

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
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**The New Evangelization starts here!**

## WE ARE: SOLDIERS OF CHRIST!

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, March 1 we celebrated Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The church was full of people at each Mass, especially at the 6pm class when the entire Religious Education class—grade 6-12 participated in this celebration. In each class your children were asked to keep the Lord in their hearts with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Lent is a period of spiritual discipline, often kept by adding prayer, helping the needy, removing things from your lives that keep you away from God. Please refrain from eating meat on all Fridays in Lent to remember that our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross giving up his body and blood for our sins. As a family come to Mass, visit the Blessed Sacrament in adoration, come to Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent. Do whatever you have to do to put Jesus first!

I would like to thank you for supporting the projects and events of our parish for the benefit of our youth. We raised \$1,950 in the Burger and Brats dinner. Thank you so much to all the families who sold tickets or purchased tickets to attend this dinner. It's great to work in group! So far we have \$4,200 from our South of the Border Dinner, \$4,000 donation, and \$1,950 from Burger and Brats Dinner. The next dinner will be organized by the youth who will go to the Steubenville conference.

**The Holy Eucharist:** All students in grade 3-12th grades have been studying The Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist, also called the Mass, the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, and many other names, is a sacrament and a sacrifice. In the Eucharist, under the appearance of bread and wine, our Lord Jesus Christ is contained, offered, and received.

This past Saturday, all students in Confirmation had the opportunity to showcase part of what they have learned in class through a service project to their parents and sponsors. They set up/clean up the Leven Center, prepared and served food for their parents and sponsors as a thank you for all you have done for them. Confirmation Mass will be on April 19 this year. Please keep the students, their parents, their sponsors, and their catechists in your prayers as they continue in their journey of faith. God bless them all!

In the Spirit of St. Francis Xavier,

Mrs. Miriam Day  
Director of Religious Education

### March Activities

**March 5th—Stations of the Cross at 10:15am in Church**

**March 11th—Parent Eucharistic Seminar in English—FR/9am-3pm**

**March 12th, 14th, 15th  
No RE/Spring Break**

**March 21st—Stations of the Cross at 5:00pm in Church**

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**March 22nd  
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**March 26th—Camp OLOG Presentation at 10:15am in the Leven Center. Our Lady of Guadalupe Camp is for students in 4th-12th grade. At camp, students learn personal and spiritual growth by developing their prayer life, social skills, independence, and respect for others. Parents are encouraged to attend this presentation.**



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**March 29th—  
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