

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



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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.

STAFF

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BELONG

“Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God.”

MATTHEW 22:21

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment

of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The

wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order.

All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 17

4:00 pm **Theresa Myer†**
Stanley & Kitty Pazyk

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

8:00 am **Steve Eisenhauer†**
(Karen Eisenhauer)

10:00 am **Raymond/Padula Family†**
(Family)

MONDAY, OCT. 19

8:00 am **Norma Holmes†**
(Mary & Chuck Taskalines)

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

8:00 am **Souls in Purgatory**
(Lucille Hicks)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

8:00 am **Stephanie Eddy†**
(Chris & Terry McDonald)

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

8:00 am **Zelma Imhof†**
(Cindy Gunto)

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

8:00 am **Rebecca Fetty**
(Mom & Dad)

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

4:00 pm **Betty Key†**
(Marshall-Wetzel-Tyler AFL-CIO)

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

8:00 am **Diane Hill†**
(Larry & Alma Cunningham)

10:00 am **Theresa Jane Myer†**
(Cindy, Barb, & Chuck)

*In case you missed it - check out the Oct. 2 Catholic Spirit to read Fr. That Son's article titled "Even If We Don't Deserve It, We Can Preserve It." The piece illuminates the *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* encyclical by Pope Francis.*

NEW ENCYCLICAL PLACES HUMAN DIGNITY AT SOCIETY'S FOREFRONT

In a time of global pandemic, social unrest and widespread armed conflict, Pope Francis released his third encyclical on Oct. 4, mapping out the moral guidelines for "an open world" that places human dignity at the forefront, ahead of national borders, private property and racism.

Francis signed the encyclical, the third of his pontificate on Oct. 3 in Assisi, Italy, the birthplace of his namesake, St. Francis. The encyclical, titled "Fratelli Tutti" (strictly, Brothers All, though in Italian the implication is all of humanity), tackles the challenges faced by today's globalized society, from racism to immigration to inter-religious dialog.

"If every human being possesses an inalienable dignity, if all people are my brothers and sisters, and if the world truly belongs to everyone," he writes, "then it matters little whether my neighbor was born in my country or elsewhere."

The encyclical, addressed to the entire community of Catholic faithful and people of good will around the world, doesn't name any nation, but many will read Francis' thoughts on political

and social division, rampant nationalism and instances of xenophobic and racist violence as a warning to the United States, which has been embroiled in many of these issues of late.

But Francis makes clear he is holding Catholicism to account, asking why "it took so long for the Church unequivocally to condemn slavery and various forms of violence" and criticized those faithful who continue to "support varieties of narrow and violent nationalism, xenophobia and contempt, and even the mistreatment of those who are different."

"Racism is a virus that quickly mutates and, instead of disappearing, goes into hiding, and lurks in waiting," Francis writes in the document. The encyclical also draws strongly from the ecumenical document Francis signed in February 2019 with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, in Abu Dhabi, on "Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together." The final chapters especially encourage dialog between different faiths to promote peace.

— Claire Giangrave, Religion News Service. (excerpted)



Pope Francis signing "Fratelli Tutti"



The World Mission Sunday's Collection remembers

that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church of Christ on a mission in the world—we can pray for the Church's worldwide

missionary work and offer financial help and charity through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands. **Thank you for your generosity today in Mass and online.**

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 parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

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.

NEWS & COMMUNITY

Prayer REQUESTS

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

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 Lohori, Bill Tennant, Ron Jaworski, Amelia Rynkiewich, Raymond Pennybacker, Helen Remke, Barb Meyer.

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

LECTORS

Oct. 24 4:00 pm **M. Klug**
Oct. 25 8:00 am **C. Frame**
10:00 am **M. Lewis**

OFFERING OCT. 4, 2020

Envelopes	\$1,759.00
Loose Offerings	\$521.00
Xavier Hall	\$421.00
Diocesan Collection	\$125.00
Building Repair	\$0
<u>Other Collections:</u>	
Online Giving:	\$28.28
Memorial Offerings	\$1,020.00
Disaster Relief	\$0
Attendance	124

Thank you for sending donations and for using online giving.

ALL SOULS & SAINTS DAYS REMINDERS

OUR ANNUAL MEMORIAL Mass for parishioners who have passed away during the last year will be held in the church Monday, Nov. 2, All Souls Day, at 6:30 p.m.

THOSE WISHING TO BUY CANDLES can find forms at sfxmoundsville.org in the "forms" menu. Forms also are available in the church office. Candles cost \$5 each. The parish will provide candles to those families who lost loved one during the past year.

THOSE WHO WISH TO HONOR any deceased loved ones may process to the church altar before weekend Masses or place candles at the altar any time during November.

ALL SOULS DAY IS MONDAY, NOV. 2. As we commemorate this feast, you are invited to bring a framed picture of your deceased loved one and place it at the foot of the altar in Xavier Hall. Pictures will remain on the altar for two weeks. Please put your name and phone number on the back of the picture holder or frame.

THE MARSHALL COUNTY Health Department will conduct a Free Flu Shot Clinic in Xavier Hall during the Gabriel Project on Thursday, Nov. 5, from noon to 1 p.m. The clinic is for anyone who is **uninsured or underinsured.** Anyone who fits into one of these categories can get a flu shot on the date and time listed. No appointment is necessary.

A PATRIOTIC ROSARY will be hosted by our parish Sunday, Nov. 1, at 4:30 in Xavier Hall — but we need help from 11 people. If you are willing to lead a decade, please sign up on the sheet located on the table at the entrance to Xavier Hall. We will provide a handout for the leaders to read.

THERE IS A PARISH COUNCIL meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA taught one of the most powerful lessons – to



look for God within ourselves, to pray with our own words, and to seek to hear God's voice – not outside ourselves but in our own Interior, which she called, the "Interior Castle." As Pope Francis continues to call us to examine our interior selves, the story of St. Teresa will inspire and inform. Learn more about this Carmelite nun, mystic, and writer in a mini-series available now at **FORMED.ORG.** The series is in honor of St Teresa of Avila's Oct. 15 feast day.

BINGO STARTS AGAIN FRIDAY, Oct. 16, with permission from the Bishop and under guidelines from the Marshall County Health Department and the state. Hall doors open at 3 p.m., and games begin at 6:30 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help with the raffle.

OUR VISITING MISSIONARIES will be on hand during Masses this weekend in anticipation of sharing their work and message beginning **Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.** in **Xavier Hall.** Pablo & Debora, Jose Miguel, and Alan invite adults and youth to attend catechumenal outreach.

If you are suffering, looking for the meaning of life, have wandered away from the church, especially during pandemic, or if you know anyone in this situation, come and listen Oct. 19.

PLEASE REMEMBER to nominate candidates from our parish for the newly forming Diocesan laity council. Nominations close Monday, Oct. 19.

THE WHEELING YWCA is asking areas churches to help combat domestic abuse by ringing their bells on Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. for Domestic Violence Awareness month. We need volunteers to ring the SFX bells! contact Father or just come to the parish on the 22nd at 3 p.m.

Report suspected child sexual abuse to law enforcement or Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. Report suspected cases by Diocese personnel to the Diocese at 888-434-6237.