIMOTHY MEN'S MORNING EVENT

Saturday, November 26th | St. Tim's, Maple Lake
8:00am Mass Followed by Breakfast & Speaker

All men are invited to the 3rd annual "Men's Morning". This event is open to fathers, grandfathers, sons, single men... all are invited! Our keynote speaker this year is Jeff Cavins. He is an author, podcaster, speaker, and the creator of the popular Great Adventure Bible Study series. He is also a past host of EWTN's "Life on the Rock". There will be Mass at 8:00am, followed by a continental breakfast. Jeff Cavins will speak at 9:15am, with confessions available at 10:00am. No registration is required.

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 contact gina@canafamilyinstitute.com or 763-391-0205. Register before November 25th for the discounted price of \$25.00.

ABUNDANCE IN LIFE & DEATH

Saturday, November 26th | 9:00am-3:30pm
Holy Family Catholic Church, St. Louis Park

Members of the St. Joseph Business Guild will be helping conduct a workshop/retreat aimed at offering practical, pastoral, and real support to those in our community who face the challenges that come with aging and dying. Come together with others in similar circumstances, and hear from a group of experts in their fields. Leverage the power of community to help you chart a course and make the latter years that you and your loved ones share abundant! Cost is \$49.00.

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.

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 Father Dufner, Pastor of The Church of the Epiphany, 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.

CATHOLIC Q & A: PUBLIC LIFE



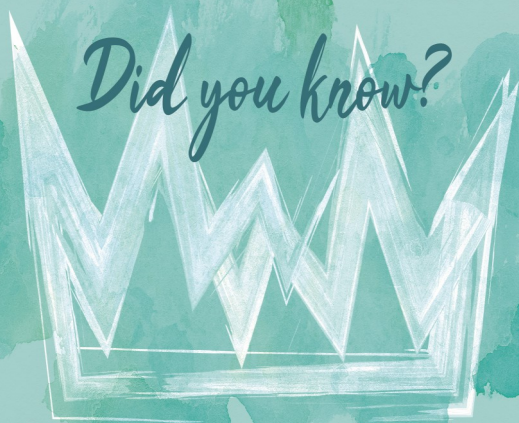
Question: If we have a separation of church and state, how should faith influence the way we act in society, especially for those who have a role in the government?

Answer: No matter who we are, our inner lives affect the way we interact with the world. In the United States, we have freedom of religion. That means there is no official state-sanctioned religion. This does not mean that our faith is a private affair with no impact on public life! We have the ability to freely exercise our religious beliefs in accord with our conscience. Not only do we have the option to do so, but we also have the responsibility.

We're called to imitate Christ in every area of our life, not compartmentalize our faith. This means acting with respect and honoring the common humanity all we encounter. It means recognizing the person behind the politics. It also means standing up for the truth of human life and dignity, and advocating for just policies that serve the common good. The Vatican has produced a "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church." It contains more detailed exposition of how our Catholic faith relates to various aspects of public life.

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The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

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