



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 10, 2022

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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Easter Triduum & Divine Mercy Novena:

Apr. 14, Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm at SA.

Apr. 15, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, 3:00pm at SA. Novena, 7:00pm at FX.

Apr. 16, Novena, 3:00pm at FX. Holy Saturday Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection, 8:30pm at FX.

Apr. 17, Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection, 8:00am at SA and 11:00am at FX. Novena, 7:00pm at FX.

Apr. 18 - 23, Novena, 7:00pm at FX.

Apr. 24, Divine Mercy Sunday, Masses as usual.



Divine Mercy Novena: Back to the Basics. Personally, this is my 35th year in observance of this devotion, which I discovered during my college years of seminary. Publicly, I have offered it in the parishes I have serviced since 1999. While I covered most elements of the devotion over the years, I thought it might be time to get back to the basics so as to appreciate more fully the heart of the Divine Mercy Devotion.

To help in this endeavor, I'll use Understanding Divine Mercy by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, who explains the elements of this devotion, its message,

and why Jesus told St. Faustina that Divine Mercy is "mankind's last hope of salvation."

My hope to and for my parishioners and beyond is that you'll make a concerted effort to participate in this novena and, through it, educate yourselves in its value and necessity for our times. If this is our last hope for salvation, we really should take it to heart - don't you think?

Seven Last Words from the Cross

7. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Lk 23:46)

Called "The Word of Reunion," Jesus proclaims that he will join God in heaven. His journey is at once complete and only just beginning. What do you think heaven will be like? What does it mean to you to be united with God? Do you see death as an ending, a beginning or both? Having examined each of Jesus' final statements, reflect on how the messages all work together to create a prayer. Just as he was a model for us in life, so Jesus was in death, teaching us how to pray through our darkest hours and reminding us that God is always listening. Fortified by the knowledge of God's unfailing mercy, we have the strength we need to go forward as God's Easter people.



ECCLESIA IN AMERICA

Pope Saint John Paul II

CH 4 - THE PATH TO COMMUNION

Challenges facing Christian families

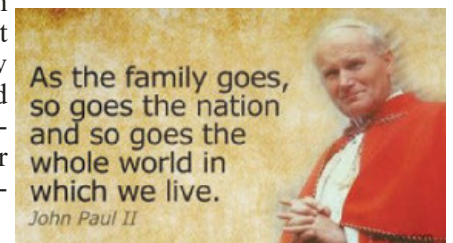
46. "God the Creator, by forming the first man and woman and commanding them to 'be fruitful and multiply', definitively established the family. In this sanctuary life is born and is welcomed as God's gift. The word of God, faithfully read in the

family, gradually builds it up as a domestic church and makes it fruitful in human and Christian virtues; it is there that the source of vocations is to be found. Marian devotion, nourished by prayer, will keep families united and prayerful with Mary, like the disciples of Jesus before Pentecost". Many insidious forces are endangering the solidity of the institution of the family, and these represent so many challenges for Christians. Among them we should mention the increase in divorce, the spread of abortion, infanticide and the contraceptive mentality. Faced with this situation, we need to reaffirm "that the foundation of human life is the conjugal relationship between husband and wife, a relationship which, between Christians, is sacramental".

Hence there is urgent need of a broad catechetical effort regarding the Christian ideal of conjugal communion and family life, including a spirituality of fatherhood and motherhood. Greater pastoral attention must be given to the role of men as husbands and fathers, as well as to the responsibility which they share with their wives for their marriage, the family and the raising of their children. Also required is a serious preparation of young people for marriage, one which clearly presents Catholic teaching on this sacrament at the theological, anthropological and spiritual levels. On a continent like America, characterized by significant population growth, there needs to be a constant increase of pastoral initiatives directed to families.

In order to be a true "domestic church" the Christian family needs to be a setting in which parents hand down the faith, since they are "for their children, by word and example, the first heralds of the faith". Families should not fail to set time aside for prayer, in which spouses are united with each other and with their children. There is a need to encourage shared spiritual moments such as participating in the Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, daily prayer in the family and practical signs of charity. This will strengthen fidelity in marriage and unity in families. In such a family setting it will not be difficult for children to discover a vocation of service in the community and the Church, and to learn, especially by seeing the example of their parents, that family life is a way to realize the universal call to holiness.

Reflection: Wow! I think Pope St. JPII had 2022 in mind when he wrote this about our current political, social, cultural and family situations. Please re-read this with you and your family in mind – how does it apply to you? How must you now respond and address our current situation with our Holy Father's intentions in mind?



ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	\$20,955.00	
Ministries	Total Pledges	\$ 4286.00	20%
Drive	No of Gifts	32/306	10 %
2022	Actual Rec'd	\$ 3936.00	19 %
Fr. L Arnone	K Bradley	M/M J Earnest	
D Kirsch	D Lee	M/M J Lee	
M/M T McCarty	Dr./M R Sunseri	M/M R Sutton	
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M/M M Zabinsky			

Collection 4/3/2022: Adults \$4699; children \$38.15; loose \$47; candles \$207; Easter \$90; rent \$2100; utilities \$197; angel fund \$124; Cath. Home Missions \$20; Mandeville \$5; Holy Land \$17; Holy Thurs. \$15; Living Faith booklets \$25; CD of A \$15 **Total Deposit \$7599.15**
 Christmas Club \$32; Development \$161; flowers \$182; cemetery \$25

SA Office Closed: The St. Aloysius Parish Office will be closed from April 14 (Holy Thursday) through April 18 (Easter Monday).

SA Church Decorating: St. Aloysius Church will be decorated for Easter after the Good Friday Services—approximately 4:30. All are welcome to come and help.

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 stalloysiuscresson@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

Lucia, the oldest of the children, was born on March 22, 1907 and was the youngest of seven. Francisco was born on June 11, 1908 and Jacinta on March 11, 1910. One day, while the three were playing, the Angel visited them again and said, "What are you doing? Pray! Pray a great deal! The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs for you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High." Lucia asked how they were to sacrifice. The Angel responded, "With all your power offer a sacrifice as an act of reparation for the sinners by whom He [the Lord] is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners. Thus, draw peace upon your country. I am its Guardian Angel, the Angel of Portugal. Above all accept and endure with submission the suffering which the Lord will send you."

Reflection: Consider what sort of sacrifice you might make in reparation for the sins of America and of the world... While the Angel appeared to children, this mission is not to be the work of children alone.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	\$18,308.00	
Ministries	Total Pledges	\$ 8,448.00	46%
Drive	No of Gifts	41/294	14 %
2022	Actual Rec'd	\$ 4313.00	24%
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M/M J Hollen	C Iapalucci	M/M S Krawick	
M/M R Madonna	D Michina	M/M P Plunkett	
M/M T Sutton	C Stransky	M Trexler	

Collection 04/03/2022: Adults \$3414.12; Loose \$219; youth \$55.50; Easter Flowers \$125; Easter \$240; Energy \$6; Development \$71; Angel Fund \$15; Candles \$20; Sanctuary Candle \$10; D M Novena \$68; Divine Mercy Candles \$88; Easter Masses \$221; Mother's Day \$45 Holy Thursday \$5; Catholic Relief \$3; Catholic Home Miss \$5; Holy Land \$5; **Total Deposit \$4615.62;** Church Improvement \$15; Cemetery \$121:

FX Office Closed: The office will be closed on April 14th through the 18th for the Easter Holiday.

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.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Admission \$21.00 Doors Open 5:00pm
Early Birds 6:30pm Reg. Games 7:00pm
JACKPOT—\$1,000 in 53 Numbers
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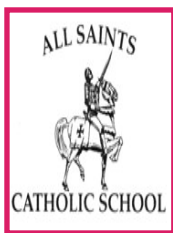


Cresson Area Lions Club Pancake Breakfast & Basket Raffle will be held Palm Sunday April 10 at 8:00am to 1:00pm. Ticket price for all you can eat pancakes is \$7.00. Dine in and take out. Tickets for basket raffle will be sold during the breakfast.



SA Power House Subs April Fund-raiser: 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 April. Order forms and envelopes for donations are available in the back of the churches.





All Saints Catholic School

As we stand at the start of this Holy Week, may our thoughts and prayers turn to Jesus. May we not be distracted by the things of this world, but remember His passion and death.

May we praise Him with a pure heart and walk in the way of His suffering, so we can share in the joy of His resurrection.

Donated baskets for our ASCS basket raffle on April 24, may be dropped off in the school cafeteria from 6:30-7:30 PM on Tuesday, 4/12.

Thank you to all who attended our Sports Raffle and all who worked so hard to make it a success. We appreciate your support.

ASCS students will be dismissed on Holy Thursday, 4/14, at 11:30 PM to begin their Easter break. They return to school on Easter Tuesday, 4/19.



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

April 10 & 17 No Classes Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday
April 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.



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/

FX Sanctuary Lamp — SHANA NEWTON (M/M C HORTEN)

SA Sanctuary Lamp — M. BAKER (family)

MASS SCHEDULE FOR APR 11 TO APR 17

Servers - **APRIL 14**
7:00pm Dillon Family
April 15
3:00pm Sutton Family
April 16—17
8:30pm K Gottshall, K Eger, L & A Mullen
8:00am Plazek Family
11:00am A Hines, R Resick
Lector- **April 14**
7:00pm Deb Baker
April 15
3:00pm P McMullen, M Zabinsky
April 16-17
8:30pm P Dillon, K Koytek, C Evans, D Baker,
S Sunseri, K Eger, MG or J Neugebauer
Sr. Nancy
8:00am R Chislow
11:00am J Hines Jr.
Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist
April 14
7:00pm Rob Dillon
April 15
3:00pm K McMullen
April 16-17
8:30pm R. Trybus
8:00am R Chislow
11:00am J Hines

MON - **APRIL 11**
8:00am **FX** NO MASS

TUE - **APRIL 12**
8:00am **SA** MATILDA BIANCONI (M Bianconi)

WED - **APRIL 13**
8:00am **FX** POLLYANNA PEPETTI (husband)

HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 14
7:00pm **SA** MARY KAY RIGHTNOUR
(T/D DeAngelo)

PASSION OF THE LORD

FRI - **APRIL 15**
3:00pm **SA** PEOPLE of FX & SA PARISHES
7:00pm **FX** DIVINE MERCY Prayers

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL
APRIL 16
3:00pm **FX** DIVINE MERCY Prayers
8:30pm **FX** PEOPLE of FX & SA PARISHES

EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUN - **APRIL 17**
7:30am **SA** ROSARY
8:00am **SA** MO BAKER (family)
10:30am **FX** ROSARY
11:00am **FX** EASTER MASS INTENTIONS
7:00pm **FX** DIVINE MERCY Prayers

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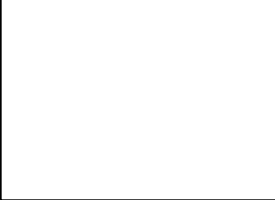


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