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St. Francis Xavier, a welcoming faith community lovingly sharing the gifts of God.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 10:30 AM

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. Mass
Junior Kindergarten to Grade 2

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Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM
First Friday before 8 AM mass
Or by appointment. Call Fr. Brennan Ext 1

COMMUNION TO THE SICK OR SHUT-INS

Contact the parish office to arrange for this Ministry

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Father Brennan at least six months before the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Brennan regarding upcoming preparation

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Aileen Villemure and Brian Ruddy, brother of Cathy O'Donnell.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Barb Patrick, John Ryan, Stella Shalla, Maurice McQuade, Georges Blanchette and Sandy Massine.

2019 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: are ready. To obtain a receipt put a stamped, self-addressed envelope in the collection basket and it will be mailed to you. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to sustaining the ministries and facilities here at S.F.X. Any donations received or deposited after December 31st, 2019 will be credited to your 2020 income tax receipt.

Further to last week's announcement about MAID

"MAID" IS MURDER

In 2016, the Canadian Government changed the law on euthanasia and assisted suicide to make both legal in certain circumstances. The new policy is now euphemistically referred to as "Medical assistance in dying (MAID)". According to the Justice Department website, the official number of people killed through MAID since 2016 is 6700, but you can be sure the real number is higher.

Since the implementation of MAID, there have been several cases brought against the government stating that certain restrictions are unconstitutional and the law must be less restrictive. One such case, *Truchon v. Attorney General of Canada*, stated that MAID should not be limited to those nearing the end of life. This case prompted the Justice Department to create a questionnaire to poll public opinion on how MAID should be expanded. This poll can be found at: <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>. The poll closes on January 27th.

The trouble with the MAID questionnaire is that it is skewed toward expanding MAID. Apart from three "comment boxes", the questions assume that the respondent agrees with the premise that certain sick people can be killed. The goal of the questionnaire is to find public opinion on the implementation of MAID, rather than the fundamental morality of the policy. This skewed approach makes the questionnaire quite confusing, which is why *Campaign Life Coalition* has prepared an article to assist people in answering the questions: <https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/hot-news/id/508>. I encourage you to read the *Campaign Life Coalition* article and to fill out the questionnaire. Given that euthanasia and assisted suicide are now legal, we must do what we can to restrict their use.

"Medical assistance in dying" should refer to palliative care and offering those in need the best possible care; instead, it means killing people when they are most vulnerable. How is killing care? In Canada, prior to June 2016, acts of euthanasia and assisted suicide were acts of homicide, and in most countries they are still considered homicide. The sick and disabled are particularly vulnerable to abuse and manipulation, which means the law should afford special protection to them. "Medical assistance in dying (MAID), is just a nice way to say, "legal murder".

The legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide by the Trudeau government is leading our country down a very dark road. The implication of the law is that some lives have no dignity or value. Who decides which life is worth living? The initial law placed restrictions to qualify for MAID and now, only four years later, some of those restrictions are being removed. The law undermines the meaning of healthcare by turning killing into "caring" and it forces healthcare professionals into situations where they must choose between losing their job and assisting in murder.

As Catholics, we believe that every life has value and that euthanasia and assisted suicide are always evil. We believe that every person should be loved and cared for right up to their natural death. God bless you, and pray for our country.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Jan. 27 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)
 TUES. Jan. 28 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)
 WED. Jan. 29 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)
 THURS. Jan. 30 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)
 FRI. Jan. 31 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)
 SAT. Feb. 1
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan
 SUN. Feb. 2
 10:30 a.m. Jennifer Hardie - Irene & Paul Kumli
 Joseph St. Aubin - Wife, Sylvia

LITURGICAL ROLES

Presentation of the Lord
 February 2nd, 2020

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. McCanna; J. Perry
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - W. & M. Remus;
 M. & B. Coulas
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - S. Dregas; K. Harris;
 T.B.A.; T. Lemenchick

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - STA Student; L. Richards
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY- STA Students
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – K. & T. Mann;
 D. or B. O'Connor; R.A. Dicker

SERVERS - S. Lesk
 CANTOR: J. Belanger
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - S. Pallen; E. Tracey

NEW YEAR'S OFFERING \$3,060.15 (to date)

SUNDAY OFFERING - Jan. 19th - \$3,144.00
 \$2,829.00 - Envelopes
 \$200.00 - Weekly EFT \$115.00 - Loose

INITIAL OFFERING - \$1,582.00 (to date)
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Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world: it is not he who prays most or fasts most. It is not he who gives the most alms or is most eminent for temperance, chasisty or justice; but it is he who is always thankful to God, who wills everything that God wills, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness and has a heart always ready to praise God for it.

William Law

**ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT:** To be held Feb 28 - Mar 1, 2020 at Graphite Bible Camp in Maynooth. Fr. Denis Lemieux and Philomena Lim from Madonna House will be leading the retreat. This year the theme is "*FIAT: Living a life of surrender to God.*" The cost is \$150. For information, please call Posie 613 281-5522, Kristan 613 585-0579 or Mary 613 756-0148 or [womensretreatcombermere@gmail.com](mailto:womensretreatcombermere@gmail.com).

**THE DON BOSCO DRAMA CLUB of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College** presents *The Song of Bernadette*, a drama of true events by Jean and Walter Kerr. Bernadette causes a tumult in the town when she claims to see "a beautiful lady in white" at the dump. Everyone thinks she is a liar or a lunatic. Dates: Fri. Feb. 7 & Sat. Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., Sun. Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. at Madawaska Valley District High School, Barry's Bay. Tickets available at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College and Lorraine's Pharmasave. Call 613-756-3082 for more info or visit [www.seatofwisdom.ca](http://www.seatofwisdom.ca).

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER:** In conjunction with the Killaloe Sno-Fun weekend, this year's Pancake Supper will take place on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. The menu includes potato and batter pancakes, sausage, ham and baked beans. Door Prizes. Adults \$8; children 10 and under \$4; under 2 are free.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** to all couples of the Parish who celebrate a Wedding Anniversary in January. We remember you and your intentions at the 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday. May God Bless You All. Among those celebrating are:

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| Don & Nancy Smith            | (54) |
| Leonard & Lois Desjardine    | (39) |
| Mark & Melany Tracey         | (33) |
| Christian & Ashley Ste-Marie | ( 5) |

**ON OUR WAY WITH JESUS**

**Part II: "WE SHARE IN THE EUCHARIST"**

The children now embark on the journey of experiencing God's love for us through preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion which will be celebrated on May 3, 2020.

**Parent Meeting in the church on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**Commissioning Mass: weekend of February 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>**

We ask you to keep these children and their families in your prayers over the next months.

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