

Joy Advent

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish of Vassar

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish of Vassar is a community that believes and celebrates our Catholic Faith as we reach out in compassion

We welcome you to our parish faith community.

Adults 18 years and older are invited to register as members of our parish.

Father Christian Tabares, Pastor (emergency number 989-863-1544)

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Bridget Hildner: Office Assistant

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Jeremy Weaver, Music Minister;

Julie Bender, Choir Director; Larry Klein, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Rick Moreau (Chair); Dennis Smith (Vice-Chair & Worship Com. Rep.);

Jill Moreau (Secretary), Richard Hauger, Ron Jakubczak, Greg Ellison

David Kennard, Cheryl Deike, Mary Smith, (Christian Service Com. Rep.);

Tim Ellison (Finance Council Rep.); Sue Bielski (Faith Formation Com. Rep.)

FINANCE COUNCIL: Tim Ellison (chair); Katie Foco (secretary),

Francis Longuski; Betty Klepoch, Brian Sutherland

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

EUCCHARIST: Sundays at 10:30 am; at St. Elizabeth, Reese 4:30 Saturday & 8:30 am Sunday

BAPTISM: Contact parish office for Baptism preparation.

RCIA: Those interested in learning about the Catholic Church please call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION: Private confessions on Saturdays 3:30 to 4:15 at St. Elizabeth, Reese.

And by appointment at St. Frances.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least six months before the wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Those seriously ill or awaiting surgery, and wish to be anointed, call the parish office. When entering the hospital, please register as a member of St. Frances Cabrini Parish of Vassar, MI.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Quiet prayer on Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE MINISTRY

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND: If you are sick or homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion in your home or need a ride to church for Mass, call the parish office.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Call the parish office with a prayer request.

ST. FRANCES MISSION STORE is a resale store for furniture & household items at 153 Maple Street, in our old church (823-8803). Open on Tues. from 10 am to 2 pm. Our outreach ministry program helps emergency victims with household items and raises money for food pantries and for those who help the needy.

VASSAR AREA EMERGENCY FUND, and THE SALVATION ARMY SERVICE CENTER: Tuesdays from 10 am to noon: Call the parish office for an appointment. Peggy Simpson, Coordinator.

VASSAR FOOD PANTRY: Thursdays 10 am to noon: Peggy Barnes, Coordinator

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 8:30 am Mass at St. Elizabeth Of Hungary Parish of Reese
Thursday, Dec. 17, 9:00 am Mass at St. Frances

Dec 20, 10:30 am Mass

Presider: Fr. Christian Tabares
Mass Intention: Bernie Schulte
Sacristan: Priscilla Jakubczak
Lector: Dennis or Mary Smith
EMHC: Sandi Oehus

Weekend Masses at
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish of Reese
 Saturday, 4:30 pm
 Sunday, 8:30 am

Money Counters 12/15: Tony B., Don K and Darlene M.



Our website is now live. Check it out at <https://stfrancescabrinivassar.org>

It's full of information about our parish, including the daily readings and advent reflections.

Due to the Holiday Season and the shipping company overloads, we are required to submit the bulletin 10 days in advance of printing. Please check the website for the most up to date information, as something might have changed since the bulletin was printed.

IN SYMPATHY Please Remember



Sue Wyatt, Aunt of Mary Smith. who passed away last week..

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Giving Tree

All items for the Giving Tree need to be here this weekend. If you have forgotten to bring your gift(s) and need to have them picked up, please call Dawn Pepera, (989)871-3054, as we will be sorting them and distributing them this week..

Because of Covid19 protocols and restrictions, we are asking that all gifts be brought down to the Parish Hall. The gifts can be brought in during regular office hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. The Parish Hall will also be open on Sundays after Mass. You will not be able to bring the gifts down the steps as they will remain closed. You will need to go outside and come in the Parish Office entrance.

If you do not wish to shop, but still want to help, you may put monetary donations in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office during regular business hours. One of the volunteers will then shop for you.

Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."
1Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice, pray and give thanks. These are very important words. In this passage, Paul tells us that we should rejoice in the gifts that God has given to us and trust that He will provide for us. This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray Constantly" means that we should have regular conversations with God, asking for direction and guidance. "Give thanks" means that we should thank God for all things—good and not so good.

Advent Prayer

Lord, I pray that Christmas would not sneak up on me this year.

I don't want to arrive on Christmas morning with only my gifts wrapped and tasks accomplished.

I want a heart that is full and prepared for Your coming.

Help me this season to be active in waiting for You. Give me eyes to see, ears to hear and a heart to understand the signs, beauty, and wonder of the One I am waiting for.

This season, give me an awareness of the carols, the cards, and the people around me.

Remind me of the truths of Christmas: with You all things are possible, even when I am like Zechariah and Mary with hearts that don't understand.

When your promises seem impossible, God remind me once again "with God all things are possible."

This Christmas, fill my heart with the Christmas message.

Don't let fear, pain, and sadness steal Your promises.

I want to celebrate You as a promise-making and promise-keeping God.



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GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP Collection for Nov. 29 2020

Weekly Budget Needs.....	\$.....2,950.00
Adult Envelopes and Loose.....	\$.....1,365.00
Parish Development Fund for Nov....	\$.....3,425.00
Needy Fund for Nov.....	\$.....818.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$.....70.00
All Saints Day.....	\$.....335.00
Human Development Campaign.....	\$.....660.00

Thank you for continuing to share your time, talent and treasure with your parish family and those in need. Thank you also to those who have been mailing in their contributions.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change)

Dec. 15.....	Bible Study.....	7:00 pm
Dec. 16.....	Knights 4th Degree Meeting.....	7:00 pm
Dec. 17.....	Bible Study.....	10:00 am

Dec. 17.....Private Confession at St. Frances.....5:00—7:30 pm

Jan. 1.....Holy Day of Obligation Mass at St. Frances 10:30 am

Jan 4.....	Sewing Ministry.....	2:00 pm
Jan. 7.....	Parish Admin.....	1:00 pm
Jan. 7.....	Knights of Columbus.....	7:30 pm
Jan. 14.....	Joint Liturgy Commission.....	6:30 pm
Jan. 21.....	Finance Council.....	7:00 pm
Jan. 28.....	Mission Store Board.....	11:00 am
Feb. 4.....	Parish Admin.....	1:00 pm
Feb. 4.....	Knights of Columbus.....	7:30 pm
Feb. 11.....	Christian Service.....	11:00 am
Feb. 11.....	Pastoral Council.....	7:00 pm
Mar. 1.....	Sewing Ministry.....	2:00 pm
Mar. 4.....	Parish Admin.....	1:00 pm
Mar. 4.....	Knights of Columbus.....	7:30 pm
Mar. 11.....	Liturgy Commission.....	6:30 pm
Mar. 18.....	Joint Pastoral/Finance Council.....	7:00 pm
Apr. 1.....	Parish Admin.....	1:00 pm
Apr. 1.....	Knights of Columbus.....	7:30 pm
Apr. 5.....	Sewing Ministry.....	2:00 pm
Apr. 8.....	Christian Service.....	11:00 am
Apr. 22.....	Mission Store Board.....	11:00 am
Apr. 22.....	Finance Council.....	7:00 pm
May 3.....	Sewing Ministry.....	2:00 pm
May 6.....	Parish Admin.....	1:00 pm
May 6.....	Knights of Columbus.....	7:30 pm
May 13.....	Pastoral Council.....	7:00 pm
June 3.....	Parish Admin.....	1:00 pm
June 3.....	Knights of Columbus.....	7:30 pm
June 10.....	Christian Service.....	11:00 am
June 10.....	Finance Council.....	7:00 pm
June 24.....	Mission Store Board.....	11:00 am

Readings for the Week of December 13, 2020

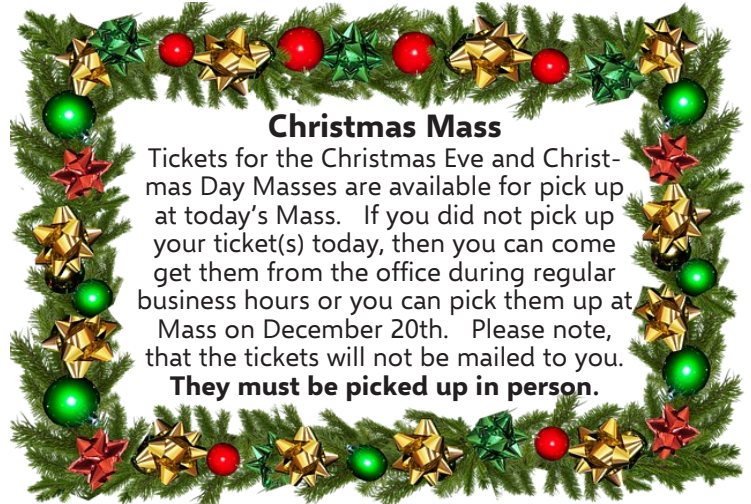
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday	Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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Communion to the Homebound

Following the current protocols, we can now allow a person to take communion to a family member living in the same household. Please bring your pyx to Father Christian after Mass. **We are not able, at this time, to take Communion to anyone else.**



Christmas Mass

Tickets for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are available for pick up at today's Mass. If you did not pick up your ticket(s) today, then you can come get them from the office during regular business hours or you can pick them up at Mass on December 20th. Please note, that the tickets will not be mailed to you.

They must be picked up in person.

Christ's Mission Appeal 2020-2021 (formerly CSA)

God has made every grace abundant for you so you can glorify God through your generosity.

Update: As of Nov.25th, we have received \$11,500.00 in pledges. This is 50% of our goal of \$22,881.79. Please remember to return your pledge cards to the Diocese, so we can reach our goal.

New this year, pledges are made payable and sent directly to the Diocese. If possible please mail pledges in in envelope provided, it makes it easier to record your pledge