

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH 2026

THE
**FRIDAY
CRUSADER**



ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL
414 Michigan Street, Petoskey, MI. 49770
School Office: 231.348.2360

REMINDERS

6/10 - Last day of school

6/22 - Vacation Bible School Week

Congratulations!



We take immense pride in this year's 8th grade class. We pray that your faith will guide you through all the years ahead. You will be missed!



SFX Church bulletin for June 7th

Lunch Menu for June found [HERE!](#)

Coming Up - Important Dates and Events!

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi - Sunday, June 7th at 10am mass

This beautiful celebration is a public witness of faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist - His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Following the conclusion of the 10a mass on June 7th, the Blessed Sacrament will be carried in procession from the church through the streets to Pennsylvania Park and back to the church. The faithful will follow in prayer, song, and devotion to our Eucharistic Lord. The procession will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. All parishioners and visitors are encouraged to participate in this beautiful expression of our Catholic faith. The Corpus Christi procession reminds us of the Church's mission to bring Christ into the world.

Swift Field for grades K-2 - June 9th

This is a fun field trip for the our K-2 students! They can play on the playground, play soccer / baseball / kickball....it's a FUN day. Parents are welcome to join us!

LAST Day of School - June 10th

We will celebrate the children's mass at 8:30am; there will be a middle school awards ceremony immediately following mass. Kids will be dismissed at 11:40am. Enjoy your summer!!!

Vacation Bible School - Mark your Calendars! Week of June 22nd

Join us for a week of bible school at St Francis Xavier Parish, taking place the week of June 22nd. Each day will begin with mass at 8:30am with programming and supervision to follow from 9:30-11:30am. After mass, children will partake in activities, games, and lessons focused on the love of Christ....explored through the

adventure of outer space! We are excited to welcome two sisters from the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, who will help lead and inspire our young participants throughout the week. VBS is open to children entering kindergarten through 5th grade. It's a wonderful opportunity for kids to grow in faith, build friendships and discover the beauty of God's creation. We hope your kids will attend!

SFX Parish Picnic.- Sunday, August 2, 2026 4-6pm

Fun activities for all ages - we hope to see you there! Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided; please bring a dish to share based on your last name:

*A-L: bring a dessert

*M-Z: bring a side dish

CORPUS CHRISTI

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

- Established in **1246** by **BISHOP ROBERT DE THORTE OF LIEGE**
- as suggested by **ST. JULIANA OF MONT CARVILLON**
- made **UNIVERSAL** by **POPE URBAN** in **1264**



It was **POPE JOHN PAUL II** who took the annual Corpus Christi procession from St. Peter's Square **TO THE STREETS OF ROME.**

NO OTHER FEAST RECEIVES AS MUCH ATTENTION IN **CANON LAW**

as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The document prescribes *"... a procession through the streets is to be held, especially on the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, as a public witness of veneration of the Blessed Eucharist."*



THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI IS ONE OF

5 OCCASIONS IN THE YEAR on which a **BISHOP** cannot be away from his diocese unless for a grave and urgent reason.

It celebrates the tradition and belief in the body and blood of **JESUS CHRIST** and **HIS REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST.**

Numerous Eucharistic **MIRACLES**, where the host transformed into real blood and flesh, have occurred throughout the centuries and until remain unexplained by science.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We still have yearbooks available! They are \$30/each and are available in the school office. **Yearbook signing will take place on June 8th at 2:45p** on the school playground blacktop.

Protect Young Eyes - SFX has partnered with Protect Young Eyes to bring awareness to parents for creating safer digital spaces for our children. In prior years we have had Chris McKenna talk with our students about digital safety, and lead parent talks. I strongly encourage parents to subscribe to the PYE monthly newsletter. *Click the link below to read the June 2026 edition of PYE Download and subscribe to have the newsletter sent to your inbox each month.* There is great guidance in each newsletter for parents to bring attention to the latest in internet dangers, providing additional resources, and highlighting digital safety features to protect your child.

<https://protectyouneyes.kit.com/posts/pye-download-june-2026>

The LAST day of school is on Wednesday, June 10th - dismissal is at 11:40AM.

PTO & GALA UPDATES

We had our last PTO meeting of the year on Monday. We will be providing lunch to our teachers on Monday, June 8th. Thank you to ALL volunteers and donors who made this such a successful school year for the PTO. We look forward to next year!

OTHER HAPPENINGS....

Field Day was SUCH a fun day! Some of the activities included kickball, relay, sprints, soccer, golf, capture the flag, and a water balloon toss. It was a beautiful day. THANK YOU to Mr Ralph (and his wife and mother) and ALL of our parent volunteers for making this the best field day YET!





FIELD DAY
2026









On Tuesday, the 4th graders were at The Little Traverse History Museum for "One Room SchoolHouse". They had been preparing for this day for months! Each student needed to memorize and recite a poem and bible verse. They also had a spelling bee, Catechism bee, and math flashcards bee. It was a busy day full of old fashioned outfits and they even had a visit from "Mrs Cushman" to learn about the history of Petoskey!







Eight years ago the students and teachers created an award to honor the passing of our friend, Samuel Myers. Each year we honor a student who reminds us of Samuel. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Santiago Morado.



Thursday was "Revolutionary Days" for the 5th grade! The assembly room was transformed into a small city and students were required to choose an occupation; we had soldiers, seamstresses, apothecaries, potters, and more!





Messa



Congratulations to our 8th grade students who graduated on Thursday evening - we celebrated with a beautiful mass followed by a reception. Congrats to Shain Mahaney for winning the Joseph R. M. Smith Award and Gavin Jeffers for winning the Guardian Angel Award. "Though they are small, they are mighty"





Joseph R. M. Smith Award
The Joseph R. M. Smith Award was established in honor of "the" Smith by the General Conference of the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1967. The award is presented annually to the first athlete of the season who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, sportsmanship, and a good attitude and a good friend to all. It will always be presented to the winner of the award.

Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient
1967	Michael A. ...	2012	Michael ...
1968	...	2013	...
1969	...	2014	...
1970	...	2015	...
1971	...	2016	...
1972	...	2017	...
1973	...	2018	...
1974	...	2019	...
1975	...	2020	...
1976	...	2021	...
1977	...	2022	...



We wrapped up the week with downtown flower planting on Friday! Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped plant flowers with our students.







Diocese of Gaylord Transition Diaconate Ordination for Jake Belanger

Seminarian Christopher “Jake” Belanger, is being ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at St. Mary’s Cathedral on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Reception to follow. All in the diocese are welcome to attend this joyous occasion!

Jake joined us at St. Francis Xavier a few weeks ago and has been able to visit classrooms and is getting to know our school and parish community. He will continue to serve at St. Francis Xavier through the summer as a deacon.

Young men in 6th grade through young adulthood are welcome to join for a special discernment breakfast at 8:30 AM before the Ordination Mass at 11 AM. The breakfast will be held at BJ’s Catering in Gaylord (990 N Center Ave, Gaylord, MI 49735). Please register yourself or your child to attend this breakfast using the link below.

<https://gaylordvocations.org/upcoming-events/jakeordination/>

PETOSKEY GIRLS BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 15-18, 2026

3rd-8th Graders (2026-2027)

Instructed by Petoskey High School players and coaches, the *combined* basketball and volleyball camp will include drills, activities and games that teach the basics of basketball and volleyball.

The cost for the combined camp is \$150/participant.

The cost for one camp is \$85/participant.

Cash & Check collected on-site.

3rd-5th Grade: 9-11:10 Basketball; 11:50-2:00 Volleyball

11:15-11:45 Supervised Lunch for All-Day Campers

6th-8th Grade: 9-11:10 Volleyball; 11:50-2:00 Basketball

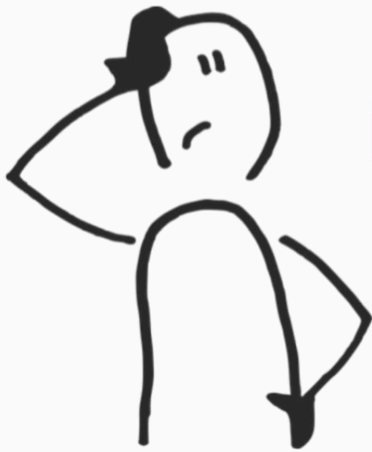


Register using the QR
code or at this link:
bit.ly/bbvbcamp26



Register for Basketball/Volleyball camp [HERE!](#)

The RaiseRight program will continue throughout the summer! Cards will be available for purchase at the parish office or online. Check out the information below!



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END-OF-THE-YEAR GIFTS?**

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"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

Psalm 19:1

COME CELEBRATE GOD'S CREATION THROUGH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 22-25

HOSTED BY ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH!

Mass at 8:30

Families encouraged to join!

Activities for kids

9:30-11:30

FOR CHILDREN CURRENTLY IN
KINDERGARTEN — 5th GRADE!



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Summer FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

AT
+
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH



JOIN US THE
FOURTH THURSDAY
OF JUNE, JULY AND AUG.
2026



6:00 PM
IN THE
PARISH HALL

★ MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ★

THURSDAY
JUNE 25,
2026



THURSDAY
JULY 23,
2026



THURSDAY
AUG. 27,
2026



POPCORN AND DRINKS
WILL BE SERVED!



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THE PARISH HALL

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and summer fun! ★

Save the Date!
= ST. FRANCIS XAVIER =
COMMUNITY
Potluck & Picnic

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN!



**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 2, 2026**



4:00–6:00 PM



PLAYGROUND

(In case of rain, we'll move to the parish hall.)

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE
BASED ON YOUR LAST NAME:

**A–L:
BRING A DESSERT**



**M–Z:
BRING A SIDE DISH**



**HOT DOGS AND
HAMBURGERS
WILL BE
PROVIDED!**



**FUN ACTIVITIES
= FOR ALL AGES! =**

We hope to see you there! ❤️



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AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD



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