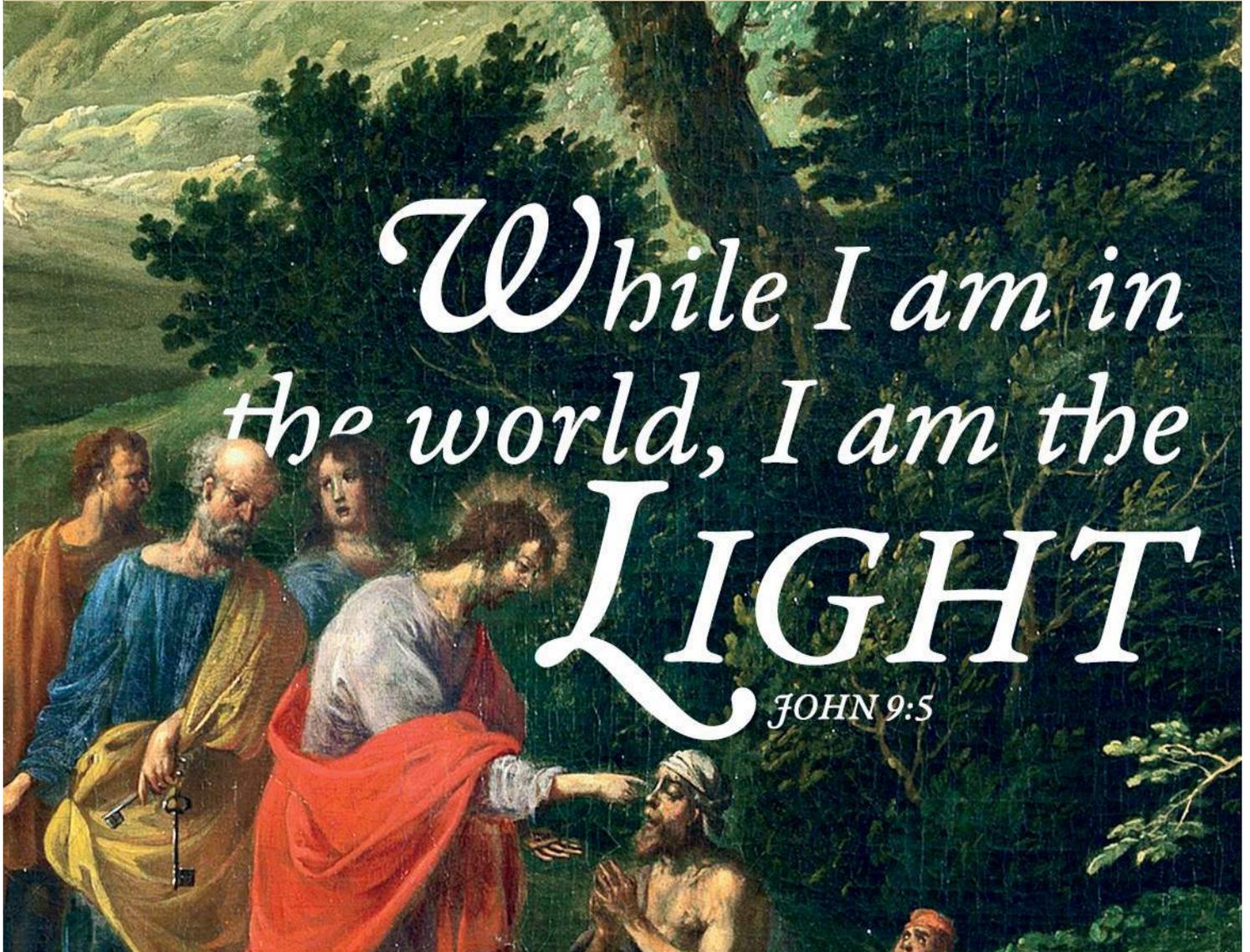


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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Saint Francis Xavier Parish is a Christian Family dedicated to the mission of Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We are committed to fostering spiritual growth and to responding to the human needs of both our faith community and the larger community by sharing our gifts and resources."



Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil.....4:30 pm
Sunday Masses..... 8:30 am & 10:45 am

Holy Day Masses.....See schedule inside.

Daily Mass

Monday, Thursday, Friday 6:45 am
Tuesday6:00pm

Baptism

Class required. Call rectory for arrangements.

Penance

Tuesday..... 5:30 pm
Saturday.....3:30 pm

Website.....www.sfxmarcellus.com

Marriage

Arrangements at least 6 months in advance.

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Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6 Ephesians 5:8-14 Gospel John 9:1-41

Sunday March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 14

VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:30 PM David Curtin-Pat Eisenberg and family

Sunday March 15

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 AM Henry Gooden-Terry Hall

10:45 AM- The People of St Francis Xavier Church

Monday March 16

6:45AM-Judith & Patrick Campbell (Healing)-Janet French

Tuesday March 17

6:00 PM-Don Odell-Father Dan

Wednesday March 18

No Mass

Thursday March 19

St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM-Deacon William Dotterra Father Dan

Friday March 20

6:45 AM-Cara Zentner Major

Saturday March 21

VIGIL FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:30PM Betty & James Plunkett-Marty and Matt

Sunday March 22

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 AM-The People Of St Francis Xavier Church

10:45 AM-William Glover- The Joseph Delaney Family

Prayer in Preparation for the 140th Anniversary of the Diocese of Syracuse

O God of the endless ages, Our help in ages past, our hope for years to come be with this diocesan family as we prepare to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the foundation of the diocese of Syracuse.

We give thanks and praise, for the seeds of the Gospel that have been sown in this central part of New York State and ask that they be nurtured, so that we may be a living Gospel in word and deed. We Pray as we seek Jesus that we might grow ever deeper in our relationship with our Eucharistic lord and that our worship will draw us to greater unity in Christ.

Help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and do whatever he tells us, so that we will be one endless chorus praising Father, Son, and Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen

Bishop Douglas J. Lucia

Ministries

Saturday, March 21

4:30pm

Lector

Jennifer Zinn

E. Ministers

Terry Hall

Altar Servers

Ava MacDonald

Tye MacDonald

Sunday, March 22

8:30 am

Lector

Carolyn Withiam

E. Ministers

Rachel Gasowski

Altar Servers

Peter Daiuto

Daniel Reilly

Lincoln Griffin

Sunday, March 22

10:45 am

Lector

Mike Mcauliff

E. Ministers

Eliot Austin

Altar Servers

Lucas Vaga

Nicholas Vaga

A Note from Fr. Dan

What is the O.C.I.A

Dear Parish Family,

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly known as RCIA, is the Catholic Church's process for adults to enter into full communion, receive sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), or complete their initiation. It involves a spiritual journey of conversion, catechesis, and community involvement, typically culminating at the Easter Vigil.

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Key Aspects of OCIA

Target Audience: Unbaptized individuals (catechumens), those baptized in other Christian traditions (candidates), and baptized Catholics needing to complete sacraments.

The Process: It is a gradual, stage-based journey (Pre-Catechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment, Mystagogy that lasts several months or years

Components: Participants learn about Catholic faith and tradition, engage in community service, and undergo liturgical rites.

Goal: Full, active, and conscious participation in the Catholic Church.

Inquiry (Pre-Catechumenate): A period of questioning, searching, and learning about the Catholic faith.

Catechumenate: A period of formation where participants learn about church teachings, pray, and take part in community life.

Purification and Enlightenment: Usually during Lent, this is an intense period of prayer and preparation for the sacraments.

Initiation (Sacraments): Reception of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Mystagogy: A post-baptismal period of deepening understanding of the faith and integrating into the parish community.

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For many, this is a welcoming, engaging, and life-changing journey.

In the Catholic Church, Scrutinies are three special rites celebrated on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent for the "Elect" (those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter). They focus on self-examination, repentance, and spiritual strengthening, often involving exorcism prayers to protect them from sin.

Key Details About the Scrutinies

Purpose: To uncover and heal all that is weak, sinful, or defective in the hearts of the elect and strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good.

When: They are held during Mass on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent.

Structure:

They involve an invitation to silent prayer, intercessions for the Elect, prayers of exorcism, and the laying on of hands

Scriptural Focus (Year A):

3rd Sunday: The Samaritan woman at the well (Christ as Living Water).

4th Sunday: The healing of the man born blind (Christ as Light of the World).

5th Sunday: The raising of Lazarus (Christ as Resurrection and Life).

Context: They are a key part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) (formerly RCIA) and are meant to prepare the Elect for the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil

This year we are very fortunate to have in our Parish one Candidate and one Catechumen: Chris Stokking and Joshua Johnson; both of whom will be received fully into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for them, their Sponsors and our parish family as we continue our Lenten journey.

God Bless,

Fr. Dan

"Unless There is a Good Friday in your Life, There can be no Easter Sunday" Ven. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Monday, March 16

Lectio – Church Hall – 6:30PM

Wednesday March 18

St Francis Xavier Church Lenten Luncheon-12:00 PM

Stewardship meeting hall 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 19

Rosary– Church– 7:00PM

Friday, March 20

Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction- Church- 7:00PM

Saturday March 21

Annual St Joseph/St Patrick's Dinner

Please join us in the hall for a fun filled Parish gathering@5:15PM

Corned beef Sandwiches, Meatball subs and more! No Charge

Faith Formation Grades 1-8

Sunday 3/15 (9:45-10:30 am) Class Mass @10:45am

Sandwich Sunday hosted by Mrs. Stokking's Gr 5/6 class Monday 3/16 (6:15-7:00pm)

Sunday 3/22-Last Class!(9:45am-10:30am)

Monday 3/23-Last Class!(6:15-7:00pm)

First Communion

Sunday 4/26 1st communion workshop (for students) 1:00 PM-3:00 PM@Rel.Ed center

Confirmation

Monday 3/16 Confirmation retreat Drop off at SFX religious ed center@5:00 PM Pick up from church @9:00 PM. Dress for the weather, we will be walking from Rel.Ed center to Church.

Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon

March 18-@12:00 Noon St Francis Xavier Church

40 days For Life February 18-March 29

Help save lives in Syracuse by joining in Prayer, Fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. Come pray with us in front of the planned parenthood abortion center at 1120 E Genesee St. Call Jeanie 315-956-7772, Shannon 315-664-5067, or 40daysforlife.com/Syracuse and sign up for your hour of prayer.

God is doing great things! We have seen 90+ moms change their minds and choose life for their babies.

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Please Pray For:

J.P.B., Margaret Abrahamson, Marlene Robinson, Fr. Jim Fritzen, Thomas and Bernice Wagner, Dan Cupoli, Tom Finn, Theresa McClusky, Eamon Powell, Genie Barnes, Jack Bragger, Isabelle Callahan, Lauren Carnes, Kelly Cunningham, Robert Darling, Nicole DeMore, Rev. J. Michael Donovan, Michelle Fleegel, Greg Gibbons, Steven Goldberg, Larry Hammond, Robert Hammond, Lucienne Henneberry, , Ryan Huff, J.E.L., Katie Kelly, Ann Konieczny, Brett Kresco, Martin Long, Austin Marlowe, John Muscalino, The Myles Family, Andy Nagen, Viking Nyberg, Danielle Painter, Tom Palmer, Lyla Perkins, Peyton James Perkins, Gretta Petterson, Lisa Pikarski, Casey Smith, Allan Stonecipher, Carl Thorpe, Sandra Wallak, Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson, Fr Jim Fritzen (Healing) John Bromka (Healing) Peter Destefano (healing)

*Please Pray for our Homebound—Mike Berish, Gene Koloski
Please call the Parish Office to add anyone to our Prayer List.*

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Last Week..... tbd

Weekly Goal..... \$7,900

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