HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR
Not only do we at times show little care for the earth and its beauty, but we resist the command of God to care for each other in our need. James warns us not to give pride of place to those who are rich and obviously so. He points out the needy, those poorly dressed, and warns us to care for them and not to look down on them, for God sees their need and also their trust in God and love for others. It is to such as these that Jesus came, healing and giving hope.

Similarly, in the reading from Isaiah, God’s coming is accompanied by the opening of the ears of the deaf and the eyes of the blind. God comes to make the lame leap and the mute sing. (So, everybody, please sing in church. It gives glory to God!)

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Jesus came to give hope to the little ones, those who could not fulfill the laws of the Pharisees to keep kosher with separate jugs, kettles, and so on, because they were too poor to afford two of everything. They could not afford doctors or the healing practices of the time. But Jesus gave them hope.

A person who was lame and mute would have had no way to be made “normal” in those days. But Jesus has mercy on those in need, and he cured the deaf and mute man and restored him to his community.

In what way are we lacking in faith or in hope that we will be healed by Christ? We often forget how much God loves us and how close God is to us every day. If we could just remember this, we would not be afraid; would not feel inadequate in our dealings with the world, nor would we lack courage in protecting our world from destruction.

God loves us beyond any love we could comprehend, and stands ready to heal all our wounds and to bless us with the gifts of secure faith, firm hope, and love for each other in Christ.

Today’s Readings: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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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.
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018
Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?
— James 2:5

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:
9/15  4:00 p.m.  Danny Prado/ Libby Magnone
9/16  8:00 a.m.  Rose Hess/ John Hess
9/16  10:00 a.m.  L. Niemiec/ Mark Helfer

Altar Servers:
9/15  4:00 p.m.  Volunteer
9/16  8:00 a.m  Kent family
9/16  10:00 a.m.  Swift/ Blatt

Gift Bearers:
9/15  4:00  p.m.  Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
9/16  8:00  a.m.  Pete & Judy Mysliwiec
9/16  10:00  a.m.  Georgia Pettit

Sاصرty Cleaners: Week of September 10, 2018
Linda & Butch Miller

Greeters:
9/15  4:00 p.m.  Celeste Evans/ Phil Remke
9/16  8:00 a.m.  Roger Frame/ Lottie Durbin
9/16  10:00 a.m.  Rosemary Patrone/ Jane Klug

Bingo September 14, 2018
Raffle - Diane Barker
Kitchen – Daunel Gump/ Tracy

COLLECTION: August 26, 2018
Envelopes -  $2799.00
Loose Offering -  $ 1085.00
Building Repairs - $160.00
Assumption - $25.00
Xavier Hall - $20.00
Attendance -  306

DON’T FORGET TO ARRIVE AT MASS 30 MINUTES EARLY FOR THE NEXT INSTALLMENT OF THE MASS
The Sanctuary Candle
beside the tabernacle burns this week
In honor of
Mike Gunto
Requested by Cindy Gunto

Heroin(e)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018
MOVIE SCREENING – FREE

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church
7th & Jefferson Ave., Moundsville, WV
2PM– 4:00 PM
Movie Screening, Opioid Panel & Educational Tools

For more information contact:
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Or 304-639-4155

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Sept 9 - Grandparents Day
Sept 12 - Bible Study Class begins
Sept 12 - Novena to St. Jude 7pm at St. Jude
Sept 13 - Evening Bible Study Class begins
Sept 16 - CCD classes begin
Sept 19 - Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm
Sept 20 - Bus trip to Sugarcreek
Sept 23 - RCIA begins
Sept 30 - Heroin(e) Movie Screening 2-4 pm
Oct 6 - Blessing of the animals
Jan 26 - World Youth Day

The flowers on the altar this week
are in honor of
Bob and Maggie Yeater
To celebrate their love for each other
Requested by Jerry & Lottie Durbin

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St. Francis Xavier Parish wishes a happy and blessed Grandparent’s day to all of our grandparents and grandparents in waiting.

REMINDER: There will be a parish council meeting on Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30 PM in the church basement.