

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.

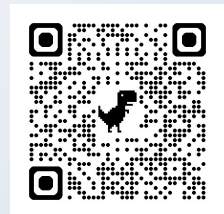
APRIL 6, 2025
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."
 - Jn 8:6b-7

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PRACTICING CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

The Allure of Being Right

It wasn't a real question.

"The law of Moses says we should stone her. What do you say?" the Pharisees asked Jesus as they brought the adulterous woman before him. But they weren't really asking. They didn't care what Jesus' answer was. They didn't ask his opinion because they wanted to know. They asked because they wanted to use his words against him.

Righteousness, truth — that wasn't the goal. The goal was being right.

And in the middle of the whole scene, dragged

before Jesus, used as a literal prop in this staged drama, is a woman. A real flesh-and-blood woman.

I find myself wanting to know more about her. She had been "caught in the act," they claimed, but I wonder what that even means. With whom was this act committed, and what were the reasons for her participation in it? Was she coerced? Was she scared? Was she confused? Was it really a cut-and-dry, black-and-white situation of adultery, of lust, of making the wrong decision?

We will never know the answers to these questions, and it doesn't matter — it's not our business. God knows the answers. God knows the truth of the matter: what she did, what she

chose, what she felt. Because she wasn't a prop to Him. She was a person.

When God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

I worry that we use one another as props even today, when we try like the Pharisees to illustrate "What is Right." We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them.

Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, LPi

WORSHIP & OUTREACH



- APRIL 5 SATURDAY**
4:00 p.m. Helen & Joe Cuchta †
Debra Robinson
- APRIL 6 SUNDAY**
8:00 a.m. John Lavendar Jr. †
Kitty Pazyk
- 10:00 a.m. James Lawther †**
Dee & Tony Novel
- APRIL 7 MONDAY**
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
- APRIL 8 TUESDAY**
8:00 a.m. Tony Saporito †
Chris & Terry McDonald
- APRIL 9 WEDNESDAY**
8:00 a.m. Greg Paske †
Rich Hitt
- APRIL 10 THURSDAY**
8:00 a.m. Dawn Warble Donofe †
Warble & Donofe Families
- APRIL 11 FRIDAY**
8:00 a.m. Nancy Ferris Coffield †
& Mark Fertig †
Libby Magnone
- 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

The Sanctuary Candle
 beside the tabernacle burns
 this week for
The Taylor & Yurisko Families.
 We keep them in our hearts.

A LETTER FROM FATHER SEBASTIAN

Dear Parish Members,

Faith formation is essential for us to grow as a parish. To enrich our worship, I would like to purchase a 30 inch size monstrance, two chalices with a paten, and two ciborium's, as our current ones are old and worn. These sacred items are more affordable in India, so I hope to buy them from there. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one or as a gift for your family, your generosity would be a great blessing to our parish. You can also donate separately toward any of these items. For more details or to contribute, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for your support and may God bless you!



HOLY WEEK

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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| April 17 7:00 p.m. | C. McDonald/G. Rice |
| April 18 7:00 p.m. | L. 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

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



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

Recently Sick: Don Gray, Phil Remke, Jane Klug, Wanda DeTemple, Jenny Ingram, Charles Johnson, Maggie Yeater, Butch Miller, Suzy Lunau, Carlene Crow, Kimberly Peffley, Scott Peffley, Sage Rich, Lois Frey, 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

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Rich Hitt is returning to Southern WV on April 12 for another relief run to help the flood victims. Please help by donating the following items:
Water, toilet paper, canned foods, Similac 360 Sensitive formula, Luv's pull-ups.
You can drop off donations in the church office or Xavier Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:

- Ricardo
- Riffle
- Rice
- Rine
- Richmond
- Robbins

"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.

WE WILL BE DELIVERING FLOWERS to the homebound and sick **Friday, April 11**. If you are able to help this longstanding ministry, please meet us in the parking lot at 9 a.m.

We really need drivers. Donations are appreciated: please mark your envelope as "shut-in ministry."
Please call **Mary Taskalines** if you are able to help at **304-845-7326**.

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

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place on **Friday, April 11 at 7 p.m.** Contact Lottie at 304-845-4011 if you would like to participate.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER EVENTS

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| Fridays 11am-5pm | FRIDAY FISH FRIES Xavier Hall |
| Fridays in Lent 6:30pm | STATIONS OF THE CROSS |
| Sunday, April 6 3pm | COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE at St. Francis |
| Monday, April 7 | EASTER ALTER FLOWER FORMS DUE |
| Wednesday, April 9 Noon | LENTE LUNCH at Ash Ave Church of God |
| Friday, April 11 Starting at 9am | EASTER FLOWERS TO SICK & SHUT-INS |
| Friday, April 11 7pm | LIVING STATIONS WITH OUR PARISH YOUTH |
| Friday, April 18 2:30pm | GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS |
| APRIL 18—GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK & ECUMENICAL SERVICE Begins at 11am at Calvary UMC and ends at SFX with services | |

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



EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS
Commemorate loved ones by donating to our **Easter Flower Fund**. Names of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Forms are in the office, church, and online. **Due April 7.**

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.

The Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed every Tuesday before Mass.

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| 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 |
| Tuesday, April 8 6pm | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in church basement |
| Wednesday, June 11 6:30pm | Parish Council Meeting in church basement |

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

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Eucharistic Exposition is every Wednesday from 8:30-10am.