

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 23, 2022

Cresson Catholic Community of St. Aloysius Parish, St. Francis Xavier Parish & All Saints Catholic School

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ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH

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All Saints Catholic School- Pre K-8 • 886-7942 Principal Mrs. Kathy Maurer Bishop Carroll HS • 472-7500

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CATHOLIC OUTREACH

St. Vincent de Paul Society • 886-4242 Catholic Charities Altoona • 944-9388 Vocation Office, Altoona • 317-2681 Diocesan Family Life Office, Altoona • 695-5579 Crisis Pregnancy/Pro-Life • 1-800-395-HELP BIRTHRIGHT of Johnstown • 535-8231 www.optionline.org * ProjectRachel@dioceseaj.org www.hopeafterabortion.com Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Spiritual Renewal Committee: In meeting with both my Pastoral Councils this week and next, I intend to establish a group, which will also include a representative from All Saints Catholic School as well, to help me discover

and achieve ways to reach our fallen-away and lapsed parishioners and to more actively promote enrolment in our School.

Coming out of the Covid shut-down, we have yet to return to our former levels of participation. I need your help to reach those well enough to return, but who may have become accustomed to not practicing their Faith any more. I am particularly concerned about our younger parishioners whom I do not see a lot in our weekly Masses.

I realize that others are still disillusioned and have departed the active practice of the faith because of the Church's failures to properly address the clergy crisis and because of the poor leadership from our bishops. We need to reach these people too.

If you'd like to be an active participant on this committee, please contact me. If you have ideas that might help to reach our fallen-away parishioners, put it in an email and send it to me. If you have ideas that might inspire parents to enroll

their children, put it in an email and send it to me. If you cannot do any of the above, then I'd ask you to be an active intercessor for the spiritual renewal of Cresson Catholic Community – and you can do that by offering the Rosary at home and a half-hour before every one of our Masses.



Beat the Clock While Attending Mass! One of the reasons people have mentioned as to why they prefer to go to another parish for Mass is that Father preaches too long, while his neighbor is done with Mass in 40 minutes or less. I'm sure you can agree that is an attitude in need of spiritual renewal. With the Fourth Commandment, God claimed the whole day for Himself – not just one hour of the day. An intentional disciple is not reluctant to give of his or her time

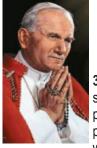


to the Lord in worship. To those concerned about how long it takes to celebrate Mass, I'd challenge to beat the clock by putting it in your pocket and pay attention to the quality of your worship. Listen to what Father says and not simply how long it takes for him to say it.

Thank You from JPII Manor: The residents of JPII Manor have asked that I express on their behalf their pro-

found gratitude for the cards, gifts and visits from SA & FX parishioners and from ASCS students. It meant a great deal to them experiencing the love and concern of Cresson Catholic Community. Be assured of their prayers of gratitude for your wellbeing.





ECCLESIA IN AMERICA Pope Saint John Paul II CH 3 - THE PATH OF CONVERSION Penance and reconciliation

32. Conversion (*metanoia*), to which every person is called, leads to an acceptance and appropriation of the new vision which the Gospel proposes. This requires leaving behind our worldly way of thinking and acting, which so often heavily

conditions our behavior. As Sacred Scripture reminds us, the old man must die and the new man must be born, that is, the whole person must be renewed "in full knowledge after the image of the Creator" (*Col* 3:10). Strongly recommended on this path of conversion and quest for holiness are "the ascetical practices which have always been part of the Church's life and which culminate in the Sacrament of forgiveness, received and celebrated with the right dispositions". Only those reconciled with God can be prime agents of true reconciliation with and among their brothers and sisters.

The present crisis of the Sacrament of Penance, from which the Church in America is not exempt and about which I have voiced my concern from the beginning of my Pontificate, will be overcome by resolute and patient pastoral efforts.

On this point, the Synod Fathers rightly asked "that priests give the necessary time to the Sacrament of Penance, and strongly and insistently invite the faithful to receive the Sacrament, without the Pastors themselves neglecting frequent confession in their own lives". Bishops and priests personally experience the mysterious encounter with the forgiving Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and they are privileged witnesses of his merciful love.

The Catholic Church, which embraces men and women "of every nation, race, people and tongue" is called to be, "in a world marked by ideological, ethnic, economic and cultural divisions", the "living sign of the unity of the human family". [...] As the Synod Fathers rightly affirmed, "it is most important that the Church throughout America be a living sign of reconciled communion, an enduring appeal to solidarity and a witness ever present in our various political, economic and social systems". This is a significant contribution which believers can make to the unity of the American continent.



Reflection: Recall that "metanoia" means a complete change (conversion) of heart, mind, attitude, and way of life – from sinful/selfish

to virtuous/selfless. The Holy Spirit initiates this process by helping us recall and then to be sincerely contrite for our willful sins against God, neighbor, or self. Our response to this grace (this metanoia) is to get ourselves reconciled through the Sacrament. Intentional disciples keep an awareness of their state of grace at the front of their minds and act accordingly when necessary. JPII seems to indicate here that when enough individuals allow themselves to experience this metanoia, then they will have set a very good example for the larger community of believers. Be now that individual who sets that good example! Experiencing a metanoia is not a onetime event, but can happen after every fall from grace so as to return to the state of grace.

ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

Collection 1/16/2022: Adults \$2736.80 children \$23.70; loose \$47; candles \$72; initial \$31; utilities \$5; angel fund \$62; misc. \$6.93 Total Deposit \$2984.43 Christmas Club \$5; Development \$36; St. Vincent \$5

2021 Financial Contributions: If you would like to receive a copy of your 2021 financial contributions to St. Aloysius Church, call Ann at 814 886-2235 or e-mail staloysiuscresson@dioceseaj.org.

Parish Council Meeting: The St. Aloysius Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, January 25. The meeting will be held in the Blessed Mother Room beginning at 7:00 pm.

Chair lift: There is a chair lift available for someone who has difficulty in climbing stairs. Please contact Maureen Delegram for details (814 312-6895).



The Message of Fatima on Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

In 1916, a year before the apparitions of Our Lady, the Angel of Peace appeared to the children to prepare them for things to come. "The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy for you," he said. "Offer unceasingly to the Most High prayer and sacrifices."

In the second apparition the following year (June 13) Our Lady let the children know that "Jesus wishes to establish throughout the devotion to тv Immaculate world Heart." Several times in the June and July apparitions Our Lady spoke of this devotion, as we shall see; and soon there began to burn in their hearts (especially Jacinta's) a deep love for the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Shortly before Jacinta went to the hospital where she was to die, she said to Lucia: "In a short time now I am going to heaven. You are

to stay here and say that God wishes to establish in the world the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. . . . Tell everybody that God grants graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and that they must ask them from her. Tell them that the Heart of Jesus wishes that by His side should be venerated the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask peace through the Immaculate Heart of Mary; God has placed it in her hands. Oh that I could put into the heart of everybody the flame that I feel burning within my breast and which makes me love so much the Heart of Jesus and the Heart of Mary."



We're on Facebook! Look up "Saint Aloysius Catholic Church" and "Saint Francis Xavier to join our groups. This helps us stay connected, share pictures, parish events and news.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Collection 1/16/2022: Adults \$2449; Loose \$75; youth \$39.68; Holy days \$5; Energy \$15; Initial Env. \$17; Development \$10; Angel Fund \$25; Sanctuary Candle \$10; Candles \$38; Total Deposit \$2683.68: Cemetery \$25 Church Improvement \$92:

2021 Financial Contributions: If you would like to received a copy of your 2021 Statement from St. Francis Xavier Church, call Sr. Nancy at 814-886-7234 or email: fxparish@dioceseaj.org.

St. Vincent De Paul Organization wishes to thank the Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier for their donations of \$270.00 during the month of December.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Doors Open 5:00pm Admission \$21.00 Early Birds 6:30pm Reg. Games 7:00pm JACKPOT—\$1,000 in 58 Numbers **Consv**—**\$500**

> Magic # \$ 300+ All Niter #1 \$1000+ All Niter # 2 \$ 400+ **X-Band** \$ 900+





HELP NEEDED: Part of the spiritual renewal of Cresson Catholic Community must include more of my members stepping up to help with all the needs of our community. You can

be that person-even if all you can do is one little project. And all those who do not have the time or ability can always become part of our intercessors, that is, those who will purposely and actively pray for the needs of our community and our spiritual renewal.

We are asking again if any of the previous Liturgical Ministers wish to be placed on the schedule please call the parish office so that we can set the times that you are available to serve.

Bingo is in need of individuals to help with the cleaning of the hall Tuesday morning: Please contact the parish office for information.

We will also be in need of a non-school parishioner to help with our SCRIP gift cards. This volunteer will work in the school building approximately two hours per week using SCRIP Management computer program; keep an inventory of gift cards sold and new cards ordered; place orders for new cards via the SCRIP computer program; collect funds used to purchase gift cards and turn in to school office.



We have the form for Flocknote Flocknote back in the bulletin. We have approximately 125

persons who have given us their information but to make this of valuable for both parishes we need to have more of our families sign up.

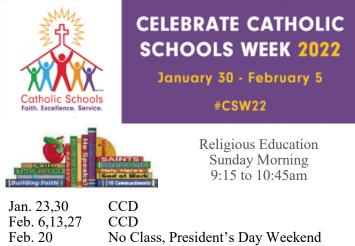


All Saints Catholic School

Looking for a faith-filled educational experience for your children? Look no further. Right here in Cresson, All Saints Catholic School offers a strong, traditional Catholic education for students in preschool- eighth grade. You can visit the

school on Sunday, January 30, 2022, for Open House from 12:00-1:30.

It is also a chance to for those who attended a Catholic school to reminisce and share memories. We welcome you to stop in and take a walk down memory lane whether your Catholic school experience was here or elsewhere. We will be celebrating the centennial of our school building. It is 100 years old. All Saints Catholic School has existed in this building since 1989. Prior to that, St. Francis Xavier School was housed in this building, and St. Aloysius School was on the hill. Combined in 1989 to form ASCS, this building has held generations of Cresson area students learning and growing in faith, love, and service.



Feb. 20No Class, President's Day WeekenMar.6,13,20,27CCDMar 27Spring Confirmation session
9th, 10th, 11th grade



THANKS to St. Aloysius and St. Francis Xavier parishioners who continue to support the Pro- Life efforts of CDA and support of the <u>Gabriel Pro-</u> ject. Baby Diapers and Baby wipes are

always a welcome contribution in the designated bassinet at St. Aloysius.



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Cell Phone:	
Email:	
Address:	

FX Sanctuary Lamp —CATHERINE IAPALUCCI (Joe & Alice Lee)

SA Sanctuary Lamp – MO BAKER (family)

MASS SCHEDULE FOR JAN 24 TO JAN 30

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Servers -	Ja	n 29-Jan. 30
4:00pm	Vo	lunteers
8:00am	K	Eger, Sutton family
11:00am	A	Hines, Volunteer
Reader -		
4:00pm	C.	Evans
8:00am	P (Caron
11:00am	J.	Hines Jr.
Extraordin		
4:00pm		. Nancy
8:00am	R	Chislow
11:00am	Vo	lunteer
MON -		JANUARY 24
8:00am	FX	NO MASS
TUE -	C •	JANUARY 25
8:00am	SA	M. LOUSE TALKO
		(MA Zakrzwski)
WED -		JANUARY 26
8:00am	FX	CATHERINE IAPALUCCI
		Happy Birthday (Joe & Alice Lee)
8:00pm	SA	24HR. ADORATION
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THUR -		JANUARY 27
8:00am	SA	MARY L. TETI
		(Margaret Bianconi)
8:30am		ADORATION
7:00pm		Holy Hour
8:00pm		Confessions
FRI -		JANUARY 28
9:00am	FX	HEATHER GAILEY
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
SAT		JANUARY 29
11:00am		Conf. & Adoration @ FX
3:30pm	FX	ROSARY
4:00pm	FX	PEOPLE of FX & SA PARISHES
SUN -		JANUARY 30
7:30am	SA	ROSARY
8:00am	SA SA	FRANCIS & MARY ADAMS
0.004111	SA	(Janet & Dana)
10:30am	FX	ROSARY
11:00am	FX	ANN ADAMS (family)
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