



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 06, 2022**

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

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## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

**Lent – The 1-1-1 Plan:** Well, it's only been 4 or 5 days into Lent – are you sticking to the plan? If you are having troubles, I have a help: please take home a magnate for your refrigerator depicting the plan. Let it be a daily

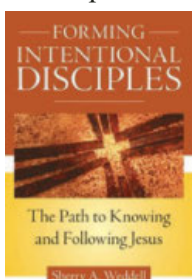
reminder to your personal commitment toward your Lenten discipline. Follow the plan, and your Easter celebration will be that much more meaningful to you.

**Weekly Adoration:** Blessed Carlos Acutis, a 15 year old boy in love with Jesus in the Eucharist, once said: “When you put yourself before the sun, you get a sun tan. When you put yourself before the Eucharist in Adoration, you get holy.” Come bask in the Light of Christ sometime during our 24 hour Adoration from Wed, 8:00pm to Thur, 8:00pm at SA or on Sat, 11:00am to noon at FX and allow yourselves to experience

**Weekly Stations of the Cross:** Please make a concerted effort this Lent to attend our weekly Stations of the cross on Fridays at 1:45 with our school children at FX, or at 7:00pm alternating between our two parishes - this week it is at FX. Please come as a family as well. I first expose the Blessed Sacrament, we pray the Stations together, and then end with Benediction. I will also offer the opportunity for Confessions following the service.

**Our Lenten Penance Service** is set for Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00pm at FX. This will be our only service for Lent.

**The Gift of Life:** The American Red Cross will be at SA hall this Thurs, Mar. 10. Just as Our Lord poured out His Blood for our salvation, we have the opportunity to offer at least a pint for the lives of others.



**Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus** by Sherry Waddell. To help with our Spiritual Renewal efforts we will use this book, first to teach ourselves how to fire-up the faith within us, and then how we might take these lessons to those who have drifted away from our parishes. Our first session will be on **Tues, Mar. 15 at 7:00pm in FX hall.** Renewal Committee members are requested to

attend, all others are welcome.

## Seven Last Words from the Cross

### 2. “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Lk 23:43)

Here, Jesus speaks words of salvation to one of the thieves also being crucified. That man believes in Jesus' innocence and asks Jesus to remember him when Jesus comes into his kingdom. Jesus, of course, provides us all with salvation through his death and resurrection.

How would you describe your relationship with Jesus? Do you see him as an unknowable being or a friend who's close at hand? Recall times in your life when someone has saved you in some way



## ECCLESIA IN AMERICA

Pope Saint John Paul II

### CH 4 - THE PATH TO COMMUNION

#### *The priesthood as a sign of unity*

39. “As a member of a particular Church, each priest must be a sign of communion with the Bishop, since he is his immediate collaborator, in union with his brothers in the priesthood. With pas-

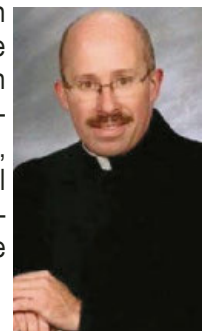
toral charity, he exercises his ministry, chiefly in the community entrusted to him, and he leads his community to encounter Christ the Good Shepherd. His vocation requires him to be a sign of unity. Therefore, he must avoid any involvement in party politics, since this would divide the community”. The Synod Fathers call for “a pastoral plan for diocesan clergy, to strengthen their spirituality and their sense of mission and identity, centered on following Christ, the eternal High Priest, always striving to obey the Father's will. Christ is the model of generous dedication, of austerity of life and of service even unto death. The priest should be conscious of the fact that, by virtue of the Sacrament of Orders, he is the bearer of grace, which he communicates to his brothers and sisters in the sacraments. He himself is sanctified in the exercise of his ministry”.

The field in which priests work is vast. Therefore, they should concentrate on what is essential to their ministry: “letting themselves be configured to Christ the Head and Shepherd, the source of all pastoral charity, offering themselves each day with Christ in the Eucharist, in order to help the faithful both personally and communally to experience the living Jesus Christ”. As witnesses and disciples of the merciful Christ, they are called to be instruments of forgiveness and reconciliation, putting themselves generously at the service of the faithful in the spirit of the Gospel.

As pastors of the People of God in America, priests must also be alert to the challenges of the world today and sensitive to the problems and hopes of their people, sharing their experiences and growing, above all, in solidarity towards the poor. They should be careful to discern the charisms and strengths of the faithful who might be leaders in the community, listening to them and through dialogue encouraging their participation and co-responsibility. This will lead to a better distribution of tasks, enabling priests “to dedicate themselves to what is most closely tied to the encounter with and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, and thus to represent better within the community the presence of Jesus who draws his people together”.

The task of discerning charisms also includes knowing how best to use those priests who show an aptitude for special ministries. Moreover, every priest is expected to offer his fraternal help to other priests and to turn trustingly to them in time of need.

Given the outstanding number of priests in America who, by God's grace, strive to meet the challenges of a truly remarkable workload, I join the Synod Fathers in acknowledging and praising their “untiring commitment as pastors, preachers of the Gospel and agents of ecclesial communion, in thanking them and in encouraging them to continue to offer their lives in service of the Gospel”.





## ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

**Collection 2/27/2022:** Adults \$3126; children \$40; loose \$607; candles \$12; utilities \$31; angel fund \$10; Mandeville \$10; Catholic Charities \$2; Black & Indian \$1; **Total Deposit \$3841:** Christmas Club \$2; Development \$20;

**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 [staloyusresson@dioceseaj.org](mailto:staloyusresson@dioceseaj.org).



**40 Days for Life:** Help save lives in Johnstown! A vigil will be held Mondays through Saturdays (March 2 – April 10) outside of Planned Parenthood, 817 Franklin St., Johnstown. The vigil hours are 7 am to 7 pm daily



**SA Power House Subs March Fundraiser:** Thank you to everyone who supported the Feb. Sub Fundraiser. We made a profit of \$592. Order forms for the March Power House Subs sale are now available in the vestibules and on the parish websites! Orders and payment for March subs need to be turned into SA parish office or collection by March 8, 2022. Subs will be delivered Saturday, March 26 from 8:30 to 10:00am. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please put your donation in an envelope marked, "SA March Fundraiser". Thank you for your help with our fundraising effort.

**Bloodmobile:** A blood drive will be held on Thursday, March 10, in the St. Aloysius Faith Education Center. The bloodmobile will be here from 1:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Please consider donating this life-saving gift.



**LEGION OF MARY:** Greetings to Legion of Mary Auxiliary members. Please join fellow Legion of Mary Members in celebrating the Acies taking place at Queen of Peace Parish hosted by the Lady of Perpetual Help. The Event will take place March 27th at 3:00pm. The Cost is \$15.00. Please RSVP to 814-330-4145 or 814-886-8968.

**Lenten Fish Fry:** The Cresson American Legion will hold a Lenten Fish Fry every Friday from 4 – 7 pm (March 4 through April 15). Eat in and take out. Dinner Platter \$10.00. For more information, please call 814 886-7421.



## ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

**Collection 02/27/2022:** Adults \$2765.12; Loose \$133; youth \$64.60; Energy \$10; Development \$2; Angel Fund \$100; Candles \$11; Black & Indian Mission \$15; Mandeville \$20; **Total Deposit \$3120.72** Cemetery \$23; Church Improvement \$10:

**FX Parish office** will be closed on Wed. March 9th.

**2021 Financial Contributions:** If you would like to receive a copy of your 2021 Statement from St. Francis Xavier Church, call Sr. Nancy at 814-886-2374 or email: [fxparish@dioceseaj.org](mailto:fxparish@dioceseaj.org).

### Easter Special Tickets

**The office has 5 tickets:** If you have packets or tickets that you will not be able to sell please return as we have individuals asking for them.

### MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

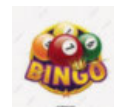
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**Fatima Message on Devotion of the Five First Saturdays:**

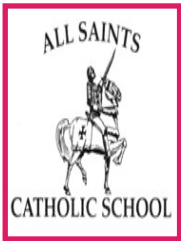
**With the intention of making reparation.**

All of the conditions mentioned earlier, namely, Communions of reparation, Confession, 15 minutes of meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary, should be fulfilled with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On the occasion of the visit of the Child Jesus to Sr. Lucia (Feb. 16, 1926), she asked: "My Jesus, what about those who forget to make the intention?" Jesus answered: "They can do so at their next confession, taking advantage of their first opportunity to go to Confession."

The above are the minimum requirements for fulfilling the conditions of Our Lady's promise to obtain for us "at the hour of death the graces necessary for salvation." Yet, these Communions of reparation, as has been pointed out, are only a portion of the devotion of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These few instructions are meant to

help bring about a frame of mind and heart that will make us aware of the need of reparation all through the month, and not just on the first Saturday.

[NB: In honor of our year of Spiritual Renewal, I'll offer a 9am Mass at FX on the first Saturdays of June through October to provide for this request of Our Lady of Fatima.]



## All Saints Catholic School

**You did it!** Thanks to all who supported our \$100 from 100 donor campaign started during Catholic Schools Week! You did it! We just reached our goal of \$10,000 which will go to replace some of our old exterior doors. We are blessed!!!

**Do you need candy for Easter?** Our ASCS families are selling it! See one of our school families to order or you can use this link to order Gardner's Candy online at <https://www.gardnerscandiesfundraising.com/> and use our Group ID # 10-0260.

**Our thanks to our IU8 guidance counselor,** Mrs. Brandy Harpster for bringing the Healing Patch Children's Grief Program to ASCS. It provided grief education and a peer support group for some of our grieving students.

**Looking for some chances** to win great prizes and enjoy time with friends? Make plans to attend our ASCS Sports Raffle on April 3 and our Basket Raffle on April 24. Tickets are available from our school families.

**Are you considering enrollment** at All Saints Catholic School for your child? We will gladly give you a tour, answer questions, or schedule an appointment with you. A quality education with small classes, faith-based education, and a family environment can be yours for less than you may think. Visit our website at [allsaintscresson.org](http://allsaintscresson.org) or call 814-886-7942. Registration is now open for PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade.



Religious Education  
Sunday Morning  
9:15am to 10:45am

Mar.6,13,20,27 CCD

**Mar 22 Penance Service St. Francis Xavier 7:00pm**

Mar 27 Spring Confirmation session  
9th, 10th, 11th grade

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

**Rite of Sending:** The Rite of Sending will take place on Saturday, April 23, at the 4:00pm Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church for all candidates.

**Confirmation Practice:** A Practice at the cathedral will be held at 6:00pm on May 2 to let everyone know the procedure for Confirmation Mass.

**Confirmation Mass:** May 3, 2022 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Altoona 7:00pm.



**Caps for Cash:** Please remember to bring the caps from your prescriptions from Mainline Pharmacy and invite your family and friends to do the same. Proceeds from this incentive program benefit our Catholic Schools. Containers are in the church vestibules. Thank you for your support with this incentive.

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**MASS SCHEDULE FOR MAR 07 TO MAR 13**

**Servers - MARCH 12-13**  
4:00pm A & K Gottshall  
8:00am Gailey Family, K Eger  
11:00am E & M Olienyk

**Lector-**  
4:00pm C Evans  
8:00am M Zabinsky  
11:00am C Stransky

**Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist**  
4:00pm H Poloisky  
8:00am F Gailey  
11:00am Volunteer

**MON - MARCH 07**  
8:00am **FX** NO MASS

**TUE - MARCH 08**  
8:00am **SA** JENNY CALANDRA (G Eberhart)

**WED - MARCH 09**  
8:00am **FX** MARY KAY RIGHTNOUR  
(Fred & Ruth Clark)  
8:00pm **SA** 24HR. ADORATION

**THUR - MARCH 10**  
8:00am **SA** PAUL MURRAY  
(G/C Eberhart family)  
8:30am ADORATION  
7:00pm Holy Hour  
8:00pm Confessions

**FRI - MARCH 11**  
9:00am **FX** MARK SZAPALA (family)  
7:00pm **FX** STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SAT MARCH 12**  
11:00am Conf. & Adoration @ FX  
3:30pm **FX** ROSARY  
4:00pm **FX** PEOPLE of FX & SA PARISHES

**SUN - MARCH 13**  
7:30am **SA** ROSARY  
8:00am **SA** MARTIN BAKER (wife & family)  
10:30am **FX** ROSARY  
11:00am **FX** WILLIAM PUPO Jr.  
(Nancy & Jeff Vaughn)

**Dustbusters:** SA: J Clossin, S Sloan, S Sunseri  
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