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CONFESSIONS:

Saturday – 9 AM

Other times by request, privacy is assured

BAPTISM: Please contact Sr. Joanne at the parish office

MARRIAGES:

Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact Deacon Gerry at the parish office at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

MASSES:

Daily: Tues. & Fri. 8:30 AM / Wed. & Thurs. 12:05 PM

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

Holydays: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening: 4:30m, Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

*A Catholic Community
to Call Home*

*September 10, 2017
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Love does no evil to the neighbor;
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.
*Romans 13: 9-10***



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Sept. 11	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., Sept. 12	No Mass	
Wed., Sept. 13	12:05 PM	The Lutz Family
Thurs., Sept. 14	12:05 PM	Marita Rounds
Fri., Sept. 15	8:30 AM	John Bartels
Sat., Sept. 16	4:30 PM	Ernest & Anna Jane Vande Hey
Sun., Sept. 17	8:00 AM	Robert Fisher Family
	9:30 AM	Harold DePrez
	11:00 AM	Linda M. Buss

WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 11 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
- 6:30 PM Matthew 25/Large Conference Room
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

September 12 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM **NO MASS**
- 9:00 AM Coffee & Cookies Playdate
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:30 PM Church Mid-winter Makeover Info Sess./Church
- 7:00 PM Baptism Prep/L2

September 13 (Wed)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 4:30 PM & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes

September 14 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass

September 15 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Wedding - Beth Servais & Nathan Vanderloop ♥

September 16 (Sat) Stewardship Celebration Weekend!

- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
- 4:30 PM Mass (Catechetical Sunday)
- Stewardship Weekend signup after all Masses in the Community Room
- Blood Pressures taken after Mass in the Marian Way

September 17 (Sun) Stewardship Celebration Weekend!

- Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM (Catechetical Sunday)
- Stewardship Weekend signup after all Masses in the Community Room
- Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
- Blood Pressures taken after Masses in the Marian Way

Prayer Requests

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office— \$12,039.56 Weekend— \$8,708.37
Children's Collection: \$20.00

IN JOY & SORROW: Pondering Together the Treasures of Our Faith

One of the highlights of a visit to the Holy Land for most pilgrims is to swim in the Dead Sea. Reviewing the geography of the Holy Land (Israel), remember that the land is a strip that is bordered on the west by the Mediterranean Sea and on the east by the country of Jordan and the Red Sea. There are spines of mountains on the east and the west that run the length of the country and are somewhat close to the borders. In the north is the source of the Jordan River, which then flows southward, in the middle of the land strip, through the Sea of Galilee, and finally emptying into the Dead Sea. Along the river, in the valley between the mountain ranges is the rich fertile land where all of the agriculture of the country takes place. South of the Dead Sea is a desert region. So this little strip of land we today call Israel is a geographical paradise. There are mountains, a valley, the river and the lakes, a desert, and the wide open sea.



The Dead Sea is named as such because of a high concentration of salt which has leaked into the sea from the nearby rocks and from other sources. This saltiness is what attracts pilgrims who enjoy a swim in a body of water that just keeps you afloat. You don't have to dog paddle at all!

Another interesting fact about the Dead Sea is that it holds on to all of the waters of the Jordan River that flow into it. It receives much but does not give up anything of what it receives.

As our faith community celebrates "Stewardship of Time and Talent" next weekend, this image of the Dead Sea came to mind for me. The Lord has richly blessed us with the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure. The Lord is a generous gift giver; we do not have to earn his gifts nor do we deserve them. Basking in such lavish divine gratuity, we can only utter a heartfelt prayer of gratitude. "Thank you, Lord, for gifting me with so much." From that heartfelt gratitude can only flow generosity. Our gifts are not meant to be held on to; kept only for ourselves or even our families. These gifts are meant to be shared. We call this dance with our God, guided by the harmonious music of gratitude and generosity, stewardship. Stewardship may be a churchy-sounding word but it simply, yet profoundly, means that my friendship with the Lord fills my life with precious gifts which I desire to share with others, as an expression of my gratitude to the Lord.

We were moved by this generosity as so many people responded so eagerly to the plight of our sisters and brothers in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Why all of this reaching out? Because we realize that we are one human family; we realize that solidarity with others is what makes us disciples of Jesus. We are not selfish. We do not grasp our gifts but open our hands and hearts in loving service to others, especially those who might be hurting in any way.

Fr. Jean Vanier, who has dedicated his life to generously giving himself to our sisters and brothers who are physically- and mentally-differently-abled shares this holy insight: "Initially I thought that I could do the work of the Gospel by trying to do them (the people he serves) good...As years went by, I came to realize that it is actually these people who are doing me good and, even more, transforming me."

Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkata was on to this insight as well when she said, "The fruit of love is service and the fruit of service is joy."

And who knows, maybe if the Dead Sea gave up some of the fresh water that flows into it, even more fresh water would follow, and eventually the salt, might be washed away. Then we could no longer call it the "Dead" Sea, right?!

Stay tuned for more on Stewardship in next week's *In Joy and Sorrow*.
Father Bill +

IPRF News

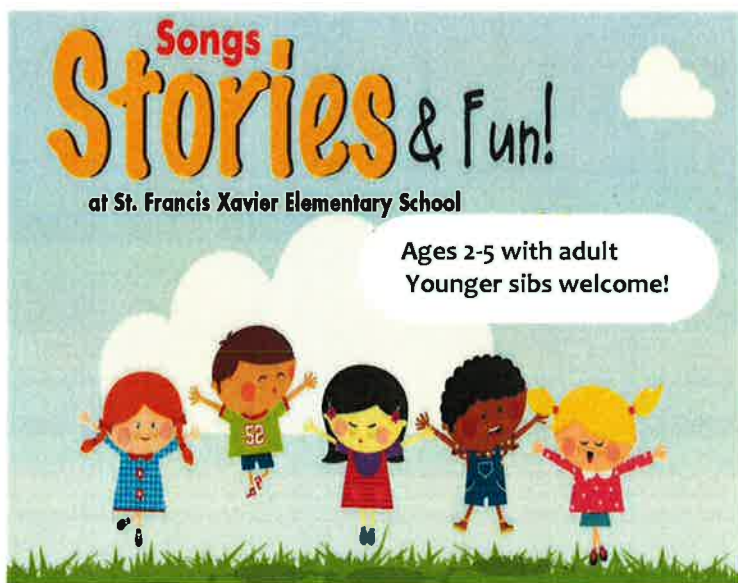
Religion classes begin September 13!

Children who attend public schools also attend religion classes on Wednesday evenings at St. Mary and St. Joseph. Two sessions are available, 4:30—5:40 PM, or 6:30—7:40 PM. If you have questions, call IPRF at 920-738-7413 or email IPRF@inter-parish.org.

During the first night of classes a free Hot Dog Supper is offered in the St. Mary Community Room from 5:30—6:30 PM. Join us!

First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders

Second grade children at St. Mary & St. Joseph are invited to participate in preparation for First Reconciliation. Parent ONLY meetings (kids do not need to attend) are on Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 PM in Holly Hall at St. Joseph OR Thursday, September 28, 6:30 PM in the Community Room at St. Mary. Parents from either parish may attend either meeting.



Xavier Elementary offers Songs, Stories & Fun! Programs two times a month during the school year. You are invited to join us for these FREE programs that offer a variety of puppets, fingerplays, storytimes and more to keep our youngest visitors (and their parents/grandparents) entertained. Younger sibs are welcome! RSVP requested but not required. First programs for the year are coming up on September 13 at Xavier Elementary McDonald Street Campus and September 22 at Xavier Elementary Marquette Street Campus. Programs begin at 9 AM. For more information or to make reservations, contact Admissions at 920-735-9380 or admissions@xavercatholicschools.org. Hope to see you there!

**Stewardship Celebration Weekend
September 16 & 17**



ST. MARY
OF THE SEVEN DOLORS

Your Parish. Your Place.

Please step in the Community Room after all Masses to check out all the wonderful stewardship opportunities available! Refreshments will be served. See you there!

Last chance to attend a Mid-Winter Makeover Information Session!

Tuesday, September 12 - 6:30 PM in Church

Our church needs to be spruced up and we want to hear from you! Please join us to share ideas and discuss more details.

Is RCIA for you?

Yes, if you are finding yourself being drawn into full membership in the Catholic Church! If you feel God calling you to live your faith more deeply, sessions begin Oct. 1. Call Sr. Joanne at 739-5119.



Adult Choir News

Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday, Sept. 13th • 6:30 PM

All interested singers age 19 and older are most welcome! Benefits are heavenly, so join now before it's too late. Any questions contact Tom Walter at the parish office (739-5119).

In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families of Cliff Siebers, Al Van Asten, Alfred Neveau, Mugs Hughes, and Wayne Hawley. May fond memories comfort you during this difficult time.

If you have lost a loved one and would like to have him or her remembered in the bulletin, please call the office at 739-5119.

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