

St. Francis Xavier & St. John the Baptist Churches
July 17, 2016-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary sat beside the
Lord at his feet
listening
to him speak.

~ Luke 10:39



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
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- School Secretary — Cindy Gennrich.....536-6083
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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

Friday 8:30 AM-Noon

(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

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Come and Join Us

Friends of Jesus Charismatic Prayer Group:

Our next meeting is July 27th 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: **Roman Radlinger.**

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.



Please call the parish office if you would like to purchase altar flowers for a special intention.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

July 18, 2016



Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17,

21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17



Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8;

Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Weekly Schedule: July 18–24, 2016

Monday 7/18	Tuesday 7/19	Wednesday 7/20	Thursday 7/21	Friday 7/22	Saturday 7/23	Sunday 7/24
St. Camillus de Lellis Fr. Chris' Day Off	St. Apollinaris 5:30 PM SFX Reconciliation 6:00 PM SFX Mass	St. Lawrence of Brindisi 8:15 AM SFX Reconciliation 9:00 AM SFX Mass  Lincoln County Fair Snack Shack	9:00 AM SJB Mass and Social 10:30 AM Pine Crest Mass	St. Mary Magdalene 8:00 AM SFX Mass	St. Bridget of Sweden; Blessed Virgin Mary 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
SFX=St. Francis Xavier SJB= St. John the Baptist						

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE July 23-24, 2016

Readers:

4:00 PM (SFX) Lisa Hass & Susan Ryman
 7:45 AM (SFX) Kevin Rell & Tim Fischer
 9:30 AM (SFX) Evelyn Lee & Chris Renzelmann

Servers:

4:00 PM (SFX) Austin & Aidan White, Volunteers
 7:45 AM (SFX) Isaiah & Rebecca Rell, Makyah Goetsch
 9:30 AM (SFX) Scott, Nevaeh & Sam Nelson & Alli

Renzelmann

Greeters/Ushers:

4:00 PM (SFX) Kevin & Ian Cohrs, Volunteers
 7:45 AM (SFX) Tony & Sara Gessler, Karen Cournaya,
 Andreou Goetsch
 9:30 AM (SFX) Chris Lee, Amanda Bacon, Joe & Lori

Ruprecht

SCRIP sellers:

4:00 PM (SFX) Phil & Mary Ziesemer
 7:45 AM (SFX) Patti Gessler & Barb E. Adams
 9:30 AM (SFX) Clark & Betty Ambrose

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

MASS INTENTIONS Week of July 18, 2016

Tuesday

6:00 PM (SFX) Intention: †Roxanne Sladek
 By: Jo Hout & Barb Doering

Wednesday

9:00 AM (SFX) Intention: †Kathy Kortness
 By: Fr. Chris

Thursday

9:00 AM (SJB) Intention: †Jody Mittlestaedt
 By: Carol Pluta
 10:15 AM (at Pine Crest) Intention: †Stanley Martin
 By: Joanne Myszk

Friday

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

Saturday

4:00 PM (SFX) Intention: †Roxanne Sladek
 By: Rob & Barb Hartwig

Sunday

7:45 AM (SFX) Intention: †Geno & Florence Bosi
 By: Family
 9:30 AM (SFX) Intention: †Roxanne Sladek
 By: Pat & Kaz Bucket
 11:30 AM (SJB) Intention: †Jody Mittlestaedt
 By: Carol Pluta

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST at Park Place
 July 24, 2016: Dale Palecek

ROSARY LEADER at Pine Crest
 July 23, 2016: Karen Cournaya

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER
 Week of July 24, 2014: Barb & Joe Carlson

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 very familiar story about Martha and Mary. Martha, as the story goes was anxious and worried about many things. And as we read, Martha is the main character of these two sisters who encounter Jesus.

Martha is the one who welcomes Jesus, served those who were there at their home, and is the one who spoke to the Lord about her concerns. And what do we hear about Mary? She sat by the Lord at his feet. Martha, for her part did not do anything wrong. She was in fact doing exactly what was called of her to do in the culture of that time, by welcoming Jesus, and being hospitable to the guests. For Mary, however, it is another story. First off, Mary is a woman and she is in a room with another man, one to whom she is not related, and she is sitting at his feet! Mary should have been helping to serve those present, according to that culture of that time. At least we can assume that she is not alone with Jesus. Lazarus, the sisters' brother is most likely there along with some of the apostles. It would have been culturally wrong for Lazarus to leave his sister alone and not chaperoned. But what is interesting is that Mary is there with all of the men and she is at Jesus' feet, assuming the position of a disciple. Women in this time were not allowed to take such a position, and further, to be educated in this way. This gives Martha two reasons to be rightfully upset. The first reason is Mary is not helping her sister Martha to serve and be hospitable to their guests. Secondly, Mary is in the room with the men, and she is acting as one of the disciples.

Jesus, for his part in this story, does not show much concern about what is culturally correct. When he is addressed by Martha, he goes on to say that Mary has chosen the better part. Many people have speculated much about this story, and we are called to speculate a lot on this story too. However, one thing can be said about this story, Jesus wished to be known by those who are close to him, and he did not seem to care if it crossed cultural boundaries, or whether it was male or female. How are we coming to know Jesus?

Answer to SJB cemetery Question #7: The condition that the cemetery property was purchased was : "It being expressly understood that the land.. is to be used as church property and a church building erected thereon." Does anyone remember a building on the property?

Sick List: 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 Schaetzel, Ginger Lawrie, and Jim Schindler,

Wedding Banns II: Jake Knospe and Brianne Brzezinski announce their intention to celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony of July 30, 2016. Please keep them in your prayers.

SFX CCW (Council of Catholic Women) Update:

- A huge thank you to the entire parish and St. Vinnie's for a very successful weekend at our fundraiser for Justin Norenberg. Not only did we sell out of bakery, we also served over 100 people at the pancake breakfast. And the helper turnout was phenomenal! A huge thank you to everyone involved.
- We will have the financial details at our next CCW meeting July 27th at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. But we can tell you we more than quadrupled our goal.
- We still have room available on the bus to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help on August 18th. Please pick up a registration form from the church bulletin board if you are interested in joining us. We signed up 10 more people this weekend! It will be a great trip.
- If you have any questions please contact Chris McCarthy at 715-212-1218.

Thank You from Justin Norenberg

Dear St. Francis Parish,

I just want to personally thank each and everyone of you who took the time to support my cause, during this past fundraiser. The monetary donations were overwhelming and will go a long way to help support my medical costs in the present and future. I want to also personally thank all those people who spent time in the kitchen and served the pancake breakfast. For all those people who baked items and made craft items I can't say thank you enough to you as well. Most of all, I want to say thank you for all the endless prayers that were sent my way for a successful and speedy recovery after my transplant. I truly believe those prayers helped me tremendously! The doctors were shocked how fast I did recover after the surgery. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart!

Sincerely, Justin Norenberg

SFX School News

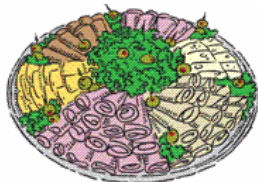
One of our year end activities is the annual talent show. There were acts varying from joke telling, magic, singing, dancing, skits and much more. Pictured is the 5th Grade Class who performed, "50 Nifty United States". In this song, they sing all 50 states in alphabetical order. What a feat!!

(From left: Mason Evans, Jaylen Anderson, Troy Mootz, Lauren Cohrs, Madelyn Drew, Macey Jo Weix, Isaiah Rell and Elliott Hanson) We have so much talent in our school!!!



After serving funeral lunches for the families of **Lawrence Sczygelski** and **Mary Jane Westberg** our heartfelt thanks go out to the following people who either cooked, served, or cleaned up after the meal:

Sally Wiley, Barb Schmidt, Ron & Phyllis Presl, Nadine Grusnick, Rose Akey, Mary Grefe, Nancy Drew, Carol Emon, Betty Weix, Judy Warren, Audrey Anderson, Mary Ann Vandergeest, Maria Brickner, Emily Weix, Sandy Brannan, Barb Carlson, Karen Block, Jeanne Chrudimsky, Helen Schlinkert, Loraine Brunow, Sid Sczygelski, Carol Koehler, Bob Eckardt, Helen Sczygelski, John Turner, Pat Hopper, Barb E. Adams, Jan Perry, Gloria Ziolkowki, Barb Ott, Val Slewitzke, Katy Weckwerth, Cathy Neumeier, Louise Wix, and Kay Slewitzke. Thank you also to anyone who was inadvertently forgotten.



Funeral Luncheon

During *Eucharistic Adoration*, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.



Come.....Pray.....Serve

Call Phil/Mary with questions 536-4825.

Religious Education News

Totus Tuus is July 31-August 5. We are in need of one family to provide dinner for the team on Saturday July 30 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.

Totus Tuus did you know: Totus Tuus joins the Church in her proclamation of the Gospel to arouse faith in youth. Ready with "an explanation...for the reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15), Totus Tuus catechists expound upon the reasons for our beliefs and share their personal testimonies with the young people.

Pope Paul VI wrote, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 41). With this in mind, Totus Tuus team members are immersed in a life of prayer and give witness to the fruits of that experience of Christian living to the youth. Additionally, the daily schedule of the Totus Tuus catechist revolves around the Mass, the Sacraments and prayer.

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, we will be *meeting Thursday July 21 at 6 pm* in the conference room. Please enter door 3. If you have any questions contact Joe Velie at 536-2803 ext. 222.

Confirmation service hours: As I am sure you are aware, 20 service hours is one of several requirements needed to be confirmed. There is an opportunity to earn service hours helping with the chicken dinner fundraiser at St. John the Baptist on **Sunday, August 7** after the **10:00 AM** Mass. Anyone interested can contact Dorothy Gennrich at 873-4683.

SCRIP News....

Welcome to Krist Oil our newest SCRIP vendor. They are donating a very generous 10% to our school with every purchase. Krist gift cards come in \$25 increments. While traveling this summer, fuel up at Krist.

Thank you to those parishioners who purchase items from inside Kwik Trip stores using SCRIP (such as milk, eggs and doughnuts). We received \$127.28 back from Kwik Trip from these purchases.

SCRIP is sold all summer long at the parish office and before and after weekend Mass. Thank you to all our loyal SCRIP users.



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



The Lincoln County Fair is this week! So everyone who has been disappointed that we haven't opened the Snack Shack the last two years, now is your chance to help! Let's make our only summer fundraiser successful. Sign Up sheets are now on white tables in the back 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.

We also need donations of pound cake for the strawberry shortcake, or donations of frozen strawberries. Use the sign up sheet in the back of church for these donations, or call the parish office.



Marriage Help - Retrouvaille

(pronounced retro-vi with a long i) Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. Don't be unhappy any longer. For

confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend at St. Anthony's in Marathon on August 12-14, 2016, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) or email:

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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 should have arrived! If you moved, please call the parish office with your correct address. Tickets will go on sale to the general public August 1.

The committee is looking for new donations of outdoor equipment (fishing, hunting, or camping gear, for example) or paintings or prints. These items may be dropped off at the parish office during regular office hours. Thank you!

St. John the Baptist—Bloomville, WI

St. John the Baptist 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
1:00 PM Sweepstakes Drawing



- There will be a work night on Wed. Aug. 3 at 6:30 PM and again on Sat. Aug. 6 at 8:00 AM at SJB.
- 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.
- We are also looking for donations for the dollar table.
- Most importantly join us on August 7th for a fun day of food and fellowship!

Parish Support—

Actual Amount of envelopes & loose: \$1917.00
Amount Needed for the budget: \$1069.23
Over (Under) Since 7/1/15: \$ 847.77

Liturgical Ministries— July 24, 2016

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

**please note the error in the ministry schedule for 7/31.
Volunteers for readers and ushers are needed. Thank you.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple we must also sit at his feet and listen to him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give selfless loving service to those who are poor.



This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish. Also pray for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the many ministries they perform in our community.

OUR GIFTS TO OUR LORD

For the weekend of July 2 - July 3, 2016

St. Francis Xavier	Actual	Amt needed	Over (Under) since 7/1/16
Adult Envelopes	\$5,257.00	\$7,834.62	(2,577.62)
Loose Collection	\$205.45	\$282.69	(77.24)
ACH giving	\$1,281.00	\$1,192.31	88.69
Debt Relief	<u>\$765.27</u>	<u>\$826.92</u>	<u>(61.65)</u>
TOTAL	\$7,508.72	\$10,136.54	(2,627.82)

CONGRATULATIONS MONICA TALBOT

As many of you know, Monica Talbot has been a life-long member of St. Francis Xavier Parish and has shared her musical talents with parishioners for over 70 years. Some of her contributions included directing the adult choir at St. Francis for many years and volunteering at Pinecrest Nursing Home for the past 20 years, providing music for their weekly mass. She has recently retired from music ministry and we would like to extend a big thank-you to her from all of us. If you see her, please wish her well in her retirement and thank her for her many years of service! We will be having a small get-together in Monica's honor on August 11, after the Pinecrest morning Mass, at the Eagle's Club in Merrill. If you would like to join us for lunch, please RSVP to Mary Ament at mament@stfrancismerrill.org or call 715-536-2803, ext. 230, by Aug. 4. (Cake will be provided, but each person will be responsible to pay for his/her own meal).

Notes from the Finance Office

National Concerns Collection

The parish of St. Francis Xavier donated a total of \$1,046.00 and the parish of St. John the Baptist donated \$141.00 to the National Concerns Collection this year. Thank you for your generous support of five Catholic initiatives: The Archdiocese for the Military Services, the National Retirement Fund for Religious, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the Catholic Communication Campaign, and the Catholic University of America.

New Budget Year—Our Gifts Change

The fiscal years for St. Francis Xavier and St. John the Baptist parishes run July 1 through June 30. Some of you may notice a change in the "Our Gifts" section that reports the collections received weekly. This week reflects the new budget year with a slightly higher "Amount Needed". The "Amount Needed" is the income both parishes need from collections to cover the budgeted expenses for the year. The budgets for both parishes for next year are balanced, but tight. Please prayerfully consider what you can give this year in the collection basket.



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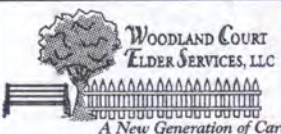
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