

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*You will be hated by all because of my name,  
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.*

LUKE 21:17-18



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**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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 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)**

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**Come and Join Us**

**Friends of Jesus Charismatic Prayer Group:**

Our next meeting is 11/23/16 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 every Friday from 9-10:30

AM when school is in session. You may

ring the bell at door #7 for entrance.



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS** at SFX in "The Little Flower" Chapel burn in honor of: **Sr. Marjorie Loughren, for 50 years as a Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (PBVM) sister.**

**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.



Altar Flowers this weekend are in loving memory of:

**Joe and Duane Rutte**

**By: Jack & Faye Semling Family**





**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK**

**November 14, 2016**

- Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday:** Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
- Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



# Weekly Schedule: November 14-20, 2016

Monday 11/14	Tuesday 11/15	Wednesday 11/16	Thursday 11/17	Friday 11/18	Saturday 11/19	Sunday 11/20
Fr. Chris' Day Off	<b>NO Confessions Tonight</b>	8:15 AM SFX Reconciliation	9:00 AM SJB Mass and Social	8:00 AM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SFX Reconciliation	<b>CCW Hospitality</b>
	6:00 PM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SFX Mass	10:30 AM Pine Crest Mass		3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation	
	6:00 PM SFX Liturgy Committee	3:15 PM SFX children's choir	1:00 PM 33 Days		4:00 PM SFX Mass	7:45 AM SFX Mass
	6:45 PM SFX Family Choir	5:00 PM HS/MS Music Ensemble	<b>NO RCIA</b>			9:30 AM SFX Mass
		6:00 PM SFX religious ed	6:30 PM SFX Bell Choir			11:30 AM SJB Mass
		6:45 PM SFX confirmation				3:00 PM Hour of Mercy
				SFX=St. Francis Xavier SJB= St. John the Baptist		

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE November 19-20, 2016

**Readers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Olivia & Faith Wheat  
7:45 AM (SFX) Mary & Katy Ball  
9:30 AM (SFX) Barb McConnell & Mary Ann VDG

**Servers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Madisyn & Hailey Krueger  
7:45 AM (SFX) Brian Ball, Matthew & Macey Jo Weix  
9:30 AM (SFX) Maddy Leischer, Eva & Joe Jaroski

**Greeters/Ushers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Lori McAllister, Joe Folta, Chris Heller,

**Volunteer**

7:45 AM (SFX) Tom Ball, Tony & Sara Gessler, Mark

**Zipperer**

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

**Keith Cohrs**

**SCRIP sellers:**

4:00 PM (SFX) Kelly Wheat  
7:45 AM (SFX) Patti Gessler & Sharon Zipperer  
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)

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST at Park Place**  
November 20, 2016: Sr. Dolores

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**ROSARY LEADER at Pine Crest**  
November 19, 2016: Karen Cournaya

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**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER**  
Week of November 20, 2016: Ginny Drew

## MASS INTENTIONS Week of November 14, 2016

Tuesday

6:00 PM (SFX) Intention: †Franklin Wilke  
By: Edith & Dale Palecek

Wednesday

9:00 AM (SFX) Intention: †Deceased Members of Joe  
Carlson Family

Thursday

9:00 AM (SJB) Intention: †Bonkoski & Breunig Family

10:30 AM (at Pine Crest) Intention: †Sandy Zettler  
By: Judi & Thomas Zettler

Friday

8:00 AM (SFX) Intention: †Charles Pierotti  
By: Ed & Kay Slewitzke

Saturday

4:00 PM (SFX) Intention: †Cournaya/Frankovich Families  
By: Rosemary Cournaya

Sunday

7:45 AM (SFX) Intention: †Emil Joe Weix  
By: Sally

9:30 AM (SFX) Intention: †John Weix  
By: Mom, brothers and sister

11:30 AM (SJB) Intention: †Jody Mittlestaedt  
By: Richard & Barbara Hensen

### 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**

At the time of this writing, the elections have not yet happened. Yet it has not prevented many from wondering what the outcome of these elections will bring. And so for some it may be and for others it may not be an interesting time to have these readings this Sunday. As I began doing a little research on these readings, I found that many scholars think the name for Malachi in our first reading is actually a pseudo name from the Hebrew "my messenger." In today's section from Malachi, the prophet is announcing a general reckoning at a future moment and thus the need to serve God.

By the time Luke wrote his Gospel the Temple had been destroyed, and not a stone was left on top of another stone, as it says in our reading for today, and those were some huge blocks. The destruction of the Temple would have still been evident and fresh in people's minds; not to mention all the events which had taken place in leading up to its' destruction. These were not easy times. Imagine all of the confusion prior and following its' destruction. Luke's Gospel and Acts of the Apostles should be read and seen as a whole. As Luke points out in Acts, indeed many had been handed over and had given testimony. It would not have been an uncommon thought that "The End" was near.

Truth be told, during this election process, like most people, I have had to listen to many ways in which things were going to "end" if this or the other person were elected. However, as I reflect upon today's readings, it is not as much about who is elected or how "things one day end," as it is in persevering in the world, in the fullness of truth as presented by Christ. That Truth, which is found in His Church! May each and every one of us not be found lacking in the name of Jesus Christ and may our eternal lives also be found secure.

-Fr. Chris

**Aluminum Can Update:** Keep saving your aluminum cans for our parish. You may drop them off at the building to the east of the kitchen. Please keep in mind the following simple rules:

- We accept aluminum cans only, no other materials or garbage.
- Cans must be stored in plastic garbage bags; loose cans are not accepted as they get in the way of garbage pick up.



THANK YOU!

Please pray for the following parishioners of both parishes who are in need of your prayers. Also remember the residents in our nursing homes and hospitals. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks. Call Kris at the parish office to put someone on this list. **Jim Peterson, Phil Sheil, Justin Norenberg, Tom Sazama, and Dee Bonkoski.**

**CCW Update:** Remember we will be hosting hospitality on Sunday, Nov. 20th. Join us for sausage gravy and biscuits, muffins, yogurt and fruit. This is to celebrate the closing of the Year of Mercy. Our next CCW meeting is Nov. 30th and St. Vincent De Paul will be having a panel discussion on taking care of the poor in Lincoln County. It will be at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria and is open to all parishioners. Come and join us. Any questions please contact Chris McCarthy at 715-213-1218.

**The Book of Remembrance** will remain in the front of church throughout the month of November. You may write the name of your deceased loved ones in the book and we will pray for them this month

The **Merrill Family Resource Center** has partnered with Pine Crest Nursing Home to bring families together for an intergenerational program of music and movement called Wiggle, Giggle and Shake. Every week families are invited to spend time with the residents at Pine Crest to listen to stories, music and do a craft. The program is not only building a stronger sense of community but it is allowing children and the elderly to learn from each other and build friendships. The program is every Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the community room at Pine Crest 2100 East 6<sup>th</sup> street. For further information contact the Family Resource Center at 715-539-9228.

**Breakfast with Santa:** Save the date... the Knights of Columbus will host Breakfast with Santa at St. Francis Xavier Church on December 18th.

**Parish Library:** When was the last time you read a good book, heard a good story, or saw an inspiring movie? Our parish library awaits you and is always open.

**Fr. Chris will be attending a Presbyteral Council** meeting on Tuesday, November 15. There will not be confessions that evening. There **WILL** be Mass at 6:00 PM.

**Brownie mixes and Gravy packets** continue to come into the parish office for the Christmas Spirit Appeal. We need about 70 more of each to reach our goal of 250. Families in Lincoln County that qualify will receive a full Christmas Dinner along with their gifts. You may bring your donation to the parish office, or use the food pantry baskets at the entrance to church.

**Thank you Karen Cournaya** for leading the a capella singing at 9:30 AM Mass on November 6th while our choir was singing at the Confirmation Mass in Tomahawk. We greatly appreciate Karen sharing her talents with us!

# SFX School News



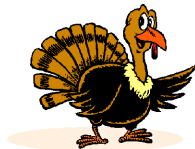
A special thank you to everyone who donated to our Walk for Virtues fundraiser. Dollars raised are used to lower family's costs for school field trips. **Michael Creel** (l to r) won first place raising \$325.00. He was "Prince a Pal" for a day and had lunch with Mrs. Doughty. **Troy Mootz** placed second raising \$150.00. **Tessa Wheat** and **Jacob Shimel** tied for third place each raising \$140.00. A special thank you to First Street Coffee Station for providing the treat in the afternoon.

## Thanksgiving Mass Times

Mass at SFX Thursday, 11/24 at 8:00 AM  
 Mass at SJB Thursday, 11/24 at 10:00 AM

The Parish and School Offices are closed:  
**Wednesday, 11/23**  
**Thursday, 11/24**  
**Friday, 11/25**

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



## SCRIP News....

New to SCRIP! We welcome **Ana Blairs Boutique** of Merrill to our SCRIP family. Owned by parishioner Vanessa Lazarz, this unique women's apparel store has donated 10% of all sales to our school. This Boutique is found on face book. Visit their face book page today for some great Christmas ideas!

The last day to special order SCRIP before Black Friday is Monday, November 14.

Congratulations to Linda Peterson, the October winner of \$25 in free SCRIP.

As you begin preparations for your Thanksgiving Meal don't forget to buy SCRIP first.... County market, Piggly Wiggly, Wal-Mart, and Pick N Save, all participate in our SCRIP program. You can raise money for our school while grocery shopping!

# Religious Education News

## Religious Education Schedule:

Wednesday, November 16: 6:00pm – 7:00 pm, Grades K-8.  
 Confirmation social time 6:00 – 6:45pm, the session runs 6:45 – 7:45 pm.



Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 6. Those who received this sacrament are:

Robert Brannan     Jared Ollhoff  
 Zachary Fox         Kate Peterson  
 Andreou Goetsch     Brant Raleigh  
 Maria Grund         Rachel Rell

Jared Kerins                     Nicolas Roman  
 William Leischer             Autumn Schenzel  
 Casie McAllister             Eric Von Hirsch  
 Zachary Mootz                 Molly Weix

Blake Oestreich



## Closing the Year of Mercy Celebration Sunday, November 20th

- Mass 7:45 or 9:30 AM
- 8-11 AM Breakfast sponsored by the CCW:  
 (muffins, fruit, yogurt, biscuits & gravy)
- Hour of Mercy Celebration  
 3:00-4:00 PM in Church  
 Benediction and Adoration  
 Special Reflections  
 Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 Confessions will be available.
- Three Divine Mercy Paintings will be given away after the holy hour... you must be present to win!

## OUR GIFTS TO OUR LORD

For the weekend of Oct. 29 - Oct. 30, 2016

St. Francis Xavier	Actual	Amt needed	Over (Under) since 7/1/16
Adult Envelopes	\$6,865.44	\$7,834.62	(\$23,324.55)
Loose Collection	\$221.00	\$282.69	(\$308.03)
ACH giving	\$1,786.00	\$1,192.31	\$1,781.42
Debt Relief	\$856.00	\$826.92	(\$696.47)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,728.44</b>	<b>\$10,136.54</b>	<b>(\$22,547.63)</b>

THANK YOU



## Christmas Spirit Appeal "Giving Tree Project"

Through our "Giving Tree," St. Francis Xavier Parish joins efforts with the Lincoln County United Christmas Spirit Appeal. Here's how to participate:

**To RECEIVE gifts or refer a family in need: Please pick up a request form at the Community Care Center, 401 W Main Street, Merrill.**

### To GIVE:

1. Choose a gift tag from the "Giving Wall" (available now!). The tree will be up as we get closer to Advent. **More tags will be up on the wall in the coming weeks as requests come in!**
2. **VERY IMPORTANT!** Be sure to Sign Out the tag # you choose (put your name, phone # and tag number on the sign-up sheet).
3. Purchase gift(s) for the person. Gift ideas or needs are suggested on the tag. Your gift is the only gift this child will receive from the Christmas Spirit Appeal Program. Please consider purchasing at least one "necessity" and one "toy" or "wished for item". You could team up with another giver, if you wish to provide several of the items requested.
4. A **decorated bag** is needed (homemade is fine) instead of gift wrap. **Tie the tag you took from the wall to the package.** Please do not wrap gifts. This simplifies the organization & delivery.
5. Place your gift under the tree **no later than Monday, December 5th.** Put one heart ornament (provided in the basket under the tree) on the tree to represent each tag you filled.

**Deadline to return your gifts under the tree: Monday, December 5th**

This is an early deadline, but gifts will be sorted and distributed to the families in the days following this important deadline. Volunteers will need to shop for any tags not filled or returned by this date so that everyone will receive gifts. If you have any questions please call Richard Johnson at 536-6457. Thanks for your kindness!

*"Truly I tell you, whatsoever you do to the least of these,  
My brethren, that you do unto me." ~ Matthew 25:40*



# St. John the Baptist—Bloomville, WI

## Parish Support—October 30, 2016

Actual Amount of envelopes & loose: \$745.00  
Amount Needed for the budget: \$1069.23  
Over (Under) Since 7/1/16: (\$2460.21)

## 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— November 20, 2016

Readers: Karen Polacek, Angela Monti  
Greeters/Ushers: Paul Polacek, Louie Leder  
Servers: Volunteers

New ministry schedules are now available in the back of Church for this winter. You may also find them online at: [www.stfrancismerrill.org](http://www.stfrancismerrill.org) (click on literature/info)

## Parish News: Christmas Bazaar—Sunday, December 4

⇒ Plans are underway for this year's Christmas Bazaar. Here is a list of ways you can help:

Donate a salad or other food item needed for the meal, work the day of the meal, buy tickets for the sweepstakes drawing, sell some to your friends (More are available at the parish office). Most importantly plan on joining us On December 4th! Please call Dorothy at 715-873-4683 for more information.

If you have donated food to a parish event please remember to stop and pick up your dish on the cart by the elevators. Thank you.



### Cemetery Wreaths For Sale

Christmas Wreaths on metal easels will be available to purchase for \$25.00 this Christmas Season. We will place the wreath on your loved one's grave with a stand. You may also purchase a wreath for your home (\$22.00) or a kissing ball (\$35.00). These will not come with stands. Please fill out the form below and send it to the parish office with your check payable to St. Francis Xavier Parish. All proceeds will go to the cemetery.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Grave name: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you want a wreath \$22 or kissing ball \$35 for your home instead, You will have to pick it up at parish office. check here \_\_\_\_\_)

Deadline to place your order is: December 9.

Kissing Balls available for your home only. Please order me: \_\_\_\_\_  
kissing balls -\$35.00 each



The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now?"



*Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" All monetary gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be used to help those who are suffering in our community and the surrounding area.*

### Eucharistic Adoration 12 Reasons from the teachings of the church to spend one hour with Jesus...



1. You are greatly needed! "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration."- Pope John Paul II
2. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." - Pope John Paul II
3. Jesus is counting on you because the Eucharist is the center of life. "Every member of the church must be vigilant in seeing that the sacrament of love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all the manifestations of worship due him shall be given back 'love for love' and truly become the life of our souls." - Pope John Paul II.
4. Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair evils of this world and bring about peace on earth. "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease." - Pope John Paul II

### To Be Continued...

If you have questions or would like to begin adoration please call: Phil/Mary 715-536-4825, Audrey 715-536-1502, or Kay 715-536-5986.



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