



# St. Francis Xavier

FEBRUARY 24, 2008

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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



### STEM CELL RESEARCH? WHAT IS IT? WHY IS EVERYONE TALKING ABOUT IT?

Please join us next Wednesday evening, February 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Rob Burke from Right to Life will share information and answer questions regarding issues involving stem cell research. These are life issues that are not easily going to go away. Petitions are being circulated and voters may be asked to vote on this issue. **BE INFORMED!** Come join us and bring a friend. .



**VOTERS!  
 JUST A REMINDER:**  
 This is an election year. (It would be difficult to miss that) Often literature is distributed using the word "Catholic" to imply that it is authorized by the Roman Catholic Church. To clarify if it is an **authorized document**, it should be one that is endorsed or authorized by **Adam Cardinal Maida**,

The Michigan Catholic Conference, or the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The authorized material will inform you of the teachings of the Catholic Church and how to make an informed decision. They will not endorse a candidate or tell you who you should vote for or against. If you have any questions about material received, call the rectory.

### ATTENTION ALL WHO USE THE HALL

Does your group cook in the hall? There will be a brief meeting Monday, March 3, 2008 at 6:30 pm for all groups in the parish. I ask that at least 2 representatives from each group attend to collect and hear the proper protocol. Also please attend if you plan on cooking for the Festival or hosting a Fundraiser that involves using the Parish Center or cooking in its kitchen.

**Sharon Resst**  
 Hall Coordinator/Safety Food Manager

VICARIATE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE		
Thursday St. Francis Xavier	February 28 Ecorse	7:00 p.m.
Saturday St. Cyprian	March 8 Riverview	11:00 a.m.
Sunday St. Joseph	March 9 Wyandotte	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Our Lady of the Woods	March 13 Woodhaven	7:00 p.m.
Saturday St. Frances Cabrini	March 15 Allen Park	11:00 a.m.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION February 17, 2008

Registered Families	466
Envelopes used	157
Total collection	\$3291.00

## Religious Education

Our journey through Lent continues. Please join us in the church for Stations of the Cross, most classes are praying them every week. All those that are preparing for their First Holy Communion will attend a day retreat on Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers. It is a blessed day for them and their parents. The children will be practicing for the last Children's Mass that will take place this school year. If you haven't been able to make one this is your last chance. I promise cheerful greeters and a lively liturgy to all that attend St. Elizabeth's 10:30am Children's Mass on March 2nd. The third grade will host with the Confirmation Candidates assisting.

### Dates to Remember:

**Feb.27** - Class, practice for Children's Mass

**Mar. 1** - 1st Communion Retreat 9:30am-1pm,  
(parent & child attend )

**Mar. 2** - Children's Mass, 10:30am @ St. Elizabeth

**Mar. 5** - Regular class

**Mar.10** - Confirmation, Session six, 6:30-8:30pm,

**Red folders due!**

God Bless You,  
Julie Dzanbazoff, DRE

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH  
Reverend Victor Roman, Pastor

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

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Member at large	Tony Rinaldi
Pastoral Associate	Cathy Borsh

**Sacraments:** Call the rectory. Adults over 18 must be registered on their own and practicing Catholics at this parish for at minimum three months prior to any sacramental preparation for themselves or their children.

## Christian Service Corner

### Soup Meals

Please join us Tuesday for our Soup Meals and 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 pay should you have went out for a meal. Example if you normally eat out a fast food a meal would at least cost \$5.00 If you normally dine out for a more fancy meal would be \$10.00-\$20.00 per meal. Remember this is Lent and it is 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!

### THIS WEEK'S MENU:

**2/26/08 by** Cathy Borsh and Kris Aguirre- Chicken Noodle and Pozoloe (Authentic Mexican Stew)

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

During Lent there will be a **Red Cross Blood Drive Good Friday 3/21/08 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm** Sign up sheets are now in the back of church please sign up! **Thank You** to the 12 parishioners who have signed up so far-- only twenty-seven to go! Please consider giving blood as the Southeastern Michigan Blood Supply is at an alarming shortage. Sign up sheets are now in the back of church and at the Fish Frys on Fridays

### FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry at the rectory could use:

**1 pound boxes of Pasta/ 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)

### LENT SCHEDULE

- | **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.**
- | **Private Reconciliation Every Saturday 3:30 p.m.**
- | **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.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, February 26**

**6:00 p.m.** For those who suffer addiction to drugs and their families

**Wednesday, February 27**

**12:30 p.m.** Stations of the Cross

**1:00 p.m.** Rosary

**Saturday, March 1**

**5:00 p.m.** In memory of Margaret Lesner

**Sunday, March 2**

**9:00 p.m.** In memory of Rose Stewart

**11:00 a.m.** In memory of Edward Evans



*Sanctuary Candle*

In memory of  
**JoAnn Kolniak**  
by  
**Jo Ohorodnik**

*May They Rest in Peace*

It has been brought to our attention that

**Margaret Jennings** who was a parishioner of St. Francis Xavier and was living in Alpena in recent years has entered eternal rest on **January 27, 2008**.

**PRAYER LIST**

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, Silvia El-Tabche, Patricia Evans, Vera Freeman, 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, Antoinette Reyna, Marlene Reyna, Carl Richter, Pablo Rodriguez, Baby Justin Romero, Eleanor Roswell, Angie Sauve, Michael Sgambati, Lee Silva, Connie Slitti, Mary Lou Smith, Nathan Sobczyk, Szymecko 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 and their families especially:

- CARMELLO ALBINO\*LUIS ALBINO\*GARY BRIDGES \*JONATHAN M. CLAR-CHICK\*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

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday, February 24**

**Mass at 9 & 11 am**

**Monday, February 25**

**5:00 p.m.** RCIA

**Tuesday, February 26**

**4:00-7:00 p.m.** Soup Meal by Cathey & Kris

**6:00 p.m.** Mass

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**12:30 p.m.** Stations of the Cross

**1:00 p.m.** Rosary

**5:30 p.m.** Religious Education

**7:00 p.m.** **Stem Cell Research Lecture**

**7:00 p.m.** Companeras de Cristo Choir Practice

**Thursday, February 28**

**1:00 p.m.** Forever Young Potluck

**7:00 p.m.** **Lenten Reconciliation Service**

**Friday, February 29**

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

**Saturday, March 1**

**3:30 p.m.** Private Confession

**5:00 p.m.** Mass

**6:00 p.m.** CYO Banquet

**Sunday, March 2**

**Mass at 9 & 11 am**

**USHERS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES**

See the Religious Education calendar for additional information.

**HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TENTH ANNUAL ROSE MASS**

The Tenth Annual *Rose Mass*, a liturgical celebration for the Catholic health care community and their families, will take place at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Sunday, March 2, at 10 a.m. Auxiliary Bishop Earl Boyea will preside. Immediately following Mass, Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD, from the National Catholic Bioethics Center will speak on Stem Cells and Cloning. CME and CEU credits will be available. Sacred Heart Major Seminary is located at 2701 Chicago Blvd., with the parking entrance off Linwood, in Detroit. Call 313-237-5978 for more information.

**FOREVER YOUNG POTLUCK**

Forever Young (Seniors) will be holding their February Potluck this Thursday on the 28th at 1:00 p.m. Please call Marge Karaba at 381-8095 or Ann Legarski at 928-5556 on what food you are bringing.

**Ceil Oltean**

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

If you like kids and want to have some fun, please consider helping at the Easter Egg Hunt on March 15. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church or call Sharon 383-8514 ext 12. Also needed are: stuffed animals, individually wrapped candies and items for children's Easter Baskets, and grass for baskets.

**Thank you—Sharon Resst**