

**St. Francis Xavier
Catholic Parish
1846 – 2012**

Ministry Catalog

*Stewardship:
Bringing Christ to Life Through Service*



*“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”
Joshua 24:15*

166 Years of
Stewardship

155 Stringer Lane, Mt. Washington, Kentucky 40047

OUR MISSION

St. Francis Xavier parish is a Roman Catholic community in Mt. Washington, Kentucky established in 1846 to further God's kingdom on earth.

We are a

Welcoming *community of faith*

We are

Dedicated

to the celebration of the sacraments

and the teachings of the Church.

We are

Serving *the spiritual, emotional, intellectual*
and physical needs of our parishioners.

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

Pastoral Council

Chairperson: Tina Abrams

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor of the parish. Membership includes: nine at-large members (selected by lottery during a Mass); Chairpersons of five Coordinating Committees: Administration, Worship, Lifelong Formation/Education, Parish Life, and Social Ministry; the chairperson of the Stewardship Committee; and parish staff representatives. The Pastoral Council assists the pastor in defining and carrying out the mission of the parish. The Finance Council and the Stewardship Committee report directly to the Pastoral Council.

Finance Council

Chairperson: Chris Williams

The **Finance Council** prepares and maintains the parish budget and supervises expenditures. All members are appointed by the pastor. The parish accountant sits on this council. The Finance Council coordinates the following sub committees:

Audit Committee

Conducts a yearly internal audit. All members are appointed by the pastor.

Cemetery Committee

Jerry Mudd 538-4933

Manages and maintains the grounds and appearance of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery.

Help needed: Members to assist with committee work.

Kroger Gift Cards/

Valu Market Gift

Certificates

Janelle Martin 538-9379

Fund-raising project that supports the financial needs of the parish. Kroger and Valu Market shoppers can use re-chargeable Kroger gift cards or Valu Market gift certificates or cards purchased through the parish, with a 4-5% rebate portion going back to the church. Parishioners can obtain gift cards or gift certificates from the Parish Office or in the back of church after all Masses the first weekend of every month.

Help needed: Persons to assist with sales of gift cards and gift certificates after Masses once a month.

Meijer Community

Rewards Program

Helen Hagan 955-5366

Fund-raising project that supports the financial needs of the parish. People who shop at Meijer and are willing to use a Meijer 1 Card in order to rebate a portion of their purchases to the church can obtain an application for a Guest Card in the back of church, in the Parish Office, or by going on-line at www.meijer.com/rewards. Be sure to use The St. Francis Xavier code number – 406062.

Stewardship

Coordinator: Monique Becker 955-5366

The **Stewardship Committee** has two primary functions: first, to promote Stewardship education and formation by introducing the Stewardship message into all facets of parish life, thus increasing the understanding and practice of Stewardship; second, to work with all parish committees to assist in the management of parish use of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Administration

Coordinating Committee Chairperson: Charles Ballard 538-8814

The **Administration Coordinating Committee** provides the administrative skills necessary to sustain the mission and continued growth of the parish community and its buildings and grounds, and coordinates the work of the following subcommittees:

Buildings and Grounds

Charles Ballard 538-8814

Les Taylor 538-6821

Provides assistance in the maintenance and repair of the buildings and grounds of the parish. Performs renovation and construction projects that fit within the capabilities of the volunteers.

Help needed: Volunteers with experience in plumbing, electricity, carpentry, masonry, painting, concreting, roofing, heating, air-conditioning, refrigeration, flooring, welding, surveying, engineering, construction or landscaping. As new building projects commence, there will also be a specific need for those skilled in exterior and interior design, architecture, contracting, project management, building financing, and building supplies, etc.

For snow removal and grass mowing information please see Affiliated Ministries: Knights of Columbus.

Office Volunteers

Nancy Almony 955-5366

Provides assistance to the Parish Office staff.

Help needed: Volunteers available during the day to assist with mailings, and stuffing bulletins. Bulletins stuffers are generally needed weekly on Thursdays and will be organized into rotating teams of two persons.

Parish Library

Provides Catholic-based religious books and audio/visual resources for parishioners of all ages to borrow. Materials are designed to enhance one's life-long faith journey. The Library is located in the Religious Education building and is open for 30 minutes on the first Sunday of the month following the 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Masses. Items may be checked out on the honor system for a two-week period.

Help needed: Adults to serve on the Library Planning Committee. Adults and teens willing to open and/or close the library on the first Sunday of the month and be present for 30 minutes following the 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Masses. Duties include greeting parishioners, assisting with book location, aiding in book check-out and check-in, and shelving returned items. Also needed is someone to maintain a schedule of library volunteers.

Parish Web Site
Ed Scott 538-2805

Parish Internet web site that contains a variety of information about our community of faith. The web site is maintained and updated on a weekly basis. It provides information on all parish activities, the current parish calendar, and so much more. The web site can be accessed through the internet at the following address: www.sfxmw.com.

Technology Team
Will Olliges 213-0993

Supports the ongoing use of parish technology.
Help needed: Parishioners knowledgeable and skilled in audio, video, telephone, and computer related areas to assist with upkeep of existing equipment, and purchase and implementation of new technology as needed.

Worship

Coordinating Committee Chairperson: Deacon Gerry Mattingly 239-8464

The **Worship Coordinating Committee** is an umbrella for a variety of ministries. All subcommittees below attend to a particular sacramental or liturgical need within the parish community.

Altar Servers
Richard Brangers 538-7486

Assists the presider in liturgical celebrations. Training is provided.
Help needed: Fifth grade students through adults to serve at weekend, daily, Holy Day and funeral Masses.

Altar Society
Ann Wheat 538-8139
Zerelda Wheat 538-8150

This group dresses the altar seasonally, cares for the linens and vestments - washing, ironing, and repairing articles as needed, and cares for the candles, candle stands, and other sacramental's like the holy water fonts. Training is provided. **Help needed:** People willing to wash, iron, mend, and generally tend to these sacramental needs. Also needed is someone to lead this group.

Art and Environment
Tina Abrams 538-3587
Ann Wheat 538-8139
Zerelda Wheat 538-8150

Committee that plans, designs, arranges and cares for the liturgical environment of the worship space and surrounding grounds.
Help needed: Creative, willing workers with skills in floral design, sewing, artistic painting, etc.; people willing to work on the planning committee, and people willing to help with set up of decorations for the Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter seasons.

Church Cleaning Crews
Nancy Almony 955-5366

Teams who clean our worship space weekly. Work includes light dusting, vacuuming, etc. Work is currently done on the first, second, and fourth Wednesdays and the third Friday of each month.. Each team is scheduled to serve twice a year.
Help needed: Volunteers to assist with cleaning duties on a regular basis and substitutes to fill in occasionally for regular members.

Communion Ministers
Deacon Gerry Mattingly
239-8464

Ministers distribute communion at weekend, daily, and special Masses, including Holy Days, funerals, and other liturgies. Communion Ministers also take communion to those who are homebound, in nursing homes, or assisted living facilities. Ministers who feel called to this ministry must be approved by the pastor and complete the mandated Archdiocesan Communion Minister training program prior to serving in our parish.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Rita Brian 538-3365

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 9 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month. Worshipers may come for any length of time during that day and need not be scheduled to participate. Adoration ends at 6 p.m. with Benediction.
Help needed: Anyone committed to spending one hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Worshipers may come randomly for any length of time or may formally schedule an hour. Substitutes are needed occasionally for those who designate a set time for adoration.

Funeral Ministry
Deacon Gerry Mattingly
239-8464

This group assists the staff with funeral home vigil services, funeral Masses and a post funeral meal.

Help needed: Persons trained and available to assist with liturgical ministries at funeral home vigil services and at funeral Masses. Specifically needed are persons willing to pray the rosary with Rosary Maker members and lector at vigil services, as well as Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Gift Bearers, Ministers of Hospitality, Altar Servers, and people willing to assist with congregational singing in an informal choir of parishioners during funeral Masses.

Bereavement Meal
Nancy Crawhorn 543-4183
Betty Tinsley 538-6150

Also needed are people willing to assist with a post funeral meal provided for grieving families and friends. People are needed to prepare and or serve various food dishes, to accept prepared food dishes in the Parish Hall on the morning of a funeral, to set-up the Parish Hall for the meal, and to make phone calls to facilitate the meal.

Gift Bearers
Dave & Linda Medley
538-6554

Bring forth the gifts of bread and wine during liturgy celebrations.

Help needed: Parishioners/families willing to bring up the gifts.

Ministers of Hospitality
Dave & Linda Medley
538-6554

This minister acts as host or hostess on behalf of the parish by meeting those attending worship services with a warm and genuine welcome. Responsibilities include seating worshipers, assisting in the collection, distributing bulletins or other materials at the end of the service, and bidding farewell to the worshipers.

Help needed: Committed ministers willing to serve.

Ministers of the Word
Richard Brangers 538-7486

Proclaim the Word of God for the assembly at Masses and special liturgies. By carefully studying and preparing to lector, ministers help parishioners come to a greater understanding of God's Word. Training is available.

Help needed: Committed ministers with good oral and reading skills who are willing to proclaim the Good News.

Music Ministry
Billy Blake 889-6064

Choirs – Adults (High school-aged and older) Lead the assembly in song and provide music at weekend liturgies and other special celebrations under the direction and supervision of the music minister.

Help needed: Persons willing to share their musical talents singing liturgical music.

Cantors – Adults and High School Youth.

Lead the assembly in song at weekend liturgies.

Help needed: Singers to lead the assembly in song during weekend Masses and other special celebrations under the direction and supervision of the music minister. Archdiocesan training may be required.

Musicians/Instrumentalist –Adults, High School Youth, and Children.

Play musical instruments during liturgies and other celebrations.

Help needed: Trained musicians who would like to provide music for the weekend liturgies and other special celebrations under the direction and supervision of the music minister.

Prayer Tree
Edna Simms 231-0142
Rita Brian 538-3365

Members offer private prayer for those who have special prayer requests. This ministry is ideal for those who are unable to be actively involved in other Time and Talent projects.

Help needed: Contact Captains who are willing to make phone calls to individual prayer tree partners updating them on prayer requests. Subs for contact captains are needed occasionally. Also needed are individuals willing to pray for others as a prayer tree partner.

Lifelong Formation/Education

Coordinating Committee Chairperson:

The **Lifelong Formation / Education Coordinating Committee** is dedicated to providing life-long Catholic religious education and faith enrichment opportunities for our parish community. Formation of our Catholic faith begins in early childhood, but all ages hunger for ways to deepen their faith within the context of church, family, and society. This committee coordinates the following subcommittees:

Adult Faith Formation

Lisa Downs 955-5366

Provides opportunities for adults to enrich and grow in their faith, spirituality and relationships through Bible Studies, small group faith sharing, reflection days as well as retreats, resource materials, speakers and other forums. Spiritual direction is available upon request.

Help Needed: Hospitality persons

RCIA

Lisa Downs 955-5366

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed to initiate people into the Catholic faith. RCIA is for those 8 years of age or older needing to prepare for one or more of the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. The sessions meet Sunday mornings from 10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

Help needed: Active adult Catholics interested in becoming sponsors. Also needed are team members to help with hospitality and children's programming.

Religious Education

Darlene Fowler 955-5366

Provides sacramental preparation for school-aged students preparing for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings September through May.

Help needed: Catechists and aides to teach in the classroom. Training and materials are provided. Also needed are office/lobby helpers to assist the Parish Catechetical Leader with various duties, and parking lot volunteers to assist in the safe loading and unloading of students each Wednesday.

Saturday & Sunday Nursery

Helen Hagan

Year-round Nursery for infants to 5 year olds offered during both the Saturday 5 p.m. and the Sunday 9 a.m. Masses.

Help needed: Adult and teen caregivers for the nursery.

Teens Gathered in Faith

Lisa Downs 955-5366

T.G.I.F. meets weekly following the RE schedule to provide ongoing catechesis as well as build community for high school students. Service projects, retreats, conferences as well as social activities are planned throughout the year.

Help needed: Hospitality persons. Aides to assist at the weekly meetings. Adult chaperones for the lock ins, fun outings as well as service opportunities.

Vacation Bible School

Darlene Fowler 538-4933

A one-week summer VBS for children entering kindergarten through 5th grade. Held annually each June.

Help needed: Adult and teen volunteers willing to assist in a variety of areas.

Parish Life

Coordinating Committee Chairperson: Teresa Buky 538-3422

The **Parish Life Coordinating Committee** addresses the social needs of our parish and provides ministry to families, the sick, the elderly, those with special needs. The group coordinates the following subcommittees:

Casserole Ministry
Pat Cheney 538-9308

This committee provides meals on a short-term basis for our parish families dealing with terminal illness or with a catastrophic event in their lives, and for those who are homebound.

Help needed: People willing to prepare dishes for our parishioners in need. People willing to deliver meals.

Family Ministry
Linda Medley 538-6554

Provides parish-wide social opportunities for families of our parish. Current events include an annual Chili Supper, monthly Donut Fellowships, and a St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast.

Help needed: Willing volunteers to help plan and implement programs designed to enhance family life.

**Generations of Faith,
Family, Friends**
Debbie Fladung 239-0472

An integrated and comprehensive approach to faith formation that allows the parish to become a community of learning by offering events centered on church life. These events embrace all ages and generations and promote faith growth at home, faith building at the parish, and active participation in liturgies.

Help needed: Teens and adults willing to help with all-ages events, and age specific events. Help is needed with take home kits (design, content, compilation, and distribution). Also needed are those willing to help with skits & plays, costumes & sewing, singing & playing music, audio/video projects, and story telling. Specifically, assistance is needed with the Easter egg hunt, Pentecost celebration and the All Hallows' Eve Celebrating with the Saints event in October and Nativity preparations.

**JOY (Just Older Youth)
Senior Citizens/Retirees**
Ed Schweinhart

This Senior Citizens/Retirees social club for those aged 50 and older gathers the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall for a meeting and a potluck luncheon from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The group also goes on social outings, day trips, and overnight excursions.

Picnic Committee
Keith & Teresa Buky
538-3422

Plans and organizes the annual summer picnic that is held in July. Monthly meetings are held from January – July.

Help needed: Parishioners willing to serve on the committee. Also people willing to set-up and break down booths, be in charge of a booth for two nights, work in a booth, help prepare dinners (kitchen workers) or serve dinners, donate cakes, donate items needed for booth prizes, donate items for raffle prizes, help with parking, and/or help with clean-up.

Rosary Makers

Edna Simms 231-0142

Members meet on first Monday of the month in the evenings to make and repair rosaries, teach others how to make rosaries, and send rosaries to missions. The group has an annual sale of rosaries and religious items in May; orders for rosaries can be made at any time.

Help needed: Parishioners of all ages who desire to make or learn to make rosaries. Training is provided. Also needed are donations of beads, old jewelry, and old umbrellas.

Women's Club

Karen Block 538-8747

The St. Francis Xavier Women's Club motto – ***Serving Christ Through Good Works – and having fun doing it*** – says what we are about. The Club is very involved in the social life of the parish. We serve as the hostesses at a number of events, including our patron saint's birthday party on December 3rd and the All Souls Day bereavement dinner on November 2nd. Our fundraisers- two Bunco parties a year and our hugely successful Christmas bazaar- are used to help fund a number of activities benefiting primarily children and family ministries. The Club is a great place to make a difference, meet women in our parish and forge lasting friendships. Our members are loving, kind people who are willing to share their time and talent with all of St. Francis Xavier Parish. Every woman in the parish is invited to join the Women's Club. We hope you will consider joining us.

Wanted: Women of any age with helper personalities who want to participate in a social ministry, meet other women in our parish with like interests, and forge lasting friendships.

Social Ministry

Coordinating Committee Chairperson:

The **Social Ministry Coordinating Committee** continues the mission of Jesus bringing about God's Kingdom of justice and peace by assisting groups who provide help to the larger community. This committee coordinates the following subcommittees:

Help needed: People willing to assist with fundraising efforts.

Community Ministries
Bill Breeden 538-4897

Interfaith organization of seven area churches serving various needs of poor individuals or families residing within the Mt. Washington community.

Help needed: Adults or teen volunteers are needed on the first Thursday of every month to work at the First Baptist Church Community Ministries Center. Parishioners can make donations of monetary funds using the pink envelope in our parish envelope pack.

Coping with Grief
Sandee Clark 538-3210
Michele Mattingly
239-3829

Monthly support group helping one move through the grieving period and paving the way to reinvestment in life. Open to widows, widowers and those who have lost a close loved one. Meeting held the second Monday of each month.

**Hunger Awareness
Annual Dinner**
Shannon Age 239-6006

This group sponsors a dinner to foster awareness of hunger issues in our area. The meal is donated and prepared by parishioners. Speakers address ways to alleviate hunger. All donated proceeds from the dinner go to feed the hungry.

Nursing Home Ministry
Ella Zielberg 538-7912

Visit the residents at Green Meadows Nursing Home and Elmcroft Assisted Living facility. Visits may include prayer with the residents, delivery of reading materials and personal care items, assistance with outside walks, transporting of residents to social activities within the facilities, as well as assisting with day trips outside the facilities. Required: Yearly TB screening and Nursing Home background check.

Help needed: Families or individuals interested in visiting either or both facilities.

Prayer Blanket Ministry
Rita Fogle 538-8699

This group makes small blankets for people that need to be covered in prayer.

Help needed: persons who can cut out material and/or sew the blankets as well as people to donate material (one yard of fabric is needed per blanket).

St. Vincent de Paul Society
955-5366 Ext 50

Provides spiritual and material assistance to those in need who are parishioners or others who live in the Mt. Washington zip code of 40047, while striving to help them learn to help themselves. Assistance may take the form of intervention, advocacy, consultation or monetary aide.

Help needed: Members who regularly participate in conference activities, especially making home visits in teams of two, on a rotating weekly schedule, to clients in need of assistance. Support is also needed in data entry, bulletin announcements, and other special conference activities.

Affiliated Ministries

Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts

Terry Collett 538-4483

St. Francis Xavier is the charter organization for Pack # 776. The pack/troop meets in the Religious Education Building on Thursday evenings.

Cub Scouting is a family program designed for boys who are about 7-10 years old. Activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting: Citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness. Boy Scouting is a year round program available to boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old or have completed the fifth grade, or who are 11 years old but not yet 18 years old. The program achieves the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

Help needed: Adult volunteers to lead scout groups.

Knights of Columbus

Michael Rippey 718-6680

A Catholic men's fraternal organization devoted to the Catholic Church and the local community. Many activities are offered that provide members a way to serve the family, the parish, the local community, and the global Catholic Church. Some activities and dinners are held that include spouses. Open to all Catholic men.

Help needed: Men willing to become involved in special projects such as cooking and serving fish fries and chicken dinners; assistance with the Coloring and Essay Contest at Christmas; cooking and serving duties at the Parish Picnic; Tootsie Roll campaign, Annual Yard Sale, etc. Also needed are members who will represent the parish at the Annual Right to Life Mass.

The Knights oversee the Grasshoppers and the Snow Bunnies. One need not be a member of the Knights to assist with these committees.

Grasshoppers

Omer Stallings
538-3976

Adult and teen men and women who assist on a regular rotating basis with the mowing and trimming of the church grounds and cemetery.

Help needed: Able-bodied persons willing to be on a team of mowers and trimmers; mowing is usually done on Wednesdays in season. Each team is scheduled 2-3 times per year.

Snow Bunnies

Larry Pilzecker
538-9297

Adult and teen men and women to assist with snow removal duties.

Help needed: Parishioners with snow removal equipment willing to help clear snow and ice from the church parking lot and walkways. Also those who are able to help shovel walks, steps, porches, and apply snowmelt