



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

St. John the Baptist Church



Newsletter ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent ~ March 12, 2023

Mission Statement: As a welcoming faith community centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to give glory to our Lord Jesus Christ through inspirational worship, faithful discipleship, and service to others.

Monday 3/13	Tuesday 3/14	Wednesday 3/15	Thursday 3/16	Friday 3/17	Saturday 3/18	Sunday 3/19
Fr. Maria's Day Off	4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM SFX Mass	8:15 AM SFX Reconciliation 9:00 AM SFX Mass <u>Faith Formation</u> SFX 5:30 PM Grades K-5 6:30 PM Grades 6-10 6:00 PM SFX Stations of the Cross	9:00 AM SJB Mass	8:00 AM SFX Mass 8:45 AM SFX Stations of the Cross 4:30-7:00 PM SFX Fish Fry	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 7:00 PM SFX "Meditations of the Cross"

Meditations of the Cross

By: Fr. Jim Horath

Please join us this Lent as Fr. Jim Horath presents "Meditations of the Cross." Fr. Jim, former pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish, is now retired. Fr. Jim's presentations focus on "Words to the Cross" and "Words from the Cross."

You do not need to come to all of the talks, but we highly recommend it. The talks will be held in the Church at 7:00 PM on these Sundays:

March 19 and March 26. (No presentation March 12)

Topics: "Do You Love Me?"

"What Will You Give Me?"

These presentations will be posted on our website as well. If you do not have a computer, the videos can be viewed at the parish office.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thank you to the Church Ladies, for their creative talents in showcasing the beautiful picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. If you haven't seen it, please stop by (right across from the restrooms in the church), and pick up some great information about this portrait, and a FREE rosary!

This week on FORMED

"Formed" is an online totally Catholic source for education and entertainment that our parishioners have a free subscription to! Simply visit www.formed.org and choose our parish. This week on Formed: "Say Yes To Christ: Allowing Jesus to be Lord of Your Whole Life", by Dr. Scott Hahn. Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.

Mass Intentions— Week of March 13, 2023

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday 5:00 PM: † Patricia Geiger

By: Husband & Children

Wednesday 9:00 AM: † Sigmund & Alice Tylenda

By: Tom Tylenda

Thursday (SJB) 9:00 AM: † Joyce St. Mary

By: Family

Friday: 8:00 AM: † Kathy Deau

By: Cohrs Family

Saturday: 4 PM: † John Turner

By: Family & Friends

Sunday: 7:30 AM: † Bosi Family

By: Family

9:00 AM: † Kathy Deau

By: Jan Perry

11:30 AM (SJB): People of the parishes



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday 2:00-7:00 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-7:00 AM



Confession & Adoration this Lent

Regular confession and adoration times are posted on our website. Additionally, we will have an extra evening of confession and adoration on Wednesday, March 29 beginning at 5:00 PM, ending after all confessions are heard. Multiple priests will be available to hear confessions. Please plan on attending.



The Bulletin Board

- † The candles in the Little Flower Adoration Chapel burn this week in loving memory of **Kathy Deau** and **Shirley & Jack Jahnke**.
- † The **“Church Ladies”** will be hitting the road with a visit to St. John the Baptist Church. Please join them for Mass on March 16th at 9:00 AM, and stay for coffee, conversation and fellowship! The Church Ladies is a group of women who gather monthly to focus on the needs of our parishioners and parish. Everyone is welcome.
- † If you do not receive Deacon Jim’s flocknotes, please call the parish office with your email address, or cell phone number. These weekly flocknotes not only contain copies of the weekly parish and school news letters, but other helpful information. This newsletter is also posted on our website. Limited copies are printed off for our parishioners who do not use computers or cell phones. Thank you!
- † Please join us for Stations of the Cross this Lent. The school children lead them at 8:45 AM on Friday, and Fr. Maria will lead them at 6:00 PM on Wednesday. You will want to save the date for the Living Stations of the Cross, presented by our school children on April 4th at 1:30 PM.
- † **International Priests Collection:** Our parish is blessed to be served by an international priest. Fr. Maria more than offers our faith community the gift to participate in the Eucharist. He offers us a glimpse of the universal nature of the Church, and a deeper understanding of what “Mission” means. Next weekend is our World Concern Collection. You have an opportunity to give back to Fr. Maria’s home diocese for sharing his vocation and priestly service with us. Feel free to use your green “World Concern Collection envelope. 100% of your donation will go to Fr. Maria’s home diocese, UNLESS you allocate differently on the envelope. God Bless your generosity.
- † School raffle tickets are available at the school, and church offices, our Friday Fish Fry, and the SCRIP table. They cost \$5.00/ticket and the top prize is \$1500! Purchase yours today!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD-THANK YOU!

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Mar 4-5, 2023	Mar 5-6, 2022
Adult Envelopes	\$5562.00	\$5365.00
Loose	\$452.00	\$254.00
ACH giving	\$4755.00	\$4815.00
Debt Relief	<u>\$1242.00</u>	<u>\$1138.00</u>
TOTAL	\$12,011.00	\$11,572.00
<u>St. John the Baptist</u>		
Adult Env. & Loose	\$925.00	\$646.00

BINGO!

Save the date for our next BINGO NIGHT: April 13th! Doors open at 5:00 PM with the games starting at 6:00 PM. We estimate the progressive jackpot to be \$3000.00!!! Plan on joining us for a great time.

St. John’s News

LOOKING AHEAD: This spring we will need assistance with our flower garden. Please come to an open discussion on our plans for our garden at St. John’s. We will meet after 11:00 AM Mass on April 16. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

Our parish is beginning to plan some fun summer events, including brining back the Summer Chicken Dinner. Please keep watching the newsletter to see how we need your help.

Fish Fry News

We served 722 dinners our third week of Fish Fries! Thank you to all our great volunteers. Our biggest need for next week is clean up and dish room help. Please call the parish office if you are available. Thank you.

SCRIP News

Earn up to 13% for our school while keeping up with the action of the NCAA basketball Tournament.

- Cheer on your teams while you grab a bite to eat at : Buffalo Wild Wings, Red Robin, Applebee’s
- Watch the games at home and order take out from: Pizza Hut, Hugo’s, Taco Bell, Arby’s, Ku’s
- Sport the look of your favorite team with: Nike, Adidas, Fanatics, Foot Locker.

Some stores need to be special ordered. Stop at a SCRIP table after Mass, or call the parish office.

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Parish office hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM and Friday 8:30 AM-Noon