

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH



We are the family of God sharing out LOVE, JOY, FAITH, SORROWS while also supporting and ministering to our community in times of needs through our LORD JESUS CHRIST.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.”
- Lk 19:38

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APRIL 13, 2025
PALM SUNDAY

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends:
 Saturday: 4 p.m.
 Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.
Weekdays:
 Mondays: 8 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.
 Holy Days: 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.



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REGISTRATION CHURCH SUPPORT:

Register with the parish office and update your information when you move.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.” (Luke 19:36)

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they’ve been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck.

The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you’ll probably walk home shivering without your normal

covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on.

This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That’s what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who

donate their cloaks participate in Christ’s kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to “waste” money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study.

When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we’ll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

— *Father John Muir*

WORSHIP & OUTREACH

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 12 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Lewis & Rakoskie Families †
Teresa Vermeulen

APRIL 13 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Opal Romanski †
Romanski Family

10:00 a.m. Zachary Materkoski †
Curia Family

APRIL 14 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

APRIL 15 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Larry Freeland †
Margareta & Jim Williamson

APRIL 16 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Judy Patrello †
Patrello Family

APRIL 17 HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. FOR THE PEOPLE

APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 19 HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. EASTER VIGIL
For All Catechumens & Candidates being received into the Catholic Church on this Holy Night

APRIL 20 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. James "Sonny" Hewitt †
Christina Lavenski

10:00 a.m. FOR THE PARISHONERS

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of
Lois Frey
May she find eternal peace in God's loving embrace.

Wheeling Area HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGE

Visit 6 Altars of Repose at 6 churches on Holy Thursday.

When: Thursday, April 17
Bus leaves the Cathedral at 9pm

Register by April 14.
Email: kstillion@dwc.org
Call: 304-233-080, ext 261

A CHRISM MASS will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral in Wheeling on Tuesday, April 15 at 4pm.

A Chrism Mass, is a celebration where the Bishop consecrates the sacred chrism oil and blesses other oils used in the sacraments and rituals. Priests also renew their vows to the bishop during the Mass.

HOLY WEEK

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

April 17 7:00 p.m.	C. McDonald/G. Rice
April 18 7:00 p.m.	Remke, Prado/ P. Remke
April 19 8:00 p.m.	D. Zacher/D. Rice
April 20 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	C. Frame/S. Kent P. Whitmam/L. Yoho

SACRISTY

Helen & Doug Zacherl

Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Judy Seidel, Kathryn Helfer, Rachel Kerekes, Phyllis Prado, Jim Brown, Katie Melchiori, John Bierce, Sandina Leonard

Nursing Homes: Kathryn Ferrera, Angeline Sellers, Fay Melchiori, Dwight Furbee, Earl Richards, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Donna Lagos

HOLY WEEK & EASTER EVENTS

Fridays 11am-5pm	FRIDAY FISH FRIES Xavier Hall
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Friday, April 18 2:30pm	GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS
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**APRIL 18—GOOD FRIDAY CROSS
WALK & ECUMENICAL SERVICE**
Begins at 11am at Calvary UMC and ends at SFX with services

OFFERINGS: April 6

Envelopes	\$ 3,509.00
Loose Offering	\$ 516.00
Church Repair	\$ 20.00
Xavier Hall	\$ 661.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,170.00
Shut-In Donations	\$ 245.00
Candles	\$ 33.00
Memorial Gifts	\$ 210.00
Online Giving	\$ 481.40

Attendance 258

MASSES & SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY-April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7pm

GOOD FRIDAY-April 18

Stations of the Cross
2:30pm

The Passion of the Lord
7pm

HOLY SATURDAY-April 19

Easter Vigil Mass
8pm

EASTER SUNDAY-April 20

Masses 8am & 10am

Recently Sick: Don Gray, Phil Remke, Jane Klug, Wanda DeTemple, Jenny Ingram, Charles Johnson, Maggie Yeater, Suzy Lunau, Carlene Crow, Kimberly Peffley, Scott Peffley, Sage Rich, Bob Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Karen Swierkos-Wayne, David & Anastasia Yeater, George Zacherl, Brian Hill, John Kirchner, Ted Scarbin, Nash Casto, Catherine Pellerin, Deanne Ferraro

NEWS & COMMUNITY

APRIL SHOWERS FOR HEALTHY BABIES

During the month of April, the Gabriel Project will be collecting baby hygiene products for infants in Marshall County.

NEEDS:

- ♦ Baby Wash
- ♦ Diaper Cream
- ♦ Baby Lotion
- ♦ Baby Wipes
- ♦ Products must be unopened, may be any size or brand



WHEN: Now through April 30
THANK YOU for your donations to help give Marshall County babies a healthy start to life.

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION for the Holy Land provides support to the Holy Places, including support for pastoral, educational, and social works.



LIFE LINE SCREENING RETURNS TO ST. FRANCIS

On Wednesday, April 16 the **Life Line Screening Event** will be hosted in Xavier Hall.

Special screening package for \$159 for members includes:

- ♥ Cartoid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ **FREE** Hypertension Screening

Call to schedule an appointment today!
888-814-0466 and use code:
HSCA001



Noninvasive testing for heart disease could save your life **-CALL TODAY!**

MAY IS FOR MARY

The Parish Council invites you to celebrate the Blessed Mother in May. Sign up in the vestibule to help provide flowers for Mary during her special month.

MARSHALL COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE

will be held May 30, 2025 from 5-10pm at John Marshall High School North parking lot.



Theme: 40 Years of Impact
Saint Francis Relay Team will be selling luminaries for \$10/each.
Contact: Lottie Durban at 304-845-4011 for more info.

Join the Team! Go to www.relayforlife.org/Marshallnv
Team Name: St. Francis Church

More than just a walk, **Relay For Life** is a movement.

For 40 years, passionate supporters have come together to advance the **American Cancer Society's** vision: ending cancer as we know it, for everyone.

LENTEN VESPERS take place every Sunday at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral during Lent.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers to help flood victims in Southern West Virginia. Many homes are still full of mud, dirt, and debris.

TO HELP with flood recovery and muck out, call 304-553-0927 or email at: sandrakeener@wvroad.org



FOUR PILLARS OF BRAIN LONGEVITY

Join Dr. Judy Romano for a 4-week program at St. Joseph Retreat Center to explore strategies to enhance brain health and overall wellbeing.

DATE: Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23
TIME: 1-3pm
LOCATION: St. Joseph Retreat Center
COST: \$100
CONTACT: Anna Marie Toiani
 Call: 304-907-0171
 Email: atroiani@csjoseph.org

Mondays 12-4pm	St. Vincent de Paul assistance in church basement
Tuesdays 10am	Chair Yoga with Emily Xavier Hall
Wednesdays 11:30am-2:30pm	Line Dancing with Lottie in Xavier Hall
Wednesday 6-7pm	Cardio Drumming with April in Xavier Hall
Thursdays 11-2pm	Gabriel Project in Xavier Hall
Fridays 6pm	BINGO in Xavier Hall
Wed: 9:00am Thurs: 6:30pm	Bible Study
Wednesday, June 11 6:30pm	Parish Council Meeting in church basement

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:

- Robinson
- Roskovensky
- Roxby
- Ryan
- Salvaterra
- Samol

"HE'S ALIVE!" THE MUSICAL PASSION PLAY, will be performed at Wheeling's Capitol Theatre on Palm Sunday Weekend.

- Friday, April 11 @7:30pm
- Saturday, April 12 @7:30pm
- Sunday, April 13 @3:30pm

Admission is free.

SECRETARY WANTED

Sprouts Daycare is seeking a fulltime secretary.
Details: 30-40 hours/week
Hours: 6:30 am-3:30 pm or 8:30 am-5:30 pm
Duties include: Scheduling, billing, and keeping track of training of staff.
Call: Lisa Minor at 304-559-6142 for more details.