



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
4th Sunday of Lent~March 15, 2026



Monday 3/16	Tuesday 3/17	Wednesday 3/18	Thursday 3/19	Friday 3/20	Saturday 3/21	Sunday 3/22
	4:00 PM SFX Confessions 4:30 PM SFX Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM SFX Mass <u>in the day chapel</u>	8:15 AM Mass <u>In cafeteria</u> Stations of the Cross follow 	Diocese of Superior Catechetical Leader Day No Mass at SJB No Mass at Pine Crest	8:15 AM SFX Mass <u>in day chapel</u> 	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

Holy Week Schedule: March 30-April 5

Tuesday, March 31: Mass 5:00 PM day chapel SFX
 Wednesday, April 1: Mass 8:15 AM cafeteria SFX
 Holy Thursday: Mass 7:00 PM cafeteria SFX
 Good Friday: Service 3:00 PM cafeteria SFX
 Easter Vigil: Mass 8:30 PM cafeteria SFX (No 4:00 PM Mass)
 Easter Sunday: Mass 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM SFX cafeteria
 Mass 11:00 AM SJB

We are publishing the Holy Week Schedule early, to draw attention to the Mass schedule on Easter Sunday. Due to the number of people that will attend Mass on Easter, we believe it will be necessary to use the 3 Sunday Mass schedule. This will be for EASTER SUNDAY ONLY. Help us spread the word. **If you would like to participate in Holy Week by lectoring, carrying up Holy Oils, Eucharistic Ministering, or altar serving please call Kris in the parish office.**

Stations of the Cross– SFX

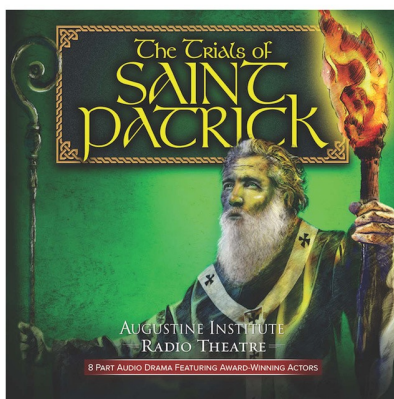
Tuesday, March 17, 24 & 31 4:30 PM in the day chapel
 Wednesday, March 18 after 8:15 AM Mass in the cafeteria
 Living Stations: Wednesday, April 1, 1:30 PM in the cafeteria
 Good Friday, April 3, 2:30 PM in the cafeteria before service
At SJB:
 Thursday March 26 at 8:30 AM

Mass Intentions– Week of March 16, 2026

Monday : No Mass
Tuesday 5:00 PM: † Guy Pawlicki
 By: Family
Wednesday 8:15 AM: † Monika Lenk
 By: Kevin & Tammy Cohrs
Thursday (SJB) No Mass this week
 (Pine Crest) 10:30 AM: No Mass this week
Friday: 8:15 AM: † Koss Family
 By: Family
Saturday: 4:00 PM: † Jo Hout
 By: Barb Doering Family
Sunday: 8:30 AM: † Pour souls in Purgatory
 By: Veronica Giese
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
 “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” - Jesus



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.

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The Bulletin Board

- † Candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel burn this week in loving memory of **Guy Pawlicki**.
- † **St. Vincent de Paul News:** In today's Gospel, Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. *Your prayers for the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helps bring joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.*
- † **Cemetery Clean Up:** Please remove all winter decorations from the cemetery by April 1. This will allow our clean up to take place in a timely manner. You may place decorations back in the cemetery on May 1. Please share this with our friends who may not read the newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation.
- † The **Holy Oils** for our parish are blessed at a special Mass called The Chrism Mass by Bishop Powers. If you would like to attend, and represent our parishes by receiving our Holy Oils for us, please call Kris in the parish office. The Chrism Mass takes place on March, 24, at 12:00 PM at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior, WI.
- † **Fish Fry Appreciation Party:** Save the date: March 28 for our end of the season Fish Fry Appreciation Party! We will gather for Mass at 4:00 PM, then we will quickly set up some tables and chairs and begin our celebration of another great season of fish fries! Pizza will be provided. You may bring your own drinks. This party is for everyone (and their spouses) who helped out in any job at the fish fries.... Not sure if you should come? YOU SHOULD! We do ask that children be accompanied by a parent.
- † Our last two fish fries are March 20, and 27! Please join us for a delicious and affordable meal, and bring your friends! We also offer take out and delivery. You may call 715-536-2803 after 1:00 PM to order your meals. So far we have served: Week #1: 452
Week #2: 475
Week #3: 542
Week #4: 524

The success of our fish fries is because of our great volunteers, and customers! Thank you for your continued support.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD-THANK YOU!

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	Mar 7-8, 2026	Mar 8-9, 2025
Adult Envelopes	\$5467.00	\$5154.00
Loose	\$269.00	\$339.57
ACH giving	\$5498.00	\$5587.00
New Pews	<u>\$1074.00</u>	<u>\$819.00</u>
TOTAL	\$12,308.00	\$11,899.57
<u>St. John the Baptist</u>		
Adult Env. & Loose	\$944.00	\$601.00
SFX Catholic School	\$75.00	\$44.00

SFX School Raffle

Tickets are now available for our annual school cash raffle. Books of 5 tickets are available for \$20.00 (or you may buy a single ticket for \$5.00 each). Prizes are listed below:

- 1st prize \$ 1000.00
- 2nd prize \$500.00
- 3rd prize \$200.00
- 4th prize \$100.00
- 5-10th prize \$50.00 each



Tickets are available at the school and parish offices, or at our fish fries. The drawing takes place on Friday, March 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM in our school cafeteria. You do not need to be present to win.

Congratulations to **LeRoy and Carol Fischer**, who convalidated their marriage on March 8th! What does convalidation mean? This is the process of validating a civilly recognized marriage within the Catholic Church, transforming the marriage into a sacramental union. Carol will also be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.



If you got married, legally but not in the Catholic Church, and would like to make your marriage a sacramental union, please call the parish office. We would be happy to help you.

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