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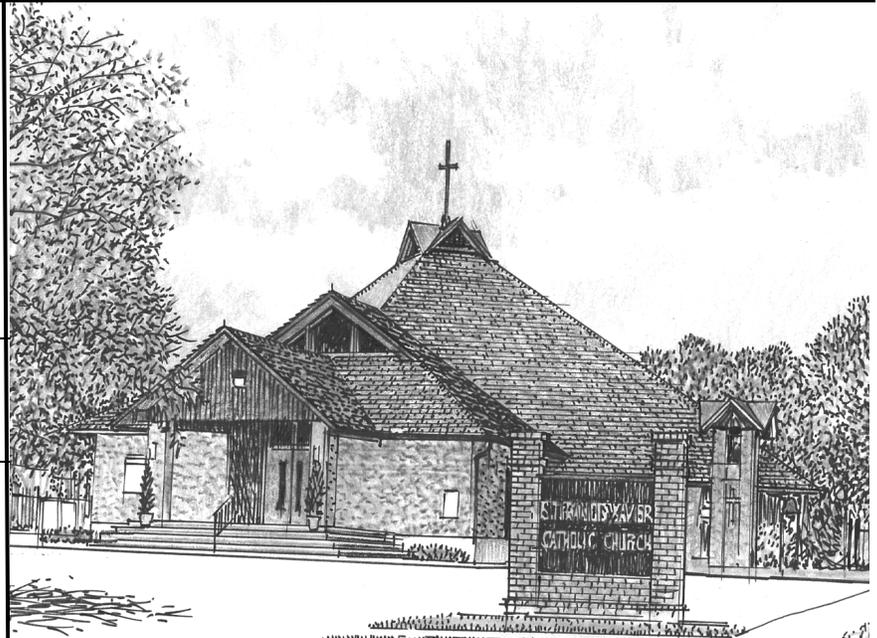
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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM
SUNDAY:	8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
TUESDAY:	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA~ 5:00 PM
WED ~THURS:	6:30 AM IN CONVENT
HOLYDAYS:	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
FRIDAY:	SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IS CELEBRATED ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH (NO BAPTISM DURING LENT). BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS IS HELD ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE BAPTISM AT 6PM. THIS CLASS IS MANDATORY. PLEASE REGISTER AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE CLASS THROUGH THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE OR THE PARISH OFFICE.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS CELEBRATED ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.

MARRIAGE LAW OF THE DIOCESE REQUIRES A SIX MONTH PREPARATION PERIOD BEFORE MARRIAGE.

COUPLES MUST ATTEND A PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR. IN THIS DIOCESE THERE ARE NO EVENING WEDDINGS ON SATURDAY IT IS NECESSARY TO SEE THE PRIEST BEFORE SETTING A DATE.

CARE OF THE SICK: PLEASE CALL THE PRIEST FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND /OR HOSPITAL VISITATION. IF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK IS CRITICALLY NEEDED, PLEASE CALL REV. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER NUMBER LISTED ABOVE OR THE CHAPLAINCY OFFICE AT THE HOSPITAL.

FUNERALS: PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BEFORE SETTING A DATE AND A TIME FOR A FUNERAL.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE EVERY SUNDAY FROM 9:30AM TO 10:30AM.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION) CLASSES ON SUNDAY FROM 9:30A.M. TO 10:45A.M. PLEASE CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE AT 225.343.3075

Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, LA



Welcome: You enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. Ask His blessing on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your going out and your coming in.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

December 8 **Feast of Immaculate Conception** Masses 9am & 6pm

The Jr. Daughters: Little Flowers Court #12 are still collecting pull tabs off can drinks. "Ronald McDonald" houses are in the back of the church.

PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

Mass Intentions for December 3-6, 2016

- Saturday 5:00 Grace Honore**
By: The Honore Family
- Sunday 8:00 Lester Paul Gauthier**
By: Edward, Mary, Michael, Danna, Damien & Cleta
- 11:00 Domingue Uncle's**
By: Domingue Family
- Tuesday 5:00 Do Family Ancestors**
By: Van Do

In Bible Study we are studying Paul's Epistles Thursdays at 6:00 pm

PRAY FOR US

Geraldine Bell	Viola Landry	Walter Lewis
Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Zula Comeaux	Loriene Perry	Joyce Decuir
Diane Edwards	Martha Proctor	Kenia Richard
Patsy Irvin	James Raby	Vivian LeDuff
Ora Lee Jordan	Maria Rice	Rebecca Nelson
Frazier Jordan	Whitney Robiho	Ceola Marcelle
Elizabeth Whitfield	Shelvia Stewart	Mildred Anderson
Rosemary Daniels	Mary Johnson	Charles Taylor
	Myrtle Moran	

PSR News

PSR Fund Raiser

I am excited about updating you on our fund raising events! Although all of the expenses have not yet been tallied; of all the families of our 70 + students registered in our Parish School of Religion, more than half of you sold and turned in your red beans and rice and raffle tickets, purchased T-shirts and helped with our Advent Work Shop! Thanks to you and all the faithful that support all of our endeavors.

As it stands, it appears that the results our efforts is in the neighborhood of \$1K. I hope that you had as much fun as I did. With your continued support the outlook of the faith family of St. Francis Xavier looks splendid!

The winner of the iPhone 7 Raffle is Mr. Marshal Honore.

December 4, 2016

Coffee and Christ - Our topic for this coming Coffee and Christ meeting is; **"I Believe."**

December 8, 2016

Today is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. *In 1854, Pius IX made the infallible statement Ineffabilis Deus: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."* Did you know in some countries today is a public holiday? Please bring family members and invite relatives and friends to join us at Mass at 9 am or 6 pm.

December 11, 2016

Today in PSR students with parts in the Nativity will be practicing their parts. Parents, those of you whose child has a speaking part, please help them to rehearse their lines at home. If you have any questions concerning the play, please contact Ms. Gaylyne Mack at 225-933-6157.

December 23, 2016

This evening at 5 pm will be the final rehearsal for the Nativity. Please ensure your child is present.

December 24, 2016

The Nativity at the 5 pm Mass.

Stewardship
November 27, 2016



Regular Collection
\$6,258.79
School Support
\$369.34
Food Bank
\$50.00



**Thank You for Your Generous Support
of the Bishop's Annual Appeal**

More than thirty years ago, Bishop Stanley Ott established the Bishop's Annual appeal with a desire to expand ministry an increase Catholic influence in each city and rural community in the diocese. As we begin a new era of ministry support, we honor a commitment shared by thousands of generous parishioners whose gifts have helped fund essential programs and projects throughout the Diocese of Baton Rouge. To everyone who has contributed to make that vision so successful, thank you. It is a privilege to advance that legacy of faithfulness.

You may have submitted your valuable contribution this year already, and we are very grateful for you gift. If you've not yet made your commitment, we invite you to do so this weekend, as offertory envelopes will be available in the back of the church for your convenience.

Please invest in the work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and Be Merciful. "Be Merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). Consider the many essential ministry efforts supported through each campaign, and celebrate God's blessing and your parish's generous involvement. For additional information concerning the impact of your gracious gifts, please visit www.baabr.org and read about the great work you make possible through the BAA.

New Church Pews & Flooring

We have begun a pledge campaign to raise \$100,000 (\$60,000 pews & \$40,000 flooring) to replace our pews and flooring. In order to begin the project we need the cash on hand. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to this important project in preparation of our 100th Anniversary in 2018. Please turn in your pledge commitment form by November 28, 2016.