

JANUARY 24, 2010 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
A Tithing Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving

REPORT FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010

Envelopes	\$16,438.20
Loose	650.00
Non-Member Checks	1,490.00
Poor Box – MD Fuel Fund	187.01
Diocesan Priests	460.00
Monthly EFT Transfer	<u>9,363.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$28,588.21

YTD July 1 through December 31, 2009

	Actual	Budget
Operating Income	\$523,330	\$562,539
Operating Expense	<u>492,345</u>	<u>506,857</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	30,985	55,682

“God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes...may have everlasting life.” (John 3:16) In short, God's loves inspires us to love and give even as God has given to us. This is how stewardship comes alive within us. (Stewardship July 2009)

Refreshment Weekend

Refreshment Weekend is February 6th & 7th!

Families whose last name begins with the letters H – P are asked to bring cookies, a cake, donuts, chips, pretzels, etc. to be served after Mass. No Chocolate please!

POOR BOX

The Poor Box for January will benefit the Maryland Fuel Fund. Your donations will help to provide assistance for heating fuel for needy families.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 24

Sunday	8 am	Margaret Betts Meckley†
	9:30 am	For The Community
	11:30 am	Mary Rose Kimble†
Monday	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tuesday	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Wednesday	12:10 pm	Dan Lindauer†
Thursday	12:10 pm	Pat Hartley†
Saturday	5 pm	James H. Wilkerson, Jr. †
Sunday	8 am	Molly Fischer†
	9:30 am	Elaine Dovila†
	11:30 am	For The Community

†Deceased

PARISH EVENTS

Week of January 24

Today! Sunday, January 24

Baby Shower for Jesus
10:45 am Rosary
10:45 am Prayer Meeting
10:45 am Baptism Prep.
10:45 am Sunday Study
12:30 pm Altar Servers Training
12:45 pm Confirmations Service Signup
12:45 pm Youth Core Team Meeting

Monday, January 25

9:15 am CSS Leaders Meeting
10:15 am Bible Study
4:45 pm Monday Groups
7 pm 1st Reconciliation Meeting
7 pm City of God Prayer Group Core Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 26

9:15 am Catholic Scripture Study
12:10 pm Communion Service

Wednesday, January 27

7 pm Book Club – offsite
7 pm RCIA
7:15 am AA Meeting
7:30 pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday, January 28

7 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Catholic Scripture Study

Friday, January 29

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 30

9 am Liturgy Committee Meeting
6 pm Middle School

Sunday, January 31

10:45 am Prayer Meeting
10:45 am Rosary
12:45 pm Youth Core Team Meeting

AA Meeting – 7:15 pm on Wednesday – Chatard House
<http://222.baltimoreaa.org> or 410-663-1922
(24 hour hotline)

Pastor's Corner -

Dear Parishioners:

In this passage describing Jesus' return to Galilee, Jesus is in a take-charge mood. Imagine sitting in church and an altar boy from years ago walks up to the pulpit, reads from the Scriptures about the coming of the Messiah, and then proclaims to the congregation that "...this scripture passage is fulfilled this very day in me."

Wow, how exciting! Yet for most of us we'd actually be thinking, how misguided. In fact we'd probably boot the guy out of church, and if he continued to blaspheme and claim authority that only God can rightfully claim, we'd probably have him locked away for life, which would be only a slightly better fate than Jesus actually received.

Today act as if you truly believe this Gospel and that God is here among us loving us unconditionally. It's impossible not to want to do great things out of sheer gratitude that God chose to be with us.

Take time to spread the Good News today. Assure a grieving friend that they will be comforted; remind a loved one in pain that their suffering will be redeemed; muster the courage to ask someone you hurt for forgiveness. Like Jesus, speak and act with confidence that God's promises to us will be fulfilled and that your best self is who you were meant to be.

May our good God bless you and your families with His richest blessings!

In Christ's love,

Fr. Frank



FAITH FORMATION

Pat Allshouse (pallshouse@ccsfx.net)
Middle School – Joanie Carlson
(carlsonj@notredameprep.com)

FAITH FORMATION for CHILDREN

SECOND SEMESTER DATES

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION – Session II

For children who will be preparing for First Eucharist in Spring 2010

The second parent meeting - **Tuesday, Feb. 23rd and repeated on Wednesday, Feb. 24th from 7-9 p.m.** **You must attend ONE!** Parents should have already attended Session I this past fall. Missed Session I? A recap will be held on **Thursday, Feb. 18th at 10 a.m. in Room 128.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

For children who will be preparing for First Reconciliation during Lent 2010

Parent Meeting – **TOMORROW, Monday Jan 25th from 7-9 p.m.**

MONDAY GROUPS

January 24, 31; February 1, 8, 22; March 1, 8, 15 & 22

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Second Semester Dates – **Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20,** (Lambs/Nursery Appreciation Night), **27** (Parent Night); **Mar. 13,** (Reconciliation).

SUMMER CAMP

Make your plans now ... our annual Summer Camp for children entering Kindergarten through 7th grade will be held from **August 16-20, 2010.** More information will be available in the spring. **Your help is needed!** Contact Pat Allshouse (pallshouse@ccsfx.net) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Appreciation Dinner for our Nursery and God's Little Lambs Volunteers will be held on **Saturday, February 20th from 6-8 pm.** Childcare will be provided by our Middle School youth. More information to follow shortly.

Please Take The CCSFX Website Survey

Our web team needs your input so that we can make www.ccsfx.org a useful and user friendly source of information about our community. Please take our survey (the link to the survey is on the home page at www.ccsfx.org and is titled CCSFX Website Survey) and let us know what's good and not so good about the current website. There is also ample room on the survey form for suggestions on how the website can be improved. Survey results will be published on the website as soon as they are available. Thank you very much – Your CCSFX Web Team.

How Much Do You Love This Community?

The New Member Welcome Committee is in need of enthusiastic Community members willing to personally contact a single New Member and introduce him or her to the unique charisms of The Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier. All you need is your love for this Community. The New Member Welcome Committee will provide you materials, brief directions, and the name of someone or a family residing near you who has recently registered. Please help us let all New Members know that we care about their presence among us.

TAX STATEMENTS

We are in the process of preparing the 2009 Tax Statements. They will be sent out prior to the end of January 2010. If you made *a single donation in the amount of \$250.00 or more you will automatically be receiving a statement.* If you need a statement please contact the Parish Office and one will be prepared and mailed to you.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Contact Deacon Don

deacondon@ccsfx.net or 410-785-0356 x12

IT'S WINTER TIME

Winter is the time of year that brings us snow, sleet and tricky driving conditions. CCSFX will follow the snow policy as decided by Baltimore County for closings. **If evening classes are cancelled or schools close early, all programs at church will be cancelled.** Weekend activities (whether they are cancelled or not) will be posted on the phone system, ext. 42. If you have any doubts, call 410-785-0356, enter extension 42 and listen for your event.



MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Every weekend when we come to Mass, while we are in the worship space, we see five liturgical ministries serving the Lord and us. Please notice the words "when we come to Mass." Here is the opportunity to be of service to fellow-parishioners with little or no inconvenience. We do not even have to change our routine. Simply be a liturgical minister when already at church for Mass.

What can I be, you ask? Five (!) choices. In alphabetical order, here they are: Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter, Lector, and Usher. How do I join one of those groups? Easy enough. In the Gathering Space, not far from the holy water font, there is a bulletin board on an easel. Sign the MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS sheet. Someone will contact you within the week. Guaranteed! And what a convenient way to be of service!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Each year during the month of February, all Eucharistic Ministers are expected to be present for a one hour meeting in the Chapel. The three-part agenda for the session includes a review of ministry procedures, a period of prayer, and the annual Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers.

Please plan to be present for either one of the two scheduled sessions.

Tuesday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m.

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

The six weeks of Lent are a time of preparation for the Triduum and the greatest feast of the Church's year, the Easter celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. Over the years at CCSFX, many parishioners have been making use of the "Little Black Book" of reflections, prayers, and information throughout that season. In the booklet there is a little something designed for use on each day of Lent.

"A little something" refers to the fact that only six minutes a day is all it takes to derive spiritual benefit from the "Little Black Book." Check the table in the Gathering Space next weekend for a no-charge copy. This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is February 17, only 24 days away.

LITURGY CORNER

The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults (RCIA) is the process whereby adults prepare to become members of the Catholic Church. In the course of the liturgical year, especially between now and Easter, a number of special rites take place, usually at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Doing this at Mass reminds the participants that they are not merely a small group unto themselves, but that they are in the process of becoming an integral part of a much larger community, aptly named the Catholic **Community** of St. Francis Xavier. Likewise, these public ceremonies remind that community, most of whom have been Catholics since their Baptism as an infant, that there are persons who are now putting considerable time and effort into joining the Church in their adult years.

One of these special occasions occurred last Sunday morning. Helen Meredith was accepted as a Catechumen ("church talk" for someone getting ready for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist), while Janine Volz was welcomed as a Candidate for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. These sacraments will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil, the first Mass of Easter, at sundown on the Saturday evening before Easter Sunday.

Let us all pray for and with Helen Meredith and Janine Volz, especially during these coming months. Their next special ceremony will be at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the 1st Sunday of Lent, February 21.

GETTING READY

Enclosed with next week's bulletin will be *Exploring the Sunday Readings*. This four page insert is designed to introduce the three Scripture selections that will be read at Mass on each of the four Sundays of February.

Next Sunday's Readings January 31, 2010

1st Reading JEREMIAH 1:4-5, 17-19
2nd Reading 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31-13:13
Gospel LUKE 4:21-30

The readings will be more meaningful and familiar if you take the time to read them before Mass.

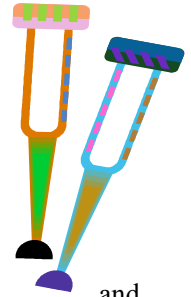
CCSFX Volunteers Appreciation Dinner

If you volunteer in any capacity at CCSFX, please join us at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on **Friday, February 12th at 6:30 pm in the Hall**, to celebrate **YOU**, the volunteer. The many hours of your time and talents you give to the church community are greatly appreciated. Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet in the Gathering Space or by calling Gloria Baldauf (410-252-6137) or Karen Ng (410-472-2924) **on or before Monday, February 8th**.



DEACONS CLOSET

We are starting a Deacons Closet under the Mission & Planning Committee. **What is a Deacons Closet?** It's a collection of new and used serviceable donated medical assist equipment like; wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, oxygen regulators, lifts, tread mills, stationary bikes, chair assist, weights and racks, raised toilet seats, adjustable beds, etc. The list is endless. Many of us may have assorted items collecting dust in our homes when they can be put to good use.



Who is eligible to borrow these items? Anyone in the parish with the understanding that once the need is over, the items are to be returned in as good a condition as possible. **Where will these items be stored?** Items will be stored in the caretaker's house behind the church. If you have items

that you wish to donate or have a need, please contact Bill Badore (410-561-1066). A list of available items will be posted. Presently available for loan – an oxygen regulator, a foldable walker, an over-the-tub grab bar, a raised toilet seat, a portable toilet, and a twin-sized motorized hospital bed.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Coming up in March are two opportunities (daytime and evening) to study the Theology of the Body (TOB). You might ask, what is TOB? It is a GIFT, a legacy, you might say, that John Paul II left for us to transform ourselves and our culture. It is an insight into how to live our lives in a way that brings true happiness. Spend 90 minutes with us on **March 9th** to examine this GIFT to see if it meets a need you have today. *For those that have studied TOB with us in the past, an advanced study called Into the Heart starts on February 2nd*. If interested in either program contact Rob Bart, Jr. at 410-963-2001 or rbart46@gmail.com.