



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time~August 23, 2026



Monday 8/24	Tuesday 8/25	Wednesday 8/26	Thursday 8/27 Feast of St. Monica	Friday 8/28 Feast of St. Augustine	Saturday 8/29	Sunday 8/30 Corporate Communion
	4:00 PM SFX Reconciliation 5:00 PM SFX Mass	8:15 AM Mass Parish Office Closed 	8:40 AM SJB Divine Mercy prayer 9:00 AM SJB Mass 10:30 AM Pine Crest Mass	8:15 AM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SFX Reconciliation 3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation 4:00 PM SFX Mass	8:00 AM SFX Rosary 8:30 AM SFX Mass Corporate Communion/ doughnuts 10:30 AM SJB Mass 

BINGO~September 3: Our next school BINGO night is Thursday, September 3. The doors open at 5:00 PM and the games start at 6:00 PM. Help support our school and have a great night out. We estimate we will give away \$775.00 in cash prizes, as well approximately \$1000.00 for the progressive jackpot. There will also be a 50/50 cash raffle, and we will even cook you dinner! See you there.

What is next? So, you have been through all of the Christ Life series, you came to Rescue Project, you LOVED it all! Now what? Should you attend a bible study? Book study? Formation session? No idea? Well stay tuned...we are planning opportunities to help you grow further. Watch the newsletter for details. Have an idea of what you would like to do next? Contact Kay Berg at: kberg@stfrancismerrill.org

Sports Banquet: Please join us for the annual sports banquet on September 12 at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes. The doors open at 4:00 PM and dinner is at 6:00 PM. Over 40 quality firearms will be raffled off! Other prizes: chest freezer, Geiss Meat gift certificates, gun safe, \$1000 cash, Damsel Raffle (yes we have things for women!), a Kawasaki 450 ATV (or \$5000 cash), and so much more. Tickets are available at the parish office. Get yours soon.....only 300 tickets will be sold.

Mass Intentions– Week of August 24, 2026

Monday : No Mass
Tuesday 5:00 PM: † Bryan Rammer By: Mootz Family
Wednesday 8:15 AM: † Deceased members of the Case Family
Thursday (SJB) 9:00 AM: † Diane Helm
 By: Kris & Perry Block
 (Pine Crest) 10:30 AM: † Freida Lee Blanchard
 By: Kris & Perry Block
Friday: 8:15 AM: † Laverne Mussell
 By: Steve & Lisa Hass
Saturday: 4:00 PM: † Duane Bonke
 By: Family
Sunday: 8:30 AM: † All Deceased Knights of Columbus
 10:30 AM (SJB): People of the parish cluster



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday 3:00 PM-7:00 PM
 Tuesday 5:00 AM-5:00 PM
 Wednesday 6:00 AM-8:00 AM & 9:00 AM –9:00 PM
 Thursday 12:00 PM-8:00 PM
 Friday 5:00 AM-8:00 AM & 9:00AM-10:00 AM



Last weekend in Matthew 15 we learned that Jesus came to save us all. What does Jesus need to save you from? How can He help ? Talk to Him in Adoration. He is waiting for you.



SAINTS

Feast of Saint Monica

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. John Sehorn

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Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.

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The Bulletin Board

- ✠ Altar Flowers this week are in loving memory of **Emil Joe Weix & John Weix**: by Sally Wiley.
- ✠ **St. Vincent de Paul News**: Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us. *Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by becoming a volunteer at our thrift store? Call 715-539-1131 for more information.*
- ✠ **Parish Office closed**: The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, August 26 for an offsite retreat for the parish and school staff.
- ✠ The Snack Shack at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds will be open for **Labor Day (September 7)**! All proceeds will go to Extreme Faith Camp. Come and eat lunch with us as we enjoy the last days of summer! We will be serving burgers, hotdogs, ham and cheese sandwiches, and home made French fries! We hope to see you there.
- ✠ **Looking ahead**: Fr. John will be joining all the priests of the Diocese at the annual clergy retreat from September 14-17. There will not be Mass nor confession on these days. The normal Mass schedule will resume on Friday, September 18, at 8:15 AM.

SFX SCHOOL NEWS

MUSIC TEACHER: Our Catholic School is looking for a part time music teacher to teach in our PreK-Grade 8 school. A Bachelor of Science degree is preferred, but not necessary. A love of children, and a kind heart is a must! If you are interested please email our principal Kate Shimel at: Principal@stfrancismerrill.org

BINGO: Our next BINGO night is coming quickly... September 3. As we get ready to kick off another BINGO season, we are looking for some volunteers to help once or twice a year in these areas: kitchen help (serving and cleaning up), BINGO table (selling cards, collecting money, writing checks to winners), BINGO verifiers (you make sure they actually have BINGO), and BINGO caller (you call the BINGO numbers). BINGO is the first Thursday of the month from 6:00-9:00 PM. Most jobs you will start earlier, or stay later than these hours. If you can help out, please contact Kate Shimel at: Principal@stfrancismerrill.org

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD-THANK YOU!

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Aug 15-16, 2026	Agu 16-17, 2025
Adult Envelopes	\$6247.00	\$3518.00
Loose	\$359.00	\$300.00
ACH giving	\$1193.00	\$4697.00
New Pews	<u>\$725.00</u>	<u>\$676.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8524.00	\$9191.00
<u>St. John the Baptist</u>		
Adult Env. & Loose	\$539.00	\$673.00
SFX Catholic School	\$77.00	\$35.00

Navigating Our New Home

Now that we are in our new worship space, some questions have come up that we would like to address, one at a time, in the news letter. This week: Where can I get a rosary? Living Faith Daily Devotional? A Catholic Herald? In order to have a larger, more reverent gathering space we have created a resource table at the entrance to the Parish Office (door #3). This table contains rosaries, devotionals such as *Living Faith*, copies of the *Catholic Herald*, rosary pamphlets, information on support groups and more! This is also where you can pick up your dishes and pans from food donations, purchase SCRIP for the week, and visit with the parish staff! We hope you stop in soon.

Baptism Congratulations!

Congratulations to these children baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

Paul Matthew Heinzen Jr., son of Paul Heinzen and Mary Catherine Polesnak ~ Baptized August 8, 2026

Amelia Elizabeth Mootz, daughter of Nickolas and Sydney (Harris) Mootz ~ Baptized August 16, 2026

Grey David Koebe, son of Samuel and Jourdyn (Mootz) Koebe ~ Baptized August 16, 2026

SCRIP NEWS

Starting July 1, SCRIP is now a parish fundraiser. Due to school choice, and other school financial aid options, families in need can qualify for FREE tuition to our school. Keep watching the newsletter to see what SCRIP fundraising money will be used for to support our parish.

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Parish office hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM & Friday Closed