



## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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### NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab | Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 | 1 Cor 15:20-27 | Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10 | Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab | Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11 | Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 | Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28 | Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 | Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14 | Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab | Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 | Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21 | Ps 117:1, 2 | Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 | Lk 13:22-30

### 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 (Northside 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*

# FROM FATHER'S DESK

Father Nathaniel Meyers



We are once again taking up our Do Unto Others collection this weekend, which has been a part of our parish for five years now. Our first Do Unto Others collection occurred in September 2017 and, since that time, we have supported a wide variety of organizations locally, statewide, and nationally. The money that so many of our parishioners have generously contributed to these organizations has made a true difference in their ability to provide needs to the homeless, sick, hungry, and others on the margins of society (such as those with Down's Syndrome, for example). I consider the Do Unto Others collection to be among the most wonderful things that our parish does to preach and live the Gospel.

In just the past few months, we have been able to use the percentage of our Do Unto Others collection that goes to emergency needs to help people as they deal with unexpected developments in their life as well as those being hurt most acutely by the economic challenges of our world. We have been able to contribute to housing people who have been in dangerous situations as well as to support a family deep in mourning at a sudden tragedy that created a major financial burden for them. The donations to Do Unto Others make a real difference in the lives of people, so I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone for making it such a wonderful work of mercy in our parish.

It is interesting that our currency regularly has the phrase "In God We Trust" on it. Perhaps someday this will be dropped from our money, but I hope we keep it on our money as it offers a great perspective on how to look at material wealth. The money we have is ultimately a way in which we are called to participate in God's work—whether by providing for our family or donating to a charity or purchasing products to promote the common good. As such, we should discern wisely how to use our money and ultimately realize that the best use of it is one that is marked by a deep trust in God. By giving to those who in no way will ever pay us back, we are announcing a great trust in the good God will do through that charitable gift.

In Christ,  
Fr. Meyers

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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

## Parish Contact Information

### Pastor:

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# STFX SCHOOL NEWS

*Traditionis Custodes — "Guardians of Tradition"*

## 2022-2023 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM OPTIONS

### Encouraging Play, Discovery, & Creativity in a Faith-Filled Environment

STFX School offers a variety of preschool programs for children beginning at age 3. We strongly believe that all children are uniquely made by God and our classrooms focus on growing in God's love. Through our *Faithful Beginnings* program, students receive a high-quality preschool education in a faith-filled environment.

Each program option strives to provide experiences to stimulate the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social growth of each child in a relaxed environment. Preschool students will take part in project-based learning, art expression, technology, music classes and physical education.



#### Half Day Options:

<b>Explorers (Ages 3 &amp; 4)</b> Tuesday & Thursday 9:00-11:30am or 12:30-3:00pm	<b>Pathfinders (Ages 4 &amp; 5)</b> Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00-11:30am or 12:30-3:00pm	<b>Navigators (Ages 4 &amp; 5)</b> Monday through Friday 9:00-11:30am or 12:30-3:00pm
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#### Full Day Options (9:00am-3:00pm):

<b>Trailblazers (4 &amp; 5 Year Olds)</b> Monday, Wednesday & Friday	<b>Voyagers (4 &amp; 5 Year Olds)</b> Monday through Friday
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For more info. about our preschool options, call the school office at 763-489-9228 or go to: <https://school.stfxb.org/academics/preschool>.

## PEACE OF MIND INITIATIVE

Like all schools, St. Francis Xavier School serves students and families who are dealing with anxiety, fear and depression. In our archdiocese, 92% of Catholic school principals identified the need for more time from school counselors in order to respond. Thanks to the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence, we'll be able to better serve our school community with mental health and wellness resources through its **Peace of Mind Initiative**.

St. Francis Xavier School is one of 21 local Catholic schools in this three-year Peace of Mind Partner School Initiative that will help us meet the needs of our school community through specific instruction and individualized solutions with support from CSCOE's partner, Dr. Jules Nolan and her team at Phoenix School Counseling. The goal: Children and adults will gain emotional confidence and grow in competence to handle life's stressors, big and small, in healthy ways.

### As a Peace of Mind Partner School, we will benefit from:

- 1 day per week of school counseling services
- Specialized training
- A grant to host a middle school experience that grows connections between students and parents.
- Family resources such as live presentations, webinars, hand-outs and recommended digital apps to build practical skills and learn new strategies.

Learn more about Peace of Mind at <https://cscoe-mn.org/initiative/peace-of-mind/>.



### School Summer Office Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays:  
8:00 - 11:00am

Appointments outside of these hours can be made by calling the office at 763-489-9228

### School Contact Information

#### Principal:

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#### Administrative

#### Assistant:

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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.

### School Philosophy:

STFX School is dedicated to:

- +Fostering growth in the Catholic Faith.
- +Providing a safe, Christ-centered environment.
- +Developing creative, critical thinking, communication and collaborative skills in the pursuit of true knowledge.
- +Promoting generosity, self-knowledge, and compassion to support the greater good.
- +Instilling a commitment to respond to the needs of others.





## 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)

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Idabelle Davenport	Carolyn Havisto
Mary Danielson	Natalie Fix
Joan Raisanen	Maya Anderson
Lilias Asfeld	Chris Larson
Paul Fladung	Joyce Kurpiers
Mary Ellen Klatt	Jerry Niesen
Rick Briggs	Mary Stevens
William Schouville	Judi Hall
Irmina Holthaus	Veronica Varner
Janice Lee	Chuck Buschel

## OPEN ADORATION HOURS

**Wednesdays:** 2:00am & 3:00am



Contact Doug at 763-682-3277 to fill either hour, to be added to the substitute list or for more info.

## MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

August 7, 2022 Collection: \$16,650.00

Our parish is grateful for your support. Thank you!

## STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

**Monday, August 15th (Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary)**  
 7:00pm (C) Fr. Meyers' Personal Intention

**Tuesday, August 16th (St. Stephen of Hungary)**  
 6:30pm (C) †Chad Dehmer

**Wednesday, August 17th**  
 9:00am (C) †Lomer & †Doris Des Marais

**Thursday, August 18th**  
 8:00am (C) †Reverend Robert E. Keane

**Friday, August 19th (St. John Eudes)**  
 8:00am (C) †Deceased Olson Family Members

**Saturday, August 20th (St. Bernard of Clairvaux)**  
 8:00am (C) †Arvilla Hopkins  
 5:00pm (C) †Thomas & †Bertha Rancour

**Sunday, August 21st (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)**  
 8:30am (C) †Sandy Cich  
 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](mailto:travis.nelson@stfxb.org)

## 2022 SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

**Wednesday Nights | August 17th & 24th**  
**Social: 6:30pm | Presentation: 7:00-8:00pm**  
**Buffalo Rock Winery | 4527 23rd Street SE, Buffalo**

Join the STFX Adult Engagement Committee (AEC) for fellowship, refreshments, and to learn more about the Culture of Life! Light appetizers will be served and wine will be available for purchase. We will meet outside at Buffalo Rock Winery, if weather permits. Below, see the details for the final two events.

**August 17th | Topic: *John Paul II's The Gospel of Life***  
 Presenter: Fr. John Floeder (Director of Human Formation at the St. Paul Seminary)

What is the Gospel's role in building the Culture of Life? St. John Paul II's 1995 encyclical, *Evangelium vitae* ("The Gospel of Life"), is discussed in depth to show how our Catholic faith should engage the world to bring the Gospel's life-saving message to all.

**August 24th | Topic: *From Conception Until Natural Death***  
 Presenter: Fr. Meyers

What is the ultimate purpose of the Culture of Life? In this final topic, we move out of the mere social and political reasons for affirming human dignity in all its forms to consider the spiritual purpose of humanity and its ultimate destiny of Heaven.

## Speaker Series



## LATIN MASS OPPORTUNITY AT STFX

**This Monday, August 15th | 7:00pm | Church Solemnity of the Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary**

STFX Church is offering a special Latin Mass in honor of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year). We will be saying Mass in Latin with the readings and homily being in English.

Worship aids will be provided to help those that attend to participate fully in the Mass. *The St. Michael Hymnal* also has all of the prayers of the Mass in it with both the Latin and English side-by-side, so it will also be a great resource for those who wish to explore the relationship between our vernacular language and Latin (Church's mother tongue).

## KC'S ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Wednesday, September 21st | 1:00-7:00pm**  
**St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall**

Find more information can be found at  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).







# PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

## RECENT BAPTISMS (& NEW CATHOLICS)

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized & New Members to the Catholic Church!



Zayne Thomas Lecy  
Child of Cyal & Kayla Lecy

Brought into Full Communion:  
Braelyn Raedel | Avalyn Lecy  
Coen Lecy | Cadence Lecy  
Siblings of Zayne Lecy

## SHARING AND CARING HANDS



Tuesday, August 16th

This coming Tuesday, STFX parishioners will prepare, deliver and serve an afternoon meal to the homeless and needy at Sharing and Caring Hands. Your help is needed to make bars or cookies (may be dropped off at church basement on Sunday morning or Tuesday morning between 7:00-11:00am), shop, butter bread, make coleslaw, prepare the meal, and deliver and serve the meal.

To help in any way, contact Pat at 763-607-1185. If you cannot physically help, please remember to pray for the success of this and other organizations that minister to the poor and homeless.

Remaining 2022 Dates: October 18th & December 20th. Please consider helping with this great work.

*Lord our God, the poor people of our world are often tossed aside and forgotten. Help us to remember that they, too, are gifts from You. Open our hearts to be more generous to those who go without. Amen.*

## AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

**Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!**

Gary Stang from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be in our office this week (**August 15th-18th**), securing new ads for our church. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

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Gary Stang | Advertising Sales Executive  
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## WEDNESDAY FAITH AND FUN EVENT

Wednesday, August 17th | 9:00am Mass at Church Followed By Fun at Lake Rebecca



Grow in faith and have fun with your friends over the summer! Attend Mass and then head over to Lake Rebecca (lots to do here!). All ages welcome! Parent or caregiver must attend with child(ren), unless arrangements made with another family. Please Bring: Swimsuit, towel, life jacket, tennis shoes, sunscreen, water bottle and lunch (if you plan to eat with the group).

Text/Call Julie Miriovsky at 612-961-9027 for more details or for address of event location.

## PARISH OUTING — MN TWINS GAME

Sunday, August 21st | 1:10pm Game  
Transportation Information



We are looking forward to the group Twins' game outing. Note that attendees need to be at the STFX School parking lot **before 10:30am** Sunday morning, August 21st to catch the bus (**Note the revised time!**). Questions? Call/text contacts Randy Bunting (612-802-6974) or Randy Latzig (763-286-4690).

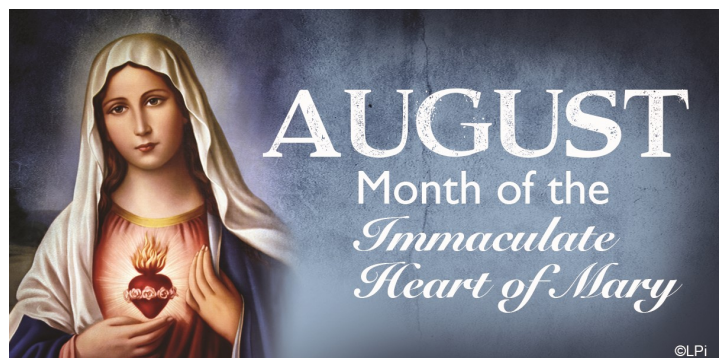
## PEACHES STILL AVAILABLE!!!



Did You Miss Out on Ordering Peaches?

Due to the late growing season our peaches won't be here until the end of the month. We have ordered extra, so you can still place an order. Go to the parish website, <http://stfxb.org>, and click on the Peaches Link. We also still have a few bottles of Peach Wine available if you are interested.

Peach pick-up will be the weekend of August 27th and 28th. We will let you know the times as we get closer to the end of August. Questions? Please call Wayne Shamla, 612-889-5370 or Lois Pahl, 612-532-8516.





## ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 21st | 11:30am-4:00pm  
Saint Thomas the Apostle | Corcoran, MN

All are invited to Saint Thomas the Apostle's annual parish festival! Enjoy their famous turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, which is served from 11:30am-3:00pm. There will be activities for children and adults: Games, inflatables, dunk tank, axe throwing, bingo, silent auction, farmer's market, bake sale, craft sale, cake walk, cash-only raffle, kids pie eating contest, and much more!

## CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE DEADLINE EXTENDED

New Deadline: Monday, August 22nd  
Satellite Site: St. Henry's in Monticello

The deadline to sign up for the Catechetical Institute has been extended to August 22nd. The classes will begin in the fall at the Church of St. Henry in Monticello, MN. Journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church focusing on the Creed, the Sacraments, the Moral Life and Prayer for the two-year Pillars Program.

Classes are on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm at St. Henry. The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Students participate in the small group dynamic and gather together to watch the lectures via live stream.

For more information and to receive an application, please visit [Cstudent.com](http://Cstudent.com) or call 651-962-5072.

## MEN'S SILENT RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

September 1st-4th | Demontreville Retreat Center  
Lake Elmo, MN

Looking for a peaceful getaway? Let God meet you at a beautiful retreat location in Lake Elmo, MN. Join us for a men's silent retreat at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House September 1st - 4th. The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Free will donations are accepted. For more information, please call the Demontreville retreat office at 651-777-1311 or check out our website [www.demontrevilleretreat.com](http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com).

## IMMERSION TRIP TO JAMAICA

January 17-23, 2023 | Experience Christ Through Mission

Experience the joys of encountering Christ in mission by joining an immersion delegation to the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. Visit their schools, health clinics and more. If you are interested, please contact Eric Simon at 651-291-4446 or [simone@archspm.org](mailto:simone@archspm.org).

## SPEAKER EVENT: IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA

Rwandan American Author & Speaker  
Thursday, September 22nd | 6:30-8:00pm  
Shakopee Area Catholic School, Shakopee

Please join us to hear Immaculée Ilibagiza, Rwandan genocide survivor, tell her story of faith, hope, and forgiveness. Immaculée has shared her message around the world, and is also a best-selling author. She is coming to Minnesota to encourage and inspire all of us to great faith and hope as well. Cost is \$10.00/adult and \$5.00/student. Visit [ssjacs.org](http://ssjacs.org) to learn more.

## WOMEN'S FIAT DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Weekend of September 23rd-25th  
Dunrovin Retreat Center, Marine on St. Croix

Single women ages 18-28 who are seeking to do God's will are invited to attend this Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat. Religious sisters from various religious orders, including the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, Pro Ecclesia Sancta Sisters, Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles and the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, assist by giving talks, leading small groups, sharing testimonies, and providing a joyful witness. Cost is \$100 (includes meals, lodging and materials). Please register at [fiatministries.org](http://fiatministries.org) before Monday, September 19th.

## CATHOLIC Q & A



**Question:** My friend is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. How do I help them start to develop a relationship with God?

**Answer:** Start on a personal level! How did you and your friend become friends? How did the personal topic of faith come up? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your friend might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Personal support can be helpful as well as connecting your friend to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your friend to feel welcomed and supported.

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## Let Us Pray....

Heavenly Father, King and Lord, You instill in all of Your creation an order and value. You call Your children "very good." We pray in gratitude for all of those who have defended peace, virtue, and justice with honor. May Your peace that surpasses all understanding reign in their hearts!

Amen.



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