



# St. Francis Xavier

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## The Beacon

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
3:30 p.m. Saturday

WEEKEND LITURGIES  
Saturday - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. - Bilingual Spanish



### NEWS at Saint Francis Xavier

Thank you to the choir members for serving in my medical absence from October 16, 2007 until December...They sang beautifully at the 5PM mass each week with no accompanimentas I was on sick leave. We have three new, very talented choir members: Noreen DeCuir, Adelle Horton, and Maria hill; our very talented existing members: Melanie Chamberlin, Irene Bailey, Shirley Steiner, and Jane Wilson, and Woody Holbrook.

May I thank you for the many prayers and Masses that were prayerd for the success of my knee surgery and recovery. I am doing fine now and the crissi is over. I'm back to work, good as new. May God bless you for all your kindness shown to me at my time of suffering.

Respectfully, **Ann Hool**

### ARCHDIOCESAN CHORUS AUDITIONS

Auditions for the Archdiocesan Chorus will be held on Monday, February 4, and Monday, February 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. To schedule an audition time, contact Nancy Deacon, director of music, at [deacon.nancy@aod.org](mailto:deacon.nancy@aod.org) or by calling 313-865-6300 x 227.

### LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 6 **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Mass with the distribution of ashes  
12 noon and 7p m **THIS IS A FAST DAY.** No meat and only one main meal. The noon mass will be followed by the Rosary and Stations of the Cross.  
**FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY FROM 4 -7 P.M.**  
**SOUP MEAL EVERY TUESDAY FROM 4-7 P.M.**  
**Stations of the Cross and Rosary every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. (Ash Wednesday after mass at noon)**  
Lenten Reconciliation Service Thursday, February 28 At 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, February 10 Mexican Breakfast after both masses  
**Saturday, March 15 Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale**  
**Sunday, March 16 Palm Sunday Breakfast and Bake Sale (after both masses)**  
**Thursday, March 20 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 PM**  
Friday, March 21 Good Friday Tre Ore Service 12noon Liturgy, Rosary, Stations of the Cross  
**Good Friday Blood Drive 1-7 pm**  
Good Friday Fish Fry 2-7 p.m.  
March 22 Holy Saturday  
10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Food  
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass  
Sunday, March 23 Easter Sunday  
Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION January 27, 2008

PARISH FAMILIES	447
ENVELOPES USED	161
WEEKLY COLLECTION	3,703.55

## Religious Education News

This Wednesday begins Lent. The whole family is invited to attend our Ash Wednesday service. Take time to contemplate how to use these next six weeks to deepen your relationship with your Savior, Jesus Christ. Fasting, prayer and almsgiving are terms we hear every year but is it more than just giving up chocolate or meat on Friday's? That's fasting but what about prayer. How about praying a Stations of the Cross. Join the older grades, they pray them every week. And then there's almsgiving. Oh we can throw an extra buck in the basket but what about giving of ourselves, our time! There are a lot of options to think about. The answer to deepening your relationship with Jesus is doing them!

### Dates to Remember: k

**Feb. 6** - Class with Ash Wednesday Service, family welcome to attend.

**Feb.11** - Confirmation meets, 6:30-8:30 pm

**Feb.13** - regular class

**Feb.14** - First Reconciliation, 7pm

**Feb.20** - Class and reconciliation for 3-8 grade

God Bless You,

Julie Dzanbazoff, DRE

P.S. Just a reminder: The Adult Formation class for any interested adult is every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 pm in the basement during regular class time.

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Reverend Victor Roman, Pastor, ext 3

4250 W. Jefferson Ave.

Ecorse, Michigan 48229

Weekend Masses

5:00 p.m. Saturday

9:00 a.m. Sunday

11:00 a.m. Sunday Spanish Bi-lingual

Weekday Mass

6:00 p.m. Tuesday

Private Confessions

3:30 p.m. Saturday

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### PARISH COUNCIL

President	Kevin Martin
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Religious Education	Julie Dzanbazoff
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Youth	Kris Aguirre
CYO Athletics	Adelle Horton
Member at large	Clare Pavluk
Member at large	Tony Rinaldi

## Christian Service Corner

### SOUP MEALS

Our parish will be having Soup Meals every Tuesday during Lent from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. For those of you who have not participated in the past, various groups or parishioners from our parish sponsor the soup for the week (2 varieties). The group /parishioner sponsor pays all cost for ingredients and cooks the soup. Those attending are to make a donation that would equal the price you would spend for a meal. Example: If you normally eat out, a fast food meal would cost at least \$5.00. If you normally spend more, maybe \$10.00-\$20.00 per meal. Remember this is Lent and it is supposed to be a sacrifice for you to eat soup instead of a fancy meal. All proceeds go towards Christian Service which provide baskets for the poor on Holidays and food needed for the food pantry to name a few. So please come every Tuesday during Lent. The soup will be hot and ready!

**2/12/08** Chef Fr. Victor (Cabbage & Beef)

**2/19/08** Christian Service Commission  
(Bean Soup & Chicken Noodle)

**2/26/08** **LAST DATE OPEN**

**3/4/08** CYO Boosters and CYO Teams

**3/11/08** Guadalupana Society

**3/18/08** Ushers'

If your group/ family would like to cook on the only day open is Feb. 26.an open night please call the rectory: (313) 383-8514 extension 12 (Sharon Resst) for more details.

### BLOOD DRIVE

Also during Lent there will be a Red Cross Blood Drive Good Friday 3/21/08 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm Please consider giving blood as Southeastern Michigan Blood Supply is at an alarming shortage. Sign up sheets will be in back of church beginning February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> weekend.

### FOOD PANTRY

**The Food Pantry at the rectory could use:**

1 pound boxes of Pasta

Canned or jars of Spaghetti Sauce

Tuna Fish

Boxed Hot or Cold Cereals

**(The rectory food pantry supplies food during rectory hours for any emergency need of food. 1 bag is made up for each household until we can refer the client for more assistance)**

**The ECORSE ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY is in need of:**

89 cans of Tuna

43 cans of green beans

19 cans of corn

**Please bring to rectory or to the church before Thursday 2/21/2008 January Pantry serviced 129 families 193 adults 104 children**

**Attention Ecorse Seniors** ages 60 and older Focus Hope is also handled through our Parish Center during the Ecorse Ecumenical Food Pantry. This program is for lower income senior citizens. This food is also distributed the third Thursday of every month. To find out if you qualify please call the rectory for the income guidelines.

**Sharon Resst (313) 383-8514 extension 12**

**MASS INTENTIONS****Tuesday, February 5**

6:00 p.m. For the deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

**Wednesday, February 6 ASH WEDNESDAY**

12:00 noon In memory of Joe & Antonette Tochet

1:00 p.m. Rosary and Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. In memory of James and Anna Burns

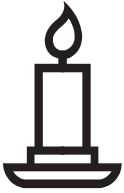
**Saturday, February 9**

5:00 p.m. In memory of Earl Nelson and the 22nd anniversary of Patricia Beaubien

**Sunday, February 10**

9:00 p.m. In memory of Jean Hughes

11:00 a.m. For the good health of the priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit

**Sanctuary Candle**

In memory of

**Jesse Rodriguez**

*By*

Emily & Herman Carducci

*May They Rest in Peace*

Michael Szpara

**PRAYER LIST**

Jason Barkholz, Scott Bartlam, Kimberly Grace Bussler, Herman A. Carducci, Lori Carducci, Tony Cheney, Rita Clark, John Clark, Tony Clark, Fernando Contreras, John Cook, Gloria Correa, Lydia Cruz, Sami Doktor, Lisa Donovan, Helen Dunajski, Patricia Evans, Vera Freeman, Ernest Hovizi, Maria Anne Kennedy, Alice Kireczyk, Michael Krystan, Lena LaMantia, Corinne Lemmon, Manuel Lopez, Stella Lybrook, Clyde Morrow, Larry Martin, Marcella Medina, Inez Mendez, Mary Morrison, Vivian Munro, Constance Nieman, Denise O'Grady, Mary Olson, Mary Ouellette, Mary Ann Price, Baby Gabriella (Regorrah), Mary Katherine Reid, Marlene Resst, Marlene Reyna, Carl Richter, Baby Justin Romero, Eleanor Roswell, Angie Sauve, Michael Sgambati, Lee Silva, Connie Sliitti, Mary Lou Smith, Nathan Sobczyk, Szymeko Family, Anita Uroda, Lillian Van Tuyl, Francis Tocco, Sam Tocco, Dolores Villanueva, Harry White, Fred Winslow, Ellen Wojcik, Sotero Zapata, special intentions of parishioners

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SOLDIERS**

Please keep in your prayers the young men & women serving in the military especially:

CARMELLO ALBINO\*LUIS ALBINO\*GARY BRIDGES  
\*JONATHAN M. CLARCHICK\*CARLOS CARMONA  
ARIEL DE LEON\*MELLISSA EDMUNDS  
KYLE EMERICK\*SUSAN PEARSON FAULKNER\*  
NICHOLAS FLINT\*MICHAEL GIBSON\*KENNY JENKINS\*  
NICHOLAS IAFELICE\* MICKEY MC NAMARA\*  
JOSEPH MILLER\*AMY OMLID\*PATTY OMLID\*  
ERIK SANCHEZ\*LUIS SANCHEZ\*MARK SPINO\*  
PATRICK SOWDER\*MATTHEW VEGA\*  
SHARON VERMILLION\*ROBERT WARREN

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIAN MCNAMARA WHO HAS RETIRED FROM SERVICE.**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH****Sunday, February 3**

Mass at 9 & 11 am Bagels and Coffee

**Monday, February 4**

4:00-8:00 p.m. Basketball Practice

6:30 p.m. St. Francis Choir Practice

**Tuesday, February 5**

4:00-8:00 p.m. Basketball Practice

5:00 p.m. Disability Counseling w/ Dr. Wm. Hale

6:00 p.m. Mass

**Wednesday, February 6 ASH WEDNESDAY**

12:00 p.m. Mass w/distribution of Ashes

1:00 p.m. Rosary

5:30 p.m. Religious Education @St. Elizabeth

7:00 p.m. Mass w/distribution of Ashes

**Thursday, February 7**

Fish fry Prep

**Friday, February 8**

4:00 -7:00 p.m. Fish Fry

**Saturday, February 9**

3:30 p.m. Private Confession

4:00-7:00 p.m. Stuffed Cabbage Dinner

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, February 10**

Mexican Breakfast after all Sunday Masses

See the Religious Education calendar for other events.

**CSA MINUTE****Vocations Office**

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for the Consecrated Life. In 1997, Pope John Paul II called for consecrated life to be promoted throughout the universal Church. Please recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their vows to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help the Vocations Office work as liaison to consecrated communities in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The Vocation Office aids women and men in their discernment process by sponsoring events as well as providing information on communities of religious women, priests and brothers, their charism and their ministries.

**CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER SAYS  
"THANKS"**

Dear Generous Friends,

We want you to know how touched we are to receive so many much needed baby items donated by your parishioners via your Angel Giving Tree! There is no way we can thank you enough for your true charity!

We pray that God will bless and reward each one of you! Please keep us in your prayers as well!

**Ruth, Volunteer at Crisis Pregnancy Center**