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Easter Sunday

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends:

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.



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Parishioners should be registered at the parish office. Please update your information when you move.

Easter Sunday

**“DO NOT BE AFRAID! I KNOW THAT YOU ARE
SEEKING JESUS THE CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT
HERE, FOR HE HAS RAISED JUST AS HE SAID.”**

-Matthew 28 5B-6

RECOGNIZING GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS: A HAPPY ENDING ISN'T THE WHOLE STORY

“Is there a happy ending?”

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, “Is there a happy ending?”

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly —

or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on

the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

MAR 30 EASTER VIGIL
8:00 P.M. Loretta Saporito †
Beth & Rob Thomas

MAR 31 EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Anjelo Flores †
Christina Lavenski
10:00 a.m. In gratitude to the
parishioners of SFX
The Yeater Family

APRIL 1 MONDAY
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
APRIL 2 TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. Thao Dang ♥
Ahn Dinh

APRIL 3 WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m. Loretta Saporito †
JoAnne Ray

APRIL 4 THURSDAY
8:00 a.m. The Intentions of Mary
Agnes Carroll

APRIL 5 FRIDAY
8:00 a.m. Mike Baron †
Bill & Joanne Kendrach

APRIL 6 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. Carmina Oakland †
The Madden Family

APRIL 7 SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Carmina Oakland †
Danny Prado

10:00 a.m. Joe Church †
Sally Vargo

The Sanctuary Candle
beside the tabernacle burns this week
for **Diana Barker ♥**

Please welcome Father Bacchus this
week who will be celebrating
weekday Masses.

The church office will be closed on
Easter Monday, April 1.



LEAVE IT IN THE TOMB

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

"I see you hiding in that tomb," he says. "I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice."

He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, "Great idea, Paul — but I'm pretty comfy here." Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the

changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.



Step into the light. He is waiting for you.
-Tracy Earl

SCHEDULES APRIL 6&7

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 pm: **A. Wise/D.Rice**
8:00 am: **C. Frame/S. Kent**
10 am: **J. Frizzell/C. McDonald**

ALTAR SERVERS

Please Volunteer

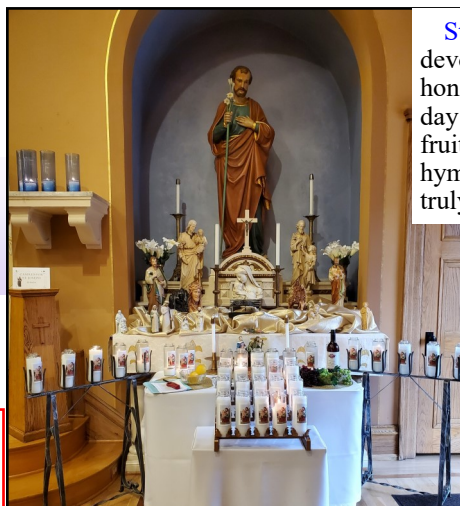
SACRISTY

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OFFERINGS: March 17

Envelopes	\$ 3,130.00
Loose Offering	\$ 332.00
Xavier Hall	\$ 20.00
Church Repair	\$ 55.00
Shut-ins	\$ 70.00
Memorial Gifts	\$ 30.00
Online Giving	\$ 390.00

Attendance 224



St. Joseph Altar-Parishioners joined with the devout from all over the world in a tradition of honoring and celebrating Saint Joseph's feast day by decorating his altar. Statues, candles, fruit, fava beans, flowers, prayers and hymns made St. Joseph's feast on March 19 truly memorable.



NEWS & COMMUNITY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, April 2 10am	Chair Yoga with Emily in Xavier Hall
Wednesday, April 3 11:30am	Line Dancing with Lottie in the church basement
Wednesday, April 3 1:30-2:30pm	Line Dancing for Beginners with Lottie
Friday, April 6	First Friday
Friday, April 5 6pm	Bingo every Fri- day in Xavier Hall
Saturday, April 6	First Saturday
Wednesday, April 14	Life Line Screen- ings in Xavier Hall

Prayer REQUESTS

Recently sick: Suzy Lunau, Carlene Crow, Kimberly Peffley, Scott Peffley, Christina Lavenski, Sage Rich, Lois Frey, Kathy Patrello, Bob Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Karen Swierkos-Wayne, David & Anastasia Yeater, George Zacherl, Brian Hill, John Kirchner, Ted Scarbin, Angela Montesano, Nash Casto, Catherine Pellerin, Eleanor Smith, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro.

Homebound: Judy Seidel, Kathryn Helfer, Rachel Kerekes, Phyllis Prado, Jim Brown, Katie Melchiori.

Nursing Homes: Kathryn Ferrera, Angeline Sellers, Fay Melchiori, Dwight Furbee, Earl Richards, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yanen.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World is coming to St. Francis Xavier! We will host the Vatican-approved international Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit April 6-8 in the church basement. You are free to view it *Saturday 3 p.m. until 7 p.m., Sunday after 8 a.m. Mass until 2 pm, and Monday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.* The Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit is a traveling display on loan from our diocese. It features 39 beautiful panels that highlight some of the most powerful Eucharistic miracles in the world.

The exhibit was designed and created by Carlo Acutis, Servant of God. Carlo was an artist, cartoonist and avid computer enthusiast. He created the art for the panels before his death from leukemia at age 15. His goal during his short life was to help bring others closer to Jesus through awareness of the mystery of the Eucharist. Carlo received the sacrament of the Eucharist daily and desired to share the joy of Christ's presence with the world through his God given talents. The exhibit is presented in the United States by the Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Society.

Living Stations of the Cross

Lottie says it takes a village to do our annual Living Stations - but we know it takes a Lottie as well. Many thanks to her and our whole village of participants. Watching the Stations live (whether in church or on Facebook) is a beautiful and moving experience. We are grateful.



Palm Sunday



Happy
Easter

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