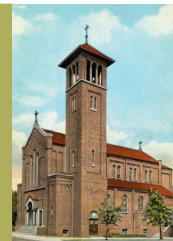


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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*Rejoice with me  
because I have found  
my lost sheep.*

*Luke 15:6*

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

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September 15, 2019 • Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who would leave the ninety-nine in order to seek out the one, lost sheep? We sometimes read or see accounts of missing children. We cannot really grasp the feelings of the parents or family members. Their world stops. Their hearts ache. The parents do not forget their other children, but for a time, their focus is solely on the one who is missing. They join the search party, or sit anxiously by the phone, waiting for news of the return of the child. It is this sort of love that Jesus describes in the parable of the lost sheep. And yet, Jesus told the parable in response to criticism by Pharisees and scribes because he was welcoming sinners and eating with them. So, in Jesus' parable, the sheep is not accidentally lost. The sheep has strayed. And still, the shepherd went out in search of it. The sheep is precious to the shepherd, even though it had wandered away. Like the Israelites in the desert who had created idols in Moses' absence. Like us, when we turn away from God and God's ways, doing what we feel like, rather than what we know is right and good.

## REJOICING WHEN THE LOST ARE FOUND

The shepherd in the parable leaves the ninety-nine to seek out the one who had wandered, and only returns home when that one, that precious one, had been found. All are precious in the eyes of the shepherd. The woman turned her house upside down in order to find her lost coin and, upon finding it, called her friends and neighbors. Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them. Have you wandered away, through your actions or inactions? Jesus' parable assures us that there is great joy in heaven when the lost one repents. Turn back to the Lord, and know that there will be great rejoicing in heaven upon your return.

Today's Readings: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;  
1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]



**SEPT. 14**      **SATURDAY**  
 4:00 P.M.      **Mary & Phil Skvarka†**  
*(Phil Skvarka Jr.)*

**SEPT. 15**      **SUNDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.      **Bill Termin†**  
*(Termin Family)*  
 10:00 A.M.      **Jack Helfer†**  
*(Mark & Jane Helfer)*

**SEPT. 16**      **MONDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.      **Carolyn Harris**  
*(Cathy & Roger Frame)*

**SEPT. 17**      **TUESDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.      **Mike Dugas†**  
*(Libby Magnone)*  
 4:00 P.M.      **Living and deceased members of**  
**the Saporito and Martelli Families**  
*(Loretta Saporito)*

**SEPT. 18**      **WEDNESDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.      **Dollye Guzek†**  
*(Mark & Jane Helfer)*

**SEPT. 19**      **THURDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.      **Chuck & Mary Taskalines**  
*(Libby Magnone)*

**SEPT. 20**      **FRIDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.      **Don McCormick†**  
*(Larry & Ruth Ann McClelland)*

**SEPT. 21**      **SATURDAY**  
 4:00 P.M.      **Sarah Lunau**  
*(Suzy Lunau & Family)*

**SEPT. 21**      **SUNDAY**  
 8:00 A.M.      **Dorothy Wayman†**  
*(Margaret & Bob Shutler)*  
 10:00 A.M.      **Louise Berry**  
*(Richard Lewis)*

**WEEKLY SCHEDULES**

**Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 9/21 4:00 p.m. Julie Fecat/L. Yoho  
 9/22 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt/L. Remke  
 9/22 10:00 a.m. L. Niemiec/C. McDonald

**Altar Servers:**  
 9/21 4:00 p.m. VOLUNTEER  
 9/22 8:00 a.m. Kent  
 9/22 10:00 a.m. Miller

**Gift Bearers:**  
 9/21 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump  
 9/22 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan  
 9/22 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

**Sacristy Cleaners: Week of September 16, 2019**  
 Latrisha Whitelatch & Charlotta Durbin

**Greeters:**  
 9/21 4:00 p.m. Yong Ae Lee Potts & Terri Porter  
 9/22 8:00 a.m. Roger Frame  
 9/22 10:00 a.m. Butch & Linda Miller

**Bingo: September 20, 2019**  
**Raffle:** John & Sheree Leonard  
**Kitchen:** Pam Ryan

**COLLECTION: September 1, 2019**  
**Envelopes - \$ 3441.00**  
**Loose Offering - \$ 685.00**  
**Building Repairs - \$ 20.00**  
**Xavier Hall - \$ 344.00**  
**Assumption - \$20.00**  
**Memorial Offerings - \$335.00**  
**Pennies for God - \$ 10.30**  
**Attendance - 273**

The Bus trip to Lancaster is full!  
**Don't Forget!** Payment is due by October 1.

This Sunday we celebrate **Catechetical Sunday**. In the United States the theme this year is "Stay with Us." We are living in an increasingly secular world and it is powerfully influencing our youth. Recent studies show that youth stop identifying as Catholics at a median age of 13. But we also know that young people who stop practicing their faith do not always stop desiring God. Bishop Barron provides this counsel: "The church must walk with young people and their families, listen to them with attention and love, and then be ready to give a reason for hope." Pray for our youth, their parents, our PSR teacher and all those who help in the formation of the young.

**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  
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**Website:** [sfxmoundville.org](http://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:** Marlene Lawther, Marjolea DeBold, Linda Anderson, Sharon McGee, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Donna Colucci, 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, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.

We will open the 2020 Mass Book October 1st. Forms have been included in this bulletin and may be found in the church vestibule and on our website.

- ◆ Please write clearly to insure correct spellings appear in the bulletin.
- ◆ Masses will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis.
- ◆ We will honor your request to the best of our ability but occasionally a priest is not available.
- ◆ In the case of a conflict, we will call you with other options.
- ◆ Dates are not scheduled until offering is received.

We have a limited number of openings for Masses for the remainder of 2019 and these may be scheduled at any time using the same form.

**Infant of Prague Novena**

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling will celebrate the annual Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague beginning this year on Monday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. The Novena will be prayed on nine consecutive Monday evenings concluding on November 18. Each week consists of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily given by a guest priest, music, and prayers to the Infant Jesus of Prague. The theme for this year will be "The Church on the Path of Unity." Everyone is invited.

*Let us pray:*

For those in the Bahamas and the southeastern U.S. whose lives, homes and businesses have been devastated by Hurricane Dorian, may God's love bring them hope and the strength to endure.

**Sept. 17** - Mass at Moundview Nursing Home

**Sept. 22** - PSR Begins

**Sept. 25** - Parish Council Meeting

**Oct. 1** - 2020 Mass Book opens

**Oct. 1** - Payment for Bus Trip is due

**Oct. 5** - Blessing of the Animals 10:00 am

**Oct 16 & 17** - Bible Study begins

**Oct. 14-18** - Catholic Charities Volunteer Trip

**Nov. 7** - Bus trip to Lancaster

*The Sanctuary Candle*

beside the tabernacle burns this week for:  
Stephanie Phillips Eddy

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*The Gordon Family*

**The Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist**

A four week series by the Augustine Institute will be presented by Alex Nagem and Deacon Breiding Tuesday evenings at 6pm 9/17 thru 10/8 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elm Grove. Cost is \$5 for the workbook. Please call 304-242-0406 to reserve a spot.

**Did you know...**

Hispanics represent an estimated 38 percent of US Catholics; Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders 4 percent. Hispanics have accounted for 71 percent of the growth in US Catholics since 1960 and they constitute 58 percent of Catholics between the ages of 18 and 34.

**Did you know...**

Catholic Charities agencies serve one in every 10 persons in poverty each year. Since 1975, Catholic Charities agencies and parishes have resettled more than one million refugees. Catholic Charities is one of our church's enduring institutions that both welcomes and aides those in need - no matter what their background.

**Did you know...**

In response to a request for help from Catholic Charities, several of our parishioners are traveling to McAllen, Texas in October to volunteer at a Catholic Charities respite center for migrants. If you would like to make a financial contribution toward this - you can put a donation in the collection basket. Shoe laces are also welcome!

**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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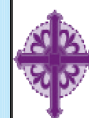
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