

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 6 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Marian Rapenchuk (CC)
10:00 am John Zawaski (TS) — **Second Scrutiny**
12:00 pm Alfred Salzano (TK)
1:30 pm Baptisms (TS)
2:30 pm Men's Renewal Service (TS/PK)
5:30 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier (TK)

Monday, March 7

- 7:30 am* Mike and Helen Toth (CC)
2:00 pm Mass at Samaritan Care (TK)
7:00 pm Cliff Parks, Paul Bihn, and Bernie Bihn (TS)

Tuesday, March 8

- 7:30 am* Karen Ohlin (TK)
9:15 am School Liturgy — Grades 5-8 (TS)

Wednesday, March 9

- 7:30 am* Jeanette Bargiel (TS)
7:00 pm Lenten Prayer Service

Thursday, March 10

- 7:30 am* Tom Kosack (CC)
8:00 am Avilas
7:00 pm Sioux Campbell (TK)

Friday, March 11

- 7:30 am* Mildred Benner (TK)
1:00 pm Reconciliation — Grades 7 and 8
7:00 pm Mildred Benner (CC)
Mass and Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12

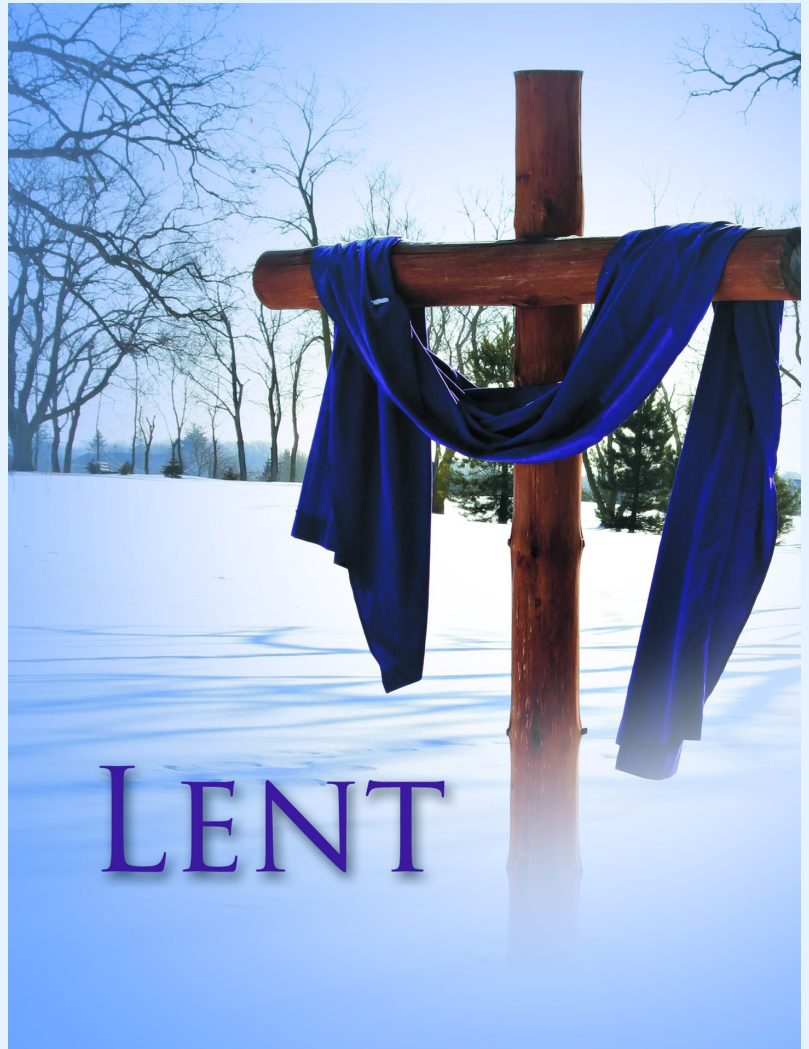
- 7:30 am* Poor Souls in Purgatory (TS)
3:30 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Rita Fromknecht (CC)

Sunday, March 13 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Elinor Yurich (CC)
10:00 am Edna Kilkenny (TS) — **Third Scrutiny**
12:00 pm Alba Urban (TS)
1:30 pm Baptisms (CC)
3:00 pm Lifeteen Stations Practice
5:30 pm The People of St. Francis Xavier (TS)

* **Rosary immediately following Mass**

(TS) Fr. Tony Sejba; (TK) Fr. Thomas Kowatch;
(CC) Fr. Chris Cox; (EL) Fr. Ed Lajack;
(JM) Fr. John Mullee; (PK) Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl; (JL)
Deacon Joe Loutzenhiser; (DN) Deacon Dan Norris



Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 51:12a, 14a; Jn 5:1-16

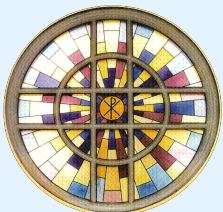
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

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Parish Information

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday, March 6

- 9:00 am Bloodmobile (CR and Grounds)
- 10:00 am RCIA (RH)
- 4:15 pm Cub Scouts (RH)
- 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)
- 6:30 pm LifeTeen Lifenight (XR)
- 7:00 pm MCRHP (RH)

Monday, March 7

- 11:15 am Staff Meeting (RLR)
- 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 126 (RH)
- 4:30 pm Elementary PSR (SCH/XR)
- 6:15 pm Schola Rehearsal (Office)
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent DePaul Services (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 506 (CB)
- 7:00 pm WCRHP (RH)
- 7:30 pm Parish Council (125)
- 7:30 pm Symbolon Session (LIB)
- 7:30 pm Liturgy Commission (TL)

Tuesday, March 8

- 8:30 am Symbolon Session (LR)
- 6:30 pm Bingo (CB)
- 7:00 pm Stitching Stewards (TL)
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (RH)

Wednesday, March 9

- 6:00 pm Soup and Scripture (CB)
- 6:30 pm Women of Grace Bible Study (RH)
- 6:45 pm Edge (XR/SCH)
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (CR)

Thursday, March 10

- 9:15 am Moms and Tots (CB)
- 2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 457 (RH)
- 3:15 pm Chess Club (XR)
- 5:15 pm Youth Choir (CH)
- 6:15 pm Elementary PSR (SCH)
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent DePaul Services (CR)
- 6:30 pm Daisies (RH)
- 7:45 pm Adult Choir (CH)

Friday, March 11

- 2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 914 (RH)
- 3:30 pm Fine Arts Festival Setup (GYM)
- 8:00 pm St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance Setup (CB)

Saturday, March 12

- 8:30 am Cleaning Angels (CH)
- 6:30 pm St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance (CB)

Sunday, March 13—Hospitality Sunday

- 10:00 am RCIA (RH)
- 10:00 am March Shopping Madness (XR)
- 11:00 am Fine Arts Festival (GYM)
- 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)
- 6:30 pm LifeTeen Lifenight (XR)
- 7:00 pm Men's Renewal—Night of Discipleship (CH)

Location key: (CH) Church (CB) Church Basement (LR) Loyola Room (CR) Rectory Conference Room (XR) Xavier Room (SCH) School (TL) Teachers' Lounge (LIB) School Library (RH) Randel House (RHLT) RH Life Teen (RLR) Rectory Living Room (HM) Holy Martyrs Church (K of C) Knights of Columbus Hall

Welcome to all visitors!

We extend a warm welcome to everyone visiting St. Francis Xavier today!

Welcome New Parishioners! If you are new to St. Francis Xavier Church, please call the rectory (330-725-4968) to sign up for one of our upcoming New Parishioner Welcome Sessions where you will learn about what great things St. Francis Xavier Church has to offer and get a tour of the school and parish. Families are encouraged to attend.

Certification

Catechists/ Teachers/ and those interested in teaching religion in the future: Our Diocese of Cleveland has certification requirements for those teaching religion classes. We will be having a strand class on Saturday, May 7 in the Xavier Room from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30p.m. If you are interested or have any questions please call the PSR office 330-722-7700 and leave your name, phone number, and email for more information.



Attention Engaged Couples

Engaged couples who have set a 2016 wedding date are invited to participate in a one-day preparation program. A Pre-Cana Day is an invitation to couples to deepen their faith and become more aware of the presence of Christ in their relationship. Through a series of presentations and couple reflection, engaged couples affirm the strengths of their relationships and explore areas of possible growth. St. Francis Xavier will present a Pre-Cana Day on Saturday, April 2. Please call Jo Ann and Rodney at 330-421-7974 or e-mail at Rodney@JJAR.BIZ

Rectory office hours

Monday through Thursday,
8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Contact us

Rectory Offices: 330-725-4968

Rectory Fax: 330-723-6234

Parish School of Religion: 330-722-7700

St. Francis Xavier School: 330-725-3345

School Fax: 330-721-8626

Church Basement (Café): 330-764-8912

SFX Cemetery

Jim Aylsworth, sexton: 330-764-8944
sfxcemetery@sfxmedina.org



Parish Community

Worship and Sacraments at St. Francis Xavier

Baptisms: Two Sundays each month at 1:30 p.m.; baptism classes every other month. Call the rectory for dates.

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday before First Friday, 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick: Prompt attention at any time, day or night! Please call the rectory to arrange for this sacrament: 330-725-4968.

Marriage: Please call as soon as possible! Preparation requires a minimum of six months. Marriage guidelines are available on request.

Nocturnal Adoration: First Friday of the month, 7:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

Adoration for Life: Third Saturday of the month following 7:30 a.m. Mass, 8 to 8:30 a.m.

Bingo

Sundays: Doors open at 3:30 p.m.; games start at 5 p.m.

Tuesdays: Doors open at 5 p.m.; games start at 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Memorial Candles

Sunday, March 6 through Thursday, March 10

<i>Station of the Cross</i>	<i>In Memory Of</i>
First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death	Frank J. Houdek
Second Station: Jesus Takes Up His Cross	Russ Metzger
Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time	Joann Houdek
Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Mother	Michael Mayiras
Fifth Station: Simon is forced to Take Up the Cross	Fedor Rakytiak
Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus	Adam Premec
Ninth Station: Jesus Falls the Third Time	Richard M. Houdek
Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments	Bruce R. Houdek
Eleventh Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross	Sr. Marcella Houdek
Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross	Al Pokorny, Jr.
Thirteenth Station: The Body of Jesus is placed in the Arms of His Mother	Mary Ann Lloyd
Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the Tomb	Joan I. Wirtz

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish Staff

Pastor	Rev. Anthony Sejba (ext. 8956)
Parochial Vicars	Rev. Thomas Kowatch (ext. 8955) Rev. Chris Cox (ext. 8957)
Deacons	Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl Deacon Joseph Loutzenhiser Deacon Daniel Norris
Director of Adult Initiation	Jenny Bonarrigo
Director of Religious Education	Susan Rohe-Brooks (ext. 8961)
Youth Minister	Paul Koopman (ext. 9141)
Director of Ministry and Communication	Jennifer Webb (ext. 8946)
Director of Music	Ryan Neal (ext. 8959)
School Principal	Bibiana Seislove (ext. 8903)
Director of "Little Sailors" Preschool	Monica Gorman (ext. 8920)
Director of Latchkey	Diane Olesinski (ext. 6203)
Business Manager	Ray Scherry (ext. 8954)

Lenten Memorial Candles

Friday, March 11 through Tuesday, March 15

<i>Station of the Cross</i>	<i>In Memory Of</i>
First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death	Shilon Wolf
Second Station: Jesus Takes Up His Cross	John Saliga
Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time	Gerbas and Kagel Families
Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Mother	Jennifer Mayiras
Fifth Station: Simon is forced to Take Up the Cross	Anthony Hosick
Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus	Adam Premec
Ninth Station: Jesus Falls the Third Time	Agnes and Garland Shannon
Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments	Richard and Elizabeth Steck
Eleventh Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross	Vern and Jessie Millikin
Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross	Sandy and Katheryn Rossi
Thirteenth Station: The Body of Jesus is placed in the Arms of His Mother	Mary Ann Lloyd
Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the Tomb	Sandy and Howard Parkhurst



Pastor's Viewpoint

Some very sad news was sent Monday evening across the Diocese that Fr. Stephen J. Kaminski had died. I had asked for your prayers for him in last week's bulletin as he was undergoing treatment for leukemia. His wake was Friday afternoon and evening at St. Mary Magdalene in Willowick. The calling hours started with a vespers service presided over by Bishop Roger and preached by Fr. Carlin from St. Charles Borromeo in Parma. The Funeral was Saturday morning at 11:00 am with Bishop Lennon presiding and Fr. Hollis preaching the homily. The story goes that he had been feeling fatigued and had woken up Ash Wednesday with a bad nose bleed that took him to the hospital and after a few tests, they told him that there were some very serious problems.



The Funeral was Saturday morning at 11:00 am with Bishop Lennon presiding and Fr. Hollis preaching the homily. The story goes that he had been feeling fatigued and had woken up Ash Wednesday with a bad nose bleed that took him to the hospital and after a few tests, they told him that there were some very serious problems.

He was good friend to many and enjoyed his 6 years (from 1997 to 2003) here with Fr. Hollis, Fr. Russ, our deacons and the rest of the pastoral and school staff. He celebrated many weddings, baptisms and funerals. My fond memories of him include his infectious laugh and love of life. I know that he will be missed by many who enjoyed working with him and having him be their priest. May he rest in peace.

On a brighter note, Bob Cavanaugh received news this past week that he has done well with his evaluation in the diaconate formation program and has been invited by Bishop Lennon to receive the Ministry of Lector. He and his classmates will celebrate the reception of this ministry at St. John Bosco Parish's 4:00 p.m. vigil Mass this Saturday, March 12th. Bob and his wife Dawn have been active members at SFX for about 6 years and have helped with Lifeteen, Eucharistic Ministry, Marriage ministry as well as been involved with the renewal program. Please pray for Bob

and his classmates as they take this next step toward one day serving our parishes as deacons. And finally, please keep the men in your prayers this weekend who are making the men's' renewal. And pray for the teens who will next week be on retreat at camp cheerful. Please note the additional times scheduled for reconciliation in the weeks ahead to prepare for Easter.

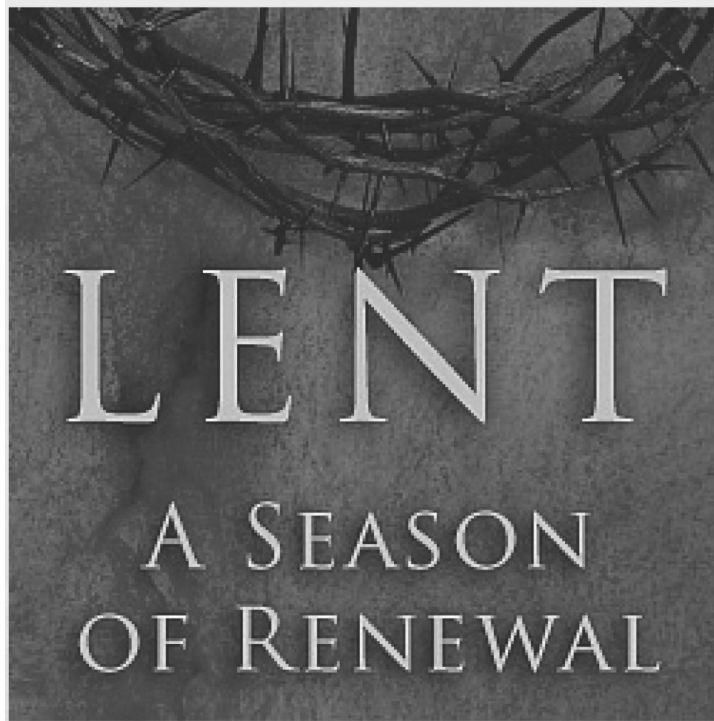
Have a Blessed week

Father Tony

St. Francis Xavier Parish invites you to feed your body and soul this season.

Wednesdays
March 2, 9 & 16

sfxmedina.com/parish



6 p.m. supper,
Church
Basement
7 p.m. prayer,
Church





Service and Compassion

Parish Pastoral Council

Damian Ludwiczak (chair): 330-725-6567
 Tom Corall (vice chair): 330-725-7207
 Kathy Gaughan (secretary): 330-722-8848
 Mike Baumgartner: 330-725-4445
 Jo Ann Cook: 330-725-6240
 Nancy Hutchinson: 330-952-0323
 Rick Ouellette: 942-837-7046
 Keith Ohnhaus: 330-723-0243
 Bob Pryatel: 440-382-9399
 Rachelle Skupski: 330-721-1785

Buy your gift cards after Mass!

Gift Cards support St. Francis Xavier Church and School!
 Purchase gift cards after Mass.
 You may also purchase gift cards at the Parish Office.

REMINDER: THE GIFT CARD BOX IS **NOT** IN THE RECTORY OFFICE ON MONDAYS. THANK YOU.



Children Giving to Children:

PSR Elementary and Edge students will be collecting items for other

children in need. This will be one of our **Acts of Mercy** projects to share with others during the year of Mercy in March and April. Please look at the parish website to see more about this special project.

Pray for all military

David M. Campbell	Erica Sachleben
Peter G. Chand	Taylor Salmons
Ryan P. Cox	Jeffrey Simko
Wyatt Fields	Daniel Smith
Nicholas Glenbocki	David Tagliaferro
Dan Haggerty	David Vanik
Brandon Hamilton	Aaron Virkler
Alex Hicar	Robert Weiler
Kayla Lane	Joseph Wimmer
Taylor Lane	J. Matthew Zweifel
Reinhard Nann	Joseph Zweifel
Jonathan Podrasky	

If you would like to add a name to the list of active-duty military, e-mail sfxbulletin@sfxmedina.org or call the rectory office.

A Stewardship Moment

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
 March 5 and 6**

Today we hear one of the most beloved stories in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Reconciliation is a prominent theme. Seeing the younger son returning to him, the son who left the family and squandered his inheritance, the compassionate father runs to embrace him. Jesus offers us a vision of a loving God who is merciful and forgiving, welcoming us back when we remorsefully return to him. When was a time that I left God's presence through my own sinfulness? Did I humbly and sorrowfully repent of my actions? How am I using this time of Lent to humbly atone for my sins? Will I eagerly celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation in the next few weeks to experience God's loving embrace and forgiveness?

Mass attendance February 27-28, 2016

5:00 pm 366
 8:00 am 354
 10:00 am 575
 12:00 pm 428
 5:30 pm 293

Parish Treasury Update: February 27-28, 2016

Sunday Offertory: \$13,690.90
 Envelopes: 434
 Central/Eastern Europe: \$225.00
Thank you for your generosity!

May God heal our sick and suffering

Francie Anderson
 Ralph Anderson
 Rita Andrich
 Dan Avila
 Jude Ballinger
 Becky Barker
 John Benson
 Maxine Bergdorf
 Faith Berger
 Claire Bevec
 Flo Boehme
 Ethel Bohaty
 Sue Boyne
 Diane Marie Carlson
 Kathy Cartier
 Harold C. Casey
 Danny Colonna
 Kathleen Cunningham
 George Davis
 Steve Delap
 Elizabeth Diamond
 Evan Dolinar
 Charlotte Draper
 Billie Duta
 Ava Joy Eastlake
 Lynda Erickson
 Joan Fleischer
 Joseph Fleischer
 Agnes Francisco
 John Francisco
 Rick Furlong
 Bobby Fusco
 Rhett Galaska
 Roz Ganzer
 Casey Gardner
 Jacob Gaume

Arlena Gibson
 Kerry Grimm
 Dick Groden
 Barb Grygier
 Del Guerra
 Mike Harris
 Bill Haumesser
 Vivian Heim
 Camden Heil
 Charlotte Heil
 Savannah Heil
 Judy Hering
 Rhonda Hory
 Aria Ireland
 Mark Jablonowski
 Marvin Johnson
 Deborah Kitson
 Mary Kneale
 Karl Kopczynski
 Andrew Korduba
 Ruth Kowatch
 Brenda Kutcher
 Dale Kutz
 Ruth Lancki
 Phyllis Lapeus
 Steven Lastuka
 Dave Leidecker
 Jerry Liechty
 Flordeliza Madrilejos
 Mary Ann Makowski
 Aaron Markiewicz
 James M. McDonald
 Lou McDonald
 Lois McFadden
 Alexa Meyers
 Dixie Mitchell

Marcy Nero
 John Neuwar
 Rita Novak
 Lisa Owen
 Stacey Petz
 Nathaniel Plasco
 Richard Pryatel
 Bill Ripple
 Rea Ripple
 Donna Rohrbaugh
 Chelsea Ross
 Mark Rudolph
 Mimi Russ
 Richard Russ
 Marlene Seredick
 Melissa Sickle
 Beth Sielski
 Lorrie Sirocky
 M. J. Sirocky
 Judy Siwik
 Jean Smith
 Marie Starck
 Richard Stiver
 Faith Szczypinski
 Janet Taranto
 Mackenzie Taylor
 Carolyn Vasko
 Lacey Vickers
 Celene Wallen
 Robert Williston
 Roney Wilson
 Heinz Wimmer
 Joseph Wimmer
 Wendy Wimmer
 Kathy Witkowski
 Helen Yakubik

If you would like to place a name on the list of those in need of prayer, please contact the rectory office, or e-mail sfxbulletin@sfxmedina.org.



Faith Formation

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

330-722-7700, ext. 8961 sbrooks@sfxmedina.org
www.sfxmedina.com

REMINDER: March can still have some Snow/Bad Weather/Classes closed?? If the St. Francis Xavier Day School is closed during the day on a Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday then PSR in the afternoon or evening is also closed.


Preschool Classes (ages 3, 4 and 5 years old; Sundays during 10 a.m. Mass): Classes are not in session this month of March. We look forward to seeing all registered students on Sundays, April 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and May 1st!

VBS Summer 2016

The next planning meeting is April 12th from 7:00-8:00p.m. in the school. Let's make the week of June 13th - 17th "Barnyard Round Up: Jesus Gathers Us Together" a great experience for our parish youth. Registration forms will be out the week of April 25th. We need adult, Grade 7 & 8 students and high school helpers. We are also in need of farm and yard related items for decorations.

Elementary Classes for Grades 1-5 on Mondays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. : Monday classes are in session this Monday, March 7th and on Monday, March 14th. All Monday students in Grades 1-5 will attend a special Mass for them on Monday March 14 during their PSR class. There are no classes on March 21st due to Spring Break and March 28th due to Easter Monday. Students should return their Rice Bowls to class on Monday, April 4th. During the next two months students will be working on "Year of Mercy" projects and regular class topics.


Elementary Classes for Grades 1-5 on Thursday elementary from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.: Classes are in session this Thursday, March 10th, and March 17th (Happy St. Patrick's Day!) Grade 3 students will attend Parish Mass on March 10th! Families are welcomed and encouraged to join us. There are no classes on Thursday, March 24th due to Spring Break. Students will be collecting items for this year's Mercy Project. Rice Bowls should be returned on Thursday, March 31st.



St. Francis Xavier
LIFETEEN
presents

LIVING
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 18th
7pm in the Church




THE EDGE PROGRAM
(GRADES 6-7-8)
WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:45 TO 8:15 P.M.: Classes are

in session the next two Wednesdays, March 9th, and 16th. "The Creed" and "Holy Week" will be topics of education and discussion. Rice Bowls should be returned on Wednesday, March 30th.

Edge Service Projects: This Tuesday, March 8 students will enjoy a visit and making a craft with residents at The Sanctuary (Springbrook Drive). Please call 330-722-7700 by Monday, March 7th and let us know if you are coming. Permission forms are needed. We are also in need of parent drivers. We will meet at 6:15p.m. in the hallway of the school and will return by 7:45p.m. This is a good opportunity for a **Work of Mercy!**

See Page 5 for details the PSR Service Project celebrating the **Year of Mercy.**



Youth Opportunities



Applications for the Tony Imburgia Scholarship will be available soon!

The Tony Imburgia Scholarship was established to assist children of St. Francis Xavier in their efforts to gain a Catholic education at St. Francis Xavier School as defined by the Tony Imburgia Scholarship Committee.

Applicants must be enrolled at St. Francis Xavier School for the current

and subsequent school year.

Applicants will be judged on:

- ◆ Related volunteer experience or activities at St. Francis Xavier School/Parish
- ◆ Essay content and quality
- ◆ Letter of reference

Check future bulletins for details.

Attention current 8th graders. If you missed the kick off meeting for confirmation, you may pick up a confirmation packet at the parish office. Registration forms can be found at www.xavierlifeteen.com

INTO THE DEEP: LENT
BEYOND THE TYPICAL LIFE NIGHT

Delve into the season with prayer, scripture exploration, deeper theology, weekly challenges, and discussions.

March 16 & 23 / April 13 & 20
Randel House 6:45 to 8 p.m.

Facilitators:
Paul Koopman and Brian Lombardi

St. Francis Xavier LIFETEEN
leading teens closer to Christ

St. Francis Xavier Easter EggStravaganza
Saturday March 19, 2016

Coloring

Easter Bunny

Treats

Eggs

Face Painting

Crafts

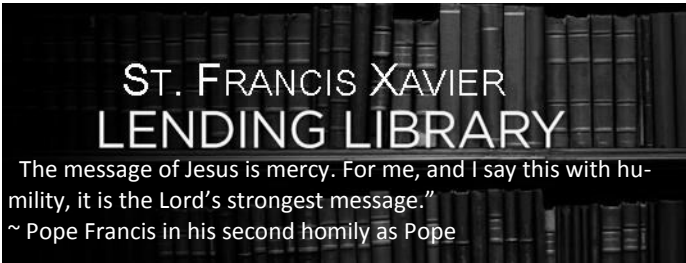
REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MARCH 5th (Please Print Clearly)
Ages: 0 - 8 Cost: \$3 per child or \$7 per family
Arrive anytime between 1:00pm - 2:00pm. Festivities end at 3:00pm.
Enter through main school doors by Xavier Room.
Bring a camera for photos with the Easter Bunny
Bring a basket to collect goodies!

Name: _____ Age: _____
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Place registration form with Cash/Check in Envelope Marked EggStravaganza.
Place it in collection basket or hand-in to the Rectory Office.
Make Checks Payable to St. Francis Xavier Church
Questions? Contact Natalie at denandnat@frontier.com or 330.388.8607



Prayer and Reflection



MERCY and Pope Francis are the themes of the books highlighted this week. These new books were so generously donated to our Lending Library by fellow parishioners. Thank you!!

Pope Francis : The Name of God Is Mercy *A Conversation with Andrea Torielli*

Simply and directly, Pope Francis here addresses all humanity in an intimate and personal dialogue. At the center of this book is the subject closest to his heart ---mercy--- which has long been the cornerstone of his faith and is now the central teaching of his papacy. These pages resonate with a desire to reach all those souls who are looking for meaning in life, a road to peace and reconciliation, and the healing of physical and spiritual wounds.

In this conversation with Vatican reporter Andrea Torielli, Francis explains ---through memories from his youth and moving anecdotes from his experiences as a pastor--- his reasons for proclaiming a Holy Year of Mercy. And to those who already count themselves among the ranks of the just, Francis counsels, "Even the Pope is a man who needs the mercy of God."

Dear Pope Francis *by Pope Francis and the Children of the World*

Children have questions and struggles just like adults, but rarely are they given the chance to voice their concerns and ask the big questions resting deep in their hearts. In *Dear Pope Francis*, Pope Francis gives them that chance and celebrates their spiritual depth by directly answering questions from children around the world. Some are fun. Some are serious. And some will quietly break your heart. But all of them are from children who deserve to know and feel God's unconditional love.

History of the Creed — Join us March 22

We recite a Creed together every Sunday, but have you ever stopped to consider that what looks ordinary to us now was revolutionary to the people first saying it? They were making bold claims about this new thing called Christianity to set themselves apart from the world. Join us to learn more about how the Creed came to be and why professing it each week is an audacious and binding act of faith. Please join us Tuesday, March 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. Xavier Room.



presents:

Finding God in Film Series

- JCU Dolan Science Center— Rooms 2002-03
- Sunday, March 6 Straight Story
- Sunday, March 13 Little Boy
- Sunday, March 20 Babette's Feast
- 4:30pm-7:30pm**

Pizza /salad supper and film discussion follows
 Rsvp encouraged at cdur@ivcusa.org or 216-470-9470
 No cost—freewill offering is appreciated
 Easy parking!!



Symbolon Sessions

Symbolon: the Catholic Faith Explained is an adult education program that opens up the "big picture" of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us to know it, live it and articulate it to others.

Fr. Thom will facilitate this series which includes video presentations and group discussion. The program, started in the fall, continues with five new topics. No preparation is required — come for one session or all. Any questions should be addressed to Fr. Thom at tkowatch@sfxmedina.org.

Monday Evening Sessions will be held in the SFX School Library following Mass (7:30 p.m.)
 Tuesday Morning Sessions will be held in the Loyola Room at 8:30 a.m.

- Session 9 (March 7 or 8) **MARY AND THE SAINTS**: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints
- Session 10 (March 14 or 15) **THE LAST THINGS**: What happens After We Die?



SFX School Update



MARCH IS UPON US!

With standardized testing now complete, we are able to get back to a more regular schedule. Please remember that adult volunteers are needed each and every week in support of St. Francis Xavier School. The areas that we are most in need of assistance include BINGO, cafeteria and recess volunteers. We are always appreciative of all of our school volunteers. Please call the school office if you are able to help.

This week I would like to remind our school families and friends to come out to visit St. Francis Xavier School for a big event coming on Sunday, March 13th. St. Francis Xavier School will be hosting our second annual *Art and Shop Fair on March 13th*. Our school Fine Arts Festival will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the school library and gymnasium. Please come and enjoy our student musicians in our library and appreciate the artistic talents of our students that will be on display in our gymnasium. The same day our school is also sponsoring a March Shopping Madness event that will benefit technology improvements at St. Francis Xavier School from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please come and support our school.

Keep your eyes and ears open for information about our SFX BoosterThon that will be coming soon.

Finally, all Registration forms are now due to

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the school office. Please return your registration forms and fees as soon as possible so that we may continue to plan for the 2016-2017 school year. Thank you.

Have a blessed week.

In Christ,

Mrs. Seislove



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:		
Date	Event	Time
Sunday, March 6	Blood Mobile	9-1:30 pm on Parish Grounds
Tuesday, March 8	School Liturgy—Grades 5-8	9:15 am in the Church
Thursday, March 10	X-Out Bullying Blue Day	
Friday, March 11	3rd Quarter Volunteer Appreciation Dress-Down Day	
Friday, March 11	Reconciliation—Grade 7 & 8	1:00 pm in the Church
Saturday, March 12	Power of the Pen Regionals	Wooster High School
Sunday, March 13	FINE ARTS FESTIVAL	11 am to 2 pm the Gym/Library
Sunday, March 13	March Shopping Madness	10 am to 3 pm, in the Xavier Room
LOOKING AHEAD:		
Date	Event	Time
Monday, March 14	PTC Meeting	7 pm in the Xavier Room
Tuesday, March 15	Teacher Tuesday	
Thursday, March 17	Marco's Pizza Night	
Friday, March 18	End of the 3rd Quarter	
Friday, March 18	All School Stations of the Cross	9:30 am in the Church
Saturday, March 19	Regional Science Fair	
Saturday, March 19	Middle School Science Olympiad	
Monday, March 21 to Monday, March 28		
Easter Break		
Tuesday, March 29	Kindergarten Parent Meeting	7 pm in the Xavier Room
Wednesday, March 30	Early Release at 2:15 p.m.	
Friday, April 1	X-Out Bullying Blue Day	
Friday, April 1	Report Cards	
Friday, April 1	Band Bowling	



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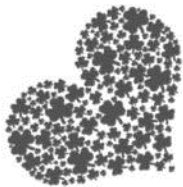
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