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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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Nov. 8, 2026 | 8 de Noviembre de 2026

This Week at a Glance | Resumen de la semana

SUNDAY, 11/8
PREP - No PREP classes.

MONDAY, 11/9
Respect Life Committee Meeting - 10:00 am, Parish Office

TUESDAY, 11/10
St. Monica's Prayer Group - 1:00 pm, Parish Office
School PTO Meeting - 6:00 pm, Xavier Center

WEDNESDAY, 11/11
PREP - No PREP classes.
Knights of Columbus Meeting - 6:30 pm, Parish Office
Grupo de Oracion: Jesus En Ti Confio - 7:30 pm, Centro Javier

THURSDAY, 11/12
Prayer Shawl Meeting - 1:00 pm, Parish Office
OCIA Meeting - 6:30 pm, Xavier Center

FRIDAY, 11/13
Grupo de Juan 23 - 6:30 pm, Centro Javier
Grupo de Jóvenes - 6:30 pm, Oficina parroquial

SATURDAY, 11/14
Remembrance Day Mass - 8:00 am, Historic Church
Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) Meeting - 9:00 am, Gateway Family Diner, Gettysburg

PCCW Thank You

The Box of Joy ministry was a huge success!! 331 boxes were filled! Last year we did 261. The PCCW would like to thank everyone who so generously supported the cause. With all of the donations of time, energy and money that went into each box, the children who will receive our boxes will most definitely feel the caring spirit of the SFX parish family.

Many thanks to Mia Capelli Salon LLC,
our bulletin sponsor of the week.

In Preparation for Next Sunday

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

"...TO ONE HE GAVE FIVE TALENTS, TO ANOTHER TWO, TO ANOTHER ONE, EACH ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY." ~~MATTHEW 25:15

«...a uno le dio cinco talentos, a otro dos, a otro uno, a cada cual conforme a su capacidad». ~~Mateo 25:15

Mass Intentions/Intenciones para la Misa

Sunday/Domingo November 8
7:30 am (HC): ✝ Shirley A. Golden
9:00 am (CJ/XC Bilingüe/Bilingual): Special Intention of Linda Ingalls
10:30 am (HC): ✝ Hugh Bauer
12:00 pm (CJ Español): Todos los feligreses de SFX
5:00 pm (College): ✝ Eternal Repose of all Souls in Purgatory

Monday/Lunes November 9
7:00 am (SFX Cemetery): ✝ Jim McGinnis

Tuesday/Martes November 10
7:00 am (HC): ✝ Richard Powell

Wednesday/Miércoles November 11
7:00 am (HC): Special Intention of all Veteran Parishioners
6:30 pm (IH Español): ✝ Mary Lynn Goudsward

Thursday/Jueves November 12
7:00 am (HC): ✝ Richard Powell

Friday/Viernes November 13
8:30 am (School): ✝ Noreen Neitz
12:00 pm (HC): ✝Robert Kelley

Saturday/Sábado November 14
8:00 am (HC): ✝ Richard Powell
4:00 pm (HC): ✝ Doris Weaver

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 Debbie Holt at dholt@sfxcs-pa.org.

Pastor's Notes | Notas del Pastor

by Father/Padre Marcoe

This week, Father Marcoe's column consists of the enclosed flyer about the Catholic Leadership Institute's Disciple Maker Index. Please read for an update on this program.

Music Ministry Update ~~by Betty Anne Abrahamsen, Music Ministry Coordinator

As the new liturgical year approaches, I'd like to share an update on music at St Francis. As the new coordinator, I'm encouraged by how many people sing at Mass. Our goal is beautiful congregational singing!

We are blessed with three wonderful organists and many voices to lead us, but we need more people to share their musical talents as cantors or choir members. If you or someone you know feels called to this ministry, we'd love to hear from you. We'll begin by sharing information about what's involved.

We also welcome skilled instrumentalists who would like to enrich the liturgy.

YOU ARE NEEDED: Singers, instrumentalists, and willing servants who cherish God's gift of music. Often people need that nudge from another.

Please contact Betty Anne at 717-825-1101 or steffabrah@gmail.com (apologies in advance for a delayed response until after Nov. 16 due to the Greece pilgrimage).

Spiritual Adoption - Update for Month 3 | Adopción espiritual: actualización del tercer mes

"I can suck my thumb!" Your baby is quite active in the womb now - - although her mother won't feel her for another couple of months. If her mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move her tongue. She can make a tight fist if you touch her palm. She is breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although she obtains the oxygen her body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce.

"¡Puedo chuparme el dedo!" Ahora su bebé espiritual está muy activo en el vientre. Sin embargo su madre no lo sentirá sino hasta después de un par de meses. Si el vientre de su madre tuviera una ventana, usted podría mirar a su bebé espiritual parpadear, tragar y mover su lengua. Si toca su palma el puede hacer puñete. El respira el líquido amniótico hasta que nace, sin embargo el bebé obtiene el oxígeno que su cuerpo necesita a través del cordón umbilical. El niño por el cual esta rezando, pesa ahora una onza. Al comienzo del mes solo a nueve semanas comienza a chuparse su dedo.

Please Return Welcome Signs

Thank you everyone who adopted an "All Are Welcome" yard sign. They have had a positive effect on attracting souls to seek the Lord. Please return the signs to the Historic Church or Xavier Center before winter weather sets in so we can repair, clean, and store the signs until Spring. Questions? Call or text Walt Tuchalski, 717-309-2482.

Gracias a todos los que adoptaron un cartel viajero "Todos son Bienvenidos" esta última temporada. Han tenido un efecto positivo en atraer almas a buscar al Señor. Ahora es momento de devolver los carteles a la Iglesia Histórica o al Centro Xavier antes de que llegue el clima invernal, para que podamos repararlos, limpiarlos y guardarlos hasta la primavera, cuando volverán a viajar nuevamente. ¿Preguntas? Llama o envía un mensaje de texto a Walt Tuchalski, 717-309-2482.



PREP is cancelled for Sunday, Nov. 8 and Wed., Nov. 11. | PREP queda cancelado para el domingo 8 de noviembre y el miércoles 11 de noviembre.

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

Becky
Little Theo
Carol Chudovan Balgac
Adler Bingaman
Bill Coston
Gloria Harbaugh
Chip Langville
Repose of Earl Lucas' soul
Al Malik
Maggie Meyers
Christopher Murphy
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.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES to the family of Rose M. (Rosensteel) Hess, who died recently. May the Good Shepherd welcome her into the fullness of paradise, and may this same Jesus be her family's constant source of comfort and hope.

Invitation for Musicians

Calling all musicians! Our annual Evening of Music in honor of St. Cecilia Day will be held on Friday, November 20 at 7:00 pm at Xavier Center. If you would like to share your talent with our parish community in a song, hymn, or instrumental piece (including ensembles) – we would love to have you join us! Please contact Debbie Drobenak at 717-357-0768 or drobenrd@comcast.net by November 13. All are welcome!

All are welcome and everyone is invited for a special free program:

An Evening of Music
In Honor of St. Cecilia Day

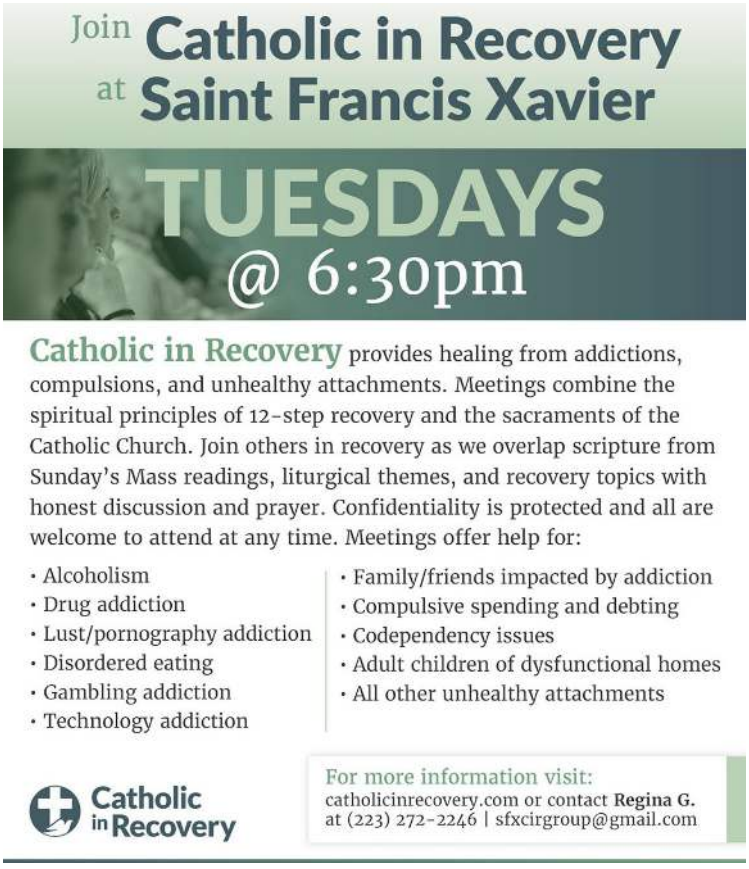
Friday, November 20, 2026
Xavier Center at 7:00pm

A sampling of musicians include: our Children's Choir, Spanish Guitar Ensemble and more St. Francis musicians.

We hope you will join us in a wonderful celebration of music!



St. Cecilia, Patroness of Musicians and Martyr for the Faith



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

Catholic Leadership Institute

NEXT GENERATION PARISH

Moving Forward Together

Celebrating Our Progress and Preparing for the Disciple Maker Index



Our Historic Church

Over the past several years, St. Francis Xavier Parish has participated in the Catholic Leadership Institute's Next Generation Parish initiative. Through prayer, listening, and collaboration, we identified three priorities to help our parish grow: Community, Faith Formation, and Organization and Management.

As we prepare to take the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) again beginning November 30, let's look at the progress we've made!

1. Community
Becoming a More Welcoming Parish

Our Welcome Ministry has brought new energy to our parish community. Highlights include:

- Hospitality training for staff and volunteers
- Credit card reader at the Fish Fry and improved parking signage
- New parishioner welcome process: packets, calls, and follow-ups
- July Parish Potluck and September New Member Welcome Sunday (with gift bags, coffee and donuts)
- Hospitality for our Bishop's visit and a Volunteer Dinner

A more welcoming parish helps us grow together in faith and fellowship.

2. Faith Formation
Growing as Disciples

The Faith Formation Committee established two goals: increasing to 25% the percentage of parishioners who strongly agree that they feel confident proclaiming Church teaching and that they have a mature prayer life, by April 2027.

Since summer 2024, we have offered many opportunities for spiritual growth:

- Advent presentations on Scott Hahn's *Joy to the World*
- First Saturday Masses, Holy Hours, and Confessions
- *What Do You Seek?* by Dr. Edward Sri
- Soup and Scripture in Lent
- Catechetical Corner in our bulletin
- Real People, Real Prayer in Advent
- We Believe: The Heart of Our Faith retreat in May
- ChristLife program



3. Organization and Management
Strengthening Our Foundation

This priority has focused on building the organizational foundation for parish growth. Key accomplishments include:

- Improving parish communication
- Updating parish records
- Encouraging greater collaboration across ministries and the school
- Increasing stewardship and giving
- Reducing organizational silos
- Developing leadership structures for long-term sustainability

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX
DMI

Looking Ahead: Your Voice Matters

Beginning November 30, we will once again participate in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). This survey will help us measure our progress, recognize areas of growth, and identify where further work is needed. The DMI is not a test of anyone's faith—it's an opportunity to share your experience!

Thank you for being part of this important journey. Together, let us discern where the Lord is leading St. Francis Xavier!



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🏫 Open House for Prospective Families
🗓️ Sunday, November 15, 2026
⏰ 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
📍 465 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325

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🗓️ Domingo, 15 de noviembre de 2026
⏰ 1:15 p. m. – 2:30 p. m.
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¡Ven a descubrir qué hace que la escuela católica St. Francis Xavier sea tan especial! Conoce a parte de nuestro dedicado personal docente y administrativo, recorre nuestras instalaciones y explora nuestros programas académicos y actividades extracurriculares. ¡Infórmate sobre nuestros planes de matrícula pensados para las familias, nuestra tienda de uniformes de segunda mano, el servicio gratuito de transporte escolar desde las zonas cercanas y mucho más! Ofrecemos recorridos bilingües. ¡Esperamos verte allí!





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

PCCW Meeting on Nov. 14

The Parish Council of Catholic Women's (PCCW's) next business meeting is on Saturday, Nov. 14, 9:00 am, at the Gateway Family Diner, 70 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg. All women of the parish are invited to join us at our meetings or any PCCW activity. For more information, please contact Maritza Torres at Maritza.m.torres3@gmail.com.





Parent/Child Theology of the Body for 8th Grade and Older | Sesión sobre la «Teología del Cuerpo» para padres e hijos (8.º grado en adelante)

The Parent/Child Theology of the Body Session for 8th graders(and older) and parents is Sunday, November 22nd, 2:00–4:00 PM, in the Multipurpose Room at Xavier Center. The presentation will discuss chastity and practical ways to live it. Attendance at this presentation is expected as part of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School and Religious Education programs. The session is primarily in English, with Spanish materials available. Babysitting for siblings will be offered.

La sesión de Teología del Cuerpo para alumnos de 8.º grado en adelante y sus padres será el domingo 22 de noviembre, de 2:00 a 4:00 p. m., en el Salón de Usos Múltiples del Centro Xavier. Se abordará el tema de la castidad y cómo vivirla en la práctica. La asistencia a esta presentación forma parte del programa de la Escuela Católica San Francisco Javier (SFXCS) y de Educación Religiosa (PREP). El evento se impartirá principalmente en inglés, con materiales en español y servicio de guardería disponible para los hermanos menores. Habrá servicio de cuidado de niños para los hermanos.

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

Parish Advocacy Program

Several years ago, the Diocesan Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities initiated a ministry called the Parish Advocacy Program. The purpose of this ministry is to enable parishes to better respond to the gifts and needs of their parishioners with disabilities. In this regard, the Diocese encourages each parish to select a parishioner to serve in the capacity of parish advocate. At this time, Fr. Marcoe is inquiring if a parishioner (or parishioners) would like to serve in this volunteer role. The advocate helps our parishioners know about the various opportunities that are happening on the diocesan level in this ministry. Also, the advocate is a contact person at the parish level to help the pastor be sensitive to the needs of people with disabilities. So, for example, a parishioner could approach the advocate with questions or concerns, and then the advocate and the parish manager would talk about how the parish could address those needs. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Fr. Marcoe.

Gettysburg Area Ministerium of Churches

Our parish is a member of the Gettysburg Area Ministerium of Churches, a collaboration of clergy and congregations in the Gettysburg area. The churches within the Ministerium work together to provide for the needs of the community, especially community members who are marginalized or disadvantaged. St. Francis Xavier is working on developing a closer connection with the Ministerium and its member churches. To learn more about the Ministerium, please visit their website at www.GettysburgChurches.org.

Hours Available at the Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel, located at 9 N. 3rd St. in McSherrystown, has open hours for adorers:

Sunday: 5pm; 9pm
Monday: 10pm; 11pm
Tuesday: 6am
Thursday: 12am; 4pm; 10pm
Friday: 6am
Saturday: 12am; 1am; 6pm; 7pm

If you desire to give one hour a week in prayer to our Lord in the Eucharist, please contact Maxine Staub at 717-637-5683.

Bulletin Submissions

Send announcements to communications@sfxcs-pa.org and mtorres@sfxcs-pa.org by Monday at 8:00 a.m. for consideration. Edits may be made for content or space.

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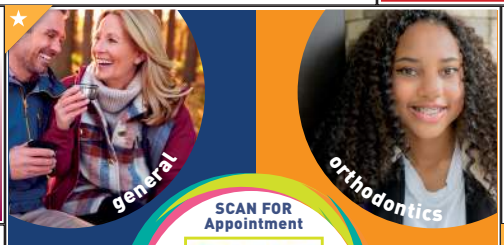


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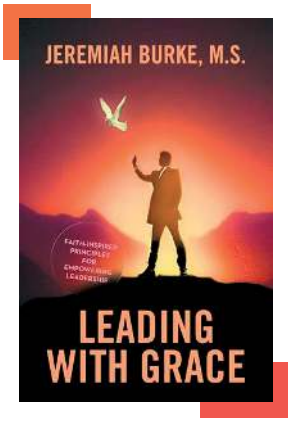
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