

# St. Francis Xavier + St. Monica

Market St, Parkersburg, WV  
Weekend Mass Schedule  
Saturday, 5pm - Sunday, 10:30am & 5pm

Harris Highway, Lubeck, WV  
Weekend Mass Schedule  
Sunday 8:30

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 609 Market Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

**MARCH 7, 2021**

## **Baptism**

A joyful celebration!  
To schedule class and a date  
please call the office.  
304-422-6786

## **Care of the Sick**

Please notify the pastor when  
someone is seriously ill or in the  
hospital. Sacraments or care of  
the seriously ill are administered  
at anytime, day or night.

## **Devotions**

Miraculous Medal Novena,  
Wednesday – 6:50  
Adoration – One hour before  
Mass: Mon, Wed, and Fri.

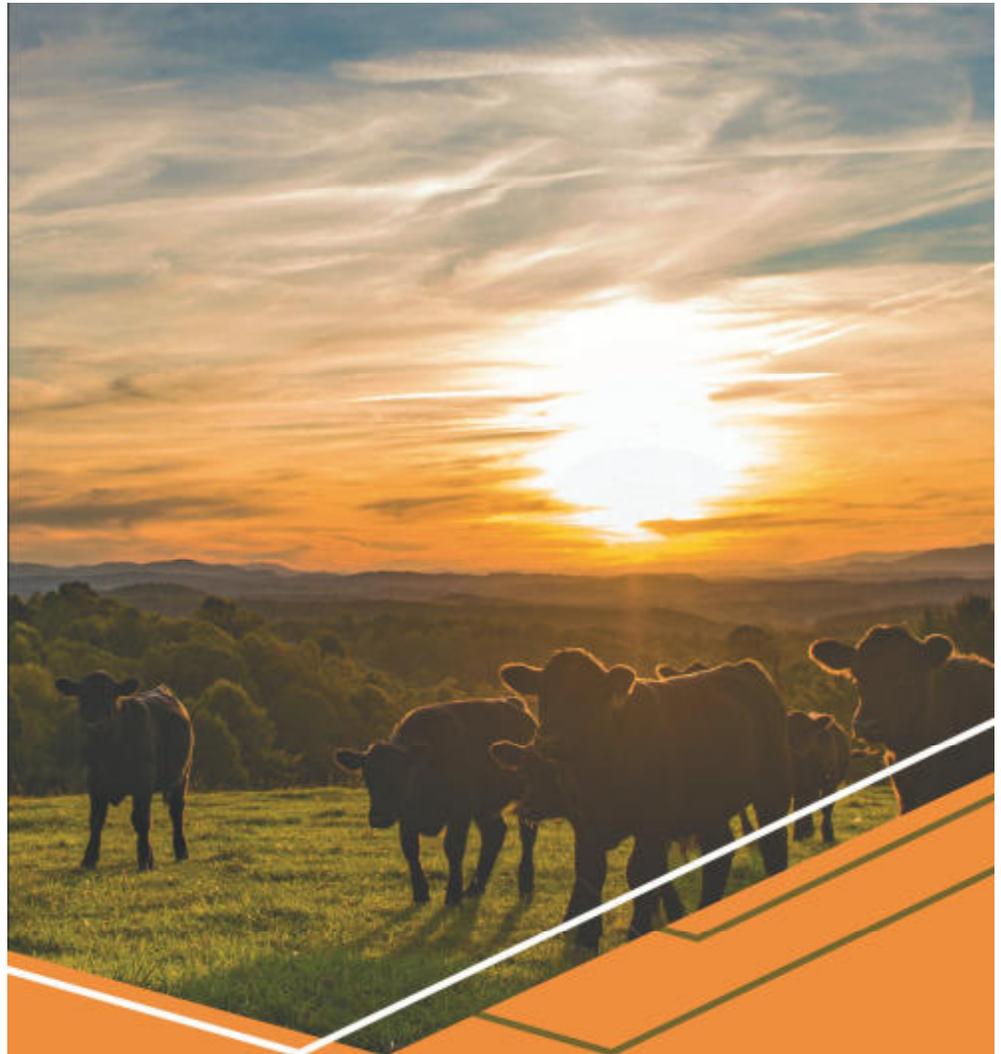
## **Marriage**

Congratulations on your  
engagement! Please contact the  
Pastor to discuss arrangements  
before setting any date.  
Preparation ordinarily requires  
at least six months.

## **Thinking of Becoming Catholic?**

The RCIA process is for you!  
Come find out more about the  
Catholic faith! Call the office for  
details.

*May the God who gives  
endurance and encouragement give  
you the same attitude of mind  
toward each other that  
Christ Jesus had.  
Romans 15:5*



## **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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Catholic Cemeteries Web Site: [catholiccemeteriesparkersburgwv.org](http://catholiccemeteriesparkersburgwv.org)

Cemetery Manager: Juanita Ferguson 304-481-7440

## St. Francis Xavier

**Weekend Masses**  
**Saturday, 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm**

**Daily Mass**  
M & F-12:10; T & Th-8am; W-7pm  
**Holy Hour**  
1 hour before Mass, M-W-F

**Confessions**  
Saturday at 4:00-4:45pm on the  
back porch of the rectory;  
and by appointment. Wear a mask.

**Prayer Request**  
Wanda Christopher, 304-485-5834  
Sara Daniels, 304-485-5344

**Welcome & Hospitality**  
Shirley Smith 740-516-9411  
shirleys9411@aol.com

**Children's Liturgy**  
Leone Burd 304-482-2613

**Parish School of Religion**  
Jane Row 304-615-3950

**Eucharistic Ministers to the  
Sick and Homebound**  
Sally McDonie 304-428-2651  
Barb Fligor 304-428-8648

**Catholics For Life**  
Sunny Murray 304-482-6193  
Katie Walters 304-861-5354

**Rosary Altar Society**  
Mary Beth Steinel 740-896-5003

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study**  
Judy Huddleston 304-488-0720

**Ladies Friday a.m. Bible Study**  
Becky Hines 740-423-5236

**Music Ministry**  
Allan Zipf 304-482-5978

## St. Monica

**Sunday Mass, 8:30 am**

**Confessions**  
Sundays 8:10 am

**Prayer Request**  
Karen Barré 304-482-3199

**Liturgical Ministries**  
Tom Linder 304-863-6834

**Parish School of Religion**  
Kathleen O'Bara 304-483-2221

**Food Pantry, Clothing, Cards**  
Roger & Joyce Zipfel 304-863-6336

**Maintenance/Custodial Care**  
Dave Quattro 304-863-6664  
Natalie Linder 304-863-6834

## **REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT-INS IN PRAYER:**

- \*THE ARBORS: Ruth Baker
- \*LOVE & CARE: Mary Showalter
- \*THE WILLOWS: Margaret Patrick
- \*WYNGATE: Theresa Nedeff



**St Francis Xavier**  
Feb 28 \$1914.00

Attendance 189

**St Monica**  
Feb 28 \$

Attendance 22

**Parish Center Renovation \$100.00**

### **The second collection for Mar 14<sup>th</sup> is for Catholic Relief Services and Easter Flowers**

Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

### **Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



## Welcome to our Parish

If you are a visitor to St. Francis Xavier or St. Monica we want you to know how welcome you are. If you attend St. Francis Xavier or St. Monica on a regular basis, please be sure to register as a member of the parish. This will facilitate pastoral care for you and your family.

Registration forms are available online ([www.stx-pburg.org](http://www.stx-pburg.org)), in the church, and in the parish office.

You may place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. **If you need to update or change your address, phone or email information please call the office (304-422-6786).**

## **Bulletin**

### **Announcements**

Please submit items for consideration  
**2 weeks before** publication.

Via email:  
secretary@stx-pburg.org  
or drop a type written  
announcement at the office.

## **Will or Estate Planning**

Are you thinking of remembering St. Francis Xavier Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Francis Xavier Church. Suggested language for making a bequest is:  
"I give and bequest to  
St. Francis Xavier Church,  
532 Market Street,  
Parkersburg, WV, the sum of \$\_\_\_ (or) \_\_\_% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate for it's general purposes.



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513.

In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling -Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Sunday - 7 *3rd Sunday of Lent*  
 St. Monica Mass 8:30 †Bernardine McCusker  
 (Tom & Natalie Linder)  
 St. F X Mass 10:30 †Tom McCarthy  
 (Mike & Cindy Spainhour)  
 St. F X Mass 5:00 †People of the Parish  
 Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn  
 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/  
 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or  
 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday - 8 *St. John of God*  
 Holy Hour 11am  
 Mass 12:10 †Jessie Blake Shedan  
 (Craig & Veronica Shedan)  
 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday - 9 *St. Frances of Rome*  
 Mass 8am †Rosemary Gilchrist (Kitty Brown)  
 Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/  
 Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday - 10  
 Holy Hour 6pm  
 Mass 7pm †Jean Cupp  
 Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday - 11  
 Mass 8am †Mildred Gossert  
 Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday - 12  
 Holy Hour 11am  
 Mass 12:10 †Tony Weinheimer  
 (Mary Ann Weinheimer)  
 † *Stations of the Cross, 5pm*  
 Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf.  
 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34



Saturday - 13  
 Mass 5pm †Rita Duncan (Stiefel Family)  
 Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/  
 Lk 18:9-14

Sunday - 14 *4th Sunday of Lent*  
*Daylight Savings Time begins*  
 St. Monica Mass 8:30 †  
 St. F X Mass 10:30 †Grace & Harold Badgley  
 (John Badgley)  
 St. F X Mass 5:00 †People of the Parish  
 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/  
 Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/  
 Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



**3rd Sunday of Lent**

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Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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✝	ALTAR SERVERS	Extraordinary MINISTERS ALPHABETICALLY	LECTORS	SCRIP
March 13 5:00 pm	L RICE		J FOUGHT	
March 14 10:30 am	C BAILEY		D WALTERS	
March 14 5:00 pm			B KNOTTS	

St Monica  
 March 14  
 8:30am

**“Love is never defeated.”**  
 St. John Paul II

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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 6 - Sharon Dawkins  
Mar 7 - Christopher Fought  
Mar 8 - Mary Kaltenecker  
Mar 9 - Rosemary Britton; Phil & Theresa Bonner (A)  
Mar 10 - Bridget Lowers; Amelia Rice  
Mar 11 - Richard Lohr; Fr George Nedeff; Joe Santer;  
Mike Steele  
Mar 12 - Anita Baker; Christopher Nealon; Angie Stuckert  
Mar 13 - Frank McCusker; Ken Ryan  
Mar 14 - Danielle Smith



### GABRIEL PROJECT



We are in short supply of hygiene items (baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion and wipes), new baby bottles and sippy cups. Donations can be left in the Gabriel box near the office in the Parish Center. For the health of volunteers and clients we continue assistance by appointment only.

**The PARKERSBURG KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are once again sponsoring "40 Cans for Lent" food drive. Your sacrifice of one can/box of food per day will give others hope as well as basic needs for life. Non-perishable foods may be dropped off in the barrel in the back of the church.

### PRO-LIFE

#### Novena of Holy Hour for Life

A Holy Hour for Life with Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Wednesdays, thru April 7, 6-7 pm with a mass following at 7 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church. All are welcome!

### FRANCISCAN SISTERS, TOR LENTEN RETREAT 2021

The Franciscan Sisters, TOR are excited to invite you to our annual Lenten Retreat, held virtually on Saturday, March 27th. The retreat will offer talks, testimonies, music, meditations, and optional small groups led by a sister. More information about the Lenten Retreat can be found on our webpage, [www.franciscansisterstor.org](http://www.franciscansisterstor.org), under Events.

The **Food Pantry** is low on canned chicken.

### SCRIP



Scrip cards are available and for sale or for order in the office. We can now order Amazon, VISA, American Express & Discover!

### RETREAT

Fr. Brian, the Vocation Director, is having a one day retreat on Saturday, March 20th, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, WV, for College age young men and older. This retreat is focused on a day of reflection for those who are seriously considering the possible call to Priestly Discernment. For info call: 304-233-0880

Please remember to bring your **mask** with you to Church. We are out of home-made masks and disposables are very low.



**ROSARY ALTAR** meeting will be Saturday March 6th at 9am in the Parish Center. New members are welcome!

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM



℣. Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of Heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra glória tua.  
Hosánna in excélsis.  
Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini.  
Hosánna in excélsis.

## Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Agnus Dei,  
quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei,  
quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei,  
quitollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem



Pre-register for your COVID-19 vaccine at:  
[VACCINATE.WV.GOV](http://VACCINATE.WV.GOV) or by calling 1-833-734-0965  
Lines are open M-F 8am to 6pm; Sat 9am to 5pm; Closed Sun.  
An **ELDERLY OR HOMEBOUND PERSON** who has not been able to access the vaccine yet, can get priority by choosing **HOMEBOUND** as their occupation.

# Today's Music



**PRELUDE: LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE** --Wayne Wold

**ENTRANCE: LIFT HIGH THE CROSS** *Crucifer*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

*Lift high the cross...*

2. Each newborn foll'wer of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

*Lift high the cross...*

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
your death has bought us life eternally.

*Lift high the cross...*

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory!

*Lift high the cross...*

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt., © 1974, Hope Publishing Co.

**OFFERTORY: ELEVATION 26** --DOM PAUL BENOIT O. S. B.

**COMMUNION:**

**UBI CARITAS**

*Refrain: Ubi caritas est vera, est vera: Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est.*

1. The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him,  
and in our love and care for all now love God in return.

2. In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease  
and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace.

3. May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life  
become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ.

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**EAT THIS BREAD**

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

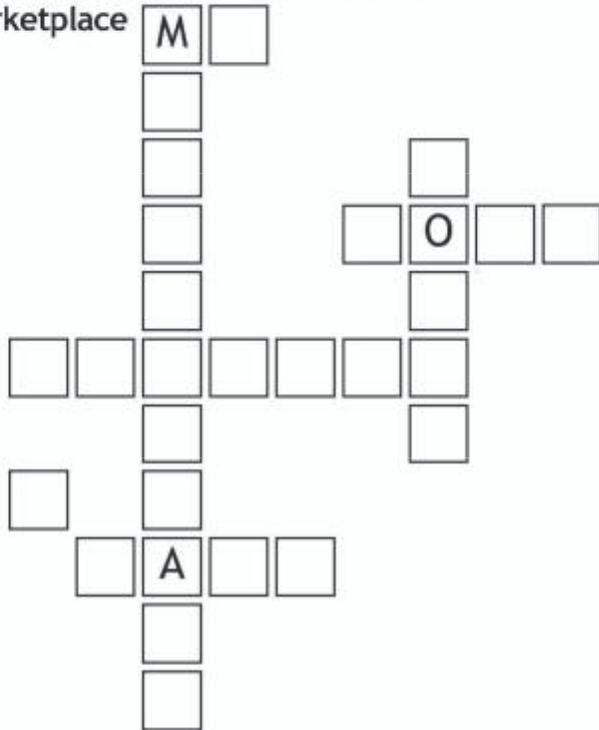
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**POSTLUDE**

# The Children's Corner

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Don't make my Father's house a marketplace



## Sharing the Gospel

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.

### Prayer

God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of people singing and praying in your church.

### Mission for the Week

Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.



## ARE YOU A PARENT WITH YOUNG CHILDREN? THIS SITE IS FOR YOU!

**Catholic Sprouts** –This site helps Catholic families build their Domestic Churches and raising “little saints”.

Their core values are the Eucharist, The Rosary, The Saints, and Scripture. [www.catholicsprouts.com](http://www.catholicsprouts.com)

### TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)

TEC is a diocesan spiritual movement for older high school teens and young college students. It begins with a retreat weekend filled with dynamic reflections, music, sacraments, adoration, small group dialogue, prayer, and community building. Afterwards, the TEC community (TECITES) evolves into a network of mutual support that both reinforces their parish involvement and personal spiritual growth. TEC leads participants to integrate Christ's Paschal Mystery (dying, rising, and going forth) at a time of passage through which they are preparing for adult life after high school and college. Contact the Diocese for more information: 304-233-0880



### WANT TO HONOR CATHOLIC SISTERS? DONATE FOOD!

Catholic Sisters Week is celebrated March 8-14, 2021. Recognizing the great increase in food insecurity these days, the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph are joining with Sisters from around the country in supporting an End Hunger Campaign. One of the ways we can thank and honor Catholic Sisters is by joining their efforts to feed the hungry in Christ's name!". There are many options – donate to or volunteer at a local food bank or pantry, support legislation that encourages additional food related benefits for families in need, or make a donation to one of the congregations of Sisters in our area.

Catholic Sisters have served our parishes from many different communities. Remembering them through a monetary or food gift in their name is one way to celebrate and honor their years of service where we live and worship. Sending a personal note of thanks to a Sister who has been a positive influence to you and your family is another way to remember a Sister. Personal notes to Sisters of Saint Joseph residing at the Congregation's Center in Wheeling can be sent to: 137 Mount St. Joseph Road, Wheeling WV 26003 where they will be forwarded to the individual Sister.

Let us together celebrate Sisters by honoring them through this opportunity to fight hunger.

# Symbols of Saint Joseph in Sacred Art

*in Catholic, Featured - by Cris - March 23, 2015*

Saint Joseph is a mysterious character in scripture. We know little about his life, and he never has a word recorded in the Bible. Even with the little knowledge we do have of Saint Joseph, we Catholics love the holy foster father of Jesus. We celebrate Saint Joseph in the month of March and May for his feast and feast of the worker.

A few years ago, I painted my first image of Joseph, and I did ample research into the tradition and symbolism used historically to depict the third pillar of the Holy Family.

Here are some interesting notes I found describing the meaning of these traditions.

## **Three White Flowers or Lilies**

Joseph was a virtuous man that was pure and obedient to God. He had the difficult large task of caring for and protecting the Holy Family, and he did so always listening for the voice of God. He also remained pure and chaste while loving and caring for his wife, Mary ever virgin. Even though they were married they remained celibate, "he had no relations with her" (Matthew 1:25a).

## **Carpenter's Square or Tools**

In the few descriptions the Bible gives us about St Joseph, we do learn that he is a carpenter by trade. In his life raising Jesus, Joseph also teaches Jesus his craft to use to earn a living. Even though the saw is often used, it's doubtful it was his primary tool since most of their work was with stones at the time and place. His work was closer to what we would associate with a mason.

## **Baby Jesus**

There are several saints depicted with the child Jesus in their arms, but Saint Joseph is the only Saint that had the privilege of raising the Son of God at this stage in His life. There are times when this image is confused with Jesus letting the little children come to Him, but there are usually other symbols to point to St Joseph.

## **The Flowering Staff**

Joseph wasn't just a random man that happened to pick Mary for his wife. God had chosen and prepared Joseph with special graces to care for the Holy Family. We hear this in many resources from outside of the canon of scripture. This symbol calls upon the imagery of the flowering staff of Aaron showing he had been chosen by God (Numbers 17:23). There is an unofficial legend that a staff at the door blossomed when Joseph went to visit his future wife, the Blessed Virgin Mary, to show her he had been chosen by God.

## **Sleeping Saint Joseph**

There are icons and images of Joseph sleeping. While this may look like an odd action or pose for sacred art, it's deeply rooted in the few things we know for certain about Saint Joseph from Sacred Scripture. In two separate occasions, we see that God speaks to Joseph through an angel in his dreams (Matthew 1:24 and Matthew 2:14,21,22). Joseph was a hard worker, and even in his sleep, he works to pursue the will of the Father.

Pope Francis made this image more popular recently admitting he often places his requests for St Joseph under the sleeping Saint Joseph for him to hear and act through intercession.

## **Star of David**

This symbol is a newer than some of the others since this symbol is one of the newer symbols for the Jewish people. Joseph is described as a "righteous man" (Matthew 1:19) and "son of David" (Matthew 1:20). He was faithful to the tradition and law of his ancestors.

On a different note, the symbol commonly known as the Star of David has also historically been used to depict Mary, Star of the Sea.

## **Pair of Turtle Doves**

This is a rare symbol for Saint Joseph recalling the pair of turtle doves that Mary and Joseph had to use for their humble sacrifice at the presentation of Jesus (Luke 2:24). This was only used by Jews that were too poor to afford a larger sacrifice, and reminds us that the Holy Family was not rich in money.

## **The letter "J"**

This is obviously for his name, and it might seem unoriginal at first. It's interesting to note that Jesus name also begins with a J when spelt out in most languages, but it's never used to represent the Lord.

## **Young Man and Old Man**

Saint Joseph is often depicted as an older man that took care of care of the younger Blessed Virgin Mary, but this depiction developed over time.

## **Happy Death**

Tradition has it that Saint Joseph died with the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus at his side. There is no better way to die, and he has thus been made the patron of the happy death.

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