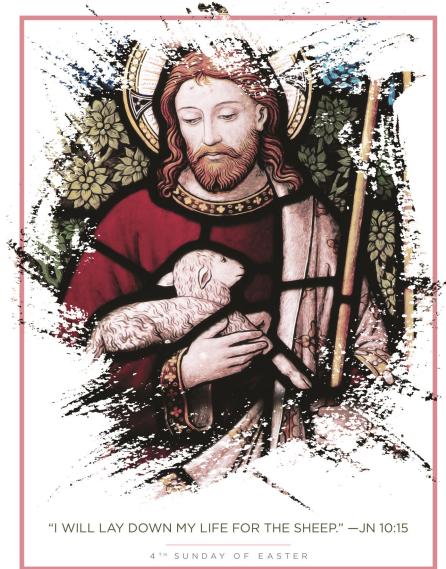


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NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: Acts 11:1-18 | Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 | Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26 | Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a | Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 | Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 | Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 | Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33 | Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab | Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 | Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31 | Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a) | 1 Jn 3:18-24 | Jn 15:1-8

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 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

FR. AUSTIN BARNES



Easter Greetings to you! It is with great honor that I accept Archbishop Hebda's appointment of me as the new Parochial Administrator for the Church of St. Francis Xavier in Buffalo effective July 1st of this year. My name is Fr. Austin Barnes and I hail from South St. Paul and the parish of Holy Trinity. I am the oldest of three children, and my family continues to call the Twin Cities home. I attended South Saint Paul High School and then went to St. John Vianney College Seminary at the University of St. Thomas where I graduated in 2016. I then attended The Saint Paul Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood on May 30th, 2020. My first assignment has been the parishes of St. Michael and St. Mary in Stillwater along with



the parishes of St. Michael and St. Mary in Stillwater along with St. Croix Catholic School.

I am grateful for and humbled by the Archbishop's appointment for me to join you in Buffalo. As a lover of history it is exciting to become a part of a parish with a long history, and such an inspiring patron as St. Francis Xavier. I look forward to meeting all of you and walking the Way of the Risen Lord together. Please pray for me. There is an old saying that always greatly impacts me:

If the parish priest is a Saint, his people will be holy;
If the priest is holy, but not yet a Saint, his people will be good;
If he is good, his people will be lukewarm;
and if he is lukewarm, his parishioners will be bad.
And if the priest himself is bad, his people will go to Hell.
[That is presuming they follow after such a priest.]

My desire is for all of us to be holy, to be Saint. Let us support one another through prayer and sacrifice that we may respond to the Lord's grace with generous hearts.

Sincerely in the Risen Christ, Fr. Austin Barnes

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STFX SCHOOL NEWS

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\$150 / month must be 3 by Sept 1

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3 Day Preschool/All Day Monday/Wednesday/Friday

\$350 / month must be 4 by Sept 1

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Pathfinders

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> \$185 / month must be 4 by Sept 1

<u>Voyagers</u>

5 Day Preschool/All Day Monday-Friday 9 am - 3 pm

> \$500 / month must be 4 by Sept 1



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 1st

9:30am May Crowning Mass

Friday, May 3rd

Grandparents/Special Friends Day 12:30pm

School

Church

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



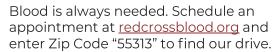
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 22nd | 1:00-7:00pm STFX Parish Hall





MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

 Collection for April 14, 2024
 \$12,635.00

 March 2024 Budget:
 \$68,402.50

 March 2024 Actual:
 \$72,308.02

 March 2023 Actual:
 \$66,047.89

 April 2024 Electronic Giving
 \$12,192.75

 April 2024 Do Unto Others
 \$3,701.10

20% to Each Cause: Emergency Needs; Local - Buffalo HS Student Life Committee; County - St. Vincent de Paul Society; State - Life Rice; National - Students for Life

Our parish is grateful for your support. Thank you!

STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Monday

Tuesday, April 23rd (St. George, St. Adalbert)

6:30pm (C) †Paul Riley

Wednesday, April 24th (St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen)

9:00am (S) †Taylor Nystrom

Thursday, April 25th (St. Mark the Evangelist)

8:00am (C) †Harold & †Sally Bodine

Friday, April 26th (Easter Weekday)

8:00am (C) †Gene Stensland & Diane Stensland

Saturday, April 27th (Easter Weekday)

8:00am (C) †Kevin Glenn

5:00pm (C) †Lauren & †Jerry Marquette

Sunday, April 28th (5th Sunday of Easter)

8:30am (C) †Larry Schwahn

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

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING

Tuesday, April 30th | Parish Hall

The next Council of Catholic Women general meeting will be held on April 30th after 6:30pm Mass. 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. Questions or comments? Please call Marcia Endres at 763-682-2090 or Lois Pahl at 612-532-8516.

PORK IN THE PARKING LOT CONTEST IS BACK!

Sunday, May 5th | After 10:30am Mass Parish Hall & Parking Lot

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo in style with our 2nd Annual Pork in the Parking Lot contest! All parishioners are invited following the 10:30am morning Mass on Sunday, May 5th as we gather for food and games.

Contestants should prepare two crockpots worth of their favorite pulled pork recipe for a chance to win the coveted BBQ Champ Reserved Parking Spot for a full year; entry fee is \$25. Free will offerings are encouraged and all proceeds from the event will go against our mortgage's principal as we kick-off our "Make All Things New" debt elimination campaign.

We are looking for volunteers to help with setup, takedown, and serving. Signup to be a contestant or to help the event at the link below or on our parish's website. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CAAAF23A3F49-49161794-2ndannual

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

On behalf of the Buffalo Food Shelf, its board, volunteers and clients, thank you to St. Francis Xavier Church and School for donating a total of 359 pounds of food during this year's March campaign. Also, numerous financial donations were mailed directly to the food shelf. Thank you to everyone who took the time to generously donate during Minnesota FoodShare month!

Val Enter & Jen Nelson STFX Representatives, Buffalo Food Shelf Board

KC'S "FATHER/DAUGHTER" DANCE

Saturday, June 1st | 7:00-8:30pm | Parish Hall

Invitation to all Fathers (Grandpas – Uncles): The STFX Knights of Columbus council is holding their inaugural "Father/Daughter" Dance! A "Father's Barbeque Picnic" will begin following the 5:00pm Mass. Be sure to mark your calendars and keep an eye on the bulletin for more details.



PARISH NEWS CONTINUED

ATTENTION GRADUATING H.S. SENIORS!

Four \$1,000 Scholarships Available

The Knights of Columbus Council #6608 are awarding four scholarships again this year. Interested students should submit a school transcript, scholarship application letter and email address. Please address your letters to the KC's Scholarship Committee and include the following details:

<u>Extra points are awarded for these areas:</u> Active Parish Involvement; Your (or your father's) Knights of Columbus Involvement, if applicable.

<u>Applications are also judged based on:</u> Community Involvement or Work; School Involvement; Quality of Application and School Transcript.

You do not need to have a Knight in your family to apply. Scholarships must be used within two years. All applications should be dropped off at the Parish Office and must be received by Thursday, May 23rd. Questions? Please contact Rob Nosbush at 763-682-2371.

GARDENERS: PLANT SALE REMINDER

Plant People: As you are checking your garden this spring for plants that need dividing or moving or starting from seed, remember our Plant Sale in May. Your donations are welcome. If you need any pots, call Marcia at (763)682-2090. The Plant Sale is the weekend of May 18th.

PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Don't forget to sign-up for the STFX Parish Weekly Newsletter. Sign-up on our website, stfxb.org.

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BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Articles due on Tuesday, 12noon on for weekend bulletin. Submit to Travis at travis.nelson@stfxb.org

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

PICK-A-PLEDGE FUNDRAISER — BOARD LOCATED IN THE CHURCH GATHERING AREA

The Pick-A-Pledge fundraiser helps support our parish youth to attend camps, trips and programming. Every year over 100 youth participate in various summer camps and trips. These events range from Pro-Life, mission work, faith-building, evangelizing and other various events. Unfortunately, a number teens are unable to afford the cost of some of these events. In addition, our chaperones must use their own vacation time from work AND pay their own way to attend these events. This places a burden on many families.

Stop at board, grab an envelope, fill it with the amount (cash or check made out to St. Francis Xavier) on the front of the envelope and drop it off at the parish office or drop it in the collection basket.



EXTREME FAITH CAMP 2024

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

It's a full week of an amazing camp experience —EFC is middle school youth from St. Francis and other local parishes hanging out at a sweet camp! Enjoy swimming, boating, nature hikes, sports, as well as Mass, small groups, talks, prayer, reconciliation, Adoration and much more to dive into your Catholic faith and set you up to take what you learned home to continue growing in your faith! Get ready for a new summer highlight. Register at https://stfxb.faithenroll.net/.

CAMP BLAZE 2024

July 9th-11th For Current 1st-5th Graders

During this event, participants will participate in lots of fun and crazy games, cool crafts, engaging formational talks. The children will be able to learn to take their prayer deeper through different prayer experiences, listen to amazing praise and worship music, attend Mass, Adoration and Confession -- all to help introduce the Holy Spirit to them and teach them how to talk to and listen to God! Register at https://stfxb.faithenroll.net/.



AREA & ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



UPCOMING KING'S HOUSE RETREAT

"A Day Away" Retreat (Men/Women) | April 27th Can't make it to our Wednesday day retreats? Now you have the option to join us for a retreat on a Saturday. Do you need some time away from your normal all-too busy life, to be in solitude with the Lord? The King's House offers "HOLY GROUND", a peaceful spot to "walk humbly with your God". Just sit and be, have lunch, and attend the optional guided meditations, holy hour and

Register at <u>www.kingshouse.com</u> or call 763-682-1394. If you are hesitant to register for any retreats due to financial restrictions, please contact the King's House office to complete registration.

HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON STUDY

conferences. Suggested offering is \$30 per person.

Wednesday Evenings | 6:00-9:00pm June 5th - June 26th & Sunday, June 30th Church of St. Michael, St. Michael, MN

Do you or a loved one struggle with anxiety, depression, anger, addictions, illness, or repetitive sin patterns? Are you ready to slow down and grow closer to the Lord?

You may find this program helpful! This all new video series, featuring Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sister Miriam Heidland, SOLT, *Healing the Whole Person* is an 8-part study developed for understanding and experiencing the healing power of God in the wholeness of body, soul and spirit. Participants learn how to identify and bring their wounds to the Lord to receive His insight, healing and freedom. Simply put, this is a tool for growing in sanctity, wholeness and holiness.

The cost is \$50 for the cost of the workbook and the video study. \$30 if you use a workbook from a previous study. Each teaching builds upon the previous, so we ask that you are able to attend all sessions as there is a limited number of participants.

Registration/Questions? Call 763-308-5003 or email stm.hwp.study@gmail.com.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

May 19th-July 16th Marian Route Through MN



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 or learn more, go to: archspm.org/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-marian-route

CATHOLIC FAMILY FAVORITE ON STAGE

April 26th-May 26th | Open Window Theatre 5300 S. Robert Trail, Inver Grove Heights

The Lilies of the Field, a literary and cinematic classic, tells the story of an itinerant African American worker (circa 1950's)



who encounters a small group of East German nuns in a parched valley of the American Southwest. What results is an inspiring and heartwarming story of faith, perseverance, improbable miracles, and unlikely friendships. For tickets & more info., call 612-615-1515 or go online at openwindowtheatre.org.

CATHOLIC Q & A: PILGRIMAGES



Question: What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

Answer: A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

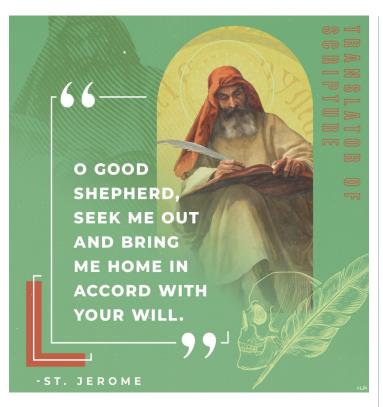
Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Stay Connected With The Movement!

For beautiful reflections and resources on the Eucharist, as well as updates on the Revival, subscribe to receive the "Heart of the Revival" weekly newsletter at <u>eucharisticrevival.org</u>.



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