SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):
Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
By appointment. Contact the Parish House 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 (C.C.D.):
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.
**Third Sunday of Advent**

*December 11, 2016*

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

— Isaiah 35:10a

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULES**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist/Lectors:**
- **12/17** - 4:00 p.m. M. Klug & M. Taskalines
- **12/18** - 8:00 a.m. M. Hitt & C. Frame
- **12/18** - 10:00 a.m. L. Remke & S. Vargo

**Altar Servers:**
- **12/17** - 4:00 p.m. Rebecca Targosky
- **12/18** - 8:00 a.m. Will & Andy Kent
- **12/18** - 10:00 a.m. Grant Swift & Clinton Whitelatch

**Gift Bearers:**
- **12/17** - 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
- **12/18** - 8:00 a.m. Pete Mysliwiec
- **12/18** - 10:00 a.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

**Sacristy Cleaners** - Week of December 12th
- Maggie Yeater & Mary Marsh

**Greeters:**
- **12/17** - 4:00 p.m. D. Gump, J. Lemasters, D. Evans
- **12/18** - 8:00 a.m. Kent Family
- **12/18** - 10:00 a.m. Joe & Jonna Kuskey, Jane Klug

**BINGO: December 16, 2016**
- **Raffle** Bob & Patty Kleinedler
- **Kitchen** Jenny Ingram

**COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 26, 2016**
- Envelopes- $3,084.39
- Church Renovation - $60.00
- Human Development - $20.00
- Loose Offering - $841.00
- Pennies for God - $12.47
- Attendance - 361

Thank You And May God Bless You For Your Continued Support and Generosity.

Advent is a time when we journey towards Jesus and his Kingdom of justice and peace.
PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY
MEMBERS: Mark Hedrick, Nile Cassandra, Loretta Niemiec, Semon & Phyllis Prado, Harold Ray, Susan Wilson, Al Furline, Josh Mathias, Doris Murphy, Joe Church, Vicki Matkovich, Agnes Gardill, Thelma Gitlin, Gladys Holmes.

It has been the practice at St. Francis at Christmas for many years to give flowers to the shut-ins… a way to let them know that they are not forgotten and that we care… If anyone would like to give a monetary donation for this project, please put it in an envelope, marked:

“Christmas Shut-in Project” and drop it in the collection basket or leave it at the office. You can help make their Christmas a little brighter…. Thank you…

If anyone would like to help with the Christmas project for the Shut-ins… The date is Sat., December 17th at 9 am in the basement of the rectory.

IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN when many of us wish to remember our loved ones with a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund. If you would like to make a contribution, please complete the form found in the vestibule and return it with your donation in a white envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” Please place your donation in the collection basket, or mail to or drop off at the Parish Office. Forms are also available in the church office.

Deadline for Donations: Wednesday, Dec. 16th

Masses in Spanish: Mass is celebrated in Spanish on the third Sundays of each month at 2:30pm at St. Mary’s Church, 212 West Main Street, St. Clairsville, Ohio. Confessions precede the Mass at 2:00. All are welcome to attend. For more information, phone 740-695-9993 or email Father Tom Chillog at tchillog@stmaryschurchstc.com

Advent Penance Service
Today, December 11, 2016
St. Francis Xavier, St. Jude, St. John & St. James Penance Service will be held at St. Francis Xavier Church this Sunday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m. Presider, Father Luis Tempe, SJ from Wheeling Jesuit. Other confessors: Fr. That Son, Fr. Raju, Fr. Kumar, and Fr. Bekeh.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Family offers our prayers and sincere sympathy to the families and friends of Rose Goddard, sister of Jenny Novel & Donna Maine, Sister of Butch Miller & Terri Porter.

Please join us for the Christmas Cantata on December 18th at 2 p.m. at Simpson United Methodist Church.

St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting canned goods for the needy in our area. Baskets will be distributed for Christmas. A basket can be found in the vestibule. Please be generous, your donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

All Parishioners are invited to attend a heart-warming Christmas program performance on Monday, December 19th at All Saints Catholic School (Xavier Hall) featuring our preschool - 8th grades! Performances are at 1:00 pm AND 7:00 pm. You'll be sure to leave with Christmas

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.
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