





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

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, January 28, 2024



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Monday 1/29	Tuesday 1/30	Wednesday 1/31	Thursday 2/1	Friday 2/2	Saturday 2/3	Sunday 2/4
	4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM SFX Mass	8:15 AM SFX Reconciliation 9:00 AM SFX Mass Faith Formation NO CLASSES	9:00 AM SJB No Mass 6:00 PM SFX BINGO 	Presentation of the Lord 8:00 AM SFX Mass Blessing of Throats after Mass	9:00 AM SFX Reconciliation 3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation 4:00 PM SFX Mass Blessing of Throats after Mass Cinnamon Roll Sale after Masses	7:30 AM SFX Mass 9:00 AM SFX Mass 11:00 AM SJB Mass 

Year End Tithing statements SFX & SJB

Year end tithing statements for 2023 are now ready at the parish office. 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.

Mass Intentions– Week of January 29, 2024

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday 5:00 PM: † Jean Folta
 By: Bill & Kathy Wulf
Wednesday 9:00 AM: In thanksgiving for prayers answered
 By: Joanne Myszka
Thursday (SJB) 9:00 AM: NO Mass
Friday: 8:00 AM: † Mary Luterbach
 By: Sam & Rita Way
Saturday: 4:00 PM: † Kathryn Kluetz Lee
 By: Eldred & Mary Kufahl
Sunday: 7:30 AM: † Mark Weix Sr.
 By: Pat & Kaz Buckett
 9:00 AM: Intentions of: Wendy Arndt
 By: Dave & Rose Raleigh
 11:00 AM (SJB): People of the parishes

SJB Pancake Breakfasts Return!

The 2024 pancake breakfasts are back. Our first breakfast and bake sale is Sunday, Feb 11th directly after Mass. We have a sign up sheet in back of church for our food donations, and also we are looking for volunteers. So, please save the date and join us!

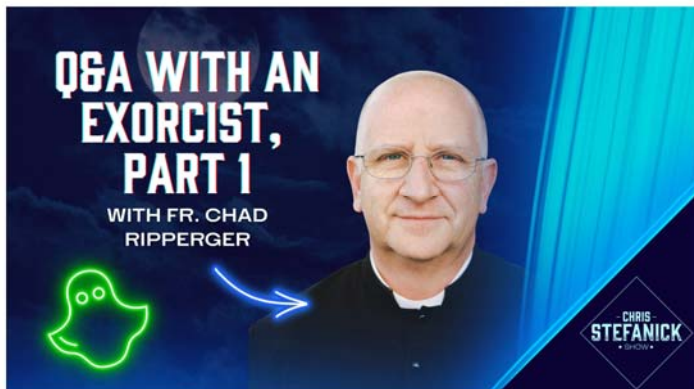


SCRIP News

We welcome **Brews Brothers** to our SCRIP program! Located off Camp Phillips Road in Weston, they serve great “all American burgers”, a wide variety craft beer, gluten free options and so much more. They are donating a very generous 10% to our school with each \$25 gift card purchase. Visit them at: brewsbrothersweston.com!

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

Q&A WITH AN EXORCIST, PART 1
 WITH FR. CHAD RIPPERGER

CHRIS STEFANICK SHOW

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Exorcisms: What Catholics Need to Know | Chris Stefanick Show

Scripture says, “Be sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith.” In other words, the Christian life involves spiritual combat. But a lot of Catholics aren’t really familiar with this idea. So to start unpacking it, we’re talking to Fr. Chad Ripperger, an exorcist priest.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



The Bulletin Board

- † Candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel burn this week for the healing of **Dee Bonkoski**, and in loving memory of **Yurgen Markewycz**.
- † **Thursday Mass at SJB:** Fr. Maria will be attending Mass with Bishop Powers and our school children on Thursday, February 1.... So there will not be Mass at St. John the Baptist that day.
- † **2024 Catholic Extension Calendars** have arrived. We apologize for the delay, but a small amount of Catholic Extension Calendars have arrived for both parishes. They are in the back of church, and the parish office. Thank you to Taylor Stine Funeral Home and Waid Funeral Home for donating these calendars.
- † An additional \$151.92 was recently donated to Hope Life Center as part of our **Operation Baby Bottle** Campaign last fall. We are still missing approximately 35 baby bottles. If you have a baby bottle at home, please return to the parish office, or the drop box in the back of church. Whether you donate or not, these bottles are expensive to replace so we really need them back. Thank you!
- † **St. Vincent de Paul News:** In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering. *Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store? If interested call us at 715-539-1131.*
- † **FISH FRIES Start February 9!** Our Lenten fish fries begin in just 2 weeks! Our first Fish Fry is **February 9** and we continue every Friday with the last one being on March 22. One of the reasons our fish fries are so popular is the **HOME MADE DESSERTS!** Our cheesecakes, tortes, pies and delicious bars are incredibly popular. Did you know we serve approximately 375 pieces of dessert each week? If you are one of our bakers... please sign up for what you are donating each week in the back of church, or call Kris in the parish office. And **THANK YOU!**

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD-THANK YOU!

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Jan 20-21, 2024	Jan 21-22, 2023
Adult Envelopes	\$3915.93	\$5265.00
Loose	\$398.00	\$305.00
ACH giving	\$3373.00	\$3285.00
Rectory Repairs	<u>\$901.00</u>	<u>\$1937.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8587.93	\$10,792.00
<u>St. John the Baptist</u>		
Adult Env. & Loose	\$811.00	\$952.67
SFX Catholic School	\$119.00	-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, soda and water. No carry-ins please. Come and join the fun!

Catholic School's Week begins!

St. Francis School kids will be celebrating Catholic schools week with a variety of silly dress up days, fun activities, and a trip to St. Mary's in Tomahawk on Thursday to celebrate Mass with Bishop Powers. Each year the students choose to participate in a service project for a local organization. This year they will be collecting items to donate to The MAC house (Merrill Community Homeless Center). On Friday we will conclude our celebration with Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and an all school retreat. Pictured below, are some of our students at Pine Crest Nursing Home. We visit our friends there weekly for prayer.



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