

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

JOHN 15:13



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St. Francis Xavier and St. John the Baptist Catholic Churches 1708 E. 10th Street, Merrill, WI~715-536-2803

Congratulations to our students from our parishes celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday, May 9, 2021:

*Roger Brooks
Rosaline Brooks
Ryan Brooks
Brooklyn Clayton
Petyon Corroo
Alvaro Carreto
Aubree Grund
Calvin Hoefft*

*Devon Johnson
Talia Johnson
Kaitlin Leischer
Owen Peterson
Aurelia Phelps
Sophia Volpe
Kaden Westrich
Avelynn White*

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Staff email addresses are listed on the parish website

Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 5:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM
Thursday 9:00 AM (SJB)
Friday 8:00 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM (SJB)

Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesday 4:30 PM
Wednesday 8:15 AM
Saturday 9:00 AM & 3:00 PM
Sunday 10:40 AM (SJB)
And by Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 2:00-7:00 PM
Tuesday 5:00 AM-5:00 PM
Wednesday 6:00 AM-8:00 PM
Thursday 1:00 PM-8:00 PM
Friday 5:00 AM-7:00 AM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK-May 10, 2021

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Parish Office Hours:

**Monday-Thursday
8:00 AM-4:00 PM**
(closed daily 12-12:30 for lunch)
Friday 8:30 AM-Noon

Low Gluten Eucharist
(.01%) are available.
Please see Deacon Jim before Mass.

Parish office email:
kleggett@stfrancismerrill.org
Bulletin deadline is Tuesday at Noon.





SIXTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER

MAY 9, 2021

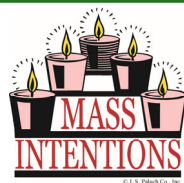
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<u>Monday 5/10</u>	<u>Tuesday 5/11</u>	<u>Wednesday 5/12</u>	<u>Thursday 5/13</u>	<u>Friday 5/14</u>	<u>Saturday 5/15</u>	<u>Sunday 5/16</u>
	4:30 PM SFX Reconciliation 5:00 PM SFX Mass	8:15 AM SFX Reconciliation 9:00 AM SFX Mass 6:30 PM SFX Youth Night	9:00 AM SJB Mass	8:00 AM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SFX Reconciliation 3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation 4:00 PM SFX Mass	7:30 AM SFX Mass 9:00 AM SFX Mass 11:00 AM SJB Mass
						

MASS INTENTIONS
Week of May 10, 2021



Monday-No Mass

Tuesday

5:00 PM (SFX) † Carl & Ruth Kant & Carly

Wednesday

9:00 AM (SFX) † Roxie Sladek
By: Pat & Kaz Buckett

Thursday

9:00 AM (SJB) † Michael Caylor Sr.
By: Gus & Val

Friday

8:00 AM (SFX) † Koss Family
By: Koss Family

Saturday

4:00 PM (SFX): For the special intentions of the Custy Family

Sunday

7:30 AM (SFX) In honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Wayne & Diana Zimmerman

9:00AM (SFX) † Duane & Donna Tomajcik
By: Tracy Kalenske Family

11:00 AM (SJB) People of the parishes

The 2022 Mass intention book will open on July 1.

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS.....

- † **SAVE THE DATE!** Married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary are invited to the Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior for a special Mass on Saturday, July 24 at 11:00 AM. More details from the diocese will be coming, but save the date!
- † In 2006, the Catholic Bishops of Wisconsin voted to transfer the **Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension** from Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter to the 7th Sunday of Easter. This was intended to allow a greater number of people to celebrate the feast with due solemnity in the context of the mass. The Ascension of the Lord is observed therefore on Sunday, May 16.
- † **SCRIP** makes great gifts for Mother's Day (today!) Father's Day, graduations and weddings. These gift cards are available for local and national stores! You can mail them anywhere to anyone! Are you beginning some outside yard projects? We have SCRIP for that too. Please see a SCRIP seller after Mass, or call Kris in the parish office with your questions. All the money we make on SCRIP comes from the stores that participate, not you!!!!
- † **ON APRIL 25 CANDLES** in the Adoration chapel were lit in loving memory of: **Jo Hout** and **Josh Wendt**.
ON May 2 in loving memory of: **Daniel Francois**
ON May 9 in loving memory of: **Margy Jost**.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD-THANK YOU!

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	May 1-2, 2021	May 2-3, 2020
Adult Envelopes	\$7,566.24	\$8,810.00
Loose	\$325.00	\$2,684.65
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TOTAL	\$9,679.24	\$12,364.65
<u>St. John the Baptist</u>		
Adult Env. & Loose	\$857.00	\$1,850.00

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism. You must be a registered and contributing member of the parish to have your child receive this sacrament.

Anointing of the sick: This sacrament is available upon request by calling the parish office. Please do not wait until it becomes an emergency because a priest will not always be immediately available.

Communion to the homebound: Please contact the parish office if you know of someone who would like to receive communion at home.

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK:



All of us go to Mass because we love Jesus Christ and want to follow him more closely...right? We are all convinced that true joy...the joy that our hearts yearn for cannot be found apart from our friendship with Jesus Christ.

Some of us love Christ with a mature, deep, passionate love, and some of us love him sincerely...but we still resist his will in some areas of our life.

No matter where we are at in our spiritual maturity, there is one danger we all have to watch out for...thinking that we can do it on our own.

The fuel for our Christian life doesn't come from ourselves...it comes from God.

We can only love God as he should be loved if we first experience his love for us.

That is what St John means in our Second Reading, "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins." The fuel of our Christian life comes from God.

This week, let's renew our dependence on God and let's renew our confidence in him.

We can do this is by renewing our commitment to the Eucharist.

In the Eucharist, God himself becomes our strength and nourishment.

How can we begin to live this more deeply? Well, we can look forward to receiving communion during the week. We can also be sure to repent of our sins and selfishness before receiving Communion. And if we have fallen into mortal sin, we give our souls a washing by going to confession before receiving Communion. And then, we can dress in a special way for Mass, using our best clothes to express our awareness of the special encounter that happens every time we receive Communion. We can come a few minutes early to Mass...to take some time to pray. And we can even try to come to Holy Communion once or twice during the week.

When a visitor comes over to our house, we spend time getting the house ready for the visit.

In every Holy Communion, the most important visitor comes into the house of our soul. This week and every week, let's make a point of getting ready, so that we can show true Christian hospitality to the love of God that wants to come in and transform our lives.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. McConnell our 4th & 5th grade teacher will be retiring at the end of this school year. We will truly miss her. With her leaving we will have an opening for a full-time teacher. Prospective employees must be licensed to teach in Wisconsin and pass a background check. We are looking for someone who is creative, patient, full of energy and truly loves their profession. Interested parties should forward a resume to St. Francis School 1708 E. 10th St., Merrill, WI 54452 Attn: Sonja Doughty. Please share this information with friends and family.

ARTHUR PERKINS MEMORIAL TRUST SCHOLARSHIP:

St. Francis Xavier School is proud to be able to offer the Arthur Perkins Memorial Scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year. This scholarship was set up for the purpose of promoting quality Catholic education at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. This scholarship is available for children registered at SFX school in grades K-8. As per scholarship guidelines, applicants must be registered, contributing members of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. For an application, please contact Tracy Creel at 715-536-2803 or at:

tcreel@stfrancismerrill.org

Eucharistic Adoration

If you knew Jesus was waiting for you in person at St. Francis Xavier, would you come? You might even disobey the speed limits to sit among the hundreds of thousands that would fill our church. You would anxiously wait to hear what Jesus had to say about your life, about His will, about your joy and pain. Jesus IS waiting for you at our parish every single day in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you to stop and spend time with Him. He's there because when He ascended into Heaven and left His disciples to carry on His work on earth, He promised He would be with us until the end of the age. (Mt 28:20) He is with us in the Real Presence, His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. -smoy.org "Adoration 101"

Welcome to our newest member!

William McGuire, son of

Michael & Mary (Konkol) McGuire was baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Congratulations!

saint snippets

Having our Lord at my side, I continue always to be happy and content.

St. Damien of Molokai
19th-century priest from Belgium who ministered to the lepers in Hawaii

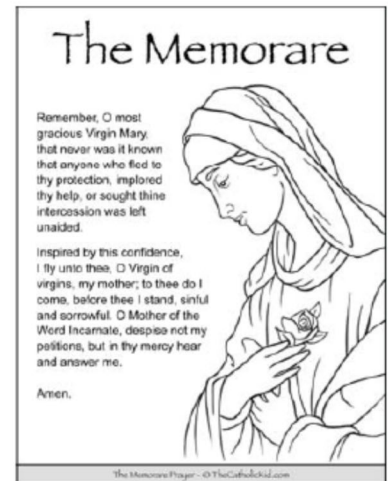
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FOLLOWING THE RISEN JESUS



May is a month where we honor our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. To Jesus through Mary! We can all benefit from a deeper devotion to Mary. This May, consider learning a new prayer to Mary like the Memorare—or maybe pray a decade of the Rosary every day.



Our next youth night will take place on Wednesday May 12th at 6:30PM in the courtyard with a campfire! This is for anyone in grades 6—12. Please Join Us!!



Have Faith in GOD

RUMMAGE
SALE
FOR CHARITY

The youth of our parish will host a rummage sale in the school cafeteria on Wednesday June 2nd, Thursday June 3rd and until Noon on Friday June 4th. All proceeds will help us with youth trips. If you have donations we will accept those beginning on Tuesday June 1st at 8:00AM. We can not take any items that are electronic or exceedingly large. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Book Recommendation



“If your son or daughter has left the faith, I encourage you not to give up hope and to learn from the advice in this book. *Return* will serve as an essential resource for the Church’s evangelization efforts and a true game-changer for desperate parents everywhere.”

- Bishop Robert Barron

May 9, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 | 1 Jn 4:7-10 | Jn 15:9-17

love
ONE
ANOTHER

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have 20/15 vision. I can see things in the distance as well as close up. But that doesn't mean I can see everything perfectly. Because of a difference in how each eye focuses, I can't find those hidden images in "magic eye" posters, and forget trying to watch a 3D movie! Seeing all things perfectly is not something many of us could claim, including Peter. And yet, with God's help, he understands a vision God gave to him: "In truth," Peter says, "I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation, whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." Through God's mercy and Jesus' redemptive cross, the kingdom of God has been prepared for all peoples. God's saving power has been revealed. With faith, and the help of the Holy Spirit in living out the commandments, we can fix our eyes on Christ - the revelation of God's love who came into the world that we might have life through him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

So much information comes to us every day, in all forms of media, there are now even shortcuts to the shortcuts for grasping the content. My personal favorite is the abbreviation, "TL; DR" which means, "too long, didn't read." Some might claim that we are dumbing down our culture with this type of shorthand notation, or we could argue that clear, concise, and straightforward is simply best. And that is what Jesus gives us today in his one commandment: "Love one another as I love you." He offers commentary for the commandment and gives reasons for why he is telling it to us, but the crux of it cannot be missed: *love one another*. It is a commandment both simple, yet complex; easy, yet at times exponentially difficult to live. So Jesus provides the key to fulfilling it by saying, "remain in *my* love" [emphasis mine]. Faithfulness to a sacramental life and participation in communal living give us the grace to remain in that love - which in turn transforms and enables us to share that love with others.

PRAY To honor the celebration of Mother's Day, pray the Rosary today for the intentions of our mothers, for those who have been motherly influences to us, and for those who long to be mothers.



Cathy Jimenez



WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU!!!

The parish staff is continuing to pray for FIVE parishioners each morning. The names of the parishioners prayed for will be listed in the bulletin each week, and a postcard will be mailed to your home letting you know we prayed for you!!





Here is a list of the people we prayed for in the past week:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Kent Bloomer | M/M Ronald Briggs |
| M/M Duane Bonke | M/M John Brieden |
| Mrs. Marcy Barney | Joseph & Lisa Breaman |
| M/M Michael Baumgart | Mrs. James Brannan |
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| David J Bonnell Jr | Mr. Jeffrey Bonnell |
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May 15
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"Mexican Night" Friday, May 21, 2021
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*We are limiting our guests to 125
 Watch Facebook and the bulletin for pictures of raffle prizes.*

May 9, 2021

WATCH

FATIMA GEMS

Fatima Gems, hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in 1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago.



FORMED LIVE!

Feast of the Ascension

May 21st, 2020

FORMED LIVE: FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Join Drs. Tim Gray and Ben Akers as they discuss the feast of the Ascension! In this video, these two scholars provide powerful insights about the significance of the number 40, Jesus' conquest as the new Joshua, and the Kingship of Christ!

LEARN

LISTEN

REAL WOMANHOOD BY LISA COTTER

What does it mean to be a real woman in today's culture? Join Lisa Cotter in her talk Real Womanhood, as she draws on modern-day saints, St. John Paul II to define what it means to be an authentic woman.

REAL WOMANHOOD LISA COTTER



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