



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

November 2nd, 2025

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my
hope. Let me never be confounded.*

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

ALL SOULS ~ 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The wicked servant was soon brought before the king, who reminded him that he had been forgiven all the debt because he had asked, so he should have had like mercy upon his neighbor. The parable does not have the servant responding to the king, indicating that the wicked servant had finished life upon earth and was making a reckoning of his actions at his particular judgment. For at this time, we will not be able to respond in our defense or make excuse for our sins or plead for forgiveness, as the time of mercy is completed. The king brings forth the ungrateful servant and delivers him to the torturers. St. John Chrysostom says that the torturers represent the devils who torment the lost souls until payment is made; that is, for eternity, since one can never make adequate payment in that forsaken place....

It can be hard to forgive from the heart—mostly because we are proud and pride makes an offense feel like it is done against our very being. And when pride is mixed with a lack of forgiveness, it thirsts for revenge. The anger in the heart pursues retaliation and infliction of punishment on the offender. If the wound is brooded over in the mind, it wedges itself inside the soul and blackens the soul with bitterness and rancor. And it is easy to know if we haven't forgiven a person from our heart, for we will have the tendency to see only the bad in our neighbor, to be critical of him, to pounce upon his words and defects, and to think he has ulterior or hidden motives in his actions.

On the other hand, if we make an act of forgiveness from our will, we then decide to treat others as God has done to us. Such forgiveness does not mean that there will not be some pain remaining from the wound of the other person on an emotional level. But the soul—with its intellect and will— knows that it ought to forgive and then chooses to do so. And instead of throttling the other person and demanding from him the debt owed us, we train ourselves to recognize that all persons are made in the image and likeness of God, and we decide to do unto others—who are made in God's image—as God has done to us.



Commentary by Fr. Eric Flood, F.S.S.P.

All Souls : Reflection on The Commemoration of all the Faithful departed

When St. Paul talked about the resurrection of the dead with the philosophers at Athens, many laughed and mocked him (Acts 17:32). The Gospel, he would later write, is “foolishness” to the wise of this world (1 Corinthians 1:18). Yet this week’s First Reading tells us that it is foolish to think that the souls of the just are dead.

Instead, theirs is a “hope full of immortality.” By His Resurrection, Jesus frees the human race from the fear of death—from the terrible fear of the unknown, of our own disintegration—that holds us in a kind of slavery (see Hebrews 2:14–15). Because He has walked the dark valley of death before us, because He has promised to walk alongside us, we can take “courage” and “fear no evil,” in the words of this week’s Psalm.

This is God’s will for us, the reason Jesus came into the world, according to today’s Gospel: that we will recognize Jesus as the Son of God and by believing in Him be raised to eternal life. If we believe in Him, we will follow Him, as the Psalmist says: He will refresh our souls in the waters of Baptism, anoint our heads with the oil of Confirmation, and set before us the table of the Eucharist.

There our cups will be filled to overflowing. And by these mysteries of His kindness and goodness, we will “dwell in the house of the Lord” in this life and in the life to come. The First Reading seems to allude to the doctrine of Purgatory, to the souls of the just being chastised, purified as gold in a furnace and made worthy of God (see 1 Corinthians 3:11–12).

This reading also tells us of the glory of the saints, who will share in the rule of Christ, judging and ruling over the nations (see Luke 22:30). Through the “newness of life” we have in the sacraments, this week’s Epistle adds, we “grow into union” with Jesus, confident that we will be together with Him when He comes again at the end of time.

Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Bella Mally, Jim Moore, Jane Soars, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes,, Mildred Crawford, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**)

4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass,
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

9:00am – Holy Mass (**St. Patrick**)

11:00am – Holy Mass,
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact the parish office by email to
arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral,
or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for
your intention, please email the office or leave
your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

St. Francis Xavier can be found online at
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Office Hours.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

5:30pm Mass *Gerson Avila*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

8:00am Mass *Christopher Mcleod*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Leslie Ray*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

8:00am Mass *Poor souls in Purgatory*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

5:30pm First Friday Devotion

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

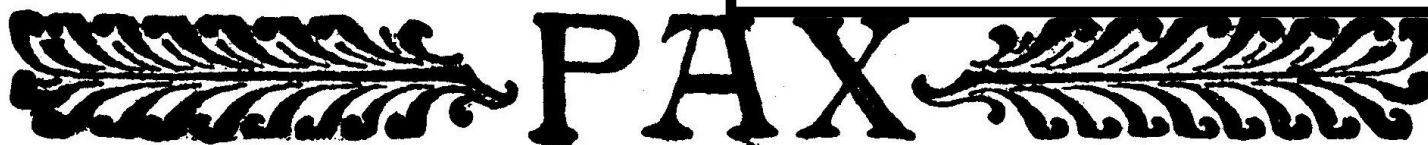
3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*



Seven Sisters Apostolate

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the "Seven Sisters Apostolate." This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week. If you are interested, please contact Patty Parra at (509) 362-8646

Women of St Francis Xavier

In an effort to cultivate more community at St Francis Xavier, the women of the parish have formed the group: the "Women of St X".

All women - retired, widowed, single and married - are invited to join.

Activities and volunteer possibilities include:

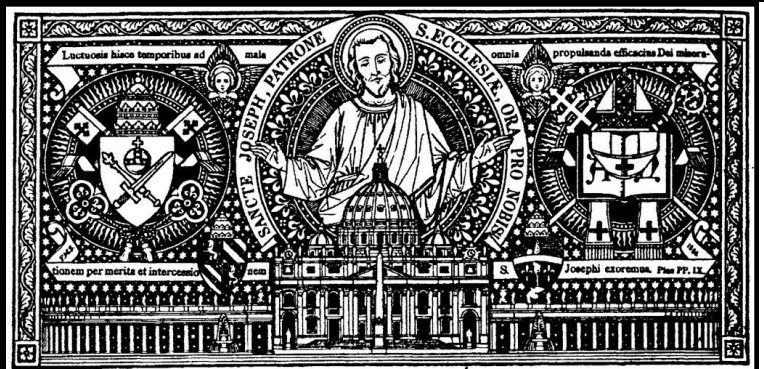
- Contributing to food prep for after mass socials during the warm months
 - Organizing parish picnics + potlucks
- Organizing + providing food for catechesis nights for children and adults
 - Formation of Bible studies + small groups
 - Corporal works of mercy for the sick and elderly
 - Other misc. needs of the parish

If you are interested in taking an active role in creating a vibrant parish community, please email women.of.st.x@gmail.com.



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Deacon Mike Samuel's Funeral is set for Saturday, November 15th, 11:00 a.m. at St Thomas More

Reception following in the church hall.

The family will provide all the deserts.

St. Thomas More will provide sandwiches.

If you would like to provide a salad or side dish please contact Julie Carpenter.

Thank you.

St. Bertille, Religious November 5th

St. Bertille was born in the territory of Soissons, France, during the reign of Dagobert I. She embraced the religious state in 630, in a monastery of nuns at Jouarre, about twelve miles from Meaux. In this abode of virtue her prudence appeared so perfect that thought she was still young, the care of entertaining strangers, and the charge of the sick and of the children that were educated in the monastery, were successively committed to her. She gave such satisfaction in these various offices that she was chosen Prioress, to assist the Abbes in her administration.

The Saint's example had the most salutary influence upon the entire community. St. Bathildis, wife of Clovis II, having had originally established, desired the Abbess of Jouarre to send over a small colony to lead the novices in the practice of monastic perfection. St. Bertille was chosen to lead the colony, and she became the first Abbess of Chelles, about the year 646.

St. Bertille's reputation for sanctity and the discipline of her monastery drew to it several princesses, among whom was Hereswith, Queen of the East Angles, who had been the wife of the good King Annas. Queen Bathildis herself took the monastic habit in this house in 665, so that St. Bertille became the superior of two Queens.

Yet, the Abbess seemed the most humble of all her Sisters. She governed her monastery for forty-six years, increasing daily in virtue, and in her old age redoubling rather than diminishing her fervor. Her happy death occurred about the year 705.

PRAYER: God, You showered heavenly gifts on St. Bertille. Help us to imitate her virtues during our earthly life and enjoy eternal happiness with her in heaven. Amen.



Catechism and Sacramental Preparation

We are pleased to announce that catechism and sacrament preparation classes are in the mornings on **Jan 24th, Feb 21st, March 28th, and April 18th**. First Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated in late April or early May.

To make this program successful, we need dedicated volunteers to serve as catechists and assistants. No previous teaching experience is necessary—just a willing heart and love for the faith. Training and materials will be provided.



If you feel called to help form our children in their Catholic faith, please contact the parish office. Your gift of time can make an eternal difference in a child's life.

More details about registration and class schedules will be announced soon. Please keep this important ministry in your prayers.

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Catholic Women's

Advent Brunch

Before the chaos of Christmas preparations, let us come together in prayer and gratitude to delight in one another and learn about Advent traditions from our parish families.

Bring your daughters, mother, grandmothers, and friends for a lovely morning as we prepare our hearts and souls for this holy season of Advent. Please bring a dish to share.

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NOVEMBER 29 9-11 AM

Please RSVP Here

All Ages Welcome 6+ suggested

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