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FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

MAY 12, 2019

Jesus said,
“My sheep hear my voice;
I know them,
and they follow me.”

John 10:27



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Jesus says, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” Earlier in this Good Shepherd discourse, John the Evangelist explains that Jesus is using “figures of speech.” We cannot take Jesus’ words literally, since we are people, not sheep. We understand the Lord figuratively, then, discovering all the helpful ways that we are similar to sheep. A quick Internet search reveals a number of videos showing how sheep ignore every human voice except that of their shepherd. It is remarkable to see how single-minded sheep are, totally absorbed in grazing, disregarding everything around them. Even when impersonators imitate the shepherd and call the sheep in the same way the shepherd does, the sheep do not bother to look up. The instant the real shepherd calls out, however, the sheep snap to attention, call back in their own way, and come running.

CATCHY!

It can be helpful to think of our connection to Jesus in terms of sheep. Our hearts long to hear the voice of Jesus

and respond as readily as farm animals. In reality, however, not one of us living today was alive in first century Palestine. We never heard Jesus tell us, in his own accent, how he will never allow anyone to take us out of his hand. Here again we think figuratively, then, imagining those “voices” in daily life that help us snap to attention and draw close to Jesus. Today’s Gospel invites us to spend time thinking of all that brings us to the Lord. Conversations, scriptures, athletics, hospitality, service, music, laughter, struggle—any of these things might help our ears perk up as we look to the Lord. As we practice listening for “the voice,” we may be surprised to realize how often Jesus has been calling to us in the business of our days. Once we get his voice into our ears, we hope never to lose the sound.

Today’s Readings: Acts 13:14, 43–52; Ps 100:1–2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b–17; Jn 10:27–30

Masses for the Week

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MAY 11 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **For Mothers**

MAY 12 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Ruth Ann Harrigan†**
(Family)

10:00 A.M. **Deceased members of the Ducci,
 Gunto, & Freeman Families†**
(Cynthia Gunto)

MAY 13 **MONDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Mary Leonard†**
(Sandina Leonard)

MAY 14 **TUESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Gregory "Shad" Fromhart†**
(Knights of Columbus 1907)

MAY 15 **WEDNESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Bill Termin†**
(Termin Family)

MAY 16 **THURSDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Mike Dugas†**
(Ed & Mary Jean Dugas)

MAY 17 **FRIDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Don McCormick†**
(Pam Maxwell)

MAY 18 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Larry South†**
(Ruth Ann and Family)

MAY 19 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Michael Dugas†**
(Mary Jean Brown)

10:00 A.M. **Gregory "Shad" Fromhart†**
(L.R. Cork Potts)

Masses at Nursing Homes

Father That Son celebrates Mass at Moundview Nursing Home every third Tuesday at 11 a.m. He celebrates Mass at Cameron Nursing Home at 11:00 every first Thursday at 11 a.m. All are welcome to join him.

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

5/18 4:00 p.m. Alice Wise/Libby Magnone
 5/19 8:00 a.m. L. Whitelatch/C. Frame
 5/19 10:00 a.m. Children's Mass/L. Yoho

Altar Servers:

5/18 4:00 p.m. Whitelatch Family
 5/19 8:00 a.m. Laberde
 5/19 10:00 a.m. Swift/Miller

Gift Bearers:

5/18 4:00 p.m. John & Loretta Niemiec
 5/19 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt
 5/19 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of May 13th

Julie Anderson & Ruth Bertrand

Greeters:

5/18 4:00 p.m. Terri Porter/ Yong Ae Lee Potts
 5/19 8:00 a.m. Phil & Loretta Remke
 5/19 10:00 a.m. Kuskey Family

Bingo May 17, 2019

Raffle: John & Loretta Niemiec

Kitchen: Cindy Gunto

COLLECTION: April 28, 2019

Envelopes - \$ 2,319.00
Loose Offering - \$ 454.00
Building Repairs - \$ 5.00
Holy Land - \$ 10.00
Seminarians - \$ 85.00
Attendance - 238

We are grateful to these donors who have made recent contributions toward the purchase of our organ: Bob and Linda Miller in memory of Ashley Miller, Kathryn Wallington, Veronica DiCola, The Targosky Family, and Terry and Christine McDonald.

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.

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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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.

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

Prayer Request: Nile Cassandra, Vicki Regiec, Zelma Imhof, Alice Wise, Joan Lemasters, Patty Kleinedler, Joe Church, Maggie Yeater, Bobby Kleinedler, Richard Timko; **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick, Rachel Kerekes; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Thelma Gitlin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.

Catholic 2019
Sharing
Appeal

The Catholic Sharing Appeal, or the CSA, is an annual appeal that offers funds to a variety of ministries, services and programs throughout our diocese, as well as the needs of our parish. The theme of this year's appeal is *Sowing Seeds of HOPE*, with HOPE being an acronym for Heart, Outreach, Parish Life and Evangelization. You should have already received a letter from Archbishop Lori, addressing the importance of the CSA to the various programs and services the diocese provides for our parishes and missions.

Our parish goal this year is \$19,070. All donations after we reach 50% (\$9,535) will be put toward sorely needed HVAC equipment for Xavier Hall. Kevin Britt will speak about how you can help, at all Masses next weekend.

First Communion practice is Saturday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m.



Thank you for faith in our work. Because of you we are seeing lives transformed - hope for a better tomorrow restored! We offer our sincere appreciation to the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish for their outpouring of generosity on Christmas day. On behalf of myself and the entire Catholic Charities WV staff, we deeply honor you and your parishioners' commitment to caring for the poor and vulnerable in your local community.

Blessings,
Beth Zarate
Chief Executive Officer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 13 & 14 - Pierogi making
- May 13 - Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- May 15 - Bereavement group @ 10 am
- May 18 & 19 Luminaria Sale @ 4 and 8 masses
- May 18 - First Communion practice 2:00 p.m.
- May 19 - First Communion @ 10:00 Mass
- May 31 - Relay for Life 6 p.m. JM parking lot
- Jun. 9-14 - Praying Pelicans Youth Mission
- Jun. 23-28 - Praying Pelicans Youth Mission
- Aug. 25 - Parish Picnic



Happy Mother's Day to mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, and all who nurture us, care for us, and sacrifice for us. You are treasured and loved. Have a wonderful day.

Seams Sew Snugly Quilt Guild

Third Thursday of every month
Social at 5:30; Meeting at 6:00 in Xavier Hall
Contact Alma Cunningham 304-905-9651

We have received two beautiful thank you notes from our shut-ins and home bound parishioners. Carl & Mary Lee Baum sent us this: "Thank you for the BEAUTIFUL FLOWER." The Families of Amelia Rynkierich & George Popicg write "Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to our family members at Moundview. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated."

MOUNDVILLE GABRIEL PROJECT

Since its opening, the Moundville Gabriel Project has served more than 28 clients and provided more than 11 cribs and mattresses, 8 new car seats, 2 new pack and plays, many diapers, formula, clothing, bottles, blankets, gently used baby equipment and toys, plus baby supplies (such as baby wipes, pullups, baby wash and shampoo, baby towels and wash cloths, diaper rash cream, blankets, bibs, baby safety items, etc.) The Moundville Gabriel Project serves clients and their children 2 years of age and younger from Moundville and surrounding communities of Marshall County. Those served include single moms and single dads, married couples, grandparents, foster parents, and legal custodians.

The Moundville office is housed in Xavier Hall and staffed by volunteers from St. Francis Xavier Church every Thursday.



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