

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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LET US  
SEE YOUR  
KINDNESS.

*psalm 85*



**JULY 14, 2024**

**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**Weekends:**

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.



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**REGISTRATION CHURCH SUPPORT:**

Parishioners should be registered at the parish office. Please update your information when you move.

## PRACTICING CATHOLIC: RECOGNIZING GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### SHAKE OFF THE DUST

Our kitchen floor is at least 35 years old, and it's the ugliest color to come out of the '80s. But it's a good, durable floor, and my husband, bless his heart, guards it like it was a finely finished hardwood imported from Brazil.

Every time the kids track mud and sand across its vinyl surface, he immediately gets down on his hands and knees and lovingly wipes the mess away. I'm too impatient to do this myself — we have kids, so we're going to have a dirty floor, is my attitude. But this is the hill upon which my husband dies. On hands and knees, scraping dirt off an almost 40-year-old floor, he is the silent, long-suffering sentry, and if it kills him, he will keep these floors pristine. He is Gandalf, and the dirt is the Balrog. You shall not pass.

"Shake the dust off your feet." This is what Christ tells his disciples to do when they — and his word — are rejected. Shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them. Why does he say that? It's not an act of dismissal. It's not a thumbed nose or a stuck-out tongue. No, it's an act of caution: Don't bring it with you. Leave it there.

When we walk through the world, we pick up a lot of dirt. Misguided notions, disordered priorities, habits, and desires that we never noticed until we realized they left a trail. We come into a situation intending to do what is right, but somehow it all goes sideways, and we walk away from it with detritus clinging to us in places we don't notice. They wouldn't listen. They'll see, we think. Oh, they'll see. They'll see how right I was.

Pride and vengeance hitch a ride on the soles of our feet, and we track them all through the world.

What to do about this? You can be like me with my ugly old floor. You can shrug your shoulders and say, "It happens, I guess. I'm only human. I meant well."

But here's what would be better: be like my husband. Get down on your knees and get rid of the dirt. Stop the trail in its tracks.

"So they went off and preached repentance." — Mark 6:12

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, LPi*

# WORSHIP & OUTREACH



- JULY 13 SATURDAY**  
 4:00 p.m. Fr. That Son ♥  
*Maggie Yeater*
- JULY 14 SUNDAY**  
 8:00 a.m. Edith Fana Olex †  
*Her Daughters*
- 10:00 a.m. Karen Eisenhower †  
*Denise Ferris*
- JULY 15 MONDAY**  
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
- JULY 16 TUESDAY**  
 8:00 a.m. John Helfer †  
*Kathryn Helfer*
- JULY 17 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:00 a.m. Regina Regiec †  
*Jerry & Lottie Durbin*
- JULY 18 THURSDAY**  
 8:00 a.m. Joe Church †  
*Mike Kacsmar & Family*
- JULY 19 FRIDAY**  
 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased  
 Pierogi Volunteers  
*Libby Magnone*
- JULY 20 SATURDAY**  
 4:00 p.m. Paul & Theresa Baum †  
*Paula & Jerry Connors*
- JULY 21 SUNDAY**  
 8:00 a.m. For the People of Saint  
 Francis Xavier Parish
- 10:00 a.m. John D. Curia †  
*Curia Family*

*The Sanctuary Candle*  
 burns this week for  
**Shannon Darwish**

## SUMMER VACATION TIME!

Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to help locate the nearest Catholic Church and mass times while your away.



My dad, a psychiatrist, marveled at the acumen of McDonald's coming up with the idea of a "Happy" meal for kids. What parent could resist that suggestion?

Likewise, I think he would appreciate the idea of the diocesan 'Catholic Camp' in Huttonsville calling itself Catholic Youth Adventure Camp. When I dropped my 12-year-old granddaughter off on Saturday and as we threaded our way through the registration line, the sense of nervous anticipation and curiosity played right into that notion of "adventure".

Camp Carlo is tucked away on the edge of a broad valley, deep in the heart of West Virginia. Like many summer camps it offers loads of outdoor adventuresome opportunities. Unlike most youth camps, it also offers its campers time for self-

reflection, Adoration, Holy Mass and the chance to very unselfconsciously practice their faith.

This is Josie-the-grandchild's 3rd year at Camp Carlo. Judging by her enthusiasm to return each year, and the growing confidence she displays in her faith, this yearly oasis does a great job making connections between having fun-filled adventures and ... the Catholic faith. I can't help but reflect on how our adultly, "mature" faith might be enhanced by understanding it through the lens of adventure – one revealing step at a time.

Camp Carlo still has space for campers!

The camp runs now through July 27 and is open for grades 3rd-12th. You can learn more at <https://campcarlowv.org/>

As in past years, our parish will help with fees – just call the office or talk to Sister Marita.

Adventure: *Ad* "to" + *venire* "to come"

-Susan Board

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Homebound:** Judy Seidel, Kathryn Helfer, Rachel Kerekes, Phyllis Prado, Jim Brown, Katie Melchiori.

**Nursing Homes:** Kathryn Ferrera, Angeline Sellers, Fay Melchiori, Dwight Furbee, Earl Richards, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yaney.

**Recently Sick:** John Eddie Williams, Kate Kavanaugh, Suzy Lunau, Carlene Crow, Kimberly Peffley, Scott Peffley, Sage Rich, Lois Frey, Kathy Patrello, Bob Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Karen Swierkos-Wayne, David & Anastasia Yeater, George Zacherl, Brian Hill, John Kirchner, Ted Scarbin, Angela Montesano, Nash Casto, Catherine Pellerin, Eleanor Smith, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro.

## SCHEDULES: JULY 20 - 21

### Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 pm: **A. Wise/J. Fecat**

8:00 am: **R. Hess/J. Hess**

10 am: **C. King/L. Yoho**

### ALTAR SERVERS

Please Volunteer

### SACRISTY

**Helen & Doug Zacherl**

## THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR JULY 21,

is for the Catholic Communications Campaign and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

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# NEWS & COMMUNITY



**ON JULY 14, SISTER AGATHA WILL BE CELEBRATING HER 71ST BIRTHDAY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY SISTER AGATHA!**

Father Sebastian will be away for the National Eucharistic Congress from July 16-21. Let's give Father Sam Sacus a warm welcome as he holds Mass during that time.

**THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS FOR HELPING WITH LANDSCAPING ON MONDAY, JULY 8TH:** Father Sebastian, Julie & Ruth Anderson, and Doug & Helen Zacherl. Everything looks beautiful and we appreciate your hard work.



## CALLING ALL FIGHTING IRISH FANS!

Football season is just around the corner and you have the opportunity to support the St. Francis Parish Relay for Life Team.

For the next two weekends, July 13-14 & July 20-21, Lottie will be selling raffle tickets for a Notre Dame raffle basket in the back of church.

The basket includes at 2024 football t-shirt, a Fighting Irish tumbler and throw blanket.

Score 1 ticket for \$1-or-6 tickets for \$5. The drawing will take place on Aug 24, two weeks before the first home game.

**All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.**

## OFFERINGS: JUNE 30

Envelopes	\$	3,022.00
Loose Offering	\$	586.00
Church Repair	\$	100.00
Xavier Hall	\$	100.00
Candles	\$	23.00
Online Giving	\$	590.40

Attendance 235

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
On Wednesday, July 17 after 8am Mass, we will remember the following families in a special way:

- Church
- Coffield
- Conners
- Cook
- Conzanzo
- Andrews

During Adoration, we will be offering prayers for both the living and deceased members of these families. Scheduled families are encouraged to attend as we join together in prayer for their intentions.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 16 10am	Chair Yoga with Emily Xavier Hall
Wednesday, July 17 11:30am	Line Dancing with Lottie in Xavier Hall
Wednesday, July 17 1:30-2:30pm	Line Dancing for Beginners with Lottie in Xavier Hall
Friday, July 19 6pm	Bingo every Friday in Xavier Hall
Tuesday, July 23 6pm	St. Vincent de Paul in the church basement
Wednesday, July 31 6:30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the church basement
Sunday, August 25	Parish Picnic Mass at noon, picnic to follow at St. Jude Park



## CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL 2024

The CSA offers support to others through a variety of ministries, programs, and services that enhance a life centered around Christ.

This year, our parish has reached 50% of our goal of \$20,340.

With your prayers, donations, and support, now 100% of funds raised will go directly to our parish.

We appreciate your continued support as you give generously, pray purposefully, and serve joyfully. Thank you.