

ADVENT

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday, December 21

- 10:00 am RCIA (RH)
- 1:30 pm New Parishioner Welcome (109)
- 4:30 pm Cub Scouts (RH)
- 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)
- 6:30 pm LifeTeen Life Night (XR)
- 7:00 pm MCRHP (RH)

Monday, December 22

- 6:00 pm Schola Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts—Troop 506 (CB)
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (CH)

Tuesday, December 23

- 1:00 pm Arts and Environment Set-up (CH)
- 5:30 pm Youth Choir (CH)
- 6:30 pm Bingo (CB)
- 7:00 pm Arts and Environment Set-up (PAC)
- 7:00 pm Cantor/Guitar Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Stitching Stewards (TL)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (RH)
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (RH)
- 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CH)



Saturday, December 27

- 8:30 am Cleaning Angels (CH)
- 9:00 am Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition (GYM)

Sunday, December 28

- 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)

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
 (PAC) Medina High School Performing Arts Center

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am Ralph Arnholt (TS)
- 10:00 am Agnes Port (CC)
- 12:00 pm Perianne St. Vincent (CC)
- 5:30 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier (TK)

Monday, December 22

- 7:30 am Bob Mickle (TK)
- 2:00 pm Camelot Place (TS)
- 7:00 pm Mary Beth Chrystal (CC)
- 7:30 pm **Reconciliation**

Tuesday, December 23

- 7:30 am Peter Bonnell (TS)

Wednesday, December 24—Vigil

- 4:00 pm Jeanette Bargiel (TK)
- 4:30 pm at the Performing Arts Center (TS)
- 6:30 pm Jason Adams (CC)
- 10:30 pm Dorothy Feron and Ethel Wancata (TS)

Thursday, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00 am June Nunes (CC)
- 7:00 pm Mary Muth and Joyce Ebner (TK)

Friday, December 26

- 7:30 am Joe Griffor (CC)

Saturday, December 27

- 7:30 am William Hohman (TK)
- 3:30 pm Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm William and Carol Bero (CC)

Sunday, December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 8:00 am Joseph Meterchick (CC)
- 10:00 am DuPlaga and Friedrich Families (TS)
- 12:00 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier. (TK)
- 1:30 pm Baptisms (TK)
- 5:30 pm John Brooks (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

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.



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.

St. Francis Xavier Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Anthony Sejba (ext. 8956)
Parochial Vicars	Rev. Thomas Kowatch (ext. 8955) Rev. Chris Cox (ext. 8957)
Deacons	Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl Deacon Joseph Loutzenhiser Deacon Daniel Norris
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Contact us

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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.

A Stewardship Moment

Fourth Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God's messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary's acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?

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
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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.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;

Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 28; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31L:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

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 125:1-2, 3, 4-5; Lk 2:22-40

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Update



The Birth of Jesus is Near!

St. Francis Xavier School was a very busy place the last few weeks before the Christmas break preparing for the Birth of our Lord Jesus. There was shopping in the SFX Santa Shop and at the Cookie Walk. There was music and entertainment provided by our 5th graders, our Band students and our Preschoolers and a special presentation by our 1st graders at our All-School Advent Prayer Service. We demonstrated what it means to be a part of such a special Blue Ribbon community at the Candle Light Parade and on Spirit Day and we all celebrated the coming of our Lord at our classroom Christmas parties.

I hope that everyone is enjoying this special time of the year relaxing and re-energizing for the upcoming 3rd quarter. The chance to spend this time with our family and friends is truly a gift to treasure. I know that I am cherishing each and every moment! My Christmas

This Week at a Glance

Date	Event	Time
December 20- January 4	NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK!	

Save the Date!

Please come and visit St. Francis Xavier School during our Catholic Schools Week Open House on January 25, 2015. The week-long Catholic Schools Week celebration will begin at the 12 noon liturgy with our students participating in the different ministries. We then invite you to come over to the school and see what makes St. Francis Xavier School so special. Open House will be held immediately following mass from 1:00pm until 2:30p.m. Members of our student body, our School Advisory Committee (SAC) and Parent-Teacher Committee (PTC) will be providing tours for any new guests to St. Francis Xavier School. More information will follow about the upcoming events of Catholic Schools Week, but we wanted you to plan on attending Open House on Sunday January 25, 2015 from 1:00-2:30p.m.

Looking Ahead:

Date	Event	Time
Monday, January 5, 2015		School Resumes
January 25 to January 30, 2015	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	

prayer for all of you is that you have the chance to do to the same.

It is not too soon to think about the SFX Kalahari Family Night and Fundraiser that benefits the parent-sponsored 8th Grade Washington DC Trip. Kalahari Family Night is Thursday, February 12, 2015. There is no school on Friday 2/13, so make plans now to join in on the fun!

Have a Blessed Christmas Season.

In Christ,

Mrs. Seislove



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.

REGISTRATION REMINDER:

We will soon begin Registration for the 2015-2016 school year. If you have a child of Kindergarten age for the 2015-2016 academic year, and are interested in providing a quality Catholic Education for them, please call the St. Francis Xavier school office (330) 725-3345 for more information.

We will begin our registration process for Kindergarten in January. Re-registration for our current students will follow.



We educate for excellence and together we learn to become Disciples of Christ



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

330-722-7700, ext. 8961 sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info



PARENTS, please note:

Our new year is approaching and our staff and students will continue to "Build Up the Kingdom" with studies of our Faith, celebrating Sacraments, and service projects. May our parish families have a Very Blessed Christmas Season!

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

There are no classes this Sunday, December 21st, 28th, and January 4th due to Christmas break. Classes will return for the New Year on Sunday, January 11, at 10:00 a.m.

2014-2015 Sacrament Students

Parent and Student First Eucharist Meeting

Please select from one of the following meetings for you and your student to attend and email sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info with your choice.

- ... Tuesday, January 20 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in the Church
- ... Friday, January 23 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in the Church
- ... Tuesday, January 27 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in the Church
- ... Friday, January 30 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in the Church



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

The Edge students completed their first semester on Wednesday, December 17th. The students looked at Christmas through the Gospel writers. There will be no classes on Wednesdays, December 24th and 31st. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 7th and that begins our second semester for 2014-2015.

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

Our final class for semester one was Thursday, December 18. We thank our second graders from Mrs. Leachko and Mrs. Horwitz's classes for their part in our Christmas prayer service. No classes on December 25th and January 1st. Classes resume on Thursday, January 8th as semester two begins our 2015 year. Evaluation cards will be given out on January 15th.

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

Classes were in session Saturday, December 20th. Our second graders in Mrs. Horwitz's class added to the prayer service with a Nativity Story. There are no classes on Saturdays December 27th and January 3rd. Our 2015 sessions for Saturdays begin on January 10th.



Save the Dates!



Inspire Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 21—Mark your calendar now for our last Inspire of 2014. We're hosting a fun-filled holiday celebration for all our parish teens.

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.

Spring Retreat—March 6-8, 2015

LifeTeen Lock-in—May 1-2, 2015

Franciscan University of Steubenville Youth Conference—June 12-14, 2015

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 under the DOCS tab.

Music Ministry Notes:

This year, the Friday evening Music Ministry Christmas Concert has been moved to BEFORE each one of the liturgies on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Schedules were busier than usual and rehearsals and the concert date did not allow everyone to come to practices or the concert. To expand participation, and for more parishioners and guests to hear the concert music, the best choice was to have a concert before each one of the Christmas masses. Make sure you come early to mass to get your favorite seat while enjoying all the beautiful music.

The music schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses is as follows. Music will begin 30 minutes before the start of mass:

Christmas Eve

4:00pm: Youth Choir: all overflow from this mass will be directed to the MHS Performing Arts Center for 4:30pm Mass (music by the Life Teen Band)

6:30pm: Contemporary Group

10:30pm: Traditional Choir with brass

Christmas Day

9:00am: 8am Mass Cantor Schola

11:00am: Cantors

On behalf of everyone in the music ministry, thank you for all your support and kind words and have a Blessed Christmas and New Year!!!! If you like to sing, come join one of the choirs in January!

Employment Network

For general information about our group, call Jim Mayiras at 330-721-9796.

Do you know of someone who needs help or direction in their job search? Call Joe Gainard at 330-725-8690.

If your company needs talent and has a position available to post with our group, email the information to Dan Cathcart at cathcartd@yahoo.com.



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Remember the address: GetCatholicTV.com



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!**

SFX "Wines of the World" Annual Wine Tasting

Leisurely taste over 60 wines from around the world complemented by cheese, crackers, and light appetizers. Also enjoy select beers from Lager Heads Brewing Company.

*** Purchase tickets at the rectory office (checks only), both Medina Buehler's locations, US Mail, or SFX school mail c/o Paul Budi, Room #208. Pre-sold tickets available until Tuesday, January 27, 2015**

Date: Friday, January 30, 2015

Time: 7:00—10:00 p.m.

Location: Rustic Hills Country Club
5399 River Styx Road

Cost: \$40 per person (\$45 at the Door)

* Reserve Tables of 10 will be sold for \$375 in one transaction only at the SFX Rectory Office or via the form included.



For tickets by mail, send to: Robert Budi
2950 Robert Gary Court
Medina, OH 44256

Please send _____ tickets. I have enclosed a check to SFX for _____ (\$40 per ticket).

Name _____
Address _____
City/State _____
Phone _____
E-mail address _____

Questions: Call Maria/Robert at 330-764-3963 or E-mail RLBUDI@aol.com



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 (877-525-2427).

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



Is Your Love Tank Nearing "Empty?"

Falling in love is easy. After a period of dating, couples choose to get married believing they have discussed all the issues and communicate well. However, years later a couple can struggle with communicating even simple things. Maintaining healthy relationships is a daily and a life-long pursuit.

It does not have to be an arduous pursuit though. Words of Affirmation, Acts of Service, Receiving Gifts, Quality Time, and Physical Touch, are all ways to show and to be shown love. Once a couple understands these "love languages," they frequently nurture not only a romantic relationship, but also casual, business, and familial relationships effectually. Dr. Gary Chapman's classic *The 5 Love Languages* has sold more than 9 million copies and is as applicable as it is insightful.

St. Francis Xavier Marriage Ministry will present a book study series on "*The 5 Love Languages.*" Married couples and Fr. Thom will guide couples to identify their language that is most beneficial to maintaining and growing in relationships. The series will be held on **Thursday evenings from 7:45 to 9:00 PM in the Randal House beginning on January 8** for five weeks. This program is open to all married couples (no matter how long you have been married) and to the engaged as well. Please call the parish office to reserve a book for yourself - 330.725.4968.

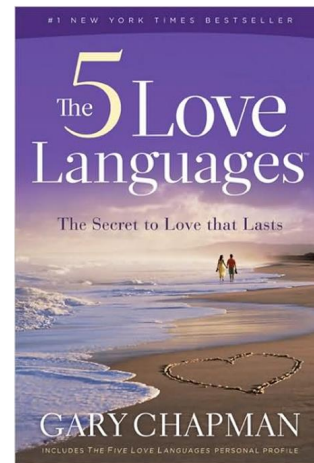
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT YOUR SPOUSE POSSIBLY SPEAKS A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE THAN YOU? **H**AVE YOU EVER ASKED WHY DO WE MISUNDERSTAND EACH OTHER? ...

Come join us for a small group study of "THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES" on 6 Thursday evenings: January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th & February 5th & 12th

Fr Thom Kowatch, has much experience to offer married couples through his work with Marriage Encounter, and Pre-Cana

PLEASE RSVP TO PETE/MARYK

RAKYTIK: AT 216-346-0415 OR RECTORY 330-725-4968



COME LEARN YOUR LOVE LANGUAGES...

PRESENTED BY

FR THOM KOWATCH, AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER , RANDALL HOUSE , 7:30PM/AFTER 7PM MASS.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights of Columbus
#4168

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, December 27, 2014 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Place: St. Francis Xavier Gym
606 East Washington St.
Medina, OH

Participants: All Boys and Girls Ages 9-14

Cost: *FREE!*

To register contact Mike Sweet
by cell: 330-618-1307
or
by e-mail: msweet32219@zoominternet.net

WALK-INS WELCOME!



Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2015

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 or call the rectory office.

May God heal our sick and suffering

Francie Anderson
 Rita Andrich
 Jude Ballinger
 Becky Barker
 John Benson
 Maxine Bergdorf
 Claire Bevec
 Flo Boehme
 Sue Boyne
 Sioux Campbell
 Danny Colonna
 Kathleen Cunningham
 Elizabeth Diamond
 Evan Dolinar
 Billie Duta
 Lynda Erickson
 Brendan Federinko
 Ed Fraley
 John Francisco
 Roger Friedrich
 Bobby Fusco
 Rhettec Galaska
 Roz Ganzer
 Ashley Garnes
 Jacob Gaume
 Judy Glose
 Kerry Grimm
 Del Guerra
 Mike Harris
 Vivian Heim

Camden Heil
 Charlotte Heil
 Savannah Heil
 Anthony Hosick
 Mark Jablonowski
 Charline Karsnak
 Mary Keith
 Mary Kneale
 Andrew Korduba
 Brenda Kutcher
 Ruth Lancki
 Phyllis Lapeus
 Patricia LaRose
 Steven Lastuka
 Dave Leidecker
 Jerry Liechty
 Mary Ann Makowski
 Aaron Markiewicz
 James M. McDonald
 Lou McDonald
 Lois McFadden
 Alexa Meyers
 Nathan Mion
 Rachael Mion
 Mike Mitchell

Marcy Nero
 John Neuwar
 Mary Neuwar
 Lisa Owen
 Nathaniel Plasco
 Richard Pryatel
 Bill Ripple
 Rea Ripple
 Mark Rudolph
 Mimi Russ
 Richard Russ
 Ed Scherer
 Beth Sielski
 Jean Smith
 Marie Starck
 Richard Stiver
 Faith Szczypinski
 Janet Taranto
 Amy Taylor
 Pat Taylor
 Carolyn Vasko
 Lacey Vickers
 Celene Wallen
 Helen Yakubik

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.

Pastor’s Page

With Christmas less than a week away, you still have time to celebrate the sacrament of Penance on Monday evening after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. If this time does not work, please call the rectory to make an appointment for the next day...if you show up looking for a priest, we might not be here!

As you plan ahead to celebrate Christmas you may want to look at these numbers to help you and your family to find a seat for Christmas Masses. These are the counts from last year’s Masses from

Christmas Eve	
4:00 pm	910
4:30 pm (PAC)	1600
6:30 pm	438
10:30 pm	543
Christmas Day	
9:00 am	382
11:00 am	578

Christmas Eve and Day. If you want a seat in Church for the 4:00 p.m. vigil, arrive no later than 3:15 p.m. If you want a seat at the Medina Performing Arts Center for the 4:30 Mass, arrive no later than 3:45 p.m. Over flow seating will be available for about 300 in the cafeteria and standing in the lobby is also an option to view and listen to Mass by video feed. Please plan ahead. When the Church is full for the 4:00 p.m. vigil, signs will go up at the entrances to the parking lot letting you know to head over to the PAC. Please be kind to each other in the parking lot and in the Church. I know it’s tight, but it is good that so many want to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord.

As we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, take some time to slow down to pray. Maybe a visit to the Church is in order to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. It might mean taking one of the kids or grandkids to look at the Christmas Crèche inside the church, or the one in the front yard, or the one under your tree to tell the story to your little ones. At any rate during these days take time to talk to Jesus, to open your

heart to the him who became man to save us and bring us one day safely into his Father’s house. The time can be quite hectic as you pack the car, load up the kids and travel to visit family and friends. Being with those we love and who love us is important, and that is why it is important to spend time in prayer letting the Lord love us.

The Pastoral Staff and I want to extend to you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am very appreciative for all of you who support the parish in so many ways, with your time, your talent and your financial support. Thank you for participating in making all that goes on here to build the Kingdom possible.

Have a wonderful week! And Merry Christmas!

Fr. Tony



Advent and Christmas 2014

Reconciliation Schedule

Monday, December 22—7:30 to 9:30 pm

**Christmas and New Year’s Day
Mass Schedule**

Wednesday, December 24

Vigil of Christmas

- Christmas Vigil Mass at Church, 4:00 pm
- Christmas Vigil at Medina High School Performing Arts Center, 4:30 pm
- Christmas Vigil Mass at Church, 6:30 pm
- Christ Vigil Mass at Church, 10:30 pm

Thursday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Masses at Church, 9:00 and 11:00 am

Wednesday, December 31

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Vigil Mass at Church, 5:00 pm

Thursday, January 1

Masses at Church, 9:00 and 11:00 am

THE RCIA

PREPARING FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Are you or someone you know attending Mass but are unable to receive Holy Communion because you or they are not Catholic? Or, if Catholic, have you or someone you know missed the preparations required for the reception of the sacraments of Eucharist and /or Confirmation? If so, the Church has a process (the RCIA) which can help a person decide if membership in the Roman Catholic Church is right for them, or help a baptized Catholic prepare for Confirmation and /or Eucharist.

The RCIA is always available here at St. Francis Xavier; therefore, one can explore the teachings of the Church and prepare for full Catholic initiation at any time during the year. Simply call Jenny Bonarrigo (the RCIA coordinator) at 330-592-0086. Jenny will set up an appointment to explain the RCIA process, answer any questions, and discuss requirements and meeting times.

The RCIA process is for unbaptized persons (age seven – adulthood) and baptized Christians (age seven – adulthood) from non-Catholic faith traditions. Additionally, parts of the RCIA process are necessary for baptized Catholics (age seven – adulthood) who have not remained active in the Catholic Church and, therefore, have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. The parts of the RCIA and the length of time required differ from person to person. Call, today, to find out what it takes to become a full member of the Catholic Church!

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