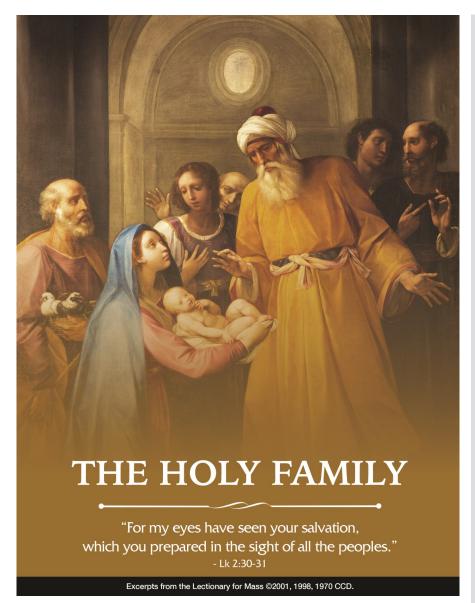


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NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: Nm 6:22-27 | Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a) | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 | Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 | Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 | Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10 | Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 | Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21 | Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 | Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 | Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 | Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 | Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

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



The news of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith's declaration *Fiducia supplicans* has created a number of news stories and questions among Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Indeed, my phone was blowing up with questions and comments from other priests, friends, parishioners, and family within hours of the media reporting on this document. One thing I have noticed is that a great many people—including priests—formed their opinions on this news without actually reading the document in question first. I took time to read *Fiducia supplicans* as well as some theological analysis about it. While the world is interested in focusing on the hot button issues connected with this document—that is to say, its purported openness to blessing same-sex couples or couples in invalid marriages—I actually have been more curious about its implicit ideas on papal authority (something that I have seen only one article address).

In order to help bring a more theologically vigorous understanding of *Fiducia supplicans* and both what it does and does not say, I have decided to offer a "town hall" of sorts. The point of this gathering will not be for people to come and share their own opinions, but rather to help encourage those who attend to learn how to read Church documents carefully and completely by offering a detailed analysis of *Fiducia supplicans* and explaining the exact weight of this document in relation to other Magisterial documents. I will be happy to field questions as part of the event, but the majority of the time would be a presentation on the document and how we are to understand it in light of the Church's clear teachings on sexual morality as well as the practice of offering blessings. I also will take some time to tease out the questions about papal authority that also are tied into this document.

In order to accommodate various schedules, I will be offering this presentation twice. The first option for people to attend will be Thursday, January 18th in Parish Hall following the 8:00am morning Mass. The second option will be on Sunday, January 21st again in Parish Hall at 1:00pm. For those who are either excited or concerned about what they have heard about this document, I encourage you to attend one of these sessions and invite others who you think will find a careful, considered evaluation of the declaration valuable for their own growth in the Catholic faith.

In Christ, Fr. Meyers

Don't forget to check out *FORMED*, the FREE Catholic resource for STFX Parishioners, to find out many videos, books and audio recordings to help your family learn and deepen our understanding of the Catholic Church and how



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

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School Office Hours:

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Weekly School Liturgy: Wednesday - 9:00am

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, January 1st

NO SCHOOL (Christmas/Winter Break)

Tuesday, January 2nd

School Resumes

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)

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
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STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Monday, January 1st (Mary, Mother of God) NO MASS (Not a Holy Day in 2024)

Tuesday, January 2nd (Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen) 6:30pm (C) Joanne Schumacher

Wednesday, January 3rd (Most Holy Name of Jesus) 9:00am (S) †Michael Holland

Thursday, January 4th (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

8:00am (C) †Ann Sidwell

Friday, January 5th (St. John Neumann) 8:00am (C) †Barbara Crave

Saturday, January 6th (St. Andre Bessette)

8:00am (C) †Jerry Kelly

5:00pm (C) †Ralph Robasse

Sunday, January 7th (The Epiphany of the Lord)

8:30am (C) †Marcella Willems

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

IN MEMORIAM

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



Bob Gartner

Roger Swanson

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

RECENT BAPTISM

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!

Haisley Jean Schoenecker (Daughter of Nathan & Kelsie Schoenecker)

JANUARY 1ST HOLY DAY NEWS

Because the Holy Day (Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God) falls on Monday, your obligation to attend Mass is abrogated.



Please Note: The Parish Office will still be closed in honor of the Holy Day and New Years holiday.

WHAT DID THE CHURCH SAY? PRESENTATION

Thursday, January 18th (following the 8:00am Mass) or Sunday, January 21st (1:00pm) Both Presentations Will Be 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 at St. Francis Xavier School. 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 (https://stfxb.org/) 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.

PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

CANA DINNER — SAVE THE DATE!

2024 CANA DINNER

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH FOLLOWING 5:00PM MASS

Guest Speaker: Andrew Lang (Headmaster of Holy Spirit Academy) \$50 per couple

Tickets on sale weekend of January 6/7
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UNBORN BABY ADOPTION PROGRAM

Happy Birthday Spiritually Adopted Baby!

Your spiritually adopted baby will be born soon - nine months after its mother conceived him/her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. The baby is no different now than before birth except that it breathes and eats differently. This baby is truly a miracle! Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers may have saved its life.

We will end our Spiritually Adopted Baby program with a "baby shower" for Options for Women|Cornerstone Pregnancy Resource Center in St. Michael in January. Watch the bulletin for more information.

SHARING AND CARING HANDS



The next upcoming meal will be Tuesday, January 20th. Please consider helping with this great work. If you cannot physically help, please remember to pray for the success of this and other organizations that minister to the poor and homeless.

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." —St. Teresa of Avila



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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 https://stfxb.faithenroll.net/. Create an account (if you don't have one), then register.

<u>Adults:</u> We need chaperones — Please contact Debbie!

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!

CAMP BLAZE 2024

July 9th-11th, 2024



Current 1st-5th graders—Participate in engaging talks, fun games, attend Mass, Adoration, Confession and more!

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

AREA & ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



WAVERLY KC'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 14th | 8:00-11:00am Waverly KC Hall | 301 5th St N, Waverly

Enjoy a pancake breakfast with your friends and family! Serving pancakes, (regular and blueberry), french toast, sausage, eggs, coffee, milk and juice. A takeout is available. Free will offering at the door. Proceeds going towards KC Hall maintenance.

C.O.F. COURT 1560 OMELET BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 14th | 8:30am-12Noon Delano American Legion | 240 Babcock Blvd. West

Bring your family and friends to an Omelet Breakfast at the Delano American Legion hosted by Catholic Order of Foresters Court 1560. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-10 and Free for children under 5 years old. Tickets available at the St. Max Parish or School Offices (Delano), calling Brian Marketon (612-269-9542) or at the door. This is a matching fund event with all proceeds going to St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic School.

CATHOLIC Q & A: SERVANT SONGS

Question: What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

Answer: The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile. Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others. Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.

BIBLICAL CITIZENSHIP IN MODERN AMERICA

Eight Week Series Beginning Sunday, January 14th 6:30-8:30pm | St. Albert Parish Center Dining Hall 5700 Lander Ave. NE, Albertville

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ARCHDIOCESAN 2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men of Christ—Rising Daily in Discipleship Saturday, March 23rd | 9:00am-3:00pm Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount

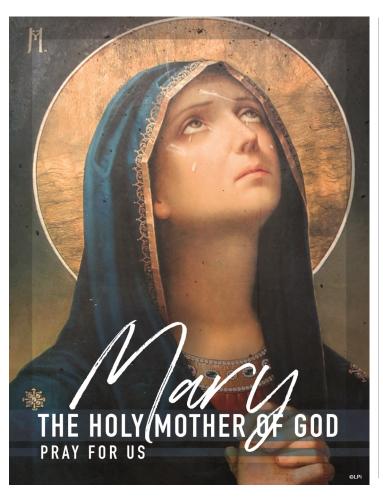
Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke-Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day that will include talks by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Izen. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will celebrate Mass. Early Bird registration is open! Scan the QR Code to register. For more info., call 651-291-4488; email flomos@archspm.org.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

May 19th-July 16th | Marian Route

Starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, four processions starting at different locations around the country will begin and end at the Eucharistic Congress. The route coming through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is the Marian Route, which departs from the headwaters of the Mississippi, and will descend through the midwestern United States. Learn more about the stops, Perpetual Pilgrim opportunity, and more info. at: archspm.org/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-marian-route







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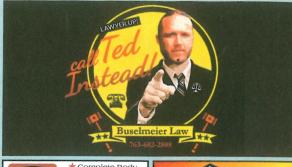
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