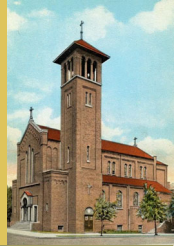


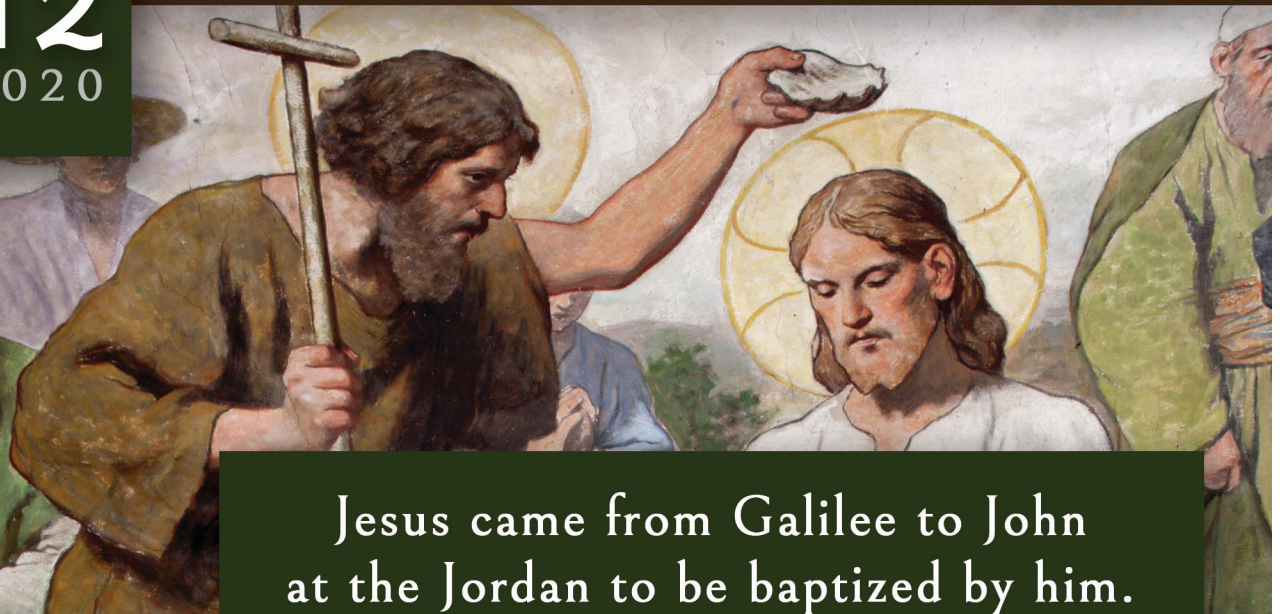
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Jesus came from Galilee to John
at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:13

The Baptism of the Lord

We can almost hear the amazement in John the Baptist's voice as he says to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Throughout the time that John preached and baptized people in the desert, he had been preparing people for the coming of the Messiah. Now, Jesus approaches him for baptism! We might share in his wonder. Why would Jesus, who is sinless, come to John for a baptism of repentance? Jesus' response to John helps us understand. Jesus has come to fulfill all that is expected in the Messiah, and more. As he entered the waters of baptism, Jesus entered fully into our humanity, raising us toward God. Jesus sanctified the waters of baptism, making them holy, opening the heavens through his humble obedience to God's plan of love.

CHRIST'S MISSION IS OUR MISSION

As Jesus came out of the baptismal waters, the Holy

Spirit descended upon him and a voice from the heavens was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." In joining himself to humanity, Jesus opened the heavens for us, and in doing so, was confirmed in his mission of mercy and love. In baptism, we are joined with Christ. Immersed into his life and love, his mission is our mission. It is still early in this new year. Today, reflect on your baptismal call to live as a member of Christ's body. In what ways do you love God and others? In what ways might you grow as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ? How are you living the mission of Christ, to make God's love and mercy known in the world? Is Christ's mission your mission?

Today's Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

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JAN. 11 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Pat Kleinedler†**
(Maria & Bryan Minor)

JAN. 12 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Eddy†**
(Artimez Family)
 10:00 A.M. **For the People**

JAN. 13 **MONDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Marilyn Neidhardt†**
(Cindy Gunto)

JAN. 14 **TUESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Don McCormick†**
(Barb & Charlie Racer)

JAN. 15 **WEDNESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Matilda Padula†**
(Jan & George Bell)

JAN. 16 **THURSDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Judy Remke Hayhurst†**
(Loretta Remke)

JAN. 17 **FRIDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Andrew & Hilda Butchko†**
(Andrea Farley)

JAN. 18 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **John & Dorothy Wayman†**
(Bob & Margaret Shutler)

JAN. 19 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Marilyn Neidhardt†**
(Bob Neidhardt and Steve & Kim Starcovic & Family)
 10:00 A.M. **Pat Kleinedler†**
(Chuck & Mary Taskalines)

From Veronica and Rosemary DiCola:

In appreciation of the overwhelming love, support and prayers we received when our house burned to the ground - we are having a party! Everyone is welcome Sunday, February 2, 12:00 to 6:00 at 48 Dexter Avenue, Moundsville.

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

1/18 4:00 p.m. Libby Magnone/Danny Prado
 1/19 8:00 a.m. J. Hess/T. Wise
 1/19 10:00 a.m. J. Kuskey/L. Remke

Altar Servers:

1/18 4:00 p.m. Volunteer
 1/19 8:00 a.m. Laberde
 1/19 10:00 a.m. Blatt

Gift Bearers:

1/18 4:00 p.m. Ellen McCormick
 1/19 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan
 1/19 10:00 a.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of January 13, 2020

John Harrigan & Lori Laberde

Greeters:

1/18 4:00 p.m. Bridget Scarbin & Cork Potts
 1/19 8:00 a.m. Phil & Loretta Remke
 1/19 10:00 a.m. Sue Church/ Cindy Gunto

Bingo January 17, 2020

Raffle: Mark Hitt

Kitchen: Ellen McCormick

COLLECTION: December 25, 2019

Christmas Envelopes	\$ 3783.00
Loose Offering	\$ 1466.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 2081.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 660.00
Attendance -	549

COLLECTION: December 29, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 2517.00
Loose Offering	\$ 630.00
Building Repairs	\$ 20.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 45.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 45.00
Christmas	\$ 100.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 325.00
Pennies for God	\$ 4.40
Attendance -	297

We reached our goal! And then some!!!

Our CSA goal for 2019 was \$19,070. Through the amazing, awesome & inspiring generosity of our parishioners, we raised \$33,070. Wow!

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:

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.



**We welcome Bishop Brennan
who will be celebrating 10
o'clock Mass this weekend.**

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Prayer Request: Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Joe Novel, 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.

PRAYING PELICANS YOUTH MISSION

We will once again be hosting the **Praying Pelicans Youth Mission** March 14-20. Students from Moore University Parish in Bowling Green, Ohio and students from New Song Christian Community in Lake Elsinore, California will be staying with us for a week while they work on service projects in our community.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS FUN AFTERNOON
Sunday, February 9 at 4:00 PM**

Come join us in Xavier Hall for an afternoon of country dancing, food, children's games and fun. Bring your favorite games to play and your favorite snack to share. We will provide pizza and drinks.

SPECIAL LITURGY JANUARY 25-26

On the 1600th anniversary of the death of Saint Jerome, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit issis*, establishing the "Sunday of the Word of God" on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. In response to Pope Francis' call, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is asking parishes to observe this celebration the weekend of January 25-26 with special readings and liturgy.

What is the Language of Loss?

Each of us mourns the death of someone they love differently. Some cope with grief by themselves while others find comfort by sharing their experiences and emotions with others. If you are searching for a way to navigate loss, remember our Grief Support Group. The next meeting is this Wednesday, the 15th at 10 in the Church Hall.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 15** - 10 am Grief Support Group
- Jan. 16** - 11 am Cooking Series
- Jan. 21** - Mass at Moundview Nursing Home
- Jan. 22** - 6:30 p.m. Parish Council
- Jan. 23** - Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Jan. 24** - March for Life in Washington, D.C.
- Feb. 6** - Mass at Cameron Nursing Home
- Feb. 9** - Family Fun Afternoon
- Feb. 26** - Ash Wednesday

COOKING SERIES PART II

Our monthly cooking series will be starting up again this week. Jim Ali will be demonstrating and sharing his aunt's wild rice casserole recipe on Thursday at 11:00 in the Xavier Hall. Upcoming sessions include the cuisines of India and Italy in February. All are welcome!

LOOKING BACK— AND GOING FORWARD WITH GRATITUDE

It's hard to know how to take the full measure of parish life. Our bean counters tell us that on average we had 12 less people at weekend Masses in 2019 than the year before. Despite this, our average offering increased. During the past year 17 of our dear parishioners were buried. We also registered 7 new families.

And while we are looking at numbers – astoundingly, our pierogi group gathered to make **12,000** pierogies last year; 2 groups of 30 parishioners spent 14 weeks studying the Bible; 10 of our parishioners made a habit of walking across the street to the Methodist soup kitchen one Friday a month and fed hundreds of meals to Moundsville's hungry; our burgeoning Thursday Gabriel Project had more than 100 visits last year and now serves over 50 clients; with the help of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we gave food or shelter to 45 desperate community members and gave away 39 food baskets at Christmas; our Knights of Columbus not only served fish every Friday in Lent, but just about every 2nd Friday every month; our intrepid weekly collection counters meticulously counted \$302,500 in offerings; our choir sang joyfully at 57 Masses last year (with many practices). Their only reward: the angels' assurance that a song is a prayer we pray twice.

Office of Safe Environment

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