



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

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time~ Sunday, January 21, 2024

Monday 1/22	Tuesday 1/23	Wednesday 1/24	Thursday 1/25	Friday 1/26	Saturday 1/27	Sunday 1/28
	4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM SFX Mass	8:15 AM SFX Reconciliation 9:00 AM SFX Mass Faith Formation 5:30 PM Grades K-5 6:30 PM Grades 6-10	9:00 AM SJB Mass 6:30 PM SFX Parish & Finance Council 6:30 PM "Him First" Volunteer Meeting	8:00 AM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SFX Reconciliation 3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation 4:00 PM SFX Mass	CSW Pancake Breakfast today! 7:30 AM SFX Mass 9:00 AM SFX Mass Catholic School's Kick Off Mass 11:00 AM SJB Mass

Year end tithing statements SFX & SJB

Year end tithing statements for 2023 will be ready on January 29th. If you would like a copy of your statement please email or call Kris in the parish office. Statements are only sent out if they are requested to save the cost of printing and mailing them to 800 families. Thank you.

FISH FRIES Start February 9!

Our Lenten fish fries begin in just 3 weeks! Our fish fries begin **February 9** and continue every Friday with the last one being on March 21. (We do not serve on Good Friday.) So please save a few Friday nights to help us with this huge fundraiser. Last year's profit was \$40,700! The success of our fish fries comes from the dozens and dozens of volunteers. Each week we need: 8 waitresses, 5 bussers, 2 hostesses, 5 phone operators, 8 delivery drivers, 15 kitchen workers, and 2 cashiers! This doesn't even include the people who unpack and clean the fish and shrimp, prepare the sauces, make cole slaw, wrap potatoes etc... Please use the sign up sheets in the back of church to volunteer, or call Kris in the parish office. **Remember, if you have done the same job for years, there is no need to sign up... Kris will be calling you.**



NEW ON FORMED: "The Catholic Parent" -Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories. Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith.

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Mass Intentions- Week of January 22, 2023

Monday : No Mass

Tuesday 5:00 PM: Barone & Mahotz Families

By: Family

Wednesday 9:00 AM: † Tom Hynes

By: Russ & Tracy Creel Family

Thursday (SJB) 9:00 AM: † Arlys Bourdage

By: Kris Leggett

Friday: 8:00 AM: † Jean Folta

By: Family

Saturday: 4:00 PM: † Al Lezotte

By: Dennis & Judeen Knott

Sunday: 7:30 AM: People of the parishes

9:00 AM: † Sonja Doughty By: SFX Staff

11:00 AM (SJB): † Rita Koch

By: Tom & Thelma Meyer



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Tuesday 5:00 AM-5:00 PM

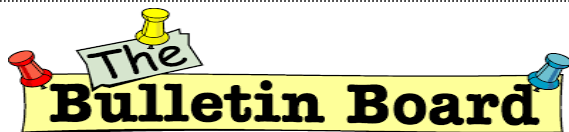
Wednesday 6:00 AM-8:00 AM & 10:00 AM-9:00 PM

Thursday 12:00 PM-8:00 PM

Friday 5:00 AM-8:00 AM



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The Bulletin Board

- † Candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel last week were in loving memory of **Eugene & Evelyn Baratone**. This week they are in loving memory of **Debbie Stuelke**.
- † **Retrouvaille/Marriage Help Weekend Coming Soon!**
- Retrouvaille offers hope and a path to a joyful marriage with forgiveness and trust. The next program begins with a weekend stay Feb. 16-18, 2024. Catholic based, fully confidential, affordable, and open to couples of all faith backgrounds. For more information, see www.HelpOurMarriage.org, or call 1-877-922-HOPE to register.
- † **St. Vincent de Paul News:** In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values. *Within the last three months, through the gifts of many, St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist with \$18,000 for many families, providing for utility, rent and other bills. St. Vincent has provided \$8,000 helping those who were homeless. May God Bless you!*
- † **Baptisms:** Congratulations to Mick Stencil, and Andrew Groh, baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Mick's parents are Jon and Mollie (Perry) Stencil. Andrew's parents are Mitchell and Amanda (Kehl) Groh. Please keep these families in your prayers.
- † **Men's and Women's retreats offered:** The Diocese of Superior is offering retreats for both men and women. **MEN:** January 27-28 at Heartwood Resort, Trego, WI. This retreat will feature Pete Burak from Renewal Ministries. In addition to hearing from Pete, you will enjoy times of prayer, delicious food, and fellowship with men throughout our Diocese. **WOMEN:** Choose from either Feb. 10-11 or Feb. 17-18. This year's retreat is titled "Who am I?" The weekend will include keynote talks, delicious meals, and fellowship with women also on a journey to follow Christ. For details on either the men's or women's retreat please call Kris in the Parish Office.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD-THANK YOU!

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Jan 13-14, 2024	Jan 14-15, 2023
Adult Envelopes	\$4569.00	\$4940.00
Loose	\$290.00	\$347.38
ACH giving	\$1702.00	\$1365.00
Rectory Repairs	<u>\$644.50</u>	<u>\$486.30</u>
TOTAL	\$7,205.50	\$7,138.68
<u>St. John the Baptist</u>		
Adult Env. & Loose	\$795.00	\$565.00
SFX Catholic School	\$53.00	-0-

SFX BINGO

Our next BINGO night is Thursday, February 1. The doors open at 5:00 PM and the fun begins at 6:00 PM. Our progressive jackpot is estimated to be at \$2500.00!!!! We will be serving a Chili bar with all the fixings, desserts, and soda and water. No carry-ins please. Come and join the fun!

Catholic School's Week Kickoff: Sunday, January 28

As we approach Catholic Schools Week 2024, we invite you to discover the unique advantages of a Catholic education. Our 14 Catholic Schools from throughout the Diocese will all be hosting special events and open houses from January 28-February 3rd. Come and witness firsthand our commitment to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community engagement that sets our Catholic schools apart. Explore the vibrant learning environment, dedicated educators, and the strong sense of community that fosters a love for learning and living out our faith. We will continue the tradition of our Diocesan-wide collection that will provide additional and immediate support for our schools. Please use your orange tithing envelope in your packet, or mark your check "Catholic School's Week". Additionally, we invite you to a pancake breakfast Sunday morning, and tours of our classrooms. Thank you for supporting our Catholic School.

Cinnamon Roll Sale: February 2 & 3 after all the Masses

Help support youth trips like Extreme Faith Camp by purchasing hot and delicious cinnamon rolls after Mass!

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