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Dear Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier,

As we enter the seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and New Year's, I would like to express my gratitude for your faith, generosity, and joyful witness to Christ.

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### Upcoming Dates

*(As always, please refer to the bulletin for weekly updates.)*

- Nov. 15–16:** *Sharing of Bread Weekend* – Masses with Anointing Service at all liturgies.  
**Nov. 22–23:** *Solemnity of Christ the King* – Adoration following the Vigil Mass until 7:50 AM; *Giving Tree & St. Hubert Medals* distributed at all Masses.  
**Nov. 26:** *Thanksgiving Vigil Mass* – 5:00 PM.  
**Nov. 27:** *Thanksgiving Day* – No Mass or Communion Service.  
**Nov. 29–30:** *First Sunday of Advent* – Blessing of Automobiles after all Masses.

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- Dec. 3:** *Dec. 3: Feast of St. Francis Xavier* – Confessions from 5:00–5:30 PM; Mass at 6:00 PM with the Blessing of Xavier Trees, followed by a reception at the St. Francis Ushers Club.  
**Dec. 7:** *Second Sunday of Advent* – Rite of Acceptance at the 10:30 AM Mass (Confessions after).  
**Dec. 8:** *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception* – Masses at 7:30 AM & 6:00 PM (Confessions after the 6 PM Mass).  
**Dec. 12:** *Movie Night – Mary of Nazareth* at 6:00 PM.  
**Dec. 13–14:** *Third Sunday of Advent* – Blessing of Baby Jesus; Children's Christmas Program Following the 10:30 AM Mass.  
**Dec. 17:** *The Light Is On For You* – Confessions & Adoration from 5:00–7:00 PM.  
**Dec. 21:** *Church Decorating* – After the 10:30 AM Mass (all are welcome to assist).

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### Christmas Schedule


- Dec. 24:** *Christmas Eve* – 6:00 PM Mass (overflow seating in Gathering Space).  
**Dec. 25:** *Christmas Day* – Midnight, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses (overflow seating available).  
**Dec. 27–28:** *Feast of the Holy Family* – Blessing of Families at all Masses.  
**Dec. 31:** *Vigil of Mary, Mother of God* – Confessions 5:00–5:30 PM; 6:00 PM Mass.  
**Jan. 1:** *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God* – 9:00 AM Mass.  
**Jan. 3–4:** *Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord* – Blessing at all Masses.  
**Jan. 11:** *Christmas Undecorating* – After the 10:30 AM Mass (all are welcome to assist).

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Please note there will be no Thursday Adoration, Praise & Worship on November 27, December 25, or January 1. On certain weekdays, Communion Services will be offered in place of daily Mass; please see the bulletin for details. This brief adjustment will allow me to visit my parents and grandparents in Elk County. Thank you sincerely for your understanding.

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During these wonderful celebrations, please be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

  
**Fr. Ben Daghir**  
Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Parish