



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time~February 1, 2026



Monday 2/2	Tuesday 2/3	Wednesday 2/4	Thursday 2/5	Friday 2/6	Saturday 2/7	Sunday 2/8
	St. Blaise 4:00 PM SFX Reconciliation 5:00 PM SFX Mass in cafeteria	8:15 AM SFX Mass in cafeteria 6:00 PM Family Holy Hour	9:00 AM SJB Mass 10:30 AM Pine Crest Mass 6:00 PM SFX BINGO	8:15 AM SFX Mass in day chapel 2:00 PM School Eucharistic Adoration	9:00 AM SFX Reconciliation 3:00 PM SFX Reconciliation 4:00 PM SFX Mass	8:30 AM SFX Mass 10:30 AM SJB Mass 

Family Holy Hour

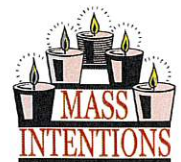
Everyone is invited to our monthly "Family Holy Hour" where we continue to learn about Eucharistic Adoration. The next night is February 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Family Holy Hours are always the first Wednesday of the month. If you are new to Eucharistic Adoration, resources will be available to help you pray. Children of all ages are welcome! Stay as long as you are comfortable. Quiet activities for children will be available as well. Additionally, Fr. John will be hearing confessions. We hope to see you there!

BINGO Night—February 5, 2026

Our next BINGO night takes place on Thursday, February 5. The doors open at 5:00 PM and the games begin at 6:00 PM. We expect to give away a total of \$1000 in prize money. Additionally, we estimate the progressive jackpot to be over \$3,000! There will also be a 50/50 cash raffle that helps supports our school's field trips. We will even serve you supper! BBQ chicken and ranch chicken sandwiches, chips, desserts, soda and water will be served. Bring a friend and we will see you Thursday!

Mass Intentions— Week of February 2, 2026

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday 5:00 PM: † Gail Kovar
 By: Greg & Mary Ament
Wednesday 8:15 AM: † Bosi Family By: Family
Thursday (SJB) 9:00 AM: † Kaz Buckett
 By: Frank & Bernie Ineichen
 (Pine Crest) 10:30 AM: No Mass intention
Friday: 8:15 AM: † John Swan
 By: Kris Leggett
Saturday: 4:00 PM: † Bosi Family
 By: Family
Sunday: 8:30 AM: † Donna Brandl Reddy
 By: Sandy Brannan
 10:30 AM (SJB): People of the parishes

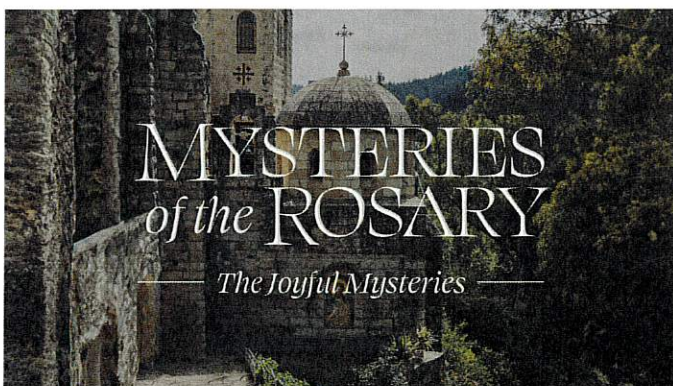


Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday 3:00 PM-7:00 PM
 Tuesday 5:00 AM-5:00 PM
 Wednesday 6:00 AM-8:00 AM & 9:00 AM –9:00 PM
 Thursday 12:00 PM-8:00 PM
 Friday 5:00 AM-8:00 AM



Jesus is always here. He is always available. He always listens.



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The Presentation

The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested and reaches its fulfillment at Calvary.

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The Bulletin Board

- ✦ Candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel burn this week in loving memory of Charlie Phelps.
- ✦ **Feast of St. Blaise:** We will celebrate Blaise at Mass on Tuesday, February 3 at 5:00 PM in the cafeteria. Tradition celebrates St. Blaise for saving a young boy who was choking to death on a fishbone. While being led to prison in Turkey/Armenia, St. Blaise blessed the child, who immediately coughed up the bone. This miracle established him as the patron saint of throats. Blessing of the throats will take place only at this Mass.
- ✦ **St. Vincent de Paul News:** In the Gospel today Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life, and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness. *Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the gospel of the kingdom and brings healing to the broken hearts of those who live in poverty.*
- ✦ **Not just a marriage weekend:** The Retrouvaille program is three phases. Follow up sessions, key to the high success rate, provide added support for growth in understanding, intimacy, and conflict management. The program is offered twice a year in the Wausau area. For Feb 13-15, 2026 weekend information call 877-922-4673 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.
- ✦ **SJB NEWS:** Thanks to all that have taken a step forward as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to be a more active member, we are still in need of sacristans (preparing the altar for Mass), choir members and money counters. Please speak with Deacon Jim or Kris at the parish office (715-536-2803). "It is in giving that we receive".
- ✦ **School Eucharistic Adoration:** Our school celebrates First Friday with Eucharistic Adoration at 2:00 PM. This month it will take place on Friday, February 6 in the school cafeteria. Parishioners are welcome to join us! You may enter at the school door #7.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD-THANK YOU!

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Jan 24-25, 2026	Jan. 25-26, 2025
Adult Envelopes	\$3709.00	\$5748.00
Loose	\$156.00	\$312.00
ACH giving	\$933.00	\$932.00
New Pews	<u>\$558.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5356.00	\$7292.00
<u>St. John the Baptist</u>		
Adult Env. & Loose	\$417.00	\$757.00
SFX Catholic School	\$50.00	\$130.00

FISH FRIES—February 13-March 27!



Fish fries are coming fast! Here is where help is needed:

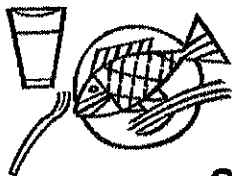
1. We hang fliers at over 100 businesses... but if you know someone who needs one, just call the parish office. We would love to get our fliers and menus to factories, or other companies that have second shifts. We could deliver meals to their employees. Can you help with that? Please share our menu on Facebook. (Follow us at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School)
2. Waitresses and waiters are always needed. Training is provided, and it is really fun to interact with people from our community. You simply take orders and provide them with their drinks. Most times the food is delivered to the table by another worker. You will need to arrive by 4:15 PM and are done around 7:00 PM, depending on how busy we are.
3. Bakers! Our desserts are famous, and because of the generous and talented bakers of our parish, they are all profit! We need approximately 350 pieces of dessert each week. Cheesecakes, tortes and fruit pies are the most requested desserts. However, bars and other pies are needed as well!
4. On the weekends, you may use the sign up sheets in the entrance to the school/church (by the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue). During the week the sign up sheets are in the parish office (Door #3).

K of C Fishing Tournament: Make plans to join the Knights for their annual fishing tournament on Saturday, Feb. 21 with registration beginning at 7:00 AM at Lake Alexander. Prizes and raffles will take place all day. If you cannot make it to the tournament you may purchase raffle tickets in the parish office. There are two drawings for a \$1000 Geiss gift card, as well as \$500 to Chase outdoors! Please support our Knights of Columbus.

SFX & SJB Mailing address: 1708 E. 10th St~Merrill, WI 54452 PH# 715-536-2803 / SCHOOL PH# 715-536-6083

Website: www.stfrancismerrill.org Email: Kleggett@stfrancismerrill.org

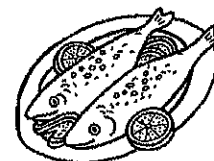
Parish office hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM



ST. FRANCIS FISH FRIES

Every Friday During Lent

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM



Serving February 13, 20, 27 March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

We do not serve on Good Friday

All Dinners include choice of Baked Potato or French Fries
and come with Coleslaw, Rye Bread & Milk or Coffee (Dine-In Only)

Substitute Cheese Curds for Baked Potato or French Fries Add \$3.00

Dinners

1 Pc - Deep Fried Pollock	\$10.75
2 Pc - Deep Fried Pollock	\$13.25
3 Pc - Deep Fried Pollock	\$15.00
6 oz. - Baked Cod	\$12.75
12 oz - Baked Cod	\$15.00
6 Pc - Deep Fried Shrimp	\$14.00
9 Pc - Deep Fried Shrimp	\$16.75

Combinations

1 Pc - Deep Fried Pollock & 3 Pc - Deep Fried Shrimp	\$14.00
2 Pc - Deep Fried Pollock & 3 Pc - Deep Fried Shrimp	\$16.50
1 Pc - Deep Fried Pollock & 6 Pc - Deep Fried Shrimp	\$17.00
6 oz. - Baked Cod & 3 Pc - Deep Fried Shrimp	\$16.00
12 oz - Baked Cod & 3 Pc - Deep Fried Shrimp	\$18.25
6 oz. - Baked Cod & 6 Pc - Deep Fried Shrimp	\$19.00

Sampler

1 Pc - Deep Fried Pollock & 6 oz. - Baked Cod & 3 Pc - Deep Fried Shrimp . . .	\$18.50
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Sides

Pizza dippers w/sauce	\$3.50
Cheese Curds	\$7.00
Coleslaw	\$1.50
Baked Potato	\$2.00
French Fries	\$2.25

Drinks

Milk - (2%, Chocolate)	\$1.00
Soda - (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Root Beer, Mountain Dew, Starry, Lemonade)	\$2.00
Beer - (Miller Hi Life, Busch Light)	\$3.00

HOMEMADE Desserts

Pie/cheesecake/torte	\$3.50
Bars/cake	\$2.00

Extra \$1.50 Charge per Meal for
Take-Out to pay for the containers

Dine-In Serving from 4:30 - 7:00 PM

Take-Outs & Deliveries Available-Call on Fridays after 1:00 PM - 715-536-2803

A night in Italy **RETURNS!**

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

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SERVING FROM
4-6PM

2026

Bellarmino Hall (Cafeteria)

SPAGHETTI, CHICKEN FETTUCCHINE,
GARLIC BREAD, SALAD, DRINK
& HOME-MADE DESSERTS!

A second helping is welcome!

Adults \$10 | Children 5 & under \$5

Cash Raffle & Basket Raffles

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT STUDENTS
GOING TO EXTREME FAITH CAMP!**

We are very happy that this year we have 32 people who will be attending camp! This is one of our major fund raisers so please plan on joining us for a wonderful evening of great food and fantastic fellowship!