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December - Dezember - December 2019

Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Friday: 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 7:30pm
Saturday : 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 3:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Parish Office is located at:
St. Patrick Church
1046 E. 34th St.
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Wednesday, December 11 is the birthday of our pastor, Monsignor Timothy Dyer. Let us all keep him in our prayers and wish him a happy birthday.

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Sunday, December 8 will be the German Christmas Party presented by the Donauschwäbische Vereinigung and affiliated organizations. Lunch will be served by members of the German community at 11:00 AM followed by a program by the children of the Donauschwäbische Tanzgruppe at 1:00 PM.

Donations of traditional Christmas cookies are graciously requested.

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Sunday, December 8 – Second collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

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Sunday, December 15 will be the Hungarian Christmas Party. Lunch will be served at 11:00 AM in the Fr. Lani Hall by the St. Stephen Society followed by the Hungarian Christmas program at 1:00 PM.

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Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. **Who made heaven and earth.**

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

R/. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The leader prays with hands joined:

**God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.**

**Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.**

R/. **Amen.**

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

Please contact Monika Mohos before or after Sunday Mass for any Mass intentions you would like to request. You may also contact her by phone at:

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The bulletins are sent to the printing company at least one month in advance. Mass intentions received after the printing deadline may not appear in the bulletin, but are offered all the same.

Daily Mass readings and prayers in German may be found online at: <http://erzabtei-beuron.de/schott/index.php>

Parish Calendar for December 2019

December 1, Sunday – First Sunday of Advent – violet

- 9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe – *Erster Adventssonntag* — [Zum Haus des Herrn wollen wir pilgern.]
Christina Burmeister (deceased) The Burmeister Family
- 10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise – *Advent első vasárnapja*
István Prihisztál (deceased) The Prihisztál Family
Ágnes Tamás (deceased) Éva Kulczycki

December 8, Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent – violet – 2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

- 9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe – *Zweiter Adventssonntag* — [Gerechtigkeit blüht auf in seinen Tagen und Friede ohne Ende.]
Theresia and Anna Seitz (deceased) The Seitz Family
Eva and Wendel Mayer (both deceased) AND
Lorenz Schwarz (deceased) Katl Mayer
- 10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise – *Advent második vasárnapja*
Jozsef and Mária Pluhár (deceased) Erzsébet Nagy
Erzsébet Gasztonyi (deceased) The Gasztonyi Family
- 11:00 AM - Lunch served by members of the German community.
- 1:00 PM - German Christmas Party of the Donauschwäbische Vereinigung and affiliated organizations with a program by the children of the Donauschwäbische Tanzgruppe.

December 15, Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday – violet or rose

- 9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe – *Dritter Adventssonntag* — [Komm, o Herr, und erlöse uns!]
Theresia Trutzl (deceased) Frank and Gerda Trutzl
- 10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise – *Advent harmadik vasárnapja*
Imre Téglás (deceased) The Téglás Family
Ferenc (deceased) & Terézia (living) Túri The Vodnák Family
Genenvieve Romanczuk (living) Emese & Peter Lazzarotti
- 11:00 AM - Lunch served by the St. Stephen Society
- 1:00 PM - Hungarian Christmas Program

December 22, Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent – violet

- 9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe – *Vierter Adventssonntag* — [Der Herr wird kommen, er ist König der Herrlichkeit.]
Katharina Zeller (deceased) The Zeller Family
- 10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise – *Advent negyedik vasárnapja*
Jolán Gasztonyi (deceased) The Gasztonyi Family
Rezső Lantos (deceased) His Faithful Friends
Erzsébet Munteán (deceased) The Mohos Family

December 25, Wednesday – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) – white

- 9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe – *Hochfest der Geburt des Herrn* — [Alle Enden der Erde sehen das Heil unsres Gottes.]
For the Faithful
- 10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise – *Az Úr születése*
For the Faithful

December 29, Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – white

- 9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe – *Fest der Heiligen Familie von Jesus, Maria und Josef* —
[Selig die Menschen, die Gottes Wege gehen.]
Heidi Marie Schüessler (10th anniv. of death) Her Friends
- 10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise – *A Szent Család, Jézus Mária és József*
Jozsef Fürjes (deceased) The Mohos Family
János Béres (deceased) The Mohos Family

Saint Francis Xavier



Saint Francis Xavier - December 3

Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malaysians, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

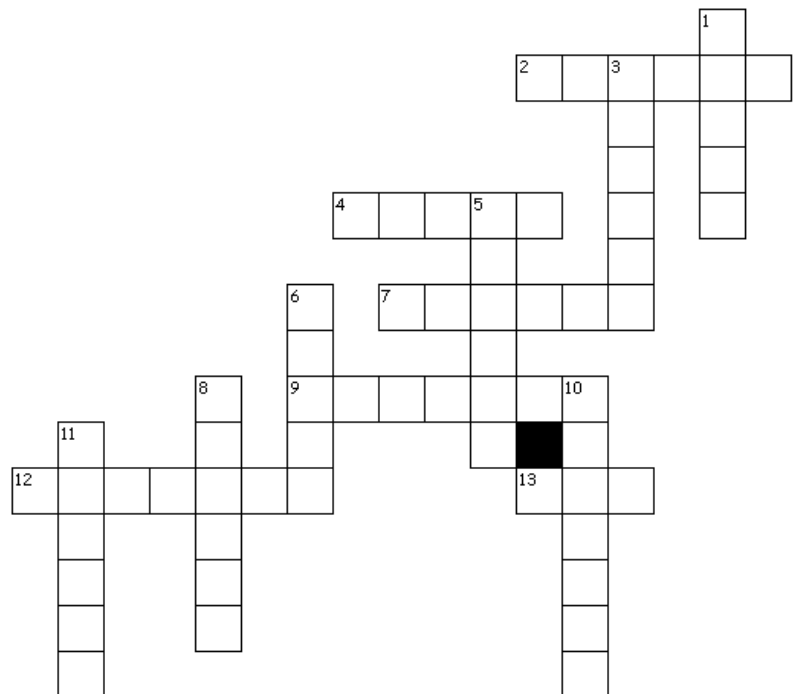
Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

Saint Francis Xavier is the Patron Saint of: Japan, Jewelers, Missions, and Sailors.

Find this month's vocabulary words.

T X A K V N S R Z P H Y I M S
 Z S R M E Q R E V N E X N Q W
 L D E I V A K L Q L Q O L L W
 G F H R W T H E O Z A D P C Q
 M H X N O D W W X L N R P L Z
 N C N X X O R E T E E K X O E
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COAST	FOLLOW	FRIEND
ISLAND	JEWELER	LEPER
MAN	PEOPLE	POOREST
SAILED	SAILOR	TEACHER
YOUNG		



Fill in the vocabulary words using the German and Hungarian translations as clues.

Across

- 2. SEEMANN - TENGERÉSZ
- 4. KÜSTE - TENGERPART
- 7. FREUND - BARÁT
- 9. ÄRMSTEN - LEGSZEGÉNYEBB
- 12. JUWELIER - ÉKSZERÉSZ
- 13. MANN - FÉRFI

Down

- 1. JUNG - FIATAL
- 3. INSEL - SZIGET
- 5. GESEGELT - VITORLÁZOTT
- 6. AUSSÄTZIGE - LEPRÁS
- 8. FOLGEN - KÖVESSE
- 10. LEHRER - TANÁR
- 11. MENSCHEN - EMBEREK