

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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**JUNE 30, 2024**

**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

### Weekends:

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

### Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.



## STAFF:

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## REGISTRATION CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be registered at the parish office. Please update your information when you move.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IF I BUT  
TOUCH HIS  
**CLOTHES.**

MARK 5:28

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP-RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### THE TOUCH OF CHRIST

For a long time, I didn't understand why the virtual Masses of the pandemic were so wearisome to me. Theoretically, shouldn't it be a tired mother's dream, fulfilling her Sunday obligation from the couch, not having to worry how much noise the kids are making?

But it wasn't. Seeing Mass without experiencing it left me hungry. It left me starving.

Then a wise priest explained it to me. "Watching virtual Mass is like taking a virtual shower," he said.

Grace might not be something we can see with our eyes, but it is very much something that is transmitted physically. Jesus has a human body

for a reason. He needs to touch people.

We see that nowhere more clearly than in this Gospel. The crowds are pressing on him, everyone trying to get close, everyone trying to share his space. The hemorrhaging woman claws her way through, desperate to make physical contact with him, any part of him, even his cloak. The synagogue official begs Jesus to come and "lay hands" on his daughter, knowing that this is the only way for her to survive. He doesn't ask for Jesus' good thoughts or approving gaze. He knows that isn't what he needs.

In the Gospels, Jesus saves people chiefly through his own touch because he wants to show us — you and me, sitting in the pews — something very important about how we are saved.

But where do you and I find the touch of Jesus Christ? Where do you and I find salvation?

It's in the water flowing over the infant's forehead. It's in the Host dissolving on our tongues. It's in the oil that is pressed to the skin of the confirmand, the dying man, and the brand-new priest. It's in the embrace of the newly married couple. It's in the extended hand of the priest as he says, "Your sins are forgiven."

It's still here, two thousand years later. It's still waiting for us to reach out and grasp it.

"If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." — Mark 5:28

*By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, LPI*

# WORSHIP & OUTREACH



**JUNE 29 SATURDAY**

4:00 p.m. Ann, Chester A., & Fred  
Nadolski †  
Nadolski Family

**JUNE 30 SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. Anna Mae Veronis  
Holliday †  
Kim & Bill Yurisko

10:00 a.m. Loretta Saporito ♥  
Celeste Evans

**JULY 1 MONDAY**

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

**JULY 2 TUESDAY**

8:00 a.m. Semon & Phyllis Prado † ♥  
Danny Prado

**JULY 3 WEDNESDAY**

8:00 a.m. Judy Patrello †  
Patrello Family

**JULY 4 THURSDAY**

8:00 a.m. Vince Scarbin †  
Bridget Scarbin

**JULY 5 FRIDAY**

8:00 a.m. Bessie Reynolds †  
Tex & Theresa Reynolds

**JULY 6 SATURDAY**

4:00 p.m. Carmina Oakland †  
Stan & Kitty Pazyk

**JULY 7 SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. Ray Yocum †  
Yocum Family

10:00 a.m. Loretta Saporito †  
Cathy Frame

*The Sanctuary Candle  
beside the tabernacle  
burns this week for  
**Maggie Yeater***

## A FOURTH OF JULY PRAYER TO CELEBRATE OUR FREEDOM: ONE NATION UNDER GOD

*Heavenly Father,*

*We thank you for this Nation.*

*We thank you for the freedom we enjoy daily.*

*May we never take for granted the liberties we have been given.*

*May we remain humble and conscious of the blessing we enjoy because  
of the sacrifices made by countless men and women.*

*We thank you for the abundance we enjoy.*

*May we be sensitive to those around us who are in need, and may our  
hearts be quick to help when we have the means to do so.*

*We pray for our leaders and for those placed in authority over us.*

*Father, we ask that You guide every decision they make.*

*May they lead us with wisdom, humility, and grace.*

*Father bless our Nation with Your peace.*

*May Your love flow through each one of us, and may*

*we never forget to give You thanks, always.*

*May You receive the glory, honor, and praise.*

*In Jesus Name we pray.*

*Amen.*



Our deepest condolences to the  
family and friends of  
**George Lagos.**

May his soul enter into God's  
eternal peace and rest.

Our deepest condolences to the  
family and friends of  
**Danny Joe Taylor.**

May his soul enter into God's  
eternal peace and rest.

### SCHEDULES: JULY 6-7

#### Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 pm: **D. Evans/D. Rice**

8:00 am: **L. Whitelatch/J. Hess**

10 am: **R. Patrone/L. Yoho**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

**Please Volunteer**

#### SACRISTY

**J. Anderson & R. Bertrand**

## Prayer REQUESTS

**Recently Sick:** John Eddie Williams,  
Kate Kavanaugh, Suzy Lunau, Carlene  
Crow, Kimberly Peffley, Scott Peffley,  
Sage Rich, Lois Frey, Kathy Patrello,  
Bob Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler,  
Karen Swierkos-Wayne, David &  
Anastasia Yeater, George Zacherl, Bri-  
an Hill, John Kirchner, Ted Scarbin,  
Angela Montesano, Nash Casto,  
Catherine Pellerin, Eleanor Smith,  
Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro.

**Homebound:** Judy Seidel, Kathryn  
Helfer, Rachel Kerekes, Phyllis  
Prado, Jim Brown, Katie Melchiori.

**Nursing Homes:** Kathryn Ferrera,  
Angeline Sellers, Fay Melchiori,  
Dwight Furbee, Earl Richards, Katie  
Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Ron Flading,  
Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker,  
Mary Yaney.



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# NEWS & COMMUNITY



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

**On Monday, June 24**  
**Several parishioners**  
**attended the Eucharistic**  
**Procession from the**  
**Cathedral through the**  
**streets of downtown**  
**Wheeling to Saint**  
**Alphonsus Church.**

This was part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, one of the largest pilgrimages in history leading up to the National Eucharistic Congress on July 17-21 in Indianapolis.

The pilgrimage and congress are part of the National Eucharistic Revival, 3-year initiative of the U.S. Catholic bishops that began in 2022 with aim to deepen Catholics' love and understanding of the Eucharist.

Learn more:  
[eucharisticcongress.org](http://eucharisticcongress.org)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 2 10am	Chair Yoga with Emily Xavier Hall
Wednesday, July 3 11:30am	Line Dancing with Lottie in Xavier Hall
Wednesday, July 3 1:30-2:30pm	Line Dancing for Beginners with Lottie in Xavier Hall
Thursday, July 4	* Fourth of July * Gabriel Project on Hold this Week
Friday, July 5	First Friday
Friday, July 5 6pm	Bingo every Friday in Xavier Hall
Saturday, July 6	First Saturday
Tuesday, July 9 6pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in the Church Basement
Wednesday, July 17 6pm	Parish Council Meeting

### Are you ready for an ADVENTURE?

Join us for a shopping trip to Sugar Creek on Thursday, Sept 12. The sign up form is in the vestibule. Contact Mary Taskalines for more info: 304-845-7326.



On Saturday, June 22, the Knights of Columbus had a Pig Roast. Pictured are Joann Potts and Father Sebastian.



**LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS:** Ready to get the word out about your special industry? Consider advertising in our church bulletin. This is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show your support! Contact Kelly Sweeny at 304-780-2875 OR [ksweeny@4lpi.com](mailto:ksweeny@4lpi.com)

## This Week on FORMED:

Did you know, as a member of St. Francis, you have access to an incredible online library of Catholic resources including audio books, films, educational material, and more?

FORMED is easy to sign up for. Simply scan the QR code using your smartphone camera and follow the instructions to log in.

This week features the life of John the Baptist, Saint Cyril, and Saint Irenaeus.

Check it out!



## OFFERINGS: June 16

Envelopes	\$	2,920.00
Loose Offering	\$	305.00
Church Repair	\$	150.00
Xavier Hall	\$	10.00
Candles	\$	4.00
Peter's Pence	\$	35.00
Memorial Gifts	\$	40.00
Attendance		234

## KROGER STATEMENT:

Feb-April 2024

46 Households | \$187.55 Donations

Thanks to those who helped the church by linking their rewards card to our organization.