



St. Francis Xavier

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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

LENTEN GIVING TREE

If you would like to make a donation for the Easter Food Baskets for those in need, a tree is in the front corner of our church. Please take an egg and return by **Friday, March 14, 2008.**

God Bless

Sharon Resst

Christian Service Coordinator



Blue egg=cash donation

Green egg= 5 lb. Ham



Purple egg= Buy an Easter Plant and take it to a homebound parishioner. Call rectory for name and number

Yellow egg= Bag of Easter Candy or small toy



Pink egg= Meijer Gift card

Please be generous.



ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY (SUNDAY)

Hosted by
USHERS' SOCIETY

FESTIVAL MEETING THURSDAY @ 6:30 P.M.

Hello Everyone:

Just a reminder there will be a festival meeting next Thursday March 6th at 6:30 in the rectory basement: If you are unable to attend please let me know.

VICARIATE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

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 24, 2008

Registered Families	466
Envelopes used	177
Total collection	\$3222.94

Religious Education

What a weekend for us. Those preparing for First Holy Communion attended their first of two retreats on Saturday. It was an enriching experience for all. As a matter of fact, I'm thinking of holding one for any family to attend that would like to enrich, refresh, renew their call to the Holy banquet table, the Eucharist. Let me know what you think! This weekend concludes our Children's Masses this school year. Thank you to all that supported the children. *They are the future of the church!* Confirmation meets next Monday for their sixth session. **RED FOLDERS ARE DUE!!!** I am very grateful to those that helped me during the retreats and First Reconciliation for a ministry shadowing project that was required to do. It was set up for *them* to learn about the functions of the church but *I* was the one that was blessed. *They are the true example of church!*

Dates to Remember:

Mar. 5 - Regular class

Mar.10 - Confirmation, Session six, 6:30-8:30pm,
Red folders due!

Mar.12 - class 5:30 pm

Mar.19 - special Holy Week Service, family invited

Mar.26 - EASTER BREAK

God's blessings as you continue your Lenten journey,
Julie Dzanbazoff, DRE

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED.

Please call Cathey or Father if you are interested in becoming an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist who will assist in the ministry of distributing the body and blood of Christ at mass on a regular basis..



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.

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.

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:

3/4/08 CYO Booster Club and CYO Teams Chicken Rice and Vegetable

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 **16** parishioners who have signed up so far only 23 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)

FEBRUARY EFP SERVED:

149 HOUSEHOLDS 203 ADULTS AND 116 CHILDREN for March we need...200 cans of soup 100 boxes of macaroni and cheese and 50 jelly

******Thank you to all the Food Angels we have met our green bean and corn requests. Especially all the children who so faithfully contribute food for the poor!***



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 4
 6:00 p.m. For the children of the world
Wednesday, March 5
 12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 1:00 p.m. Rosary
Saturday, March 8
 5:00 p.m. In memory of Joseph Legarski, Kristen Legarski, Edward Sikora, and the 2nd anniversary of Vivian McCurry
Sunday, March 9
 9:00 p.m. In memory of the 2nd anniversary of Mildred Vukovich
 11:00 a.m. For the people of the parish



Sanctuary Candle
 In memory of
Rita Hellar
 by
The Legarski Family

May They Rest in Peace

Jeanne Siroskey
 (mother of Fr. Larry of St. Helena)

Fr. Thaddeus (Ted) Blaszczyk

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, Mimi Martinez, 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 Sliitti, 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

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, March 2
 Mass at 9 & 11 am
Monday, March 3
 5:00 p.m. RCIA
 6:30 p.m. Meeting for anyone who cooks in the parish center
Tuesday, March 4
 4:00–7:00 p.m. Soup Meal by CYO
 5:00 p.m. Disabilities Counseling w/ Dr. Wm. Hale
 6:00 p.m. Mass
Wednesday, March 5
 12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 1:00 p.m. Rosary
 5:30 p.m. Religious Education
 7:00 p.m. Companeras de Cristo Choir Practice
Thursday, March 6
 6:30 p.m. Festival Planning Meeting
Friday, March 7
 4:00 –7:00 p.m. Fish Fry
Saturday, March 8
 3:30 p.m. Private Confession
 5:00 p.m. Mass
 p.m. **SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD!!!**
Sunday, March 9
 Mass at 9 & 11 am

See the Religious Education calendar for additional information.



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