



The Crossroads Messenger

3rd Quarter, 2019

The official newsletter of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Mount Washington, Kentucky

What do dump trucks, ambulances, antique cars, and golf carts have to do with our Super Raffle? They are just a few of the vehicles driven by folks who have stopped to purchase a raffle ticket at the white canopy in our church yard. Selling tickets under the canopy has become our trademark during this 7-week event. Nearly one-third of ticket sales occur at this unique venue!

A second opportunity to volunteer selling raffle tickets is at the Bardstown Arts & Craft Fair again this year on Oct. 12 & 13. This additional location has been successful in boosting sales.

We welcome anyone who's interested in volunteering. Visit the Sign-Up Genius link <https://bit.ly/2KORKNM> where you'll find more than 200 openings. Time commitments range from a mere 15-20 minutes (distributing raffle tickets after Masses) to 2.5 hours working a canopy shift.

If you want to have fun, meet people and make new friends, join us in selling tickets to our Super Raffle.

If you have questions, please contact Regina 502-553-4832 or Murray 502-494-1171. Thank you, and we'll see you at the canopy!

Here We Go!

Murray & Regina King
Co-Chairs



St. Francis Xavier

SUPER RAFFLE

Youth Prepare God's Table

Dave Richardson
High School Youth Assistant Minister

As people of God, we are called to help those in need. Across town at the Mt. Washington United Methodist Church, approximately 100 people enjoy a wonderful home-style meal on the third Saturday of each month from 4 - 6 PM. The meal is prepared in the church's kitchen. A big

effort is made to serve the food in a loving atmosphere. They call their dinner, God's Table Community Meal.

As leaders of St. Francis Xavier High School Youth Group (formerly TGIF), we teach our youth the meaning of sacrificing themselves for others. We have encouraged our youth to serve, alongside us, at God's Table whenever possible. It is so gratifying to see our high school youth willingly give up his/her Saturday to serve everyone with a smile.

The meal is served free of charge. Everyone is welcome: adults, children, elderly, rich or poor, poor in spirit, or anyone in need of comradery. Are you interested in helping? You can help cook the planned meal, serve, bring a pre-made dessert and/or make a monetary donation.

If you know someone who is homebound, God's Table will happily deliver a meal to them. Contact the MW United Methodist Church office to request delivery service at 502-538-6756.

God's Table Community Meal



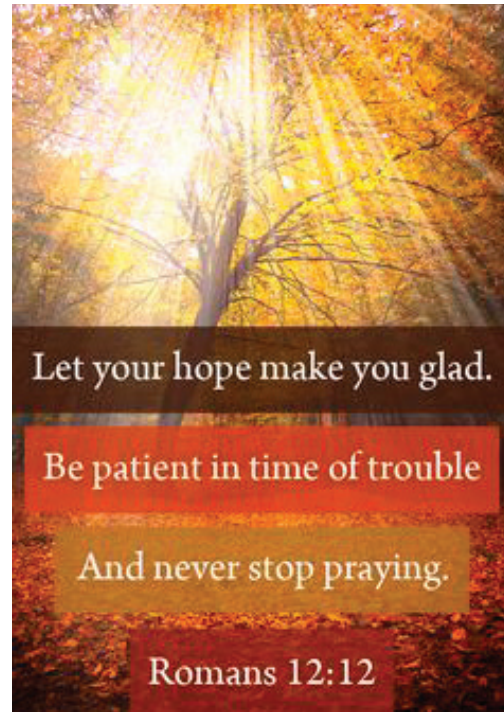
**The 3rd Saturday
of each month
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Mt. Washington
United Methodist Church
253 Flat Lick Road**

Everyone Welcome

From The Pastor's Pen

The seasons of the year signal a lot of 'coming' and 'going.' Just as the season of summer is closing, we welcome the colors and excitement of autumn. In this edition, you will see lots of items that inform and update you and the faith of the community that it takes to be aware of what is happening around us.



It seems in these last few months, there has been a lot of health issues challenging individuals in our Parish. Some of these are known and some are not; pending the wishes of the person they affect. Regardless of the illness, our purpose is to pray for those who have health obstacles placed before them. As I pen these few lines, I am recovering from hernia surgery which often reminds me of physical limitations. There are those among us also who are responding to their own news of illness and treatment. They also witness great courage and wisdom.



As we recall that the earth is reborn, grows, dies and rests. So do we. It is always these parts of reality that command our attention. We focus on them in our personal and communal prayer. There are many people who show us courage in their hopelessness and

wisdom in their fear. These are the kinds of people with whom I choose to live the daily Gospel. I thank all in our community who help me with this lesson and those currently going through their own personal trials.

Thank you for witnessing to Christ in our midst. By keeping this kind of faith, you help us grow stronger in every day and in every season.

Fr. Dale



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Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. - noon



Answering The Call To Serve Deacon Formation

Gerry Mattingly
Deacon

Deacons share in Christ's mission and grace in a special way. The call to diaconal service is a gift of the Spirit to the Church. Deacon Formation is the process for discerning whether a particular person has these gifts of Christ-like charity and service.

Saint Francis Xavier Parishioners Rob and Dawn Haydon have begun their journey that God willing will lead to Rob's ordination as a deacon



in 2024. Rob and Dawn came to our Parish from Saint Thomas More in Louisville in 2017. They served in many liturgical ministries at their former Parish, and their dedication to serve has continued here.

In the Archdiocese of Louisville, the deacon formation process is facilitated through a 5-year program of human, spiritual, doctrinal, and pastoral formation. The first year of formation is known as aspirancy and consists of one-day workshops held once a month.

Following aspirancy, the next four years are more demanding, involving one weekend per month for academic studies. In this phase the aspirant becomes a deacon candidate. Classes begin on Friday evening, continue all day Saturday, ending after noon on Sunday.

The classes are held at the Flaget Center on Lewiston Drive in Shively. The classes after aspirancy are conducted through the St. Meinrad School of Theology.

Through the entire formation program, wives of the deacon candidates attend the classes with their husbands so that they grow together spiritually and intellectually. The only exception being the preaching classes.

The aspirancy year for the Ordination Class of 2024 overlaps with the final year of studies for the Class of 2020. God willing, 19 men will be ordained deacons in August of next year. Please keep Rob and Dawn and their class in your prayers as they begin their aspirancy year and beyond, as well as, those deacon candidates who will be ordained next August.

Our Mission

St. Francis Xavier, a Roman Catholic Church in Mount Washington, Kentucky, was established in 1846 to further God's Kingdom on earth.

We are *welcoming* community of faith.

We are *servicing* the spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs of parishioners.

We are *dedicated* to the celebration of the sacraments and the teachings of the Church.

Our goal is to meet these needs through various parish organizations and through community ministries.



Margee Joseph
Pastoral Associate

margee's musings

My musings on the different ministries here at SFX continue. In this issue I would like to acknowledge those who present the Word of the Lord to us at every Eucharistic Celebration. The Lectors are people who are called not to just read passages from Scripture but to actually proclaim the Word of God to all. It is through Scripture that we are nourished as we gather at the Lord's table. The first half of our liturgy is called the Liturgy of the Word.

The image of food to refer to God's Word comes to us from the story of Moses telling the chosen people it is not by bread alone that man lives but by that which comes forth from the mouth of the Lord. The prophet Jeremiah told of devouring God's words when he heard them. Words-like food--can be very nourishing and satisfying, answering a hunger we hold in our hearts.

During Liturgy we hear the first reading from the Old Testament. In that reading God speaks to us through the Prophets. The second reading is from the New Testament in which God speaks to us through the disciples and followers of Christ. In the Gospel, which is proclaimed by the priest or deacon, God speaks to us through Christ and His ministry or mission. Together the proclamations set the tone for the feast to follow in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is during this second half of Mass that we are invited to the table of the Lord to partake in his Body and Blood which He sacrificed for our salvation.

Proclaimers of the Word or Lectors use their voices for this personal communication between God and his people. For

this ministry they should prepare themselves "with sincere humility, through prayer, study and practice to faithfully convey to the people what God intends" (Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word, 2019 edition).

Here at St. Francis Xavier the coordinator of the Lectors is Tonya Sivori. She is open to anyone who is interested in this ministry and will offer training on being an effective lector. Anyone over the age of 16 and confirmed may be a Lector.

Exceptions are made for special Masses such as First Communion and Confirmation.

The Lector Workbook is a source available to all Lectors. It not only gives the readings but background information on the passage, pronunciation of words, suggestions on the tone of voice and expression to use.

It is an invaluable tool to help the Lector prepare and practice the assigned reading.

As a lector myself, I find this ministry to be very humbling.

Proclaiming God's Word is powerful. As I approach the ambo I always ask the Lord, "Be with me as I proclaim Your Word." Not only does it calm my nerves but I know at that moment, I am not alone. I am merely God's instrument to speak His Word and message to all assembled.

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, please contact the church office at 502-538-4933 and we will connect you with Tonya.



We are pleased to announce that Nick Fears from Wehr Constructors, Inc. and Architect, Mark Trier of JRA Architects have been chosen for our project. Since the contracts have now been approved by the Archdiocese, we will kick off the building plan. We hope to start renovation of the Parish Hall and old church this fall with construction of the new Parish Activity Center next spring or early summer.

Activity Center next spring or early summer.

There are advantages to begin renovations of our old church first. In so doing, we can pay for the improvements from our cash reserves and delay borrowing for construction of our Parish Activity Center. It allows us to collect more in donations and savings and lessens our loan. Timing makes sense to begin new construction in the spring or summer months, and Wehr recommended renovation during the winter months.

PAC



Mitchell Elder & Helen Hagan
Steering Committee Chair & Parish Manager



We thank those who have generously given to the capital campaign, accelerated their giving or exceeded their pledge. With your incredible response, we are well over 55% (\$750,329.00) in pledges, in a little more than a year since the campaign began. Keep up all you are doing to make our expansion in ministries and programs a reality!

The Steering Committee and the sub-committees stand ready to get to work on this very exciting project. Watch the bulletin for weekly progress updates on our capital campaign.

Have You Visited Our New Home (Page)?



Our Parish Communications folks have done a great job with our NEW digital home on the Web! Thanks to Ed Scott, Social Media Chairperson, Helen Hagan, Parish Manager, Kindal Mills, Consultant, our Stewardship team and Diocesan for this well-crafted communication tool for our Parish, and the surrounding community.

If you haven't logged on, visit www.sfxmw.com and be sure to tell newcomers to the area to visit too!





Our Amazingly Bright Parishioners

Graduates Honored, Hayes Receives Scholarship

Mary Morris
Newsletter Committee

On May 19, during the 9 a.m. Mass, the 2019 graduating seniors were recognized. Students gathered in front of the altar as Father Dale invited Parishioners to extend their right hand as he offered a special blessing upon them.

The Patricia K. French Honorary Scholarship winner was later announced. This award, in its third year, assists a Parishioner in his or her college or trade school tuition for the coming school year.

Qualifications for the award seeks a person with high Christian moral values and a dedicated student demonstrating a good work ethic. In announcing the winner Father Dale said, "For 2019 these qualifications can be found best in the person of Sierra Hayes."

Sierra will attend the University of Kentucky this fall. Congratulations to her and each SFX graduate. May God's blessings guide you to accomplish your goals throughout the coming years.



Sierra Hayes with the French Family after accepting the 2019 Patricia K. French Honorary Scholarship. Hayes will attend the University of Kentucky.



Osborne graduates from UL Speed

Parishioner Sean Osborne graduated in May from University of Louisville Speed School. He received the prestigious "Co-op of the Year" award from the Mechanical Engineering Department, and is pictured here with his proud mother, Jennifer. Congratulations Sean!

SFX Nurses Honored By Norton

Norton Healthcare has recognized 11 extraordinary nurses for exceptional service with its 2019 "Nurse of the Year" awards. The awards were presented May 13 at a banquet honoring the finest of its more than 5,350 nursing staff members.

"Our nurses make Norton Healthcare the best place to receive care, and the best place to provide care," said Kim Tharp-Barrie, DNP, R.N., SANE, FNAP, system vice president, Norton Healthcare Institute for Nursing and Workforce Outreach.

There were 53 finalists for the awards and 11 winners from throughout Norton Healthcare.

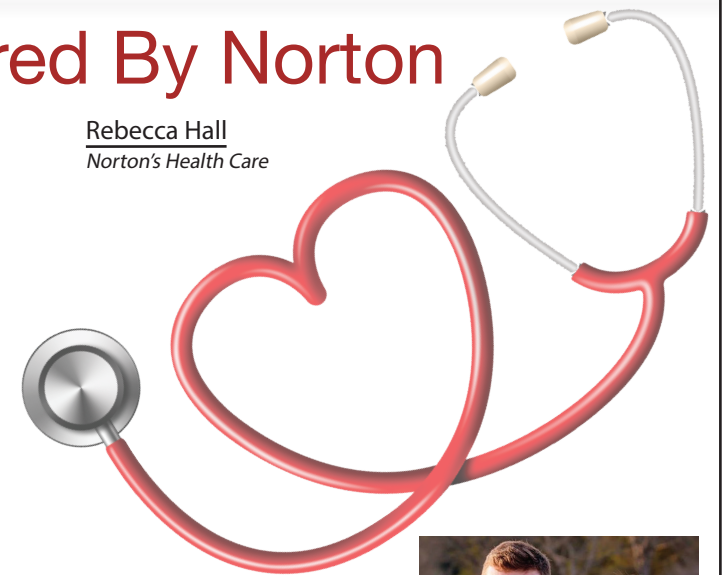
2019 NORTON HEALTHCARE NURSES OF THE YEAR

- Caroline McGreevey, Norton Audubon Hospital
- Cheryl Walsburger, Norton Brownsboro Hospital
- Alexander McMahan, Norton Children's Hospital
- Angel Johnson, Norton Hospital
- Katrina Morris, Norton Women's & Children's Hospital
- Jayna Sauer, Norton Children's Medical Center
- Mary Anderson, Norton Cancer Institute
- Meaghen Hart-Williams, Norton Medical Group
- Natalie Coffman, Norton Clinical Agency
- Pat Coppage, Norton Faith & Health Ministries
- Carly Kessinger, Norton Healthcare System/Institute for Nursing

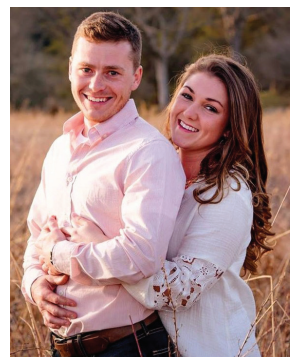
SFX would like to congratulate Parishioners Alex McMahan and Samantha Sivori Merideth who were among the 2019 "Nurse of the Year" finalists. Both work at Norton Children's Hospital.

"I am so honored that I was chosen as the 2019 Nurse of the Year for Norton Children's Hospital. I've been privileged to have worked with some of the most amazing people, without whom this would not be possible," said Alex after receiving the award.

Rebecca Hall
Norton's Health Care



Alex McMahan, and wife Emily, with his 2019 Norton Healthcare Nurse of the Year award.



Norton Healthcare Nurse of the Year finalist, Samantha Sivori Merideth, with her husband, Chad.

Emoji VBS: Smiles, Laughs, Good Times & Fun

Darlene Fowler
DRE



At the end of June, children and adult Parishioners joined together for a fun week learning how God cares for us. The disciples fished all day without catching a fish until Jesus appeared to them and told them where to drop their nets. When they did, their nets were full of fish.

At the end of each night we reviewed the Bible Center story. These ideas came from the future of our church. They already have a great understanding of how we need to live our daily lives.

Here are a few quotes the children shared with me following their VBS experience:

"It is better to serve than be served."

"Trust and listen to Jesus and he will always help us."

"God created you and me, all the animals and everything."

The children also enjoyed snacks, crafts, and games each night. On Friday their families joined us for a spaghetti dinner. The children entertained us with songs learned during the week. We all enjoyed the evening spending time together as a family and community.



Scramble Winners

Congratulations SFX Golf Scramble Winning Team! Pictured with Bryan Hall, Chairman; Team Members: Barry Swearingen, Dave Medley, Mike Bass, and Pat Moore.



Congratulations 2019 Confirmation Class



Picnic Success

Christi Wantuck & Joey Followay
Co-Chairs

Our 20th Annual Picnic was a great success thanks to God opening the skies for a few hours each night to allow the festivities. Chairpersons and volunteers did not let the inclement weather impact the setup of booths, prizes and dinners each night. They were ready for our Parishioners and guests to enjoy the community event.

Vendors were watching the weather closely, and all delivered including radio stations 103.9 and 103.5, Kona Ice, Haywood's Ice Cream, and All Abounce Fun Inflatables! Live entertainment was successful on the front side with use of the old church porch and a tent to cover those enjoying the music. The dinners both nights were amazing for those who enjoyed meals onsite or through carry out. A huge thank you to Michelle Osborne, her team and the Knights of

Columbus!

This year we introduced a few new games such as the basketball throw and the cartoon wheel which the youth and teens enjoyed. Additionally, the new Super Sweets booth was a hit.

With wet greens and high winds, the putting contest provided a great environmental challenge.

The group behind the scenes is the Finance Team who was instrumental before, during and after the picnic. Thanks to Jessica Wilkins and Dave Medley for their leadership. Financials are under final review, and we look forward to reporting this year's picnic will be in the top-ranking picnic



profits. Thanks to our Security, led by Charles Ballard, who kept all safe and secure. Terry Collett and the scouts were instrumental in parking all in the rain and muddy conditions.

As chairpersons, we are very proud of the participation, dedication and hard work of our Parishioners. We are truly an extended family that came together to support our Parish and the community.

The Call To Priesthood

Fermin Luna
Seminarist



During the second half of my summer break I have had the opportunity to be here with you at St. Francis Xavier. I thank you all for welcoming me. I am grateful that I got to meet many of you. Prior to coming to Mt. Washington, I was blessed to participate in

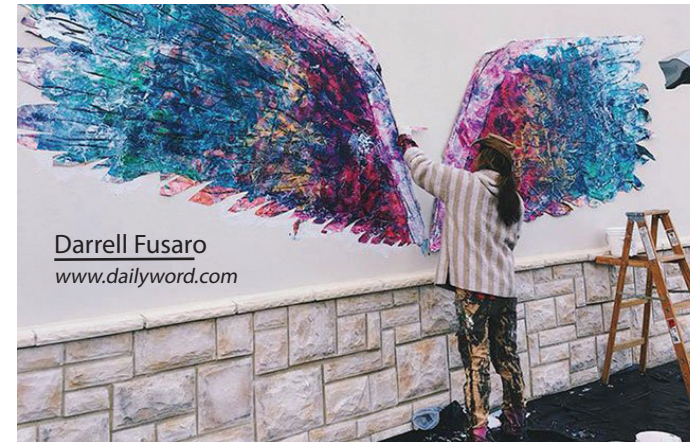
a program for diocesan seminarians called The Rome Experience. This was a pilgrimage that consisted of a retreat in Ars, France the home of St. Jean Vianney, patron saint of priests; four weeks studying in Rome; and a visit to three shrines dedicated to Our Blessed Mother in Spain. This pilgrimage was truly a unique and spectacular experience.

I wish to share with you my thoughts on what it is that makes a man consider the possibility of becoming a priest

and what we can do to create a culture of vocations. Put simply, it is a calling. This call usually comes about by a tug at one's heart with a desire to serve others and to become a part of something greater than oneself. These desires, along with a good prayer life and direction from his parents, will then begin to grow and the thought of priesthood might begin to emerge. During this time the young man may wonder what it would be like to preach at Mass, to hear confessions, and to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, thus being the instrument by which God makes Himself present to His people and feeds them with His Body and Blood. It is this attraction to the Eucharist and the confessional that distinguish one that is called to the priesthood from other

young men. This attraction may be immature at first but as one's prayer life grows and one's knowledge of theology grows; he will begin to make better sense of his vocation. This may not happen prior to seminary. Seminary offers an intentional discernment so the young man may come to know God's will for his life.

In conclusion, if we wish to create a culture of vocations, especially the priesthood, then we need to increase in ourselves a greater love and devotion for Christ in the Eucharist. By doing so, our children will imitate this devotion as well as the importance of obedience to God. Teaching our children that true greatness and freedom is found in the obedience of the will of God prepares them to live with joy that only God can offer.



Wings

Tourists agree Los Angeles, California, is paradise. Still, those who spend a considerable amount of time there begin to notice something else that stands out. Vertical gray concrete walls, barriers, and buildings cover the landscape.

In early 2012, while driving by a gray concrete wall, artist Colette Miller thought to herself, "Wouldn't it be great if there were angel wings on all these walls as reminders to us of who we really are?"

A parable is credited to Ernest Holmes of an angel who came to visit the earth disguised as a human being. Everywhere he went he heard people complaining about life. In time he began to believe what he was hearing. His brilliance diminished. In spite of this hopelessness, something within him remembered that he was once an angel of God, living in a heaven of happiness, peace, and prosperity. He chose to believe it was the truth, and his angelic presence reawakened.

Miller's art inspires viewers to awaken their hopes and dreams. The first pair of wings appeared in downtown Los Angeles, the City of Angels. A chain reaction of public enthusiasm soon followed. During a trip to Kenya, she painted wings in impoverished areas to help inspire the street kids. The wings gained popularity, and she installed them where asked or commissioned, such as Australia's key cities, and Juarez, Mexico, to help heal the damage from drug cartels.

Miller's wings have found homes in the wealthiest of cities as well as the places considered the most destitute. She installs them with no concern for race, ethnicity, or religion of the area. Wherever they appear the impact they have is the same: They make people happy.

To learn more about Colette Miller and the project, including a map of worldwide locations where her wings are found, visit www.GlobalAngelWingsProject.com.

Nearby in Lexington, KY you can view wings painted by Miller at DV8 Kitchen. DV8 Kitchen is a social mission restaurant, serving scratch-made breakfast-inspired items and employing those in treatment for substance abuse issues who are committed to pursuing a new path in life.

Made for More

Joe Recktenwald
High School Youth Minister

In 1979 Pope John Paul II started a series of Wednesday talks that lasted until 1984. The compilation of these talks has been given the popular name of Theology of the Body (TOB).

It is difficult to fully describe what my recent study of TOB has meant. I will use the words of Christopher West, author of Theology of the Body for Beginners. He writes, "John Paul II's Theology of the Body is much more than a reflection on sex and married love. TOB leads us to rediscover the meaning of the whole of existence, the meaning of life" (TOB 46:6). I believe our Church and the world in general needs this teaching today.

On September 18 Family Renewal Project www.familyrenewalproject.com will present Made for More, Visions of the Promised Land at St. Patrick Church, 1000 N Beckley Station Rd, Louisville from 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Made for More is an inspired blend of teaching, live music and

art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Christopher West and

Mike Mangione will offer a vision of the Gospel through the lens of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. We hope that many SFX Parishioners will attend.

St. Francis Xavier High School Youth Group (formerly known as TGIF) and Parents Gathered in Faith will attend Made for More as a kick-off to our study of TOB. We want to offer all high school aged youth a free ticket to this event, while supplies last. We encourage every adult member of SFX (not just parents) to consider going to the Made for More event and to come on Wednesday evenings as we launch our local study of TOB this fall.

Tickets for Made for More (\$20) can be purchased at www.coreproject.com/louisville. For free high school youth tickets, please contact Joe Recktenwald at joe.recktenwald@sfxmw.com.

Pope John Paul II said, "God has a plan for us – a plan for our lives, for our bodies, for our souls, for our future. This plan is extremely important - so important that God became man to explain it to us." Come discover what God has planned for you.





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Upcoming Events

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Drawings - Saturday, October 19 at 7 PM

\$20 PER TICKET

Only 5,000 tickets will be sold

Proceeds benefit new Parish Activity Center construction and renovations

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