



A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

Parish Office/Oficina Parroquial

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Mass Schedule / Horario de Misa

SUNDAY/DOMINGO

7:30 AM (English) - Historic Church

9:00 AM (Bilingual) - Xavier Center

10:30 AM (English) - Historic Church

12:00 PM (Español) - Centro Javier

MON - THURS/LUNES - JUEVES

7:00 AM - Historic Church (English)

WEDNESDAY/MIÉRCOLES

6:30 PM - Iglesia Histórica (Español)

FRIDAY/VIERNES

12:00 PM - Historic Church (English)

SATURDAY/SÁBADO

4:00 PM (English) - Historic Church

Reconciliation / Confesión

SATURDAY/SÁBADO

3:00 - 4:00 PM Before Mass

MON - THURS/LUNES - JUEVES

After 7:00 AM Masses

**or by appointment

Adoration / Adoración

FRIDAY/VIERNES

Following Noon Mass

until Vespers at 4:45 PM

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Sept. 27, 2026 | 27 de Septiembre de 2026

This Week at a Glance | Resumen de la semana

SUNDAY, 9/27

PREP - 10:30 am, Xavier Center

SFX Youth Group Event (Hosting Donuts and Coffee) -

After 10:30 am Mass, Historic Church

Fourth and Fifth Grade Theology of the Body

Presentation - 1:30 pm, Xavier Center

TUESDAY, 9/29

St. Monica's Prayer Group - 1:00 pm, Parish Office

Trail Life Meeting - 6:30 pm, Xavier Center

WEDNESDAY, 9/30

PREP - 6:30 pm, Xavier Center

Grupo de Oracion: Jesus En Ti Confio - 7:30 pm, Centro Javier

THURSDAY, 10/1

Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study - 9:00 am, Parish Office

Discovering Christ - 6:30 pm, Xavier Center

OCIA Meeting - 6:30 pm, Xavier Center

FRIDAY, 10/2

Grupo de Jóvenes - 6:30 pm, Oficina parroquial

Grupo de Juan 23 - 6:30 pm, Centro Javier

SATURDAY, 10/3

First Saturday Mass - 9:00 am, Historic Church

Blessing of Pets - 9:00 am, Xavier Center

Mexican Food Available for Purchase Today, Sept. 27

For Hispanic Heritage Month, delicious Mexican foods will be available for purchase after the 9AM and 12PM Masses at the Xavier Center. We invite you to stop by, enjoy some good food and fellowship, and support the ministries of our parish. Take out is available.



Many thanks to Jeremiah Burke - Leading with Grace, our bulletin sponsor of the week.

In Preparation for Next Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43

HAVE NO ANXIETY AT ALL, BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, MAKE YOUR REQUESTS KNOWN TO GOD. ---PHILIPPIANS 4:6

No se inquieten por nada; más bien, en toda ocasión, con oración y ruego y dando gracias, presenten sus peticiones a Dios. —Filipenses 4:6

Mass Intentions/Intenciones para la Misa

Sunday/Domingo September 27

7:30 am (HC): Special Intention of Paul and Donna Kriger

9:00 am (CJ/XC Bilingüe/Bilingual): † Gabriel Sánchez

10:30 am (HC): † The parents of Jeff and Cindy Kane

12:00 pm (CJ Español): Todos los feligreses de SFX

5:00 pm (College):

Monday/Lunes September 28

9:00 am (HC): † Richard Powell

Tuesday/Martes September 29

7:00 am (HC): Special Intention of Linda Powell

Wednesday/Miércoles September 30

7:00 am (HC): † Teresa Slonaker

6:30 pm (IH Español): † Benditas almas del Purgatorio

Thursday/Jueves October 1

7:00 am (HC): † Yvonne Encarnacion

Friday/Viernes October 2

8:30 am (School): † Elizabeth Poje Glenn

12:00 pm (HC): † Chrissy Vujevich

Saturday/Sábado October 3

9:00 am (HC): Special Intention of Marina Martínez

4:00 pm (HC): † Ryan Jansen

Baptism/Bautismo

Please contact the Parish Office or register on the "Baptism" page of our website to begin the baptismal preparation process.

Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial o regístrese en la página "Bautismo" de nuestro sitio web para comenzar el proceso de preparación bautismal.

Matrimony/Matrimonio

For couples interested in marriage, please contact the office one year in advance or visit our website.

Favor de llamar a la oficina de la parroquia. Para matrimonio, favor de llamar a la oficina con un año de anticipación.

OCIA-Order of Christian Initiation of Adults/OICA-La Orden de la Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

The Christian Initiation of Adults (CIA) prepares adults to join the Catholic Church who are not yet baptized, were baptized in another denomination, and those baptized as Catholics but did not yet receive First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Contact Becca at bdickerson@sfxcs-pa.org.

La Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (ICA) prepara a los adultos para incorporarse a la Iglesia Católica. Para más información, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al 717-334-3919.

Pastor's Notes | Notas del Pastor

by *Father/Padre Marcoe*

Dear parish family and friends,

In today's bulletin you'll find our annual Parish Spiritual Statistical Report and Year-End Financial Report for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. I hope you will take a few minutes to look through them. Numbers can never tell the whole story of a parish – because they cannot measure faith, prayer, generosity, conversion, or the quiet ways that God works in people's lives – but they can give us a glimpse of what God is doing among us. And there is much we can be grateful for!

During the past year, we celebrated 54 baptisms: 24 infants, 22 children and young people, and 8 adults. Another 4 adults were received into full communion with the Catholic Church. That means 12 adults entered the Church through Baptism or reception into full communion.

We rejoiced as 59 children received their First Holy Communion and 54 young people were confirmed. We celebrated 6 weddings and 8 convalidations, whereby a couple receives sacramental validity of their existing non-sacramental marriage.

We also accompanied 42 parishioners and families through death, entrusting our brothers and sisters to the mercy of God and supporting those who mourn.

While we are still in the midst of cleaning up our parish registry, as of June 30, St. Francis Xavier included 2,317 registered households and 6,898 registered individuals. Behind every one of those numbers is a person or family who is part of our parish family.

Our financial report also gives us reason for gratitude. Parish operational income for the year was approximately \$2.67 million – about \$176,000 above budget – while operational expenses were approximately \$2.46 million, about \$62,000 below budget. After all operational and non-operational income and expenses, the parish finished the fiscal year with a surplus of \$244,433.94. From that surplus, we were also able to repay the Diocese the \$56,727.39 associated with the previous year's deficit.

That is a significant turnaround, and it did not happen because of any one person. It happened through the generosity of parishioners, careful stewardship by our staff and Finance Council, the hard work taking place in our church and school, and the willingness of so many people to share their time, talent, and treasure with our parish.

Please take some time to read the full reports included in this bulletin. To me, this overall picture of our parish is one that is alive. As I learned in the seminary through the words of St. John Henry Newman – to live is to change and to grow perfect is to have changed often. While, we are far from perfect, we are truly growing thanks to your openness, willingness, and trust. There is much more work to do, but we have much to build upon.

God bless your week – Fr. Marcoe

Querida familia parroquial y amigos,

En el boletín de hoy encontrarán nuestro Informe Estadístico Anual de la Vida Espiritual de la Parroquia y nuestro Informe Financiero de Fin de Año, correspondientes al período del 1 de julio de 2025 al 30 de junio de 2026. Espero que puedan dedicar unos minutos a leerlos. Los números nunca cuentan toda la historia de una parroquia, porque no pueden medir la fe, la oración, la generosidad ni las maneras silenciosas en que Dios obra entre nosotros. Pero sí nos permiten ver algo de todo lo que el Señor está haciendo. ¡Y tenemos mucho por lo cual dar gracias!

Durante el último año celebramos 54 bautismos: 24 de bebés, 22 de niños y jóvenes, y 8 de adultos. Además, 4 adultos fueron recibidos en plena comunión con la Iglesia Católica.

También celebramos con alegría 59 Primeras Comuniones, 54 Confirmaciones, 6 bodas y 8 convalidaciones, por medio de las cuales un matrimonio recibe validez sacramental en la Iglesia.

Acompañamos también a 42 feligreses y a sus familias en el momento de la muerte, encomendando a nuestros hermanos y hermanas a la misericordia de Dios y apoyando a quienes lloran su pérdida.

Aunque todavía estamos actualizando nuestro registro parroquial, al 30 de junio San Francisco Javier contaba con 2,317 hogares registrados y 6,898 personas registradas. Detrás de cada número hay una persona o una familia que forma parte de nuestra familia parroquial.

Nuestro informe financiero también nos da motivos para agradecer. Los ingresos operativos fueron de aproximadamente \$2.67 millones, unos \$176,000 por encima de lo presupuestado, mientras que los gastos operativos fueron de aproximadamente \$2.46 millones, unos \$62,000 por debajo de lo presupuestado. La parroquia terminó el año fiscal con un superávit de \$244,433.94, y también pudimos pagar a la Diócesis los \$56,727.39 correspondientes al déficit del año anterior.

Este cambio significativo fue posible gracias a la generosidad de nuestros feligreses, al cuidado responsable de nuestros recursos y al trabajo de tantas personas en nuestra iglesia y escuela.

Los invito a leer los informes completos incluidos en este boletín. Los informes en inglés están disponibles en este boletín. Para consultar las versiones en español, por favor visite la página de inicio de nuestra parroquia en www.stfxcc.org. Para mí, presentan la imagen de una parroquia que está viva. Como aprendí en el seminario por medio de las palabras de San John Henry Newman: "Vivir es cambiar, y llegar a la perfección es haber cambiado muchas veces." Aunque estamos lejos de ser perfectos, verdaderamente estamos creciendo gracias a su apertura, su disposición y su confianza. Todavía queda mucho por hacer, pero también tenemos mucho sobre lo cual seguir construyendo.

Que Dios bendiga su semana – P. Marcoe

Prayer List & Events/Lista de oración y eventos

Prayer Request List | Lista de peticiones de oración

Please remember the following people in your prayers | Por favor, recuerden a las siguientes personas en sus oraciones

Little Theo
Bill Costan

Al Malik

Maggie Meyers

Cindy Tobiason

Let us join together in prayer for those listed above: Heavenly Father, we come before you confident in your perfect love for us. And so, we lift up in prayer these, our brothers and sisters. We ask you, Lord, to provide an abundance of your grace for their needs, especially for those most pressing at this time. We ask this with confidence in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Please contact Deb Hartman at dlhartm@icloud.com to put yourself on this list for prayer. The list will be reset quarterly.

Unámonos en oración por las personas mencionadas anteriormente: Padre Celestial, nos presentamos ante ti confiados en tu amor perfecto por nosotros. Y así, elevamos en oración a estos hermanos y hermanas nuestros. Te pedimos, Señor, que les concedas abundantemente tu gracia para sus necesidades, especialmente para aquellas más urgentes en este momento. Te lo pedimos con confianza en el santo nombre de Jesús. Amén.

Para incluirse en esta lista de oración, por favor, comuníquese con Deb Hartman a la dirección de correo electrónico dlhartm@icloud.com. La lista se actualizará trimestralmente.

October is Respect Life Month

Each October, the Church in the U.S. celebrates Respect Life Month. The first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday (October 4). As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity and gift of every human life. We will celebrate Respect Life Month with a Respect Life Rosary at the Historic Church after the 10:30 am Mass each Sunday in October. We encourage and invite you to stay after Mass and share 15 minutes of your God-given gift of life to pray this Rosary. Respect Life Rosary Prayer Cards will be in the pews each Sunday during Respect Life Month. Please join with the Parish Respect Life Committee to pray this Rosary for all life!

You can also celebrate Respect Life Month by joining the parish's Spiritual Adoption Program. Spiritual Adoption is agreeing to pray for a newly conceived life for nine months. You are invited to pick up a Spiritual Adoption Certificate in the vestibule of the Historic Church or in the lobby of the Xavier Center. It is never too late to begin this prayer program for a new life! Simply pick up a certificate which has the prayer on it, name your Spiritually Adopted child and pray for that child for nine months.

PCCW Box of Joy Project | Proyecto Caja de Alegría

The PCCW's Box of Joy project has begun, with boxes distributed after Mass on Sept. 26-27. Return your filled boxes, with completed brochure and \$9 check payable to Cross Catholic Outreach, after Masses on Oct. 3-4 and 10-11. Or, sponsor a box at \$25 each (covers cost of items and shipping). Make check payable to SFX PCCW and send to the Parish Office by Oct. 12.

El proyecto «Box of Joy» (Caja de Alegría) de la PCCW comienza con la distribución de cajas después de las misas de los días 26-27 de septiembre. Por favor, entregue las cajas llenas, el folleto completado y un cheque de 9 dólares a nombre de «Cross Catholic Outreach» después de las misas de los días 3-4 y 10-11 de octubre. También puede patrocinar una caja por 25 dólares (importe que cubre el costo de los artículos y el envío); en este caso, extienda el cheque a nombre de «SFX PCCW» y envíelo a la oficina parroquial antes del 12 de octubre.

**Mark your calendar for the
SFX Gift Fair & Holiday Bazaar
on Saturday, November 7,
8:00 am - 2:30 pm**

To view our whole list of events, check out our parish calendar at stfxcc.org/parish-calendar

Parish Spiritual Statistical Report from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Attached you will find the annual statistical report, which presents a snapshot of our parish over the past year. You can see from the information presented here, that St. Francis is indeed growing! May our dear patron, St. Francis Xavier, continue interceding for us, that we may continue to grow and advance God's Kingdom. Thank you for all that you do to make our parish and school a wonderful family! God bless you.

Fr. Marcoe

Sacraments

Infant Baptisms – 24

Minor Baptisms – 22

Adult Baptisms – 8

Those received into Full Communion – 4

First Holy Communion (Children) – 59

Confirmations (Children) – 54

Marriages between two Catholics – 2

Marriages between a Catholic and a
non-Catholic – 4

Convalidations – 8

Deaths – 42

Parish Population

Registered Households (as of June 30, 2026) – 2,317

Registered Individuals (as of June 30, 2026) – 6,898

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

Contributions (gifts + bequests + flowers + candles)
Offertory (Sunday + Solemnities)
Offertory (Christmas + Easter)
Tuition + Tuition Assistance + Tuition paid from other parishes
Fundraising + Sales
Interest on Diocesan Savings Accts
Parish Cemetery
Other Income
TOTAL

2025-2026		
OPERATIONAL INCOME		
TOTAL PARISH		OVER
BUDGETED	ACTUAL	(UNDER)
\$50,000.00	\$240,673.26	\$190,673.26
\$1,326,282.00	\$1,165,934.99	(\$160,347.01)
\$50,000.00	\$53,621.00	\$3,621.00
\$840,979.00	\$912,809.86	\$71,830.86
\$170,000.00	\$191,648.38	\$21,648.38
\$11,896.00	\$22,746.05	\$10,850.05
\$0.00	\$15,268.00	\$15,268.00
\$40,800.00	\$62,893.27	\$22,093.27
\$2,489,957.00	\$2,665,594.81	\$175,637.81

Capital Income (donations for building/equipment)
Capital Income (donations for property debt reduction)
Loans from Diocese to cover Previous Year-End Deficit
Withdrawals from Savings - For Buildings/Equipment
Withdrawal from FOCUS
Withdrawals from Savings - For other expenses
Withdrawals from Savings - For operations overdraft protection
TOTAL

2025-2026		
NON-OPERATIONAL INCOME		
TOTAL PARISH		OVER
BUDGETED	ACTUAL	(UNDER)
\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
\$0.00	\$108,365.20	\$108,365.20
\$0.00	\$56,727.39	\$56,727.39
\$0.00	\$188,162.74	\$188,162.74
\$0.00	\$9,460.00	\$9,460.00
\$0.00	\$45.16	\$45.16
\$27,000.00	\$65,914.77	\$38,914.77
\$27,000.00	\$436,175.26	\$409,175.26

TOTAL INCOME

\$2,516,957.00	\$3,101,770.07	\$584,813.07
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Personnel - Payroll
Personnel - Benefits
Professional Services (Service Contracts/Program Costs)
Utilities
Insurance Premiums
Communications (Cable/Phone/Internet)
Supplies (Office/Liturgy/School/Cleaning/Food)
Business Expenses (Mileage Reimbursement/Clergy Workshops)
Professional Conferences/Dues
Fundraising Expenses
Cemetery Costs (Grave Opening/Markers)
Diocesan Assessments (DAC Shortfall/Remote Access)
- Delone Catholic HS
Other Expenses (Marketing/Postage/Maintenance/Repairs)
TOTAL

2025-2026		
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		
TOTAL PARISH		OVER
BUDGETED	ACTUAL	(UNDER)
\$1,207,480.00	\$1,144,939.64	(\$62,540.36)
\$585,491.00	\$498,982.81	(\$86,508.19)
\$70,340.00	\$97,726.76	\$27,386.76
\$85,917.00	\$80,108.04	(\$5,808.96)
\$61,628.00	\$62,082.82	\$454.82
\$20,478.00	\$22,942.50	\$2,464.50
\$129,662.00	\$134,460.56	\$4,798.56
\$11,500.00	\$9,319.08	(\$2,180.92)
\$10,615.00	\$5,060.79	(\$5,554.21)
\$43,550.00	\$27,653.80	(\$15,896.20)
\$0.00	\$2,263.34	\$2,263.34
\$7,628.00	\$6,066.00	(\$1,562.00)
\$139,348.00	\$139,347.96	(\$0.04)
\$143,320.00	\$224,453.82	\$81,133.82
\$2,516,957.00	\$2,455,407.92	(\$61,549.08)

	2025-2026 NON-OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		
	TOTAL PARISH		OVER
	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	(UNDER)
Payment on Debt	\$0.00	\$56,727.38	\$56,727.38
Capital Expenditures (Building Repair/Improvement)	\$0.00	\$205,302.45	\$205,302.45
Other (Deposits into savings)	\$0.00	\$139,898.38	\$139,898.38
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$401,928.21	\$401,928.21
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,516,957.00	\$2,857,336.13	\$340,379.13
	2025-2026 TOTAL NET SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT) TOTAL PARISH		
TOTAL NET SURPLUS OR DEFICIT	\$244,433.94		

- We began last fiscal year (July 1, 2025) approximately \$56,000 in the red and ended June 30, 2026 with an approximately \$189,000 surplus — an improvement of about \$245,000 during the year!
- Thank you to our parishioners for your generous support. This significant turnaround strengthens the parish as we plan responsibly for future needs.
- Under diocesan policy, a portion of ordinary parish income supports St. Francis Xavier Catholic School and Delone Catholic High School. Supporting Catholic education is part of the shared mission of the entire parish.
- DAC: Gifts made directly to the Diocesan Annual Campaign are not assessed as parish income. Amounts received above our goal are returned to the parish; any shortfall must be paid from parish funds.
- Funds designated or bequeathed for the historic church remain restricted to its maintenance, repair, and preservation.
- EITC: Pennsylvania taxpayers with sufficient state tax liability may be able to redirect a large portion of those taxes to support St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. Contact the School Office for information.
- Please consider online giving, special gifts, and remembering the parish or school in your estate planning. If you have not yet created your Will, please do so for free with our parish partnership with My Catholic Will at mycatholicwill.com/stfxcc.
- Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Francis Xavier Church and School, and for supporting our mission of worship, Catholic education, formation, and service.





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Prayer Partners: Growing in Virtue | Compañeros de oración: Creciendo en virtud

One of the things that makes St. Francis Xavier Catholic School so special is our Prayer Partner program! Recently, our older students were paired with younger students to share faith, friendship, and learning together. This year, our Prayer Partners are focusing on virtues through literature. Throughout the month, partners read a book together and complete an activity centered on a featured virtue. This month, our focus was hope—giving our students the opportunity to talk about what it means to have hope, encourage one another, and recognize God's presence in their lives. Through these special partnerships, our students are growing not only as readers, but also in faith, character, and compassion.

¡Una de las cosas que hace tan especial a la Escuela Católica San Francisco Javier es nuestro programa de «Compañeros de Oración»! Recientemente, nuestros alumnos mayores fueron emparejados con alumnos más jóvenes para compartir la fe, la amistad y el aprendizaje. Este año, nuestros Compañeros de Oración se centran en las virtudes a través de la literatura. A lo largo del mes, las parejas leen un libro juntas y realizan una actividad centrada en una virtud específica. Este mes, nos enfocamos en la esperanza, brindando a nuestros alumnos la oportunidad de hablar sobre lo que significa tener esperanza, animarse mutuamente y reconocer la presencia de Dios en sus vidas. A través de estos vínculos especiales, nuestros alumnos crecen no solo como lectores, sino también en fe, carácter y compasión.

JOIN US FOR THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
TRUNK-OR-TREAT
Fall Family Fun
FRIDAY OCTOBER 16TH (PARKING OPENS AT 5:15PM)
RAIN DATE: FRIDAY OCTOBER 23RD
@ XAVIER CENTER

FAMILY THAT DECORATES A TRUNK WILL BE ENTERED INTO A CHANCE TO WIN A \$900 CHRISTMAS SHOPPING GIFT CARD	PRAYER PUMPKINS & PRAYER TABLE
EACH PERSON WHO ATTENDS CAN ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A DOOR PRIZE	TACOS MONARCA MEXICAN FOOD TRUCK
DJ & DANCE FLOOR	PORKY & THE BRISKET SMOKEHOUSE FOOD TRUCK
DIY PUMPKIN DECORATING & CRAFT	BLESSING BY FR. MARCOE AND/OR FR. PRA
	BUTTERMILK BAKERY FOOD TRUCK
	FACE PAINTING

CHECK SFX SCHOOL FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO!

FREE ADMISSION PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED REGISTER HERE

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EVENT OPEN TO SFXCS STUDENTS, SFX PARISHION THEIR FAMILY & FRIENDS

**Please join us for 8:30 am Mass
on Fridays when school is in session.**

Save the Date! | ¡Reserva la fecha!

Adams County Giving Spree - November 5, 2026

Stay tuned for more information on your giving options including direct gifts, endowment gifts, IRA distributions and more!

Adams County Giving Spree - 5 de noviembre de 2026

¡Esté atento para más información sobre sus opciones para donar, incluyendo donaciones directas, aportaciones a fondos de dotación, distribuciones de cuentas IRA y más!

Time to Move Welcome Signs | Por favor, mueva los letreros de bienvenida

Thanks to everyone who adopted an "All are Welcome" yard sign to display. Please share the sign with a nearby family to adopt the sign for October. This keeps the signs moving and inviting more souls to join our Church and School. Want to adopt a sign? Call or text Walt Tuchalski, 717-309-2482.

Gracias a todos los que se ofrecieron a colocar un letrero de "Todos son bienvenidos". Por favor, comparta el letrero con una familia cercana para que lo exhiban durante el mes de octubre. De esta manera, los letreros siguen circulando e invitando a más personas a nuestra iglesia y escuela. ¿Preguntas? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Walt Tuchalski al 717-309-2482.

465 Table Rock Road - Principal | Directora - Mrs. Rebecca Sieg

September 27 | 27 de septiembre

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Parish, Community & Diocesan Notes/Notas Parroquiales, Comunitarias y Diocesanas

Parents & Children Talk About Sexuality - 4th & 5th Grades | Padres e Hijos Hablan Sobre la Sexualidad - 4.º y 5.º Grado

The Parent/Child Sexuality Education Session for 4th and 5th graders and parents is Sunday, September 27th, 1:30–3:15 PM, in the St. Jose Sanchez del Rio classroom at Xavier Center. Families will discuss fetal development and begin puberty conversations in a Christian context. A Spanish presentation will be in a separate room. Please bring a baby photo of your child and a sonogram if you have one. You will take these home with you afterwards. Babysitting for siblings will be offered.

La sesión de educación sexual para alumnos de cuarto y quinto grado y sus padres tendrá lugar el domingo 27 de septiembre, de 1:30 a 3:15 p. m., en el salón Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe del Centro Xavier. Las familias hablarán sobre el desarrollo fetal e iniciarán conversaciones acerca de la pubertad en un contexto cristiano. Habrá una presentación en español en un salón separado. Por favor, traiga una foto de su hijo cuando era bebé y una ecografía, si dispone de ella. Podrá llevárselas a casa al finalizar la sesión. Habrá servicio de cuidado de niños para los hermanos.

Historical Committee Seeks American History Books for its Booth at the Gift Fair & Holiday Bazaar

After supporting the Historic Church Fund with \$1,612 in goodwill donations from the Civil War Mass back in July, the Historical Committee continues to further its mission. The Committee is soliciting books (used or new) on the subject of American history. Donations may be dropped off at 24 Musket Dr. in Gettysburg anytime from October 1-31. A box will be available for donations on the covered front porch.

Please note, the Committee is asking for American history books only. For more information, please contact Ted at tedhirt@comcast.net or Michele at gradslu@aol.com.

Need help with outdoor or household tasks?



SFX Youth Group is heading out into the community for a Fall Clean-Up Day, offering free help to parishioners who could use a little assistance.

Sunday, Oct 11 • 1–3 PM

We can tackle tasks like raking, weeding, organizing, dusting or moving boxes and small furniture.

If you or someone you know could use a hand, please contact Katie Langville: klatrinka@gmail.com or 717-576-0424.

Upcoming Youth Group Events

- can receive service hrs!
- OCT 4 – Christmas Shopping***
(6–8 PM, drop-off & pick-up from Wendy's on Rte. 30)
Help fill boxes for the PCCW Boxes of Joy project!
Dinner at Wendy's + Christmas shopping at Walmart.
- OCT 11 – Parish Fall Clean-Up***
(1–3 PM, locations TBD)
Roll up your sleeves and help SFX parishioners in need with small yard & home clean-up projects.
- OCT 18 - Fall Bonfire**
(6–8pm, Xavier Center)
Fire & the Church's spookiest true stories—saints, evil & the unseen world. A little mystery + a lot of faith!
- Oct. 24 - Back From the Dead**
(4:15–8:30pm, carpooling from XC)
The dead would like to have some words with you... Join us at the Seton Shrine for a candlelit cemetery experience bringing the Last Things to life! Dinner included. ONLY 10 TICKETS—RSVP ASAP!

We are collecting wrapping supplies for our gift-wrapping station at the Holiday Bazaar!
Open to all youth grades 6–12. Contact Katie klatrinka@gmail.com or 717-576-0424 for more info

Parish, Community & Diocesan Notes/Notas Parroquiales, Comunitarias y Diocesanas

6th Annual Corpus Christi International Food Festival - Oct. 3

Corpus Christi's International Food Festival takes place Sat., Oct. 3, 11am - 5pm at 320 Philadelphia Ave., Chambersburg. Savor cuisines from China, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Italy, Mexico, Poland, USA, and local PA Dutch. Enjoy music & FREE children's activities that include painting pumpkins, face painting, bouncy house, and corn hole. Enter a drawing for a 2019 Chevy Colorado Truck, and other cash prizes. Occurs rain or shine.

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January, May & September - Canned Goods

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February, June & October - Beverages

Ground Coffee, Hot Chocolate Mix, Juice Boxes, Shelf-Stable Milk, Gatorade, Iced Tea Mix, Instant Coffee

March, July & November - Meats

Hams, Turkeys, Whole Pork Lion, Boneless Chicken Breast, Bone-In Chicken Thighs, Loose Sausage, Sausage Links or Patties, Ground Beef

April, August & December - Pasta & Cereals

Boxes & Individual Serving Size Cereals, Pasta Twists, Elbow Macaroni, Regular Spaghetti, Egg Noodles, Instant Rice, Fruit Bars, Stove Top Stuffing, Kraft Mac & Cheese

For all food donations, please call ahead to make arrangements for a specific drop off date and time. (717) 334-2773.

Parking for donation drop off is located at the rear entrance of the building located on: 22 West High Street, Gettysburg PA.



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The Diocese of Harrisburg's Beginning Experience Team will host a Beginning Experience Retreat on Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 at Camp Kirchenwald, Lebanon. Beginning Experience is an approved, ecumenical program offering healing, hope, and spiritual restoration for those grieving the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. Led by trained facilitators who have also experienced the loss of a spouse through death or divorce, and who are certified by the International Beginning Experience organization, these weekends have helped hundreds move toward renewed peace and purpose. For more information, visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/clev/laity-and-family/navigating-difficulties/>, or call Julie at 717-379-0800.

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