



**St. Francis Xavier and St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Churches  
July 3, 2016—14th 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

Physical address: N4887 Hwy 17, Bloomville

Parish Directory

- Parish Office.....536-2803
- Pastor — Father Chris Kemp.....536-2803 ext. 218
- Retired Clergy — Father Joseph Kleinheinz.....536-2803
- Deacon — Jim Arndt.....536-2803 ext. 215
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- Custodian — Wolfgang Lenk.....536-2803 ext. 221
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- Religious Education — Maraline Collins
- School Principal — Sonja Doughty .....536-6083
- School Secretary — Cindy Gennrich.....536-6083
- Knights of Columbus — Jim Finucan, Grand Knight.....539-3450

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 8:30 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:**  
 Watch the bulletin for our meeting date in July.  
 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: **Ervin Brandl**

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.



**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK**

**July 4, 2016**



**Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26; or, for Independence Day, any reading from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-889, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

**Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7


**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37; or Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

## Weekly Schedule: July 4-July 10, 2016

Monday 7/4	Tuesday 7/5	Wednesday 7/6	Thursday 7/7	Friday 7/8	Saturday 7/9	Sunday 7/10
Fr. Chris' Day Off  Parish Office Closed	5:30 PM SFX Reconciliation  6:00 PM SFX Mass	8:15 AM SFX Reconciliation  9:00 AM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SJB Mass and 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  6:00 PM SFX Family Rosary
		SFX=St. Francis Xavier SJB= St. John the Baptist		CCW Fundraiser/Hospitality for Justin Norenberg See Bulletin Insert		

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 9-10, 2016

**Readers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Emily & Elizabeth Weix  
 7:45 AM (SFX) Chaz Mootz, Chester Kwiesielewicz  
 9:30 AM (SFX) Mary Ann VDG, Barry Morgan

**Servers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Austin & Aidan White, Lauren Cohrs  
 7:45 AM (SFX) Zach, Connor, Troy Mootz  
 9:30 AM (SFX) Elliott Hanson, Ana Voermans, Gaven

**Reindl, Ian Morgan**

**Greeters/Ushers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) K & I Cohrs, L. McAllister, Volunteer  
 7:45 AM (SFX) B & J Tabor, D & D Duginski  
 9:30 AM (SFX) J & L Ruprecht, J. Reindl, W. Osterbrink

**SCRIP sellers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Alicia Weix  
 7:45 AM (SFX) Julie & Jim Mootz  
 9:30 AM (SFX) Wendy Arndt, Jim Bares

Ministry Schedules and sub lists for both parishes are on our website: [www.stfrancismerrill.org](http://www.stfrancismerrill.org)  
 They are also available on the bulletin board across from the restrooms.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Week of July 4, 2016

Tuesday

6:00 PM (SFX) Intention: † Betty Burg  
 By: Sandy Brannan

Wednesday

9:00 AM (SFX) Intention of : People of the Parishes

Thursday

9:00 AM (SJB) Intention: † Larry Tank  
 By: Bill & Pat Haskins  
 10:15 AM (at Pine Crest) Intention of: Eleanor Marvin  
 By: Friends

Friday

8:00 AM (SFX) Intention: † Mary Mangold  
 By: Ed & Betty Miller

Saturday

4:00 PM (SFX) Intention: † Bob Mussell  
 By: Family

Sunday

7:45 AM (SFX) Intention: † Wilhelm & Catharine Jensen  
 By: Bill & Jeanette Jensen  
 9:30 AM (SFX) Intention of: People of the parishes  
 11:30 AM (SJB) Intention: † William Jr. & Walter Mosser  
 By: Patty Mosser

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST at Park Place**  
 July 10, 2016: Paul Proulx

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**ROSARY LEADER at Pine Crest**  
 July 9, 2016: Mark Bares

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**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER**  
 Week of July 10, 2016: Clark Ambrose

### 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

Wow, it is a surprise how fast this past year has gone. A year ago this weekend, was my first weekend for being here at St John's and St Francis. It was also the time I began doing these reflections. This week, what caught my attention was not one of the passages we have for this fourth of July weekend. It was the antiphon for the Gospel this weekend, "Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."

I say this because it fits so well with both of the readings we have today. Notice in our first reading from Isaiah, the prophet is speaking about true and false worship on hearing the word of the Lord. We are called to be aware of how it brings nourishment and comfort, how it enriches the nations, and in her, all find comfort and grow. So then, when we get to today's Gospel, seventy-two are sent out in pairs to proclaim peace; to bring healing to whatever town they enter, and by doing this, the seventy-two will "know this: the kingdom of God is at hand."

The seventy-two were rejoicing! They saw demons subject to them and Satan fall like lightning from the sky. I can't help but to wonder and think about what we are rejoicing in this Independence weekend? Our own independence? Where does true freedom lie? Is it in the freedom in doing and getting what I want, with whatever person, place, or thing I choose? In these cases, the joy and pleasure is very "fleeting." Where, if one follows Jesus' words and instructions for our lives, it frees us. It not only liberates and enriches us, by nurturing us from our own limited desires, it frees us to grow in knowledge and respect for ones-self. But even more importantly, we grow in love of God, one another, and yes our country. Have a great Fourth everybody!

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



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



**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, Julieanne Opichka, Phyllis Sheil, Leona Barrett, Jesse Schaezel, and Ginger Lawrie.

**Thank you** Chantalle Witte and her family for their help in watering the courtyard last week. If you would like to volunteer for a week of watering, please call the parish office.

### ***Notes from the Finance Office...***

The final payment for the 2014-15 Catholic Services Appeal is due June 30. The amount not collected by parishioners is **\$17,960** and was paid out of the Debt Relief fund of St. Francis Xavier Church.

The 2015-16 Catholic Services Appeal has an outstanding balance of **\$20,385**. If you would like to donate to the CSA, there are envelopes available by the bulletins at church or you can put a donation in an envelope marked "CSA" and drop it in the collection.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the CSA appeal!

**Mass Intentions:** There are Mass Intentions available for the 10:30 AM Thursday Mass at Pine crest Nursing Home for July and August. Please call the parish office to have a Mass scheduled.

**Traveling this summer?** Try visiting one of these websites to find a parish for weekend Mass. [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com) or [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

### **To the women of the parish:**

Barbara Gagliardi, presently serving as president for the **SDCCW**, is looking forward to meeting the women of the parish.

I would like to discuss the prospect of affiliating with the Council of Catholic Women and establishing an active deanery board to be in solidarity with the Catholic women of the Diocese.

Any **CCW** members, please contact me at 715-441-9150 or [bsvgagliardi@gmail.com](mailto:bsvgagliardi@gmail.com) to arrange a meeting during the week of July 13-20, when I plan to visit the deanery.

## SFX School News

Congratulations to **Rebecca Rell**. She is the recipient of The Robert H. Durley and Josephine Maurer Scholarship. This scholarship, sponsored by an anonymous donor, is awarded to the 7th grade student earning the highest Grade Point Average during 7th Grade. Her tuition costs for 8th grade will be paid for by the scholarship. Rebecca is the daughter of Kevin and Sandy Rell. Great job, Rebecca!



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

**I** Monday: Independence Day  
**T** Tuesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal  
**R** Wednesday: St. Maria Goretti  
**G** Saturday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and  
**Y**

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



If you have been attending our banquet, your letter to order your tickets is on the way! Tickets will go on sale to the general public August 1.

### *Eucharistic Adoration*



This hour Jesus wants you to spend with Him is spent in any way you want. You may bring your own prayer books, use the books in the chapel, read the Bible, pray the Rosary, or just sit, relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God. You may feel you can't pray well. Don't let this discourage you. The mere fact that you take time out at a specific time each week to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament pleases Him very much, and is in itself a prayer of great faith. Please remember that Adoration in a parish is not just for a day, a week, a month, or a year. Rather it is for always. It is not temporary, but ongoing, lasting, permanent. Pope John Paul II says that: *Our essential commitment in life is to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist.*"

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

## Religious Education News

**Totus Tuus is July 31-August 5.** We are in need one host family to provide housing for the two young women on the team, one family 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.

**Catholic Questions (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.

### **The US Catholic Bishops on transgender issues**

WASHINGTON—Two Committee chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued the following statement in response to guidance issued May 13 by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education entitled "Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students":

The guidance issued May 13 by the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education that treats "a student's gender identity as the student's sex" is deeply disturbing. The guidance fails to address a number of important concerns and contradicts a basic understanding of human formation so well expressed by Pope Francis: that "the young need to be helped to accept their own body as it was created" (Amoris Laetitia [AL], no. 285).

As Pope Francis has recently indicated, "biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated" (AL, no. 56, emphasis added). We pray that the government make room for more just and compassionate approaches and policies in this sensitive area, in order to serve the good of all students and parents, as well as the common good. We will be studying the guidance further to understand the full extent of its implications.

The statement was issued by Bishop Richard Malone of Buffalo, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth; and Archbishop George Lucas, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Catholic Education.

### **Answer to SJB Cemetery Question #5:**

Caretakers at the cemetery include: Carl (last name unknown), Van Erts, Emil Montabon, Hommerdings, Tom Kubs, Mark Schwaller, Michael Myszka, and Jean Klimek. All were volunteers. Please let us know if you remember more!



St. Francis Xavier  
Snack Shack  
Lincoln County Fair  
July 20-24, 2016



The Lincoln County Fair is less than a month away and everyone's help is needed to make our only summer fundraiser successful. Sign Up sheets are now on white tables at the main entrance of Church. Shifts are short and are available beginning at 11:00 AM continuing until we close.

We need:

- waiters/waitresses
- kitchen help (16 yrs old +)
- grill cooks/fryers (18 yrs old +)
  - Cashiers
  - Shift Managers

New comers welcome! We will teach you what you need to know.

Confirmation Students, working at the snack shack fulfills your service hour requirement.

**New Menu:**

Deep Fried Pickles  
Corn on the Cob  
Deep Fried Mac N Cheese Bites  
Potato Ribbons  
Strawberry Shortcake in a Waffle Cone  
Hamburger, Cheeseburgers and Doubles too!  
Hot Ham N Cheese, and Hotdogs for the kids.

Other ways to help: 1. We are accepting monetary donations towards food purchases. Checks may be made out to St. Francis Xavier and brought to the parish office, or placed in the collection. Please mark your donation "Snack Shack." 2. We also need donations of pound cake for the strawberry shortcake. Use the sign up sheet in the back of church for pound cake donations. 3. Lastly, please come visit the snack shack during the fair. Bring your appetite and your friends. Spread the word that the snack shack is open again!



# St. John the Baptist—Bloomville, WI

## Parish Support—

Actual Amount of envelopes & loose:	\$498.00
Amount Needed for the budget:	\$1016.00
Over (Under) Since 7/1/15:	(\$1101.90)

## Liturgical Ministries—

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



## St. John the Baptist Summer Chicken Dinner

Sunday, August 7, 2016

10:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Chicken Dinner

Basket Raffles, Bake Sale,

Produce Sale, Music by Carl Jackson, Beer Too!

1:00 PM Sweepstakes Drawing

- Sweepstakes tickets have been mailed out. You may return your tickets in the collection, or the parish office in Merrill. More tickets are available in the back of the church, or the parish office.
- We need your help to make our chicken dinner successful! Donate to the bake sale, produce sale, or a basket for the raffle. Can you work in the kitchen, sell tickets, or donate something for the lunch? Please call Dorothy at 715-873-4683 or use the sign up sheets in the back of church.
- Most importantly join us on August 7th for a fun day of food and fellowship!

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED MAY 31, 2016

INCOME	May 2016	July '15-May '16
Collections	\$3,544.00	\$48,858.10
Fund Raising Income	441.00	3,127.66
Faith in Our Future Funds	1,382.63	2,839.27
Cemetery Income	0.00	1,475.00
Candles, Flowers, Gifts, etc.	20.00	1,497.48
Other Income (Fees, Interest, etc)	<u>103.64</u>	<u>1,514.01</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,491.27</b>	<b>\$59,311.52</b>

EXPENSES	May 2016	July '15-May '16
Wages/Benefits	\$2,078.67	\$28,802.28
Office expenses	0.00	388.15
Utilities	168.93	5,675.86
Insurance	0.00	1,541.86
Upkeep/maintenance	328.76	2,762.27
Fundraising expenses	0.00	284.64
Ministry expenses	-286.84	4,360.30
Cemetery Expenses	0.00	120.18
2014-2015 CSA	-50.00	6,106.00
Other expenses	0.00	<u>1,600.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,239.52</b>	<b>\$51,641.54</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$3,251.75</b>	<b>\$7,669.98</b>

INVESTMENTS	05/31/2016
Checking Account	\$10,366.79
Cemetery Funds	14,934.66
Covantage Credit Union	<u>214,851.74</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$240,153.19</b>

**Cemetery Trivia:** Question #6: To Whom was the cemetery land deeded to by Joseph Zitzelsberger and Why?

The cemetery is still looking for a 55 Gallon drum to use for old flower pots and other garbage.

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## OUR GIFTS TO OUR LORD

For the weekend of June 18 - June 19, 2016

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Actual	Amt needed	Over (Under) since 7/1/15
Adult Envelopes	\$5,961.00	\$7,827.00	(18,476.89)
Loose Collection	\$220.00	\$270.00	2,374.86
ACH giving	\$3,067.00	\$1,186.54	1,598.60
Debt Relief	<u>\$879.98</u>	<u>\$788.46</u>	<u>1,436.75</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,127.98</b>	<b>\$10,072.00</b>	<b>(13,066.68)</b>

In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. In this spirit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul members “go out two by two” to visit those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance. **Know that the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering in our parish.**



## New to SCRIP....

1. **Ku's Wokery!** Ku's SCRIP is available in \$10 gift certificates and they donate 10% to our school with every purchase.
2. **Golden Harvest** (Formerly To Your Health) gift certificates now come in \$25 gift cards, and they donate 3% to our school.
3. **Amazon.com** gift certificates come in \$25 and they donate 4% to our school.
4. **Krist Oil** gift cards come in \$25 and they donate 10 % to our school.

Remember, even though school is out for the summer our SCRIP program is still running. And we need everyone to purchase SCRIP all year long to help our budget. Call Kris in the parish office if you have any questions about our SCRIP program.





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