



# Saint Francis Xavier

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## A "Resurrection Invitation": Lent and Easter Seasons at St. Francis Xavier Parish

Greetings! I hope that this letter finds you well, happy, and healthy. **THANK YOU** for your continued support through prayer, time, talent, and treasure. Your presence means a great deal and I am blessed to journey with you in these days. Please always remember to be grateful for all of the gifts we share, including our faith. Now, I would like to give you the comprehensive calendar of our upcoming Lent and Easter Seasons that will start very soon. Consider this your "Resurrection Invitation" as this is what we are called to in the Lenten/Easter Season through the Cross and Resurrection!

Before we get there though, I would like to bring you up to speed on a few things:

1. **PLEASE STAY UP TO DATE BY CHECKING OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, E-MAIL, MYPARISH APP, AND TWITTER/X REGULARLY.**
2. **FINANCES:**
  - + Thank you for your continued support. We understand that these past few years have been difficult on many levels. The parish runs just like many households with bills and unexpected expenses. If you are able support us financially, consider committing to regular contributions via envelope or online donations (E.F.T.-electronic funds transfer).
  - + If you are in need of a 2024 Contribution Statement, you can contact the office or visit our website and click "Portal" from the top menu. It will take you to a screen where you can create an account (please use the email address that you receive emails from us on) and access your statement online. Call the parish if you have any trouble.
  - + CSA: Thank you very much for your support of the CSA and if you have not had the chance to participate, there is still time to join us!
3. **Jubilee Year of Hope:** Please visit the Diocese of Erie website [www.eriercd.org](http://www.eriercd.org) for information on this year of grace. We will be offering opportunities throughout the year to engage in this year of grace locally.
4. **Vision:** For the past few years our Lenten Journey has focused on Scripture and Eucharist as they become more integral parts of our lives. Please let this be a time of renewal as we continue the journey of Eucharistic Revival. Come spend time with our Lord in Adoration or for just a few minutes as you pass by the church. Pray about who God may be inviting you to "Walk with One" back to the Church.
5. **Organ and Carpeting Projects:** With your help financially, especially through reaching above our goal of the CSA we should be able to move forward with parts of this project later this year.
6. **Please get involved:** WE NEED YOU! Part of our parish renewal is looking at how we can best use our gifts. Please consider getting involved in a ministry or volunteer opportunity as well as a spiritual opportunity. There are plenty to take advantage of in this season and beyond. We will continue to explore how we can do this as an individual and community.
7. **PARISH EVENT SIGN-UPS:** As a reminder, **ALL SIGN-UPS WILL HAPPEN THROUGH OUR WEBSITE for ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES.** From Adoration to RSVPs, you can sign up from the comfort of your home and be aware of when Adoration times need filled. If you do not have access to a computer to do so, you can always contact the Church Office/seek assistance at the end of Masses by one of our Hospitality Ministry before a specific event.

8. If you have not been receiving emails, please check your junk file and/or contact us with to be sure we have your correct email address. Most communication comes out via email and MyParish App.
9. **Remember: Ash Wednesday/Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.** Continue to enter the season through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.
10. **Lenten Commitment:** Beginning Ash Wednesday, feel free to fill out your Lenten Commitment. After placing your commitment in the basket, please take a Lenten reminder token. Also, you can do this via our website beginning Ash Wednesday. You can request that we send you the reminder token by contacting the parish office!
11. **Rice Bowls/Lenten Reflection Booklets:** Will be available near the cross or at the Church entrance for you to pick up.

Our Faith is fulfilled by the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus. That is why I hope that you will participate in person or via livestream in as many of the events for Lent/Easter as possible.

1. **Please see the schedule for our Masses for Lent/Holy Week/Easter** (on the proceeding page). Please also be on the lookout for more events and opportunities that were not available as of this printing.
  2. Livestreaming continues indefinitely.
  3. **Remember, ALL ARE WELCOME** our Masses are open to Parishioners and Non-Parishioners because Jesus is for everyone! Please join us at anytime and not just during Lent or Easter as you are always welcome.
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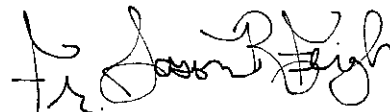
As you will also see on the Schedule, there are many opportunities for **Adoration and Confession**. **PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.** Regarding Confession, I will be offering a few "Drive-Up" times as indicated on the schedule, so that you do not have to get out of your car. All you will need to do is stop at the Main Entrance of the Church, call the emergency number found in the bulletin, and I will come to you. If there are multiple people in the vehicle, members will need to exit and are welcome to come into the church. We are also offering *Healing the Whole Person* Series as we are taking advantage of this Jubilee Year of Hope to bring Healing and Peace.

Please, make this the best Lent/Easter ever, enter in spiritually as you never have before, and do not let the craziness of our lives darken the light of this time.

Thank you again for your support; please continue to give as you can; and most importantly know of my (and Linus') continued love, support, and prayers for you in these coming months!

May you have the Blessed Lent/Joyous Easter and enjoy your "Resurrection Invitation".

In the Lord, I Remain,



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