

If you wish to come after me,
you must deny yourself and

take up your cross

daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

St. Francis Xavier & St. John the Baptist
Catholic Churches

JUNE 19, 2016 • TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Physical & mailing address: 1708 East Tenth Street, Merrill, WI 54452

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Parish Directory

- Parish Office.....536-2803
- Pastor — Father Chris Kemp.....536-2803 ext. 218
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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
 - Thursday9:00 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 month12:30 PM (SJB)

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-Noon

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

Parish office email: 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 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 will meet again in September when school begins.
 Have a safe summer.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS at SFX in "The Little

Flower" Chapel burn in honor of: **Lee Deates**
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. May the perpetual
 light shine 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 **Jim Shrock** on the anniversary of his death, and for Father's Day. By: Judy



SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: June 20, 2016

- Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29
- Friday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Weekly Schedule: June 20-26, 2016

Monday 6/20	Tuesday 6/21	Wednesday 6/22	Thursday 6/23	Friday 6/24	Saturday 6/25	Sunday 6/26
	5:30 PM SFX Reconciliation	8:15 AM SFX Reconciliation	9:00 AM SJB Mass & Social follows	8:00 AM SFX Mass	3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation	7:45 AM SFX Mass
	6:00 PM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SFX Mass	10:30 AM Pine Crest Mass		4:00 PM SFX Mass	9:30 AM SFX Mass
	6:00 PM SFX Base Training	6:00 PM SFX Charismatic Prayer Group				11:30 AM SJB Mass
						
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LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE June 25-26, 2016

Readers:

4:00 PM (SFX) Gwen & Olivia Wheat
 7:45 AM (SFX) Chester Kwiesielewicz, Tim Fischer
 9:30 AM (SFX) Chris Renzelmann, Pat Buckett

Servers:

4:00 PM (SFX) Tessa Wheat, Aidan & Austin White
 7:45 AM (SFX) Troy & Connor Mootz, Cassie Fowler
 9:30 AM (SFX) Alli Renzelmann, Joe & Eva Jaroski,
 Gaven Reindl

Greeters/Ushers:

4:00 PM (SFX) Joe Folta, Chris Heller, Don MacSwain,
 Lori McAllister
 7:45 AM (SFX) Jim, Zach, Chaz Mootz, Andreou Goetsch
 9:30 AM (SFX) William Osterbrink, Jordan Reindl, Joel
 & Lori Ruprecht

SCRIP sellers:

4:00 PM (SFX) Kelly Wheat
 7:45 AM (SFX) Barb E. Adams, Julie Mootz
 9:30 AM (SFX) Mary Ann VDG, Barb A. Adams

Ministry Schedules and sub lists for both parishes are
 on our website: www.stfrancismerrill.org

MASS INTENTIONS Week of June 20, 2016

Tuesday

6:00 PM (SFX) Intention: † Mary Mangold
 By: Marian Martel

Wednesday

9:00 AM (SFX) Intention: † Hank Caylor
 By: Carl & Leona Vandersanden

Thursday

9:00 AM (SJB) Intention: † Larry Tank
 By: Jim & Joyce St. Mary
 10:15 AM (at Pine Crest) Intention: Recovery for Sr. Dolores
 Lilla
 By: Monica Talbot

Friday

8:00 AM (SFX) Intention: People of the parishes

Saturday

4:00 PM (SFX) Intention: † Roy Drew
 By: Family

Sunday

7:45 AM (SFX) Intention: † Dennis Ellenbecker
 By: Doris
 9:30 AM (SFX) Intention: People of the Parishes
 11:30 AM (SJB) Intention: † Christian & Mary Beyer and
 Frank & Adolphia Mosser
 By: Patty Mosser

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST at Park Place
 June 26, 2016: Paul Proulx

ROSARY LEADER at Pine Crest
 June 25, 2016: Barb Hartwig

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER
 Week of June 26, 2016: Carol Emon

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

One of the things I find interesting about the gospels is how Jesus is constantly trying to get our attention, and today's gospel from Luke is no different. In the first sentence from today's gospel we hear that Jesus was praying. One may ask, so what about Jesus' praying? In Luke's gospel, we find Jesus prays at significant points in his ministry, at his baptism, the choosing of the twelve, right before Peter's confession in today's gospel, at the transfiguration, teaching the disciples to pray, at the Last Supper, on the Mount of Olives, and on the cross. Prayer is a two-way conversation for each individual, whether it is done individually, or communally. The person is in communication with God and God to the person. Prayer is the way in which we are drawn into a closer understanding of who God is and our relationship with Him.

In today's first reading from Zechariah, we hear how the Messiah would be someone who suffers and dies. It is believed that Jesus drew heavily from the writings of this Old Testament prophet during his ministry, and not only his writings, but the other writings about the Messiah also. So in the gospel, the first question Jesus asks his disciples is, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" And the disciples answer, "John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the ancient prophets." It is a fair enough question and the answer is suitable even for today. A lot of people figure Jesus was no more than one of the great sages, like Buddha, or a Mohamad or another sage. But then he asks that all important question, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers, "The Messiah of God." This Hebrew word Messiah, means the "Anointed One," and in the Greek, it is where we get Christos, or Christ. All would be easy if we were able to leave it right there. However, Jesus goes on to say, He must suffer, and be rejected, die and rise. The hard part is, he is telling his disciples and us that we must follow him. Ah, but to rise with Him.

-Fr. Chris

frckemp@stfrancismerrill.org

Answer to SJB Cemetery Question #3: The St. John's Cemetery is 4 acres large and the deed states "For church purposes only".

Please pray for the following people of both parishes who are in need of your prayers. Also remember the residents in our nursing homes and hospitals. Call Kris at the parish office to put someone on this list: Rick Loof, Duane Tomajcik, Millie Martin, Elaine Hinke, Ed Truckenbrodt, Paula Pleski, Kathy Colclasure, Julieanne Opichka, Phyllis Sheil, Leona Barrett, and Ginger Lawrie.

Fr. Chris will be on vacation June 25-July 1. Please watch next week's bulletin for a schedule of Word & Communion services during the week he is gone. Weekend Masses will be celebrated as usual.

New Ministry Schedules for July and August will be available in the back of church next weekend and also posted on our website. Do you need to find a substitute while you are on vacation this summer? There are sub lists posted on line as well. Click on literature/information and then SFX ministry schedules.

Fr. Michael Gaitley is the featured speaker August 5-7, 2016 at the University of Wisconsin for the Mercy & Mary Weekend Retreat. For more information call the parish office or visit:

www.Events.MarianMissionaries.org

Jubilee Year of Mercy: The message of the Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us-all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His Mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remember ABC:

A—Ask God for His mercy.

B— Be merciful to others, as He is to us.

C—Completely trust in Jesus.

For more information visit:

www.thedivinemercy.org

Divine Mercy chaplet books are available in the parish office.



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

SFX School News

School is out! We hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. Please remember to keep saving those box tops, soup labels, and Kwik Trip milk caps and bags. Our school receives generous donations from these companies which helps support our special programs. These items may be dropped off at the parish office, or the wooden drop box by the restrooms in the back of Church. Thank you for your support.



WHAT IS SCRIP?

Recently Fr. Chris asked for your increased support of our SCRIP program. And you answered! The following week SCRIP sales jumped from an average of \$10,000 to \$17,900! SCRIP is simply purchasing gift cards to many local and national stores, gas stations, and restaurants. If you want \$100 in County Market or Piggly Wiggly, you pay for and receive \$100 in gift cards. Our school earns money from those stores, not you. SCRIP is on sale all summer long at the parish office, and after Mass on the weekends. Thank you for helping us raise money for our school!



From the Holy Father's General Audience: June 15, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now consider Jesus' miracle of restoring sight to a blind man on the way to Jericho (Lk 18:35-43). The blind man, forced to beg for a living, can represent all those disadvantaged persons who, even today, find themselves on the periphery of our societies. The prosperous city of Jericho, for its part, evokes the conquest of the Promised Land and Moses' stern warning that, once settled, God's People were not to harden their hearts or be blind to the presence of those in need (cf. Dt 15). Unlike the crowd, Jesus does not ignore the blind man or try to silence his cries. He stops, turns the eyes of all to the blind man, and, acknowledging his faith, restores his sight. Saint Luke tells us that the man, now healed, became a disciple of Jesus. Not only, but the crowd too now sees; their eyes are opened to the meaning of this encounter of mercy, and they give praise to God (v. 43). During this Jubilee of Mercy may we too open our eyes and hearts to God's love for the poor and to the gift of healing that he offers to all who turn to him in faith.

Religious Education News

Totus Tuus is July 31-August 5. We are in need one host family, 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.

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.

RCIA: Do you have questions about Catholicism or are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized Catholic but have missed Confirmation or First Communion and wish to receive these sacraments? If you do, please contact Joe Velie at 536-2803 ext. 222.

National Concern Collection: This weekend our parishes join Churches throughout our Diocese as we support the annual National Concern Collection. This Collection supports 5 Catholic initiatives including: The Archdiocese for the Military, The National Retirement Fund for Religious, The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and the Catholic University of America. Thank you for your generous support of this collection.



Eucharistic Adoration

While Mass is the greatest act of worship for Catholics, Eucharistic adoration outside Mass offers us another opportunity to spend time in the Real Presence of Our Lord. Christ, in his great humility, appears in the form of bread so he can be in every Catholic Church in the world. Whenever we need him, we can find him. He is present, in a tabernacle, waiting for us to visit.

The call spending time with Jesus has been part of Catholic tradition since the beginning when Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, mournfully asked his disciples: "Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Mt 26:40). So come and spend one hour this week with Jesus. He is waiting for you. (By: Julie Filby, *Fathers For Good.*)

If you have questions or would like to sign up for an hour of adoration please call:
Phil/ Mary 536-4825; Audrey 536-1502; Kay 536-5986

Notes from the Finance Office....

Summer is here! Vacations, weekend trips to the cabin, and family camping adventures are some of the fun summer activities that call us away from home. While you are away, I want to encourage you to continue your faithful giving to general offerings and debt retirement. Your consistent tithes and offerings really make a big difference at St. Francis Xavier. During the summer months, our payroll and utility expenses along with other monthly bills continue just as yours do at your home. I'd like to challenge all of us to remember St. Francis Xavier in our giving throughout these summer months. If you would like to simplify giving by signing up for weekly or monthly automatic withdrawals from your bank account, please use the ACH authorization form that can be found in this bulletin or call me, Laura Reiter, at 715-536-2803, email lreiter@stfrancismerrill.org, for more information.

We have many wonderful things for which to be thankful! Your faithful giving has decreased the debt on our loans by \$57,000 over the last year! Due to your payment on your pledges to the Faith in Our Future Campaign, the roof loan has decreased by \$38,000! Also, general collections have increased about \$5,000 over the last year. God not only blesses a heart of generosity, but He is lifted up in our lives when we choose to give.

Have a safe and rejuvenating summer everyone and thank you for remembering your Church with your continued faithful giving during the summer months.

The Snack Shack committee is very excited for this year's fair. We will be introducing some great new menu items this year including Deep Fried Pickles, Potato Ribbons, and Strawberry Shortcake in a waffle cone! Sign up sheets will be up in the back of church very soon. We are looking for:



**Wait Staff
Cooks
Kitchen Help
Cashiers
Shift Managers**

The Fair is July 20-24! Thank you for your help!

St. Mary's Summer Festival
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June 24-26

Family Baskets, raffles, Pokerino, music
pie garden, beer, food, soda and more!

Friday, June 24: Fish & Shrimp boil 4:30 PM
Saturday, June 25: Pulled Pork and fixings 4:00 PM
Sunday, June 26: Hot Beef & Kielbasa with Kraut
and our endless salad smorgasbord 12:00 PM.

Music all 3 days with Mark Wayne and the "One Man Band" on Friday, TNT entertainment & Karaoke on Saturday, and the Jim Pekol Polka Band on Sunday.

Sunday is Family Day, with a Polka Mass at 11 AM (bring your chairs), polka music in the afternoon, and Kids events: David Dall story teller, and an inflatable obstacle course.

**St. Francis Xavier 11th Annual Sportsman's Banquet
Saturday, September 10, 2016**

Last year's banquet raised \$11,000 for the parish. We are excited for another successful banquet this year. The banquet committee is looking for donations of new outdoor related items, or outdoor prints, for the raffles and door prizes to help reduce the cost. These items may be dropped off at the parish office. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated. Thanks for your past and continued support for our banquet. If you have any questions call Tom Huftel at 715-536-1502 or Jim Mootz 536-9769. Tickets will go on sale to the general public later this summer.



SFX CCW Update: How inspiring to see so many women interested in joining and helping St. Francis through our Council of Catholic Women. We have a lot going on and we will need all your help: 1. Please mark your calendars for the weekend of July 9th and 10th. We will be holding a fundraiser after each Mass for one of our own Justin Norenberg who recently had a double lung transplant. Details to come but think about craft items you can donate and baked goods you can make. 2. Also come join us on our bus trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI on August 18th. Forms are on the Parish bulletin board. 3. Finally, our next meeting is June 29th at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. See you all there! Blessings for a great week.

Fortnight for Freedom: June 21-July 4, 2016

Pray...Learn...Gather...Pilgrimage...Share!

You can join Catholics across our country as we pray for religious freedom. See the flier in the entrance to Church, or Visit www.usccb.org or Text "Freedom" to 377377 for updates.

St. John the Baptist—Bloomville, WI

Parish Support—June 5, 2016

Actual Amount of envelopes & loose: \$940.00
 Amount Needed for the budget: \$1016.00
 Over (Under) Since 7/1/15: (\$221.90)

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 26, 2016

Readers: Gayle Dobson, Joe Zimmerman
 Greeters/Ushers: Louie Leder, Perry Block
 Servers: Volunteers
 SCRIP Seller: Sandy Tank

Sunday, June 26th we are looking for a volunteer to take Fr. Ron Mrozinski to the CWA airport in Mosinee following our 11:30 AM Mass. Please call the parish office if you can volunteer.

Cemetery News:

⇒ We are still looking for a 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 #4: How many "known" graves are there? (The answer will be hidden in next week's bulletin)

Chicken Dinner:

⇒ Thank you to Fr. Kevin Farrell who will be celebrating Mass at St. Francis Xavier on Sunday, August 7th at 9:30 AM. This will free up Fr. Chris to celebrate Mass on August 7th at 10:00 AM. Our chicken dinner and other festivities will begin at 11 AM.

⇒ 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.

⇒ Donations needed: We need themed baskets for our family basket raffles, as well as baked goods and your garden produce for those sales as well. We could also your help in the kitchen for the chicken dinner. Please call Dorothy Gennrich at 715-873-46983, or use the sign up sheets in the back of Church.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us that "whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."



This week, know that you will bring hope to the poor by your financial gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Office..

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OUR GIFTS TO OUR LORD

For the weekend of June 4 - June 5, 2016

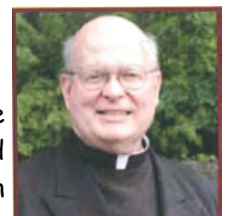
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Loose Collection	\$281.00	\$270.00	2,499.71
ACH giving	\$1,581.00	\$1,186.54	604.68
Debt Relief	<u>\$1,476.11</u>	<u>\$788.46</u>	<u>1,790.10</u>
TOTAL	\$11,694.11	\$10,072.00	(13,450.40)

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



Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day;
 Tuesday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga
 Wednesday: St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More
 Friday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Welcome to Fr. Ron Mrozinski from Cross Catholic Outreach



Father Ron Mrozinski will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



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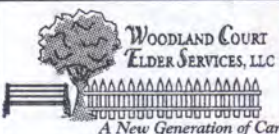
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