ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

912 SEVENTH STREET, MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA. 26041 304-845-1593 sfxmoundsville@comcast.net



NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

CONTACT US

Church office: 304-845-1593 Xavier Hall: 304-845-7080 Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen: Pastor 408-858-7467

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

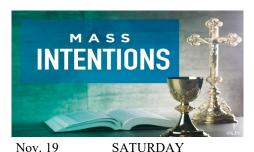
upon request.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

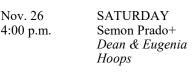
It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.



4:00 p.m. Semon Prado+ Cynthia Lewis Reasbeck Nov. 20 **SUNDAY** 8:00 a.m. Mary Prado Gaudi Prado Family 10:00 a.m. Jim Regiec+ Jerry & Lottie Durbin Nov. 21 **MONDAY** 8:00 a.m. Rocco & Helen Rich+ Karen Eisenhauer Nov. 22 **TUESDAY** 8:00 a.m. Giuse Mai Van Ho+ Jordan Vo Nov. 23 WEDNESDAY 8:00 a.m. Kathy Swift + Jane Klug THURSDAY * Nov. 24 Maria Dang Thi Hoi+ 9:00 a.m. Jordan Vo Nov. 25 **FRIDAY** 8:00 a.m. Mike Baron+ Carla & Mike Gasser



Family

Nov. 27	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Steve Eisenhauer+
	Karen Eisenhauer
10:00 a.m.	Urban & Alberta
	Klug+



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

Jane Klug

The Sanctuary Candle Beside the Tabernacle Burns this week for Kathy Jo Swift

Report Suspected child sexual abuse to law enforcement of Child Protective Services at 880-352-6513

PRAYER REQUESTS



Offering November 6

Barb Meyer, Raymond

Pennybacker, Mary Yanen.

Envelopes	\$3371.00
Loose Offering	\$372.00
Xavier Hall	\$512.00
All Saints	\$200.00
All Souls	\$90.00
Online Giving	\$589.95
Memorial Gifts	\$1035.00
Attendance	259

Thank you for your generosity!

A reminder that our Thanksgiving Day collection benefits St. Vincent dePaul Society and their ongoing support for those in need.

2023 Lector workbooks
Are here.
Lectors please pick them up from
the Sacristy entrance.

CALENDAR

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 27

PARISH LUNCHEON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 NOON Covered dish

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

11 a.m.. - 2 p.m. Xavier Hall. Monetary and toy donations ages 2 - 12 needed. Thank you to those who have already donated!

PENITENTIAL SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 3 P.M.

SCHEDULES

Nov. 26 & 27 4:00 p.m. Saturday Lector: Alice Wise

Eucharistic: M. Taskalines Servers: Please Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Lector: L. Whitelatch Eucharistic C. Frame Servers: Please Volunteer

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

Sacristy Cleaners Linda & Butch Miller

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A Communal Reconciliation Service will be on Sunday, December 11 at 3 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Father That Son, Father Doney, Father Cyprian and Father Michael will be hearing confessions.

Our Parish School of Religion First Communion Students will also be making their first confessions.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appointment **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):

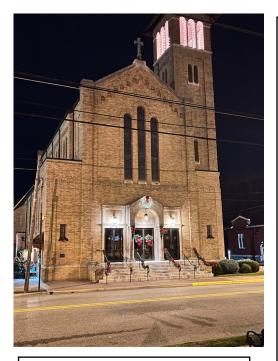
Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instruction 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.



Thank you to our amazing spidermen who installed the Christmas Lights on the church: Mark Hedrick, Dillon Mangino and Kyle Pytlak.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF TOYS

for Breakfast with Santa.

Please deposit them in the bins located in the church vestibule. Shop for boys and girls ages 2 to 11and spend no more than \$20 on each gift.

Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity.





Saturday December 10

NEW THIS YEAR

Living nativity! including stable animals! Beginning at 10 am.







ADVENT COMMUNAL PENNANCE

will be offered Dec 11 at at 3 p.m. Fr. That Son, Fr. Doney, Fr. Cyprian and Fr. Michael will be hearing confessions

OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

are a highlight of the holiday season! Please be sure to call the parish office to say your children and grandchildren will take part.

THE GABRIEL PROGJECT AT SFX will be closed Thanksgiving Day. It will reopen Thursday, Dec. 1.

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

is a special way to remember loved ones during the holidays while helping decorate the altars for Christmas. If you would like to honor someone, consider a donation to the fund in their names. Loved ones's names will be published in the Christmas bulletin. **Donations deadline is Monday, December 19th**

WE ARE RENEWING OUR CALL

for lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and altar servers. Our Sunday celebration of Mass involves so many people; we are particularly grateful for those who assist. All ministries allow us to offer up our talents, however small, our time, and our love to our Lord and to our brothers and sisters at St. Francis Xavier. Please call the office to say you will serve.

SIGN UP FOR PARISH LUNCHEON

to be held Sunday, December 4th in Xavier Hall at noon. You will find a sign up sheet in the vestibule. Mary Taskalines and Libby are looking for help decorating the Hall on Saturday, December 3rd at 9 a.m. Please help!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Thanksgiving week.