





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

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~January 19, 2025

<u>Monday 1/20</u>	<u>Tuesday 1/21</u>	<u>Wednesday 1/22</u>	<u>Thursday 1/23</u>	<u>Friday 1/24</u>	<u>Saturday 1/25</u>	<u>Sunday 1/26</u>
	4:00 PM SFX Reconciliation 5:00 PM SFX Mass	8:15 AM SFX Mass 5:30 PM SFX K-5 Faith Formation 6:00 PM SFX Following Christ 6:30 PM SFX 6-10 Faith Formation	9:00 AM SJB Mass	8:15 AM SFX Mass	9:00 AM SFX Reconciliation 3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation 4:00 PM SFX Mass	7:30 AM SFX Mass 9:00 AM SFX Mass 10:45 AM SJB Reconciliation 11:00 AM SFX Mass
						

NEW YEAR, NEW RESOLUTION: De-Stress your life!

Do you ever forget your contribution envelopes? Do you get frustrated with one more thing to remember on Sunday before church? An easy solution is to have your regular and/or rectory repair contributions taken out of your checking or savings account automatically. You can contribute weekly, monthly or semi-monthly and it doesn't matter which bank you use. If you sign up for the ACH program, you will only receive the "special" envelopes in the mail. Please complete the registration attached if you would like to start the ACH program and return to the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Tracy at 715-536-2803, ext. 104.

Catholic Herald Subscriptions:

If you are a subscriber to the Catholic Herald, we kindly suggest an annual donation of \$21.00 to help defray the cost of this publication. Catholic Herald dues are typically collected in January for the year. If you receive envelopes in the mail, you will find a Catholic Herald envelope to use. If you do not receive envelopes, you can place your annual donation in the collection basket or mail to the parish office clearly indicating Catholic Herald dues. If you would like to start receiving the Catholic Herald in your home or cancel your subscription, please contact Tracy in the finance office. Thank you.

SFX BINGO Returns February 6th!

Please join us for another great BINGO night. The doors open at 4:30 PM and the games begin at 6:00 PM. We estimate the progressive jackpot to be over \$3000.00. Food and beverages will be available. No carry-ins please. See you February 6!

Mass Intentions– Week of January 20, 2025

- Monday : No Mass
- Tuesday 5:00 PM: †Hobart Hinz
By: Cohrs Family
- Wednesday 8:15 AM: †Agnes Yunek
By: St. Vincent de Paul Family
- Thursday (SJB) 9:00 AM intentions of: Kelly Collins
By: Maraline Collins
- Friday: 8:15 AM: †John Zuhlke
By: Tom Tylenda
- Saturday: 4:00 PM: †Elaine Hinke
By: Hinke Family
- Sunday: 7:30 AM: †Agnes Yunek
By: Giese Family
- 9:00 AM: †Sonja Doughty
By: Sophia & Maria Volpe
- 11:00 AM (SJB): People of the parishes

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

- Monday 3:00 PM-8:00 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
- Please call Phil/Mary at 715-409-0165 with Adoration questions.



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Mass

There is infinite grace available in every Mass and confession, but our subjective experience may not reflect this objective reality. We need to switch on. The focus of this episode is unlocking more grace from Mass and confession.



The Bulletin Board

- † Candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel burn this week for the repose of the souls of **Sonja Doughty** and **Kevin Delp**.
- † **Renovation Committee Update:** As the Him First Renovation Committee continues to meet, please know that samples of materials, tiles, drawings and their minutes are available in the parish office during normal office hours.
- † **2024 Tithing Contribution Statements** are available for pickup at the parish office beginning January 31, 2025. To save the cost of postage, we will only mail them upon request. You may also email Kris at the address below. Thank you.
- † **K of C Calendar Winners:** Congratulations to the following winners of the January Knights of Columbus Calendar drawing: Matt Waid (Stevens Point), Jill Pike (Three Lakes), Aaron Arndt (Milwaukee), and Cathy Wendy (Merrill). All these winners won \$25.00!
- † **Christmas Tree profit:** Thank you to those who supported our school by purchasing your Christmas tree from our lot. **We profited \$1518.00.** Our deepest thanks to the Bryan and Annie Hoffman family for their donation of the Christmas trees!
- † **Extreme Faith Camp presents “An evening in Italy”**, Saturday, February 22. **SAVE THE DATE** for this fabulous evening that includes Mass and dinner! Thank you to Catholic United Financial for sponsoring this event.
- † **St. Vincent de Paul News:** In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust. *Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.*

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD-THANK YOU!

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Jan 11-12, 2025	Jan 13-14, 2024
Adult Envelopes	\$5160.00	\$4569.00
Loose	\$408.00	\$290.00
ACH giving	\$1753.00	\$1702.00
Rectory Repairs	<u>\$464.75</u>	<u>\$644.50</u>
TOTAL	\$7785.75	\$7205.50
<u>St. John the Baptist</u>		
Adult Env. & Loose	\$683.00	\$795.00
SFX Catholic School	\$21.00	\$53.00

Eucharistic Minister Training/Precious Blood Returns

To prepare for the return of Precious Blood at all weekend Masses on February 1-2, Deacon Jim will be offering training for Eucharistic Ministers on Sunday, January 26th at 4:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier Church. This is for ALL Eucharistic Ministers, and those who wish to become a NEW Eucharistic Minister for both parishes. The return of communion from the cup will necessitate the need for many more Eucharistic Ministers than we currently have. Please, prayerfully consider helping in this ministry. If we have enough volunteers, you will only be volunteering once per month, and it will be a Mass time and date of your choosing.



Knights of Columbus Fishing Tournament Saturday, February 15, 2025

Lake Alexander-Rock Island Bar & Resort, Merrill

You won't want to miss our 19th Annual Fishing Tournament! In addition to a great day of ice fishing, we will be raffling off many prizes including:

- 9 MM Smith & Wesson Pistol
- 2—\$500 Geiss Meat Gift Certificates
- \$500 Sportsman’s Warehouse Gift Certificate

If you can't make it to the tournament on February 15, raffle tickets for the above 3 prizes area available at the parish office for only \$10 each. You do not need to be present to win these prizes. Thank you for supporting our Knights!

Diocesan Catholic Schools Collection In the packet of tithing envelopes for January, you will find an orange envelope to contribute to the Diocesan Catholic Schools collection. This collection of money at St. Francis and St. John the Baptist gets sent to the diocese and is combined with all the other parishes in the diocese collection for this cause. The TOTAL amount collected gets split between the 14 schools in our diocese. Last year we collected \$1432.00 locally for this cause but received a return check from the diocese for \$4846.50. **Please keep in mind that our local School Annual Appeal, which is DIFFERENT from the diocesan appeal, will begin in the next few weeks. ALL monies donated to this local School Annual Appeal benefit and stay here at St. Francis.**

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Parish office hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM