

Saint Francis Xavier Church
 611 Logan Avenue † Pueblo, CO 81004
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
 Beulah, CO 81023



Our Mission at the Catholic Church of St. Francis is, to promote spiritual growth, religious formation, fellowship and stewardship within our parish. We shall give witness to Christ by ministering and living the word of God.

February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

Parish Office: 1725 Spruce St.

Hours: Monday thru Friday 9am-12noon to 1pm-3pm

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Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday ~ 8:00 AM Masses - In Chapel

Monday through Saturday ~ Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 AM

Saturday ~ 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday ~ 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses

Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday ~ 8:30 AM Mass

Rosary Sunday ~ 8 AM

Religious Formation Class Times

Preschool - 12th grade & Confirmation Classes

Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance):

Saturdays from 4:00PM to 4:45PM or by appointment.

Sacramental Preparation:

A two-year preparation process is required for the reception of the Sacraments of First Communion and First Penance (third grade) and Confirmation (junior year).

Sacrament of Baptism:

We welcome new members into our parish through Baptism. Preparation classes; are held four times a year. All parents must attend; Godparents are strongly urged to attend. Call the Parish Office for particular dates. for classes.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Registered members are asked to contact the pastor six months to one year prior to the wedding. Participation in a Marriage Preparation Program is required.

Sacrament for the Sick/Homebound:

Please notify the Parish Office for household members who are elderly, disabled, ill or scheduled for surgery so that they may receive the Sacrament.

Hall Rental:

Parishioners- \$50.00 per hour. **Non-Parishioners** -\$75.00 per hour **Damage Deposit-**\$150.00 cash. Refundable damage, deposit

A special thank you to the Garcia Family and the Religious Education Department of St. Francis Xavier Church for all their hard work with the Lucy's soup and chili Fundraiser! A huge shout out to all the children who lent a helping hand! And Thank you to all who supported this event by bringing soup and attending!



Mass Intentions

Weekly Calendar

Saturday ~ February 17th
5:00pm † Eddie Vigil By Rosemarie Billick
For all the Fallen Heroes
For the Health and well being of Nicole Maestas

Sunday ~ February 18th
8:00am † Ben Lucero By Family
† Paul, Phillip, Eric Figueroa & Joseph Misiaszek By Robert and Kathy Figueroa
† Helen Monnet By Debbie Monnet

Sunday ~ February 18th
10:30am † Rita Marquez By Linda Gallegos & Family
† Susano & Lydia Martinez By Theresa Armijo & Family

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday ~ February 18th
8:30am Health & healing of Priscilla Smith
Health & Healing of Ruth Ann Amey By Priscilla Smith

Mon	2/19	1:00pm	Living Waters
Tues	2/20	11:00am	Legion of Mary
Wed	2/21	5:30pm	Youth Group
		6:00pm	Divine Mercy
Thurs	2/22	Open Date	
Fri	2/23	5-5:30pm	Confessions
		5:45pm	Stations of The Cross
		6:00pm	OLoL Stations of The Cross
Sat	2/24	4:15pm	Confessions
		5:00pm	Mass
Sun	2/25	8:00am	Mass
		8-8:30am	OLoL Beulah Confessions
		8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Mass
		10:30am	Mass

Monday~2/19 No Scheduled Intention
Tuesday~2/20 Margaret Teckenbrock By Michael & Judith McGuinn
Wednesday~2/21 No Scheduled Intention
Thursday~2/22 No Scheduled Intention
Friday~2/23 No Scheduled Intention
Saturday~2/24 No Scheduled Intention

Saturday ~ February 24th
5:00pm No Scheduled Intention

Sunday ~ February 25th
8:00am No Scheduled Intention

Sunday ~ February 25th
10:30am † Alice Fierro By Patty DelaCruz

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday ~ February 25th
8:30am Health & healing of Priscilla Smith
† Helen Monnet By Debbie Monnet

GOD'S POWER
 We are not in our power, but in the power of God.
 --St. Perpetua

TRAINING
 Those who wish to hold the fortress of contemplation must first of all train in the camp of action.
 --Pope St. Gregory the Great



The **Divine Mercy food pantry** is in need of some items. Items like rice, beans, ramen, or can foods. Please bring what you are able to share with the hungry in our community and place it in the basket at the back of the church or bring to the Parish office.



Prayer Chain
 Are you in need of prayers? Do you know someone who does? The prayer chain request book is located at the main entrance or you may call 719-561-9052 or 719-994-2131. *To become a part of this praying ministry please call one of the above numbers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
 Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent
 Wednesday: St. Peter Damian
 Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
 Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence

Youth Group Meetings

Come join the fun every Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30pm with other youth of the community playing fun games, cooking and enjoying fellowship. For more information contact RaeAnn DelaCruz 719-671-0292 or Larry Alfonso 719-406-8089



A huge thank you to all who volunteered and supported the Lucy Garcia Soup and Chile fundraiser!

- March 3—Adult Sacrament Class # 6 9am-12Noon
- March 5—Baptism Preparatory Class 5:30 pm
- March 6-8—Lenten Mission w/ Fr. Paul Eke 6:00pm
- March 10—Marriage Preparatory 10:00am

Reflections of Fr. Prabhu

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event. Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert. In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here. The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent. In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit_ Amen

Women's Retreat: Msgr. Ken Leone and Fr. John Lager invite all women to the 18th annual Women's Journey retreat to be held at the YMCA of the Rockies-Estes Park the weekend of March 9-11, 2018. Register online at www.coloradocatholicretreats.com by March 4th. For information and questions, contact Patti Hayes at 720-608-1607 or phayes@spiritochrist.org. Carpooling is also available upon request (to ksmoothie36@gmail.com) by March 4th.

Ministers— February 24th & 25th

Mass	Commentator	Lectors	Eucharist Minister
Saturday 2/24/18 5:00pm	Jamie Vigil	Arlene Raigoza(Esp) Conrad Valdez	Eric Martinez Mergie Gallegos Jeremy Gallegos Jamie Vigil Melanie Garza
Servers: Terra Salazar, John Delacruz			
Sunday 2/25/18 10:30am	Debbie Monnet	Kristi Martinez Arlene Raigoza	Debbie Monnet Karl Aguilera Rodney Westhoff Mergie Gallegos Jeremy Gallegos
Servers: Chloe & Timothy Sisneros			
Sunday 2/25/18 10:30am	Margaret Siegrist	Marva Armijo RaeAnnDelaCruz	Margaret Siegrist Deacon Paul Antoinette Garcia Paul Montez Carla Osorio
Servers: Caleb Sanchez, Rihana Avila, Lorenzo Alfonso, Natalie Alfonso			

Lenten Schedule

St Francis Xavier **Daily Masses** Monday-Saturday 8:00 am in the Queen of Peace Chapel on Spruce.
Stations of the Cross every Friday at 5:45pm followed by Lenten Fellowship in the Parish Hall
Confessions: Every Friday before Stations of The Cross and Saturdays at 4:15pm or by appointment
Lenten Mission: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 through Thursday, March 8, 2018. Mass at 6:00pm each day. Fr. Paul Eke

Lenten Penance Service 2018

- St. Joseph February 21, 2018 @ 12 Noon
- St. Pius X February 28, 2018 @ 6:30pm
- Sacred Heart Cathedral March 7, 2018 @ 12:30pm
- Christ the King March 7, 2018 @ 6:30pm
- St. Leander March 30, 2018 @ 6:00pm
- Shrine of St. Therese March 15, 2018 @ 6:00pm
- St. Mary Help of Christians March 17, 2018 @ 8:45am
- St. Francis Xavier March 19, 2018 @ 6:30pm
- Our Lady of The Meadows March 27, 2018 @ 7:00pm
- St. Paul the Apostle March 1, 2018 @ 6:30pm

Lenten Dinner Schedule for Friday evenings

Fellowship/dinner is for all parishioners at no charge (except March 23-K of C fish fry dinner \$7)
 Parishioners may bring a dish if they choose to do so
 Each group is asked to: bring a meatless dish, bread, or soup *Help set-up & clean-up

On the scheduled date listed below

5:00 p.m. set-up 6:15 dinner served

- Feb. 16 Liturgy Committee, Bilingual Choir/Sunday Choir
- Feb. 23 Religious Education Teachers/Committee
- March 2 Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors/Commentators
- March 9 Parish Council & Finance Committee Legion of Mary
- March 16 Altar Society & Divine Mercy Prayer Group
- March 23 Knights of Columbus #557 Fish Fry-\$7/person
- March 30 Good Friday Service at Noon-no meal served

St Francis Xavier

February 11, 2018 Collection

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,231.75
Loose coin & Currency	\$ 155.04
Lucy's Soup Fundraiser	\$ 1,376.00