Whoever wishes to be great will be your servant
The readings today emphasize that power and privilege are very different in the reign of God than they are in the world. Isaiah reminds us of the suffering, the powerlessness of the Suffering Servant who gave his life for our sins. The Psalm and Hebrews describe the loneliness and fear of waiting for the coming of God's reign in a world that values power over service and sacrifice. The readings remind us to rely upon God in a world that mocks sacrifice for the unworthy and the weak. Mark describes the ambitions of the apostles, James and John, who had the arrogance to ask for positions of power and privilege. The other ten apostles became indignant when they heard this because of their own ambitions to hold positions of power, authority, and glory. Jesus' response contrasts how power and authority are used in the world and how they are used in the reign of God. Jesus understands that power is service and sacrifice in God's world.

SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

In today’s readings we see the stark contrast between the world that reflects human values and a world that reflects God’s values. Who among us does not long to have more control, more power over our own lives? Who among us does not wish for the comfort of privilege, the ease of authority, and the pleasure of being served? Few if any would forsake power, privilege, control for the opportunity to serve. Of course, we all think that we would use our power justly, wisely, generously; but unless our power is rooted in service and sacrifice, it will always be misused. Jesus makes clear that until we understand that sacrifice and service are at the root of real power, we are unworthy of the mantle of authority.

Today’s Readings: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]

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St. Francis Xavier Parish
7th and JEFFERSON STREETS, MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA. 26041
Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen

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.
WEEKLY SCHEDULES

**Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:**
- 10/27 4:00 p.m. L. Remke/ P. Remke
- 10/28 8:00 a.m. L. Whitelatch/ C. Frame
- 10/28 10:00 a.m. C. Kesserling/ M. Helfer

**Altar Servers:**
- 10/27 4:00 p.m. Volunteer
- 10/28 8:00 a.m. Whitelatch Family
- 10/28 10:00 a.m. Swift, Miller

**Gift Bearers:**
- 10/27 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
- 10/28 8:00 a.m. Dan & Lori Laberdeee
- 10/28 10:00 a.m. Georgia Pettit

**Sacristy Cleaners: Week of October 22, 2018**
- Ruth Ann Harrigan & Lori Laberdeee

**Greeters:**
- 10/27 4:00 p.m. Duane & Daunel Gump
- 10/28 8:00 a.m. Roger Frame
- 10/28 10:00 a.m. Cindy Gunto & Jenny Ingram

**Bingo October 26, 2018**
- Raffle – Bob & Patty Kleinedler
- Kitchen – Sue Church & Kathleen Naegele

**COLLECTION: October 7, 2018**
- Envelopes - $ 3,540.00
- Loose Offering - $ 1,314.00
- Electronic Giving - $ 35.00
- Building Repairs - $ 20.00
- Xavier Hall - $ 217.00
- Memorial Offerings - $ 165.00
- Pennies for God - $  2.28
- Attendance -  283

Prayer To St. Michael will be said before Mass for the sanctification of the church. It can be found on page 316 of the missalette.

Don’t forget to pick up your 2019 Catholic Calendar:
- The Angels
- God’s Heavenly Creatures
- Available now in the Church vestibule

**OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA EVERY TUESDAY BEFORE MASS**
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Oct. 23** - Lifeline Screening in Xavier Hall

**Oct. 23** - Parish Council meeting 6:30 pm

**Nov. 1** - All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation

**Nov. 2** - Memorial Mass 6:30 p.m.

**Nov. 3** - Knights of Columbus Steak Fry

**Nov. 13** - Five Wishes Presentation 6:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Dec. 2** - St. Francis Xavier Feast Day Celebration

**Jan 26** - World Youth Day

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

**Prayer Request:** Sarah Walters, Joe Cuchta, Christy Klug, Kimberly Peffley, Gary Rine, Patty Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Joanna Bierce, Don McCormick, Joe & Sue Church, Helen Cuchta, Chris Colby, Richard Timko, Maggie Yeater;

**Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Gladys Holmes, Thelma Gitlin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt.

**ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE**

All Souls Day Friday, November 2

Please bring a framed picture of your deceased loved one and place it on the main altar for All Souls Day. The size of the picture cannot be bigger than 7x7. The pictures will remain on the Altar for two weeks (from Monday, October 29th and picked up by Sunday, November 12th). Please put your name and phone number on the back of the picture frame. We pray for all deceased members of our parish family during the month of November.

**Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the families of:**

Kenny Blake (former parish lawn caretaker) and And Steven James Eisenhauer

May they rest in peace.

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**AT HOME BIBLE STUDY**

_Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ._

- St. Jerome

Learn about and increase your faith in the comfort of your home. St. Francis Xavier has a DVD library of the Ascension Press bible study classes our parish has studied over the last 6 years. Come and browse the selections.

You can check out:

- **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** (4 DVD set)
- **The Bible Timeline** (12 DVD set)
- **Matthew** (12 DVD set)
- **Acts** (10 DVD set)
- **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass** (3 DVD set)
- **Mary** (4 DVD set)
- **Ephesians** - available in November (4 DVD set)

Go to ascensionpress.com to learn more about each course.

Did you miss any of the sessions on the Mass by Bishop Barron shown recently for several weeks before Sunday Mass? It’s available too!

Our next bible study begins March of 2019

The DVD Library is available to all parishioners Monday through Thursday in the church office.

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**LOVING MEMORY CANDLE**

A perfect remembrance for all Souls Day is a candle provided with the names of the deceased. Candles will be available to purchase at the Church Office Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donation: $5.00

Deadline for orders is October 28.

For more information call the Church office.

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**Knights of Columbus Steak Fry**

Saturday, November 3

Xavier Hall

$25 per person.

Contact Cork Potts at 304-845-2686 or Duane Gump at 304-845-8390

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**Second Collection Today**

**Universal Mission Collection**

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**In Sympathy**

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