



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2022

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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Spiritual Renewal – Hospitality

Committee: We established a Hospitality Committee with Kim Reig as our Chair. 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 Carlos Acutis. Please give Kim a call at 814-244-3659 or email her at sre-gitz1967@gmail.com (there was a typo in her email address last week) to become an active member of our newly formed Hospitality Committee.

Reconciliation Opportunities: Well, I held our combined Penance Service this past Tuesday where I had eight priests available, but only just under 80 parishioners in attendance - we were done in 45 min. which included 15 min. of prayer and reflection in preparation for their actual Confessions. How disappointing to me.

I will still offer the Sacrament on Thursdays at 8:00pm, Fridays, at 7:30pm and Saturdays at 11:00am. At this point I'm not so sure I'll go through all the trouble of hosting any more penance services... My people don't seem to want it...

Other Local Penance Services:

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



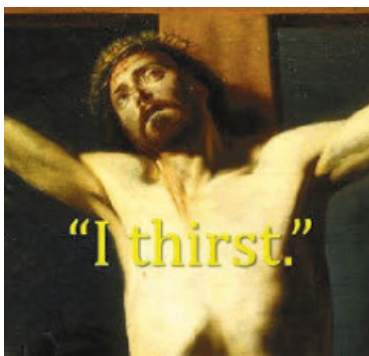
Stations of the Cross: From the garden of Gethsemane Jesus pleaded with the Apostles [and each of us] to watch one hour with him. Have compassion for our Lord. Come, you and your family, spend time in our churches before the Blessed Sacrament to meditate on the Passion of our Lord – Fridays, April 1st at SA and 8th at FX at 7:00pm.

Seven Last Words from the Cross

5. "I thirst." (John 19:28)

In what is known as "The Word of Distress," Jesus once again expresses a human need. To quench his thirst, Jesus is offered a sponge soaked in sour wine.

For what are you thirsting? How can you strengthen your faith life to quench that thirst? When have you felt distressed and cried out for what you needed? Who came to your aid? Where was God during your suffering?



ECCLESIA IN AMERICA

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

Lay faithful and the renewal of the Church

44. "The teaching of Vatican II on the unity of the Church as the People of God gathered into the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit stresses that Baptism confers upon all who receive it a

dignity which includes the imitation and following of Christ, communion with one another and the missionary mandate". The lay faithful should thus be conscious of their baptismal dignity. For their part, Pastors should have a profound respect "for the witness and evangelizing work of lay people who, incorporated into the People of God through a spirituality of communion, lead their brothers and sisters to encounter the living Jesus Christ. The renewal of the Church in America will not be possible without the active presence of the laity. Therefore, they are largely responsible for the future of the Church".

There are two areas in which lay people live their vocation. The first, and the one best suited to their lay state, is the secular world, which they are called to shape according to God's will. "Their specific activity brings the Gospel to the structures of the world; 'working in holiness wherever they are, they consecrate the world itself to God". Thanks to the lay faithful, "the presence and mission of the Church in the world is realized in a special way in the variety of charisms and ministries which belong to the laity. Secularity is the true and distinctive mark of the lay person and of lay spirituality, which means that the laity strive to evangelize the various sectors of family, social, professional, cultural and political life. On a continent marked by competition and aggressiveness, unbribed consumerism and corruption, lay people are called to embody deeply evangelical values such as mercy, forgiveness, honesty, transparency of heart and patience in difficult situations. What is expected from the laity is a great creative effort in activities and works demonstrating a life in harmony with the Gospel".

America needs lay Christians able to assume roles of leadership in society. It is urgent to train men and women who, in keeping with their vocation, can influence public life, and direct it to the common good. In political life, understood in its truest and noblest sense as the administration of the common good, they can find the path of their own sanctification. For this, they must be formed in the truths and values of the Church's social teaching, and in the basic notions of a theology of the laity. A deeper knowledge of Christian ethical principles and moral values will enable them to be exponents of these in their own particular setting, proclaiming them even where appeals are made to the so-called "neutrality of the State".

Reflection: Heeding God's call to be "salt of the earth and light of the world", the lay faithful are to influence the world around them by applying their Catholic Faith and values in their familial, social, professional, cultural and political lives. To do so effectively they need education and training provided by the Church. In this year of spiritual renewal, I'm trying to do just that for both of my parishes and school - please consider joining our Forming Intentional Disciples sessions when they are being offered.

ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	\$20,955.00
Ministries	Total Pledges	\$ 722.00
Drive	No of Gifts	16/306
2022	Actual Rec'd	\$ 722.00
M/M J Caldwell	H Low	K Rose
W Santell	M/M A Sawinski	R Sloan
Mrs. R Soisson	J Stohon	M/M R Treon
M/M D Trexler	R Watt	D Yahner
M/M R Smith	Dr/M T Tomosky	Msgr. Przybocki

Collection 3/20/2022: Adults \$3826; children \$37.10; loose \$150; candles \$116; Easter \$25; rent \$145; utilities \$17; angel fund \$55; Mandeville \$13; Black & Indian \$3; Holy Land \$5; Holy Thurs. \$5 **Total Deposit \$4397.10** Christmas Club \$5; Development \$10; flowers \$170; cemetery \$85

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.

On behalf of our Sacred Heart Sisters in Ukraine and those in Poland assisting refugees, we express our profound gratitude for your very generous response to the needs of the people whom they serve. The Catholic Community of Cresson donated a **total of \$2,826.75**. May God reward you!

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

Red Cross: The efforts of the Cresson Community have always been greatly appreciated and their support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives. 20 units of blood were collected. The next blood drive will be May 5, 2022 **Red Cross:** The efforts of the Cresson Community have always been greatly appreciated and their support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives. 20 units of blood were collected.

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

Catholic	Parish Target	\$18,308.00
Ministries	Total Pledges	\$ 1,573.00 9%
Drive	No of Gifts	26/294 8%
2022	Actual Rec'd	\$ 1,573.00 9%
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M/M J Murphy	Msgr. Przybocki	M/M M Olienyk
M/M J Rabish	M/M S Rieg	M/M T Seymore
J Weakland	M L Zimmerman	

Collection 03/20/2022: Adults \$2547.55; Loose \$95; youth \$41; Easter Flowers \$109; Energy \$10; Development \$3; Angel Fund \$125; Sanctuary Candle \$10; Candles \$23; Divine Mercy Candles \$10; Easter Masses \$20; Mandeville \$25; Catholic Home Miss.\$50; **Total Deposit \$3068.55:** Church Improvement \$27:

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Easter Special Tickets

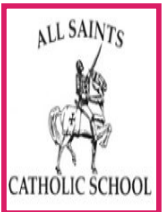
We would appreciate any unsold tickets being returned to the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.



Fatima Message – Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

I, . . . , a faithless sinner, renew and ratify today in your Heart, O Immaculate Mother, the vows of my Baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before.

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, in the presence of all the heavenly court, I choose you this day for my Mother and Mistress. I deliver and consecrate to you, and to your Immaculate Heart, as your child and slave of love, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to you the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to your good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity. Amen.



All Saints Catholic School

Attention all supporters of ASCS! Are you ready to make a difference? You can direct the tax dollars you already owe to our students. Your taxes = financial aid. We will be holding an information night on Wed., March 30, at 6:30 PM in the school social hall. Speakers from RedefinED Advisors LLC will be there to share information on how you can help.

Receiving Sacraments of the Catholic Church together is one thing we are fortunate to do at ASCS. In addition to receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist weekly, we had a school Lenten penance service last week. We are grateful to Fr. Arnone, Msgr. Pryzbocki, Fr. Dugan, and Fr. Warchola for administering the Sacrament of Reconciliation to our students in grades 2-8 last week.

If you would like to donate a basket for our spring Basket Raffle, contact the school office or drop it off at school by April 15. The raffle will take place on Sunday, April 24, at St. Aloysius Community Hall.

Did you miss our new student registration? If you are interested in enrolling your child at ASCS, contact the school office or go to our website, www.allsaintscresson.org.

Thanks to Chris Carney for planning the Family Hockey Night at the Johnstown Tomahawks game on March 18. A fun night was had by all.



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

Mar.27 CCD & Spring Confirmation session
9th, 10th, 11th grade

April 3, 24 CCD

May 1 CCD Last Day of Classes

FIRST COMMUNION: May 1,
St. Aloysius 8:00am St. Francis Xavier 11:00am

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.



April 1, 2022, 7:00pm, First Friday Movie at SA Hall. A Time for Miracles. The Tragedy of Loss, The Triumph of Faith. The True Story of Elizabeth Bayley Seton.

This movie will show immediately following Stations of the Cross. Come and see as a family!

FX Sanctuary Lamp — NONE LISTED
SA Sanctuary Lamp — Msgr. ARNOLD GAUS (M A Earnest)
MASS SCHEDULE FOR MAR 28 TO APR 03

Servers - APRIL 02-03
4:00pm A & L Mullen
8:00am Plazek Family
11:00am Volunteers
Lector-
4:00pm P Dillon
8:00am Priscilla Caron
11:00am J Rabish
Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist
4:00pm S Mullen
8:00am Don Scanlan
11:00am D Spahr

MON - MARCH 28
8:00am **FX** NO MASS

TUE - MARCH 29
8:00am **SA** ETHEL SMILNAK (estate)

WED - MARCH 30
8:00am **FX** SPECIAL INTENTION
8:00pm **SA** 24HR. ADORATION

THUR - MARCH 31
8:00am **SA** JUDY ZACHESKY (family)
8:30am ADORATION
7:00pm Holy Hour
8:00pm Confessions

FRI - APRIL 01
9:00am **FX** PETE RICKENS (Janet Rickens)
7:00pm **SA** STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SAT APRIL 02
11:00am Conf. & Adoration @ FX

3:30pm **FX** ROSARY
4:00pm **FX** PEOPLE of FX & SA PARISHES

SUN - APRIL 03
7:30am **SA** ROSARY
8:00am **SA** BERNARD & MARGARET CASSIDY
(daughter, M Bianconi)

10:30am **FX** ROSARY
11:00am **FX** JEFF SZPALA (family & children)

Dustbusters: SA:
FX: P. S Dillon

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Admission \$21.00 Doors Open 5:00pm
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