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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Cresson Catholic Community Spiritual Renewal: We had our first session this past week and I was glad to see 21 parishioners present. I asked these to bring a +1 for our next session—you might be that +1. Prior to

our review of the first chapter of Forming Intentional Disciples, we established a Hospitality Committee with Kim Reig (a rather new member to FX parish) as our Chair. The next step will be for Kim to gather a group of committed persons who will serve on this Committee. Our first event needing this Committee's services will be the week of May 8 to 14 when we will put on display for the first time our Eucharistic Miracles Exposition by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Please give Kim a call at 814-244-3659 or email her at sre-gitz967@gmail.com to become an active member of our newly formed Hospitality Committee.

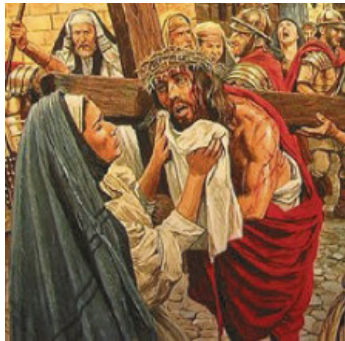
Lenten Penance Service is set for **Tues, Mar. 22 at 7:00pm at FX**. This will be our only penance service for the two parishes. I will continue to offer opportunities for Confession after Thursday evening Adoration, after Friday evening Stations, and on Saturdays from 11:00am until done during Eucharistic Exposition at FX. Parents, please see that your children get to Confession prior to Easter.

Other Local Penance Services:

Holy Name, Ebensburg, Wed, Mar. 23 at 6:30pm.
St. Michael's, Loretto, Sun, Mar. 27 at 7:00pm.
Altoona Cathedral, Wed, April 6 at 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross:

There are only two more opportunities to attend this traditional Lenten devotion. Jesus asks that we give due consideration of the depth and extent of His Passion to help us realize all that He endured for our atonement and salvation. Parents: teach your children this most important lesson by bringing them to our Stations of the Cross.

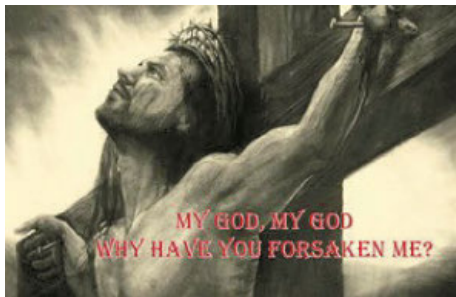


Seven Last Words from the Cross

4. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46 and Mk 15:34)

Jesus, at his most human, calls out in anguish from the cross. He is in profound pain, abandoned by most of his friends and suffering physically and emotionally.

How do you perceive Jesus' cry of abandonment? Do you believe God had abandoned his Son? Why or why not? When have you felt abandoned by family, friends or even God? In what ways can you relate to Jesus as a flesh-and-blood person?



ECCLESIA IN AMERICA

Pope Saint John Paul II CH 4 - THE PATH TO COMMUNION

Renewing parishes

41. The parish is a privileged place where the faithful concretely experience the Church. Today in America as elsewhere in the world the parish is facing certain difficulties in fulfilling its mission. The parish needs to be constantly renewed on

the basis of the principle that "the parish must continue to be above all a Eucharistic community". This principle implies that "parishes are called to be welcoming and fraternal, places of Christian initiation, of education in and celebration of the faith, open to the full range of charisms, services and ministries, organized in a communal and responsible way, capable of utilizing existing movements of the apostolate, attentive to the cultural diversity of the people, open to pastoral projects which go beyond the individual parish, and alert to the world in which they live".

Special attention needs to be given to parishes in large urban areas, where the difficulties are such that normal parish structures are inadequate and opportunities for the apostolate are significantly reduced. The institution of the parish retains its importance and needs to be preserved. For this, there is a need "to keep looking for ways in which the parish and its pastoral structures can be more effective in urban areas". One way of renewing parishes... might be to consider the parish as a community of communities and movements. It seems timely to form ecclesial communities and groups of a size that allows for true human relationships. This will make it possible to live communion more intensely, ensuring that it is fostered...with the parish communities to which such groups belong, and with the entire diocesan and universal Church. In such a human context, it will be easier to gather to hear the word of God, to reflect on the range of human problems in the light of this word, and gradually to make responsible decisions inspired by the all-embracing love of Christ. The institution of the parish, thus renewed, "can be the source of great hope. It can gather people in community, assist family life, overcome the sense of anonymity, welcome people and help them to be involved in their neighborhood and in society". In this way, every parish, and especially city parishes, can promote a more person-centered evangelization and better cooperate with other social, educational and community work.

Moreover, "this kind of renewed parish needs as its leader a pastor who has a deep experience of the living Christ, a missionary spirit, a father's heart, who is capable of fostering spiritual life, preaching the Gospel and promoting cooperation. A renewed parish needs the collaboration of lay people and therefore a director of pastoral activity and a pastor who is able to work with others. Parishes in America should be distinguished by their missionary spirit, which leads them to reach out to those who are faraway".

Reflection: I take this passage to be a blessing from Pope St. JP II upon our efforts to renew our parishes and school. All that remains is for Cresson Catholic Community to fully embrace and cooperate with our efforts.

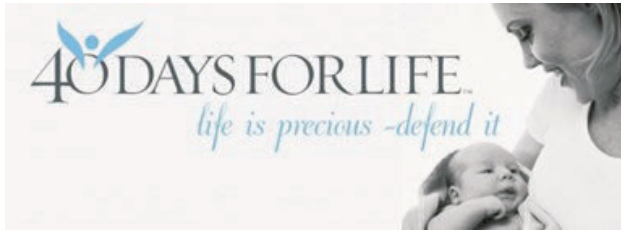


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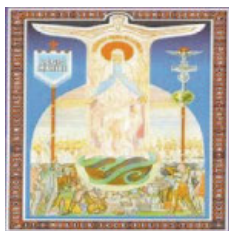
Collection 3/13/2022: Adults \$2795.80; children \$35.50; loose \$53; candles \$21; Easter \$75; utilities \$147; angel fund \$16; Mandeville \$22 **Total Deposit \$3165.30** Christmas Club \$2; Development \$41

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 staloyusscresson@dioceseaj.org.

Volunteers Needed: We are in need of volunteers to help clean St. Aloysius Church. Groups are scheduled once every six weeks. If you are able to help, please contact Ann at the parish office (814 886-2235).



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



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

Men's Turkey Dinner: The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel annual Men's Turkey Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 20 as a drive-thru dinner. 11:00 am – 3:00 pm or sold out. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings \$12.00. All are welcome.



SA March Fundraiser: Subs will be delivered Saturday, March 26th from 8:30 to 10:00

Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist - an opportunity for adults!! Bishop Guilfoyle's student evangelization organization is hosting a two-night presentation aimed at helping adult Catholics have a profound and spiritual experience of Jesus in the Eucharist from 7-9 pm on Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd at Bishop Guilfoyle. "Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist" will be held as two different presentations on successive nights at BG so that either or both sessions can be attended. Each evening will have a different focus, but will involve student talks, prayer, adoration and a unique opportunity to be touched powerfully by the Holy Spirit! Open to ALL interested adults and teens. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Sutton at (814) 552-0267.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Collection 03/13/2022: Adults \$3289.18; Loose \$97; youth \$42; Easter \$20; Easter Flowers \$50; Energy \$38; Development \$7; Angel Fund \$30; Candles \$3; Divine Mercy Candles \$13; Easter Masses \$15; Mandeville \$27; **Total Deposit \$3531.18** Cemetery \$24; Church Improvement \$19:

FX Parish Office: The office will be closed on Friday March 25th. I ask for prayer as our religious community will be having elections for the next four years.

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.

Easter Special Tickets

If you have tickets that you will not be able to sell please return as we have individuals asking for them.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Admission \$21.00 Doors Open 5:00pm
Early Birds 6:30pm Reg. Games 7:00pm
JACKPOT—\$1,000 in 56 Numbers
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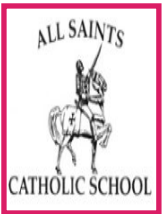
X-Band \$ 600+



Fatima Message - A True Perspective:

Msgr. William McGrath stated in his book VISION OF FATIMA: "When all is said and done, our primary responsibility is not the conversion of Russia or the prevention of world wars, but the salvation of that little world within ourselves over which, with God's help, we must exercise control, and for which we shall one day have to render an account to God in judgment. What will it profit us, even if Russia is converted and an era of peace be granted to humanity, if we have failed in the great task for which we were created, the salvation of our own immortal souls."

Our Lady showed the three children a vision of hell. That vision was not for their instruction and warning, but for ours. The Blessed Virgin had assured them that they were going to be saved. Yet, as Fr. McGlynn pointed out, "All the bleeding, dying and despair of a thousand wars cannot equal the disaster of a single soul being damned. We miss the spiritual meaning of things," he said, "if we think Our Lady came to Fatima to tell us how to keep out of a third world war, or how to convert Russia, or how to achieve tranquility in our earthly existence. She came to tell us how to keep out of hell."



All Saints Catholic School

Kindergarten and new student registration will take place on Friday, March 25, from 10 AM-1 PM in our school library. Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before August 31. Your child does not need to be present for registration. Please bring the following information: original birth certificate, original Baptismal certificate, record of child's immunizations (state law requires that a complete record of immunizations must be provided, prior to enrollment), Proof of residency, Custody/Guardianship Documentation (if applicable). You can also call 814-886-7942 for more information or to schedule a tour.

Congratulations to these ASCS winners in the Sankertown VFW Post 7377 Auxiliary Patriots' Pen Youth Essay Competition. 1st place-Avery Myers; 2nd place-Olivia Gregg; 3rd place-Rosie Golden

We were excited to have guest readers at ASCS reading to our primary students during Red Across America Week. Some of our guests included Fr. Arnone, Bishop Carroll Catholic High School students, and a few moms of our teachers.

Save the date for our annual ASCS Basket Raffle on Sunday, April 24, at St. Aloysius Community Hall.



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

Mar.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.

KNIGHT'S CORNER



The Knight's of Columbus held their monthly meeting March 3rd. The meeting was followed by food and beverages and fraternal comradery. Multiple donation requests were discussed and voted upon. Donations were approved to the Pink Panthers for Breast

Cancer Awareness, the P.C.H.S. clay trap team, Cresson Area Little League, and the Veteran's Park in Cresson. A discussion was held regarding the Aug 20th, Pickin for Wishes festival which raises money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Knight's are a sponsor of the event and plan to have a food booth at the event. If you have interest in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact us for more information. Grand Knight Mark Baker. 814-931-8379 Deputy G.K. Dan Yahner. 814-270-7972. Danoy419@gmail.com

FX Sanctuary Lamp — PEACE IN UKRAINE
SA Sanctuary Lamp — MADELINE TUTKO (daughter)

MASS SCHEDULE FOR MAR 21 TO MAR 27

Servers - MARCH 26-27
4:00pm E & M Olienyk
8:00am Dillon Family
11:00am A Hines, Volunteer

Lector-
4:00pm K Koytek
8:00am S Sunseri
11:00am J. Hines Jr.

Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist
4:00pm Sr. Nancy
8:00am A Lee
11:00am J Hines

MON - MARCH 21
8:00am **FX** NO MASS

TUE - MARCH 22
8:00am **SA** LOUISE MENTCH (Ethel)
7:00pm **FX** PENANCE SERVICE

WED - MARCH 23
8:00am **FX** JOHN McGARRY (family)
8:00pm **SA** 24HR. ADORATION

THUR - MARCH 24
8:00am **SA** DEC'D OF LIPPLE FAMILY
(L.Eger)
8:30am ADORATION
7:00pm Holy Hour
8:00pm Confessions

FRI - MARCH 25
9:00am **FX** PETE MORAN (family)
7:00pm **FX** STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SAT MARCH 26
11:00am Conf. & Adoration @ FX
3:30pm **FX** ROSARY
4:00pm **FX** PEOPLE of FX & SA PARISHES

SUN - MARCH 27
7:30am **SA** ROSARY
8:00am **SA** HEATHER GAILEY (N Smith)
10:30am **FX** ROSARY
11:00am **FX** LOUISE McGARRY (family)

Dustbusters: SA: R/B Trybus, K Simanski,
V Mazur, G Stock
FX: S Mullen, Hines, D DeAngelo

Card Shower of Prayers and Thanks

Please join in sending a card of appreciation, prayers and well wishes to Sister Mary Benjamin Joseph Watters (“Sister B.J”) and Sister Mary Giuseppe DeBella. At the request of their superior they have moved from Cresson to the Mercy Center (“Mother House”) in Dallas, PA. The sisters have been dedicated to service at Mount Aloysius College as well as our local Catholic Community, parishes and schools for many years. Address to send cards:

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