

# St. Francis Xavier Parish

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Jesus endured the cross,  
despising its shame,  
and has taken his seat  
at the right of  
the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 18, 2019

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Jesus' intentions to "set the earth on fire" and to cause division were disturbing to his listeners, and may be disturbing to us, too. In the Old Testament, fire was seen as the means of God's purification and judgment, truly a gift to the people. The fire destroys our illusions about ourselves and our behaviors. It burns away obstacles to a loving relationship with God. God's fire melts any institutions, beliefs, or practices that enable evil and injustice.

Jesus came to expose evil and thereby force decisions about God's true nature and purposes. Divisions emerged because of the diverse choices people made. Does Jesus represent some demonic power, or the true God? Do we fight to preserve current attitudes and behaviors, or do we enter the path offered by Jesus? In evoking fire, Jesus is certainly not suggesting violence or disrespect toward others. Jesus lights a fire, and then in his death, bears its results. It is a fire of sacrificial love, melting cold hearts and bringing light to a darkened world.

### KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews places Jesus at the center of faith. The author uses the Greek word *archegos*, translated as "leader." This rich word includes various meanings: pioneer, instigator, and captain. Jesus blazed the trail, showing us how to run the long-distance race of faith—with steadfastness and courage. To a community experiencing persecutions and discouragement, Jesus is known as the exemplar of faithful endurance.

In "keeping our eyes on Jesus," we confront what often is the most persistent obstacle to our faith—discouragement. Our faith-filled focus on Jesus enables us to see reality as filled with the presence of God. God is neither distant nor indifferent; God is close and passionately loves us. Discouragement results in part from seeing mostly sin and darkness in our world and in ourselves. Jesus, God and human, reminds us of the divine activity within us and among us.

Today's Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

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# MASSSES for the WEEK

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**AUG 17**            **SATURDAY**  
 4:00 P.M.        **Martha Lynne Rogers Anderson†**  
*(The Board family)*

**AUG 18**            **SUNDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.        **Thunder Storch†**  
*(Lois Storch)*  
 10:00 A.M.      **Inez A. Rakoskie†**  
*(Arch and Joanne Blair)*

**AUG 19**            **MONDAY**  
 4:00 P.M.        **Don McCormick†**  
*(Francis Pucharich)*

**AUG 20**            **TUESDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.        **Alberta Klug†**  
*(Jane Klug)*

**AUG 21**            **WEDNESDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.        **Bill and Latrisha Whitelatch**  
*(Jerry and Lottie Durbin)*

**AUG 22**            **THURSDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.        **Carmina Oakland**  
*(Mary McCray)*

**AUG 23**            **FRIDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.        **Nick Magnone**  
*(Libby G. Magnone)*

**AUG 24**            **SATURDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.        **Don McCormick†**  
*(Society of St. Vincent dePaul)*

**AUG 25**            **SUNDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.        **Joseph A. Patrello†**  
*(Cathy and Roger Frame)*  
 12:00 P.M.      **Bob and Bernadine Miller**  
*(Miller/Porter Family)*

## FALL RCIA CLASSES FORMING

A reminder that we are planning fall RCIA classes now. If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or who has not yet been fully initiated in the faith, please encourage them to talk to father or office staff. RCIA classes are also ideal for those who want to learn about the faith. Call or stop by the parish office for more information.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULES

### Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

8/24 4:00 p.m. Julie Fecat/Chris McDonald  
 8/25 8:00 a.m. Loretta Remke/Phil Remke  
 8/25 12:00 p.m. Loretta Niemiec/Jane Klug

### Altar Servers:

8/24 4:00 p.m. Volunteer  
 8/25 8:00 a.m. Kent  
 8/25 12:00 p.m. Miller

### Gift Bearers:

8/24 4:00 p.m. Ellen McCormick  
 8/25 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan  
 8/25 12:00 p.m. Carolyn Gordon

### Sacristy Cleaners: Week of August 18, 2019

Jenny Ingram & Daunel Gump

### Greeters:

8/24 4:00 p.m. Bridget Scarbin  
 8/25 8:00 a.m. Kitty Pazyk

### Bingo: August 23, 2019

**Raffle:** Diana Barker

**Kitchen:** Pam Ryan

## COLLECTION: Aug. 3, 2019

**Envelopes - \$ 3,008.00**  
**Loose Offering - \$1,231.00**  
**Xavier Hall - \$525.00**  
**Memorial Offerings - \$135.00**  
**Pennies for God - \$5.20**  
**Attendance - 298**

*Two tickets are available for the Installation Mass of Bishop Mark Brennan at the Cathedral Thursday, Aug. 22, at 2 p.m. Cathedral seating is not guaranteed. Please contact the office if you are interested in these tickets.*

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEEKING CAO

Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a full-time Chief Advancement officer. The position can be located in Wheeling, Charleston, or Martinsburg. The CAO is responsible for a team of professionals who advance the organization's philanthropic work through fundraising, marketing and communications, volunteerism and parish relations. Visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) to learn more or apply.

## Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage.

Pre-Cana is required.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

### REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

**Church Office Phone:** 304-845-1593

**Church Hall Phone:** 304-845-9238

**Xavier Hall Phone:** 304-845-7080

**Rev. That Son Cell:** 408-858-7467

**Parish Office Email:**

[sfxmoundsville@comcast.net](mailto:sfxmoundsville@comcast.net)

**Website:**

[sfxmoundsville.org](http://sfxmoundsville.org)

### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Weekends:** Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

### Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.



### PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:

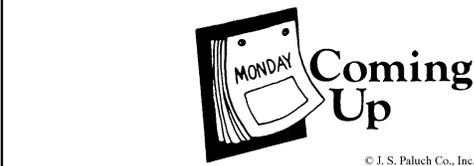
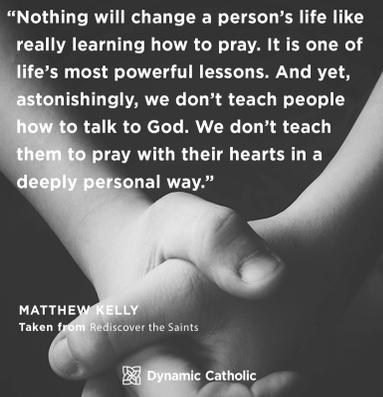
**Prayer Request:** Marjolea DeBold, Linda Anderson, Sharon McGee, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Carolyn Harris, Donna Colucci, Peggy Mysliwicz, Zelma Imhof, Joe Church, Bobby Kleinedler.

**Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick, Rachel Kerekes.

**Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.

### FALL BIBLE STUDY: PRAYING SCRIPTURES

Deepen your relationship with God—learn how to pray. Do you have fears, worries, anxieties that fill your life? Learn how to trust God with all your cares by knowing Him and, therefore, trusting Him more in your life. Starting in October, the Bible study group will begin a six-week study session called “*Lectio: Prayer.*” To learn more about prayer, and in preparation for the class, please see the **20-Day Reading Plan About Prayer** as discussed in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. You can find the plan in the rear of the church or in the parish office. Stay tuned for more Bible study information or call Mary Britt: 304-810-4380.



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- Aug. 22 - Bishop’s Installation
- Aug. 22 - Turn in raffle tickets to the office
- Aug. 25 - Parish Picnic
- Aug. 27 - Conversion of Lost Souls Mass/Cathedral
- Sept. 1 - Registration Deadline formation seminar
- Nov. 7 - Bus trip to Lancaster
- TBA - Catholic Charities Volunteer Trip

### CONVERSION OF LOST SOULS MASS SCHEDULED AT CATHEDRAL

Everyone is invited to attend a Mass for the Conversion of Lost Souls at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling on Tuesday, Aug. 27, the Memorial of Saint Monica, at 6 p.m.

This fourth-century saint was a Christian, but her husband was a pagan. Monica’s virtues and prayers, however, converted him, and he was baptized a year before his death. When her son, Augustine, went astray in faith and morals, Monica’s tears and prayers for her son were incessant. She followed him where he went to teach, and there continued to storm heaven with prayers for her son. Finally, she had the joy of witnessing Augustine being baptized.

In addition to being one of the patron saints of mothers, Monica is most often invoked for the conversion of children who have left the Church. The Cathedral will celebrate this Mass on her feast day to pray in a special way for all those who have wandered from the faith.

During the Mass, everyone will have an opportunity to write the names of their loved ones and entrust them to the powerful intercession of Saint Monica.



### CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON CHRISTIANITY AND GOVERNMENT

The Sixth Annual LARCUM Conference is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 9, to Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, W.Va. This year’s theme is “Christianity and Civil Government: History, Theology, and Implications.”

LARCUM is an education ministry comprised of Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, and United Methodist judicatories. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Monday, and the conference will end after lunch Wednesday.

Cost per person for those who are staying in Charleston is \$105, which includes registration and a double occupancy room. The fee for commuters is \$25.

Visit the “EVENTS” section at the bottom of the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston website’s homepage to register or for more information and schedule details.

### DIOCESE SETS FAITH FORMATION SEMINAR

Looking for a way to deepen your faith? The Department of Formation and Mission for the diocese is offering a faith formation seminar on Bible basics, which will meet for five consecutive Tuesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Sept. 19, at a central location in Wheeling to be determined. The seminar is an in-person adaptation of the online seminars that the diocese offers through its partnership with the University of Dayton and earns diocesan catechist certification credits. The fee is \$25 and scholarships are available. The seminar will be facilitated by Shirley Carter, who holds a master’s in Theology.

Contact Jeanne McKeets at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org) or call her at 304-233-0880. Please note that registration closes Sept. 1.

### Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, contact local law enforcement, or contact WV Child Protective Services: 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese, contact this diocesan number: 888-434-6237.



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