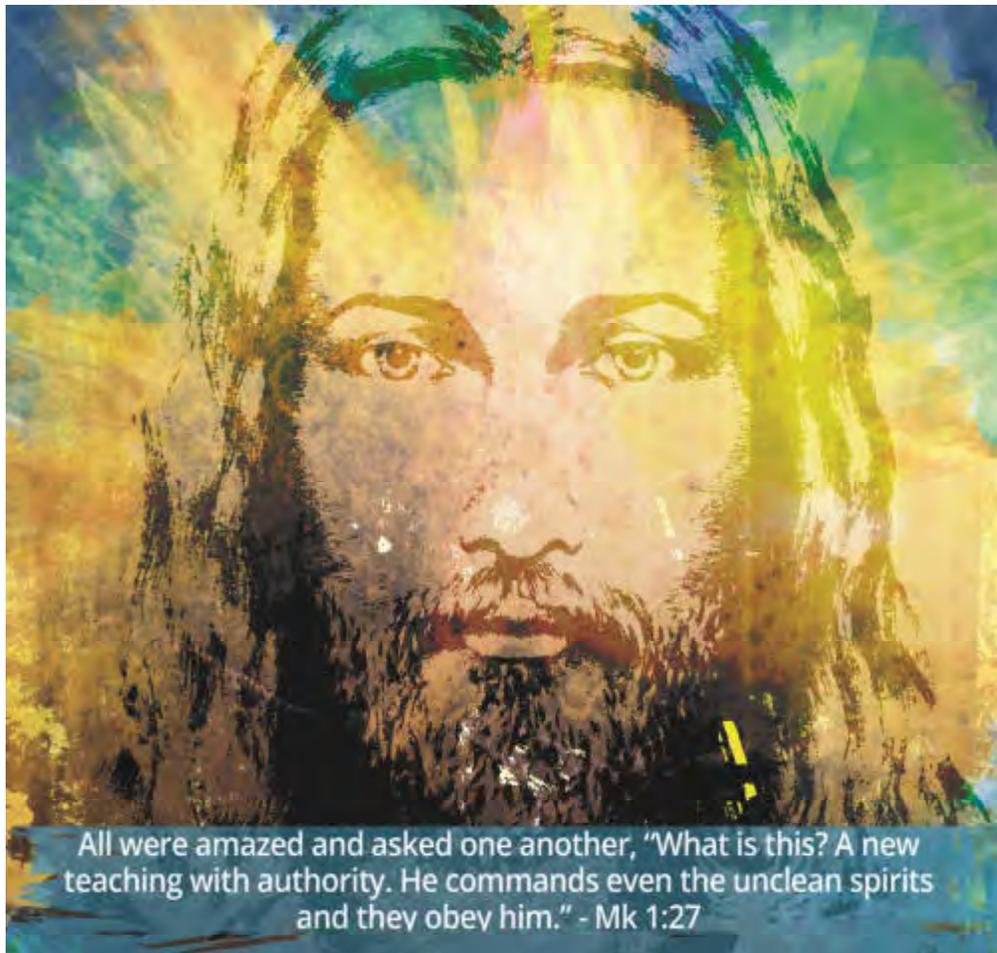


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All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - Mk 1:27

JANUARY 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday, Ordinary Time

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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: SIMPLE HOLINESS

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. We need people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living. We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationships with God to

have purpose. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us.

We can learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the

burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 30

4:00 p.m. Don Goddard†
Mark & Jane Helfer

SUNDAY, JAN. 31

8:00 a.m. Mary McKee†
Paul & Louise Hicks

10:00 a.m. For the People

MONDAY, FEB. 1

8:00 a.m. Theresa Baum†
Family

TUESDAY, FEB. 2

8:00 a.m. Mary McKee†
Cathy & Roger Frame

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3

8:00 a.m. John Pollock†
Joanne Ray

THURSDAY, FEB. 4

8:00 a.m. Gary Dobbs†
Jan Dobbs

FRIDAY, FEB. 5

8:00 a.m. Josephine Ferris†
Libby Magnone

SATURDAY, FEB. 6

4:00 p.m. Jim Campbell†
Knights of Columbus

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

8:00 a.m. Gary Dobbs†
Jan Dobbs

10:00 a.m. John D. Curia†
Curia Family

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week for *Wanda Hitt* from Cindy Myers Neisen

This weekend's special collection aids the Church in Latin America and pastoral programs there and in the Caribbean. These include evangelization, formation of laity, catechism, and youth ministry.



Faith, Excellence, Service Highlight National Schools Week Celebration

Catholic Schools Week begins this Sunday, creating an opportunity to celebrate Catholic education and recognize the importance, value, and contributions of Catholic education to the Church and the world.

An annual tradition that began in 1974, Catholic schools across the nation showcase and celebrate the rich traditions and the incredible value of Catholic education on both a local and national level.



The class of 2019 had a graduation rate of 99% and 98% continued on to higher education. The graduating class of 2019 from our six high schools were offered \$15 million in scholarships and accepted to 191 different colleges and universities.



Over \$900,000 in tuition assistance was distributed from the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program to families in need during the 2019-2020 school year.

The Benefits of Catholic Schools

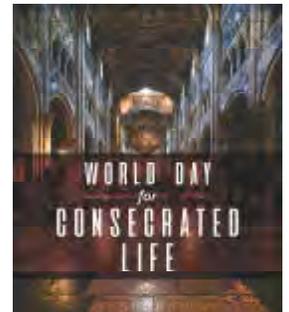
The integration of faith with academic subjects, culture, and every day life is the distinguishing benefit of the 6,000 Catholic schools nationwide. With this comes emphasis on living out the faith as missionary disciples, as well promoting Catholic social teaching, which contributes to productive citizenship and responsible leadership.

Locally Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Peace, St. Michael Parish, and St. Vincent DePaul offer studies for primary and middle school students, while Central Catholic provides secondary education. See how our local students are celebrating at www.catholicschools.org/our-schools. Just follow the links to their websites and social media pages.

Also, the Wheeling-Charleston diocese is striving to keep tuition affordable through an assistance program. The application period runs from Feb. 1 to April 30. Visit www.factsmgmt.com to apply.

Day for Consecrated Offers Support

The Church will celebrate the World Day for Consecration Life Tuesday, Feb. 2, and in parishes over the weekend of Feb. 6-7. Please pray for those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Eleanor Smith, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Sara Walters, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Mike Morris, Sami Wilson, Bob Kleinedler, Kathryn Ferrera, Cindy Gunto, Chuck Taskalines.

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, Barb Penny, Helen Remke, Raymond Pennybacker.

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

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Feb. 3 (final session)	Bible Study: The Prophets 5:30 p.m. in the Church hall
Monday, Feb. 1 to Friday, April 30	DWC Tuition Assistant Application Period (Phase One)
Wednesdays 9 a.m. or Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Beginning March 10 & 11	Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and the Life 10-Week Video Study Program Church Hall
Saturday, March 20	Discernment Retreat St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston
Consecutive Mondays until March 22 7 p.m.	Infant of Prague Novena Our Lady of Peace Church

LECTORS

- Feb. 6** 4:00 p.m. **D. Prado**
- Feb. 7** 8:00 a.m. **D. Frame**
10:00 a.m. **P. Whitwam**

OFFERING JAN. 17, 2021

Envelopes	\$2,237.00
Loose Offering	\$137.00
Church Repair	\$455.00
Xavier Hall	\$5.00
OTHER COLLECTIONS:	
Solemnity of Mary	\$50.00
Memorial	\$145.00
Online Giving	\$117.65
Attendance	122

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PLEASE CONSIDER REGISTERING

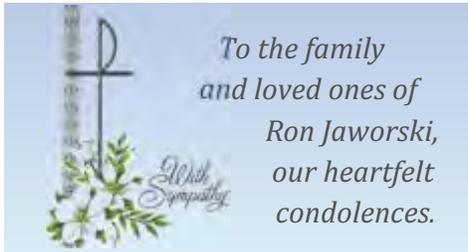
to receive a covid-19 vaccination either by telephone or by using the state's new portal located at wvdhhr.wv.org. Registering puts you on a waiting list and offers multiple ways to be contacted when vaccine becomes available for your demographic. Those who have already used the online portal say signups are easy, and confirmation is timely.

Thank you to everyone who has already received vaccine and to those planning to do so. Your gestures of caring and actions for the common good are greatly appreciated.

PENDING APPROVAL, KNIGHTS

of Columbus fish fries will be back in time for Lent. The Knights decided to charge ahead and put out a plan to the Marshall County Health Department and the diocese. We hear the plan is good, so we may--at long last--look forward to K of C fish sandwiches on Fridays.

The proposed start date is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, and only take out and delivery will be available. As soon as we know more, we will let you know. Stay tuned!



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or 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.

Bible Study Will Explore Entirety of Jesus' Life



Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be?

We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for **Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life**, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today.

St. Francis Xavier will begin the *Jesus* study Wednesday, March 10, at 9 a.m. as well as Thursday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. Participants will meet every week in the Church Hall to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri shot entirely in the Holy Land, preceded by a lively group discussion and fellowship.

Stop by the parish office for a registration form. Forms also will be on the table in Xavier Hall and under the forms tab on our website. For more information, contact Mary at 716-207-9146. We hope you can join us!

PARISH COUNCIL WILL MEET

Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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

REGISTRATION, 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.

Bible Study Registration Form
for
Jesus: The Way, The Truth and The Life

- 10-week study, Wed. morning 9-10:30 am **OR** Thurs. evenings 6:30-8:00 pm
- Starting Weds., March 10th – Weds. May 19th **OR**
- Starting Thurs., March 11th – Thurs. May 20th (**classes canceled Holy Week**)
- St Francis Xavier church basement

-----DETACH-----

Please print legibly and **complete even if you have for previous studies:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____(please supply)

Phone Numbers: _____ (h) _____(c)

Do you text? Yes____ No____

I choose to attend: ____ **Weds. Morning 9-10:30am** ____ **Thurs. evening 6:30-8:00pm**
(If you have a conflict you may attend a different class than the one you sign up for.)

Registration fee: ____cash or ____check made out to “St Francis Xavier Parish”
Registration Deadline MONDAY, February, 15TH.

\$15 per participant for workbook, book and timeline

Please deposit the bottom half of this form and payment in an envelope marked “Bible Study” and deposit in the church collection by **Sunday, February 14th**

Or

Drop off at the St Francis parish office -- M-W 9-1 by **Monday, February 15th**

Or

Mail to the church office: St Francis Xavier Parish Attn. Bible Study 912 Seventh St. Moundsville, WV 26041

Questions call or text Mary – 716-207-9146(C) marymbritt@aol.com



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