

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 03, 2022

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

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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

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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Intentional Disciples: Our Adult Ed. session will meet on Tues, April 5 at 7:00pm in FX hall where we will finish chapter one of our text. Those who attended last time were asked to bring a "+1" to this session, but don't wait to be asked – just join us!

Reconciliation Opportunities: I offer Confessions on Thursdays at 8:00pm at SA, Fridays, at 7:30pm after Stations and Saturdays at 11:00am at FX. There will be a Penance Service at Altoona Cathedral, Wed, April 6 at 6:00pm. Parents: please get your kids to Confession.

Easter Triduum Schedule of Events:

- April 14, Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm at SA.
- April 15, Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00pm at SA.
- April 16, Holy Saturday Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection, 8:30pm at FX.
- April 17, Easter Sunday Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, 8:00am at SA and 11:00am at FX.



Plan for the Divine Mercy Novena: Our annual Novena to the Divine Mercy will begin on Good Friday, April 15 at 7:00pm at FX. On Sat, April 16 the Novena will be at 3:00pm and the remaining seven days it will be at 7:00pm. The first three days of the Novena will include the Novena Prayers only and the remaining days will be in the context of daily Mass. If Lent seemed to pass without much spiritual progress, then plan to make up for some lost time by attending the Divine Mercy Novena as sincere effort to grow in and receive the Mercy of our Lord. Among our own personal need for

God's mercy, let us appeal to God for His mercy for the people of Ukraine, for the conversion of Russia, as well as for our own homeland.

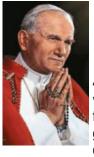
Seven Last Words from the Cross 6. "It is finished." (John 19:30)

With three simple words, Jesus changes the course of human history, declaring victory over sin and death—the fulfillment of God's prom-



ises to his people. On earth, Jesus has finished his work.

When have you felt triumphant? How did God play a role in that experience? As Christians, we know Jesus' life and death had special purpose. How would you describe your life's purpose? If you're still searching, how might you discover who God is calling you to be?



ECCLESIA IN AMERICA Pope Saint John Paul II CH 4 - THE PATH TO COMMUNION The dignity of women

45. Particular attention needs to be given to the vocation of women. I have expressed my esteem for the specific contribution of women to the progress of humanity and recognized the legitimacy of their aspiration to take part in ecclesial, cultur-

al, social and economic life. Without this contribution, we would miss the enrichment which only the "feminine genius" can bring to the life of the Church and society. To fail to recognize this would be an injustice, especially in America, if we consider the contribution which women have made to the material and cultural development of the continent, just as they have in handing down and preserving the faith. Indeed, "their role was decisive, above all in consecrated life, in education and health care".

Unfortunately, in many parts of America women still meet forms of discrimination. [...] The Church feels the duty to defend the human dignity which belongs to every person, and "denounces discrimination, sexual abuse <u>and male domination</u> as actions contrary to God's plan". The Church deplores the appalling practice, sometimes part of a larger plan, of the sterilization of women, especially the poorest and most marginalized, often carried out surreptitiously, without the women themselves realizing it. This is all the more serious when it is done in order to obtain economic aid at the international level.

The Church throughout America feels committed to show greater concern for women and to defend them "so that society in America can better support family life based on marriage, better protect motherhood and show greater respect for the dignity of all women". There is a need to help women in America to take an active and responsible role in the Church's life and mission, and to acknowledge the need for the wisdom and cooperation of women in leadership roles within American society.

Reflection: Pope St. JPII highlights the great esteem we should maintain for womankind and the unique gifts only they can offer the good of



humanity – from family life to the common good. All of us, without exception, have benefited from women's contributions toward our religious and secular education and toward our healthcare, for which we owe a debt of gratitude. Our gratitude must be expressed daily in our respect for their abilities, skills, gifts, genius and all their feminine qualities. While women have made significant advancements for womankind, they must now overcome misguided gender ideologies that would have the world believe that men can be women simply by saying so, which is delusional. If you would respect women today, then do all you can (via your vote and the power of legislation) to preserve the dignity of womanhood. God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them (Gen. 1:27) - non-interchangeable. (The woman under God's left arm is Eve-He had her in mind when creating Adam—such was the plan of our God.

ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	\$20,955.00	
Ministries	Total Pledges	\$ 2,069.00	10%
Drive	No of Gifts	19/306	6 %
2022	Actual Rec'd	\$ 2,069.00	10 %
K Krawick	M/M E Myers, Jr.		
S Sloan	M Vargo		

Collection 3/27/2022: Adults \$2759; children \$35; loose \$43; candles \$111; Easter \$10; Mass stipend transfer \$120; utilities \$10; angel fund \$16 <u>Total Deposit \$3104</u> flowers \$150

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.

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).



Our Lady of Fatima

Throughout the Old Testament God, in His great mercy, chose prophets to call His people back to Him. In recent times God is sending His Mother. One of the apparitions of the Mother of God took place in 1917 at Fatima, a little village in Portugal. Our Lady came there to warn us of the harm we would inflict upon ourselves as a result of our sins: wars, famines, plaques, persecution of the Church and the loss of many souls in Hell. God, in His great mercy, wished to save us from these miseries through the Immaculate Heart of His Mother. Our Heavenly Mother revealed at Fatima a plan of hope for this world which continues to plunge headlong toward its own destruction.

In 1916 Lucia was tending sheep with her two cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto. An Angel came with very distinguishable features. He said to them: "Don't be afraid. I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me." He then knelt and, bowing with his forehead to the ground, prayed three times: **My God**, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee! I beg pardon of Thee for those who do not believe, do

not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee! Then He said to the children: "Pray thus. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications." With these words the Angel left them. The children felt so enveloped by God's Presence that they remained bowed to the ground for a long time repeating this prayer. This special atmosphere which they felt then gradually left them. Soon the three children were back to spending their days playing games together.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	\$18,308.00	
Ministries	Total Pledges	\$ 1,613.00	8%
Drive	No of Gifts	26/294	9%
2022	Actual Rec'd	\$ 1,613.00	9%

Collection 03/27/2022: Adults \$2858.42; Loose \$87; youth \$34.90; Easter Flowers \$297; Energy \$50; Angel Fund \$5; Candles \$12; D M Novena \$30; Divine Mercy Candles \$43; Easter Masses \$10; Mandeville \$10; Catholic Comm;\$61 <u>Total Deposit \$3498.32:</u> Church Improvement \$26; Cemetery \$45:

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Easter Special Tickets

It is getting close to the date for winning and we will need all tickets returned to the parish office by the 8th of April. If you have any **unsold tickets** please return immediately. Thank you.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO					
Admission \$21.00 De	oors	o Open	5:00pm		
Early Birds 6:30pm Reg					
JACKPOT—\$1,000 in <u>52 N</u> umbers					
Consy—\$500					
Magic #	\$	250+	100		
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Attention Men of St. Aloysius and St. Francis Xavier:

- The conference begins with lunch.
- Speakers: UFC champion and movie star Bas Rutten, professional soccer player turned priest Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck, and power evangelist and preacher Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers.
- Opportunity for Reconciliation.
- 5:00 Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak, which is open for the families of all the men attending.
- To register, visit: dioceseaj.org/2022-mens-con/



All Saints Catholic School

Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter candy from an All Saints family. Candy will be delivered to families on Tuesday to deliver to you. We appreciate your support.

Make plans to attend our

ASCS Basket Raffle on Sunday, April 24, from 11-3, at St. Aloysius Community Hall. We always have a great selection of baskets.



As we near the end of Lent, consider join-

ing us for our last children's Stations of the Cross this Friday, April 8, at 1:40 PM in St. Francis Xavier Church. It's a great opportunity for extra time with our Lord.

ASCS joined the other Prince Gallitzin quadrant schools to stand with the people of Ukraine last week. Pray for Ukraine shirts were sold and dress down days were held with the proceeds going to help Ukrainian refugees in Poland.



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

April 3, 24 CCD

April 10 & 17 No ClassesPalm Sunday or Easter SundayMay 1CCDLast 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.



Cresson Area Lions Club Pancake Breakfast & Basket Raffle will be held Palm Sunday April 10 at 8:00am to 1:00pm. Ticket price for all you can eat pancakes is \$7.00. Dine in and take out.

Tickets for basket raffle will be sold during the breakfast.



SA Power House Subs April

Fundraiser: Orders and payment for April needed by Monday, April 11th. Subs will be delivered Wednesday April 27th from 10-12pm and 4-5:30pm. Monetary donations will still be accepted until the end of

February. Order forms and envelopes for donations are available in the back of the churches.

FX Sanctuary Lamp - ROBERT STRANSKY (wife Connie) SA Sanctuary Lamp — M BAKER (family) MASS SCHEDULE FOR APR 04 TO APR 10 Servers -**APRIL -09–10** 4:00pm A & L Mullen 8:00am Gailey Family, K Eger 11:00am E & M Olienyk Lector-4:00pm **P** Dillon, C Evans 8:00am K Eger, G Hoffman 11:00am C Stransky, J Rabish **Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist** 4:00pm Sr. Nancy 8:00am **G** Hoffman 11:00am **T** DeAngelo MON -**APRIL 04** 8:00am FX **NO MASS** TUE -**APRIL 05** 8:00am SA **DOLORES MURRAY** (G/C Eberhart & family) WED -**APRIL 06** 8:00am FX **OLENE BOST** (family) 8:00pm SA **24HR. ADORATION THUR** -**APRIL 07** 8:00am SA MATTHEW ZAKRZWSKI, JR. (MA Zakrzwski) 8:30am **ADORATION** 7:00pm **Holy Hour** 8:00pm Confessions FRI -**APRIL 08** 9:00am FX NICHOLAS FOREMAN (family) 7:00pm FX **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD SAT **APRIL 09** 11:00am Conf. & Adoration @ FX 3:30pm FX ROSARY FX 4:00pm **PEOPLE of FX & SA PARISHES** SUN -**APRIL 19** 7:30am SA ROSARY 8:00am SA **BERNARD/MARGARET CASSIDY** (Daughter, M Bianconi) 10:30am FX ROSARY 11:00am FX **JOSEPH CICERO** (Ed & Beverly Wilk) **Dustbusters:** SA: M Vargo, E/E Hanlon, P Lilly **FX: Mullen Family** .m suni HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST



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