



St. Francis Xavier • DECEMBER 2011 • Dyersville

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	27 Advent begins	28	29	30	1	2	3 8 am Mass Feast of St. Francis Xavier
4 2nd Sunday of Advent 7:30 am-12 noon Holiday Breakfast 7 pm Western Dubuque Christmas Concert @ Basilica	5 6:30 am Mass 6:00 Cluster Liturgy Meeting @ D 7:45 pm Cluster Council Mtg @ D	6 St. Nicholas 6:30 am Mass 8:00 am-2:30 pm ADORATION @ Bkm Chapel 3 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Basilica Choir 6:30 pm RCIA	7 St. Ambrose 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:45 pm Faith Formation 7 pm Mass Holy Day Eve @ D, E & NV (No 5:15 pm Mass)	8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Masses: 6:30 & 8:30 am 10:20 am BHS 7 am Planned Giving Committee 6 pm Adult Ball Chr 7 pm BINGO	9 St. Juan Diego 8:30 am Mass	10 2012 Budget Envelopes Available in Xavier Hall	
11 3rd Sunday of Advent 3 pm Beckman Christmas Concert @ Basilica COMMUNAL PENANCE 2:00 pm @ NV 4:15 pm @ D	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe 6:30 am Mass 7 pm Confessions/ Holy Hour 7 pm Baptismal Class @ Xavier Church Hall	13 St. Lucy 6:30 am Mass 8:00 am-2:30 pm ADORATION @ Bkm Chapel 3 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Basilica Choir 6:30 pm RCIA	14 St. John of the Cross 5:15 pm Mass 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:45-8:00 pm Faith Formation	15 6:30 am Mass 2:00 & 6:30 pm Xavier School Christmas Program gr 2 & 3 6 pm Adult Ball Chr 6 pm Children's Sacrament Prep 7:00 pm BINGO (Last one of 2011)	16 8:30 am Mass	17 Beckman Booster Club Chili Supper @ Bkm Baptisms	
18 4th Sunday of Advent Baptisms	19 6:30 am Mass 2:00 & 6:30 pm Xavier School Christmas Program K / grade 1 CHURCH DECORATING	20 6:30 am Mass 8:00 am-2:30 pm ADORATION @ Bkm Chapel 3 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Basilica Choir 6:30 pm RCIA	21 5:15 pm Mass 6:30 pm Bible Study	22 6:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Dismissal 6 pm Adult Ball Chr	23 8:30 am Mass Parish offices closed	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Vigil Masses: 4 pm @ D, E, & NV 6:00 pm @ W 6:30 pm @ D 7:30 pm @ P 12 midnight @ D	
25 CHRISTMAS Masses:  7:00 am @ D & NV 9:00 am @ W & P 10:00 am @ D 12 noon Latin @ D	26 St. Stephen 6:30 am Mass Parish offices closed 6 pm Supper served @ Catholic Work House, DuBoque	27 St. John 6:30 am Mass	28 The Holy Innocents 2:00 pm Mass honoring Parish Seniors	29 St. Thomas Becket 6:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Rehearsal	30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 8:30 am Mass Parish offices closed 5:30 pm Wedding- Audrey Deutmeyer/ Russ Francois	31 NEW YEARS EVE 5:00 pm Mass @ D 7:00 pm Mass @ P	
JANUARY							
1 Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Happy New Year! Regular Weekend Mass schedule	2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen 6:30 am Mass	3 The Most Holy Name 6:30 am Mass 8:00 am-2:30 pm ADORATION @ Bkm Chapel 3 pm Children's Ch 6:30 pm Basilica Ch 6:30 pm RCIA	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 5:15 pm Mass 6 pm Building & Grounds Mtg 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:45 pm Faith Formation	5 St. John Neuman 6:30 am Mass 8 am-10 pm ADORATION @ Convent Chapel	6 St. Andre Bessette 8:30 am Mass	7 St. Raymond of Penyafort New Server Training	
8 Epiphany of the Lord 	9 Baptism of the Lord 6:30 am Mass VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK 7 pm Stewardship Mtg @ NV	10 6:30 am Mass 8:00 am-2:30 pm ADORATION @ Bkm Chapel 3 pm Children's Ch 6:30 pm Basilica Ch 6:30 pm RCIA 7 pm. Cluster Council Meeting @ NV	11 5:15 pm Mass 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:45 pm Faith Formation 7:00 pm First Communion Parent meeting @ D	12 6:30 am Mass 7 am Finance Council 8 am-10 pm ADORATION @ Convent Chapel 6 pm Parish Council Mtg @ E	13 St. Hilary 8:30 am Mass No School	14 New Server Training 7:30 pm Bkm Junior High Play	

BASILICA BRIEFS - November 2011

The SFX PARISH COUNCIL met on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 6:00 pm at Dyersville. Present: Fr. Dennis Quint, Ben Thier, Joan Recker, Janet Stelken, Larry Knipper, Mike Helle, Bob Willenborg, Joe Snyder, Theresa Kelly, Tyler Wolfe and Mark Kronlage. Minutes from the September meeting were approved. Other reports were given:

- **COMMUNITY LIFE:** Continues to work toward obtaining Circle General Chair volunteers. A job description was written. Nov. 13 there will be a youth gathering for grades 5-8 at the KC Bowling Lanes, "Prayer, Bowling & Pizza." The selection of a patron saint will be selected at the next Cluster meeting. It has been narrowed down to three saints; St. Anthony of Padua, St. Theresa of the Little Flower and St. Clare.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Next year's budget is being worked on. A Planned Giving Committee is being established. Other parishes have been visited for ideas and ways to approach this topic. Tom Lucas and Tim Pius will co-chair this committee. The DRA grant deadline is coming soon and possible ideas are being discussed.
- **BUILDING & GROUNDS:** Air Conditioning in the school computer rooms is being looked into. The parish has hired a part-time person to help with snow removal and some sealing to eliminate rain water from entering the buildings will be done in the spring.
- **XAVIER SCHOOL:** Budget discussions for next year have begun. The benefits of the STO program were discussed.
- **OTHER ITEMS:** Received both negative and positive comments about removing pew dividers. Accepted suggestion from Buildings & Grounds to remove a couple in various locations in church & placing the new decorative pieces on them as samples for parishioners to view. The dishwasher in Xavier Hall is no longer needed so will be sold.
The meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Earlville on Jan. 12 at 6:00 pm.

The **FINANCE COUNCIL** met on Monday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 am. Present were: Alan Brunsmann, Ted Deacon, Tom Klaren, Doris Koopmann, Tom Lucas, Carl Schwendinger and Fr. Quint. Absent: Scott DeSousa, Jude Milbert and Julie Wieneke. Also present: Bonnie Steffensmeier. The meeting opening with a prayer and approval of Oct. 20th minutes.

The Sunday Giving, Parish and School Financial reports were reviewed, ending Oct. 31. The 2006-2011 School Capital Campaign has received \$1,384 since last report on Oct. 20. Building on Success Campaign has received \$11,057.34 since last report. \$17,500 has been repaid on our Archdiocesan loan. Balance remaining: school loan \$145,270.00; parish loan \$190,221.50 and Basilica Fund loan \$223,000.00.

- In other business:
- The Planned Giving Committee will have their first meeting on Nov. 17 at 7 am in Xavier Hall meeting room.
 - Recommendation to hire Kevin Goerd for the part-time snow removal position.
 - DRA Grant ideas - replacing toilets in the school, repainting interior of Basilica north entryway and replacing sheet metal on the steeple. Tom Klaren will get 2 bids for repairing the steeple.
 - A preliminary 2012-2013 parish budget was reviewed. Proposed budget would have a 1.2 percent increase over last year. Beckman and Xavier subsidies would have a 2% decrease.
 - City's current lease will expire Nov. 30, 2011. The new community center will not be ready until February or March. Contact will be made for a new lease.
The next meeting will be Jan. 12 at 7:00 am. The meeting adjourned.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BOARD of EDUCATION met on Oct. 10. Present: Janet Stelken, Kathy Valant, Keith McCarragher, Gregg Recker, Tom Hageman, Angela English, Heidi Wall, Peter Smith, Stacy Portzen, teacher rep, Nikki Rahe, PE Teacher, and Cindy Roberts, Guidance Counselor.

The new program PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) was discussed with the Board. The program strives to use positive reinforcements thereby deterring negative behavior. Expectations will be set and conveyed to students and consistently reinforced throughout the staff. They are working with AEA in developing this program at Xavier.

The September minutes were approved and the year end financial reports discussed. A written summary was presented. The Instruction Support Levy, if approved again by the WD School Board for the 2012-13 school year, will be used for textbooks and technology at Xavier.

Peter gave the principal's report including information about staff in-service & goals, playground equipment, Collaborative Learning Teams (CLT), congratulatory cards for births, technology workshops, office staff hours, FOSS science kits and discussions with students regarding cliques, bullies and respect. These discussions will be ongoing.

A Facebook page has been created for St. Francis Xavier Grade School. All are encouraged to "like" the school's page. They continue to look for additional ways to communicate wanted info via the social media outlets.

The annual progress report was discussed. Goals were set. ITBS is being restructured so this year will start a new trend line making it difficult to impossible to compare scores of prior years to years going forward.

The 2008 Needs Assessment was discussed. This is done every 5 years with this being the year. The Archdiocese facilitates and scores the assessment.

The dress code and Parish-School Connection will be discussed at the next meeting which will be Nov. 14 at 5:30 pm in the school library.