

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

May 21, 2023



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:19-20



## MAY 20 SATURDAY

4:00 P.M. Jerome & Patricia  
Conners†  
*Paula & Jerry Conners*

## MAY 21 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Hayden West†  
*Stan & Kitty Pazyk*

10:00 a.m. Joe & Ellen Curia †  
*Curia Family*

## MAY 22 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Chester Sobutka†  
*Elisa Sobutka*

## MAY 23 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Vince Scarbin†  
*Bridget Scarbin*

## MAY 24 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Mary Patrello†  
*Cathy Frame*

## MAY 25 THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Christine De Temple  
Norris†  
*Scott Family*

## MAY 26 FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Christine Norris†  
*Stephanie & Ron Pramik*

## MAY 27 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Alma Lee Van Scyoc†  
*Dave Fox*

## MAY 28 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Joe Bidka†  
*David Fox*

10:00 a.m. For the People

*The Sanctuary Candle*  
beside the tabernacle  
burns this week for  
**Michael Saporito**

Eucharistic Adoration will be every  
Wednesday after daily Mass: 8:30 to  
10 a.m. Please join us!

## SCHEDULES

MAY 28 & 29

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

8:00 a.m. Sunday  
Lector: C. Frame  
Eucharistic: S. Kent  
Servers: Please Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Sunday  
Lector: L. Freeland  
Eucharistic: C. McDonald  
Servers: Please Volunteer

### Sacristy

S. Artimez; E. McCormick

## OFFERING MAY 7, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 3311.00
Loose Offering	\$ 627.00
Church Repair	\$ 10.00
Xavier Hall	\$ 792.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 20.00
Ascension	\$ 20.00
Memorial Gifts	\$ 30.00
Online giving	\$ 439.95

Attendance 290

The Second Collection  
next week (May 28) is for  
Catholic Relief Services

Quarterly Kroger Earnings  
February 1st through April 30th:  
46 Households  
\$188.20



WITH HEARTFELT  
**SYMPATHY**

Condolences to the family of  
**Doris Murphy**  
May she rest in peace



## Calendar of Events

MAY 20-21	Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers
MAY 21 1 - 3 p.m.	Secular Franciscan Open House-SVDP Parish Center
JUN 6 6:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting Church Basement
JUL 6	Youth "Pilgrimage" to St. Joseph Settlement and a Sistersville Ferry Trip
AUG 20	Parish Picnic

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Recently sick:** John Kirchner, Ed Swierkos, Michael Saporito, Bob Kleinedler, Ted Scarbin, Angela Montesano, Nash Casto, Catherine Pellerin, Sr. Jeanne Vidonic, Eleanor Smith, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera, Mary Stees, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Joe Church, Joseph Grampa, Jim Barker, Loretta Saporito, Mike Rice.

**Homebound:** Kathryn Helfer Carmina Oakland, Rachel Kerekes, Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Earl Richards, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yanen, Suzy Lunau

Congratulations to all our graduates. We thank God for you, and may God be with you on your journey through life.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



**Camp Carlo**  
**Catholic Youth Adventure Camp**  
 Huttonsville, West Virginia

**June 25– July 1** - Rising 6th graders to 8th graders  
**July 2 - July 8** - A “catch all week” 3rd grade through 12th grade  
**July 9 - July 15** - Rising Freshman to Seniors in High  
**July 16 - July 22** - A “catch all week” 3rd grade through 12th grade  
**July 23 - July 29** - “A Camp Carlo Summer Vacation” free program for 7 - 12 year olds who receive support from the government or Catholic Charities.  
 \$325.00 per child with scholarships available.  
 Early Bird Special Rate of \$275 by June 1, 2023.  
 Please contact Camp Carlo Director, Deacon Raymond Godwin at [rgodwin@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgodwin@frontiernet.net) or Camp Carlo Assistant Director, Maggie Moran at [mmoran@dwc.org](mailto:mmoran@dwc.org) for more information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Plans are afoot** for a youth road trip to visit rural churches. Our final stop will be in Sistersville where we will share an evening picnic as we cruise up river on the Sistersville Ferry. Everyone is invited - young, old and in-between. Thursday, July 6 is the day. Check the bulletin for updates and sign up information.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**

**STAFF**

**Secretary:** Sr. Agatha Munyanyi, SJI  
**Bookkeeper:** Susan Board  
**Bulletin:** Robin Targosky  
**DRE:** Mary Helen Marling

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekends:** Saturday - 4 p.m.  
 Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.  
**Holy Days:** 8 a.m., 7 p.m.  
**Confessions:** Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

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— FRANCISCAN SECULARS —

**If there is one universal idea** that attracts members to the Secular Franciscan Order, surely it is the notion of pursuing simplicity – both in their prayer life as well as their day-to-day life. Although few of us would notice, several of our parishioners quietly follow the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi as members of this lay order.

In the mid ‘90’s Theresa Reynolds recalls “I saw a poster about a retreat. It pictured a woman going toward a barricaded door and beneath it were these words: *Go forward in the pursuit of that perfection to which the spirit of the Lord is calling you.* The retreat was focused on St. Claire – a saint whom I knew next to nothing about.” That retreat and delving into the spirituality of St. Clair ignited her interest in the order.

Theresa made her profession in 1995 and went on to become a Formation Director. “A secular Franciscan lives by a Rule: to be a Christian voice in the world; to live simply, concentrating on peace, justice and goodness and contemplating the crucified Christ.” She further explains: “A secular Franciscan does a particular type of prayer each day, usually the Office of the Blessed Virgin or the Liturgy of the Hours. And they meet together once a month. Those who are interested in exploring the idea of entering the order are guided by a Formation Director.”

“The statement that led me to that retreat in 1995 is forever embedded in my brain.” comments Theresa. “Our spiritual journey is one that keeps going forward – until our very last breath.”

Loretta Saporito and her husband

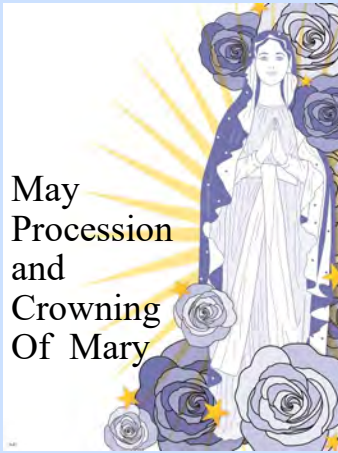
attended a meeting in 2005. What drew her? “We were just curious,” she says, “there was no lightning strike - just curiosity.” Loretta recalls that they were drawn to keep learning more about the Franciscan way of life; plus, they began to bond with the members. They became professed into the order in 2007. “Something in your heart leads you to come and to see and to experience.”

Kathy Bee says her discernment into the order began casually, as an invitation to a meeting. “I had a chance to observe other members over time. Through these wonderful people I gradually began to realize the simplicity of what God wants you to do and how the teachings of St. Francis flow from the Gospels and how the Gospels show us how to live. By being a Secular Franciscan, I never quit learning – and I love that.”

Diana Barker credits a women’s retreat and her admiration of Theresa, Loretta and Kathy as her inspiration to enter the order. She made her profession in 2015. “It’s not like becoming a nun or a priest!” she exclaims. “It’s about living simply, about being there for others, about living a less materialistic life, about giving and forgiving and helping those in need.”

The local Fraternity of Secular Franciscans is holding an open house this Sunday, May 21 from 1 to 4 at St. Vincent de Paul Church Parish Hall in Elm Grove. For more information, feel free to call Kathy Bee: 304 639-2299





Pictured above with Father and Sister Agatha is parishioner Jim Taylor, John Marshall track coach. Jim requested the school board's permission to have Father give an invocation at last week's WV State Regional Track and Field Meet. "As a coach and a dad, I know how important prayer is for our youth," he says. "The Marshall County School Board graciously agrees."

Father began the prayer with these solemn words: "Almighty Father, please bless the shoes of these racers ...."



# LANCASTER BUS TRIP



It was a LOT of fun. The Sight & Sound Theater production of "Moses" was spectacular. The food and accommodations were delicious and comfortable. Our conversations with the Amish and visits to their farms and shops gave us such deep insight into their faith and way of life. And the bus ride? It was not spent in silent meditation. Games, prizes, songs, haiku writing (and yes, a few hymns and prayers) abounded. We can hardly wait till next time!