

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Cliff Pelto

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 6:

12:05 p.m. Mr. Ellis Lahood

Tuesday, November 7:

12:05 p.m. Sheldon Maddix

Wednesday, November 8:

12:05 p.m. John L. Dunn & Gauthier Families

Thursday, November 9:

12:05 p.m. David Scalfano

Friday, November 10:

12:05 p.m. William E. Jones Family (living)

Saturday, November 11:

4:00 p.m. Galardo & Lacoix Families, Hope Farrar
Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr.,
Tim & Jerry Powdrill, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Ducote, Catherine Sloan.

Sunday, November 5: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living &
deceased), R. J. Ducote, Gordon S.
Ducote, Carl T. Ducote

11:00 a.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish

5:30 p.m. Norene Garrett

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Carl A. Jeansonne, Jr., please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$7,178.75
Over or (Short)	\$(1,321.25)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SERVE BREAKFAST – NOVEMBER 5



The monthly breakfast social, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 3200, will be held
Sunday, November 5, after the 9:00 a.m.

Mass in Xavier Hall.

All are invited and welcome.

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS - NOVEMBER 10

Everyone is invited to participate in a Holy Hour with the priests of the diocese at the Cathedral on **Friday, November 10, 2017**, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Mass will follow at 12:05 p.m.

ANNUAL ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE – NOV. 11 - 12



The Cathedral Altar Society will have their annual Bake Sale in Xavier Hall, on **November 11 - 12, after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Masses on**

Sunday.

Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on **Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., or before each weekend Mass.**

Please come by and support us. Your contributions help pay for the many necessary items for the upkeep of the sanctuary.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – NOVEMBER 14

The Altar Society will have their meeting on **Tuesday, November 14, at 4:00 p.m. at Xavier Hall.** Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

ALTAR SOCIETY HAS A NEW FACEBOOK GROUP

The Altar Society has a new Facebook group. To join or to see what we are about, search St. Francis Xavier Altar Society on Facebook.

CEMETERY VISITS THROUGH NOVEMBER 8

The month of November is a traditional time for visiting graves of our loved ones. An "indulgence" applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed. The indulgence is "plenary" through November 8. On other days of the year it is "partial." To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff. It is further required that all attachment to sin, even venial sin, be absent (taken from the "Norms of Indulgences".) Names of the deceased will be placed on the altar and these souls will be remembered by the priests during the month of November.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK – NOV. 5 - 11

The USCCB will sponsor **National Vocations Awareness Week, November 5 - 11** to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Parish and school communities across the nation are encouraged to include, during the first week in November, prayer and special activities that focus on vocation awareness. Research suggests that community encouragement plays an important role in the discernment process. For more information about vocations, contact Father Louis Sklar, director of Vocations, at 318-445-6424, ext. 260.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

Deacon Richard Mitchell, assistant director for the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, is still fielding questions and taking applications from men who may be interested in becoming a permanent deacon. The **Deadline to apply is Friday, December 15.** You may contact Deacon Richard by: email dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org/[liturgical-calendar](http://diocesealex.org/liturgical-calendar), or phone 318-445-6424, ext. 206.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S VATICAN SURVEY – NOV. 30

LAST DAY! In preparation for the 2018 Synod on Family, a survey has been constructed by the Office of the General Secretariat of the Synod, asking the young people of the world, ages 16 - 29, to provide some insight into "what it is like to be a young person in the Catholic Church Today." To take the survey, go to <http://www.usccb.org/about/bishops-and-dioceses/synod-of-bishops/synod-2018>. November 30 is the last day to do this.

STEBENVILLE SOUTH 2018 REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Go to the website at www.steubenvillesouth.com to register.

STEBENVILLE SOUTH JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 24 - 25, 2018

For the first time, the Office of Steubenville South will offer a junior high conference, **February 24 - 25, 2018**, titled "Beyond the Limits" featuring Chris Padgett as host. More details will be provided later, but for now - save the date!

HELP US UPDATE OUR BIRTHDAY LIST

Please help us update the *Birthdays List* by calling the rectory at 318-445-1451 x 14 to notify the secretary if your name has been omitted from the list or is incorrect. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dorothy Brown, Elizabeth Cameron, Clydia Campo, Joseph Hunter, Lisa Laborde, Carly Martel, Patrick Paul, Caitlin Pearce, Alyssa Renee Prevot, Michael Robichaux, Joseph Vaughn, Sammie White

SPECIAL COLLECTION: RESTORATION FUND-NOV. 4 - 5

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up this weekend, **Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

NECROLOGY

Msgr. Paul Nothofer	+Nov. 7, 1956
Rev. Lawrence Bonin	+Nov. 8, 1967
Msgr. Thomas Early	+Nov. 8, 2004
Rev. Joseph Scherer	+Nov. 9, 1984

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANT

Luke White

FOR OUR MILITARY

If members of your family have been called to active military duty, or are already on active duty, please let us know, and we will place their names for prayer in the church bulletin. Please call the church secretary at telephone 445-1451, ext. 14, or you may email her at aryder@parish.diocesealex.org.

Known military are: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Christopher Fraser, Bryce Gadway, Garrett Gilchrist, Andrew Hill, Jeffrey Kelso, Natalie T. Wall.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Irene Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Rosa Cannella, Brent Caplan, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Daren Coutee, Joann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Kevin Jude Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Bob Descant, Kathylen Dixon, Rose Marie Francis, Bernard Fontenot, Velma Galardo, John Gallent, Barbara Goff, Bobby Grant, Helena Ledet, Delta Maillet, Gill Murrell, Clea Perry, Bea Phillips, Tammy Rachal, Patsy Rayner, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Kemal Sanli, Kenneth Smentek, Jackie Storer, J. B. Theriot, Ruby J. Williams, Jacob Williamson.

We encourage our parishioners to call with the name of family members who are ill and wish to be remembered in prayer in the weekly church bulletin. Their names will remain on the list for approximately one month. Please notify the church secretary by the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 318-445-1451 x 14 so they can be included for the upcoming weekly church bulletin. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that your family member may be taken off the list. Before someone's name is placed in prayer, be sure to have permission from that person to publicize his or her name in the bulletin.

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