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**FRANCIS XAVIER**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

August 3rd, 2025

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my  
hope. Let me never be confounded.*  
- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Our Lord in the unjust steward has placed before us an example of the manner in which the children of the world act, and in it, has shown their wisdom “in their generation,” that is to say, in their mutual intercourse. The steward wisely sought to employ the time which yet remained of his stewardship in making rapid use of his authority to further his own interests. And so, in general, the children of this world are wiser in their worldly affairs and more astute in the advancement of their own interests than are the children of light in what they have before all things to do and to provide for, namely, the things of the kingdom of God, the things that refer to God’s honor and their own eternal salvation.

The wicked provide in a wiser and more far-seeing manner for the temporal than do the good for the eternal.... In this general proposition there was at the same time included an appeal for the exercise of prudence. For all the disciples could easily understand that the good should not allow themselves to be outdone by the wicked in providing for their true interests. Christ then added a second admonition, one which should explain more distinctly the application of that prudence with regard to the example which had been related: “And I say to you: Make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity; that when you shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings.”



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## The Fool's Vanity: Reflection on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Trust in God—as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus.

Like the Israelites we recall in this week's Psalm Response, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God's goodness at Meribah and Massah.

We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest.

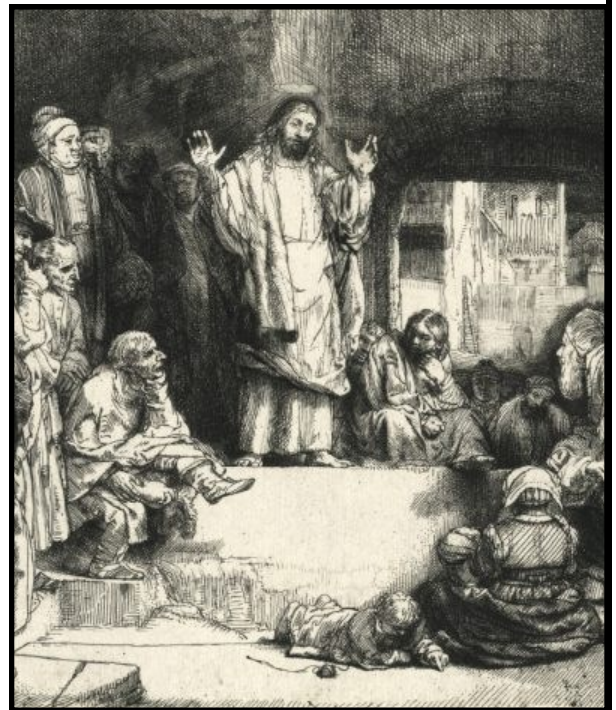
All this is “vanity of vanities,” a false and deadly way of living, as this week's First Reading tells us.

This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week's Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision. That's why Paul calls greed “idolatry” in the Epistle this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker (see Romans 1:25).

Jesus calls the rich man a “fool”—a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (see Psalm 14:1).

We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment—this night even—demand it back from us.

*Scott Hahn*



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Bella Mally, Jim Moore, Jane Soars, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes,, Mildred Crawford, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

#### Saturday

3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**)

4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

#### Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass,  
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

9:00am – Holy Mass (**St. Patrick**)

11:00am – Holy Mass,  
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact the parish office by email to arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral, or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your intention, please email the office or leave your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH

5:30pm Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

8:00am Mass *Brian Hart*

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Robert Taylor*

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH

8:00am Mass *Melissa Hart*

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH

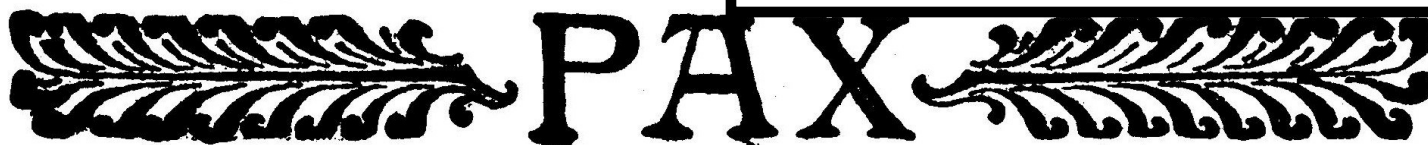
3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*



## Seven Sisters Apostolate

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the "Seven Sisters Apostolate." This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week. If you are interested, please contact Patty Parra at **(509) 362-8646**

## Women of St Francis Xavier

In an effort to cultivate more community at St Francis Xavier, the women of the parish have formed the group: the "Women of St X".

All women - retired, widowed, single and married - are invited to join.

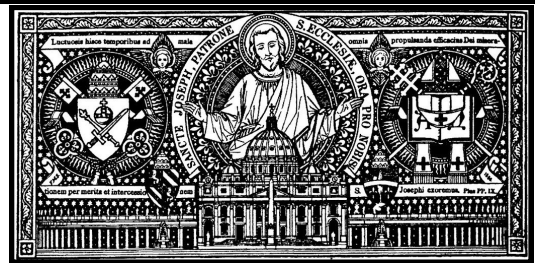
### Activities and volunteer possibilities include:

- Contributing to food prep for after mass socials during the warm months
  - Organizing parish picnics + potlucks
- Organizing + providing food for catechesis nights for children and adults
  - Formation of Bible studies + small groups
  - Corporal works of mercy for the sick and elderly
  - Other misc. needs of the parish

If you are interested in taking an active role in creating a vibrant parish community, please email **women.of.st.x@gmail.com**.



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The exhortation was addressed especially to those among the disciples who had control of the riches of this world. Many commentators are of the opinion that the words were spoken to the converted publicans in particular, although the general instruction is not to be limited to these exclusively. Everyone should employ his wealth in making friends for eternity, and thus make better provision for one's future than this steward did. In what way this is to be done our Lord does not state more explicitly. The majority of commentators, however, rightly understand the words as applying to the employment of earthly riches for purposes good and pleasing to God, whether in almsgiving, or by helping to maintain and to propagate the Faith, or by supporting other religious works.

*Commentary from The Parables of the Gospel by Leopold Fonck, S.J. (1865-1930).*

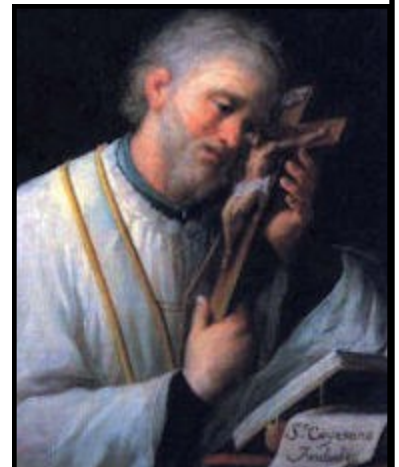
### **St. Cajetan, Priest August 7th**

St. Cajetan came into the world in 1480. Entering the ecclesiastical state, he went to Rome, hoping there to lead an obscure life, but Pope Julius II forced upon him the office protonotary apostolic. Upon the death of this Pope, however, he resigned the office and returned to Vicenza, his native city.

Both in Rome and in Vicenza, the Saint devoted himself as a member of pious confraternities to promoting the glory of God and the salvation of souls. After some time he went to Venice and took up his abode in the hospital of that city. Having returned to Rome, he formed the idea of founding a society in which the members would endeavor to live like the Apostles of old. His companions in this enterprise were John Peter Caraffa, afterward Pope Paul IV., Paul Consiglieri, and Boniface de Colle. Thus began the Order of Regular Clerics, now known as Theatines. It was approved by Clement VII in 1524.

During the sack of Rome by the Constable de Bourbon, St. Cajetan was most cruelly treated. In 1530, he succeeded Caraffa as General of the Order and filled the office three years. In spite of his numerous occupations the Saint spent many hours of the day in prayer and was often favored with extraordinary ecstasies. Worn out by labors, he died in at Naples, on August 7, 1547, and was canonized in 1671 by Pope Clement X.

PRAYER: You enabled St. Cajetan, Your priest, to lead an apostolic life. Through his example and intercession, help us always to trust in You and seek Your Kingdom unceasingly. Amen.



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