

**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**  
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**Masses:** Saturday at 4:00pm & Sunday at 7:30(Memorial -Labor Day)& 9:00am  
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m.

**Holy Days:** check bulletin, Facebook, or website

**Adoration:** 1st Friday of the Month Following 8am Mass

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 pm, Anytime by request

**Parish Office Hours** Tuesdays 10:30-4:30pm

**REFLECTIONS:... from Father Daniel**

In his letters to the Romans, Paul says that one cannot believe in Christ without first having heard about him. Faith depends on preaching (Roman 10:14-17). The Gospel of today begins by recalling the need for people who will announce the word of God, it goes on to show how they should carry out their mission. They are reminded not to be discouraged, that evil has already been defeated and the victory of the kingdom of God is assured. The first reading is in line with this last part of the Gospel. When troubles come we should not forget that the promises of God will always realized. The lamb does not reply on its own strength but on the help of the shepherd: a child may be weak, but is safe in the arms of its mother. The second reading is also about this. Paul says that his glory is in the cross of Christ. Those who proclaim the Gospel must not rely on their own strength. Our strength comes from the word that we proclaim.

The preaching of Jesus, the proclamation of the 72, is “The kingdom of God is near”. The kingdom is something we cannot see now, but it is near for those who see it in faith. It is Joy beyond imagining. St. Mother Teresa related how one evening she and her sisters picked up four people from the street. She asked the sisters to take care of three of them. She took ownership of the one who was suffering most. “I put her to bed, and there was such a beautiful smile on her face. She took hold of my hand, as she said one word only: Thank you- and she died.” As missionaries of the Good News, we all

are called to help spread the Gospel of divine love. Do you know someone who needs to hear that God is near? How can you best share that Good News? Your mind is a garden; your thoughts are the seeds. Cultivate positively. The African proverb says, “A cat that dreams of becoming a lion must lose its appetite for rat.”

**Local Food Pantry:** Item of the week-**Cereal/ PB&J** !

**Homes:** please contact the Parish Office.

**Homebound:** Wishing to receive Communion? Please contact the parish office. **Anointing of the Sick** is available anytime, please contact the parish office.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated as needed.

One parent must be a practicing Catholic. One godparent must be a Catholic at least 15 years of age. Contact the Parish Office for more info and to schedule.

**Marriage:** Anyone contemplating marriage in the Catholic Church must be a practicing Catholic. Father must be contacted six months prior to the wedding. Prenuptial requirements must be completed prior to the wedding. Contact the Parish Office.

**In the Event of a Death:** Please notify the parish office **Those interested in being put on a prayer list:** Please contact the parish office. There is also a form on the website.

**Register w/the Parish:** There are registration forms on the bulletin board at the back of church, feel free to fill one out and throw it in the collection basket. Or you may register on our website.

**Parish Hall:** Parishioners may rent the hall, as long as the rental doesn't conflict with parish events/meetings. Contact the office for more info. Suggested Donation \$50.00

**Last Week's Collection:**

Loose: \$376

Envelopes: \$995

**Readings for 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times:**

**Reading 1** Isaiah 66:10-14c

**Psalm** Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

**Reading 2** Galatians 6:14-18

**Gospel** Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

**Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:**

Saturday, July 5, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Fr. Charles Herman

Sunday, July 6, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Leo Dahm

Following Mass

Donut Sunday

Monday, July 7, No Mass    Genesis 28:10-22a    Matthew 9:18-26  
Tuesday, July 8, 8:00 +Loretta Dahn

6:30 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 8:00 +Antonia Martinez

Thursday, July 10, 8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the

Landrigan & Weaver Families

Friday, July 11, 8:00 +George & Mary Farmer

Saturday, July 12, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Dave & Kay Harter

Sunday, July 13, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Thomas Fortman

## Upcoming Calendar Events:

Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>    Donuts & Coffee    Following 9am Mass

Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>    Parish/Financial Council Meeting    6:30pm

Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>    Drive Thru Community Dinner    5pm-out

Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>    Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social Following Mass

Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>    Adoration    8:30am

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Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>    Donuts & Coffee    Following 9am Mass

Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>    Community Do's & Shoes 2-5pm(elementary)

Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>    Knights of Columbus Meeting    6:30pm

Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>    Confirmation @Sacred Heart    2pm

Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>    Parish Council Meeting    6:30pm

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>    Heirloom Tomato Festival    10-4pm

## Ministers Schedule:

**Saturday, July 12, 4:00pm**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Rick Zydek

**Lector:** Chris Lemmon

**Sunday, July 13, 9:00am**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Tracy Gaunt

**Lector:** Penninger Family

## Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Niece of  
Carolyn Perry, William (Liam) Bindley, & Maggie Elpusan.

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**Knights of Columbus:**

Call all men of Christ! You and your guest can join us for a Free Dinner to find out how you can help us serve our church community! Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-7:30pm in Parish Hall. Please fill out a form and throw it in the collection basket by June 22<sup>nd</sup> (to help us with a head count for food).

**Women's Fellowship Group:**

It was so lovely to see everyone that came out for our tour of the Biblical garden, rosary, & picnic. Don't forget to join your fellow women of the parish every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday for Mass/adoration then meet up for breakfast at Maria's after.

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**Prison Pen Pal Program Isaiah 42 Ministry:**

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**Kingdom Builders:**

*Kingdom Builders is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper and a part-time Development Coordinator to support our growing mission! To learn more about these opportunities and view the job description, please email Stephanie Weigert at [stephanie.weigert@buildingthroughhim.com](mailto:stephanie.weigert@buildingthroughhim.com).*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact:**

Nick Walenga 574-253-1780  
Parish Office 574-594-5750

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