

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, Other times by request

Parish Office Hours: Tuesdays 11am-4:30pm

Blessing of 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.

Knights of Columbus: Meet every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Women's Fellowship: Meet every 1st Friday for Mass/adoration, then meet up for breakfast

Parish & Financial Councils: Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

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Readings for 30th Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1 Exodus 22:20-26

Psalms Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

Reading 2 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

REFLECTIONS.... from Father Daniel

Theme of the Sunday: The Whole Law is Summarized in Love. Christian catechism is not difficult, it can all be learnt in one lesson. If we obey the commandment of love we fulfill the whole law. The rest is just comment and explanation. This is the message we learn from the Gospel today. The first reading applies this commandment to our less fortunate brothers and sisters, strangers, orphans, and widows. The second reading is linked to this theme; it gives the example of the early Christian communities who obeyed the law of love.

The key insight of today's Gospel is Jesus' combination of two commandments as the central meaning of life. He placed love of neighbor alongside love of God. This insight, though not unique to Jesus, was one of the abiding principles of his life and teaching: Love of God (Dt 6:5) and love of one's neighbor (Lev 19:18) form an inseparable unity. Love for God commands us to love and serve God. Worship is an important part of our love for God. Keeping holy the Lord's Day is our way of recognizing God's dominion over us and expressing the gratitude we owe him. Loving our neighbor, even the ones we don't like, means taking their needs seriously.

Giving love and receiving love between God and ourselves and between God and others have proven to be ways to live a joyful and healthy life. In a psychology study on human development, babies who have had to remain in a hospital and have had perfect care, but had no one to love them or cuddle them, died at a far faster rate than babies who were not starved of affection. Let me say love is essential to our physical and emotional well-being and love is our primary calling as followers of Christ. The teacher had been giving a lecture on modern inventions. "Can any of you?" She asked, "tell me something of importance that did not exist fifty years ago?" Exclaimed one lad in the front row; "ME!" (illustrating the point that you are the most important human being in the world - to yourself) St. Theresa of the little flower said, "When I act and think charitably, I feel it is Jesus working in me; the deeper my union with him, the stronger my love for the residents of Carmel."

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Boxed Foods!

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$270 Envelopes: \$1,013

ABA Goal: \$10,170.26 Current Pledges: \$11,910

Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Belia Moran,
Kathy Biltz, Donald Gebert, Dan Gagnon & Maggie Elpusan.

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, October 24, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 Our Parish

Sunday, October 25, 30th Sunday of Ordinary Times

9:00 + Susan Turman

Following Mass Religious Education

Monday, October 26, No Mass *Ephesians 4:32-5:8 Luke 13:10-17*

Tuesday, October 27, 8:00 Mass The Sanchez Family

Wednesday, October 28, 8:00 Mass+ Herb & Corine Scheiber

Thursday, October 29, 8:00 Mass + Janet Iavagnilio

Friday, October 30, 8:00 Mass +Sue Stevens

Saturday, October 31, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 +Edna Gade

5:00 Trunk or Treat

Sunday, November 1, Solemnity of All Saints

9:00 + Michael Bonahoom

Following Mass Religious Education

Following Mass Donuts & Coffee

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Sunday, October 25th, Religious Education Following Mass

Saturday, October 31st, Trunk or Treat 5-7pm

Sunday, November 1st, Solemnity of All Saints

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Monday, November 2nd, All Souls Day

Tuesday, November 3rd, Knights of Columbus 6:30pm

Friday, November 6th, Adoration Following Mass

Friday, November 6th, Ladies Meet-up Following Adoration

Sunday, November 8th, Religious Education Following Mass

Tuesday, November 10th, Parish & Financial Councils 6:30pm

Sunday, November 15th, Religious Education Following Mass

Thursday, November 19th, Community Dinner 5pm till out

Ministers Schedule:

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Lectors: Chris Lemmon

Sunday, November 1, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sharon DeLong &

Greg Rostochak

Lector: Lizzy Booher & Anna Stevens

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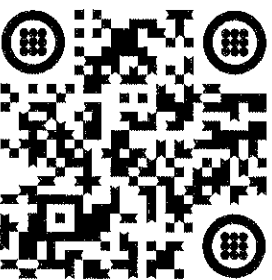
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