





St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Easter Sunday ~ March 31, 2024



Monday 4/1	Tuesday 4/2	Wednesday 4/3	Thursday 4/4	Friday 4/5	Saturday 4/6	Sunday 4/7
Parish Office Closed	4:00 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SFX Mass Faith Formation 6:30 PM Grades 6-10	9:00 AM SJB Mass	8:00 AM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SFX Reconciliation 3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation 4:00 PM SFX Mass	7:30 AM SFX Mass 9:00 AM SFX Mass 11:00 AM SJB Mass 3:00 PM SFX Divine Mercy Sunday - confessions— potluck
						

SJB NEWS

Our last pancake breakfast and bake sale of the 2024 season is set for Sunday, April 14th. Sign up sheets are in the back of church for donations for the breakfast. We are also asking for any baked goods you would like to add to our bake sale. Volunteers are always welcome. We hope you save the date and join us.

SFX school students will be joining us for Mass on Thursday, April 18 at 9:00 AM. Come and see how excited the students are to celebrate Mass with us!



Mass Intentions— Week of April 1, 2024

Monday : No Mass

Tuesday 5:00 PM: † Jean Folta

By: Family

Wednesday 9:00 AM: † Tom Hynes

By: Russ & Tracy Creel Family

Thursday (SJB) 9:00 AM: † Randy Hill

By: Mark & Jane Jahnke

Friday: 8:00 AM: † Debbie Neumeier

By: Cathy Neumeier

Saturday: 4:00 PM: † Mark Weix Sr.

By: Mark & Jane Jahnke

Sunday: 7:30 AM: † Mary Luterbach

By: Chuck & Deb Parks

9:00 AM: † Roy Drew

By: Family

11:00 AM (SJB): People of the parishes



Nine Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Please join us as we pray a Nine Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe which began on March 12 and continues until December 12, 2024. Led by Cardinal Burke, this novena is praying for the conversion of the hearts of millions in our world who have the same anxieties of over 500 years ago: wars in the Middle East, disease, and theological confusion. Prayer cards are in the back of church — please help yourself (it is never too late to begin the novena) or visit: <https://novena.coardinalburke.com/>

Christ Life Series Continues.....

SHARING CHRIST: Coming in early May, our Christ Life Series will continue with “Sharing Christ.” Sharing Christ is a seven week mission that trains Catholics to share Jesus Christ with others and invite them to be part of the Church. If you attended Discovering Christ and Following Christ, you will want to sign up for this next series. Dates and times will be posted soon.

DISCOVERING CHRIST: Coming in the fall of 2024 is Discovering Christ. This seven week session will invite you to hear the good news and personally encounter Jesus Christ.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday 5:00 PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday 5:00 AM-5:00 PM

Wednesday 6:00 AM-8:00 AM & 10:00 AM –9:00 PM

Thursday 12:00 PM-8:00 PM

Friday 5:00 AM-8:00 AM

Call Phil with questions on the Adoration Chapel:

715-409-0165



School Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets to support our school cash raffle. The winners are: \$1000 Nicholas Hoeft, \$500 Lorena Dura-Klos, \$200 Terrance Sukow, \$100 Connie Beilke, \$50 each to: Tammy Love, Alyssa Anderson, Abby Hannes, Michelle Krueger, Debra Calabrese and Deacon Jim Arndt. The profit made will be reported in next week’s newsletter.

The Bulletin Board

✠ Candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel burn this week for a **Special Intention**.

✠ **K of C Bag Tournament:** Everyone is invited on Saturday, April 6, to the Knights of Columbus "Bag Tournament" taking place at Les & Jim's. This fun event is replacing the ice fishing tournament that had to be cancelled this winter due to the mild conditions. Registration begins at 11:00 AM and the tournament begins at 12:00 PM. There will be many great raffle prizes including two \$500 GEISS meat certificates. You can come to the event and purchase raffle tickets without playing in the tournament. They can also be purchased this week at the parish office.

✠ **St. Vincent de Paul News:** Today as we celebrate the Feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others. *Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store? If interested call us at 715-539-1131.*

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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD-THANK YOU!

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Mar 23-24, 2024	Mar 25-26, 2023
Adult Envelopes	\$5395.00	\$5615.00
Loose	\$472.00	\$320.00
ACH giving	\$783.00	\$695.00
Rectory Repairs	<u>\$550.00</u>	<u>\$525.36</u>
TOTAL	\$7,200.00	\$7155.36
<u>St. John the Baptist</u>		
Adult Env. & Loose	\$909.00	\$646.00
SFX Catholic School	\$31.00	-0-

SFX BINGO

Our next BINGO night is Thursday, April 4! The doors open at 4:30 PM and the fun begins at 6:00 PM. We estimate our progressive jackpot to be \$3500.00! Please come early and join us for our famous taco/nacho bar, and dessert too! We hope to see you there.

Divine Mercy Sunday- April, 7, 2024

- ✠ Divine Mercy Novena 3:00 PM
- ✠ Special Music
- ✠ Confession beginning at 3:00 PM
- ✠ Potluck in the cafeteria 4:00 PM (Bring a dish to pass. The parish will provide coffee, milk, dinnerware, and the main course.



The promises of Divine Mercy Sunday:
The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

Please join us every day at 3:00 PM in the Church as we pray the Divine Mercy Novena, which began on Good Friday, and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed especially for the dying, but can be said anytime. The Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena, especially on the nine days before Divine Mercy Sunday. Please help yourself to a booklet in the entrance to church.

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Parish office hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM & Friday 8:30 AM- 12:00 PM