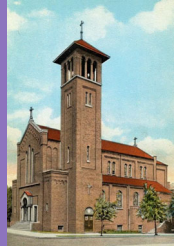


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FOURTH

Sunday of Advent

“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid
to take Mary your
wife into your home.”

Matthew 1:20

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December 22, 2019

Mary and Joseph play a key role in our Catholic devotional and spiritual life. No doubt, much of our devotion to Jesus' mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph, is rooted in our appreciation of their willingness to put themselves at the disposal of the will of God, to seek what God most desired of them and to carry it out. We find their example inspiring, and their proximity to the Lord consoling and encouraging. Knowing that they said yes to God in such dramatic and pivotal ways, even when there was so much at stake and there were so many obstacles to take into account, gives us much to ponder. Yet there is something else we must not forget: while God could have come to be with us as a child in any manner at all, God chose to be with us through the active and humble cooperation of a woman and a man, Mary and Joseph.

EMMANUEL

Of all of the names connected to our Lord, two stand out in the ways that they describe the identity and mission of the Lord: “Emmanuel: God is with us” and “Jesus: God saves.” The

most stunning thing about our Christian faith is that God is not distant, abstract, demanding, a god of wrath and military might. Rather, God desires to be near to us, in relationship, one with us in our challenges and in our joys. God is with us even when remaining with us will lead to betrayal, persecution, and violent death. God who is beyond all of this struggle remains with us so that we might transcend the limitations of our human nature in order to become more like God, to embrace the divine light that resides within each of us. As we approach the celebration of Christmas, consider this: what does it mean to you that God is with us, now and always? What does this call you to be and to do as a Christian, as a follower of God's Son, Jesus, who is with us and who saves us?

Today's Readings: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24

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DEC. 21 SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. **Theresa Baum†**
(Family)

DEC. 22 SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. **Inez Rakoski†**
(Arch & Joann Blair)

10:00 A.M. **Pat Kleinedler†**
(Pam Maxwell)

DEC. 23 MONDAY
8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Phillips Eddy†**
(Doug & Jacki Wade & Family)

DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 P.M. **For Children in need of safety,
security and comfort in their daily
lives.**

10:00 P.M. **Estep/Yeater Families†**
(David Yeater)

DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 A.M. **For the living and deceased
members of St. Francis Xavier
Parish**

DEC. 26 THURSDAY
8:00 A.M. **Robert & Paul Tuttle†**
(Kathryn Helfer)

DEC. 27 FRIDAY
8:00 A.M. **Joseph A. & Mary C. Patrello†**
(Cathy & Roger Frame)

DEC. 28 SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. **Joyce Drake†**
(Cork & Joanne Potts)

DEC. 29 SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Eddy†**
(Robert Kinnick Family)

10:00 A.M. **For the living and deceased
members of St. Francis Xavier
Parish**

Celebrate the joy of Christmas by giving in the true spirit of the season. Share your gratitude for all of the blessings that you have received throughout the year, confidently knowing that your gift is assisting our parish in advancing the mission of the Church.

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

12/28 4:00 p.m. M. Klug/L. Magnone
12/29 8:00 a.m. T. Wise/J.Hess
12/29 10:00 a.m. C. King/M. Helfer
12/31 4:00 p.m.
1/1 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers:

12/28 4:00 p.m. Volunteer
12/29 8:00 a.m. Kent
12/29 10:00 a.m. Swift
12/31 4:00 p.m. Volunteer
1/1 10:00 a.m. Volunteer

Gift Bearers:

12/28 4:00 p.m. Ellen McCormick
12/29 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan
12/29 10:00 a.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

Sacristy Cleaners Week of Dec. 23:

Latrishia Whitelatch & Charlotta Durbin

Greeters:

12/28 4:00 p.m. Gina & Mark Hedrick
12/29 8:00 a.m. Phil & Loretta Remke
12/29 10:00 a.m. Butch & Linda Miller

Bingo: December 27, 2019

Raffle: Diane Barker

Kitchen: Sue Church

COLLECTION: December 8, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 3,487.00
Loose Offering	\$ 659.00
Building Repairs	\$ 721.00
Xavier Hall	\$ 155.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 585.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 448.00
Shut-in Project	\$ 195.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 230.00
Pennies for God	\$ 19.17

Attendance - 292

CSA Goal: \$19,070

Raised: \$10,541

Donations received from now on are returned to us.

SECOND COLLECTION CHRISTMAS

Catholic Charities West Virginia

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

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

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

Church Office Phone: 304-845-1593

Church Hall Phone: 304-845-9238

Xavier Hall Phone: 304-845-7080

Rev. That Son Cell: 408-858-7467

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sfxmoundsville@comcast.net

Website:

sfxmoundsville.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.



St. Francis Xavier Parish Invites You to Worship with us at Christmas

December 24:

- 4:00 p.m. - Christmas Mass beginning with Children's pageant and procession with live animals.
- 9:30 p.m. - Carols by the Choir
- 10:00 p.m. - Christmas Mass with Incense & blessing of the crèche.

December 25:

- 10:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

Bishop Brennan will visit our parish on Sunday, January 12. He will celebrate 10 a.m. Mass - The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Afterward, we will have a covered dish dinner in Xavier Hall.

Please come and meet our new Bishop! A sign up sheet is in the church vestibule.



Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the families of:
Stella Druschel
And
Helen Cuchta
May they rest in peace.

Parish Youth Bowling Party

Monday, December 30th
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
St. Clair Lanes
St. Clairesville, Ohio
Meet at 10:00 in the church parking lot
Chaperones and drivers needed

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:

Prayer Request: Sara Walters, Georgia Pettit, Diane Young, Joanne Potts, Mike Davis, Tex Reynolds, Norma Holmes, Marjolea DeBold, Linda Anderson, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Dave Williams, Bobby Kleinedler, Barbara Harris, Joe Church. **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes. **Nursing Home:** Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Ron Jaworski.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Dec. 24** - 4 pm Children's Mass
9:30 pm Carols with the Choir
10:00 pm Christmas Mass
- Dec. 25** - 10:00 am Christmas Mass
- Dec. 29** - No class for Parish School of Religion
- Dec. 30** - 11 -2 Parish youth bowling party
- Jan. 1** - Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
- Jan. 2** - Mass at Cameron Nursing Home
- Jan. 2** - Discipleship and Drafts
7:00 pm Generations Restaurant
- Jan. 10** - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
- Jan. 12** - 10 am Mass with the Bishop
- Jan. 15** - 10 am Bereavement Group
- Jan. 16** - 11 am Cooking Series
- Jan. 21** - Mass at Moundview Nursing Home
- Jan. 22** - 6:30 p.m. Parish Council

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week for:

Inez Rakoski

Requested by

Arch & Joann Blair



Back by popular demand!
Cooking Series II

Cork Potts will lead the first session of the year on Thursday, January 16 at 11:00 in the Parish Hall. He promises to share the secrets of his grandmother's bean soup recipe. The series continues in February with cuisines from India and Italy. Chefs Father Arul and Tony Polsinelli are planning their menus. If you have a talent for cooking, please volunteer to lead a session.



May the spirit of God be with you this Christmas, and may your family be blessed with all of his most precious gifts.

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday.
Father That Son and the parish staff.



Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, contact local law enforcement, or contact WV Child Protective Services: 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese, contact this diocesan number: 888-434-6237.



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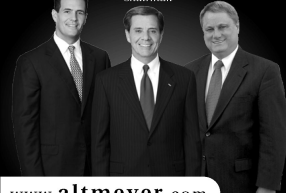


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