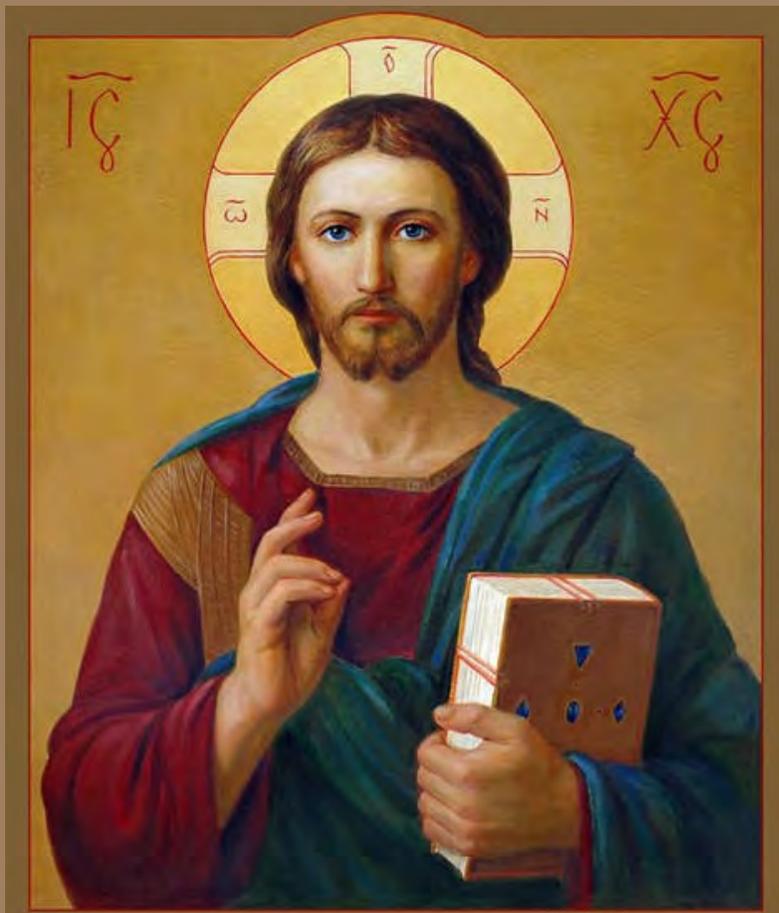


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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: THE HEART OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that they really have very little impact on the day-to-day dealings of their country. We associate protocols and etiquette to approaching members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not

want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life—especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't

experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing is not enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?

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WORSHIP & OUTREACH



SATURDAY, NOV. 21

4:00 pm **Jim Regiec†**
Lottie & Jerry Durbin

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

8:00 am **John & Margaret Lubic†**
Loretta Remke

10:00 am **Rocco & Helen Rich**
Karen Eisenhauer

MONDAY, NOV. 23

8:00 am **Regina Gonchoff†**
St. Francis Pierogi Group

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

8:00 am **Charlie Freeman†**
Loretta Remke

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

8:00 am **Inez Rakoskie†**
Joann & Arch Blair

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

9:00 am **Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society**
SVDP

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

8:00 am **Mary Ann Barnes†**
Jerry & Lottie Durbin

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

4:00 pm **Bob Yeater†**
Maggie Yeater

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

8:00 am **James & Elizabeth Silver†**
Lucille Hicks

10:00 am **Al Albertini†**
Alma & Larry Cunningham

This weekend's special collection benefits the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

DIOCESE

'Teens Encounter Christ' Leaders Sought



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is working to form a group of interested adults as an official, diocesan Teens Encounter Christ leadership team. The new co-chairs of the TEC team are Ralph Modena and Gina Boggess, both of Princeton.

The diocese is looking for adults who are able to devote some time to developing a robust TEC program throughout the state and building the infrastructure to

maintain it. Help also is needed reaching teens who might be interested in attending a retreat and promoting the retreats to parishes, schools, and ministry centers.

Do you enjoy ministering to young people or want to give it a try? Do you have experience with TEC retreats or want to learn more? If so, contact Jeanne McKeets in the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis at (304) 233-0880, ext. 374, or email jmckeets@dwc.org.

PARISH

Giving Tuesday and Keeping SFX Up to Code

We shared in last week's bulletin news of Giving Tuesday on Dec. 1st and the one-day opportunity it provides for 100 percent of donations to stay with parishes. We are asking for your heartfelt consideration on Dec. 1st as we look to meet the costs of required upgrades to our fire alarms and safety alert systems on our campus. These repairs and upgrades include the main board that controls the system, and the projected costs exceed \$8,900.

We are greatly blessed here at St. Francis Xavier by our parishioners' ongoing generosity. It is proof of our calling as Catholics to receive God's gifts gratefully and to share

them lovingly with one another. You have faithfully provided for St. Francis during these times of uncertainty, proving, as last week's article stated, that together we can do extraordinary things. Every act of generosity counts—whether it's donating funds, participating in a new ministry, volunteering, or praying.

You can further support our parish Dec. 1st at dwc.org/GivingTuesday and locating us on the diocese portal. If you would prefer not to go online, donations marked "Giving Tuesday" can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office or put in the collection basket. Thank you, in advance, for adding St. Francis Xavier to your Giving Tuesday.



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Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Eleanor Smith, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Sami Wilson, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Sandye Yoho, Mike Morris.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Marie Lohri, Bill Tennant, Ron Jaworski, Raymond Pennybacker, Helen Remke, Barb Meyer.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 26** Happy Thanksgiving!
Thursday Mass is at 9 a.m.
Gabriel Project at SFX closed. Reopens Dec. 3
- Dec. 1** Advent Communal Penance Service
6:30 p.m. in the Church
—Giving Tuesday —
100 percent of donations remain with our parish
- Dec. 10** Last Day to purchase 50-50 tickets for Knights of Columbus Raffle. Call Lou Richmond at 304-845-8788.
- Dec. 13** Decorating Xavier Hall for Christmas. Volunteers are needed!

LECTORS

- Nov. 28 4:00 pm D. Evans
- Nov. 29 8:00 am R. Hess
- 10:00 am C. Kesselring

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Celebrating New Souls

St. Francis Xavier Church welcomed two new souls into the parish family this weekend.

Carmen Mangino and Hadley Van Meter were baptized Saturday, Nov. 14, in the church by Fr. That Son.

Carmen's parents are Dillon and Cassandra Mangino.

Hadley's parents are Brianne and Steven VanMeter.

Blessings for them all!



Carmen, at left, and Hadley receive the Sacrament of Baptism from Fr. That Son.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE

service will be held in the church here at St. Francis Tuesday, Dec. 1st, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Msgr. Sam Saccus and Fr. Harry Dunn will join Fr. That Son to hear confessions. Room dividers will be used to create safe distance during confessions.

Please contact the parish office if you need help or more information.

A Parish Family Tree

Parishioners Byron and Kathy Freeland and Kathryn

Wallington are newly blessed!

Lana Justine

Emanuel Jereza, born Nov. 5th, is

the granddaughter of Byron and Kathy and great granddaughter to Kathryn. Parents are Hilary and Ping Jereza. Congratulations everyone!



Lana Justine Emanuel Jereza

NOTES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

WE NEED 300 PAIRS OF WHITE socks for annual giving to prisoners in the regional jail. A bin is at the back of Xavier Hall.

THE GABRIEL PROJECT AT SFX will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. It will reopen the next week, Dec. 3.

YOU CAN STILL SUPPORT St. Vincent de Paul's holiday giving to the needy by donating to the purchase of Food Gift Cards. Please put donations in a marked envelope in the weekly offering or send them to the parish.

PLEASE STAY SAFE AS YOU give thanks to God during the holiday for all blessings, even in the midst of this time of pandemic. *Happy Thanksgiving!*



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.

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