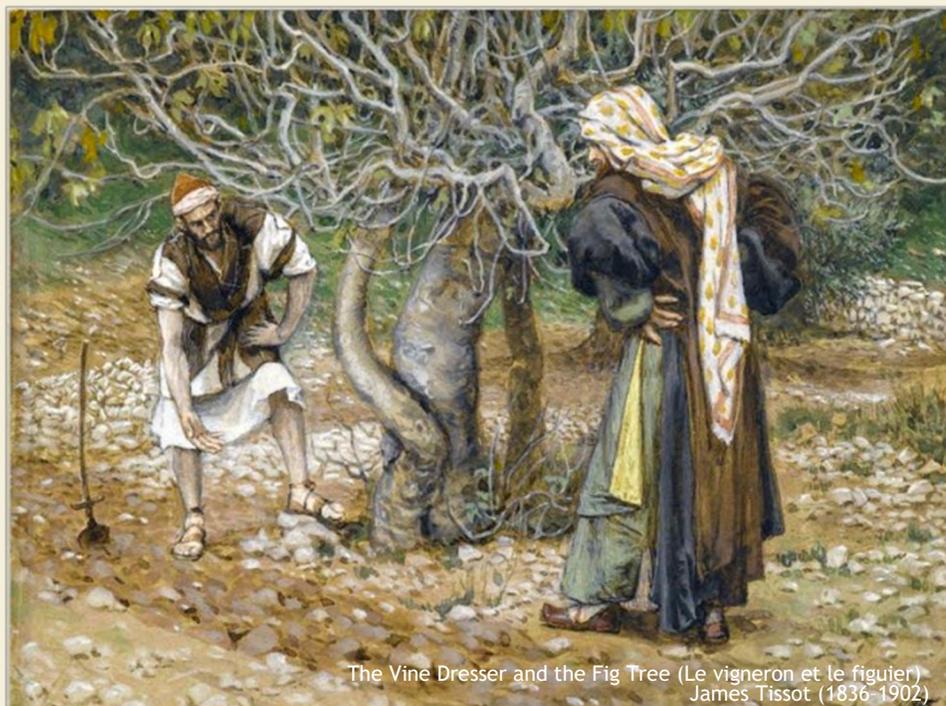


ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

📍 912 Seventh St., Moundsville, W.VA. 26041 ☎️ 304-845-1593 📧 sfxmoundsville@comcast.net



The Vine Dresser and the Fig Tree (Le vigneron et le figuier)
James Tissot (1836-1902)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

MAY 2, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

CONTACT US

Church Office: 304-845-1593

Xavier Hall: 304-845-7080

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen:

Pastor | 408-858-7467

Email:

sfxmoundsville@comcast.net

Website: sfxmoundsville.org

Facebook: [facebook.com/](https://facebook.com/StFrancisXavierMoundsville)

[StFrancisXavierMoundsville](https://facebook.com/StFrancisXavierMoundsville)

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

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

STAFF

Secretary: Robin Targosky

Bookkeeper: Susan Board

Bulletin Editor: Kathy Swift

DRE: Mary Helen Marling

GOSPEL MEDITATION: THE VINE BEYOND ALL METAPHOR

At the Last Supper, Jesus faced the prospect of leaving his disciples. He wanted them to know that although he would no longer be with them physically, his presence would nonetheless still be very real and active among them. Jesus used the image of the vine to do this—to describe the ongoing connection he would have with his followers even after his death and resurrection. Just as the branch is vitally connected to the vine, so the believer is vitally connected to Jesus. And just as, apart from the vine, the branch shrivels up and dies, so is the case for those who have no life within Jesus.

The Last Supper is the only place where Jesus uses the image of the vine, but it repeats a theme which echoes throughout the gospel of John — that Jesus “stays” or

“remains in” his disciples and that they “stay” or “remain in” him. For example, when Jesus asks the first disciples what they want, they do not ask him, “Where are you going?” but, “Where are you staying?” This “remaining” points to the mystery of Jesus’ ongoing presence within his disciples.

The fact that we each sprout individually from the vine which is Christ does not mean that we are separated from one another. Jesus connects us not only to himself but to one another. Together we form the one vine which extends its branches throughout the world and bears fruit in love. The woman who folds her hands to pray in Tennessee draws life from the same source as the man who kneels in Bangladesh. The teenager who visits the sick in Buenos Aires does so with

the same love that moves a rich woman to give her coat to a homeless person in Lisbon. It is the same Jesus who continues to be present and active throughout the world just as he promised his disciples.

At the Eucharist, we gather to witness the transformation of “the fruit of the vine and work of human hands” into the very life blood of Christ. Pondering the mystery of the life of Jesus places Him within us. It makes us grow in our longing to be united with him through Holy Communion. It strengthens our sense of unity with other Christian believers throughout the world. Together we truly form this one vine.

©Douglas Sousa



MAY 1 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. For the deceased members and benefactors of the St. Vincent DePaul Society

MAY 2 SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Jerry & Lottie Durbin
Trish, Bill & Grace Whitelatch

10:00 a.m. Veronica DiCola†
Gina Hoops

MAY 3 MONDAY
8:00 a.m. Phyllis & Semon Prado
Jane Klug

MAY 4 TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. Betty Fahey†
Ellen McCormick

MAY 5 & 6 NO 8 A.M. MASSES WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
Father will be attending the annual Convocation of Priests in Charleston

MAY 7 FRIDAY
8:00 a.m. Ashley Miller
Butch & Linda Miller

MAY 8 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. For All Mothers

MAY 9 SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Katherine McDonald†
 Blanch Kielbasa†
Terry & Chris McDonald

10:00 a.m. Ellen Curia†
Curia Family

To the family and loved ones of Dawn Donofe, our heartfelt condolences.



With Sympathy



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Support Connects Us to God

When we live with acceptance of and gratitude for the love and redemption of God, we can't help but want to share the love with others. This desire is the fruit of "remaining in" a relationship with Jesus, the vine that connects us back to the Father.

When you're most connected to Jesus, how do you desire to help your parish community? One way you can contribute is supporting the Catholic Sharing Appeal.

The Catholic Sharing Appeal

provides invaluable support for West Virginia parishes as well as shared ministries such as youth and children's ministries, Catholic education, catechist and teacher training, and support for the poor and most vulnerable.

Take some time this week to root yourself in the Lord, and see how He might be asking you to fruitfully support this important cause.

Learn more about the CSA and give through our parish at <https://csa.dwcministries.org/>

Spiritual Bouquets Offered for Mother's Day

Mother's Day is next Sunday, May 9th, and to honor mothers we are offering spiritual bouquets as a special way to remember them at Mass. Spiritual bouquet cards are in the vestibule, and the offering can be returned by May 7.

Mother's Day became a national holiday in 1914 after being founded in Grafton W.Va., but Catholics have been celebrating mothers since the early days of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, traditionally was a time to return to your mother church (home parish) and leave an offering. Also known as Mothering Sunday, it naturally evolved into honoring mothers as well. For

Catholics, devotion to Mary in the month of May gives deeper meaning to Mother's Day. Mother's Day allows us an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge every act of maternal love—both physical and spiritual—that we have been blessed to receive.

Consider honoring your mother and those who have loved you as one with a spiritual bouquet.



Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Chuck Taskalines, Sara Walters, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Chris McDonald, Bob Balgo, Sue Riffle.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Bill Tennant, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Marie Lohri.

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

CALENDAR

CAMP CARLO EARLY REGISTRATION
By **MAY 15/SCHOLARSHIPS by JUNE 1**
DWC.ORG/CAMP

Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life
Wednesdays 9 a.m. /Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
Church Hall

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
St. Joseph Cathedral
Friday, May 7
12:05 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Friday, May 14
Deadline - Zimbabwe donations

Parish Council Meeting
Friday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.
Church Hall

K of C Moundsville Council #1907
FREE, first-year membership
KOFC.ORG/JOINUS

TRIP to LANCASTER, PA
Queen Esther Play
Aug. 5th & 6th

SCHEDULES MAY 8 & 9

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **D. Evans / M. Taskalines**
8:00 a.m. **R. Hess / J. Hess**
10:00 a.m. **A. Taylor / L. Yoho**

ALTAR SERVERS

Whitelatch 4:00 p.m./**Kent** 8:00 a.m.
King/Menendez 10:00 a.m.

SACRISTY - Please Volunteer

Julie Anderson/Ruth Bertrand

OFFERING APRIL 18, 2021

Envelopes	\$3,622.00
Loose Offering	\$152.00
Church Repair	\$285.00
Xavier Hall	\$50.00
OTHER COLLECTIONS:	
Easter	\$385.00
Memorial	\$125.00
Candles	\$30.00
Online Giving	\$195.90
Attendance	196

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

Report suspected child sexual abuse to law enforcement or Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. Report suspected cases by Diocese personnel at 888-434-6237.

JOHN SICURELLA, CHAIRMAN of our parish finance council, has announced the addition of members Karen Eisenhauer and Kevin Britt. Eisenhauer and Britt join existing members Loretta Niemiec and Libby Magnone. We offer our continuing gratitude to John for shouldering council responsibilities knowledgeably and caringly during the past few years. The council meets as needed when projects exceeding \$10,000 are contemplated.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING accepted for the newly created Diocesan Youth Board. Consideration for the board is open to Catholic youth who will be sophomores, juniors, or seniors next school year. This leadership training board will consist of about 20 teens from throughout the diocese. Students can apply online at dwc.org/Evangelization and Catechesis or go directly to the application at <http://bit.ly/DWCYB2021>

KEEPING WITH THE DEVOTIONAL



custom of the First Friday of the month, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph Friday, May 7, from the conclusion of the 12:05 p.m. Mass until celebration of Benediction at 5:45 p.m. All are invited to stop by the cathedral Friday afternoon and spend time adoring Our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

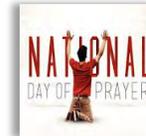
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

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.

WE ARE SPONSORING A TRIP TO Lancaster, Pa., on Aug. 5th and 6th to see the biblical play *Queen Esther*. The cost of the overnight trip is \$200 and includes tickets to the show, dinner, and a hotel. Look for more details about the trip in the coming weeks and a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.



A REMINDER THAT

Thursday, May 6, is the National Day of Prayer.

www.usccb.org/events/2021/national-day-prayer

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE NEED in-home care, Catholic Charities of W.Va. provides comprehensive services to those who are elderly or disabled. Caregivers provide companionship and assistance with daily activities, as well as apply individualized plans developed by a supervising registered nurse. Please see the display below to learn more.

Catholic Charities
HomeCare
Quality Living Assistance Services

Help your loved one stay at home with in-home caregiver services

- Activities of daily living (dressing, bathing, meal preparation)
- Light housekeeping, shopping and errands

Affordable hourly rate on a temporary or long-term basis

Catholic Charities
West Virginia

(304) 345-2103

CatholicCharitiesWV.org

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.

HART'S
Mini Storage

304-845-4974
 Rt 88 at Garvins Lane

- 5 X 10
- 10 X 10
- 10 X 20

Office: 4676 Waynesburg Pike
 Moundsville, WV 26041

Is the Lord Calling You?



Call Fr. Dennis Schuelkens in the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Wheeling - Charleston.
 (304) 233-0880 Ext. 442
www.wvpriests.org

COLEMAN'S FISH MKT



HISTORIC CENTER WHEELING MARKET HOUSE
 2226 Market St. • Wheeling
 304-232-8510

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Vic Preisel** to place an ad today!
vpreisel@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6317

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH.

4LPi Buy a bulletin ad space today!

ALTMAYER
 FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY

Lutes & Kirby Vance Chapel
 118 Grant Ave • Moundsville, WV
 304-845-4560

"The Pre-Arrangement Funeral Home"

Jimmy Altmeyer, President | Gene Fabey, Vice President
 Jim Altmeyer, Chairman



www.altmeyer.com

ADT-Monitored Home Security
 Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider **SafeStreets**

1-855-225-4251

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
 MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM

\$29.95/MO **PLUS SPECIAL OFFER**
 BILLED QUARTERLY

CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com

