





**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**  
**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**

**The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time~ November 12, 2023**

Monday 11/13	Tuesday 11/14	Wednesday 11/15	Thursday 11/16	Friday 11/17	Saturday 11/17	Sunday 11/18
	No Mass	8:15 AM SFX Confessions	9:00 AM SJB Word & Communion	No Mass	3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation	7:30 AM SFX Mass
	10:15 AM SFX Church Ladies	9:00 AM SFX Mass	4:15 PM SFX P.E.T Meeting		4:00 PM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SFX Mass
		6:30 PM Grades 6 and up Faith Formation				11:00 AM SJB Mass

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Christmas Bazaar**  
**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

- ◆ Mass at 11:00 AM
  - ◆ Soup and Dessert Lunch follows Mass (Serving Chili and Chicken Noodle Soups)
  - ◆ Basket Raffles
  - ◆ Bake Sale
  - ◆ Cash and prize raffles
- Raffle tickets available at church, the parish office, and the day of the bazaar.



**Mass Intentions– Week of November 13, 2023**

- Monday: No Mass
- Tuesday: No Mass
- Wednesday 9:00 AM: † Barbara Jean Pryga  
By: Mark & Tina Scott
- Thursday (SJB) 9:00 AM: Word & Communion
- Friday: 8:00 AM: No Mass
- Saturday: 4:00 PM: † Duane Rutte  
By: Jack & Faye Semling Family
- Sunday: 7:30 AM: † Joann Anderson  
By: Greg & Mary Ament
- 9:00 AM: † Eddie Miller  
By: Betty & Ellie
- 11:00 AM (SJB): People of the parishes



Thank you for returning your baby bottle to support **Hope Life Resource Center**. So far we have collected **\$3,419.00!!!** There are about 60 baby bottles that have not been returned. Please return your bottle to the crib in the entrance to church, or the parish office.... even if they are empty. Thank you.



**Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours**

- Monday 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
- Tuesday 5:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Wednesday 6:00 AM-8:00 AM & 10:00 AM –9:00 PM
- Thursday 12:00 PM-8:00 PM
- Friday 5:00 AM-8:00 AM



**SCRIP NEWS:** The biggest shopping day of the year is right around the corner. Black Friday is November 24th. If you need a large amount of SCRIP to a store, or SCRIP for a store that needs to be special ordered (the back side of the SCRIP form) the last date to place your order is Monday, November 13 at 10:00 AM. Please call or email Kris in the parish office. Did you know we have SCRIP for Old Navy, Kohl's, TJ Max, Amazon, L.L. Bean and so many more! Every time you use SCRIP these stores donate to our school! Please use SCRIP!

**SFX BINGO:** Our next BINGO night is November 30! Join us when the doors open at 5:00 PM and the games start at 6:00 PM. We estimate our progressive jackpot to be \$1200.00! We will be serving BBQ on a bun, chips and of course home made dessert!!!



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# The Bulletin Board

- † The next **“Church Ladies”** meeting will take place in the parish office on Tuesday, November 14th at 10:15 AM. We will catch up on our card ministry and continue to plan building up the Kingdom of God. New members are always welcome.
- † Candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel burn this week in honor of the **55th Wedding anniversary of Vern & Judy Warren.**
- † Altar Flowers this weekend are in loving memory of **John Weix** from Mom, Mike, Patty & Steve. Additional altar flowers are in loving memory of **Faye Semling** by her family.
- † **Our Knights of Columbus** are selling 2024 raffle calendars in the back of church, and at the parish office. For only \$20 these make a perfect gift! Every Sunday a \$25 winner is drawn, on the 5th Sunday of the month a \$100 winner is drawn, and on our parish Feast days, Christmas and Easter you can win \$250!!! The November winners of \$25.00 each were: Gera Leider, Dave & Rose Raleigh, Nancy Arndorfer, Brad Baranek.
- † **St. Vincent de Paul NEWS:** In the Gospel today, Jesus challenges us to “stay awake” by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. *Ask yourself “What would Jesus Christ do?” and then see what you can do to help those suffering so they will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.*
- † **St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Office** is looking for one or two people to help as an Office Assistant. The hours are flexible and the job would consist of answering the phone and general office work. Must be interested in working with and helping others in need. Call Sue at 715-539-2666 if interested.
- † Please continue to pay attention to our newsletter, Mass announcements, flock notes, and Facebook for changes in our daily mass schedule. We continue to thank God for providing retired priests and priests from neighboring communities to help serve our parishes. **This week we have weekday confessions on Wednesday at 8:15 AM and Mass at 9:00 AM.**

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD-THANK YOU!

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Nov. 1, 2 & 4-5, 2023	Nov 1, 2 & 5-6, 2022
Adult Envelopes	\$8783.00	\$8040.50
Loose	\$654.75	\$901.00
ACH giving	\$5612.00	\$4935.00
Rectory Repairs	<u>\$1952.00</u>	<u>\$1542.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,001.75</b>	<b>\$15,418.50</b>
<u>St. John the Baptist</u>		
Adult Env. & Loose	\$1168.00	\$1055.00
SFX Catholic School	\$138.00	-0-

**Following Christ**  
a seven-week journey  
Come Follow Me

Coming to our Parish Tuesdays beginning November 28 at 6:00 PM.

**Following Christ** is designed to help people who have completed the Discovering Christ course to grow even further in friendship & union with God. We will meet Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00PM on these dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 2, 9 & 16. (There is no dinner, but dessert and coffee will be served). There is a special retreat on Saturday, January 6 which you won't want to miss! If you already signed up with your Discovering Christ table leader you are all set. If not, please call Kris in the parish office today!

**The Christmas Spirit Appeal is underway!** We need to get an early start because our gifts are due back to St. Francis by Sunday, December 3. The Christmas Spirit Appeal supplies gifts and food for dozens of area families in need. Please follow the directions by the Christmas tree very carefully. We appreciate your support!



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**Parish office hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM & Friday 8:30 AM- 12:00 PM