

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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Jesus asked,
“Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night?”

LUKE 18:7

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 20, 2019

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October 20, 2019 • Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we have two examples that can help us reflect on what it means to “pray always.” The first is Moses, holding his arms up so that the Israelites will have the better of the battle. This is a common posture for prayer in the ancient world, and the Bible is full of references to one’s lifting up hands (and arms) in prayer. The second example is from the parable Jesus uses to demonstrate the principle of praying always: the widow who persistently pestered a judge from whom she demanded justice. Moses’s prayer is a continuous movement extended over a period of time; the widow’s petition is repeated at frequent intervals over time. The Church’s rich tradition of prayer sets before us examples of both kinds of prayer.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO “PRAY ALWAYS”

Early monks who lived as hermits in the deserts of Egypt and Syria took the command to “pray always” so seriously that everything in their life was arranged to maximize the time for continuous prayer. The monks’ disciplines to that end were likened to those of athletes; the practice of all-night prayer was one that was especially admired.

The Church’s primary model for persistent, repeated prayer is the Liturgy of the Hours, which flows from the principle that daily prayer at given times consecrates all of time as well as the work done the rest of the time. Each gathering time is known as an Hour. The most significant Hours are Morning and Evening Prayer (known also as Lauds and Vespers). The prominence of the Liturgy of the Hours in the Church’s tradition is why so many other Catholic prayers and devotions are similarly anchored in time: the Angelus (morning, noon, evening), daily rosary, or prayers arranged for morning and evening found in almost all Catholic prayer books.

Regardless of how we pray, our call as disciples is to become persons of prayer with hearts more and more open to the voice of God in prayer. In the end, this is what it means to “pray always.”

Today’s Readings: Ex 17:8–13; Ps 121:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1–8

Masses for the Week

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OCT. 19 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Dorothy Wayman†**
 (*Margaret & Bob Shutler*)

OCT. 20 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Brendo Kurko†**
 (*Stephen, Kim, Sarah, Angelica, & Adam Starcovic*)

10:00 A.M. **Patricia Kleinedler†**
 (*Cork & Joanne Potts*)

OCT. 21 **MONDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Patty Kleinedler†**
 (*Roger & Cathy Frame*)

OCT. 22 **TUESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Richard Klug†**
 (*Klug Family*)

OCT. 23 **WEDNESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Don McCormick†**
 (*Joanne Ray*)

OCT. 24 **THURSDAY**
 No Mass

OCT. 25 **FRIDAY**
 No Mass

OCT. 26 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Tom & Louise Wise†**
 (*Children*)

OCT. 27 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Remke Family†**
 (*Phil & Loretta Remke*)

10:00 A.M. **Patty Kleinedler†**
 (*Cindy Gunto*)

Msgr. Gene Ostrowski will be here for Mass next weekend, October 26 & 27. Father That Son will be away to celebrate the wedding mass for his nephew. In the event of an emergency, call Father Arul at 304-281-4644.

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

10/26 4:00 p.m. Mark Klug/Libby Magnone
 10/27 8:00 a.m. Cathy Frame/L. Remke
 10/27 10:00 a.m. L. Niemiec/M. Helfer

Altar Servers:

10/26 4:00 p.m. Frizzell
 10/27 8:00 a.m. Laberdee
 10/27 10:00 a.m. Blatt

Gift Bearers:

10/26 4:00 p.m. Ellen McCormick
 10/27 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan
 10/27 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of October 21, 2019

Linda & Butch Miller

Greeters:

10/26 4:00 p.m. Gina & Mark Hedrick
 10/27 8:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam & Lottie Durbin
 10/27 10:00 a.m. Kuskey Family

Bingo: October 25, 2019

Raffle: Sue Church

Kitchen: Diane Barker



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COLLECTION: October 6, 2019

Envelopes - \$3255.00
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 Building Repairs - \$20.00
 Xavier Hall - \$782.00
 Catholic University - \$5.00
 Bahama Hurricane - \$594.00
 Memorial Offering - \$65.00
 Pennies for God - \$5.69
 Attendance - 292

The second collection this weekend (October 19& 20) is for **Universal World Missions.**

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:

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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: Norma Holmes, Marjolea DeBold, Linda Anderson, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Dave Williams, Peggy Mysliwicz, Zelma Imhof, Bobby Kleinedler, Barbara Harris, Joe Church.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes.

Nursing Home: Bill Tennant, Bob Tetrick, Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.



TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith** ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



**Knights of Columbus
Steak Fry**

Saturday, November 16
6pm to 11 pm
Band: Crazy Horse
Tickets \$25 each
For more information,
call Jonette Holmes
304-281-3503

**5-WEEK SEMINAR
ON THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Tuesday nights from 6:00pm-7:30 pm
Corpus Christi Parish conference room
1508 Warwood Ave.
Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 29th.
\$25 covers costs of materials
Contact Jeanne McKeets
Department of Formation & Mission
304-233-0880, ext. 374

Important Dates
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Oct. 14-18** - Catholic Charities Volunteer Trip
- Oct. 28** - Deadline to order memorial candles
- Nov. 1** - All Saints Day and Parish Memorial Mass
- Nov. 3** - 11:00 Altar server training
- Nov. 7** - Bus trip to Lancaster
- Nov. 8** - Fish Fry
- Nov. 9** - Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass
- Nov. 13** - 11 am Consolation Ministry
- Nov. 13** - 6:30 pm Parish Council meeting
- Nov. 16** - Knights of Columbus Steak Fry
- Nov. 23** - 9 am Clean Church for Christmas



Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the family of:

*Marilyn Neidgard
(Mother of Kim Starcovic)*

and to the family of:
Matilda Padula

May they rest in peace.

Pray Always
Always Pray



ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

All Souls Day is Saturday, Nov 2. Please bring a framed picture of your deceased loved one and place it on the main altar for All Souls Day. The size of the picture cannot be bigger than 5x7. The pictures will remain on the Altar for two weeks (from Monday, October 28th and picked up by Sunday, November 10th). Please put your name and phone number on the back of the picture frame. We pray for all deceased members of our parish family during the month of November.

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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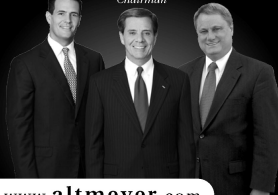


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