

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Seeking Jesus, Serving Jesus, Sharing Jesus"

FOURTEENTH & FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**JULY 4, 2021
JULY 11, 2021
(DOUBLE BULLETIN)**

**Adoration Chapel and Parish Office Closed
for July 4th Holiday from Friday Afternoon, July 2,
to Tuesday Morning, July 6.**

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 6:30 AM and 8:00 AM; Saturday: 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon, and 6:00 PM

Adoration Chapel: Open 7am-6pm Monday-Thursday, and 7am Friday—6pm Sunday

Confessions: Wednesday & Saturday - 7:30-7:50 AM & Saturday - 8:30 AM & 3:00-3:45 PM or by appointment

Baptism: Contact Parish Center 1 month prior to due date. Seminar 7:00P.M. - Second Monday of the month.

Wedding: Contact parish clergy at least 6 months in advance.

CLERGY:

Pastor: Rev. Joe Palermo

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Andrew Sanchez

Deacons: Robert D. Normand, M.D.; Kevin J. Darrah

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MUSIC AND LITURGY

Music Coordinator/ Organist: Linden Uter

337-254-5780

10AM Choir Director: Bart Folse

504-613-7728

6PM Choir Director: Jamie Diliberto

504-258-8826

Cantor/Wedding Coordinator: Linda Jones

504-421-7946

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504-439-6000

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SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Rejection at Nazareth, by Cuong Tran, Seminarian

Today, as we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we thank God for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon our country and pray for those who laid down their lives to protect our freedom. Unfortunately, we must also acknowledge the many ways that our nation has failed to trust in God, pridefully relying on mere human ingenuity and adopting a rationalism that leaves no room for faith. Instead of confessing with St. Paul that "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me," our society instead wonders, "Where did this man [Jesus] get all this?"

Just as those most accustomed to Christ could see Him as no more than a carpenter, so too we can also forget that the Church is much more than a human institution. The pope, as Jesus' vicar, and the bishops, sharing in his authority, must be seen as true successors of the Apostles, not as politicians divided into progressive and conservative camps, for they are teachers and guardians of the Deposit of Faith, not its legislators. Lest Jesus also rebuke us for our lack of faith, we should pause today to reflect on the great dignity of Christians as destined for an eternal homeland with God. While we pray for our country today, let us not forget that "Christians pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law... We may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body" (From a letter to Diognetus).

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Mission of the Twelve, by Cuong Tran, Seminarian

After having endured the rejection of the Nazareans, Jesus sends out the twelve apostles, commanding them to preach repentance and heal the sick. Relying solely on God, they are not to worry about bodily necessities, carrying "no food, no sack, no money in their belts" and not even possessing a second tunic. Yet, at the Last Supper, Jesus tells them, "But now, he that has a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip, and he that has no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one." For, while Jesus the Bridegroom was with them, they did not lack anything and did not have to fast. But now the hour has come to configure themselves to the suffering servant on the cross. And so, St. Paul exhorts, "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph 6:17). In being sent forth at the end of Mass (*Ite, missa est*), we too are called to take up the sword of the Spirit, knowing that God will always give us the graces necessary to carry out His will.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Lions and Dragons and More



Fr. Thien's Farewell Party Re-Cap. Around 500 (!!!) people packed the Auditorium on June 26 to say farewell and thank you to Fr. Thien. The auditorium was decorated with lanterns and flowers in the colors of the Vietnamese flag. The Vietnamese food, cake and desserts were delicious. The Slide Show on Fr. Thien was entertaining. The Rising Dragon and Lion Dancers and Tumblers were amazing. The Party was a bittersweet occasion because we will miss Fr. Thien but the send-off was full of memories and fun.

Special Thanks to Carol Pritchard and CJ Rowden for handling major reception details; Jack Siciliano for the lantern and flower centerpiece; Cathy Lorio and Nancy Brunet for table decorations; Carol Pritchard, Liz Leglue, Patty Jourdan, Bessie McDaniel and Allen Lorio for room set-up; Wayne Wetzel for bar set-up; Jessica Dwyer and Philip Giroir for the slide show; CJ Rowden and Rob Adoue for sprucing up the gym with new paint and lights; the Trang family, Chez Pierre, Aroma Catering and the Daughters for the food and desserts; the Hospitality Ministry, KCs and Daughters for serving. Thank you, one and all, for an unforgettable farewell for Fr. Thien

Upcoming July Events to which everyone is invited:

- +Victory Belles Concert in Church, Sunday, July 4, 2:30 pm, preceded by hot dogs, chips and drinks in Pavilion, 1-2 pm.
- + "The Fatherly Heart of St. Joseph" Talk by Cuong Tran on Wednesday, July 14, at 8:30 am in Church, repeated at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall.
- +Summer Search Spirituality Program, Sunday, July 18, St. Joseph Hall, 1:30 – 3:30 pm
- +International Fatima Statue Visit, Wednesday, July 21, all day in Church (*see Bulletin flyer for times and details*)
- +KC Blood Drive, Sunday, July 25, St. Joseph Hall, 9 am – 3 pm (*see Bulletin flyer for details and sign-up information*).

Have a blessed month of July, Fr. Joe

COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Adoration Chapel Closes on Friday, July 2 at 6pm and Re-opens Tuesday, July 6 at 7am

Parish Office Closes on Friday, July 2 at 2pm and Reopens Tuesday, July 6 at 8:30am

Saturday/Sunday, July 3/4

- Special Collection for the Church Maintenance Fund

Sunday, July 4

- Pre Concert Refreshments, 1-2pm, Pavilion

- Victory Belles Concert, 2:30pm, Church

Monday, July 5

- Parish Office, Camp Jaguar, Sharing Classes—all closed

Tuesday, July 6

- Sharing Classes Closed; Camp Jaguar Reopens

- Monthly Prayer Group, 7pm, St. Joseph Hall

Wednesday-Friday, July 7-9

- Sharing Classes Resume

Thursday, July 8

- Deacon Ed's Food Bank, 9-11am, St. Joseph Hall

- Rosary, 6pm, Church

- Cabbage Ball, 6-9pm, School Yard

Saturday/Sunday, July 10/11

- Special Collection for the SFX St. Vincent de Paul Society

- Welcome Reception for Fr. Andrew Sanchez after all Masses

Monday-Friday, July 12-16

- Sharing Program Classes, 9am-4pm, SJH and PC

- Camp Jaguar, 9am-3pm

Monday, July 12

- Cabbage Ball, 6-9pm, School Yard

- Baptism Seminar, 7pm, Parish Center

Tuesday, July 13

- DOI Officer Meeting, 7pm, Parish Center

Wednesday, July 14

- Presentation on St. Joseph, 8:30am in Church & 7pm in SJH

Thursday, July 15

- Deacon Ed's Food Bank, 9-11am, St. Joseph Hall

- Rosary, 6pm, Church

- Cabbage Ball, 6-9pm, School Yard

**Next Summer Search, Sun., July 18**

We will show episodes 4 & 5 of the Search Evangelization Program on Sunday, July 18, from 1:30-3:30pm in St. Joseph Hall. Snacks and water will be served. All are invited.

Men's Emmaus Retreat

The Men's Emmaus retreat will be held from July 23-25, at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in Ponchatoula. The theme is "The appearance on the road to Emmaus" (Luke 24: 13-35). Round trip transportation is provided from St Dominic Church. Call: Sal Lovecchio, 261-7258, or Norman Madere, 481-0411.

Specially Composed Music for "Year of the Eucharist"

As a gift for the people of the Archdiocese of New Orleans in this Year of the Eucharist & St. Joseph, our partners at The Vigil Project have produced a new album "True Presence" exclusively for this special year. The music, which is dedicated to the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, is available for free download at <https://www.nolacatholicoye.com/music>.

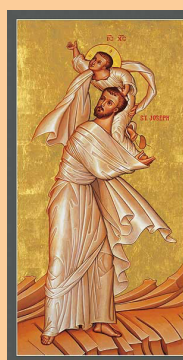
*St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Presents Live in Concert*



*The Victory Belles
Of the National World War II Museum
Sunday, July 4, 2021 - 2:30 PM*

The Victory Belles of The National WWII Museum are a vocal trio who serenade audiences around the world. Their performances feature dazzling costumes, choreography and WWII era musical hits sung in three-part harmony. The music of the 1940s brought hope to our GIs, and the Victory Belles keep that tradition alive. Their repertoire includes gems of the 1940s plus patriotic classics – perfect for Independence Day.

Admission is Free. A Good Will Offering will be taken. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served in the Pavilion from 1-2pm. All are invited.



**"Approaching the Fatherly Heart of
St. Joseph"**

**Presentation by
Seminarman Cuong Tran**

**Wednesday, July 14
8:30 AM in the Church
7:00 PM in St. Joseph Hall**

**Come learn about the Universal Pa-
tron of the Catholic Church and Guardian of the
Redeemer.**

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Visit of International Pilgrim Statue of Fatima

St. Francis Xavier Church



Wednesday, July 21 – Day of Prayer & Healing

6:30 am	Parish Mass
7:30 am	Arrival of Statue
8:00 am	Parish Mass
8:45 am	Scriptural Rosary (<i>Joyful</i>), Litany to Mary, Litany of Fatima
9:30 am	Talk on Our Lady of Fatima by Patrick Sabat, Curator of Statue
10:15 am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Church (<i>Adoration Chapel closes</i>)
10:45 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
11:00 am – 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation (<i>several priests</i>)
11:00 am	Scriptural Rosary (<i>Luminous</i>) Litany to Mary, Litany of Fatima
12:00 noon	Scriptural Rosary (<i>Sorrowful</i>) Litany to Mary, Litany of Fatima
1:00 pm	Scriptural Rosary (<i>Glorious</i>) Litany to Mary, Litany of Fatima
2:00 pm	Scriptural Rosary (<i>Joyful</i>) Litany to Mary, Litany of Fatima
3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:15 pm	Scriptural Rosary (<i>Luminous</i>) Litany to Mary, Litany of Fatima
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (<i>several priests</i>)
4:00 pm	Scriptural Rosary (<i>Sorrowful</i>) Litany to Mary, Litany of Fatima
5:00 pm	Scriptural Rosary (<i>Glorious</i>) Litany to Mary, Litany of Fatima
5:40 pm	Benediction and Reposition of Blessed Sacrament
6:00 pm	Talk on Our Lady of Fatima by Patrick Sabat, Curator of Statue
6:45 pm	Closing Mass with Sacramental Anointing of Sick & Prayer for Healing

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The International Pilgrim Statue of Fatima – designed in 1947 and traveling around the world since then – is touring the U.S. at this time of great need for peace, renewal of religious values, and protection of religious liberties. The Statue is sculpted according to the description of Sister Lucia, the Fatima visionary. Many favors, including cures and conversions, are associated with the image. Join us for this Day of Prayer and Renewal. Check out the story of the statue at www.fatimatourforpeace.com. For additional info, call 504-834-0340.



WHAT: Blood Drive

WHERE: SFX St. Joseph Hall

WHEN: Sunday, July 25, 9am-2pm

WHY: To Give the Gift of Life

To Sign up to donate blood, go to
https://www.tbcdonors.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/43885

Sponsored by SFX Knights of Columbus.

Thank-You Note From Fr. Thien

Dear SFX Parish and School,

Three years ago, I arrived at St. Francis with great joy and excitement for my first assignment in priesthood. Three years later, I am leaving St. Francis with great memories. It has been a joy and blessing for me to know, work with, and socialize with you these years.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support, and especially your farewell gifts. I can not thank enough the many who decorated, donated food, and set up the Auditorium for my farewell reception. I am so grateful for everything.

As I conclude my time here, I do not say “GOOD-BYE” as I intend to return and visit. Please continue to pray for me as I will pray for each of you and your families in my daily prayers. May God bless you all!
 Peace and blessing in the Love of God,
 Fr. Thien Nguyen

Fr. Thien's Farewell Reception, 50th Anniversary Couples & CYO Laser Tag Night



Cake for Fr. Thien's Farewell Reception



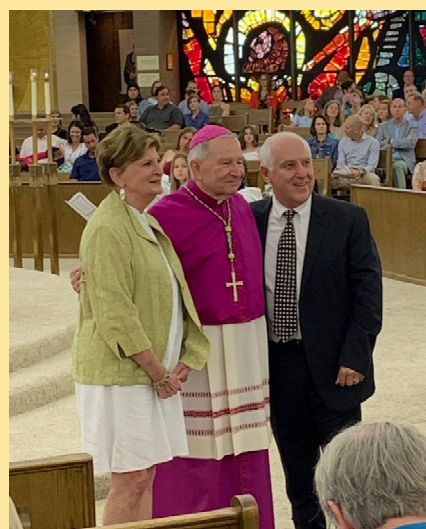
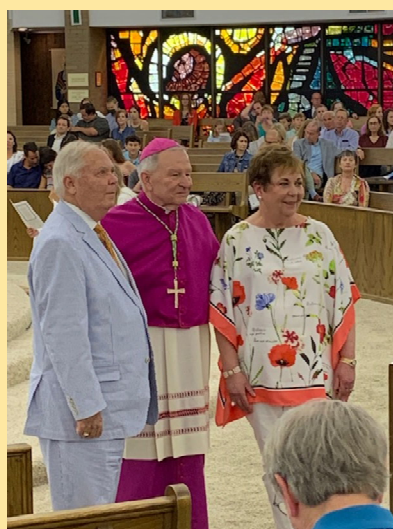
Crowd at Fr. Thien's Farewell Reception.



Fr. Thien with some Faculty & Staff of SFX School.



CYO Members waiting for pizza before playing Laser Tag.



Two SFX Parishioner Couples celebrate 50 years of Marriage at Archdiocese Golden Anniversary Celebration
Left: Jack and Mary Jo "Cissy" Tittle
Right: Jack and Gail Siciliano

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**Saturday, July 3, 2021—4:00 PM**

Baptiste Puissegur, Suzanne Boudreaux, Dan Stapp, Tommy Graves, Rita May Vesich, Mary Marilyn Pfister Allard, James Soileau, Sr., Lorraine Mary Lecler, Daniel Pilcher, Judge Patrick Schott, Rose Walgamotte, Jonathan Williams, Mary Ross Berridge, John D Becker, Patsy Daly, Jacquelyn Poche, Matthew Eisele*, Joe & Sue Ellen Canizaro*

Sunday, July 4, 2021—8:00 AM

Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, July 4, 2021—10:00 AM

Larry Warren, Robert Constantini, Joseph Vindel, Thomas E Graves, Dufour Bayle, Gregory Brunet, Stephen Laizer, Jr., Stephen Laizer, III., Thelma Laizer, Janet Brignac, Bonnie Murray, Janet Russell Abadie, Mary Ross Berridge, John Richard Haydel, Andrew Englande, Susie Finegan, Baptiste Puissegur, Imelda & Thornton Kuntz, Stephanie Landry, Lea Elizabeth Tomassello*

Sunday, July 4, 2021—12:00 Noon

Lester and Therese Steckler

Sunday, July 4, 2021—6:00 PM

Sean Patrick Griffin

Monday, July 5, 2021

6:30 AM—Kevin Avin* 8:00 AM—Diane Lauscha

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

6:30 AM—Arthur and Deanna Montz 8:00 AM—Suzanne Miller

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

6:30 AM—Sarah Champagne 8:00 AM—Carmen J. Civitanes

Thursday, July 8, 2021

6:30 AM—Rosemary Longo Tusa 8:00 AM—Reid Chadwick

Friday, July 9, 2021

6:30 AM—Theone Wimberly 8:00 AM—Beverly Frey Reuther

Saturday, July 10, 2021

8:00 AM—Harriet Trautmann *Denotes Living

Saturday, July 10, 2021—4:00 PM

Baptiste Puissegur, Suzanne Boudreaux, Dan Stapp, Tommy Graves, Patsy Daly, Mary Marilyn Pfister Allard, James Soileau, Sr., Lorraine Mary Lecler, Rita May Vesich, Judge Patrick Schott, Rose Walgamotte, Daniel Pilcher, Mary Ross Berridge, Newell Wambsgans, Jacquelyn Poche, Kelly Harper Miller, Lorraine Sheehy, Matthew Eisele*

Sunday, July 11, 2021—8:00 AM

A. E. Briede, III.

Sunday, July 11, 2021—10:00 AM

Joseph Vindel, Thomas E. Graves, Gregory Brunet, Stephen Laizer, Jr., Stephen Laizer, III., Thelma Laizer, Janet Brignac, Bonnie Murray, Janet Russell Abadie, Mary Ross Berridge, Irene Gillen, John D. Becker, Lea Elizabeth Tomassello*

Sunday, July 11, 2021—12:00 Noon

Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, July 11, 2021—6:00 PM

Sean Patrick Griffin

Monday, July 12, 2021

6:30 AM—Lolita M. Wegmann 8:00 AM—Ricky Pellegrin

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

6:30 AM—Arthur and Deanna Montz 8:00 AM—John Crosby

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

6:30 AM—Jude Heath* 8:00 AM—Mr. and Mrs. Urban Koen

Thursday, July 15, 2021

6:30 AM—Sarah Champagne 8:00 AM—Diane Lauscha

Friday, July 16, 2021

6:30 AM—Alice Manson 8:00 AM—Beverly Frey Reuther

Saturday, July 17, 2021

8:00 AM—Diane Lauscha *Denotes Living

July 4—Sun: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a
 July 5—Mon: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15b; Mt 9:18-26
 July 6—Tues: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
 July 7—Wed: Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
 July 8—Thurs: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
 July 9—Fri: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
 July 10—Sat: Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
 July 11—Sun: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13
 July 12—Mon: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34-11:1
 July 13—Tues: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
 July 14—Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
 July 15—Thurs: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
 July 16—Fri: Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
 July 17—Sat: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21

LITURGY MINISTERS FOR JULY 3-4 & JULY 10-11

(Fr. Andrew will introduce himself at all Weekend Masses on July 3-4.)

Saturday, July 3—4:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo

EM: Carolyn Diaz, Billy Guste, CheeChee O'Conner

Reader: Kathy Calder

Sunday, July 4—8:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Sanchez

EM: Rob Adoue, Patty Jourdan, Diane Killeen

Reader: Ron Carter

Sunday, July 4—10:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Sanchez

EM: Donna Dantin, Jan Harrison, Dianne Walet

Reader: Bres Burvant

Sunday, July 4—12:00 Noon

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo

EM: Peggy Kleinschmidt, Charlotte Syll, William Syll

Reader: Jeff Hamm

Sunday, July 4—6:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo

EM: Billy Dantagnan, Carol Gambel, Marie Puglia

Reader: Patricia Molina

Saturday, July 10—4:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Sanchez

EM: Mary Ann Phillips, Carol Pritchard, Peter Quirk

Reader: Jeff Doussan

Sunday, July 11—8:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo

EM: Ron Carter, Dick Watson, Natalie Watson

Reader: Charlene Peterson

Sunday, July 11—10:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo

EM: Bob Menard, Joann Miller, Val Miller

Reader: Michelle Gonzales

Sunday, July 11—12:00 Noon

Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Sanchez

EM: Suzy Friedrichs, Carol Gambel, Sherri Knoepfler

Reader: Gary Knoepfler

Sunday, July 11—6:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Sanchez

EM: Dr. Robert Normand, Cynthia Graham, Michael Graham

Reader: Marie Puglia

REMEMBRANCES—JULY 3/4

Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle will burn **In Memory of Charles Joseph Tusa**. The cost is \$10/wk.

Flowers on the Altar: There are no remembrances for the Altar flowers this week. The cost is \$90/wk. *Dates in 2021 & 2022 are available for the Sanctuary Candle and Flowers on the Altar.

REMEMBRANCES—JULY 10/11

Sanctuary Candle: This week's Sanctuary Candle burns **In Memory of Kelly Harper Miller**. The cost is \$10/wk.

Flowers on the Altar: This week's Altar Flowers are **In Memory of John Crosby**. The cost is \$90/wk. *Dates in 2021 & 2022 are available for the Sanctuary Candle and Flowers on the Altar.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Nora Molloy, Toni & Michael McKinney, Ann Reason, Tony Hefner, Dr Warren Caire AFSC, Br Tom Daigle FSC, Br John Fairfax FSC, Br John Larrose FSC, Gail Jupiter, Desiree Savoie, Pauline Price, Mike McNeil, Barbara Connick, Jude Heath, Sheila Sheets, Roland DeLaune

Parish Financial Reporting	June 19/20	June 26/27
Weekly Offering	\$11,846.00	\$7,803.00
Other (Faith Direct)	\$3,400.00	\$6,399.00
Donation	\$4,400.00	\$4,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$424.00	\$630.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$20,070.00	\$19,332.00
Weekly Budget	\$19,895.00	\$19,895.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$175.00	(\$563.00)
Deacon Ed's Food Bank	\$482.00	\$255.00
Fr. Kinney Scholarship Fund	\$165.00	

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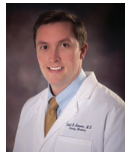
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