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March 2023

Welcome Home!

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sunday @ 9:00 am

Sunday @ 11:00 am

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Wednesday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Thursday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Parish Office Staff

Admin Assistants: Koreen C. & Judy S.— Ext. 5

Bookkeeper: Rose B.— Ext. 6

At A Glance ...

Weekday Masses at St. FX Church

Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday @ 9 am

Adoration

1st Friday following Mass until 7pm

Remaining Fridays: 9:30am—10:30am

Confession

By Appointment at Any Time

During Adoration:

*1st Friday 9:30am - Noon

Remaining Fridays: 9:30am-10:30am

Saturday: 3:00 pm –3:45 pm

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call emergency number ASAP anytime;

DAY OR NIGHT

Fr. Kris 780-995-3930



Keep in touch with us
via email & text.

**Text "Camrose"
to 514-900-0130**

to sign up

READINGS



2nd Sunday of Lent

March 4 & 5

Genesis 12.1-4

2 Timothy 1.8b-10

Matthew 17.1-9

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 11 & 12

Exodus 17.3-7

Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

John 4.5-15, 19-26, 39a, 40-42

4th Sunday of Lent

March 18 & 19

1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

Ephesians 5.8-14

John 9.1-41

5th Sunday of Lent

March 25 & 26

Ezekiel 37.12-14

Romans 8.8-11

John 11.1-45

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Pastoral & Administration offices

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Online News & Information Sources:



WEBSITE:

<https://caedm.ca>



WINDOW

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Fr. Kris's Homilies & Vlogs

[https://soundcloud.com/
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[https://
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NEW PARISHIONERS ...



Registration forms
are available at the Parish Office
during office hours. Contact
information can be found on the
front of this Bulletin.

We look forward to meeting you!

Marriages: Please contact Fr. Kris Schmidt at least **1 year** prior to the marriage date.

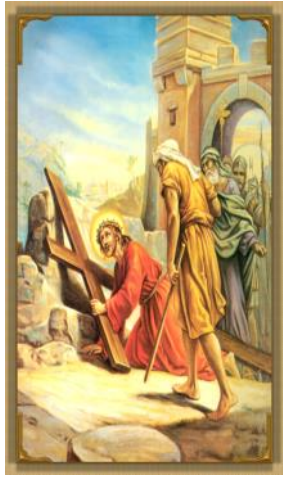
Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office for information on Baptisms & Baptism Preparation

CWL: Please contact Virginia Rogers, CWL President at (780) 672-2323 or via Email: vrogers@telusplanet.net

K of C: Please contact James Kohlman, Grand Knight at (587)322-8455 or via Email: jfkohlman56@gmail.com



Join us every **FRIDAY** during Lent, for Adoration at 6:00 pm followed by **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** led by groups from our parish



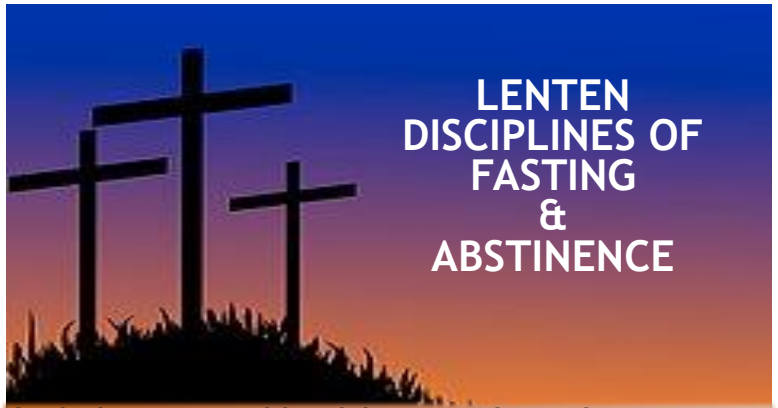
Friday, March 3
Catholic Women's League

Friday, March 10
Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 17
Pro-Life

Friday, March 24
Theology of the Body

Friday, March 31
SFX Young Adults Group



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for flowers "in memory of" a loved one that has passed away, can be made to decorate the church throughout the Easter Season. Please make donations with your parish envelopes in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Write the name of the loved one(s) being honored on or in the envelope. Thank you for helping create a beautiful & joyous space this Easter Season.

MUSIC MINISTRY WORKSHOP

**MARCH 9
6:30pm**

**All those
involved with this
Ministry are
strongly
encouraged to
attend!**

RITE OF ELECTION

On February 26, five of our Catechumens, their sponsors and the RCIA team will celebrate the Rite of Elections at St. Joseph's Basilica, where Archbishop Richard Smith will formally accept them as members of the Elect who are in their final preparation stage for Baptism.

Please keep in your prayers:

Jack V. Cale S.
Anyia C. Summer A.
Adria V. Thaedeon K.

"God is Always Faithful to Those He Calls"



ST FRANCIS XAVIER FINANCIAL REPORT—January 2023

	Cost of Operating The Parish	Building Fund Target Amount—Interest Only	Together We Serve Target Amount
Average month Amount required (based on 2022 budget)	\$37,170.00	\$35,000.00	\$2375.00
Donations this month	\$35,990.61	\$15,267.85	\$2047.00
This months surplus/shortfall	-\$1179.39	-\$19,732.15	-\$328.00



*A humble & heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has continued to support the financial needs of the parish
With POP, PayPal, E-transfers
or by bringing your Sunday Giving Envelopes to the church.*

Church Photo Directory



Parishioners who had their photos taken for the new directory and did **NOT** purchase additional photos, may pick up their free 8x10 photo from the Parish Office during office hours.

We are waiting for the draft of the parish directory from IPC. Once the draft is received and approval given, directories will be printed and sent out to us.

You will be notified when the directory arrives

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ...

KofC Regular Meeting
March 8 @ 7:30 pm
February 19



KofC Breakfast
March 19
8:30am -1:00pm

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Are now available in the Gallery!
Please pick them up at your earliest convenience



WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH BLESSED PALMS?

Whatever you do, don't throw them in the trash!

These blessed items are to be treated with respect & reverence & not discard in the trash. Palms should be burned (and then the ashes buried) or simply buried. This type of disposal honor their sacred purpose & returns them to the earth in a dignified way.



CAMROSE PRO-LIFE

40 Days for Life Spring 2023 Campaign:

When? April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday)
Where? Outside the bubble zone around Women's Health Options (109A Avenue & 124 St. Edmonton)

International Day of the Unborn Child:

When? Feast of the Annunciation ... March 25
Where? St. Francis Xavier Church
Rosary at 8:30 am

JOIN US FOR "COFFEE SUNDAYS" After Mass:



March 12: 9am— Hosted by PPC
11am—Hosted by Couples for Christ

March 28: 9am & 11am—Hosted by CWL

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

**PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION—St Francis Xavier
MARCH 8 at 6:30 pm**

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE:

Our current refugee family (Odeesho, Aklantina, their daughter Julimer, along with grandparents Goreal & Najiba) have completed their one year of parish sponsorship & financial support. They are doing wonderfully, employed & self-supporting. Julimer is very happy in Kindergarten at St. Pat's! They are grateful for the parish support!

All of the funds donated by parishioners for refugee support have now been used for that purpose. At present, there are no plans for further refugee sponsorship. The program that began in 2010 is now complete.

A HUGE thank you to Joe McMorrow who facilitated this program thru its entirety



Catholic Women's League News

- ♦ **March 7: REGULAR MEETING**
- ♦ Guest speaker: Josh Stang

- ♦ **March 28: Executive Meeting**
(following 6:30 pm Mass)



PLURA Annual Lenten Schedule Theme: "Hope" ... 7:00 pm

March 1	Camrose United Church
March 8	Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Church
March 15	St. Andrew's Anglican Church
March 22	St. Francis Xavier Church
March 29	Messiah Lutheran Church

Offering to: Changing Ways
(formerly Family Violence Action Society)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

1st Communion:

Please continue to pray for these children as they journey to receive the Sacrament of Communion.



Confirmation:

Confirmation is for children 11-12 yrs. of age or older who have been baptized. Registrations are being accepted now at the parish office or on our website. Books can also be purchased for \$25.00 at the parish office.



Confirmation program begins: April 17, 2023

The first Tuesday
and third Wednesday of every month
7-9 pm

St. Francis Xavier YOUNG ADULT Group

Ages 18 - 35

Married, single, student, parent... all are welcome!

Socials, community, faith-based
discussions, catechesis and more!

Text "Camrose" to 514-900-0130 and sign up under "Young Adult"
to stay up to date

CAT CHAT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 17-21, 2023

ST. FRANCIS
XAVIER PARISH
3605 50 ST.
CAMROSE, AB

Anyone interested in joining
the VBS planning team
is invited to a meeting

Saturday, March 25
10:00 am

stfxyouthleaders@gmail.com



**WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER**
MARCH 3RD @ 1:30 PM
PROTECTION OF THE BVM
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
5304-48A AVE, CAMROSE

WHAT IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER? Informed Prayer. Prayerful Action. Christians from over 170 countries come together in spirit on a common day to pray for relevant issues affecting women and children. The movement has been active for nearly 100 years.
<https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/>



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CAMP
ON GULL LAKE

BACK FOR 2023!

SATURDAY, JULY 8
GRAND RE-OPENING BBQ
(ALL ARE WELCOME)

JULY 9-13
HIGH SCHOOL CAMP
(GRADES 10-12)

JULY 16-20
ELEMENTARY CAMP
(GRADES 3-5)

JULY 30-AUGUST 3
JUNIOR HIGH CAMP
(GRADES 7-9)

AUGUST 6-10
ALL AGES CAMP
(GRADES 4-12)

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ENCOUNTER CHRIST, ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY, ENCOUNTER CREATION

What's Cookin' Soup Supper 2023 & Silent Auction



Date: Sunday, March 5
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Augustana Chapel
Tickets \$20 each & available at FIKA or
augchap@ualberta.ca.
Theme: "Who is My Neighbor?"

GROCERY, GAS & GIFT CARDS ...

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- Co-Op
- Superstore



\$50.00

- * Pizza 73



ICY CONDITIONS

Please use caution
when walking in the parking lot
and on the sidewalks.



We are
doing
our best
to keep up!

Thank
you!

We had a excellent turn out to our
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

Many thanks to the volunteers that
prepared & served the meal & to
those that cleaned the kitchen & hall
afterwards.

It was an evening of great food & fellowship!



***“Hail, full of grace,
the Lord is with you!”***

Lk 1:28

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE UNBORN


March 25

Rosary @ 8:30 a.m. Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

The International Day of the Unborn Child was established by Pope John Paul II to coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25th. The first official celebration took place in Argentina in 1999. The Holy Father linked this day to the Feast of the Annunciation to honor the day when God was conceived and became an unborn child in the womb of our Blessed Mother. This day is a day of celebration of the value and dignity of every human person from the moment of conception. It is also a day of remembrance for the unborn who have lost their lives to the violence of abortion.

May this day be the occasion for all of us to give thanks to God for the sanctity of His great gift of life, and to honor Our Immaculate Mother who so lovingly bore our Lord in her womb.

All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the recitation of the rosary on March 25th.

SUNDAY	MON-	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>March 2023</h1> <p>If I have any worth, it is to live my life for God. <i>Saint Patrick</i></p>			1 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Centering Prayer 4:45 pm MYCAH Practice 6:00 pm Maria Practice 6:30 pm PPC Mtg. 7:00 pm PLURA @ United Church 7:30 pm SFX Youth Choir	2 9:00 am Mass (Divine Mercy) 1:00 pm Adult Chr. Practice 6:30 pm 1st Comm. Teaching Mass (Option #1) 5:30 pm SETH Practice 6:30 pm RCIA	3 9:00 am Mass Confession til Noon Adoration til 6:30 pm 6:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross	4 10:30 am 1st Communion Teaching Mass (Option #2) 3:00 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass
5 <u>2nd Sunday of Lent</u> 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mary's Lambs 11:00 am Mass	6	7 4:30 pm Lectio: Prayer 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm CWL Regular Mtg. 7:00 pm Young Adult Social 6:30 pm Mass	8 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Centering Prayer 10:00 am Providence Assoc. 10:30 am Mass @ Rosealta 4:45 pm MYCAH Practice 6:30 pm <u>Lenten Penitential Service</u> 7:00 pm PLURA @ Ukrainian Church 7:30 pm KofC Mtg.	9 9:00 am Mass (Divine Mercy) 1:00 pm Adult Chr. Practice 5:30 pm SETH Practice 6:30 pm Music Ministers Workshop 6:30 pm RCIA	10 9:00 am Mass Adoration/Confession 9:30–10:30 am 6:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm Theology of the Body Stations of the Cross	11 3:00 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass 3:00 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass
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19 <u>4th Sunday of Lent</u> 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mary's Lambs 11:00 am Mass K of C Breakfast	20	21 4:30 pm Lectio: Prayer 6:30 pm Mass	22 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Centering Prayer 10:30 am Mass @ Rosehaven 4:45 pm MYCAH Practice 6:00 pm Maria Practice 7:00 pm PLURA @ St. Francis Xavier 7:00 pm Young Adult Social	23 9:00 am Mass (Divine Mercy) 1:00 pm Adult Chr. Practice 5:30 pm SETH Practice 6:30 pm RCIA	24 9:00 am Mass Adoration/Confession 9:30–10:30 am 6:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm Theology of the Body	25 9:00 am Mass for Annunciation & Pro Life 3:00 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass
26 <u>5th Sunday of Lent</u> 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mary's Lambs 11:00 am Mass	27	28 4:30 pm Lectio: Prayer 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm CWL Exec. Mtg.	29 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Centering Prayer 4:45 pm MYCAH Practice 6:00 pm Maria Practice 6:30 pm PPC Mtg. 7:00 pm PLURA @ Messiah 7:30 pm SFX Youth Choir	30 9:00 am Mass (Divine Mercy) 1:00 pm Adult Chr. Practice 5:30 pm SETH Practice 6:30 pm RCIA	31 9:00 am Mass Adoration/Confession 9:30–10:30 am 6:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross	

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