

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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**January 8, 2023**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekends:** Saturday - 4 p.m.  
Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.  
**Holy Days:** 8 a.m., 7 p.m.  
**Confessions:** Saturdays at  
3:30 p.m. or upon request.

## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The diocese requires instruction beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

### **REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:**

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

4:00 p.m. Robert Shutler†

*Mary Curia*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

8:00 a.m. Joy Curia†

*Curia Family*

10:00 a.m. To thank St. Anthony

*Jim & Diana Barker*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

8:00 a.m. Martha W. Dial

*Mary Agnes Carroll*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

8:00 a.m. The Intention of Mary Agnes Carroll

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

8:00 a.m. Kathy Swift†

*Latrisha Whitelatch*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**

8:00 a.m. William Kendrach Sr.†

*John & Pam Iaconis*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Miller †

*Mary Hohman*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

4:00 p.m. The Intention of Mary Agnes Carroll

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:00 a.m. Davis Family

*Mike Davis*

10:00 a.m. Millie Mysliwiec†

*Bob, Mickey, & Patrick Massey*

*The Sanctuary Candle  
Beside the Tabernacle  
Burns this week for*

**Mike & Jean Yurisko  
and Ron Taylor**



Condolences to the family of  
**Alma VanScyoc**  
May she rest in peace

Father That Son is away. In case of  
emergency, please call  
Fr. Doney: 1-681-404-2033

**SCHEDULES**

Jan. 14 & 15

4:00 p.m. Saturday

Lector: Alice Wise

Eucharistic: J. Fecat

Servers: Please Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Lector: Rose Hess

Eucharistic: John Hess

Servers: Please Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Sunday

Lector: A. Taylor

Eucharistic: L. Yoho

Servers: Please Volunteer

**Sacristy**

Linda & Butch Miller

**Offering December 25**

Christma \$ 11,244.00

Loose Offering \$ 746.00

Church Repair \$ 20.00

Catholic Charities \$ 1,215.00

Online Giving \$ 241.40

Memorial Gifts \$ 575.00

Pennies for God \$ 30.00

Flowers \$ 10.00

Year End Donations \$1,000.00

Attendance **314**

**Thank you for your  
generosity!**

The Second Collection next week,  
January 15, is for  
**THE CHURCH IN THE  
DEVELOPING WORLD.**

This includes the Church in Latin  
America, the Church in Central  
and Eastern Europe, and the  
Church in Africa.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes,  
Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey,  
Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Ron  
Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond  
Pennybacker, Mary Yanen.

**Recently sick:** Sr. Jeanne  
Vidonic, Eleanor Smith, Anna Mae  
Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera,  
Mary Stees, Judith Harbert,  
Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro,  
Lida Schellhase, Carmina Oakland,  
Joe Church, Joseph Grampa,  
Bobby Kleinedler, Jim Barker,  
Kathryn Helfer, Loretta Saporito,  
Earl Richards, Lewis Bee, Mike  
Rice.



**The Knights of Columbus** are  
holding an eat in or out spaghetti  
dinner fundraiser in Xavier Hall  
Feb. 5, 11 to 2. Tickets are \$10  
and available at the parish office.

**Please** wipe your feet when  
entering the church. The ashes  
and salt are damaging to our wood  
floors.



**ANNUAL WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION AT  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH, Wheeling**

Join us on Saturday, February 11, 2023, for an evening of celebrating  
your love for your spouse and the blessing of your marriage together in  
the Sacrament of Marriage. The celebration will begin at the 5 p.m.  
Mass, followed by a wine and cheese social, special dinner, and a brief  
witness of one couple as to the blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage  
in their lives in the Marist Centre. The evening will conclude with cof-  
fee and wedding cake served to the group. You are invited to bring your  
wedding photos and albums to be displayed for everyone to enjoy. For  
reservations or additional information, please call Dennis or Brenda  
Beiter at 304-238-4904, or John or Dorothy Dudzik at 304-243-1104.

## CHARTRES CATHEDRAL



What makes a place worth visiting or a story worth telling? For a group of our parishioners who visited Chartres Cathedral in northwestern France last September that answer is bound up in 850 years of history, extraordinary beauty, the spirit of local townsmen - and enduring Christian faith.

Its history began in the 4th century – but the first few hundred years were turbulent. By 876, undeterred by the popularity of their town by marauding Vikings and bandits, the townspeople had rebuilt their cathedral for the 3rd time –but this time, due to a gift from Charles the Bald (no, that’s not a typo), the people dedicated it to the Virgin Mary. Charles the Bald was a grandson of Charlemagne who had received this gift from the Empress Irene after it had been transferred from Jerusalem to Constantinople: the Cathedral of Chartres now boasted one of the most venerated relics in Christendom, Our Lady’s Veil (*Sancta Camisia*) which tradition declares was worn by the Virgin while giving birth to Jesus. It is considered a double relic – having touched both Mary and Jesus.

300 years later, on the night of June 10, 1194, fire struck and the church was destroyed. Three days later, on June 14, the veil was recovered amidst the smoldering ashes – unharmed.

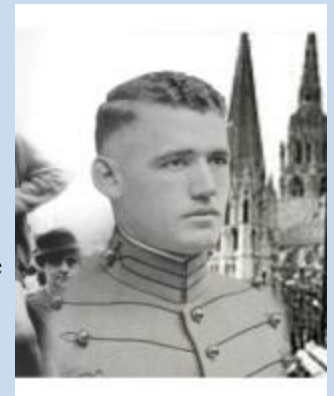


**Sancta Camisia**

The townsmen, the clergy, the pope, the people of France and England, believed this was a sign from the Virgin that she wanted the church to be rebuilt. Money – and artisans – poured into Chartres from throughout Europe. It took only 70 years to rebuild. (By contrast, Notre Dame in Paris took hundreds of years to construct.)

Twice more the Cathedral was saved: in the 1780’s French Revolutionaries planned to blow it up (they hated the Catholic Church). They enlisted the help of a local architect to decide where to best place the explosives. He was able to convince them of the folly of burying the town in debris from the massive church. The revolutionaries became content with stealing the church treasury and prohibiting worship.

And then ... in 1939 Allied forces believed Germans were using the spires as observation posts. Orders for the destruction of the Cathedral were issued. But an American from Texas, Colonel Welborn Griffith challenged those orders. He went behind enemy lines and verified the Cathedral was empty. The orders to destroy the church were withdrawn. Colonel Griffith was killed in action the next day.



**Colonel Welborn Griffith**

As for the beauty of Chartres – it has to be experienced. The stained glass windows are perhaps the feature for which it is best known. The light that passes through them is truly “mystical”; once inside, it’s hard to keep from praying. The Cathedral also boasts hundreds of life-sized sculptures that tell the stories of the Old and New Testaments in dramatic and poignant ways. Pilgrims of the Middle Ages were illiterate in terms of reading and writing – but through the stories depicted in stained glass and sculpture, Chartres’ pilgrims gained fluency in their faith. This remains true for today’s pilgrims as well.

Wondering what to do with all your spare time now that Christmas is over? Come join us after 10:00 Mass January 15 as we pack away ornaments, dismantle trees and eat donuts.

All are welcome: especially the strong and unafraid (of tall ladders) as well as the careful and organized.

