

# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING THOSE WE HAVE LOST

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ  
May 29, 2016  
St. Francis Xavier & St. John the Baptist



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**The Parish Communities of : St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church ~ St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**

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Parish Directory

- Parish Office.....536-2803
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 Staff email addresses are listed on the parish website

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- St. Vincent de Paul Outreach.....539-2666
- St. Vincent Free Clinic.....539-9566
- Merrill Community Food Pantry.....536-4505

Mass Schedule (SJB-St. John Baptist SFX-St. Francis Xavier)

- Weekend Mass**
- Saturday.....4:00 PM at SFX
  - Sunday.....7:45 AM & 9:30 AM SFX
  - Sunday.....11:30 AM at SJB
- Weekday Mass**
- Tuesday.....6:00 PM at SFX
  - Wednesday.....9:00 AM at SFX
  - Thursday ....9:00 AM at SJB and 10:30 AM at Pine Crest  
 (2nd & 4th Thursdays at Pine Crest are Word & Communion)
  - Friday.....8:00 AM at SFX

Reconciliation Times (and by appointment)

- Saturday.....3:00 PM (SFX) Tuesday.....5:30 PM (SFX)
- Wednesday....8:15 AM (SFX) Thursday.....9:15 AM (SJB)

**Parish Office Hours: Monday 12:30-4:00 PM**  
**Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM**  
**Friday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM**  
 (closed daily 12-12:30 for lunch)

Low Gluten Eucharist (.01%) are available.  
 Please see Fr. Chris before Mass.

Parish office email: [kleggett@stfrancismerrill.org](mailto:kleggett@stfrancismerrill.org)

Bulletin deadline Tuesday at Noon.

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Come and Join Us

**Friends of Jesus Charismatic Prayer Group:**

Our next meeting is June 8th at 6:00 PM.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Moms in Prayer:**

Meetings vary. Call Irene at 536-9430

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

In "The Little Flower Chapel" Sun-Thur, 5AM-12AM

Friday 5AM-10PM, Saturday 5AM-11 AM

**Evening Prayer:**

Wednesday at 5:45 PM in "The Little Flower Chapel"

**Rosary:**

St. Francis: Tuesday @ 5:30 PM & Friday @ 7:30 AM

St. John's :Thursdays @ 8:30 AM

and Pine Crest on Saturdays @ 9:30AM

**St. John the Baptist Thursday Social Time:**

Every Thursday following 9:00 AM Mass

**Little Knights Playgroup:**

We meet every Friday that school is in session from 9:00-10:30 AM in the



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS at SFX** in "The Little Flower" Chapel burn in honor of: **Donald Peloch**

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Please call Kris at the Parish Office with your prayer chain requests. You may leave a message if necessary. The messages are checked daily even on weekends. Thank you.



Altar Flowers this weekend are in loving memory of: **Edna Rutte**

By: Jack & Faye Semling Family



**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK**  
**May 30, 2016**



Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-2

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27



Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-17

## Weekly Schedule: May 30-June 5, 2016

Monday 5/30	Tuesday 5/31	Wednesday 6/1	Thursday 6/2	Friday 6/3	Saturday 6/4	Sunday 6/5
9:00 AM SFX Mass At cemetery  12:00 PM SJB Service At cemetery  Parish Office Closed  	5:30 PM SFX Reconciliation  6:00 PM SFX Mass  <div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">             SFX=St. Francis Xavier SJB= St. John the Baptist           </div>	8:15 AM SFX Reconciliation  9:00 AM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SJB Mass Social follows  10:30 AM Mass at Pine Crest  5:30 PM SJB Finance Council  6:30 PM SFX Bell Choir	8:00 AM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SFX Reconciliation  3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation  4:00 PM SFX Mass	7:45 AM SFX Mass  9:30 AM SFX Mass  11:30 AM SJB Mass  

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE June 4-5, 2016

**Readers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Susan Ryman, Lisa Hass  
 7:45 AM (SFX) Tom Huftel, Kevin Rell  
 9:30 AM (SFX) Barry Morgan, Mary Ann VDG

**Servers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Hailey & Madisyn Krueger, Hannah Hayes  
 7:45 AM (SFX) Rebecca & Isaiah Rell, Trevor Schenzel  
 9:30 AM (SFX) Maddy Leischer, Ian Morgan, Bailey Orzech

**Greeters/Ushers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) C. Heller, J. Folta, D. MacSwain  
 7:45 AM (SFX) D, D, A Duginski, Ron Presl  
 9:30 AM (SFX) J & L Ruprecht, A & K Cohrs

**SCRIP sellers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Phil & Mary Ziesemer  
 7:45 AM (SFX) Audrey Huftel, Betty Weix  
 9:30 AM (SFX) Pam Suchocki, Gayle Maluegge

Ministry Schedules and sub lists for  
both parishes are on our website:  
[www.stfrancismerrill.org](http://www.stfrancismerrill.org)



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST at Park Place**  
 June 5, 2016: Sr. Dolores Lilla

**ROSARY LEADER at Pine Crest**  
 June 4, 2016: Sue Norenberg

**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER**  
 Week of June 5, 2016: Darlene Woodward

### MASS INTENTIONS-May 30, 2016

Monday

9:00 AM (SFX) Intention of: Healing of Val Slewitzke  
 By: Sandy Brannan

Tuesday

6:00 PM (SFX) Intention: † Ed Berkanovic  
 By: Pat & Kaz Bucket

Wednesday

9:00 AM (SFX) Intention: † Roxanne Sladek  
 By: Aunt Josie & Uncle Roylance

Thursday

9:00 AM (SJB) Intention: † Larry Tank  
 By: Kathy & Bill Wulf  
 10:15 AM (at Pine Crest) Intention: † Hank Caylor  
 By: Marv & Mary Anderson

Friday

8:00 AM (SFX) Intention: † Natalie Tiedemann  
 By: Pat & Kaz Bucket

Saturday

4:00 PM (SFX) Intention: † Deceased members of Folta & Rajek Families

Sunday

7:45 AM (SFX) Intention: Special Intention of the Custy Family  
 9:30 AM (SFX) Intention: People of the parishes  
 11:30 AM (SJB) Intention: † Raymond & Freida St. Mary  
 By: Jim & Joyce St. Mary

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism. You must be a registered and contributing member of the parish to have your child receive this sacrament.

**Anointing of the sick:** This sacrament is available upon request by calling the parish office. Please do not wait until it becomes an emergency because a priest will not always be immediately available.

# Parish News



## PASTOR'S CORNER by: **Fr. Chris**

This week we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. To emphasize this great Solemnity, we have the readings from Genesis, Paul's letter to the Corinthians, and the Gospel from Luke. In the first reading from Genesis, we hear how "Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine." Abram, (later to become Abraham) goes to this person who is actually the priest-king of Salem. This king blesses Abram, and Abram offers him a tenth of everything he has gained from warring with other kings. Abram had just defeated four Kings in his effort to rescue his nephew, Lot. Abram was victorious over these kings who had previously defeated five kings, which should make him, the king of the kings. We are given the impression that this is no ordinary King. However, take notice of this priest-kings name, Melchizedek, to whom Abram goes to, and the place, he is the king of Salem, the city whose name means "Peace." Oh and Melchizedek's name, it means "King of Righteousness." Psalm 110, also recognizes the righteousness of this priest-king and the blessings received from God, and yet the Psalm looks to God for when God will truly send the Priest-King of Righteousness.

Paul's Letter to the Corinthians is one of the first and oldest texts we have on the Eucharist; written about the year 54 AD, it is probably the oldest text we have on the offering of the bread and wine. This date is impressive because this is at the least ten years before any of the gospels were written. And in this passage, we have the prayer we are all familiar with from the Mass, where we also offer bread and wine at the consecration.

In the Gospel today, Jesus speaks to the crowds about the Kingdom of God, he opens up to them the understanding of heaven and heals those who needed to be cured. Jesus then multiplies loaves and fishes and the people who ate were satisfied. I guess what really catches my attention about today's Solemnity, is this last sentence. Can we really be fully satisfied in this life we live here? I take it that we are all on this journey to The Kingdom of Heaven; otherwise you would not even be reading this reflection. However, each of us must ask, how committed, how much reflection do I give to the offering which is given each time we celebrate Mass? The place where many are fed and the True King of Peace is received in Holy Communion.

-Fr. Chris Kemp

**Fr. Joe** would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind words congratulating him on his Anniversary. May God continue to bless Fr. Joe.

**Wedding Banns II:** Matt Klement and Jessica Cortright announce their intention to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony on June 11, 2016. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Prayer List:** Rick Loof, Duane Tomajcik, Millie Martin, Elaine Hinke, Sally Wiley, Ed Truckenbrodt, Paula Pleski, Kathy Colclasure, Julieanne Opichka, and Phyllis Sheil,

**Congratulations & Welcome** to St. Francis Xavier Parish to our newly baptized members: **Brycen Joseph Huss** son of Brian & Samantha Huss, and **Emma Rose Hoffman**, daughter of Cory Hoffman and Kara Adams.

**Wanted:** Does anyone have a picture of the original St. Francis Xavier Church that was located where Park City Credit Union is now located? If you do please call the parish office. Thank you.

**Memorial Day Mass** will be celebrated Monday, May 30th at 9:00 AM in the St. Francis Xavier Cemetery. Please bring lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather Mass will be held in Church.

**Happy Anniversary Fr. Chris!** Fr. Chris will be celebrating his 5th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on June 5th. We continue to praise and thank God for blessing our parishes with Fr. Chris!

**Family Rosary:** Summer is almost here! Those busy weekends with friends and family. Finish your weekend with a quiet time of reflection and prayer by joining us in the Family Rosary. We meet in the church and begin at 6 PM.

## **St. Francis Xavier School Rummage Sale**

Wednesday, June 15 3:00-7:00 PM

Thursday, June 16 8:00-4:00 PM

Friday, June 17 8:00-11 AM

Our annual rummage sale is back! You may drop off your household goods, books, clothes and games inside door #6 & #7 (school entrance) Monday, June 13 and Tuesday, June 14 from 8-4 PM.

# SFX School News

**Thank you** to **Dorothy Gennrich** who filled in as our head cook in our hot lunch program for several months. The meals were delicious and the kids loved making a new friend.

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Our 5th graders recently were able to visit a fur trapper and listen to him talk about animal pelts, how they are similar/different and what people can use each of them for. They also got to examine each one. There were dozens of furs at the table, everything from porcupine, arctic fox, wolf, beaver, mole, etc. At the table next to us there was a live demonstration of how to skin a beaver and harvest the fur.

The trip as a whole was a phenomenal and unique experience. We tried to make visits to all 27 stations and learn as much as possible. We learned about training bear hounds, pointing dogs and water dogs. We watched an outdoor cooking demonstration, practiced casting fishing rods, painted t-shirts and learned about paddle boarding among other things. Kids also saw a few live animals; a great-horned owl, a screech owl, fox snake, fawn deer, painted turtles and many dog breeds. There were bb gun and archery ranges, as well as a bow fishing station. Our students were grateful for this fun learning experience.



## **Answer to SJB cemetery question #1: (see pg.7)**

Year: 1886 Name: Frank Weisbrick

Interesting fact about Mr. Weisbrick -he was 46 years old and died from injuries suffered in the Civil War.

# Religious Education News

## **Totus Tuus July 31-August 5**

It's official! Erich Wallace's Totus Tuus team will be at St. Francis Xavier this summer! Eric is a parishioner of St. Francis Xavier, and has been teaching in our school this past year. Your child will not want to miss this fun filled week with Erich! Erich is pictured leading the 5th grade school retreat with Fr. Chris. The registration forms for Totus Tuus are now available. Please contact Joe Velie at 536-2803 ext. 222, if you haven't received one in the mail or if you have any questions.



## **From the Holy Father's General Audience: May 25**



Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now turn to the parable of the unjust judge and the widow (Lk 18:1-8). In telling us that even an unscrupulous judge will finally render justice to a poor woman because of her persistence, Jesus encourages us to persevere in prayer to our heavenly Father, who is infinitely just and loving. He also assures us that God will not only hear our prayers, but will not delay in answering them (vv. 7-8). The Gospels tell us that Jesus himself prayed constantly. His own intense prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane is a model for our own: it teaches us to present our petitions with complete trust in Father's gracious will. The parable of the unjust judge and the widow ends with a pointed question: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth"? (v. 8). Perseverance in prayer keeps our faith alive and strong. For in that prayer, we experience the compassion of God who, like a Father filled with love and mercy, is ever ready to come to the aid of his children.

**\*\*For more information visit: [www.news.va](http://www.news.va)\*\***

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH  
APRIL 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>INCOME</b>	<u>April 2016</u>	<u>July '15-Apr '16</u>
Collections	\$36,317.61	\$391,977.96
Debt Relief/2nd Collection	\$3,075.82	\$34,987.64
Fund Raising Income	\$1,807.75	\$152,503.52
School Income	\$8,205.08	\$182,368.40
Religious Education	\$350.00	\$9,590.00
Cemetery Income	\$405.00	\$21,827.50
Faith in Our Future Funds	\$0.00	\$29,965.29
Gifts, Bequests, Memorials	\$309.00	\$49,685.72
Other Income (Grants/fees/candles,etc.)	<u>\$2,989.36</u>	<u>\$45,159.81</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$53,459.62</b>	<b>\$918,065.84</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Wages/Benefits	\$65,265.35	\$642,503.42
Utilities	\$4,083.96	\$32,651.96
Insurance (Non-employment)	\$0.00	\$14,813.95
Office equip/supplies	\$399.95	\$8,594.46
Upkeep/maintenance	\$2,437.49	\$30,326.46
School Expenses	\$2,011.81	\$46,020.46
Liturgy/Music	\$949.47	\$16,931.28
Fundraising expenses	\$3,768.00	\$67,783.65
Ministry expenses (Rel. Ed.,Evang., & Outreach)	\$1,288.37	\$21,231.55
Cemetery Expenses	\$1,901.23	\$10,479.74
Faith in Our Future Expenditures	\$0.00	\$29,965.29
2014-15 CSA expense	\$0.00	\$21,960.00
Interest Expense	\$941.64	\$10,248.06
Other Expenses	\$946.60	\$8,883.33
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$83,993.87</b>	<b>\$962,393.61</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b><u>(\$30,534.25)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$44,327.77)</u></b>

<u>DEBTS</u>	<u>04/30/2016</u>	<u>06/30/2015</u>	<u>INVESTMENTS AS OF 4/30/16</u>	
Lincoln Community Bank	\$114,898.96	\$147,751.24	Checking Accounts	\$16,384.05
LCB - Roof Loan	\$91,907.12	\$129,642.58	Scrip Checking Account	\$6,008.19
St. Theresa Parish	\$126,448.52	\$136,604.18	Scrip Inventory	\$39,128.31
Accounts Payable	\$44,511.01	\$23,291.65	Cemetery Funds	\$29,732.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$377,765.61</u></b>	<b><u>\$437,289.65</u></b>	Heck Investments (Building Fund)	\$209,413.23
			Money Market Fund (Savings)	\$20,499.33
			Debt Relief Fund*	\$104,744.85
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$425,910.46</u></b>

\*2nd collection is deposited into Debt Relief Fund.

\*Payments on St. Theresa loan and Lincoln Community Bank loan are made from this fund each month.

Exciting SCRIP News! **Ku's Wokery** located at 900 N Center Ave in Merrill is now part of the SCRIP family. We are now carrying \$10 gift certificates to **Ku's Wokery**, and they donate 10% back to our school. Thank you to **Ku's Wokery** for their support of our school!

# St. John the Baptist—Bloomville, WI

## Parish Support—May 15, 2016

<u>Actual Amount of envelopes &amp; loose:</u>	\$ 836.00
<u>Amount Needed for the budget:</u>	\$1016.00
<u>Over (Under) Since 7/1/15:</u>	\$ 756.10

## Liturgical Ministries— June 5, 2016

Readers: Angela Monti, Karen Polacek  
 Greeters/Ushers: Louie Leder, Paul Polacek  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 SCRIP Seller: Sandy Tank

### Parish News:

⇒Fr. Chris will be holding a prayer service on Memorial Day (5/30) at Noon at our cemetery.

⇒Thank you to Patty Mosser and Sharon Madden for their back breaking hard work cleaning out the flower beds and mulching them. They did a tremendous job!

⇒Thank you to everyone who continues to support the food pantry with their donations. The basket for your donations is in the back of church.

### Cemetery News:

⇒When digging in your flower beds, please remember to save the excess bulbs, perennials, creeping phlox, hostas, and lilies of the valley to be planted at the cemetery. We would like to see plants around the outside edge of the mowed lawn. Please stop by to see how the project is coming!

⇒A “Big” thank you to the people who have volunteered at cemetery already. Good work Kris & Perry Block for heading up this project! We still need YOU to volunteer your

time, talent or treasure to make this a beautiful, peaceful & accessible countryside cemetery. Please volunteer to honor and respect our ancestors who strived to make Bloomville a Catholic community for over 125 years.

⇒Cemetery Need: We could use 55 gallon steel drum/barrel with removable lid to be used for refuse, old flower pots, plastic containers, etc.

### Cemetery Trivia:

⇒Question #1: Question 1 “What year was the first burial at SJB cemetery? Do you know who it was?” (The answer is hidden in this bulletin)

### Looking Ahead:

⇒Our chicken dinner and sweepstake drawing is planned for August 7. Keep watching the bulletin for upcoming plans.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED APRIL 30, 2016

INCOME	Apr 2016	July '15-Apr '16
Collections	\$5,421.00	\$45,314.10
Fund Raising Income	0.00	2,686.66
Faith in Our Future Funds	0.00	1,456.64
Cemetery Income	500.00	1,475.00
Other Income (Interest, etc.)	<u>100.25</u>	<u>2,887.85</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,021.25</b>	<b>\$53,820.25</b>

EXPENSES		
Wages/Benefits	\$3,283.87	\$26,723.61
Office expenses	58.08	388.15
Utilities	188.44	5,506.93
Insurance	0.00	1,541.86
Upkeep/maintenance	48.90	2,433.51
Fundraising expenses	50.00	284.64
Ministry expenses	659.79	4,647.14
Cemetery Expenses	0.00	120.18
2014-2015 CSA	0.00	6,156.00
Other expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,289.08</b>	<b>\$49,402.02</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$1,732.17</b>	<b>\$4,418.23</b>

INVESTMENTS	04/30/2016
Checking Account	\$8,426.75
Cemetery Funds	14,931.33
Covantage Credit Union	<u>214,751.43</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$238,109.51</b>

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## OUR GIFTS TO OUR LORD

For the weekend of May 14 - May 15, 2016

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Actual	Amt needed	Over (Under) since 7/1/15
Adult Envelopes	\$5,837.00	\$7,827.00	(15,167.89)
Loose Collection	\$229.00	\$270.00	2,584.52
ACH giving	\$3,057.00	\$1,186.54	1,983.29
Debt Relief	<u>\$957.00</u>	<u>\$788.46</u>	<u>1,468.11</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,080.00</b>	<b>\$10,072.00</b>	<b>(9,131.97)</b>

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.



*In the last year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the love of God to those in need by assisting 318 families in the Merrill area.*

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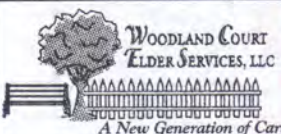
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