



### NEXT WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Monday: Zec 8:1-8 | Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 | Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23 | Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8 | Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 | Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 | Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 | Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22 | Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 | Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 | Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 | Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7 | Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a) | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43

### 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

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:

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



It is with great joy that I write this bulletin column, for our very own parishioner, Sofia Nikula, is just one week away from receiving the Holy Habit of Carmel. As hopefully all of us remember, Sofia joined the Discalced Carmelites and is pursuing a vocation with their order. Sofia's obedience and humble gift of herself has now led her to the Carmelite Monastery of the Infant of Prague in Traverse City, MI (feel free to visit their website at <https://carmeloftraversecity.org> to get a sense of the community's history and life). By receiving the Holy Habit, Sofia will be taking the next step in her formation that, God-willing, leads toward her eventually making the perpetual vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience.

Sofia is currently on retreat to prepare herself for this next step and so I ask that everyone join me in praying for her in a deliberate way each day this week, whether by offering one's personal Mass intention for her, saying a rosary, spending an hour in Adoration, or one of the many other ways to do so. Sofia will receive the Holy Habit next Saturday, October 7th on the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary in the early morning in a private ceremony that will be followed by the celebration of the Holy Mass at 7:30am. Sometime following the ceremony, some pictures of Sofia in her habit and with her religious name will be posted on the website included above. I will hopefully be able to also share the photo in our parish bulletin.

As the priest who received Sofia into the Church on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2020, I have been invited to attend the Mass and preach the homily next Saturday morning. So, I will be driving to Traverse City immediately after this coming Friday's morning Mass and will be returning late on Saturday next weekend. While I am gone, Fr. Patrick Barnes and Fr. Jeremy Ploof will cover the Saturday Masses and confessions next weekend, so please give them a generous welcome as their generosity is making it possible for me to accept this invitation. Upon my return, I look forward to sharing with everyone the joy of this moment in Sofia's life and the life of the Church.

In Christ,  
Fr. Meyers

This week on **FORMED** — Learn more about renewing a culture of life as we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. There are many videos and talks available on **FORMED** helping us show dignity to all, understanding why the Catholic Church is Pro-Life and how do we, as individuals and families, live Pro-Life. Go to [formed.org](https://formed.org) & enter our unique parish code, **07d3b3** to get access to this FREE content!

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**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

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## HAUNTED HALLWAYS 2023

OCT. 13, 14, 15

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM  
SUNDAY 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**Family Friendly Event**  
Non scary activities for kids 11 and under. Includes hot dog meal discount coupon.

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Scary Hallways not recommended for children under 8 years old. Parent discretion advised.

## 2023 MARATHON

Thank You!

\$9,800 \$50,000

Help us reach our goal of \$50,000. Scan the QR Code to donate online.

Students will be collecting donations after mass this weekend.

### School Contact Information

**Principal:**  
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763-489-9227

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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.

### Volunteer Opportunity QR 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.



### IMMEDIATE SCHOOL NEEDS!

#### Boys and Girls Basketball Coaches

Season runs from October 24th through December 19th  
Tuesday & Thursday afternoon (One event on Saturday)

#### Library Assistants

Do you love books? We are looking for assistants in our library to help students check out new reading material. 1 day a week (Day TBD).

#### Catechist of the Good Shepherd

We are looking for volunteers to work alongside our students as they learn the faith in a hands-on learning atmosphere. You will work with a trained staffed member. Scan the Volunteer Opportunity QR code, to the right, to see the days available.



### UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

**Friday, October 6th**

School Marathon

**Tuesday, October 10th**

Fall Conferences (Kindergarten-8th Grade)

**Friday, October 13th — Sunday, October 15th**

Haunted Hallways

School

**Monday, October 16th**

8:30-10:00am Toddler Time

Trinity Hall

Fall Conferences (Kindergarten-8th Grade)

**Thursday, October 18th & Friday, October 19th**

NO SCHOOL (MEA Break)



## PRAY FOR OUR PARISH VOCATIONS

Deacon 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

Mary Danielson	Maria Belle Van Lith
Joan Raisanen	Lawrence Endres
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Mary Ellen Klatt	Debbie Paumen Vokaty
William Schouville	Mary Kay Biegler
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Natalie Fix	Margaret Kalis
Chris Larson	Phyllis Cross
Jerry Niesen	Alice Zaske
Mary Stevens	Jackie Mead
Joe Worms	

## OPEN ADORATION HOUR

**Fridays: 2:00pm**

Contact Doug at 763-682-3277 if you are interested in filling this hour.



## MEASURE OUR TREASURE TO THE LORD

September 24, 2023 Collection:	\$12,394.02
August 2023 Budget:	\$72,402.50
August 2023 Actual:	\$68,902.07
August 2022 Actual:	\$73,312.01

## STFX MASS SCHEDULE

(C = Church, S = School)

Mass Not Available on Mondays

**Tuesday, October 3rd**

6:30pm (C) †Katie Kangas

**Wednesday, October 4th (St. Francis of Assisi)**

9:00am (S) †Bonnie Thompson

**Thursday, October 5th**

(Ss. Faustina Kowalska Francis Xavier Seelos)

8:00am (C) †Leo Larson

**Friday, October 6th (St. Bruno)**

8:00am (C) †Judy Bittmann

**Saturday, October 7th (Our Lady of the Rosary)**

8:00am (C) †Jerry Hance

5:00pm (C) Living & Deceased Thomes Family

**Sunday, October 8th (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:30am (C) †Francis & †Elaine Otten

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Nick & Dani Hillemeier**



## SERVE THE CHURCH THROUGH CLEANING

St. Francis Xavier Church is looking for a parishioner to fill an opening in our church cleaning crew. This person would help with dusting and sweeping the altar areas on a weekly basis. If interested or would like more information, please contact Roberta Huikko at 612-850-9081.



## "BABY BOTTLE FOR LIFE" PROGRAM

October is Respect Life month and the St. Francis Xavier Council of Catholic Women (CCW) would like to ask for your help in raising money for Pro-Life organizations. Last year through your generous donations, the following Pro-Life organizations received donation of \$1,500.00: Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, ProLife Across America, and Human Life Alliance. Baby bottles will be distributed after each of the Masses this weekend to take and place it in on your kitchen table or other prominent location in your home. Then, over the next few weeks, fill the bottle with coins/cash/checks (made out to CCW) and return it to the collection basket located in the main entrance of the Church by October 31st. Thank you for your prayers and support in extending a "Gift of Life" for all unborn children. Questions? Please call Lois Pahl at 612-532-8516.



## KC'S WATER SOFTENER SALT SALES

**Delivered to Your House, Garage or Even Right Into Your Water Softener!**



Want to save yourself the hassle of buying water softener salt, lugging it home and carrying it downstairs? Let the Knights of Columbus do it for you! We will be selling salt after Masses this weekend.

**Order Deadline is This Sunday, October 1st**  
 (Orders received after will be filled as supplies last)

**Delivery on: Saturday, October 14th**

The salt must be pre-ordered and paid for at the time of the order. The KC's are selling Diamond Brand Pellets (\$9.50/bag) and Crystals (\$9.00/bag) and Sun Soft Solar Salt Pellets with Rust Buster (\$9.75/bag). 5 bag minimum order is appreciated. Order forms in back of church or order online at: <https://buffalo-knights-of-columbus-6608.square.site/>

Questions? Contact Frank Patterson at 612-616-1433.





## NATIONAL PRO-LIFE PRAYER EVENT

This Sunday, October 1st | 2:00-3:30pm  
Praying Along Highway 55 | By Culvers

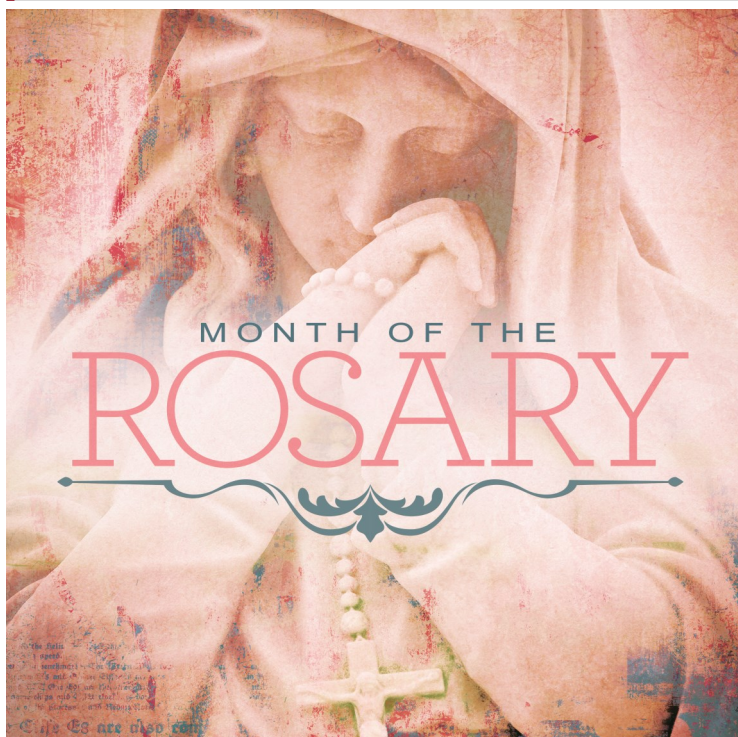


Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA! LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for 1½ hour on our roadways praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that we support the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

This is our 18th Life Chain in Buffalo, but National Life Chain Sunday has been held throughout the United States since 1987. Bring your whole family. Rain or shine! Please dress appropriately for the weather. Lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome. We'll be on the bike/walking path that faces Highway 55 between Highway 25 and County Road 35. Park on the service road west of Culvers. Look for the coordinators of this event and get your signs and instructions.

If you would like more information, contact Kathy Patterson at 763-682-6100 or [fpatterson@wwdb.org](mailto:fpatterson@wwdb.org).

## OCTOBER — MONTH OF THE ROSARY

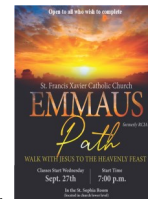


## BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Articles due at 12noon on Tuesday for upcoming bulletin. Submit to Travis: [travis.nelson@stfxb.org](mailto:travis.nelson@stfxb.org)

## EMMAUS PATH PROGRAM THIS WEEK

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4th | 7:00pm  
St. Sophia Room (in Parish Hall)



Interested in becoming Catholic or know somebody who is? Want to get Confirmed or make your 1st Communion? Come join us in learning the teachings of the Catholic faith and drawing closer to the Sacraments. Questions? Contact Fr. Meyers, 763-489-9223 or [nate.meyers@stfxb.org](mailto:nate.meyers@stfxb.org).

## CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday, October 8th



Please take this opportunity to thank Fr. Meyers and Deacon Buck for answering God's call to serve Him and His Church! There will be baskets available for cards for them after all October 7th/8th weekend Masses. Let us keep them and all priests and deacons in our prayers, praising God for their courage and their generosity.

## CATHOLIC Q & A: ANOINTING OF SICK



**Question:** Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

**Answer:** The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.

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## UPCOMING SPEAKER AT ST. HENRY

Tuesday, October 10th | 7:00-9:00pm  
St. Henry Church (Social Hall), Monticello



Join us to hear Dr. James Pauley discuss the specific dispositions and abilities needed to encounter God in a transformative way in the Mass. Dr. Pauley is an author and Professor of Theology & Catechetics at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio. He has a Doctorate in Sacred Theology.

The cost to attend is \$10/person. Refreshments will be served. Register by Friday, October 6th at <https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/5de52489-1877-47bd-bf3c-cd792dae08ec> or by scanning the QR code.



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments  
By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

*The Vineyard* — The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin?

When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? "Show me, don't tell me." "I'll believe it when I see it." It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple.

It doesn't matter if we *intend* to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way.

Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention.

But all this begs the question: what does *the work* mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel?

Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? *We are ready, Lord, we say. We intend to work. But where do we go?*

My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it's not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you'll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

*"Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way." — Psalm 25:8*

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## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Next Meeting: This Tuesday, October 10th  
7:00pm | St. Michael Church | Francis Room (104)

The local Society of St. Vincent De Paul (St. Francis of Assisi Conference) serves the communities of Eastern Wright County, including Albertville, Buffalo, Monticello, St. Michael, and Otsego. Meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Please contact the Conference at 763-634-1167 if you are interested in learning more about becoming an Active Vincentian, volunteering at the SVdP Store OR if you or someone you know needs assistance. Please leave a message and someone will return your call.

## HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY HARVEST BANQUET

Saturday, October 28th | 6:00pm  
St. Michael Catholic Church, St. Michael



Holy Spirit Academy invites you to their Annual Harvest Banquet. Bishop Michael Izen will be the keynote speaker! Enjoy an evening of fellowship, live & silent auction, dancing, and great food! Purchase tickets online at [www.holyspiritacademy.org](http://www.holyspiritacademy.org) through October 15th. Come and support a local Catholic High School!

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## ST. HENRY CCW HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Saturday, November 4th | 9:00am-2:00pm  
Sunday, November 5th | After Morning Masses  
St. Henry Church Social Hall, Monticello

The St. Henry Council of Catholic Women (CCW) from Monticello, is hosting our annual Holiday Boutique. This unique boutique offers many beautiful and hand-crafted items made by ladies of the Parish. You will also be able to shop for gently used Christmas items in *Grandma's Christmas Attic* or find some good winter reads in the used book sale. A soup lunch will be served on Saturday from 10:30am-1:00pm. Proceeds will go towards various charities, church needs and scholarships.







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