

St. Francis Xavier & St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Churches  
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time– June 12, 2016



Congratulations to our 8th Grade Graduating Class! Their success was celebrated at Mass on Tuesday, June 7th followed by an evening of awards and socializing. Pictured above are the graduates and staff: Mrs. McConnell, Ava Cohrs, Jackson Rammer, Isabella Laufenberg, Connor Mootz, Makyah Goetsch, Mrs. Kasper, Mrs. Frisch, Mrs. Ament, Mr. Bi-alecki, Mrs. Gessler, Mrs. Doughty, Mrs. Seubert, Mrs. Schmidt, Fr. Chris, Deacon Jim, Miss Wells. Thank you to the staff and parents for making this celebration so great. Thank you also to Phil Ziesemer Photography for providing the picture.

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

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**Parish Directory**

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**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  
 Friday.....8:00 AM at SFX

**Reconciliation Times (and by appointment)**

Saturday.....9:00 AM & 3:00 PM (SFX)  
 Tuesday.....5:30 PM (SFX) Wednesday...8:15 AM (SFX)  
 1st Sunday of the month .....12:30 PM (SJB)  
 Summer parish Office Hours: Monday 12:30-4:00 PM  
 Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 AM-4:00 PM  
 (closed daily 12-12:30 for lunch)  
 Friday 8:30 AM-12:00 PM

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

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

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**Come and Join Us**

**Friends of Jesus Charismatic Prayer Group:**

Our next meeting is June 22nd 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 from 9:00-10:30

AM during the school year. Have a fun

and safe summer!



***THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS at SFX*** in "The Little

Flower" Chapel burn in honor of: **Jim Brannan.**

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. May the perpetual light shine upon him.

**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: **Marian Lillicrist.**

By: Jack & Faye Semling Family



***SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK***

***June 13, 2016***

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15



**Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

**Sunday:** Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24



## Weekly Schedule: June 13–19, 2016

Monday 6/13	Tuesday 6/14	Wednesday 6/15	Thursday 6/16	Friday 6/17	Saturday 6/18	Sunday 6/19
<p><b>Fr. Chris' Day Off</b></p> <p><b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>5:30 PM SFX Reconciliation</p> <p>6:00 PM SFX Mass</p>	<p>8:15 AM SFX Reconciliation</p> <p>9:00 AM SFX Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE 3:00-7:00 PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>9:00 AM SJB Mass &amp; Social follows</p> <p>10:30 AM Mass at Pine Crest</p> <p>6:30 PM SFX Bell Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE 8:00 - 4:00 PM</b></p>	<p>8:00 AM SFX Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE 8:00—11 AM</b></p>	<p>9:00 AM SFX Reconciliation</p> <p>3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation</p> <p>4:00 PM SFX Mass</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p>7:45 AM SFX Mass</p> <p>9:30 AM SFX Mass</p> <p>11:30 AM SJB Mass</p>
<p>SFX=St. Francis Xavier SJB= St. John the Baptist</p>						

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE June 18-19, 2016

**Readers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Pat Buckett & Lisa Hass  
 7:45 AM (SFX) Arlys Bourdage & Paula Soderberg  
 9:30 AM (SFX) Michaela Raleigh & Barb McConnell

**Servers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Hannah Hayes, Lauren Cohrs, Lillie Karpenske  
 7:45 AM (SFX) Isabel Wendt, Matthew & Macey Jo Weix  
 9:30 AM (SFX) Scott, Sam & Nevaeh Nelson, Ana Voermans

**Greeters/Ushers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Ian & Kevin Cohrs, Don MacSwain,  
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7:45 AM (SFX) Kurt, Griffin, Will & Kennedy Soderberg

9:30 AM (SFX) Neil & Brant Raleigh, Volunteers

**SCRIP sellers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Lori McAllister  
 7:45 AM (SFX) Hannah & Chris Hanson  
 9:30 AM (SFX) Barb & Skip Ott

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

### MASS INTENTIONS Week of June 13, 2016

Tuesday

6:00 PM (SFX) Intention: †Dave Dagleish  
 By: Pat & Kaz Buckett

Wednesday

9:00 AM (SFX) Intention: †All Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 By: Chris & Ann Heller

Thursday

9:00 AM (SJB) Intention: †James A. Schnarsky  
 By: Leona Barrett  
 10:15 AM (at Pine Crest) Intention: †Marilyn Stiver  
 By: Mary Duginski

Friday

8:00 AM (SFX) Intention: †Roxanne Sladek  
 By: Mark & Betty Weix

Saturday

4:00 PM (SFX) Intention: †William Doering  
 By: Barb Doering

Sunday

7:45 AM (SFX) Intention: †Geno & Florence Bosi  
 By: Family  
 9:30 AM (SFX) Intention: †Robert Salutz  
 By: Family  
 11:30 AM (SJB) Intention †: Raymond & Freida St. Mary  
 By: Jim & Joyce St. Mary

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST at Park Place  
 June 19, 2016: Sue Norenberg**

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**ROSARY LEADER at Pine Crest  
 June 18, 2016: Karen Cournaya**

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**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER  
 Week of June 19, 2016: Mary Luterbach**

### 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

In today's Gospel, we have the story of *The Pardoning of the Sinful Woman*. In this section of Luke's Gospel, we not only find Jesus dining in the house of a Pharisee, but we see several tell-tale events which occurred from this dinner invitation. First we have the Pharisee, who evidently arranged this dinner. This Pharisee, Simon, is a religious man who personally knows the sins this woman has been involved in. How does he know? And why, by his own words, is he looking down at Jesus and this woman as if he is so much better than they are? And has this dinner party been set up, as a trap Jesus? The woman for her part recognizes something about Jesus and through her faith in who Jesus is, she has thrown herself at his feet. In her action, she has shown herself to be less than a servant or a slave who washes the feet of guests and in her case cannot stop kissing Jesus' feet. Jesus recognizes both individuals and reads both the woman's actions and what the Pharisee has said to himself. Jesus recognizes this woman's faith and asks Simon the Pharisee this question from a story he has told him. "Who loves more?"

The one thing this gospel story does show us, who it is who loves the most! Listen to Jesus' words and how they are expressed.

"Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

The passion, which Jesus expresses his merciful forgiveness, should not, and cannot be overlooked, especially in this year of Mercy. The great thing about King David in our first reading, is he learned about this merciful love of God and sought it. And David also recognized the consequences from the sins he had committed. David will continue to see the effects from those sins even after his being forgiven. David and this woman recognize the depth of forgiveness which has been given them. If nothing else, there is one question I must ask myself, "How much have I experienced and grown in the understanding of the depth of God's mercy, in this Year of Mercy?"

## **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 8:00-11:00 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.



The **Parish Office** will be closed on Monday, June 13th for an offsite meeting. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.

**Prayer List:** Please pray for the following parishioners of both parishes who are in need of our prayers: Rick Loof, Duane Tomajcik, Millie Martin, Elaine Hinke, Ed Truckenbrodt, Paula Pleski, Kathy Colclasure, Julieanne Opichka, Phyllis Sheil, Leona Barrett, and Ginger Lawrie.

## **Updated Reconciliation Times:**

SFX Tuesday 5:30-5:45 PM

SFX Wednesday 8:15-8:45 AM

SFX Saturday 9:00-10:00 AM & 3:00-3:30 PM

SJB 1st Sunday of the month after 11:30 AM Mass

**Answer to SJB Cemetery Trivia Question (6/5):** The land for the cemetery was donated by Joseph Zitzelsberger in 1887. Joseph's father in law was Frank Welsbrick.

**CCW (Council of Catholic Women) News:** Our next meeting is June 29th at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. It will last until 8 PM at the group's request. Refreshments will again be provided.

**Money for our budget!** Thank you to everyone who is stepping it up and buying SCRIP. Last week our sales increased dramatically and we reached \$17,900! In one week! That equals \$800.00 in profit! SCRIP is one way to help our parish meet our financial needs. Remember, SCRIP costs you no extra money to use. Please call Kris in the parish office if you have any questions about SCRIP.

**Grief Support:** Bell Tower is hosting a Grief Support group on June 15 at 6 PM. For more information call 715-536-5575.

Take time this summer to relax and rest in the real presence of Jesus. No problem is too big for Him. Come as you are. He is waiting for you.



Open hours: 5-6 PM Wednesday, 3 PM every day except Saturday, 2 PM Tuesday and 2 PM on Sunday. Many other hours need prayer partners.

If you have any questions please call Phil/Mary 536-4825.



**Summer Office Hours**  
**Monday Noon-4:00 PM**  
**Tuesday-Thursday 8:30-4 PM**  
**Friday 8:30 AM-Noon**

## SFX School News

### All School Field Trip

The SFX school kids ended their school year with an all school field trip to the Eagle River Children's Museum this past week. The kids thoroughly enjoyed their day playing at 26 stations with a different theme. This all school field trip was paid for from the recent candy bar sales fundraiser. Thank you to all who supported this wonderful day for our children.



## Religious Education News

**Totus Tuus is July 31-August 5.** We are in need two host families, five families who would like to host the team for supper, and volunteers to help with snacks. If you would like to help in any of these areas, please contact Joe Velie at 715-536-2803, ext. 222.

The Totus Tuus 2016 team members are:

- ◇ **Kayla Johnson** is from Cumberland, WI, and is attending Benedictine College in Kansas.
- ◇ **Elise Burns** is from Gordon, WI and is attending the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.
- ◇ **Erich Wallace** is from Merrill, WI. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, he now works at St. Francis Xavier School in Merrill.
- ◇ **Sean Mulcare** is from Forest Lake, MN and attends seminary at St. John Vianney Minor Seminary for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

**Confirmation:** The date and time for Confirmation has been set for November 6 at 11 AM at St. Mary's in Tomahawk. Bishop Powers will preside. This school year's 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students will be confirmed at that time.

### **From the Holy Father's General Audience: June 8, 2016**



Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now consider the first of Jesus' miracles, the changing of water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana. Saint John fittingly calls these miracles "signs", for by them the Lord reveals the Father's merciful love. Jesus' choice of a wedding feast points to the deeper meaning of this miracle. It is a sign of the new covenant that he came to inaugurate, the messianic banquet promised for the end times, where he is the Bridegroom and the Church his bride. By changing the water kept for ritual purification into new wine, Jesus signals that he is the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. Mary's command to the servants – "Do whatever he tells you" – can serve as a program of life for the Church. We are called constantly to renew our love for the Lord, and to draw new wine, new life, from his saving wounds. The miracle at Cana reminds us that we are invited, as members of the Lord's family, the Church, to draw near to him in faith, and thus to share in the joy of the wedding feast of the new and eternal covenant.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

June 2016

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Our annual National Concern Collection (June 18 & 19, 2016) is an effort to combine five Catholic initiatives that are important to the Church here in the United States as well as here in northern Wisconsin. Your generosity and prayers support these causes:

The Archdiocese for the Military Services is a newly funded initiative that provides support for this Church ministry that provides for the spiritual, sacramental and pastoral care of almost two million Catholics serving in the armed forces.

The National Retirement Fund for Religious continues to provide vital funding for our sisters and all religious institutes in need. Today, many senior religious continue to manifest God's love and generosity by serving in a wide range of volunteer activities.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development – in working through our Diocesan Department of Stewardship and Development – provides national grants that make a difference in low-income communities to fund programs that address the very root causes of poverty. The Diocese recently received a \$45,000 grant to support Comunidad Hispana of Merrill, which assists the growing Hispanic immigrant population.

The Catholic Communication Campaign focuses on finding new ways to bring the gospel message to people in today's digital age - on the Internet to strengthen marriage, in podcasts for daily readings, on television for Christmas Mass, and on Facebook for sharing of the faith. Fifty percent of the collection supports local communications efforts.

The Catholic University of America (CUA) located in Washington, D.C., offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

I ask that you simply consider giving what you can, and to pray for a vibrant Catholic Church here in northern Wisconsin.

Thanking you for your gift of stewardship and faith, I am

Gratefully yours in the Lord,

Most Rev. James P. Powers  
Bishop of Superior

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# St. John the Baptist—Bloomville, WI

## Parish Support—May 29, 2016

Actual Amount of envelopes & loose:	\$576.00
Amount Needed for the budget:	\$1016.00
Over (Under) Since 7/1/15:	(\$145.90)

### Who's Who:

Trustees: Jim St. Mary, Leona Vander Sanden  
 Parish Council: Anne Schoone (Chair), Paul Polacek  
 Joe Zimmerman, Kris Block, and Bernie Ineichen

## Liturgical Ministries— June 19, 2016

Readers: Karen Polacek & Angela Monti  
 Greeters/Ushers: Paul Polacek & Joe Zimmerman  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 SCRIP Seller: Sandy Tank



Eucharistic Ministers may volunteer by taking a Necklace before Mass begins.

### Parish News:

- ⇒ Thank you to Frank and Bernie Ineichen for their donation of new flowers in the front of the church and for trimming the shrubs to make our church more beautiful on the outside.
- ⇒ Ginger Lawrie would like to extend her gratitude and thanks for all who sent cards and telephone wishes following her surgery.

### Cemetery News:

⇒ We could use 55 gallon steel drum/barrel with removable lid to be used for refuse, old flower pots, plastic containers, etc. Also, we are in need of someone to make a few signs out of plywood so people know where to dump excess dirt, containers, and plant perennials.

### ⇒ Cemetery Trivia:

Question #3: How big is the cemetery property? (The answers will be hidden in next week's bulletin)

### Chicken Dinner

⇒ Our chicken dinner and sweepstake drawing is planned for August 7. Sweepstake tickets are being printed and will be mailed to you later this summer. This is great opportunity to make sure the parish office has your correct mailing address. We have some great prizes this year: A Summer Sizzle Meat Package Valued at \$450, 2—\$100 cash prizes, 2 packer tickets to the August 18th pre-season game, a SHARK light and easy steam mop, and a hand made lap blanket.

As we hear the Gospel today we realize that sometimes we are like Simon as it's far easier to see what is wrong in another than it is to see what is wrong in ourselves. But Jesus, who accepts the poor woman without judging or blaming her, shows us what Christian love is all about. *Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The financial support given to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul can bring Christ's love and compassion to the poor. Our Outreach Office is located at 503 S. Center Avenue, Merrill, WI 54452.*

The Liturgy Committee would like to teach us about the Saints of the day and special feast days:

Sunday:	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Anthony of Padua
Tuesday:	Flag Day
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

## OUR GIFTS TO OUR LORD

For the weekend of May 22 - May 29, 2016

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Actual	Amt needed	Over (Under) since 7/1/15
Adult Envelopes	\$5,149.00	\$7,827.00	(18,873.89)
Loose Collection	\$253.19	\$270.00	2,488.71
ACH giving	\$300.00	\$1,186.54	210.21
Debt Relief	\$666.02	\$788.46	1,102.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,368.21</b>	<b>\$10,072.00</b>	<b>(15,072.51)</b>

### SCRIP News....

- Congratulations to Judy Warren, the winner of \$25 in free SCRIP for the month of May
- \$1300.00 in tuition credits were given out to school families in April and May.
- Welcome to the SCRIP program, Ku's Wokery. They have \$10 gift certificates and donate 10% to our school.
- Don't take a summer vacation from SCRIP. SCRIP will be sold before and after Mass and during parish office hours all summer long.

### Notes from the Finance Office

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and School recently received their tenth check from the **Faith in Our Future: Our Legacy, Our Mission Campaign**. The church and the school each received a check for \$4,718.23 for a total of \$9,436.46 received! This money will be used here at our parish to pay off the debt of the new roof. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have made a pledge to this campaign. Thank you also for your continued support and payments on your pledges.



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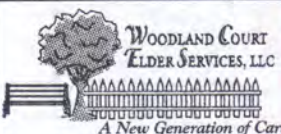
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