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SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

182 YEARS OF CATHOLIC SERVICE AND WITNESS

MARCH 22, 2020



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WEEK DAYS

7:30 a.m.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

(closed for lunch Noon - 12:30 pm)

Note: Parish Office is on the west side of the Church

Mass Intentions

Monday 7:30 am	March 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo Communion Service
Tuesday 7:30 am	March 24 St. Oscar Romero Jack Neubert (Morning Mass Group)
Wednesday 7:30 am	March 25 Annunciation of the Lord Frances Dzeskewicz (Audrey Kosienski)
Thursday 7:30 am	March 26 Lenten Weekday Larry Brown (Elmer & LeeAnn Lemock)
Friday 7:30 am	March 27 Lenten Weekday Dorothy Danylko (Bruce & Rose Scouten)
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 28 Lenten Weekday Steve Olesnanik (Margaret Pekelnickiey)
Sunday 8:00 am	March 29 5th Sunday of Lent Pat Blount (Joan & Bill Chernicky)
10:30 am	For Our Parishioners Living and Deceased

Prayer Request— Artie & Stacey, Marsha A. & daughter, Cassandra Aho,

Marsha Badach, Kit & Joe Balinski, Patty Bennett, Rachel Bourne, David Boyd, Patty Brown, Randy Brucher, Amanda Bryant, Shelly Buffalari, Sam Burns, Carole C., Tim C., Amy Campoli, Debbie Carrick, Todd Carrier, Abigail Carullo, Doug Chernicky, Christi Claxton, Rod Coburn, Eleanor Collings, Earl Corbin, Colin Cunningham, Dale & family, Trudy DeCarolis, Artie Defoy, Karen Dickson, A. Dodick, Helen Dombkowski, Katie Dombkowski, Ron Dombkowski, Danielle Dorder, Jonathan Ledger Dougherty, Bill Drakes, Dawn Duran, Bill Eberlein, Sr., Ashley English, Lynn English, Luke F., Ron & Helen Feldman, Carrie & Jake Fiske, Mary Fiscus, Eleanor Fox, Carol Fullom, Denise Fulton, Shawn Furman, Ben G., Julia G., Linda Gidos, Sally Gradler, Debbie Grove, Jerry H., The Haynes Family, Larry Hanas, Frank Harrison, Nicholas Hendericks, Michelle Hetrick, Kathy Highhouse, Harold Hites, Gloria Hollenbeck, Molly Holmes, Holly, Rich Hudacky, Denise Hudson, Carrie Jaco, Scott James, Trevor James, Jeremy, Jim, Charles, Luke Johnson, R. Juarez & Family, Kathleen, Kevin K., Craig Kayden, Kelly King, Linda Kloecker, Judy Konkol, Betty Korrel, Thomas Kowalczyk, Carol Kuchcinski, Ed Kuligowski, L.L. & Family, Roberta Laird, Rose Lapenz, Gail Laughner, John Lewis, Margie Loeffler, Janet Lombardo, Robin Macial, Tim Maciulewicz, Jason Mager, Lexxi Maloney-Barnes, James Mantsch, Paul Mayer, Greg Mays, Clara Meyer, Morinelli/Quinn Family, Shawn Morgan, Jr., Bill Muenz, Kathy Murr, Kathy N., Ron and Lynn Nash, Leny Nipper, Tom O., Buddy O'Leary, Bill Oshinski, Rick P., Kayden Painter, Michael Pamula, Patrick, Liz Pauly, Ron, Paige, David Peter, Annmarie Phillips, Kathy Piotroski, Andrew Pitcher, Mike Pitonyck, Nathan Post, Erin Potter, Michael Potter, Carrie Powell, Denise Pulson, Audrey & John Reese, Christi Reilly, Lucas Reynolds, McKenna Ritter, Melissa Rindfuss, Joan Robinson, Rocky, Alan Rodgers, Debbie Rose, Bob Rudzenski, Lindsey Ryan, Jim S., Dave Sarra, Shirley Sayers, Mary Lou Scalzitti, Jim Scully, Joseph Seth, Greg & Rochelle Sharrer, Therese Sauer, Clyde Schulte, Madeline Sienecki, Dave & Loren Swanson, Tina, Patricia Vadala, Dan Via, Debbie Vanucci, Margaret Wasser, Mark Watts, Dan Weber, Lisa Weber, Robert Weber, Sr., Maureen Wentzel, Caitlin Wentzel, Joe Wardanski, Lois Whitcomb, Denise Wilson, A Special Intention, and all the sick.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, MARCH 23

- All activities are CANCELLED.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27

SATURDAY MARCH 28

- Mass is cancelled until further notice

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- All Masses cancelled

If you had a Mass intention for a loved one, please be assured that the intention will be said by Father Jason and/or Monsignor Lohse. We will keep you informed when Mass will begin again. Thank you for your understanding.



Pray for the men and women in the military:

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jack Kaulis, Chief Petty Officer Aurelio Velazquez, Jr., Private Jeff Kinnear, Major Jenny Stewart-Allen, Major Alan Herbol, PFC Jacob Lenhardt, Capt. Natalie Rambish Long



Sanctuary Candle

burns for

Margaret Seth (Ray & Kim Seth)

Liturgical life

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March 15, 2020

Families receiving envelopes 440

Envelopes received 96

Goal: \$5, 215.00 Total Collection: \$2,909 Capital Improvements: \$700

Bills paid: Catholic Deposit & Loan \$20,000 Erie Water Works \$65

Janitor Supply \$50

A NEW OPPORTUNITY—We are very cognizant of the dire situation within our country at this time. We know that we may not be meeting for some time and that some of you may even be out of work. Please know that you are all in our prayers at this time and we are only a phone call away.

That being stated, we will be offering you the opportunity to still contribute to your parish through electronic funds transfer. Simply go to: stfrancixaviermckean.weshareonline.org and click on the button, *make a donation* on either Weekly, Capital Improvement or Easter Flowers. You may choose Make a Recurring Donation or One Time Donation. Choose the amount, and how you would like to pay for it, fill in the information, include your contact information and put a checkmark in the *I agree* box and submit your contribution. Anything you are able to contribute at this time is greatly appreciated.

Father Jason wants you to know also, that all major projects have been suspended as well. We will sit tight and hope for a speedy recovery.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Classes are required. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Regular visits are made on the first Friday of the month. Please call the office if you would like a visit.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with the Pastor at least 6 months prior.

R.C.I.A.: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children is an opportunity for any interested person who desires to become a full member of the Church. For more information call the Parish Office.

Readings for the week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

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

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE—

Our Assessment is \$43,840 for this campaign. Because of your generosity we have \$39,030 in pledges with 87 families out of 440 participating. We thank you all for being so very generous to your parish. If you have yet to make a pledge, you may do so anytime. The campaign runs through December 31. It doesn't take much to put aside a little every day to help us meet our goal.



March 22nd, 2020

4th Sunday of Lent

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man "sees" as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God's kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God's children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

ALL CLASSES CANCELLED INDEFINITELY.

Upcoming events

MCKEAN AREA GARDEN CLUB—is committed to helping a General McLane High School senior student further their education by awarding a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2020 fall semester. Applicant must be planning to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited institution or pursuing furthering their education in a trade or technical program at an accredited school. Applications are available at General McLane High School Guidance Counselor's Office and on the school's scholarship link. Deadline for submitting the application is April 20, 2020.



FOOD PANTRY CONTINUES!!! - Sue and Deb will keep servicing our pantry families during the current crisis. However, they do have an Easter Dinner wish list:

Hams, fruit, gelatin, rolls, butter, frozen pies, no bake desserts, carrots, eggs, coffee, creamer, Easter candy. If you are able to help, donations can be left in the Gathering Space that will remain open during regular office hours.

And thanks a lot!

P.S. We won't ask for toilet paper because you probably want to hang on to what you have.☺

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. — Jn 9:35-38

SUNDAY, FOURTH WEEK IN LENT— *SHADOW AND LIGHT*

The sun does not illumine all reality; its rays cannot penetrate to the shadow of death, the place where men's eyes are closed to its light... Those who believe, see; they see with a light that illumines their entire journey, for it comes from the risen Christ, the morning star which never sets.

MONDAY, FOURTH WEEK IN LENT—

I prepare myself for death by staying close to Jesus. And how do we stay close to Jesus? Through Prayer, in the Sacraments and also in the exercise of charity. Let us remember that he is present in the weakest and the most needy.

TUESDAY, FOURTH WEEK IN LENT—

The disciple is ready to put his or her whole life on the line, even to accepting martyrdom, in bearing witness to Jesus Christ, yet the goal is not to make enemies but to see God's word accepted and its capacity for liberation and renewal revealed.

WEDNESDAY, FOURTH WEEK IN LENT—

Yet Jesus wants us to touch human misery, to touch the suffering flesh of others. He hopes that we will stop looking for those personal or communal niches which shelter us from the maelstrom of human misfortune and instead enter into the reality of other people's lives and know the power of tenderness.

THURSDAY, FOURTH WEEK IN LENT—

The Christian does not live outside of the world; he knows how to recognize in his life and in what surrounds him the signs of evil, of selfishness and of sin. He is in solidarity with those who suffer, with those who weep, with those who are marginalized, with those who despair.

FRIDAY, FOURTH WEEK IN LENT—

At times we allow ourselves to resort to pointless complaining, or we remain speechless and do not even know what to ask for, what to hope for... Yet once more, however, the Holy Spirit—the breath of our hope—comes to help us.

SATURDAY, FOURTH WEEK IN LENT—

I understand the grief of people who have to endure great suffering, yet slowly but surely we all have to let the joy of faith slowly revive as a quiet yet firm trust, even amid the greatest distress.

"When written in Chinese, the word crisis is composed of two characters, one represents danger, and the other represents opportunity."

—John F. Kennedy

"There can't be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full"

—Henry Kissinger

"The easiest period in a crisis situation is actually the battle itself. The most difficult is the period of indecision—whether to fight or run away. And the most dangerous period is the aftermath. It is then, with all his resources spent and his guard down, that an individual must watch out for dulled reactions and faulty judgment. —Richard Nixon