

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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You are the

light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:14

February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Today's readings leave no room for half-heartedness. As beneficiaries of God's providence, we cannot hold back when serving others. When Isaiah instructs us to share our bread with the hungry, he offers no qualifications. He does not add, "if you think you can," or "after all of your own needs have been met." On the contrary, the prophet simply reports that God expects us to care for those in need. In a similar way, the Gospel call is unconditional. Like a city atop a mountain, the Christian life cannot be hidden. Followers of Jesus do not have the option to sit by and wish vaguely for someone else to take care of hunger, homelessness, oppression, and ignorance. God calls us into service. If we have heard the call, we must respond.

PROCEED WITH PRAYER

We all agree that caring for others is important. Absolutely no one wants to see a child waste away from starvation. And yet, we often fear to donate time, talent, or money to chari-

table causes. What if recipients use the money poorly? What if donations promote helplessness and long-term dependence? What if my own situation isn't very stable? How can I help others when my daily life is so difficult and the future so uncertain? These are legitimate questions. And God wants us to use our intellect when discerning how best to perform good deeds. But uncertainty must not lead to inaction. If we don't know exactly how to proceed, we must spend a great deal of time in prayer. In prayer, we consider our options and ask the Lord to show us how to be salt and light in the world. As today's psalm reminds us, God calls us to be gracious and merciful. Believing firmly that God will always care for us, we trust with steadfast hearts and share with others—not occasionally, guiltily, or provisionally, but "lavishly."

Today's Readings: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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Masses for the Week

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FEB. 8 SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. **Pat Kleinedler†**
(Don & Agnes Gray)

FEB. 9 SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Phillips Eddy†**
(Melanie Madden)

10:00 A.M. **Jack Helfer†**
(Kathryn Helfer)

FEB. 10 MONDAY
8:00 A.M. **Isabel Ferris Wolfe†**
(Libby G. Magnone)

FEB. 11 TUESDAY
8:00 A.M. **Gregory "Shad" Fromhart†**
(John Harrigan)

FEB. 12 WEDNESDAY
8:00 A.M. **William A. Meister†**
(Patricia Lucia)

FEB. 13 THURSDAY
8:00 A.M. **Dan Hixenbaugh†**
(Sandy Podolia)

FEB. 14 FRIDAY
8:00 A.M. **Louise & Chester Berry & deceased members of the Rakoskie Family**
(Teresa Vermeulen)

FEB. 15 SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. **Shad Fromhart†**
(Joyce Fromhart, Josh, Jacob & Stacey)

FEB. 16 SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. **Laura Ferrell†**
(Bob & Margaret Shutler)

10:00 A.M. **Patty Kleinedler†**
(Pam Ryan)

Parish Family Fun and Games
Today (Sunday) at 4:00 in Xavier Hall
You bring games and snacks;
We will bring pizza and drinks.

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

2/15 4:00 p.m. Danny Prado/M. Klug
2/16 8:00 a.m. M. Hitt/S. Kent
2/16 10:00 a.m. Mike Lewis/S. Vargo

Altar Servers:

2/15 4:00 p.m. Whitelatch
2/16 8:00 a.m. Kent
2/16 10:00 a.m. Swift

Gift Bearers:

2/15 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
2/16 8:00 a.m. Dan & Lori Laberdee
2/16 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of February 10, 2020

Joe Pavilky

Greeters:

2/15 4:00 p.m. Phil & Loretta Remke
2/16 8:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam & Lottie Durbin
2/16 10:00 a.m. Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

Bingo: February 14, 2020

Raffle: Bob Kleinedler

Kitchen: Daunel Gump

COLLECTION: January 26, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 3040.00
Loose Offering	\$ 768.00
Building Repairs	\$ 50.00
Latin America	\$ 435.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 350.00
Pennies for God	\$ 42.32

Attendance - 274

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS
FOR BUILDING FUND
AND PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

Wednesday, February 26 ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. - Mass with distribution of ashes
12:00 Noon - Brief Prayer Service with
distribution of ashes
7:00 P.M. - Mass with distribution of ashes

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.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Prayer Request: Katherine Peligrin, Karen Eisenhauer, Christine McDonald, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Diane Young, Joanne Potts, Tex Reynolds, Dave Williams, Bobby Kleinedler. **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes. **Nursing Home:** Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Ron Jaworski.

MOUNDSVILLE AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION Lenten Services

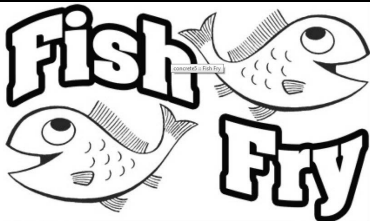
Wednesday, March 4: First Christian Church
1200 3rd St.
Wednesday, March 11: First Presbyterian
1000 3rd St.
Wednesday, March 18: Messiah Lutheran
5th Street & Lafayette Ave.
Wednesday, March 25: Calvary United Methodist
1st Street & Cedar Ave.
Wednesday, April 1st: Saint Jude
710 Jefferson Ave., Glen Dale
Services begin at noon and are followed by a light luncheon

Friday, April 10th (Good Friday): Walk the Cross from Calvary UMC at 11 a.m. to St. Francis Xavier Church, stopping at churches along the way for scripture and prayer. Service at St. Francis Xavier starting at noon.

GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND

On Feb. 29 & Mar. 1 we will have a display of beautiful handmade olive wood carvings from the Holy Land. The sales from these carvings will support our fellow Christians in the Holy Land. It is a major source of income for families struggling to remain in the Holy Land.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER / KNIGHTS FISH FRY



We have fish fries Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th and every Friday during lent. We need donated desserts, volunteers, and customers!

Make a date, bring a friend.

EAT, DONATE, VOLUNTEER

Delivery available: 304-845-7080

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 9 - Family Fun Afternoon
Feb. 18 - Mass at Moundview Nursing Home
Feb. 19 - Sister Act Cooking Class 11am
Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday
Feb. 26 - Fish Fry (Ash Wednesday)
Feb. 28 - Fish Fry (Lenten Friday)
Feb. 29 & Mar. 1 - Gifts from the Holy land sale

NOTE WELL!!!: No Fish Fry this Friday (Feb. 14)
Cooking Class is now on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19

JOIN US

If you are a regular attender at Mass and you have never officially registered, please call the church office during regular hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (304) 845-1593.

We are planning a new parish directory and we don't want to leave you out!

FOOD PACKING EVENT

The West Virginia Knights of Columbus are hosting an event on February 29 at Our Lady of Peace to provide nutritious meals for needy children in the world. Help is needed in both the AM shift (8-12) and the PM shift (12-4). Contact Ray Blust 304-281-1621 or Jermac McGlumphy 304-215-2952

MAY WE SUGGEST...

TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!
- Feel free to sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, servers, choir, etc.
- If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church! They are members of our community, and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

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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