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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends:

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.



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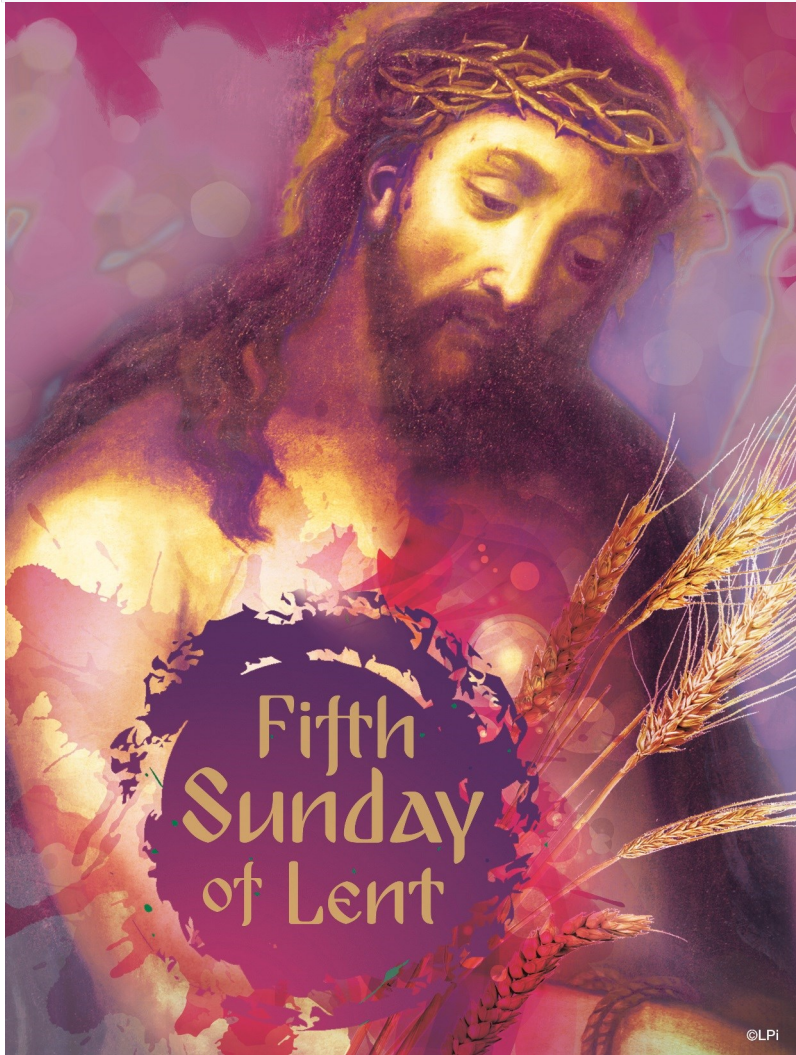
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REGISTRATION CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be registered at the parish office. Please update your information when you move.



PRACTICING CATHOLIC- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they

can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And

God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." — Jeremiah 31:33

WORSHIP & OUTREACH



MAR 16 SATURDAY

4:00 P.M. Loretta Saporito †
Chuck & Mary Taskalines

MAR 17 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Deanne Ferraro †
Celeste Evans



10:00 a.m. Frank Curia †
The Curia Family

MAR 18 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

MAR 19 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Carol Chambers †
Denny & Denise Phillips

MAR 20 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Semon† & Phyllis ♥
Prado Danny Prado

MAR 21 THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. The Intentions of Mary
Agnes Carroll

MAR 22 FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
Joan & Wayne Lemasters

MAR 23 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Mary Stees †
Jerry & Lottie Durban

MAR 24 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. The Intention of Mary
Agnes Carroll

10:00 a.m. Joe Church †
Mark & Jane Helfer

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Wheeling invite you to celebrate your Irish-Catholic heritage by joining the AOH. Info at www.aoh.com, facebook.com/roadbowling or call Tom Connelly: 304-280-4350. Slainte!

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2024

Last weekend, our Diocese held a Women's Retreat with the theme: **HOLD ON TO HOPE.**

Catholic women (religious and laity) from parishes across the Diocese met at St John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Charleston for the spirit lifting retreat. Among them were Kathy Bee, Sr. Agatha and me from St Francis Xavier Parish! Fr. John Finnell, the main speaker, gave awesome sessions on HOPE. After which we gathered in small groups to reflect and discuss. We had a chance to interact, share, socialize, pray and engage in life-giving activities and discussions.

Fr John described hope as a confident expectation of a future beneficial result that impacts the way one lives life. He shared several texts and insights that touched the hearts of people and enabled the spirit of hope to fill and warm every heart present. To note a phrase from Sr. Kathy Sherman, CSJ's song *Hold On To Hope*: "Hold on to hope; you got to hold on to hope, 'cause hope will change the world, and you know hope will see us through."

Having experienced this, I would like to encourage all women from our parish to try and attend these retreats, to pray and interact with other women and make HOPE a reality.

The tentative date for next year's retreat is March 28-30, 2025. Women: See you there!

-Sr. Marita



Pictured above: Sr. Agatha, Sr. Marita, and fellow Sisters at the Women's Retreat



Pictured above: Kathy Bee & fellow Franciscans

Kathy Bee was astonished to realize all the ways hope impacts our lives. "Aside from how we typically interpret hope: a desire, an expectation; or simple anticipation, this retreat allowed us to understand hope as a virtue, as the very condition for the possibility of believing and loving."

SCHEDULES: MARCH 23-24

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 pm: **D. Prado/L. Frohnappfel**

8:00 am: **Whitelatch/Remke**

10 am: **Niemiec/Zacherl**

ALTAR SERVERS

Please Volunteer

SACRISTY

J. Ingram & R. Bertrand

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OFFERINGS: March 3

Envelopes	\$	3,462.00
Loose Offering	\$	316.00
Xavier Hall	\$	555.00
Church Repair	\$	30.00
Diocesan Collection	\$	513.00
Easter	\$	20.00
Memorial Gifts	\$	300.00
Online Giving	\$	765.20
Priest Retirement	\$	493.00
Holy Land	\$	20.00

Attendance 241


NEWS & COMMUNITY



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

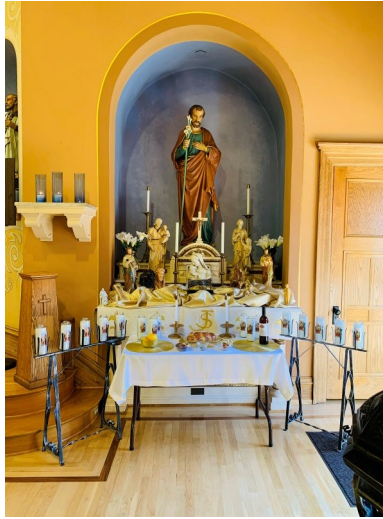
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Monday, March 18 & 25 6-7:30pm	<i>On Bended Knee Lenten Study</i> in the church basement
Tuesday, March 19 10am	Mindful Movement with Emily in Xavier Hall: Cancelled this week
Wednesday, March 20 11:30am	Line Dancing with Lottie in the church basement
Wednesday, March 20 1:30-2:30pm	Line Dancing for Beginners with Lottie
Wednesday, March 20 Noon	Ministerial Lenten Service at Washington Lands Methodist Church
Friday, March 22 6pm	Bingo every Friday in Xavier Hall
Friday, March 22 7pm	Living Stations of the Cross 
Palm Sunday Weekend March 22-24	HE'S ALIVE Free Musical Passion Play at the Capitol Theatre

 **Eucharistic Adoration** is every Wednesday after Mass from 8:30 to 10 a.m.



The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week for **Chris Ross & Beth Thomas** ♥



COME CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH at Mass on Tuesday, March 19. Parishioners are encouraged to continue to bring gifts and others items to decorate his altar. Candles are available for a donation of \$5.



Prayer REQUESTS

Recently sick:

Christina Lavenski, Sage Rich, Lois Frey,

Kathy Patrello, Bob Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Karen Swierkos-Wayne, David & Anastasia Yeater, Bruce Kirchner, George Zacherl, Brian Hill, John Kirchner, Ted Scarbin, Angela Montesano, Nash Casto, Catherine Pellerin, Eleanor Smith, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro.

Homebound: Judy Seidel, Kathryn Helfer, Rachel Kerekes, Phyllis Prado, Jim Brown, Katie Melchiori.

Nursing Homes: Kathryn Ferrera, Angeline Sellers, Fay Melchiori, Dwight Furbee, Earl Richards, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yanen.

CALENDAR END OF LENT & HOLY WEEK

Fridays 11-5pm	FISH FRIES Xavier Hall
Friday, March 22 7pm	LIVING STATIONS WITH OUR PARISH YOUTH
Monday, March 25	ORDERS DUE- EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS
Saturday, March 23	EASTER FLOWERS DELIVERED -to sick & homebound
Friday, March 29	GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK & ECUMENICAL SERVICE Begins at 11am at Calvary UMC and ends at SFX with services

HOLY WEEK MASSES & SERVICES:

† **HOLY THURSDAY**-March 28
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 pm

† **GOOD FRIDAY**-March 29
Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm

† **The Passion of the Lord, Adoration of the Cross, Holy Communion**
7:00 pm

† **HOLY SATURDAY**-March 30
Easter Vigil Mass
8:00 pm

† **EASTER SUNDAY**-March 31
Masses 8:00am/10:00 am



THE SECOND COLLECTION on March 29 is for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.