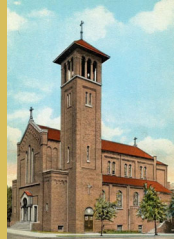


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THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES
AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS
OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

MATTHEW 2:11

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020



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Saint Paul speaks of the “stewardship of God’s grace” to which he was called. Like Saint Paul, each of us is to be a steward of God’s grace. A steward is one who is entrusted with something that belongs to another. The steward bears responsibility for what is entrusted to him or her. Saint Paul understands that his encounter with the Lord and his faith in Jesus Christ carry with them a sacred responsibility, to bring the news of salvation to all. We too have been blessed with much, including the gift of faith, and are called to be good stewards of all with which we have been entrusted. We do this by nurturing a faithful and faith-filled heart, responding to God’s grace through the attitudes and actions that make up our daily lives. We do this as well by sharing our faith and the impact of faith with others, so that they may be drawn to our Lord. This is a sacred responsibility, a blessing, a privilege.

BEARING GIFTS

The magi brought gifts to the baby Jesus. What gifts do you bring to the Lord? You might have the gift of patience or under-

standing and bring this gift in your interactions with others. You might have a talent for bringing new ideas and creative insights into situations at home, work, parish, or your city. You might have a gift for helping people to work together for a great cause or purpose. All of these gifts have been given to you by God, to be used for God’s purposes, for God’s greater glory. All of these are glimpses of God’s grace, and like Saint Paul, you are called to be a good steward of them, as a sign of Christ’s life within you. You bring your gifts to the Lord by using them well, sharing them generously and responsibly in caring for others and for all of creation.

Today’s Readings: Is 60:1–6; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

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MASSSES for the WEEK

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JAN. 4 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Ruth Ann Harrigan†**
 (Harrigan Family)

JAN. 5 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Diane Klem†**
 (Christine Drake)
 10:00 A.M. **Ronald Taylor†**
 (Mike & Connie Veronis)

JAN. 6 **MONDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Okey & Clara Tuttle†**
 (Kathryn Helfer)

JAN. 7 **TUESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Jenny & Mark Joseph Novel†**
 (Kathryn Helfer)

JAN. 8 **WEDNESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Clarence & Thelma Baker†**
 (Marlene Lawther)

JAN. 9 **THURSDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Terry McDonald**
 (Chris & Terry McDonald)

JAN. 10 **FRIDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Matilda Padula†**
 (Frank Martini)

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**



There will be a parish council meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

1/11 4:00 p.m. A. Wise/Libby Magnone
 1/12 8:00 a.m. R. Hess/ J. Hess
 1/12 10:00 a.m. P. Whitwam/ J. Kuskey

Altar Servers:

1/11 4:00 p.m. Frizzell
 1/12 8:00 a.m. Kent
 1/12 10:00 a.m. Swift/Whitelatch

Gift Bearers:

1/11 4:00 p.m. John & Loretta Niemiec
 1/12 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt
 1/12 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of January 5, 2020

Julie Anderson & Ruth Bertrand

Greeters:

1/11 4:00 p.m. Phil & Loretta Remke
 1/12 8:00 a.m. Roger Frame
 1/12 10:00 a.m. Sally Vargo & Jenny Ingram

Bingo January 10, 2020

Raffle: Bob Kleinedler

Kitchen: Daunel Gump

COLLECTION: December 22, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 4,296.00
Loose Offering	\$ 615.00
Building Repairs	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Con.	\$ 10.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 625.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 545.00
Pennies for God	\$ 11.45

Attendance - 313

Thank you to Pete and Judy Mysliwicz for their donation to the New Organ Fund

The Second Collection next week, Jan. 11 & 12 is for Building Fund & Parish Improvements

If you wish a copy of your 2019 contributions please call the Church Office at 304-845-1593

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

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Rev. That Son Cell: 408-858-7467

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Website: 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.

Please remember in your prayers:

Prayer Request: Thomas Sullivan, Joe Novel, 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.

How do we bring people closer to Jesus?

Facebook! Tweet! Email! Text!

Invite, greet, welcome using social media to spread the message of Jesus. Let us make a new year practice engaging with each other. Let's make our Catholic faith matter.

An excerpt from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter on the meaning and importance of the nativity scene:

Standing before the Christmas crèche, we are reminded of the time when we were children, eagerly waiting to set it up. These memories make us all the more conscious of the precious gift received from those who passed on the faith to us. At the same time, they remind us of our duty to share this same experience with our children and our grandchildren. It does not matter how the nativity scene is arranged: it can always be the same or it can change from year to year. What matters is that it speaks to our lives. Wherever it is, and whatever form it takes, the Christmas crèche speaks to us of the love of God, the God who became a child in order to make us know how close he is to every man, woman and child, regardless of their condition.

Shut in Project

Here is a list of some of our parishioners who took some time out to help deliver flowers to our shut-in community this Christmas Season: Phil & Loretta Remke, Libby Magnone, Ruth Bertrand, Julie Anderson, Chris & Terry McDonald, Barb Yost, Rose Hess, Paula Connors, Mark Hitt, Bill Yurisko, and Sam Storrick. They delivered poinsettias & Christmas ornaments to 47 shut-ins.

All are welcome to join us for dinner after 10:00 Mass with the Bishop next Sunday. If you have not yet signed up, do it today.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Jan. 24 - March for Life in Washington, D.C.

The Sanctuary Candle

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FISH FRY



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Friday, January 10 in Xavier Hall
11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Fish Sandwiches, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Pierogi, Macaroni & Cheese, Cabbage and Noodles, Drinks, and Homemade Desserts.

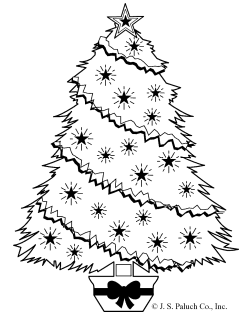
For deliveries call 304-845-7080.

Workers and baked goods are needed!

Contact Greg Green 304-238-3621

Christmas Thanks

We are grateful to our decorators, cleaners, servers, cantors, lectors, shut-in project volunteers, communion ministers, singers, musicians, actors, animal wranglers, costume tailors, program coordinators, and all who helped make this Christmas season wonderful.



While we are thanking people...

Thank you for your monthly support of our beautiful, 100 year old church. Last year we spent \$8,100 on elevator maintenance alone. We have recently signed a contract with Angelina Stone & Marble for \$5,100 to repair masonry and replace a storm window high on the bell tower.

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