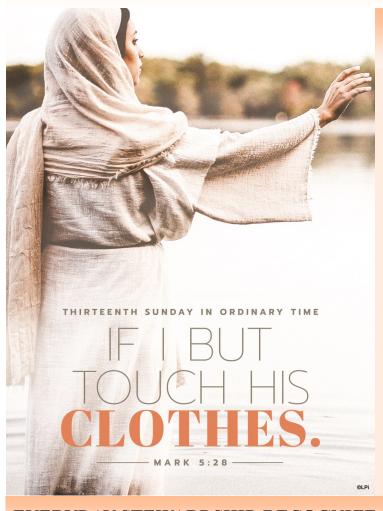
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JUNE 30, 2024

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE:

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP-RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE TOUCH OF CHRIST

For a long time, I didn't understand why the virtual Masses of the pandemic were so wearisome to me. Theoretically, shouldn't it be a tired mother's dream, fulfilling her Sunday obligation from the couch, not having to worry how much noise the kids are making?

But it wasn't. Seeing Mass without experiencing it left me hungry. It left me starving.

Then a wise priest explained it to me. "Watching virtual Mass is like taking a virtual shower," he said.

Grace might not be something we can see with our eyes, but it is very much something that is transmitted physically. Jesus has a human body for a reason. He needs to touch people.

We see that nowhere more clearly than in this Gospel. The crowds are pressing on him, everyone trying to get close, everyone trying to share his space. The hemorrhaging woman claws her way through, desperate to make physical contact with him, any part of him, even his cloak. The synagogue official begs Jesus to come and "lay hands" on his daughter, knowing that this is the only way for her to survive. He doesn't ask for Jesus' good thoughts or approving gaze. He knows that isn't what he needs.

In the Gospels, Jesus saves people chiefly through his own touch because he wants to show us — you and me, sitting in the pews — something very important about how we are saved.

But where do you and I find the touch of Jesus Christ? Where do you and I find salvation?

It's in the water flowing over the infant's forehead. It's in the Host dissolving on our tongues. It's in the oil that is pressed to the skin of the confirmand, the dying man, and the brand-new priest. It's in the embrace of the newly married couple. It's in the extended hand of the priest as he says, "Your sins are forgiven."

It's still here, two thousand years later. It's still waiting for us to reach out and grasp it.

"If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." — Mark 5:28

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, LPi

WORSHIP & OUTREACH



JUNE 29 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Ann, Chester A., & Fred

Nadolski †

Nadolski Family

JUNE 30 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Anna Mae Veronis

Holliday †

Kim & Bill Yurisko

10:00 a.m. Loretta Saporito ♥

Celeste Evans

JULY 1 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

JULY 2 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Semon & Phyllis Prado † ♥

Danny Prado

JULY 3 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Judy Patrello †

Patrello Family

JULY 4 THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Vince Scarbin †

Bridget Scarbin

JULY 5 FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Bessie Reynolds †

Tex & Theresa Reynolds

JULY 6 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Carmina Oakland †

Stan & Kitty Pazyk

JULY 7 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Ray Yocum †

Yocum Family

10:00 a.m. Loretta Saporito †

Cathy Frame

The Sanctuary Candle
beside the tabernacle
burns this week for
Maggie Yeater



A FOURTH OF JULY PRAYER TO CELEBRATE OUR FREEDOM: ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for this Nation.

We thank you for the freedom we enjoy daily.

May we never take for granted the liberties we have been given.

May we remain humble and conscious of the blessing we enjoy because

of the sacrifices made by countless men and women.

We thank you for the abundance we enjoy.

May we be sensitive to those around us who are in need, and may our

hearts be quick to help when we have the means to do so.

We pray for our leaders and for those placed in authority over us.

Father, we ask that You guide every decision they make.

May they lead us with wisdom, humility, and grace.

Father bless our Nation with Your peace.

May Your love flow through each one of us, and may

we never forget to give You thanks, always. May You receive the glory, honor, and praise.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Amen.



Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of George Lagos.

May his soul enter into God's eternal peace and rest.

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Danny Joe Taylor.**May his soul enter into God's

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SCHEDULES: JULY 6-7

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 pm: **D. Evans/D. Rice**

8:00 am: L. Whitelatch/J. Hess

10 am: R. Patrone/L. Yoho

ALTAR SERVERS

Please Volunteer

SACRISTY

J. Anderson & R. Bertrand

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.

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.



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NEWS & COMMUNITY









On Monday, June 24 Several parishioners attended the Eucharistic **Procession from the** Cathedral through the streets of downtown Wheeling to Saint Alphonsus Church.

This was part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, one of the largest pilgrimages in history leading up to the National Eucharistic Congress on July 17-21 in Indianapolis.

The pilgrimage and congress are part of the National Eucharistic Revival, 3-year initiative of the U.S. Catholic bishops that began in 2022 with aim to deepen Catholics' love and understanding of the Eucharist.

Learn more: eucharisticcongress.org







CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, Chair Yoga with July 2 **Emily Xavier** Hall 10am Wednesday, Line Dancing with Lottie in July 3 11:30am Xavier Hall Wednesday, Line Dancing for Beginners with July 3 1:30-2:30pm Lottie in Xavier Hall Thursday, * Fourth of July * July 4 Gabriel Project on Hold this Week First Friday Friday, July 5 Friday, Bingo every July 5 Friday in Xavier 6pm Hall Saturday, First Saturday July 6 Tuesday, St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in July 9 the Church 6pm Basement Parish Council Wednesday, July 17 Meeting

This Week on **FORMED:**

Did you know, as a member of St. Francis, you have access to an incredible online library of Catholic resources including audio books, films, educational material, and more?

FORMED is easy to sign up for. Simply scan the QR code using your smartphone camera and follow the instructions to log in.

This week features the life of John the Baptist, Saint Cyril, and Saint Irenaeus.



Check it out!

6pm

Envelopes

Loose Offering

Church Repair

Xavier Hall

Peter's Pence

Attendance

Memorial Gifts

Candles

KROGER STATEMENT:

OFFERINGS: June 16

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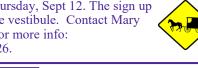
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Feb-April 2024 46 Households | \$187.55 Donations Thanks to those who helped the church by linking their rewards card to our organization.

Are your ready for an ADVENTURE?

Join us for a shopping trip to Sugar Creek on Thursday, Sept 12. The sign up form is in the vestibule. Contact Mary Taskalines for more info: 304-845-7326.



On Saturday, June 22, the Knights of Columbus had a Pig Roast. Pictured are Joann Potts and Father Sebastian.



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