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21st 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: THE PATH

Abraham Lincoln is said to have remarked that “discipline is choosing between what you want now and what you want most.” What is it that you desire most? This is a powerful question that must be asked and answered if we want to avoid a haphazard, disjointed, and chaotic life. It also must be asked and answered if we claim to be a person of faith.

We all have smaller desires that motivate us throughout the day. I may desire to complete a project that has been sitting undone for some time or to spend some

quality time with someone I love. At the end of it all, though, what is it that you *really* desire? What will bring you true and lasting fulfillment?

If we are distracted by our lesser desires, we can easily lose touch with our truth and quickly find ourselves off track and restless. But a person who lives a truly disciplined life is always able to call themselves back to the greatest desire, to put their wants and impulses in check, and to do what is necessary to achieve the greater goal. For the believer, this can only

be accomplished by developing a habit of strong, centered, and focused prayer. The discipline of prayer allows us to keep our relationship with God fresh so that we become best friends with Him and always stay connected and in touch in one way or another.

Life teaches us some hard lessons and can easily disappoint. But God’s ever-present love is always available to transform even the most self-focused of hearts.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

4:00 p.m. Special intentions of David & Mary Shutler
Denny & Denise

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 a.m. Alberta Klug†
Jane Klug

10:00 a.m. Pat Kleinedler†
Bob & kids

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 a.m. John Mercert†
Sue, Andy, Gabi, & Ana

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 a.m. Vucelick Family†
Pam Maxwell

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00 a.m. William Kendrach Sr†
Tony & Mary Ellen Colabella

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 a.m. Joseph A. Patrello†
Cathy & Roger Frame

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 a.m. Bob & Bernadine Miller†
Miller/Porter families

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

4:00 p.m. Robert L. Shutler†
Ruth Ann & Scott Miller

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 a.m. John Mercert†
Knights of Columbus #1907

Noon: Bob & Donna Spangler†
Sister Mary Ann

*The Sanctuary Candle
Beside the Tabernacle
burns this week for
Flynn McCormick*



The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Listen to the Voice of Creation

The Season of Creation is celebrated annually by Christians all over the globe, and this year our parish will host a gathering to help all who are interested discover how to connect with this year's theme: "Listen to the Voice of Creation."

Sister Theresa Metz from the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph is presenting a program in Xavier Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. about this year's Season of Creation. It will include a light lunch, and all are welcome. There is no charge, but please call or email the office to let us know that you will attend.

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which is Sept. 1, and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4. This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the

wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

*O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth, who
are so precious in your eyes...
God of love, show us our place in
this world as channels of your
love for all the creatures of this
earth,
God of mercy, may we receive
your forgiveness and convey your
mercy throughout our common
home.
Praise be to you! Amen.*

Source: Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: Sept. 1, 2016



THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

provides financial support to help defray the cost of educating young men in the seminary who are discerning a call to the priesthood in our diocese. Please pray for the men God has chosen to follow in the footsteps of His son.

Prayer
REQUESTS

Recently Sick: 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,

Bobby Kleinedler, Suzy Lunau, Jim Barker, Kathryn Helfer, Loretta Saporito, Phil Remke, Catherine Pellerin.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
LAYMEN'S RETREAT LEAGUE - DAY OF REFLECTION WITH BISHOP BRENNAN
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | St. Vincent Marist Hall, Elm Grove. \$30 a seat. Call Don Klamut at 304-280-4626 to sign up.

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!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Cathedral Courtyard Plaza area @ 1300 Eoff St., Wheeling. Live music, games, vendors, food trucks, and fun. All are welcome!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION STARTS
 9 - 9:45 a.m. | former school.
PLEASE REGISTER BY AUG. 19 with the office. Forms are on the website.

ONGOING EVENTS

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 | 304-810-4380 reaches Mary.

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.

SCHEDULES
AUG 27 & 28

4:00 p.m. Saturday
Lector: Dave Evans
Eucharistic: Julie Fecat
Servers: Please Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Sunday
Lector: Trisha Whitelatch
Eucharistic: Steve Kent
Servers: Please Volunteer

Noon Sunday (picnic)
Lector: Christine King
Eucharistic: Larry Freeland
Servers: Please Volunteer

Sacristy
 Jenny Ingram
 Daunel Gump

SATURDAY MASS GOERS:
 Reynolds Memorial Hospital is having a reunion in Xavier Hall on Saturday evening. Although it begins at 6 p.m., parking may be tight!

A Mass for the Conversion of Lost Souls is being celebrated at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, the eve of the Memorial to St. Monica, at St. Joseph Cathedral in Wheeling.

OFFERING
AUG 7, 2022

Envelopes	\$3,520.00
Loose Offering	\$263.00
Church Repair	\$20.00
Xavier Hall	\$537.00
Disaster Relief	\$100.00
Memorial	\$1,300.00
Online Giving	\$699.95
Attendance	193

Report suspected child sexual abuse to law enforcement or Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS VITAL, and Daniel Maul, who oversees evangelization and catechesis for the diocese, is coming to both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses Sept. 11 to talk to us as parishioners, families, and parents about this. Daniel is an inspiring and compassionate voice for religious education, and we are urging all families and children to come to one of these Masses to hear what Daniel has to impart. It is important for you and your families, especially the children. Please be sure to mark your calendars.

A SERIES OF GOSPEL CONCERTS will be happening at the First Christian Church's Praise Park, which is behind the church on the corner of Third Street and Grant Avenue in Moundsville. Refreshments will be available, and a love offering will be received. The concerts begin at 6 p.m. Bring a chair and join us! The next concerts will be the Ron Retzer Trio this Sunday, Aug. 21, and the Fox Family on the Aug. 28.

THOMAS MERTON'S WAY OF LIVING IN UNITY WITH THE EARTH is the focus of a contemplative inquiry to be offered in part by the Sisters of St. Joseph on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10:30 a.m - noon. The cost is \$25. Dr. Kathleen Noone Deignan, who is also a sister of the Congregation of Notre Dame, will lead the virtual event. Participants can also watch with others at the St. Joseph Retreat Center in Wheeling. Please register here: csjthewell.org/programs/thomas-merton/

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