

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 25th

SFX 11am - Christmas Day Mass
NO 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 26th

OLL 9:00am – Our Parish Family
or Available

SFX 11:00am –Vito & Gisele Verdi
Request by Dolly Shapiro

Monday, December 27th

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 28th

SFX 8:30am - Our Parish Family
or Available

Wednesday, December 29th

SFX 8:30am – Our Parish Family
or Available

Thursday, December 30th

SFX 8:30am – Our Parish Family
or Available

Friday, December 31st

NO 8:30am MASS

SFX 4:30pm – Pete Moran
Request by Regina Moran

Saturday, January 1st

SFX 4:30pm –Our Parish Family
or Available

Sunday, January 2nd

OLL 9:00am – Our Parish Family
or Available

SFX 11:00am – Franklin J. Smith, Jr..
Request by Family

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1ST MASS SCHEDULE



Because New Year's Day falls on a Saturday, the Solemnity of Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

There will be one mass for the vigil of the Solemnity of Mary at St. Francis Xavier on Friday at 4:30pm

There will be **no** 8:30am mass on Friday, December 31.

Last Week's Collection Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

Weekly Collection

St. Francis Xavier	\$ 820.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 153.00

Capital Improvements

St. Francis Xavier	\$ 363.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 196.00

Other:

Religious Ed	\$ 50.00
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Collection Total \$1,582.00

Thank you!

Attendance

SFX: 33+42=75 +OLL: 33=108

Please Pray for our Parish Family

For the Sick: David Meyer, Ed Coates, Michael Harter, Marilyn, Dolly Marinelli, Dennis & Eileen Falk, Patricia Dempsey, Neba Ricardo, Alison Greenfield, Jim Schalk, Bob Drollinger, Walter Maers, Carol A. Pagnozzi, Eddie Negron, Tim Stein

For the Deceased: Peggy Lee Romano, Carmen T. Holstrom, Joseph Ramon Gonzalez, Hilda Bielfeld, Andrew Kimmel, Grace Kimmel, Madeline LoBasso, Margaret Corkett, Joseph Barca, Emerson "Bucky" Misner, Maria Frangipane, Elizabeth Stoddard, Victor Rodriguez, Father John Bida, Margaret Klotz, William Pammer, Francis Clark, James Clark, Alice Herrmann, George F. Wagner Jr., Dottie Schlegel, Karen Bernas, William Jay Everett, Ella Dorothy Neidert, Dominic Winum, Patricia Prendergrast, Marguerite Daley, Toya Espinosa, Wasy Puszkydsa, Mary Reda, Marian Reda, Ronald Scheuren, Beverly Zeman, Jack Kelly, Elizabeth McMurray, Mark Yewchuk

For those Serving in the Military: Lauren Warnick, Justin Warnick, Thomas Muller

Saint Francis Xavier Parish Christmas & Holy Family December 25-26, 2021

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born to you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger"
Luke 2:10-12



Gerard van Honthorst (1592-1656) *Adoration of the Shepherds*

Wishing all our parish family and their loved ones a Blessed Christmas!

REV. DENNIS M. DINAN, PASTOR

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

WEEK OF 12/27:

THURSDAY 9AM-2PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT:

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option 9 to leave a message for
Father Dennis

Dear Parish Family,

Here a little Christmas Story called,
“*God, Christmas Eve and the Geese*”

There was once a man who didn't believe in God, and he didn't hesitate to let others know how he felt about religion and religious holidays.

His wife, however, did believe and she raised their children to have faith in God and the Lord Jesus Christ despite his disparaging comments. On one snowy Christmas Eve, his wife was taking their 2 children to a special Christmas Eve service in the farm community in which they lived. They were to talk about the birth of Jesus that night. She asked him to come along just like she had done so many times before, but he refused her once again... “That story is nonsense!” he barked. “Why would God lower Himself to come to Earth as a man? That's ridiculous!”

So she and the children left. He stayed home.

A while later, the winds grew stronger and the snow turned into a blizzard. As the man looked out the window, all he saw was a blinding snowstorm. He then sat down to relax before the fire for the evening when he heard a very loud thump. Something had hit the window. So he looked out but couldn't see more than a few feet. When the snow let up a little, he ventured outside to see what could have been beating on his window.

In the field near his house he saw a flock of wild geese. Apparently they had been flying south for the winter when they got caught in the snowstorm and couldn't go on. They were lost and stranded on his farm, with no food or shelter. They just flapped their wings and flew around the field in low circles, blindly and aimlessly. And a couple of them had flown into his window, it seemed.

The man felt sorry for the geese and wanted to help them. The barn would be a great place for them to stay, he thought. It's warm and safe; surely they could spend the night and wait out the storm. So he walked over to the barn and opened the doors wide, then watched and waited hoping they would notice the open barn and go inside. But the geese just fluttered around aimlessly and didn't seem to notice the barn or realize what it could

mean for them. The man tried to get their attention by waving a lantern, but that just seemed to scare them, and they moved further away. He went into the house and came with some bread, broke it up, and made a bread crumb trail leading to the barn, but they still didn't catch on.

Now he was getting frustrated. He got behind them and tried to shoo them toward the barn, but they only got more scared and scattered in every direction except toward the opened barn doors. Nothing he did could get them to go into the barn where they would be warm and safe.

“Why don't they follow me?!” he exclaimed. “Can't they see this is the only place where they can survive the storm?”

He thought for a moment and realized that they just wouldn't follow a human. “If only I were a goose, then I could save them,” he said out loud. Then he had an idea! He went into barn, got one of his own geese and carried it in his arms as he circled around behind the flock of wild geese. He then released it.

His goose flew through the flock and straight into the barn -- and one-by-one, the other geese followed it to safety. He stood silently for a moment as the words he had spoken a few minutes earlier replayed loudly in his mind: “**If only I were a goose, then I could save them!**” Then he thought about what he had said to his wife earlier that evening. “**Why would God want to be like us? That's ridiculous!**”

Suddenly it all made perfect sense to him. That is what God had done! We were like the geese--blind, lost, and perishing. God had His Son become like us so He could show us the way, and save us!

As the winds and blinding snow died down, his soul became quiet and pondered this wonderful thought. Suddenly he understood why Jesus Christ had come. Years of doubt and disbelief vanished with the passing storm. He fell to his knees in the snow, and prayed his first prayer:

“Thank You, God, for coming in human form to get me out of the storm!”

Merry Christmas 


N.B.: Unknown Author

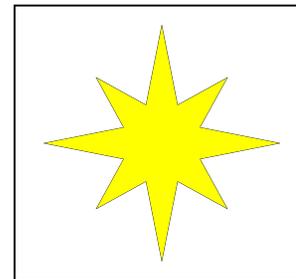


Christmas Flowers In Honor / Memory of:

Edward Schultz
Clarence & Marie Schultz
Walter & Florence Hubert
Most Rev. William Koenig (L)
Alfred & Mary Koenig
Walter Huber Family (L)
Thomas & Herminia Schick
Peter & Catherine Hubert
William Kohler
Schultz & Frazier Family
Schick & Gunther Family
Sal Indelicato
Helene & Alexander Luning
Mary Ludovico Indelicato
Alexander Luning, Jr
Jean Eissmann
Charles F. Davies
Marie E. Davies
Joseph W. Manley
Ann Pagnozzi
Onofrio Pagnozzi
Phyllis Nigro
Donald Nigro
Frank & Gladys Smith
Skip Feagles
F.J. Smith III
Corky & John Tenbus
K. Frank Eick

Grosser Family (L)
Guzman Family (L)
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Ken Russell
Mana Nytko
Pete Moran
Elliott & Marion Moran
Walter & Florence Hubert
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Feagles Family
Ken & Florence Crandall
Kabonick Family
Caldonetti Family
Nordenhold Family
Flo & Dan Billard (L)
Catherine & John Igoe
Evelyn & Ray Johnson
Smith Family
Santarella Family
Russo Family

FLOWER OFFERINGS:
James & Patricia Meyers
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Anthony & Cheryl Macaluso



O Holy Night, so long awaited, which has united God and man for ever! You rekindle our hope. You fill us with ecstatic wonder. You assure us of the triumph of love over hatred, of life over death. For this reason we remain absorbed in prayer. In the luminous silence of your Nativity, you, Emmanuel, continue to speak to us. And we are ready to listen to you. Amen!

Delivered by St. John Paul II during a Homily for Christmas Midnight Mass in 2003,