



# 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.

**MARCH 1, 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

## 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** | 8:00am  
**Holy Days** | 8:00am & 7:00pm  
**Confession** | Saturdays 3:00pm



## EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

### Wednesday, March 4

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

- Overberger
- Overholt
- Papula
- Paske
- Patrello
- Patrone

## READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

### March 7 | Saturday Vigil | 4pm

• G. Rice | D. Rice | J. Fedorke | Yost

### March 8 | Sunday | 8am

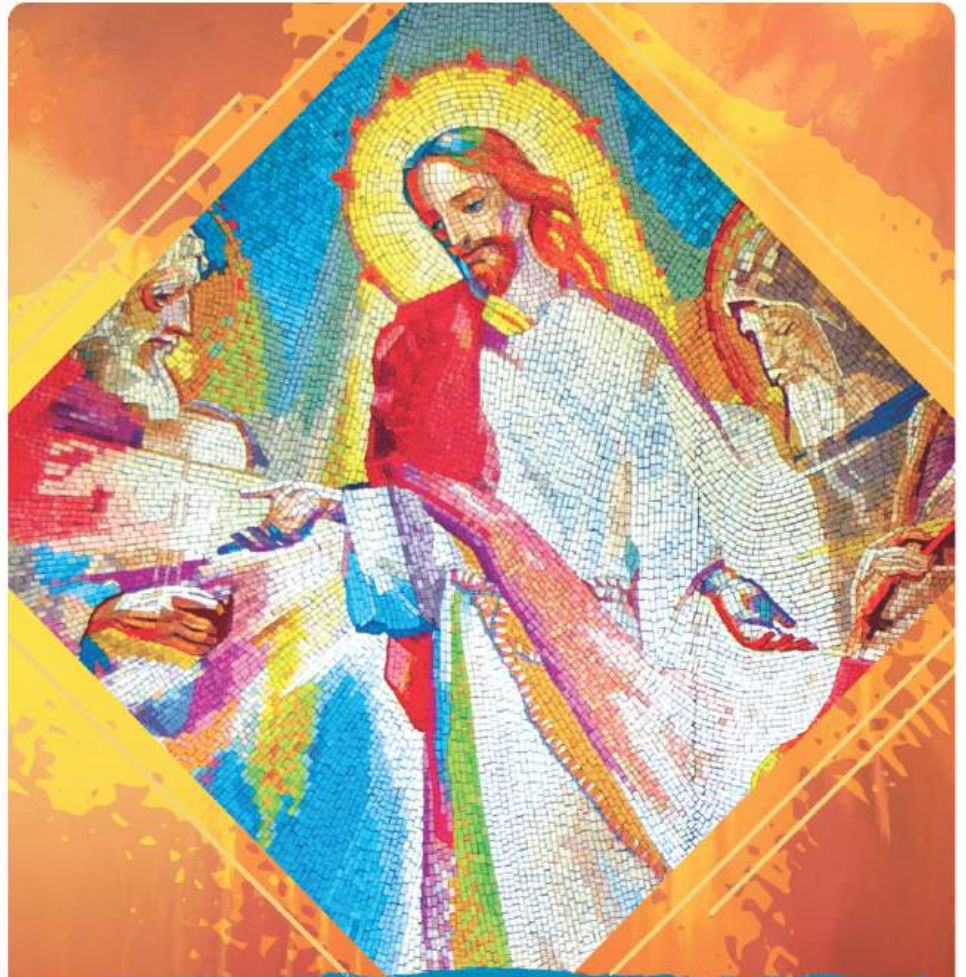
• C Frame | S. Kent | C. Frame | J. Hess

### March 8 | 10am

• L. Schorr | D. Kosky | L. Miller | D. Manning

### Sacristy

• S. Artmezz & E. McCormick



## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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## PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Priyesh Sebastian, MCBS  
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## LET'S STAY CONNECTED

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 • 304-650-5418

**Gabriel Project:** • 304-280-6701

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Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church

# Mass Intentions

- FEB 28 SATURDAY**  
**4:00pm** **Pete Mysliwiec †**  
 ▶Daune & Daunel Gump
- MAR 1 SUNDAY**  
**8:00am** **The Deceased Members of the L.R. & Betty Lewis Family †**  
 ▶Teresa Lewis Vermeulen
- 10:00am** **Joe Church †**  
 ▶Sue Church
- MAR 2 MONDAY**  
**8:00am** Communion Service
- MAR 3 TUESDAY**  
**8:00am** **Sr. Generosa Foroma, SJI †**
- MAR 4 WEDNESDAY**  
**8:00am** **Elizabeth A. Magnone & Mary Magnone Stees ††**  
 ▶ Libby Magnone
- MAR 5 THURSDAY**  
**8:00am** **Josephine Ferris & Isabel Ferris Wolfe ††**  
 ▶ Libby Magnone
- MAR 6 FRIDAY**  
**8:00am** **Larry Freeland †**  
 ▶ SFX Choir
- MAR 7 SATURDAY**  
**4:00pm** **Tony Skvarka †**  
 ▶ John & Erin Bonar
- MAR 8 SUNDAY**  
**8:00am** **Donald Reynold †**  
 ▶Tex & Theresa Reynolds
- 10:00am** **Hitt/Jacobs Family †**  
 ▶Rich Hitt

## POPE LEO – HERE WE COME!!

If you're interested in traveling to Rome to see Pope Leo XIV in April 2027, please visit [www.206tours.com](http://www.206tours.com) about **Tour 97**. This will be a 5-day, all inclusive trip. The cost is \$4,700. A few of our parishioners have signed up already!  
 The package includes tours of Piazza Novona, Basilica of St. John the Lateran, St. Mary Major, the Holy Steps, the Basilica of St. Paul, and the Catacombs.  
**Questions?** Please contact Jane Klug.



## A LENTEN RETREAT DESIGNED FOR OUR PARISH

**Walking and Praying with St. Francis Xavier on his Journey TO, WITH, and IN CHRIST.**

Life moves fast, and often we don't pause to reflect. A retreat is a special time to step back, look at our journey, and let God speak to our hearts. It is not just about thinking, it is about renewing, healing, and finding direction for our everyday life.

We are very excited to offer parishioners a beautiful opportunity this Lent: We invite you to please join us every **Sunday from March 8 to March 22 at 3:00 pm in the church** where Father Bill Petro will lead us in a parish-wide retreat.

Father Bill is the recently retired from his role as *Minister of Spiritual Direction and Retreats for West Virginia Institute for Spirituality* in Charleston. He has designed 3 weekly sessions to help us grow closer to God, understand ourselves better, and prepare for the joy of Easter.

After the 3<sup>rd</sup> session on March 22, we will hold our **Lenten Communal Penance Service**. Fr. Bill will conclude the retreat by celebrating weekend **Masses on March 28 and 29**.

Do not miss this opportunity to grow, heal, and be renewed. Your heart needs this, come!

-Fr. Sebastian

## PARISH GIVING February 22



Envelope .....	\$2,651.00
Loose Offering.....	\$684.00
Church Repair .....	\$22.00
Xavier Hall .....	\$2.00
Memorial Gifts .....	\$75.00
Candles .....	\$48.00
Online Giving .....	\$137.00
Home Missions .....	\$2.00

**Attendance ..... 254**

*"Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words."*

-Pope Leo XIV

## Prayer Requests

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

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

**Recently Sick:** Mary Marsh, Butch Miller, 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



### AND THE WINNER IS....

Alongside Knights of Columbus member, Chuck Taskalines, Fr. Sebastian pulls the lucky 50/50 drawing at Friday's Lenten Fish Fry. Congratulations to winner Troy Ickler!

Join us every Friday through Lent from 11-5pm in Xavier Hall for delicious food, fellowship, and fun!

Please continue to bring your donations of deserts, drinks, and baggies.

### IRISH-CATHOLIC MEN

In the name of St. Patrick, the Glorious Apostle of Ireland, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 1, Wheeling, WV wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Irish-American Heritage Month!

**Men:** Celebrate and be proud of your Irish-Catholic heritage all year long by joining the AOH! Info at [www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com), [facebook.com/roadbowling](https://www.facebook.com/roadbowling) or **Tom Connelly:** (304) 280-4350. Sláinte!



## Hallow THIS WEEK IN THE HALLOW APP:

We're delighted to report we have **70 parishioners** using the Hallow app, a total of **781 prayers** completed, and as a parish family, we've prayed a total of **9,633 minutes** together so far!!

- **Mark Your Calendars!** On **Divine Mercy Sunday weekend, April 11-12**, Associate Parish Lead at Hallow, Lizzie Bagley, will be visiting our parish to talk to parishioners about Hallow and how they can get started. After 10am Mass on April 12, join us in the church basement for Retreat in an Hour—we'll have coffee and refreshments, a short talk, Q&A, and prayer.
- **Still haven't signed up yet?** Visit [hallow.com/parish](http://hallow.com/parish), 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.

### Week Two - Lenten Reflection Questions from Hallow:

1. As you pray the first words of the Lord's Prayer (ie "Our Father"), what does it change in you to remember you are never an only child—that you belong to God and one another?
2. When you hear "Hallowed by thy name" what comes to mind?
3. In what ways can you "Hallow" or "sanctify" your life this Lent?
4. Was there anything this week that really moved you?

### LAYMEN'S RETREAT

The Laymen's Retreat League invites all Adult Catholic men of the area to join them for a Day of Reflection with Rev. Bill Petro. The theme will be "God's love restores us to wellbeing"

It will be held **Saturday March 14**, at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish's Marist Center Wheeling, WV. The time is from 8am to 5pm (includes breakfast and lunch). The cost is \$30

To reserve a seat e-mail: [laymensretreatleague@gmail.com](mailto:laymensretreatleague@gmail.com) or by contacting: **Don Klamut** Phone: 304-280-4626



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Mondays | 12-3pm  
**St. Vincent de Paul** assistance in the church basement
- Tuesdays | 10am  
**Chair Yoga with Emily** (room 104 school)
- Wednesdays | 11:30am & 1:30pm  
**Line Dancing with Lottie** in Xavier Hall
- Thursdays | 11-2pm  
**Gabriel Project**—In the school
- Fridays | 11-5pm | **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** in Xavier Hall
- Fridays | 6:30pm  
**Stations of the Cross**
- Fridays | 6pm  
**BINGO** in Xavier Hall
- **Sunday, March 1** | Faith & Family Night with the Wheeling Nailers
- **Monday March 2** | Infant of Prague Novena at Our Lady of Peace | 7pm
- **Saturday, March 14** | Laymen's Retreat at St. Vincent dePaul Parish | 8-5pm
- **March 18 & 19** | **Bible Study Begins** | Foundations of Faith

### LENTEN LUNCHES

The **Moundsville Ministerial Association** invites you to visit local churches this Lent as we gather to reflect on the 40 days of our Lord.

Services are held on Wednesdays during Lent at noon, followed by a freewill donation lunch.

- **March 4** – Christian Church
- **March 11** – Calvary Church
- **March 18** – Trinity Episcopal Church
- **March 25** – Messiah Lutheran Church

