



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

We are the family of God sharing our LOVE, JOY, FAITH, and SORROWS, while supporting and ministering to our community in times of need through our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm Vigil

Sunday | 8:00am & 10:00am

Weekday Masses

Monday | Communion Service

Tuesday | 8:00am

Wednesday | 8:00am

Thursday | 8:00am

Friday | No Mass

Holy Days | 8:00am & 7:00pm

Confession | Saturdays 3:00pm

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Elaine Vucelich.**

May her soul enter into God's peace and eternal rest.

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Feb 18 | Ash Wednesday

▸ 8am: L. Magnone | S. Kent | C. Frame

▸ 7pm: D. Zacherl | D. Rice | G. Rice | B. Yost

Feb 21 | Saturday Vigil | 4pm

▸ L. Frohnapfel | J. Fecat | D. Prado | B. Yost

Feb. 22 | Sunday | 8am

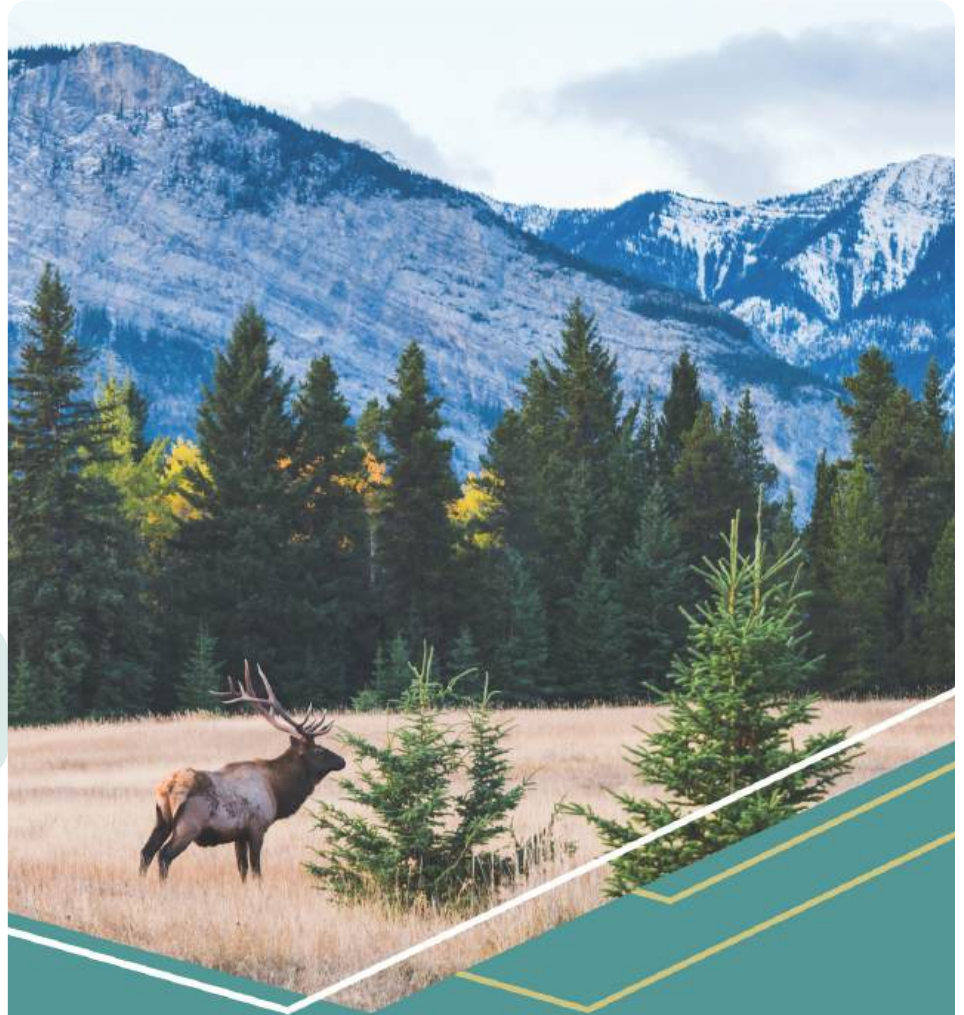
▸ C. Frame | S. Kent | D. Manning | J. Hess

Feb. 22 | 10am

▸ R. Patrone | L. Yoho | L. Miller | D. Kosky

Sacristy

Linda & Butch Miller



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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Mass Intentions

FEB 14 **SATURDAY**
4:00pm **Pete Mysliwicz †**
 ▶ *Maggie Yeater & Mary Marsh*

FEB 15 **SUNDAY**
8:00am **Sgt. Hayden E. West †**
 ▶ *Tex & Theresa Reynolds*

10:00am **Robert Kleinedler †**
 ▶ *Bruce & Suzan Artimez*

FEB 16 **MONDAY**
8:00am Communion Service

FEB 17 **TUESDAY**
8:00am **Living & Deceased Members of the Skrzypek Family †❤**
 ▶ *Carolyn Gordon*

FEB 18 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
8:00am **Cornelius P. Walsh †**
 ▶ *Bridget Scarbin*

7:00pm **May Our Spirits Be Renewed this Lenten Season**

FEB 19 **THURSDAY**
8:00am **Harold Ray**
 ▶ *Joanne Ray*

FEB 20 **FRIDAY**
8:00am **Michael Simons Jr. †**
 ▶ *Tracy & Andrew Simons*

FEB 21 **SATURDAY**
4:00pm **Paul Aquaro †**
 ▶ *Cindy & Joe Wieth*

FEB 22 **SUNDAY**
8:00am **Ray Yocum †**
 ▶ *Yocum Family*

10:00am **Vicki DeTemple Novick & Christine DeTemple Norris ††**
 ▶ *Mom & Dad*



WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER?

A Letter From Your Bulletin Editor

My husband and I have been watching the Winter Olympics, and we're amazed at athletes flying through the air and skating at breathtaking speeds. They almost seem superhuman. But while most of us won't be attempting quad jumps or racing down snowy slopes at 90 miles an hour, I believe we each carry our own superpower.


As a nurse, I've had a front-row seat to everyday heroes — a young woman paralyzed in her twenties who went on to raise two children, run a business and even drove. A dear friend and fellow emergency room nurse who, at age 30, while undergoing breast cancer treatment, became a flight nurse—caring for critically ill patients in the ER and in the skies.

These are the kinds of superpowers that don't make headlines. Extraordinary people who quietly operate behind the scenes. And I see them in you, too.

If you are providing for your family, showing up to work day in and day out, offering kindness to those who need it the most, tending to your own health or your loved one's, or simply getting out of bed on a hard day — that is strength. That is courage. That makes you a *superhuman*.

As we enter the Lenten season, we are invited into quiet sacrifice and small daily acts of love. Lent reminds us that holiness often looks ordinary — and that God works powerfully through simple, faithful hearts.

Keep going.
 With the Lord in your heart you are never alone.
 With love,
 -E

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION 

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Special intentions this week are for the families listed below. Eucharistic Exposition is every Wednesday after 8am Mass.

- Neiswonger
- Niemiec
- Novel
- O'Neal
- O'Neil
- Oakland

Ash Wednesday Services:

- ▶ 8:00 AM—Mass with Ashes
- ▶ Noon—Prayer Service with Ashes
- ▶ 7:00 PM—Mass with Ashes

Stations of the Cross:

- ▶ 6:30 PM Fridays during Lent

Prayer Requests

Homebound: Judy Seidel, Kathryn Helfer, Phyllis Prado, Jim Brown, Katie Melchiori, John Bierce, Sandina Leonard

Nursing Home: Carol Riggle, Rachel Kerekes, Kathryn Ferrera, Angeline Sellers, Fay Melchiori, Dwight Furbee, Katie Renshaw, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybaker, Donna Lagos

Recently Sick: Jerry Durbin, Sister Marita's Mother, Eric Gordon, Joanne Potts, Don Gray, Denise Deroy, Barbara Birch, Suzy Lunau, Eleanor Smith, Roger Frame, Mike Pavilkey, Phil Remke, Jenny Ingram, Maggie Yeater, Carlene Crow, Kimberly Peffley, Scott Peffley, Karen Swierkos-Wayne, David Yeater, John Kirchner, Ted Scarbin, Nash Casto, Catherine Pellerin, Deanne Ferraro

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 18

Good stewards realize they really don't own anything. It all belongs to God. It is not so much that God owns them, but they are not ours because we are called to offer them to him.

The reality is that you and I were born naked and with nothing. We will die naked and with nothing. If we really could possess something material, there would be a way to take it with us. But alas, it all slips through our grasp and passes away. And even though all of us came from dust and to dust we will return, through Jesus Christ we will live forever in a perfect state.

The only thing we can take with us?

Our hearts and whether or not we loved.

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Catholic Q&A

Ash Wednesday Edition

Question: Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Answer: Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "out of the dust of the ground" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality.

We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities. -LPi



Everyday Stewardship:

RULES KEEP US IN CHECK

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I saw a slogan once for an Internet start-up: "There is one rule; there are no rules." In fact, when I searched for this slogan again online, I was surprised at all of the variations on the "no rules" sentiment.

Apparently, even Justin Bieber has a documented quote: "I want my world to be fun. No parents, no rules, no nothing. Like, no one can stop me. No one can stop me."

Wow.

My own kids seldom read my reflections. If they are reading this one, don't get any ideas! Of course, a society without laws or rules will not exist for very long. The laws of a society are there to protect us from perhaps our greatest enemy: ourselves. We can't just do whatever we feel like. We will eventually hurt others or ourselves.

The laws of God and his Church have the same effect. Sinful and imperfect people need

parameters. Christians who choose sin or their own will over God's commandments not only break the relationship they have with their God, but they hurt others and diminish the body of Christ.

A stewardship way of life asks of us to live in a certain manner. We sometimes think that our cultivation of gifts and giving them back with increase to God is for God's sake.

God's commands do not benefit God, for God is complete and perfect without need for increase. But this way of life is for the benefit of his creation. There is no power struggle here between a God of rules and his children.

The cross bears witness to that. Instead, God's "rules" prevent us from destroying ourselves, and give us a path so we may flourish.

Whether you are an ordinary Joe or an ordinary Bieber, following God's commands will lead to the real satisfaction in this gift of life.

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Ash
Wednesday



LAUGHING OUT LOUD

Coming or Going?

On the way home from the Ash Wednesday service, a young boy asked his mother, "Is it true that we are made of dust?"

"Yes, darling."

"And do we go back to dust again when we die?"

"Yes, dear."

"Wow!" said the boy. "When I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going!"



THE PARISH EVANGELIZATION TEAM PRESENTS:

Hallow

A new way to connect with your parish family. ❤️

INTRODUCTION:

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH + HALLOW

St. Francis Xavier Parish is thrilled to announce our partnership with **Hallow, the #1 prayer app!** Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace, everyday.

All parishioners – subscribers and those on the free version – are invited to be a part of our parish page.

There, you're able to create a profile, share prayer requests, and take part in prayer challenges together.

- Already on Hallow? Visit the Church tab in the app to create your profile and find our parish (search by parish zip code).
- Not yet on Hallow? Visit hallow.com/parish (QR code), search by parish zip code, and follow the prompts. You'll be given a special trial which gives access to all the app's premium content. If you'd like to forgo and remain on the free version, simply hit "Skip" and you'll have access to our parish page.

Questions about app access? Contact parishsupport@hallow.app.

We look forward to praying with you!



HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE

1. Open the **Camera app** on your smartphone.
2. Hold your phone over the **QR code** so it appears clearly on your screen.
3. Wait a moment – a **link** will pop up at the top or bottom of your screen.
4. **Tap** the link.
5. You'll be taken directly to the **webpage**.

If nothing pops up:

- Make sure the QR code is in good lighting and fully visible on your screen.
- Move your phone slightly closer or farther away.
- Some older phones may need a free "QR Scanner" app from the App Store or Google Play.

JOIN THE LENTEN PRAYER CHALLENGE

The **Parish Evangelization Team (PET)** invites you to journey through Lent with the **Lent Pray40 Challenge** on the Hallow app. We'll begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and continue through Easter, April 5.

Want to learn how to join?

This weekend, February 14–15, PET leader Helen Zacherl will be in the vestibule to help parishioners get started. The Hallow app is simple and user-friendly – even if you're not tech savvy.

Helen will be happy to answer questions and assist you. You may also contact her at 304-312-1450.

The **Parish Evangelization Team** is always looking for new team members to help spread the word of our faith! If you're interested in joining this new group, reach out to Helen Zacherl.

"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean" –Ryunosuke Satoro



WHAT IS THE LENT PRAY40 CHALLENGE?

On the Hallow App, join us in a journey to return to our Father this Lent, guided by Sister Miriam, Mother Olga, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Mark Wahlberg, Chris Pratt, and Jonathan Roumie for a spiritual exploration like none other. Best part? You'll be joining fellow members of our parish this Lenten season.

Are you up for the challenge?





BIBLE STUDY: FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Beginning March 18, you're invited to join our new bible study program: *Foundations of Faith-A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Over the 20 sessions, you'll be invited to explore the core beliefs of the Catholic Faith, learn about biblical and historical sources of the Catechism, and discover how these teachings have developed since the time of the apostles.

Spring Sessions:

- **Wednesday, March 18** | 9-10:30 AM -OR-
- **Thursday, March 19** | 6:30-8 PM
- **Sign Up:** Forms available at the parish office, church entrances, online (on website under the FORMS tab,) or by email
- **Deadline to Register:** Wednesday, March 4
- **Workbook:** \$20
- **Questions:** Call or text Mary Britt at 716-207-9146



ST. FRANCIS FISH FRY SOON!

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry starts **Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18)** and continues every Friday during Lent, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in Xavier Hall.

We are in need of volunteers and donations of:

- Baked goods & desserts
- Pop & bottled water
- Foil
- Sandwich baggies
- Plastic & brown paper bags



Much of the profit comes from donated desserts and drinks. Thank you for your support!

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Walking with Moms In Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs. Volunteers walk with moms throughout the motherhood journey, offering them authentic Christian friendship and ongoing support. To learn how to get involved with the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese group, contact Kathy Barton at kbarton@dwc.org.

PARISH GIVING February 8

Envelope	\$3,085.00
Loose Offering	\$607.00
Building Fund	\$555.00
Xavier Hall	\$60.00
Memorial Gifts	\$150.00
Candles	\$79.00
Online Giving	\$453.00
US Church Missions	\$693.00

Attendance 216

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PARISH GIVING February 1

Envelope	\$3,964.00
Loose Offering	\$466.00
Building Fund	\$85.00
Xavier Hall	\$430.00
Memorial Gifts	\$475.00
Online Giving	\$429.14
Developing World	\$20.00

Attendance 175



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Mondays | 12-3pm
St. Vincent de Paul assistance in the church basement
- Tuesdays | 10am
Chair Yoga with Emily in room 104 of the former school
- Wednesdays | 11:30am & 1:30pm
Line Dancing with Lottie in Xavier Hall
- Thursdays | 11-2pm
Gabriel Project-Moved to former school
- Fridays | 6pm
BINGO in Xavier Hall
- **Monday Feb. 16** | Images of Mary Mini-Bible Study Series | Church basement
- **February 13-15** | **Men's Discernment Retreat** | Kearneysville, WV
- **February 21-22** | A group from the Holy Land is bringing olive wood carvings to Masses
- **Wednesday Feb. 25** | **Parish Council Meeting** at 6:30pm in church basement
- **March 18 & 19** | **Bible Study Begins** | Foundations of Faith

Celebrating Our Faithful Community



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EVERYWHERE.
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NEITHER WITH WORDS
NOR WITH GESTURES.
EVIL CAN ONLY
BE OVERCOME WITH
GOOD

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