

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June  
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2016

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

Jesus  
said,

“Foxes have dens  
and birds of the  
sky have nests,  
but the Son of Man  
has nowhere  
to rest his head.”

Luke 9:58

**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
- Retired Clergy — Father Joseph Kleinheinz.....536-2803
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- Religious Education — Maraline Collins
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- School Secretary — Cindy Gennrich.....536-6083
- Knights of Columbus — Bill Hanson, Grand Knight.....536-8471

Parish Website: [www.stfrancismerrill.org](http://www.stfrancismerrill.org)  
 Staff email addresses are listed on the parish website

- St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store.....539-1131
- 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
- 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)

**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)

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**Come and Join Us**

**Friends of Jesus Charismatic Prayer Group:**

Our next meeting is July 13th 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: **Joseph and Genevieve Blair**. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May the perpetual light shine upon them.

**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.



***SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK***

***June 27, 2016***



Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8



Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40,

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

Daily readings can also be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

# Weekly Schedule: June 27-July 3, 2016

Monday 6/27	Tuesday 6/28	Wednesday 6/29	Thursday 6/30	Friday 7/1	Saturday 7/2	Sunday 7/3
Fr. Chris on Vacation this week	6:00 PM SFX Word & Communion  7:00 PM K of C Officer Meeting	6:30 PM Council of Catholic Women - Cafeteria	9:00 AM SJB Word & Communion & Social  10:30 AM Pine Crest Mass	8:00 AM SFX Mass	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
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## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE July 2-3, 2016

### Readers:

4:00 PM (SFX) Susan Ryman, Lisa Hass  
7:45 AM (SFX) Arlys Bourdage, Tom Huftel  
9:30 AM (SFX) Evelyn Lee, Michaela Raleigh

### Servers:

4:00 PM (SFX) Mason & Clayton Evans, L. Karpenske  
7:45 AM (SFX) Isabell Wendt, M & M Weix  
9:30 AM (SFX) Molly, Anna, Matthew Rydeski & Ava Cohrs

### Greeters/Ushers:

4:00 PM (SFX) Joe Folta, Don MacSwain, Chris Heller Volunteer  
7:45 AM (SFX) Grace Huftel, Ron Presl, Brett Swan, Darrell Barker  
9:30 AM (SFX) Chris Lee, Mary Rheinschmidt, Neil & Brant Raleigh

### SCRIP sellers:

4:00 PM (SFX) Michelle Evans  
7:45 AM (SFX) Chris & Hannah Hanson  
9:30 AM (SFX) Gayle Maluegge, Hilde Hantke

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**  
July 3, 2016: Dale Palecek

**ROSARY LEADER at Pine Crest**  
July 2, 2016: Sally Wiley

**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER**  
Week of July 3, 2016: Jan Bares

## MASS INTENTIONS Week of June 27, 2016

### Tuesday

6:00 PM (SFX) Word & Communion

### Wednesday-No Mass

### Thursday

9:00 AM (SJB) Word & Communion  
10:15 AM (at Pine Crest) Intention: † Helen Marie Ziesemer  
By: Family

### Friday

8:00 AM (SFX) Intention: † Eugene & Carol Koss  
By: Family & Friends

### Saturday

4:00 PM (SFX) Intention: Special Intentions of the Custy Family

### Sunday

7:45 AM (SFX) Intention: † Dorothy Ellenbecker  
By: Doris  
9:30 AM (SFX) Intention: † Roxanne Sladek  
By: Pat & Kaz Bucket  
11:30 AM (SJB) Intention of: In thanksgiving of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Alan & Marie Malm



## 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 readings both the gospel and the first reading (1 Kings), we are given examples of how people are to show their commitment to God. In the first reading, Elijah is instructed, by God, to anoint Elisha as his successor. It causes me to ask, what do you suppose it now means for Elijah, with his position now being cut out? However, Elijah doesn't seem too concerned, as we see by his response to Elisha as he threw his cloak over him. And then we need to ask, what about Elisha? He is out plowing behind twelve oxen and simply says goodbye to his parents and gives the slaughtered oxen to his people for food. Twelve oxen would mean that Elisha was quite a wealthy person for his time. And Elisha leaves it all to be Elijah's attendant? Huh!

In our Gospel, Jesus is resolutely determined to head to Jerusalem. At the surface, this journey may not mean much for us today. But notice the Samaritans in today's story; it shows us that Jesus is not even concerned about their lack of hospitality towards them, but he is concerned about the disciples' response towards the Samaritans. For centuries, the Samaritans and the Jews were opposed to each other for both ethnic and religious reasons. Lastly, we have the stories about following Jesus, and looking to what is left behind.

These can be extremely unnerving stories for people, and they are meant to be! However, most people are not going to be asked to give up everything to follow Jesus. But we are asked to look at these stories and ask ourselves what we may be putting before Jesus and his fitting us for the kingdom of God! What God does call us to, is to overlook the faults of others and to be involved in an authentic conversion process. A conversion process is not automatically going to be easy, especially if we lose sight of Jesus and the kingdom which he is preparing for us.

-Fr. Chris

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

**Notes from the Finance Office:** In the May packet of contribution envelopes was a blue envelope designated for the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Total collections throughout May totaled \$1,124.00 and were sent to the local chapter. Thank you for your generosity!

**Council of Catholic Women:** Please mark your calendars for the weekend of July 9th and 10th as we will be having a fundraiser after all the masses for Justin Norenberg. As many of you know Justin had a double lung transplant and is doing great but he will be off work for many months and we can help take some pressure off with our support. We are looking for craft items and baked goods for the fundraiser. See the bulletin next week for details. Our next CCW meeting is June 29th in the cafeteria and we will be finalizing plans for the fundraiser. We need the help of the entire parish to make this successful for Justin and his family. Contact Chris McCarthy at 715-212-1218 if you have questions.

**Fr. Chris** will be on vacation June 25-June 30. There will not be Mass Tuesday-Thursday. Word & Communion Services will be celebrated Tuesday, June 28 at 6 PM at St. Francis and Thursday, June 30 at 9 AM at St. John's. Weekend Masses will be celebrated as usual.

**New Ministry Schedules** for July and August are now available in the back of church and also posted on our website. Going on vacation this summer? There are sub lists posted on line as well.

**Please welcome Fr. Ron Mrozinski** who will 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. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. If you did not receive a brochure explaining Fr. Ron's appeal more are available in the back of Church.

**The parish office is closed  
Monday, July 4th  
Enjoy the Holiday!**



# SFX School News

## 2015-2016 Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

Highest Honors 3.75 - 4.00    Honors 3.25 - 3.499

Isabella Laufenberg

Jackson Rammer

Kamryn Beyer

\*Rebecca Rell

Nevaeh Nelson

Matthew Rydeski

\*Ashton Voermans

Tessa Wheat

\*- denotes 4.0

Nathan Johnson

Kyleigh Reinichen

Honor Roll 3.00-3.249

Connor Mootz

Jaden Dzwonkwoski

Hailey Gerbig

Shayla Swan

Austin White

High Honors 3.50 - 3.749

Ava Cohrs

Makyah Goetsch

Aaron Arndt

Cali Brown

Madison Nyman

Gaven Reindl

Honorable Mention

Russell Gerbig

Dominique Zastrow-

Meehean

Lillianna Karpenske

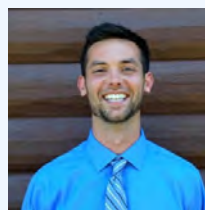


### From the Holy Father's General Audience: June 22, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now consider Jesus' healing of the leper (Lk 5:12-14). As we know, lepers were considered unclean and bound by law to avoid contact with others. Saint Luke tells us that one leper, moved by faith, did not fear to pass among the crowds and beg Jesus to cleanse him. If this leper broke the law, Jesus did likewise by touching the man and cleansing him of the disease. The Lord's example teaches us not to be afraid to reach out and touch the poor and the needy in our midst. Significantly, the encounter does not end there. Jesus tells the healed leper to present himself to the priest to make the prescribed offering, and as a testimony to his healing. In this way, he shows us that his miracles of healing aim at the rehabilitation of sinners and that true faith bears fruit in witness. The Lord invites each of us to feel our own need and to ask for his healing touch. Like the leper, may we turn to Jesus in faith and let our lives proclaim his gifts of mercy, forgiveness and spiritual rebirth.

**Answer to SJB Cemetery Question #4:** There are 90 graves in the cemetery, plus some unmarked graves.

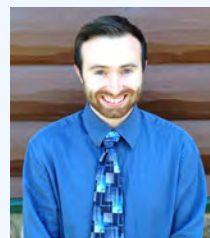
## Totus Tuus Team: Coming July 31-Aug 5



**Erich Wallace** is from Merrill, WI. He just finished a year as a teacher's aide at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in Merrill. He graduated from UW-Madison with a major in history and minors in both religious studies and German.



**Kayla Johnson** is from the beautiful town of Cumberland, WI. She is seeking a double major in International Studies and Political Studies, with a minor in Spanish at Benedictine College.



**Sean Mulcare** is a Seminarian at the University of St. Thomas and has just finished his first year. He plans to double major in philosophy and Catholic Studies as well as minor in psychology. Sean did a year of NET Ministries two years ago which deeply impacted his relationship with Jesus.



**Elise Burns**, the youngest of three was born and raised in Minong, WI but now lives in Denmark, WI. She is majoring in elementary education at UW-Lacrosse. She has a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### *"Thank yous" from the Finance Office....*

Quite a few "Thank yous!" are in order!

Thank you to all who donated items and to the hard workers at the Rummage Sale held June 22-24. Proceeds from the sale were **\$810.00** and benefit St. Francis Xavier School.

A fundraising Friday Fish Buffet was held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes on May 6. **Les & Jim's** generously donated 15% of the proceeds, **\$235.00**, to the Religious Education program at St. Francis Xavier Church. Thank you, Les and Jim's, for hosting this fundraiser!

Also, St. Francis Xavier Parish received **\$192.92** from the donation of items for recycling. Thank you to all who donated items to be recycled!

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

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>May 2016</b>	<b>July '15-May '16</b>
Collections	\$39,261.12	\$431,239.08
Debt Relief/2nd Collection	\$3,911.03	\$38,898.67
Fund Raising Income	\$3,973.73	\$156,477.25
School Income	\$12,958.20	\$195,326.60
Religious Education	\$0.00	\$9,590.00
Cemetery Income	\$1,080.00	\$22,907.50
Faith in Our Future Funds	\$0.00	\$29,965.29
Gifts, Bequests, Memorials	\$34,820.52	\$84,506.24
Other Income (Grants/fees/candles, etc.)	<u>\$2,679.89</u>	<u>\$47,614.82</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$98,684.49</b>	<b>\$1,016,525.45</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Wages/Benefits	\$64,091.46	\$706,594.88
Utilities	\$2,371.70	\$35,023.66
Insurance (Non-employment)	\$0.00	\$14,813.95
Office equip/supplies	\$601.48	\$9,195.94
Upkeep/maintenance	\$388.64	\$30,715.10
School Expenses	\$2,010.70	\$48,031.16
Liturgy/Music	\$1,411.00	\$18,342.28
Fundraising expenses	\$3,255.00	\$71,038.65
Ministry expenses (Rel. Ed., Evang., & Outreach)	\$1,685.36	\$22,916.91
Cemetery Expenses	\$564.24	\$11,043.98
Faith in Our Future Expenditures	\$0.00	\$29,965.29
2014-15 CSA expense	\$0.00	\$21,960.00
Interest Expense	\$813.12	\$11,061.18
Other Expenses	<u>\$1,335.65</u>	<u>\$9,993.46</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$78,528.35</b>	<b>\$1,040,696.44</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b><u>\$20,156.14</u></b>	<b><u>(\$24,170.99)</u></b>

<b>DEBTS</b>	<b>05/31/2016</b>	<b>06/30/2015</b>	<b>INVESTMENTS AS OF 5/31/16</b>	
Lincoln Community Bank	\$111,406.71	\$147,751.24	Checking Accounts	\$24,980.15
LCB - Roof Loan	\$91,907.12	\$129,642.58	Scrip Checking Account	\$13,852.69
St. Theresa Parish	\$125,428.29	\$136,604.18	Scrip Inventory	\$31,283.81
Accounts Payable	\$19,894.70	\$23,291.65	Cemetery Funds	\$30,716.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$348,636.82</u></b>	<b><u>\$437,289.65</u></b>	Heck Investments (Building Fund)	\$209,413.23
			Money Market Fund (Savings)	\$5,502.44
			Debt Relief Fund*	<u>\$103,339.12</u>
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$419,087.59</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.



The Sportsman's Banquet Committee is back at work to make this year's banquet another successful fundraiser. They are looking for donations of new outdoor related items or prints for their raffles and door prizes. Please drop your donations off at the Parish Office. Thank you.

**2016 Sportsman's Banquet  
Saturday, September 10th  
Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes**

# St. John the Baptist—Bloomville, WI

## Parish Support—June 12, 2016

Actual amount in envelopes & loose: \$ 654.00  
 Amount Needed for the budget: \$1016.00  
 Over (Under) Since 7/1/15: (\$ 583.90)

### Who's Who:

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

**Cemetery Trivia:** Question #5: How many cemetery caretakers can you name?

**Parish News:** A Word & Communion celebration will take place instead of Mass on Thursday, June 30th at 9:00 AM.

## Liturgical Ministries— July 3, 2016

Readers: Angela Monti, Gayle Dobson  
 Greeters/Ushers: Jim Feuerstein, Joe Zimmerman  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 SCRIP Seller: Sandy Tank

**Chicken Dinner:** Our chicken dinner and sweepstake drawing is planned for August 7. Sweepstake tickets will be handed out this Sunday, as well as July 3rd. They will also be mailed to all parishioners later in July. The schedule for the celebration is as follows:

10:00 AM Mass (Please note the special time)  
 11:00 AM -Chicken Dinner with all the fixings  
                   -Basket raffles, Produce Sale, Bake Sale  
                   -Music outside by Carl Jackson, Beer too!  
 1:00 PM Sweepstakes Drawing



### Eucharistic Adoration

“When I visit the Blessed Sacrament it is I who go to the Savior, in order to rest with Him awhile. How good it feels. How beneficial for the wary mind to go aside a little from society.”  
 - Msgr. William Reyna

We are looking for an immediate adorer for 6 AM Mondays, 5-6 PM Wednesday, 3 PM every day except Saturday, 2 PM Tuesday and 2 PM on Sunday. Please call Phil/Mary 536-4825 if you can help out.



**Snack Shack at the Lincoln County Fair July 20-24, 2016**  
**New Menu:**

**Deep Fried Pickles**  
**Corn on the Cob**  
**Deep Fried Cheese Curd Bites**  
**Potato Ribbons**

**Strawberry Shortcake in a Waffle Cone**  
**Hamburger, Cheeseburgers and Doubles too!**  
**Hot Ham N Cheese, and Hotdogs for the kids.**

Sign up sheets are now posted in the back of church for workers for these 5 days. The shifts are 11-4, 4-8, and 8-close. Thank you for your help.



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## OUR GIFTS TO OUR LORD

For the weekend of June 11 - June 12, 2016

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Amt needed</u>	<u>Over (Under) since 7/1/15</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$9,561.00	\$7,827.00	(16,610.89)
Loose Collection	\$195.15	\$270.00	2,424.86
ACH giving	\$300.00	\$1,186.54	(281.86)
Debt Relief	<u>\$343.59</u>	<u>\$788.46</u>	<u>1,345.23</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,399.74</b>	<b>\$10,072.00</b>	<b>(13,122.66)</b>

In today's Gospel we see how Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem, sent a "messenger on ahead of Him." To be the messengers of God, we must know well what it is God wants to say and do through us, as he sends us out to bring his love to others. *In the last year, you were the "messenger of God" in bringing hope to the poor. Your gifts enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to complete 766 requests to families and individuals in the Merrill area.*



### SCRIP News....

Summer is here! But please, don't take a vacation from using SCRIP. Our budget depends upon the profit we receive from the SCRIP program. Are you going out to eat this week? Filling up your car, boat, or jet ski with gas? Going grocery shopping? Filling your prescriptions? Purchasing items for your lawn, garden, or to fix up your house? Buying something from Amazon.com? If you said yes to even one of these questions, please buy SCRIP first. SCRIP is sold before and after Mass and in the parish office all week long. You can even email your order to: kleggett@stfrancismerrill.org and your SCRIP will be waiting for you at the SCRIP table at Mass. Thank you to all of our loyal SCRIP users.



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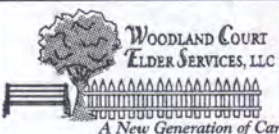
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