



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

St. John the Baptist Church

Newsletter 2nd Sunday of Lent~March 5, 2023



Monday 3/6	Tuesday 3/7	Wednesday 3/8	Thursday 3/9	Friday 3/10	Saturday 3/11	Sunday 3/12
Fr. Maria's Day Off	10:00 AM SFX Church Ladies	8:15 AM SFX Reconciliation	9:00 AM SJB Mass	8:00 AM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SFX Reconciliation	7:30 AM SFX Mass
	4:30 PM Reconciliation	9:00 AM SFX Mass		8:45 AM Stations of the Cross	3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation	9:00 AM SFX Mass
	5:00 PM SFX Mass	<u>Faith Formation</u> SFX 5:30 PM Grades K-5 6:30 PM Grades 6-10		4:30-7:00 PM Fish Fries!	4:00 PM SFX Mass	11:00 AM SJB Mass Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale Follows
	5:00 PM SFX 2nd Grade Parent/student workshops	6:00 PM SFX Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM-7:30 PM Adoration in Church				

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 5, March 19 and March 26.

Topics: "Come Down Off the Cross"

"Do You Love Me?"

"What Will You Give Me?"

These presentations will be posted on our website as well.

Mass intentions- Week of March 5, 2023

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday 5:00 PM: † Eugene Neumeier

By: Cathy Neumeier

Wednesday 9:00 AM: † Jenny Maszk

By: Dick Altman Family

Thursday (SJB) 9:00 AM: † Elaine Riesinger

By: Family

Friday: 8:00 AM: Poor Souls in Purgatory

By: Veronica Giese

Saturday: 4 PM: † Charlie Phelps

By: Marcia Phelps

Sunday: 7:30 AM: † Dan Francois

By: Clyde & Wendy Nelson

9:00 AM: † Kathryn Sladek

By: Family & Friends

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



Reconciliation Times-Other times by appointment (536-2803)

Tuesday 4:30 PM SFX

Wednesday 8:15 AM SFX

Saturday 9:00 AM & 3:00 PM SFX

Sunday 10:40 AM (SJB)

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



FORMED

"Formed" is an online totally Catholic source for movies, bible studies, formation and so much more! Our parishioners have a free subscription! Simply visit www.formed.org and choose our parish. This week on Formed: *Living Lent as a Family* (Part 1 of 4). Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Sehorn and his wife Sarah discuss liturgical living during lent.

Confession & Adoration this Lent

Regular confession and adoration times are posted above. 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

- † Candles in the Little Flower Adoration Chapel burn in loving memory of **Delore Deau & Elaine Riesinger**.
- † **Attention 2023 Merrill Seniors:** A High School Class of 2023 Graduation Mass for students and parishioners of St. Francis Xavier & St. John the Baptist is being planned for Sunday, May 21, 2023 during the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Xavier. We are in the preliminary planning stages of the Mass, but wanted to make you aware of the date so families can mark their calendars. More details will follow regularly. Please note, if your child was not confirmed, you may not be on our mailing list. Please call the parish office to be included in this Mass. Thank you.
- † The next “**Church Ladies**” gathering will take place on March 7th at 10:00 AM in the parish conference room. In addition to continuing our card ministry we will also be discussing other ways we can serve our parish.
- † For those of you who like to see and follow the music you are singing, you might like to know that during the season of Lent, we will be using the Wondrous Love Mass setting for the Gospel acclamation, Holy-Holy, Memorial acclamation, Amen, and Lamb of God. This musical setting is not published by OCP but has been inserted into the Breaking Bread hymnal. (It is an ivory-colored half sheet.)
- † 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!
- † Every week we are in need of waitresses (4:15-7 PM) Clean up help (7-9 PM), and bakers for our Fish Fries ! All pies, cheesecakes, tortes and bars need to be dropped off at door #3 by 1 PM. It is also helpful if you call Kris in the parish office with the flavor you are making.
- † Fish Fry Meals week #1: 563 week #2: 613

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD-THANK YOU!

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Feb 25-26, 2023	Feb 26-27, 2022
Adult Envelopes	\$4026.00	\$5482.00
Loose	\$339.00	\$267.00
ACH giving	\$670.00	695.00
Debt Relief	<u>\$467.00</u>	<u>\$705.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5502.00	\$7,149.00
<u>St. John the Baptist</u>		
Adult Env. & Loose	\$1092.00	\$1632.00
<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Ash Wed. 2023	Ash. Wed 2022
Adult Env. & Loose	\$906.00	\$208.10
<u>St. John the Baptist</u>	Ash Wed. 2023	Ash. Wed 2022
Adult Env. & Loose	\$124.00	\$221.00

St Johns News

Our final Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale of the season, is next Sunday, March 12, directly after 11:00 AM Mass. We will be serving potato, blueberry and buttermilk pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage links. A free will offering will be accepted for the breakfast and bake sale. You can drop off bake sale items prior to mass. We have a signup sheet in back for food donations toward breakfast.

LOOKING AHEAD: This spring 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.

SCRIP News

Our SCRIP program gives vital funds to our school, not only to help families pay for tuition, but for other necessities like salaries, benefits, and curriculum purchases. Our SCRIP profit has decreased dramatically... for the fiscal year Jul 2018-June 2019 our SCRIP profit was \$23,698.93. Two years later this number dropped to \$18,684.23. A very small group of families have committed to use SCRIP. We thank you! If we all use SCRIP for every day things like eating out, groceries and gas we could profit over \$100,000! What could our school do with \$100,000? SCRIP costs you no extra money... the profit comes from the merchants. Please consider using SCRIP!