

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Kris Schmidt Deacon: Dcn. Douglas Tien



December 2024

Welcome Home!

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sunday @ 9:00 am

Sunday @ 11:00 am

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Wednesday: 8:30am-2:00pm

Thursday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

(office closed 12:00-1:00pm for lunch)

Parish Office Staff

Admin Assistants: Judy S. - Ext. 5

Koreen C. - Ext. 5

Monica S - Ext. 5

Bookkeeper:

Rose B. - Ext. 6

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: DEC 25- JAN 1

Weekday Masses at St. FX Church

Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

(no Mass on 1st Tuesday of each month)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday @ 9 am

Adoration

1st Friday following Mass until 7pm

Remaining Fridays: 9:30am—10:30am

Confession

By Appointment at Any Time

Tuesdays 6:00pm-6:30pm (except 1st Tues.)

During Adoration:

*1st Friday 9:30am-Noon and 6-7pm

Remaining Fridays: 9:30am-10:30am

Fr. Kris's Homilies & Vlogs



<https://soundcloud.com/frkrisschmidt>

<https://www.youtube.com/grandinmedia>

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Toll-free: 1-844-469-1010

Online News & Information Sources:



CAEDM WEBSITE:
<https://caedm.ca>



WINDOW NEWSLETTER:
<https://caedm.ca/window>

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call emergency number ASAP anytime;

DAY OR NIGHT

Fr. Kris 780-995-3930

HOMEBOUND ROMAN CATHOLICS



If you or someone you know does not have the ability to come to mass and would still like to receive the Eucharist, please call St. Francis Xavier parish office at 780.672.1131

or email

StFrancisXavier.Camrose@caedm.ca

We now have volunteers bringing communion regularly to the sick and shut-ins of our community.

God bless.

NEW PARISHIONERS ...



Registration forms are available at the Parish Office during office hours. Contact information can be found on the front of this Bulletin (above).

We look forward to meeting you!



Keep in touch with us via email & text.
Text "Camrose" to 514-900-0130 to sign up

Marriages: Please contact Fr. Kris Schmidt at least **1 year** prior to the marriage date.

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office for information on Baptisms & Baptism Preparation

CWL: Please contact Connie Prost, CWL President at (780) 672-8905 or via Email: connie_prost@hotmail.com

K of C: Please contact James Kohlman, Grand Knight at (587)322-8455 or via Email: jfkohlman56@gmail.com

Thank you to all our Volunteers!

Your Gifts of Talent, Treasure, and Time are Greatly appreciated by all!

Stay Tuned for Updates on Future Called-to-Protect Sessions, for those who are still needing to take this Course.

HOLIDAY HOURS

PARISH OFFICE:

- Closes at Noon on Christmas Eve (Dec.24)
- Closed between Christmas Day & New Year's day (Dec 25-Jan1) **Inclusive**

The office will re-open on January 2

NO DAILY MASS ON:

December 26 or 27



Donations for 2024 tax receipts are due by Friday December 20
Time is required to process donations

If you have any questions please contact Rose at the Parish Office: (780) 672-1131

POINSETTIAS

Christmas is approaching & soon our church will be filled with faith, hope, joy, love & poinsettias! The Arts & Environment committee is asking for donations to help cover the cost of the flowers & other décor for the season. Donations can be made in memory of a loved one who has passed away. Names will be compiled & published in an upcoming bulletin.



2025 DONATION ENVELOPES:

In the Gallery (main hallway)

CWL Christmas Cookie Walk

December 14 and 15 
Following Weekend Masses

6 cookies for \$2.50
Choose as many as you wish!

Cookies will be pre-packaged to reduce handling.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ...

KofC Regular Meeting:

- December 11 @ 7:30 pm



KofC Breakfast:

- December 15 8:30am- 12:30pm





CWL News ...

No executive meeting in December

Regular Meeting: January 7th, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. in the hall

Christmas Events:

- Philipino Special Supper December 3rd, 2024 (must register) 
- Cookie Walk December 14 & 15 after each weekend Mass
Please bring 3 dozen cookies with 6 in each plastic bag and leave in kitchen Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning. Having ingredients listed would be helpful as well as mark if gluten free. 

Christmas wishes from CWL Council and may you be blessed with a happy and prosperous 2025!

MARY'S LAMBS
Christmas Pageant
 December 22 after the 9am Mass.



ICY CONDITIONS
 Please use caution
 when walking in the parking lot
 and on the sidewalks.

We are doing our best to keep up!



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
 ADVENT
PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION
 December 5
 6:30 pm

More Christmas Gift Ideas:

If you are looking for something to give to a friend, neighbor, teacher, family member, etc, we just might have something for you! Various items for sale in the Church office! Eg's: jewelry, kitchen wares, craft kits, tools, wheat bags & more!
 By donation. Few items have a minimum price, but most do not.
All proceeds go to SFX Church Building Fund.

Come check them out during office hours!

GROCERY & GAS GIFT CARDS
 Still available at the church during office hours.
 A portion from each purchase goes towards supporting the Church!
\$100.00: Superstore, Co-op, & Safeway/Sobeys
WOULD MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!!!

For Tip-Tap Tax Receipts:

SCAN TO REQUEST TAX RECEIPT

! All donations for 2024 tax receipts are due by December 20/24

ST FRANCIS XAVIER FINANCIAL REPORT						
	Cost of Operating The Parish		Building Fund Target Amount—Interest Only		Together We Serve Target Amount	
Average month Amount required (based on 2024 budget)	\$41,850.00		\$32,500.00		\$2,417.00	
Donations this month	SEPT.	OCT.	SEPT.	OCT.	SEPT.	OCT.
	\$42,038.00	\$37,771.00	\$21,234.00	\$17,270.00	\$2,395.00	\$2,495.00
This months surplus/shortfall	\$188.00	-\$4,079.00	-\$11,266.00	-\$15,230.00	-\$22.00	\$78.00



A humble & heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who has continued to support the financial needs of the parish With POP, PayPal, TipTap, and E-transfers (please use: sfx.etransfer@caedm.ca) or by bringing your Sunday Giving Envelopes to the church.

Congratulations to all the Children who Celebrated their First Reconciliation on November 30!



Thank You!

We had a tremendous response to the bottle drive and BBQ held on September 14! We raised \$3424.80

Thank you to all the volunteers for helping out that day!

**NEXT BOTTLE DRIVE:
JANUARY 11, 2025!**

SATURDAY - January 11

Winter

BOTTLE DRIVE 11AM TO 3PM

CHILI SUPPER 5:30 PM

**Advance: \$10/Person
At Door: \$15/Person
6 yrs. & under FREE**

(200 tickets available)

Purchase tickets at the Parish Office or online at <https://stfxcamrose.caedm.ca/shop>

Ticket Sales Begin: December 10th

Meal Includes:

Chili / Caesar Salad / Garlic Bread / Dessert
Coffee / Tea

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
PARKING LOT & PARISH HALL**

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Friday December 20th

St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall

Doors Open: 5:00 PM Dinner: 5:30 PM Concert: 7:00 PM

Ticket includes Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, followed by a Christmas concert performed by the Battle River Big Band

Tickets: \$60.00 per person or \$420.00 per table of 8

Available at the parish office (780-672-1131), or online through St. Francis Xavier Online Store



Scan QR Code or visit stfxcamrose.caedm.ca/shop

The Battle River Big Band is an 18 piece band formed in 2015 and has performed at the Jeanne & Peter Loughheed Centre, the Bailey Theatre, the Wetaskiwin United Church, the Wetaskiwin Mission Church and the Manluk Theatre. Made up of musicians from the Battle River area, they perform a variety of classics, Latin and contemporary music to match the theme of the event.

Come for a great meal, stay for some great music!

THANK YOU

Another successful, delicious Fall Supper has come & gone. It takes quite a team to make this event happen! A huge thank you to all the many volunteers that planned, prepared, cooked, set up & cleaned up. Also, to everyone that came to support our event thru the supper or silent auction. It was a huge success & we raised

\$12,240.68!

See you next year!

STILL AVAILABLE!

**Sunday Missals:
\$5.00**

**Sunday Missal
for Young Catholics:
\$10.00**



Available at the Parish Office

Thank You

to Burgar Funeral Home and the Knights of Columbus
for sponsoring the 2025 Calendars!

Available in the Gallery and Parish Office

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY
COFFEE AND
FELLOWSHIP

THERE'S SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE!

All are
Welcome!

Mary's Lambs

Pre-k - Grade 2

Catholic Kid's Club

Grades 3 & up

Youth Room

Grades 5 - 12

Beginning Sundays
in October

ALL BETWEEN
9AM AND 11AM
MASSES!

YOU ARE INVITED

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

THURSDAYS
AFTER MORNING MASS

"Women of the Church"
by Bronwen McShea

Women of all ages are welcome

Children welcome,
distractions expected

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Anne
driverfam2.0@gmail.com
Text: (780) 270-0821



Thank you

To all who attended the

Autumn CHURCH Paint Party!

I Hope Everyone had a lot of fun painting
to raise money for the Church!

A special thanks to Richelle and
Denise for all your hard work in
making this evening a success!

*I Canvas believe how great all the paintings looked!
They were Easel-y the best paintings I've seen in a while!*

St. Francis Xavier YOUNG ADULT Group

Ages 18 - 35

Married, single, student, parent... all are welcome!

Socials, community, faith-based
discussions, catechesis and more!

First Friday and third Tuesday of every month @7-9pm

Text "Camrose" to 514-900-0130 and sign up under "Young Adult"
to stay up to date

You are invited to sing with the SOLEMN MASS CHOIR

First and Third Sundays of the Month



December 15, January 5 and 19

Choir Practice, Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.

December 4, 11

January 8, 15, 22, 29

call/text Sandra at 780-678-9443

Everyone is Welcome!

The Catholic Renewal Services of the Archdiocese of Edmonton is hosting
their next **Mass with Healing Service** on **Saturday Dec. 21**
6:30 pm start, with Fr. Matthew Hysell presiding.

At **St. Emeric's Hungarian Catholic Church (12960-112 St NW, Edmonton)**

Reconciliation with Fr. Matthew will be available between 3:30-5:00pm

Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life, he who comes to Me will not hunger and he who believes in Me will never
thirst." John 6:35

www.crsedmonton.ca/events



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th

Christmas Eve: Nativity of the Lord

7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 12 Midnight

December 25th

Christmas Day: Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am

December 31st

New Year's Eve: Mary, The Holy Mother of God

4:00 pm

January 1st

New Year's Day: Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00 am, 11:00 am

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00 am Mass Feast of St. Francis Xavier 1st SUNDAY of ADVENT	2  4:00 pm Adult Chr Practice 7:00 pm CWL Regular Meeting	3 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Centering Prayer 4:30 pm MYCAH Practice 6:00 pm Maria Practice 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee Mtg 7:00 pm Solemn Mass Chr Practice	4 9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Divine Mercy 10:00 am Woman's Book Club 5:30 pm SETH Practice 6:30 pm RCIA 6:30 pm Penitential Service	5 9:00 am Mass Confession till Noon Adoration 9:00 am - 7:00 pm Confession 6-7 pm 7:00 pm Young Adults	6 3:00 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass	7
8 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Youth Programs 11:00 am Mass	9 4:00 pm Adult Chr Practice 6:00 pm Confession 6:30 pm Mass	10 9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Providence Associates 10:00 am Centering Prayer 10:30 am Mass @ RoseAlta 4:30 pm MYCAH Practice 6:00 pm Maria Practice 7:00 pm Solemn Mass Chr Practice 7:30 pm K of C Meeting	11 9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Divine Mercy 10:00 am Woman's Book Club 5:30 pm SETH Practice 6:30 pm RCIA	12 9:00 am Mass 9:30-10:30 am Adoration/Confession 1:00 pm Mass @ St Mary's Hospital CWL Cookie Walk	13 3:00 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass	14
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22 9:00 am Mass Mary's Lambs Nativity Play 10:00 am Youth Programs 11:00 am Mass	23 CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL 12PM NOON 9:00 am Mass CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00 pm Mass 9:00 pm Mass Midnight Mass	24  CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 am Mass (Church Office Closed)	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 am Mass (Church Office Closed)	26 OFFICE CLOSED (will re-open January 2, 2025) (No Mass Today)	27 3:00 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass	28
29 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Youth Programs 11:00 am Mass	30 OFFICE CLOSED (will re-open Jan2/25) NEW YEAR'S EVE 4:00 pm Mass	31 2025! NEW YEAR'S DAY 9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	December 2024			

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