

# St. Francis Xavier Parish

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JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED,  
PREACHING IN THE DESERT OF JUDEA  
AND SAYING, "REPENT,  
FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN  
IS AT HAND!"

MATTHEW 3:1



SECOND SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 8, 2019

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Remember Eden? God created humans and all creatures in love, for love. The failure of humanity recorded in the book of Genesis is that from the beginning people have tended to desire, not to be like God, but to be gods. Instead of seeing the fingerprint of our creator in others, we tend to see them as competition. Where there is abundance, we see scarcity. We seek the things of this world rather than seeking and finding God's life and goodness in our midst. The writer of Isaiah paints a far better picture, which Christians have seen as a foretelling of the Christ, the Anointed One of God, Jesus.

## THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND

Knowing Jesus as the One for whom the people of God have longed helps us to understand John the Baptist's strong words to the Pharisees and Sadducees in today's Gospel passage. They had the responsibility to lead the people toward right relationship with God and others, and instead had failed to produce the fruits of faithful living themselves. John did

not prevent them from approaching him for the baptism of repentance, but asked them to turn their lives more faithfully to God and live accordingly. John understood himself as the forerunner of the One for whom the people had been waiting—the one upon whom the spirit of the Lord rests, the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and strength, knowledge and fear of the Lord.

In Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Lord. Not that Jesus has not already come, or that the Lord is not already in our midst; rather, we take this season to appreciate in a new and fuller way that God's coming as a child in Bethlehem and Christ's promised return are about the establishment of the kingdom of God—already in our midst and yet not known in its fullness until the Lord returns in glory.

Today's Readings: Is 11:1–10; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Rom 15:4–9; Mt 3:1–12

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# Masses for the Week

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**DEC. 7 SATURDAY**  
4:00 P.M. **Leroy Hitt†**  
(Mark Hitt)

**DEC. 8 SUNDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Prado & Skvarka Families†**  
(Phil Skvarka Jr.)  
10:00 A.M. **Joe & Ellen Curia†**  
(Curia Family)

**DEC. 9 MONDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Eddy†**  
(Mrs. Wallington & The Freeland Family)

**DEC. 10 TUESDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Don McCormick†**  
(Pat & Mike Urbanek)

**DEC. 11 WEDNESDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Brenda Kurko†**  
(Cathy Frame)

**DEC. 12 THURSDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Peggy Howe†**  
(Butch & Linda Miller)

**DEC. 13 FRIDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Herbert Yoho Family†**  
(Joanne Ray)

**DEC. 14 SATURDAY**  
4:00 P.M. **Dale & Dorothy Potts†**  
(Cork & Joanne Potts)

**DEC. 15 SUNDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Mary & Fred Nadolski†**  
(Nadolski Family)  
10:00 A.M. **Pat Kleinedler†**  
(Kathy Curia Davidson)



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Celebrated on Monday, December 9th this year and is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULES

### Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

12/14 4:00 p.m. Danny Prado/M. Taskalines  
12/15 8:00 a.m. Rose Hess/John Hess  
12/16 10:00 a.m. L. Remke/P. Remke

### Altar Servers:

12/14 4:00 p.m. VOLUNTEER  
12/15 8:00 a.m. Kent  
12/15 10:00 a.m. Miller

### Gift Bearers:

12/14 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump  
12/15 8:00 a.m. Dan & Lori Laberde  
12/15 10:00 a.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

### Sacristy Cleaners: Week of December 8th

Linda & Butch Miller

### Greeters:

12/14 4:00 p.m. Bridget Scarbin & Cork Potts  
12/15 8:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam & Lottie Durbin  
12/15 10:00 a.m. Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

### Bingo: December 13, 2019

**Raffle:** : Loretta Niemiec

**Kitchen:** Daunel Gump

### COLLECTION: November 24, 2019

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 2710.00</b>
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<b>Shut-in Project</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>
<b>Memorial Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>
<b>Pennies for God</b>	<b>\$ 20.93</b>

**Attendance - 305**

**THANK YOU** to all who supported the collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society on Thanksgiving Day. Total donations are \$1,074.00.

These donations help support the holiday food baskets that St. Vincent de Paul Society distributes to needy families in Marshall County.

### **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

**Parish Office Email:**

[sfxmoundville@comcast.net](mailto:sfxmoundville@comcast.net)

**Website:**

[sfxmoundville.org](http://sfxmoundville.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.



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

**Prayer Request:** 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, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Dec. 13** - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
- Dec. 15** - 11am Decorate the Church
- Dec. 15** - 4 pm Communal Penance Service
- Dec. 17** - 11am Mass at Moundview with Holiday Carols
- Dec. 21** - 9 am Deliver flowers to shut-ins

The second collection  
this weekend (December 7 & 8)  
is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.**



Communal Penance Service  
Sunday, December 15 at 4:00  
St. Francis Xavier Church  
Homilist: Father James Lacrosse

**Thank you** to: Gina & Mark Hedrick, Dillon Mangino and Kyle Pytlak for decorating the outside of the church for Christmas. It looks beautiful!

**Thank you** to those who cleaned the church for Advent and Christmas:  
Julie Anderson, Ruth Ann Bertrand, Cindy Gunto, Theresa & Tex Reynolds, Libby Magnone, Joanne Ray, Mary Marsh, Paula Conners, Jenny & Al Ingram, Suzanne Artimez, Kitty Pazyk, Linda Miller, Sue Church, Cathy Frame, Jonette Holmes, Carolyn Gordon, Ellen McCormick, Mary Taskalines, Daunel Gump, Lottie Durbin.  
Your support and dedication to our parish is appreciated more than you can ever know. May God grant all those who support our parish a Blessed and Joyous Christmas.

**Thank you** to our parish artists that decorated 350 gift bags for the Christmas packages for the prison: Veronica DiCola, Rosemary Patron, Lottie Durbin, Suzanne Artimez, Gina Hoops, Christine McDonald, Rick Targosky, and Jeff, Kim, and Payton Dougherty.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  
Friday, December 13 in  
Xavier Hall. 11 to 5  
Fish, Fries, Cole Slaw, Pierogi, Macaroni & Cheese, Drinks,  
Homemade Desserts  
Workers and baked goods are needed!  
Contact Greg Green 304-238-3621 or  
Cork Potts 304-845-2686

**Office of Safe Environment**

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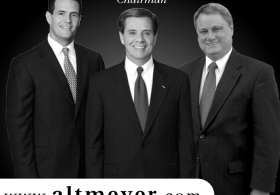


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