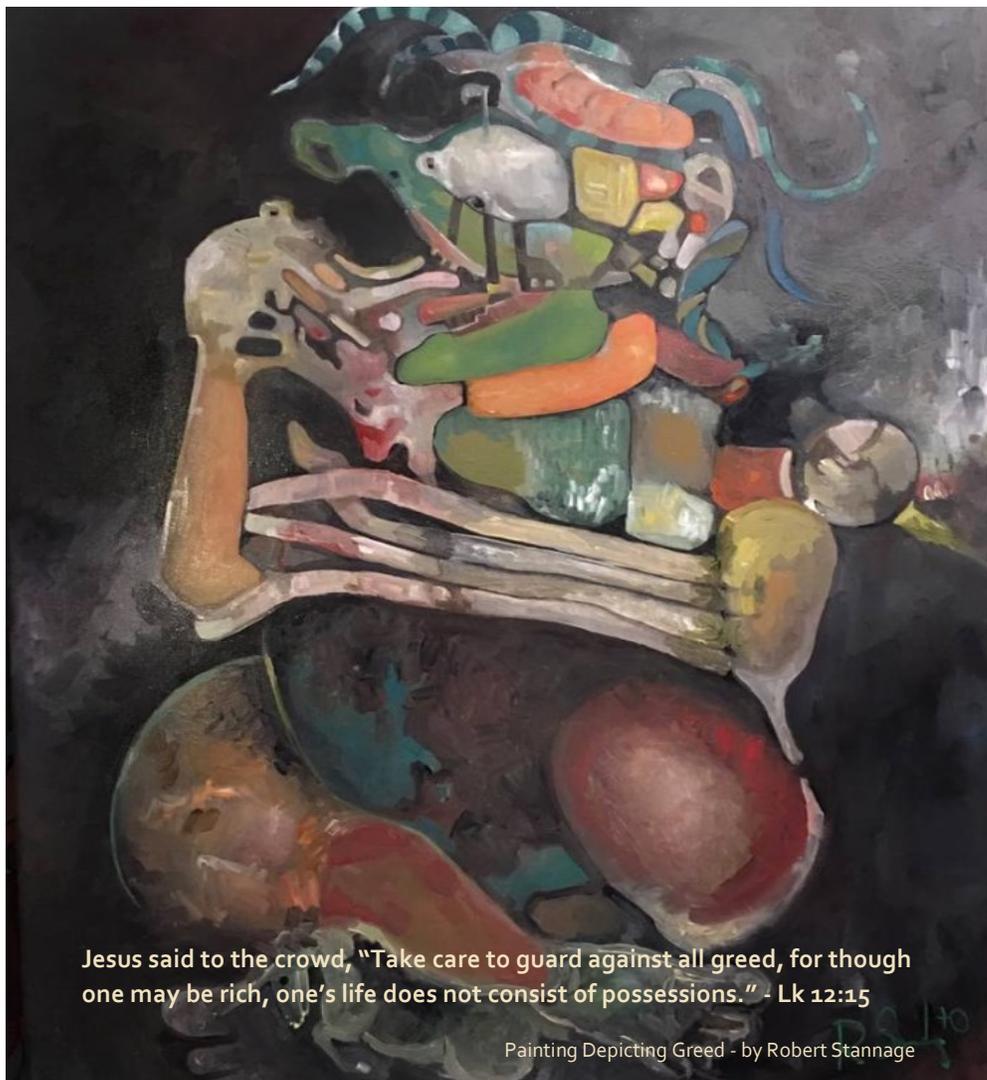


ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



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Jesus said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

Painting Depicting Greed - by Robert Stannage

JULY 31, 2022

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends: Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

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

Confessions: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

Marriage: By appointment. Contact the office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana instruction is required.

Baptism: By appointment. The diocese requires instructions for parents or guardians.

Religious Education (PSR): Sundays during school term 9 - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

MEDITATION: WHAT DOESN'T FALL APART

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches.

Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life, but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow, and all of the

frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work—they are too dependent on things that can fall apart.

We can learn to know when need becomes greed. We have it within us to be grateful for what we have. This requires looking inward to acknowledge that objects should not rule us. We can choose to serve God instead. This does not deplete or deteriorate. This never falls apart.



SATURDAY, JULY 30

4:00 p.m. Bob Shutlert
Annie & Kenny Smertneck

SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:00 a.m. John Michael Lennont
Deborah Shaffer-Palmer & Jeff Palmer

10:00 a.m. Bob Yeater†
& Chuck Freeman†
Cindy Gunto

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 a.m. Joanna Bierce†
Libby Magnone

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt
Cindy Myers-Neisen

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 a.m. Shellie Jean Frohnapfel†
David & Pam Fox

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00 a.m. Carl Baum†
Paula & Jerry Conners

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00 a.m. Bob Shutlert†
Paul & Cindy Fox Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

4:00 p.m. Semon Prado†
Toni Springfield

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 a.m. For the people
10:00 a.m. Edward Lawther†
Tom & Cindy Lawther

USUAL MASS STIPENDS
Weekdays - \$10 per Mass
Weekends - \$20 per Mass
Sanctuary Candle - \$10 a week

Parish Welcomes Learning About Mission



We are so glad to welcome to St. Francis this weekend Sr. Mary Kay Homan, OP.

Sr. Mary Kay is here to ask for prayers and donations for the missions of the Adrian Dominican Sisters in the Dominican Republic and the Philippines. Sr. Homan has been a Dominican for 62 years and has spent most of

them working in Catholic education, including five years as principal of Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg. The work of the Sisters addresses the critical needs of society by ministering in professions that flow from their traditional works of education, health care and social work. The international congregation of the Adrian Dominican Sisters numbers 450 vowed members who minister in 21 states and three foreign countries. Learn more about the sisters and their ministry here: www.adriandominicans.org



Half the Wheels, Twice the Fun!

Sr. Maria and Sr. Agatha each decided to tour the town last week on two wheels instead of four. Those smiles say their trek was a success. Sr. Maria will be able to assure their mother superior that Sr. Agatha is rolling along just fine!

To the families and loved ones of

James Lawrence Conner, John F. Mercer, and David Paul Nieratko, our heartfelt condolences.



Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Mary Yanen, Raymond Pennybacker

Recently Sick: Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Annalyn Liette, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase, Carmina Oakland, Joe Church, Joseph Grampa, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Suzy Lunau, Jim Barker, Kathryn Helfer, Loretta Saporito, Phil Remke.

PICNIC TIME IS SOON... BE SURE TO SIGN UP IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6
ST. ALPHONSUS RUMMAGE SALE
 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Parish Hall.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22
FINGERS: UNTYING THE KNOTS IN OUR LIVES. 20/20 VISION SERIES.
 7 p.m. via Zoom. St. Joseph Retreat Center| atroiani@csjoseph.org to register. Learn about other online retreats at stjosephretreatcenter.org

PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24
 6:30 p.m. | CHURCH HALL

FALL BIBLE STUDY - CONVERSION
 First three weeks in September starting Aug. 31 & Sept. 1 - first three weeks in November. Wednesdays at 9 a.m. OR Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Church Hall | Forms are in the office, front of church, and the website. Register by Aug. 8. Call Mary at 304-810-4380 for info.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 - PARISH PICNIC
PLEASE SIGN UP IN BACK OF CHURCH
 Mass @ noon | St. Jude Park. Lunch after Mass. Father hopes to use our vegetables to make Stone Soup!

ONGOING EVENTS
FOURTH MONDAY EACH MONTH
 6 p.m. | Bereavement Group. St. John's Church Benwood. Fellowship Hall. Next meeting Aug. 22.

WEDNESDAYS
 11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m. | Line Dancing With Lottie at the Moundsville VFW.

COMING SEPTEMBER 26 & 27
SPEAKER JASON EVERT
Chastity/Gender, Theology of Your Body.
 \$20 per person | St. Michael's Parish. Contact Diane at 304-242-1560 for more information and tickets.

REMINDER: PARISHIONERS ONLY MAY ENTER THE OFFICE VIA THE RECTORY MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS ONCE RAMP WORK BEGINS.

OFFERING
JULY 17, 2022

Envelopes	\$3,633.00
Loose Offering	\$400.00
Church Repair	\$72.00
Xavier Hall	\$20.00
Diocesan	\$360.00
Candles	\$22.00
Online Giving	\$15.15
Attendance	204

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)
 THANK YOU

SCHEDULES
AUG 6 & 7

4:00 p.m. Saturday
Lector: Danny Prado
Eucharistic: Julie Fecat
Servers: Please Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Sunday
Lector: Trisha Whitelatch
Eucharistic: Cathy Frame
Servers: Please Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Sunday
Lector: Sierra Taylor
Eucharistic: Lisa Yoho
Servers: Please Volunteer

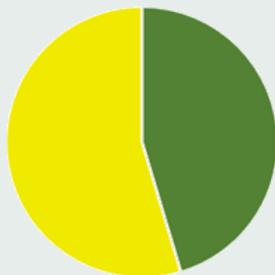
Sacristy
 Jenny Ingram
 Daunel Gump

Please report suspected child sexual abuse to your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact W.Va. Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to contacting civil authorities, report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information.

SFX RECEIVES MATCHING GRANT:

We learned last week from the diocese that they approved a matching grant we applied for earlier this year. The diocese will contribute \$32,000 toward the \$64,000 cost of our new boiler. We are grateful to Bishop Brennan and the diocese for their generosity, support, and investment in our future. We are happy they share the same fine qualities shown by our loyal parishioners!

Our CSA Progress



49 contributors have helped us reach 45 percent of our goal of \$21,660. Thank you for your generous support!

THE AUG. 8 DEADLINE TO SIGN up for the fall Bible study titled Conversion. Cost for the workbook is \$10, and the rest of the details are in our calendar.

- JUST FOR FUN**
 These code words are for Catholics only. The less others know about them, the better off they are:
- BULLETIN:** Your receipt for attending Mass.
 - KYRIE ELEISON:** The only Greek words most Catholics can recognize besides gyros and baklava. (For non-Catholics, it means Lord have mercy.)
 - HOLY WATER:** A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.
 - HYMN:** A song of praise usually sung in a key one octave higher than the congregation's range.
 - INCENSE:** Holy Smoke!
 - JESUITS:** An order of priests known for their ability to find colleges with good basketball teams.
 - PROCESSION:** The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.