

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL – The San Lorenzo Ruiz Knights of Columbus Council #11429 pancake breakfast is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Sunday, September 21** at St. Joseph Parish Hall on the corner of Broadway Avenue and 8th Street East in Saskatoon. Adults: \$10; Children 5-15 years: \$5, Family \$35.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The CWL Clothing Depot is always in need of volunteers who would be willing to help on the floor during store hours. This is only a three-hour commitment, 12 noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and/or 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the store located on the lower level of the Friendship Inn building, 619-20th Street West, Saskatoon. Your much-needed support as a volunteer would contribute to the continued operation of the non-profit CWL Clothing Depot where you would be warmly welcomed, much appreciated and part of a great service the depot provides to financially challenged members of our community. Volunteers do not have to be CWL members, and can be men or women. Call Bea at (306) 242-5042 for more information.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **WELCOME BACK PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on **Sunday, October 5th** in the St. Francis Welcoming Area following Mass. Cost of the breakfast to you will be by your very generous donation.

SASKATOON PREGNANCY OPTIONS AND SUPPORT CENTRE FALL GALA will be held **Friday, Sept. 26** at Prairieland Park Hall A, 503 Ruth Street, Saskatoon (doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6:15 p.m.). Get tickets before Sept. 22 online at: <https://shop.authentigate.ca/store/prairieland/1348> or for more information about this fund-raising gala dinner and silent auction, please e-mail: contact@sasktoonpregnancyoptions.com.

	March	April	May	June	July	August
Collections	\$18,821.40	\$5,795.40	\$5,691.90	\$6719.30	\$7,275.00	\$5,356.60
Diocesan Collections	\$0.00	\$1,045.80	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Miscellaneous	\$214.45	\$91.40	\$93.50	\$2,248.71	\$38.15	\$11,560.54
Reimbursements	\$2,225.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Collections	\$21,261.56	\$6,932.60	\$5,920.40	\$9,093.07	\$7,313.15	\$16,957.14

Total Collections for Jan—Aug 2025	\$56,914.55	If you have any questions regarding the financial information, please email Ryan at rnbaker@rcdos.ca
Total Income for Jan—Aug 2025	\$81,039.87	
Total Expenses for Jan—Aug 2025	\$80,205.03	
Operating Profit for Jan-Aug 2025	\$834.84	



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MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
“A welcoming community, empowered by baptism, committed to the Gospel”

<i>Sacrament of Penance:</i>	30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
<i>Weekday Liturgies:</i>	Wednesdays at 9:00am (except 3rd Wednesday of the month: Adoration and Confession at 5:30pm and Mass at 6:30pm)
<i>Eucharistic Liturgies:</i>	Sundays at 9:00am

24nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 14, 2025

Ministries for September 21, 2025

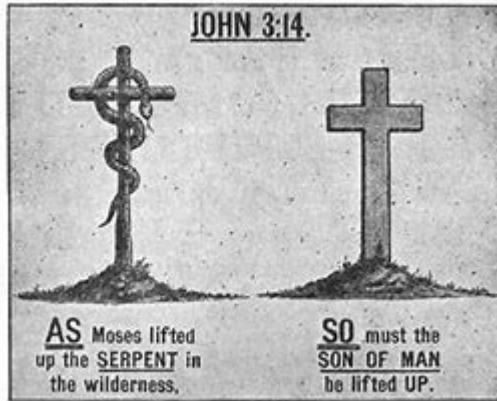
Sacristan & EMHC	Arlene Hodges, Rosalyn Kohle June Furmanic
Proclaimers of the Word	Keegan Barker & James Couture
Prayers of the Faithful	Karen Omelan-Davis
Altar Servers	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle
Cross Bearer	Gawain Koshinsky
Gift Bearers	Barker Family
Welcomers	Jo-Anne Lund & Marilyn Kowalski

READINGS FOR THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Amos 8:4-7:** The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done.
- 1 Timothy 2:1-8:** I ask that ... prayers ... be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life.
- Luke 16:1-13:** The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.

EMBRACE THE CROSS

By: Paige Byrne Shortal



One of my most privileged moments in the Church year is when I witness the embrace of the cross on Good Friday. Old and young, vigorous and lame, all come forward—young parents with their babies, elders, the successful, and the beaten down. And they kneel or genuflect or kiss or touch or bow to the cross presented to them.

Everyone suffers. Everyone dies. Everyone lives with loss and fear of loss. What makes suffering Christian? What makes it redemptive? What makes the cross we embrace the cross of Jesus? There were three crosses

on Calvary that dark day. There were crosses everywhere in the Roman Empire. It was how the state executed those who posed a threat.

I think the answer has something to do with “embrace.” When we finally say “yes” to our suffering—to the loss, no matter how great—there is room for God to heal and mend and bring back to life.

Our cross becomes one with the cross of Jesus when we can say with him, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). To join our cross with the cross of Jesus, we must forgive whoever it is we blame for our suffering—even if that blame is heaped upon ourselves or on God.

Such forgiveness doesn’t come easily. Perhaps that is why Jesus followed the Spirit out into the desert: to be ready—not for the ordeal of the cross, but for the ordeal of forgiveness.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER encourages a scent free atmosphere for the comfort of those with sensitivities and allergies to perfumes. We ask that parishioners refrain from wearing products with fragrances to mass.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: For the foreseeable future, Ryan will be in the parish office Thursdays from 8:00am until 3:00pm.

E-TRANSFERS: Should you wish to donate to St. Francis Xavier Parish by using E-transfers, please use the following instructions:

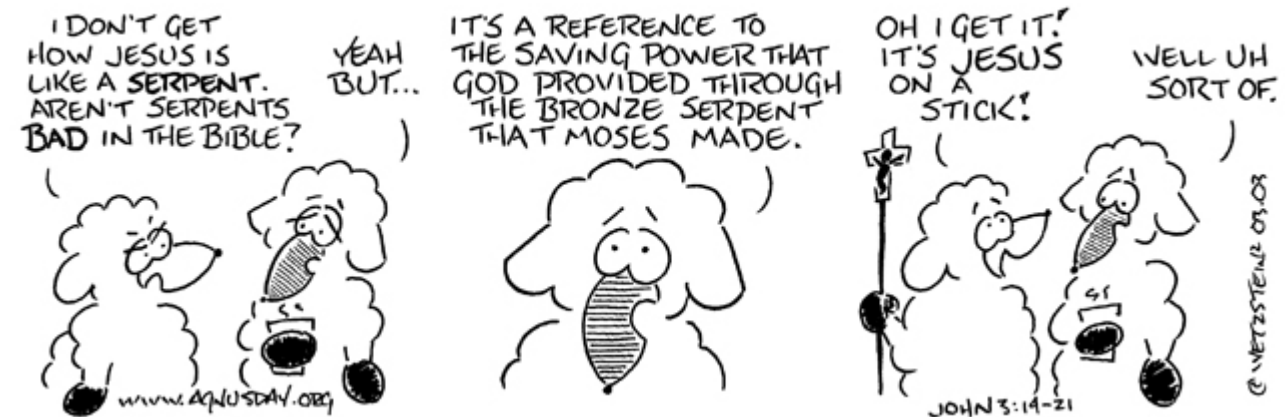
1. Send an e-transfer using the following e-mail: sfxsaskatoon@rcdos.ca
2. Use the following question: What is the name of our favorite shrub? The answer is willow.
3. If you wish to use your own questions, please send an email to rnbaker@rcdos.ca with the answer. Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

K OF C CHARITY APPEAL TICKETS: Starting June 8, Ron Ritz will be selling K of C Charity Appeal Tickets after Mass. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$10.00 for a booklet. For more information, please see Ron Ritz.

Fr. Hoang will be away until the end of September for holidays. We will still have Sunday morning Mass as usual, but there will be no Wednesday morning Masses or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in September.

St. Francis Xavier has resumed holding **MASS AT SUNNYSIDE CARE CENTRE** on St. Henry Avenue on the **second Thursday of every month at 2:00 pm**. The next Mass is scheduled for **October 9, 2025**. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the mass. Volunteers would serve as lectors and music ministers amongst other duties. If you are interested in volunteering or participating, please speak to Fr. Hoang or Jo-Anne Lund for details. All are welcomed to attend.

As many of the volunteers in the different ministries are away during the month of September, it won’t be possible to offer coffee after Mass during the month of September unless there are additional volunteers. If you are able to help out during the month of September, please talk to June Furmanic.



A **PARISH TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE (TRC) GATHERING** will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Bishop Klein Room of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. A meal will be provided for participants at no cost. These ongoing gatherings are for parishes who have, are beginning, or would like to increase networks with other parishes to advance TRC efforts. For smaller parishes that may not have the capacity to create a TRC committee, the event is an opportunity to draw attention available opportunities to join the church in this historic journey. To assist with meal planning, please register before Sept. 22 online at: <https://form.jotform.com/252118673131249> or for more information, contact Myron Rogal at (306) 659-5841 or mrogal@rcdos.ca. (Office of Justice and Peace is supported by the BAA.)