



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
St. John the Baptist Church
Newsletter 05-10-2020



A Message from Fr. Chris

Hello everyone, as I write this, I find it surprising that it is already the Fifth Sunday in Easter. It makes me wonder if the Apostles and Disciples also had the feeling of time going by so fast? In our Gospel, John has Jesus giving his Last Supper discourse. The disciples' hearts are troubled most likely because they can sense that things are about to change, but yet they probably can't quite put their finger on it. They had just seen Jesus come into Jerusalem a few days earlier, triumphantly. Now they see all of the religious leaders coming together for the feast day and they know that Jesus has become noticed. The religious leaders would not like this for fear of the Roman authorities coming down on them and the people for fear of an uprising. The troubled hearts by the disciples are valid. Jesus however tries to put the disciples at ease, even revealing to them where he is going, and showing them the Father. Jesus is always showing us the way; even and especially in difficult times like we find ourselves in. May we learn like Peter how to become "like living stones and let ourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

5th Sunday of Easter: Throughout the Easter season, we hear the story of the earliest Christian communities in readings from the Acts of the Apostles. We hear how the people grappled with what it meant to place their faith and trust in the Lord, understanding that doing so called them to live differently—to follow Jesus' way of love. This is more than a history lesson for us. As we hear how the people were drawn to Christ and learned to follow Jesus, we are invited to ask ourselves how fully we are taking the gospel to heart. Is Jesus our way, truth, and life? Do our daily actions announce the praises of the Lord? - JS Paluch

Do you know someone who would like the weekly newsletter mailed to their home? Please call the parish office to arrange this.

Please turn your Rice Bowls in by Monday, May 18, 2020. Thank you.

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer Cemetery flower baskets this summer. We apologize, and hope to bring them back next Spring.

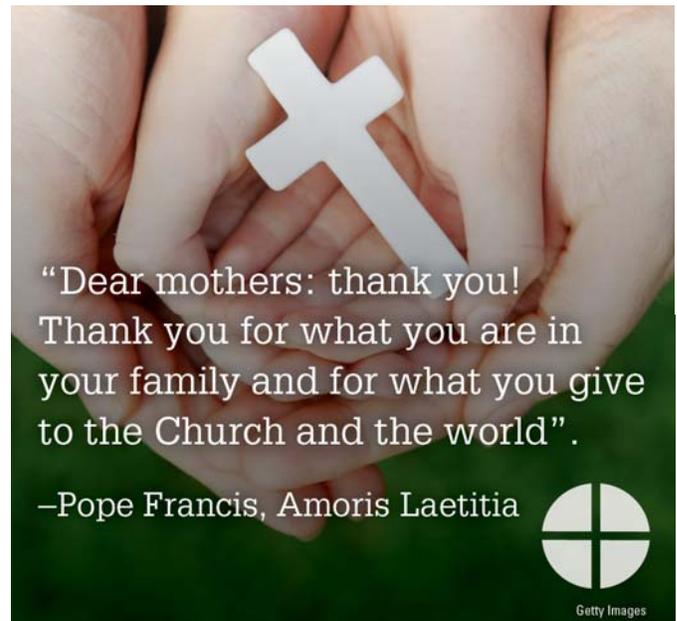
Mass intentions— Week May 11, 2020

- Monday, May 11, 2020: † Fran Willger
 By: Fr. Chris Kemp
Tuesday, May 12, 2020: † Kant Family
 By: Family
Wednesday, May 13, 2020: Intentions of the Jim Bares Family
 By: Pat & Kaz Buckett
Thursday, May 14, 2020: † Ed Truckenbrodt
 By: Pat & Kaz Buckett
Friday, May 15, 2020: † Michael "Loopy" Caylor
 By: Gus & Val Caylor
Saturday, May 16, 2020: For the People of the Parishes
Sunday, May 17, 2020: For the People of the Parishes

A note about Mass intentions: All Saturday evening and Sunday Masses must currently be celebrated for the people of the parishes. If you had a Saturday or Sunday Mass intention they are being rescheduled. Weekday Masses intentions, although private, may be celebrated with an intention. However, if you would like your mass to be rescheduled for later this year, so you can attend, please call the parish office. Thank you.

Father Chris is celebrating Mass every day, and even though they are "private" (The church will be locked) you may join him on Facebook.

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday :**
 8:00 AM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM
Sunday: 9:30 AM



St. Francis Xavier Catholic School will again offer the Arthur Perkins Scholarship. To apply, the application is available on our website: www.stfrancismerrill.org.

Applicants need to be registered for the next school year and registered and contributing members of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. The deadline to apply is July 1. Thank you.

Some of our school staff members are keeping busy with projects around the building such as painting the cafeteria! Thank you to Mary Ament, Nicole Strassman, Angie Saal, and Kelli Homan, for your hard work these past few days! See the photo below.



www.Formed.org-what to watch:
"The Saints and Heroes Collection"

These stories of real-life Saints & Christian Heroes all come to life in CCC of America's award-winning animated film series. Featuring authentic role models today's child can truly believe in. Children young and old will enjoy learning about St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis Xavier, St. Patrick, St. Nicholas, St. Juan Diego and more!(10 episodes total)

SCRIP NEWS: Congratulations to Mary Ziesemer, the April winner of \$25 in FREE SCRIP!!!

OUTDOOR WORK: It is finally Spring! Time for yard work, and planting! We have SCRIP for Fleet Farm, Menard's, Walmart, and we can order Home Depot as well. Please call the parish office first before coming in to pick up SCRIP.

APRIL SCRIP PROFIT: Thank you to everyone who continues to purchase SCRIP even while you cannot attend Mass. April's profit was: \$1148.00!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

St. Francis Xavier	April 25-26, 2020	April 27-28, 2019
Adult Envelopes	\$4353.00	\$8422.26
Loose	\$2270.00	\$406.00
ACH giving	\$360.00	\$2015.00
Debt Relief	\$840.00	\$608.40
TOTAL	\$7,823.00	\$11,451.66
St. John the Baptist		
Adult Env. & Loose	\$240.00	\$1,287.62

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone for continuing to support your parish. You may mail your contributions, drop them off at door #3, or donate on line using our website.



Readings for the Week of May 11, 2020

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a



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St. Matthias

One of the seventy-two disciples who followed Christ from the beginning. He was chosen by the apostles to replace Judas who betrayed Jesus.

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"You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen."

-The Apostles' prayer before choosing Matthias (Acts 1:24)

✠ The Church is open for you to pray in. Eucharistic Adoration is still taking place in the Church at this time. The hours are: **Monday—Thursday 3:00-7:00 PM.**

✠ The Sacrament of Reconciliation is still available at 8:15 AM Wednesday, Saturday and 9 AM and 3:00 PM. Call the office to arrange the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

✠ Things are continually changing. Please visit our website: www.stfrancismerrill.org, our Facebook page, or you may also call the office (715-536-2803). The parish office is open, but please call before stopping by.