

Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

**THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

**Sunday, November 30**

- 1:30 pm CYO SFX Thanksgiving Invitational (GYM)
- 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)
- 7:00 pm WCRHP Discernment (CH)

**Monday, December 1**

- 11:15 am Staff Meeting (RLR)
- 6:00 pm Schola Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts—Troop 506 (XR)
- 7:00 pm New Parishioner Welcome (107)
- 7:30 pm Liturgy Commission (TL)

**Tuesday, December 2**

- 5:30 pm Youth Choir (CH)
- 6:30 pm Bingo (CB)
- 7:00 pm Cantor/Guitar Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (RH)
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (RH)

**Wednesday, December 3**

- 6:45 pm The Edge (XR/School)
- 7:00 pm Employment Network (HM)
- 7:00 pm Webelos (LR)

**Thursday, December 4**

- 3:00 pm Girl Scouts-Troop 1229 (RH)
- 3:00 pm Chess Club (XR)
- 3:00 pm Elementary PSR (XR/SCH)
- 5:30 pm Instrument Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir (CH)

**Friday, December 5**

- 9:15 am Moms and Tots (CB)
- 9:15 am Incredible Years Workshop (LR)

**Saturday, December 6**

- 8:30 am Cleaning Angels (CH)
- 9:00 am Men's Fellowship (RH)
- 9:00 am PSR Elementary (XR/SCH)

**Sunday, December 7—Hospitality Sunday**

- 10:00 am RCIA (RH)
- 10:00 am PSR Preschool (XR/SCH)
- 1:30 pm Baptism Class (XR)
- 4:30 pm Cub Scouts—Troop 3506 (RH)
- 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)
- 6:30 pm LifeTeen Life Night (XR)
- 7:00 pm MCRHP (RH)

**Location key:** (CH) Church (CB) Church Basement  
 (LR) Loyola Room (CR) Rectory Conference Room  
 (XR) Xavier Room (SCH) School (TL) Teachers' Lounge  
 (LIB) School Library (RH) Randel House (RHLT) RH Life Teen  
 (RLR) Rectory Living Room (HM) Holy Martyrs Church  
 (K of C) Knights of Columbus Hall

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, November 30**

***First Sunday of Advent***

- 8:00 am Bill Kennedy (CC)
- 10:00 am Agnes Port (TK)
- 12:00 pm Madeline Battaglia (TS)
- 5:30 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier (CC)

**Monday, December 1**

- 7:30 am Margaret Byron (TS)
- 6:15 pm Communal Penance ( at HM)
- 7:00 pm Bob Cummings (TK)

**Tuesday, December 2**

- 7:30 am John Gorman (CC)

**Wednesday, December 3—Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier**

- 7:30 am Lee and Irene Bush (TK)
- 9:15 am School Liturgy (TS)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow until 2:15 pm*

**Thursday, December 4**

- 7:30 am Joyce Ebner, Jeanne Smudz, James Wolfe, Bob Mickle, Mary Muth, Joe Andrich, John Malone, Fritz Hoffman and Nicholas and Janice Goyette (CC)
- 6:15 pm Reconciliation
- 7:00 pm Jeanette Bargiel (TK)

**Friday, December 5**

- 7:30 am Mary DeLuca (TK)
- 1:00 pm 7th Grade Reconciliation
- 7:00 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory (TS)

**Saturday, December 6**

- 7:30 am Ed and Emma Skala (CC)
- 3:30 pm Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Bill Cassidy (TS)

**Sunday, December 7**

***Second Sunday of Advent***

- 8:00 am Connie Liechty (CC)
- 10:00 am Barb Dull (TK)
- 12:00 pm Linda Janson (CC)
- 5:30 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier (TK)

(TS) Fr. Tony Sejba; (TK) Fr. Thomas Kowatch;  
 (CC) Fr. Chris Cox; (EL) Fr. Ed Lajack; (JM) Fr. John Mullee  
 (PK) Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl;  
 (JL) Deacon Joe Loutzenhiser; (DN) Deacon Dan Norris



**Welcome to all visitors!**

*We extend a warm welcome to everyone visiting St. Francis Xavier today!*

*If you attend St. Francis Xavier on a regular basis and consider this your parish home, please register and become an active member.*

*For more information, please call our office: (330)725-4968.*

**Bingo**

*Sundays: Doors open at 3:30 p.m.; games start at 5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesdays: Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; games start at 6:30 p.m.*

## St. Francis Xavier Church Staff

<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Anthony Sejba (ext. 8956)
<i>Parochial Vicars</i>	Rev. Thomas Kowatch (ext. 8955) Rev. Chris Cox (ext. 8957)
<i>Deacons</i>	Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl Deacon Joseph Loutzenhiser Deacon Daniel Norris
<i>Director of Adult Initiation</i>	Jenny Bonarrigo
<i>Director of Music</i>	Mary Gabriel (ext. 8960)
<i>Director of Religious Education</i>	Susan Rohe-Brooks (ext. 8961)
<i>Youth Minister</i>	Paul Koopman (ext. 8958)
<i>Director of Ministry and Communication</i>	Jennifer Webb (ext. 8946)
<i>School Principal</i>	Bibiana Seislove (ext. 8903)
<i>Director of "Little Sailors" Pre-School</i>	Monica Gorman (ext. 8920)
<i>Business Manager</i>	Ray Scherry (ext. 8954)

### Contact us

Rectory Offices: 330-725-4968  
 Parish School of Religion: 330-722-7700  
 St. Francis Xavier School: 330-725-3345  
 School Fax: 330-721-8626  
 Church Basement: 330-764-8912  
 Latchkey: 330-725-6203  
 Cemetery (Dave Thomas): 330-722-4477

### Rectory office hours

Monday through Thursday,  
8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Music Ministry Notes:

Thank you to the men of the music ministry and the men of the parish that came together to sing for 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass! The music was beautiful and what a wonderful tradition you all have made in the parish! Thank you again so much for sharing your time and talent to enhance this special Liturgy!

Happy Liturgical New Year! As Advent begins, so does the new Liturgical Year B and the New Breaking Bread missals are now in the pews. The same format everyone is accustomed to can still be easily followed.

- ORDER OF THE MASS:** is located on the first 30 pages of the hymnal (grey border on the right edge of the pages) and has all the prayers and responses.
- SCRIPTURE READINGS:** begin on page 31 and continue to page 233 (the readings correspond with the Sunday date). Holy Day readings are also located here.
- HYMNS AND SONGS:** about 1/3 of the way from the front of

## Worship and Sacraments at St. Francis Xavier

**Baptisms:** Two Sundays each month at 1:30 p.m.; baptism classes every other month. Call the rectory for dates.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday before First Friday, 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Prompt attention at any time, day or night! Please call the rectory to arrange for this sacrament: 330-725-4968.

**Marriage: Please call as soon as possible!** Preparation requires a minimum of six months. Marriage guidelines are available on request.

**Nocturnal Adoration:** First Friday of the month, 7:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

**Adoration for Life:** Third Saturday of the month following 7:30 a.m. Mass, 8-8:30 a.m.

## Parish Pastoral Council

Damian Ludwiczak (chair): 330-725-6567  
 Jenn Stanziano (vice chair): (330)416-7207  
 Anthony Kovalik (secretary): (330)723-6315  
 Mike Baumgartner: (330)725-4445  
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 Tuesday Hamilton: (330)591-0580  
 Charise Kasper: (330)721-6510  
 Rachelle Skupski: (330)721-1785  
 Vince Tricoli: (330)603-7327

### Sunday Masses

5 p.m., Saturday Vigil; 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 5:30 p.m.

### Weekday Masses

7:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday;

7 p.m. Monday and Thursday

### Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

the hymnals, the hymns are located here and they are referenced through a **BOLD** hymn number on the upper corner of the page. 4. **DAILY MASS READINGS:** are located at the back of the missal on the yellow pages and can also be found by the date.

A good number of the parish's missals and covers went "missing" again from the pews this year. **PLEASE** do not remove the new missals from church for home use. If you would like a personal copy of the missal to use at home, please contact OCP at 1-800-LITURGY, [www.orp.org](http://www.orp.org) to purchase a missal, or see me in the loft and I can help you place your order. **PLEASE** leave the missals in the pews so everyone has access to copy to worship with at mass. **THANK YOU!**

Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Update



St. Francis Xavier School Celebrates Our Feast Day!

Our entire school community will be celebrating our Feast Day on Wednesday with an All-School Liturgy at 9:15 a.m., Adoration following throughout the day and Benediction at 2:15 p.m. Please plan on joining us if your schedule permits.

Next week the PTC sponsored Santa Shop is in business on Tuesday and Wednesday and the ever popular Cookie Walk is taking place on Saturday. Don't forget to pick-up your holiday poinsettias in the Xavier Room on Friday and Saturday. Thank you for supporting our technology improvements at St. Francis Xavier School.

We all appreciate your love, prayers and support as

we continue to learn to respect God, others and ourselves during this holy season.



Have a Blessed Week.

In Christ,

Mrs. Seislove

This Week at a Glance:

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday, December 3	<b>FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER</b>	
	All School Liturgy— Adoration Following	9:15 a.m. in the Church
	Benediction	2:15 p.m. in the Church
Friday, December 5	7th Grade Reconciliation	1:00 p.m. in the Church
	Poinsettia Pick-up	2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Xavier Room
Saturday, December 6	Poinsettia Pick-up	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Xavier Room



Buy your gift cards!

Gift Cards support St. Francis Xavier Church and School!

**REMINDER:** The Gift Card box is **not** in the rectory office on Mondays. Thank you.

Looking Ahead:

Date	Event	Time
Monday, December 8	All School Liturgy	9:15 a.m. in the Church
Tuesday and Wednesday, December 9 and 10	<b>SANTA SHOP</b>	
Friday, December 12	<b>School Spirit Dress Day</b>	
	8th Grade Reconciliation	1:00 p.m. in the Church
Saturday, December 13	<b>PTC Cookie Walk</b>	1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Xavier Room
Monday, December 15	Band Concert	7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium
Tuesday, December 16	Teacher Tuesday	
	Preschool Christmas Program	7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium
	<b>Early Release at 2:15</b>	
Thursday, December 18	Market Day	3:00 p.m. in the Church Basement
	Marco's Pizza Night	
Friday, December 19	All School Advent Prayer Service	9:15 a.m. in the Church
	<b>Regular Afternoon Release Time</b>	



**PARENTING SUPPORT Sessions Added!**  
**NO COST CHILDCARE PROVIDED**  
**BOOK PROVIDED**

The Incredible Years Parenting Program is proven to be effective for parents and families of young children. The program includes such topics as play, using effective praise and rewards, limit setting that works, handling misbehavior and problem solving.

Catholic Charities will be hosting an Incredible Years group at St. Francis Xavier in Medina (612 E Washington St) this fall — **Sessions Added!**

December 5<sup>th</sup> 9:15 am-10:45 am and December 12<sup>th</sup> 9:15 am-10:45 am

Parents will meet in Loyola Room. Childcare will be provided nearby in the church basement. A snack will be provided (for parents and children!). Join us for helpful parenting information, sharing and fun!

For more information call Michelle Kipfstuhl, LSW at Catholic Charities Services, 330 723-9615 ext. 20  
 Funding for this Incredible Years Parenting Group has been provided by the Ohio Children's Trust Fund

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

330-722-7700, ext. 8961 [sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info](mailto:sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info)



### PARENTS, please note:

Our information for November-December will be updated on the parish website (website [www.sfxmedina.com](http://www.sfxmedina.com) under Parish—About—Parish School of Religion then the program area).

### 2014-2015 Reconciliation Students

Students are reminded to return their completed Sacrament study book to their teacher/catechist the week of December 14th.



### Preschool Classes (Ages 3, 4, and 5 years old; Sundays during 10:00 a.m. Mass):

This Sunday, November 30, there are no classes in session due to Thanksgiving weekend. Next Sunday, December 7th, our preschoolers will enjoy a visit from St. Nicholas (Fr. Thom) who will tell about himself and have a special surprise for them on their shoe print. Classes are again in session on Sunday, December 14th. The students will have a special short program, with a sharing of the nativity story, singing, and a surprise. No classes on December 21st, 28th, and January 4th due to Christmas break.

### Elementary Classes (Grades 1-5) - Thursday evenings from 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Classes are in session this Thursday, December 4th as we prepare for this Advent Season. On December 11th, classes will be in session with Grades 3 and 4 celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our December 18 class will feature our students participating in a special prayer service, in the Xavier room. Students need to turn in their Stewardship papers to their catechist.

### Elementary Classes (Grades 1-5) - Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Classes are in session this coming Saturday, December 6th, as we prepare ourselves during the Advent Season and have a special visitor. Remaining classes in December will be the 13th and 20th. **Reminder:** Please have your students turn in their Stewardship papers.

### The Edge (Grades 6,7,8) Wednesday evenings from 6:45 -8:15 p.m.

Classes are in session this coming Wednesday, December 3rd, the Feast of our Patron Saint, St. Francis Xavier. The students will have a special evening of traveling as they learn about our Patron Saint's travels and mission works. Classes are also in session on December 10th and 17th.

**Service Project:** On December 9, students will be traveling to Emeritus on High Point Drive to give service from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. Permission forms are available on the parish website. Students must turn in their permission forms the week before or e-mail [sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info](mailto:sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info) so we can plan for drivers.



There will be no Inspire Night on November 30.

### Reach Christmas Party - Leaving St. Francis at 4:20 p.m. and returning at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16—We need 10 volunteers to host a Christmas party at the Westside Catholic Center. We'll have games for the children, serve food to the homeless and more. If you'd like to help spread Christmas cheer, please contact us at (330) 725-4968

### LifeTeen Movie Night

Friday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.—All parish teens are invited to join us in the Xavier Room for a night of entertainment, popcorn & snacks.

### Pro-Life March

Jan. 21-22, 2015—The cost is \$100 dollars, includes bus, hotel and food. We depart from St. Mary's in Hudson at 4 p.m. on the 21st.

### Catholic Heart Workcamp

July 12-18, 2015; Pittsburgh, PA  
Be part of mission that can transform you and the lives of others. The "Steel City" is in great need of helping hands and loving hearts. The cost is \$295; the form and \$100 deposit are due Jan. 25, 2015. Don't miss out on this opportunity to share the love of Christ with those in need. The sign-up form is available on [xavierlifeteen.com](http://xavierlifeteen.com) under the DOCS tab.

### New Start Date for UP Book Club


**We've moved the start date for the first meeting to Dec. 4.** During the four-week book series, we will be reading *Win it All* by Justin Fatica. Fatica is one of the founders of the Hard as Nails ministry, a dynamic speaker and author of several books about faith for young people. Come and be with your friends, grow in your faith and invest in yourself. The sign-up form is available on [xavierlifeteen.com](http://xavierlifeteen.com) under the DOCS tab.



## Build community by staying connected

Hey, St. Francis Xavier Parish family!

Let's stay connected throughout the week! There are always lots of things, large and small, happening around the parish. Here are a few easy ways we can stay in touch.

 "Like" us on Facebook. Did you know that our parish has a Facebook page? You can find us at

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/St.FrancisXavierCatholicChurchMedina)

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If you're a Facebook user, "like" us to receive short up dates once or twice a day in your newsfeed. We've posted news about upcoming events, the weekend's readings, Vatican news, school updates, pictures from recent parish happenings and much more. We already have 400 "likes" and would love to see that grow.

- Check out the parish website. Have you visited our "new" website at [www.sfxmedina.com](http://www.sfxmedina.com)? It's not all that new anymore (it went live last spring), but we're tweaking it all the time, adding content that we hope you'll find useful.
- Watch for an alert about our new parish CYO website that will go live very soon. You'll find quick links to schedules, directions to gyms, forms and much more. Stay tuned!
- We've mulled a parish mobile app, but are undecided whether enough parishioners would find it useful to make it worthwhile. (Email me at [jwebb@stfrancisxavier.info](mailto:jwebb@stfrancisxavier.info) if you have an opinion on this!)

In the meantime, did you know you can add an icon to the home screen of your phone or mobile device that will take

you directly to our mobile-friendly website, much like an app?

Here's how:

**On Apple products** (such as iPhone, iPad, iTouch), simply open Safari and navigate to [sfxmedina.com](http://sfxmedina.com). At the bottom of the screen, you'll see an icon that looks like a square with an arrow shooting from the top. Tap this button. Next, tap "Add to Home Screen." Done!

**On Android products**, it's just as easy. Open the web browser and navigate to [sfxmedina.com](http://sfxmedina.com). Press the Menu button and select Bookmarks. Select "Add." Press and hold on the bookmark you just created, and select "Add Shortcut to Home." Done!

We want you to be aware of all the great opportunities for spiritual enrichment, education, liturgy and worship and more that are available at our parish. We're always looking for new ways to connect people within our community. I'm a firm believer that as we're all better connected, we will respond, whether it's requesting prayers for someone who's died, reminding you to bring food for the needy or celebrating an achievement in the school. It's like I told my daughter when she went off to Ohio State this fall ... call home! The more we stay in touch, the stronger our bonds will be. Don't forget to "phone home"!

### ST. FRANCIS FAMILY NIGHT & FUNDRAISER AT KALAHARI



Begins after school Thursday, February 12, 2015 - Friday, February 13, 2015 for ONLY \$119!!

**Mark your calendar** - school's out Friday the 13th! Plan to be part of the tradition and getaway to America's LARGEST indoor waterpark without going too far from home! Take advantage of special Winter rates for all St. Francis

families, staff, and friends. Rooms are only \$119 and feature 2 Queen beds and INCLUDE waterpark passes! A portion from EACH room booked will benefit the 8th grade DC trip. Book early to avoid being shut out, it fills up every year!

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 877-KALAHARI (525-2427).**

For questions, but NOT reservations, call Germaine Wilson at 330-241-1328.

### Engaged?

#### Wedding Ceremony to be celebrated in 2015?

As part of your preparation to be married in the Catholic Church, programs designed to help couples to live marriage for a lifetime are offered. Participation in a program is required of engaged couples. St. Francis Xavier will host a **Pre-Cana Day on March 21, 2015**, facilitated by married couples in the parish. This program is open to all engaged couples. Reserve your spot by calling Dan and Patty Cathcart at 330-722-6715.

### Senior News

The SFX Senior Club will be having their annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 3rd, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Weymouth Country Club. In addition to a very scrumptious lunch, there will be some special entertainment on the agenda. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Senior Club members wishing to make a reservation should call Pete Danszczak at 330-725-7283.

The club will also be traveling by bus to Lakewood's Beck Theatre on Friday, December 12th to see the musical "Mary Poppins". The bus leaves at 4:00 p.m., stopping for dinner, then viewing the downtown Christmas lights and the Playhouse Square Chandelier. We then proceed to the Beck Theater for the show. All are welcome including children/grandchildren. Cost for the show and transportation is \$45.00 for adults, \$38.00 for children/students. Please call Pete Danszczak (330-725-7283) for information.



#### DON'T MISS OUT!

Please save the date of Friday, January 30, 2015, for the Annual St. Francis Xavier "Wines of the World" Wine Tasting! Tickets will be on sale starting December.

*St. Francis Xavier School*  
*in conjunction with*  
*Maria Gardens*  
*hopes to make your Christmas season brighter.*

*Poinsettia Sale*

\$8 per  
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Poinsettias are wonderful plants for the home or office and also make great gifts!

Cash or check made payable to St. Francis Xavier Church are due in advance.

Orders due December 2.  
 Pick up December 5, 2-5 pm and December 6, 9 am-12 pm in the Xavier Room.

Pick up a Christmas cactus or Norfolk Pine \$10/ each at the door (limited quantities available)



612 East Washington Street  
 Medina, Ohio 44256      Student & Home Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 330.725.8345      Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*We appreciate your support in helping us raise funds to enhance our Technology at St. Francis.*

**Pray for all military**

David M. Campbell	Jeffrey Simko
Ryan P. Cox	Daniel Smith
Cody M. Feron	Jeff Stein
Wyatt Fields	Kevin Stein
Nicholas Glenbocki	David Tagliaferro
Dan Haggerty	Maritza Tagliaferro
Brandon Hamilton	David Vanik
Alex Hicar	Aaron Virkler
Kayla Lane	Robert Weiler
Taylor Lane	J. Matthew Zweifel
Reinhard Nann	Joseph Zweifel
Jonathan Podrasky	
Jared Ross	
Erica Sachleben	
Taylor Salmons	

*If you would like to add a name to the list of active-duty military, e-mail [sfxparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sfxparishoffice@gmail.com) or call the rectory office.*

**May God heal our sick and suffering**

Francie Anderson	Vivian Heim	Mike Mitchell
Rita Andrich	Camden Heil	Marcy Nero
Jude Ballinger	Charlotte Heil	John Neuwar
Becky Barker	Savannah Heil	Mary Neuwar
John Benson	Anthony Hosick	Lisa Owen
Maxine Bergdorf	Mark Jablonowski	Nathaniel Plasco
Claire Bevec	Charline Karsnak	Richard Pryatel
Flo Boehme	Mary Keith	Bill Ripple
Sue Boyne	Mary Kneale	Rea Ripple
Sioux Campbell	Andrew Korduba	Jerome Riske
Danny Colonna	Brenda Kutcher	Mark Rudolph
Kathleen Cunningham	Ruth Lancki	Mimi Russ
Elizabeth Diamond	Phyllis Lapeus	Richard Russ
Evan Dolinar	Patricia LaRose	Ed Scherer
Myrna Dooley	Steven Lastuka	Beth Sielski
Billie Duta	Dave Leidecker	Jean Smith
Lynda Erickson	Jerry Liechty	Marie Starck
Brendan Federinko	Mary Ann Makowski	Richard Stiver
Ed Fraley	Aaron Markiewicz	Janet Taranto
John Francisco	James M. McDonald	Amy Taylor
Roger Friedrich	Lou McDonald	Carolyn Vasko
Bobby Fusco	Lois McFadden	Lacey Vickers
Rhettec Galaska	Alexa Meyers	Celene Wallen
Roz Ganzer	Nathan Mion	Helen Yakubik
Ashley Garnes	Rachael Mion	
Jacob Gaume		
Judy Glose		
Kerry Grimm		
Del Guerra		
Mike Harris		

*If you would like to place a name on the list of those in need of prayer, please contact the rectory office, or e-mail [sfxparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sfxparishoffice@gmail.com).*



## *A Stewardship Moment*

### First Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

#### **SAVE the DATE! St. Francis Xavier Marriage Ministry**

Come celebrate your marriage and renew your vows. The winter Anniversary Mass and dessert reception is Monday, **December 15th** at 7:00 p.m. All married couples, young and old, are invited!



For more information, please call Dino and Gabby Paoletta at 330-725-3563 or Pete and Mary K. Rakytiak at 216-346-0415.

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;

See Ps 80:4; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;

Is 55:6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 105:1-2; 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;

Col 3:12-21; Col 3:15a, 16a; Lk 2:22-40



### **We need your Help!**

If you have any of the *Christ Renews His Parish* books at home, please return them to the rectory office.

**Thank you!**

## This Weekend!!

Our annual "Giving Tree" has been placed in the Sanctuary. We invite you to again participate in this worthwhile activity for the Christmas season.

As in the past, we have recipients from various locations in the area. The need is great! Your generosity in the past has brightened Christmas for many people, young and old, who may get no other gift(s) but ours this Christmas season.

- Gift tags, separated by age groups, will be placed in boxes along the altar rail on Mary's side of the church. Please take as many tags as you are comfortable providing a gift!
- Tear the tag in half along the perforation and place in the Giving Tree Gift Box. The other half of the tag goes home with you.
- After the gifts are wrapped, secure that half of the tag to the package (so we know who it's for!)



The gifts must be returned to St. Francis Xavier by December 14th.

**THANK YOU** for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in America through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).