

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

SEPTEMBER 5, 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*



International Day of Charity



The International Day of Charity was established in 2012 with the objective of sensitizing and mobilizing people, NGOs, and stakeholders all around the world to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities .

The date of 5 September was chosen in order to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 "for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitute a threat to peace.

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St. Francis Xavier Web Site www.stx-pburg.org

St. Monica Web Site www.stmonicaparish.org

Catholic Cemeteries Web Site: 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 and by appointment.

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 304-481-0578

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

Aug 29 \$3389.72
Attendance 281

ST MONICA

Aug 29 \$85.00
Attendance 25

Parish Center Renovation \$-0-

The collection this weekend is for Haiti

The second collection Sept 12th is for the Diocesan Scholarship Drive

Online Giving

You can give greener by using our Online Giving Program. Simply go to our parish website at www.stx-pburg.org

You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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), 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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Sunday - 5 *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St. Monica Mass 8:30 †People of the Parish

St. F X Mass 10:30 †Chris Vincent (Walters Family)

St. F X Mass 5pm †Elaine Bennett (Ilene Viers)

Is 35:4-7a/

Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/

Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday - 6 *Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED*

Holy Hour 11am

Mass 12:10 †Edith Bliss (Don & Sally McDonie)

Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday - 7

Mass 8am †Victims in Afghanistan

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday - 8 *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass 7pm People of Haiti

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday - 9 *St. Peter Claver*

Mass 8am Victims of Human Trafficking

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday - 10

Holy Hour 11am

Mass 12:10 †Wanda Strawser

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday - 11 *Patriot Day*

9:59am Finding Hope in Loss
a special Memorial Service

Confessions 4-4:45

Mass 5pm †Bill Airhart (Jon & Mary Bango)

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday - 12 *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St. Monica Mass 8:30 †People of the Parish

St. F X Mass 10:30 †Sami Naddaf

(Bobby & Charlene Nedeff)

St. F X Mass 5pm †Michael Bennett

Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/
Mk 8:27-35

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

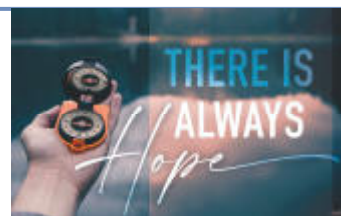
From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and

process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn’t take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life’s unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it’s really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life’s incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God’s story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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Sept 11 5:00 pm	NEEDED	JANET McCLAIN	J FOUGHT	PURCHASE IN OFFICE OFFICE
Sept 12 10:30 am	N BAILEY	B LaROCQUE	E EYBERG	PURCHASE IN OFFICE
Sept 12 5:00 pm	S LASKO	M YOCUM	B KNOTTS	PURCHASE IN OFFICE OFFICE
St Monica Sept 12 8:30 am	NEEDED	D QUATTRO	K BARRÉ	GIFTS K & F ESKER

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 4 - Meagann Morris; Cade Parsons; Reese Richards
Sept 5 - Becky Bosley; Sophia Miller; Deanna Roberts;
Chris & Kathleen O'Bara (A)
Sept 6 - Rachel Hallowell; Sophia R Miller; Joe Sereno;
Kodi & Cindy Sells (A)
Sept 7 - Caroline Eyberg; Danielle Keller; John Roberts;
Susan Stout; Argel Stull
Sept 8 - Mike Hinton; Ryan Lewis; Emmanuel Ogwude
Sept 9 - Eleanore Coyne; Peter & Susan Ianniciello (A)
Sept 10 - Michelle Bowling; Carol Tallhamer;
Jeff & Karen Ritchie (A); Robert & Maricel Thornton (A)
Sept 11 - Stephanie Foutty
Sept 12 - Charlie Nelson



The Book Club will meet Sept 20th at 10am in the Parish Center Library. The book for September is *Perestroika in Paris* by Jane Smiley. Join us for lively discussion!

BOOK CLUB



CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDS YOU!

Children's Liturgy would like to resume in September, but we need volunteers as leaders and helpers. Children's Lit meets during the 10:30 Mass. Please contact Leone Burd, 304-482-2613 to volunteer.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF WEST VIRGINIA

has created a new Twitter account! You can access this account at

[Twitter.com/WVSTATECOUNCIL](https://twitter.com/WVSTATECOUNCIL)

for updates on activities, events, and Knights of Columbus news around the state of West Virginia. Men over 18 can join the Knights of Columbus online for free using the promo code: MCGIVNEY2020 for 12 months of free online membership! To join go to kofc.org/join

Every day across the United States, food banks are hard at work distributing food to our neighbors facing hunger. We wouldn't be able to serve our neighbors without your help.



Our **FOOD PANTRY** accepts dry and canned food donations. What does that mean? Basically, any food that is "shelf-stable" or nonperishable – you can keep it in your pantry and it won't go bad. And remember, only donate food that hasn't reached its "sell-by" date yet. Many of the people we help do not have a way to cook, so pop-top cans and ready-made meals (like tuna/chicken salad with crackers) are most appreciated. We also have requests for manual can openers and packaged utensils (like you get from fast food).

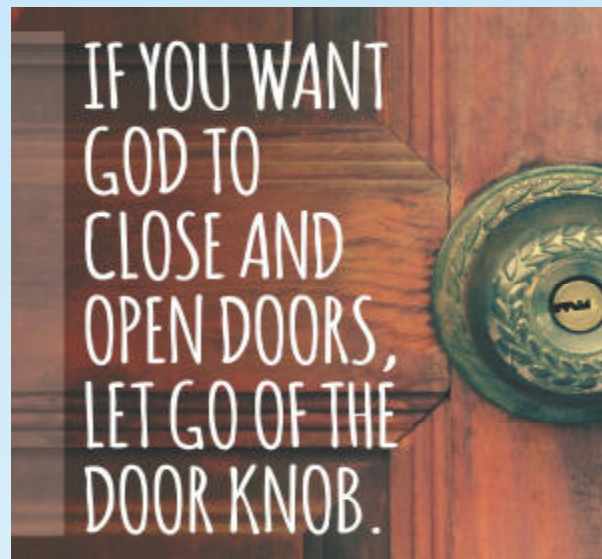
At the moment our food pantry is very low on jelly.

Thank you to all who donate to our Food Pantry.

We begin to act differently when we recognize the immensity of our possibilities. -Fulton Sheen

THE GABRIEL PROJECT

We are grateful for your continued support of the Gabriel Project. With any ministry that supports those in need, our supply list is ongoing. We are currently in need of baby wipes, baby wash and shampoo, baby lotion, diaper cream, size 7 diapers, and pull up diapers.



SAVE THE DATE

The 13th Annual St. George Camporee (formerly known as the Catholic Camporee) will be held Oct 1st - 3rd, 2021 by Scouts BSA at Camp Mountaineer (Morgantown) hosted by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Catholic Committee on Scouting. Contact Chris Gorski at catholiccamporee@aol.com for further information. ALL ARE WELCOME!

2021 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

St FX has met 74% of their goal
St Monica has met 266% of their goal
You can make your gift online at dwc.org/csa or mail a check to:

Catholic Sharing Appeal, PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003 with notation for St. FX or St. Monica.



Be aware of and watch out for children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.

Send words of encouragement to our seminarian:

John Sopinski
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Parkersburg Catholic Schools Adopt-a-Class



ADOPT-A-CLASS

The Adopt-a-Class program allows an individual or business to sponsor a classroom of their choice for one school year. For a tax deductible donation of \$250 or more, you can increase the opportunity for student success by empowering teachers with the funds to purchase resources for the classroom.

For more information, please contact Kelli Lewis, Advancement Director at klewis@pchs1.com or 304-428-7528.

Through the **Pastoral Needs Survey**, we have a unique opportunity for all the faithful throughout the Diocese of

Wheeling-Charleston to express their thoughts and provide valuable insight on how to support and serve our people. To complete the online survey from the diocese, please go to www.dwc.org/pastoral-needs-survey/.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

Catholic Charities will hold a 'Pasta-bilities' Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, September 12, from 11:30 - 4:30.

This dinner will be take-out only.

\$15 per meal tickets may be purchased at the door or in our office. St. Francis Xavier Parish Center, 609 Market Street. Proceeds benefit programs and services in the Catholic Charities Western Region.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR Open House will be held Sunday, Sept 12th, from 9am - 10:15am for all grades.

Classes will begin Sept 19th at 9am and end at 10:10am.

We encourage and welcome all students (public school, catholic school or home school) to attend these Sunday morning classes.

Children preparing for First Holy Communion are required to attend.

Come meet the teachers for PreK (Age4) - Confirmation

The Children's Corner

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine what it would be like to be deaf-unable to hear music, voices or anything. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus did something amazing. Jesus healed a deaf man, so that for the first time he could hear and talk clearly. What would you listen to? What would you say?

Prayer

Dear God, you are so amazing. Thank you for healing the deaf man. Help me to use my ears and my voice to praise you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of all the things you like to listen to.

Mission for the Week

Go to the library and find out how to say "Jesus loves you" in sign language. On the way home, pretend you cannot hear or speak.



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GALILEE
DEAF
TALK

TOUCH
FINGERS
EARS

SPIT
TONGUE
AMAZED

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F	T	O	N	G	U	E	R	O	G
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Are you a parent with young children?
Check out these sites....

Catholic Sprouts – This site helps Catholic families build their Domestic Churches and raise "little saints". Their core values are the Eucharist, The Rosary, The Saints, and Scripture.

Catholic Icing — Catholic Crafts and More for Kids
<https://www.catholicicing.com>

Welcome, Guests!



Learn more about the history and meaning behind this special day

By Tierney McAfee

Labor Day is often thought of as summer's last hurrah. The holiday weekend usually offers a chance to spend time relaxing with friends and family and enjoying delicious grilling recipes and summery drinks.

But of course there's a much deeper meaning behind Labor Day.

Labor Day is a time to pay tribute to American workers, and all of their many contributions and achievements through the years. Created by the labor movement in the late 19th century, Labor Day honors the men and women who fought tirelessly for workers' rights, especially the eight-hour work day we have now. So when your Labor Day 2021 celebration is in full swing, be sure to take some time out to reflect and pay respect to all the workers, past and present, who have made America the country it is today.

What is the history of Labor Day?

Labor Day became a U.S. federal holiday in 1894, but by that time thirty states already officially celebrated the holiday.

Labor Day was created by members of the labor movement, who organized strikes and rallies to fight for better working conditions amid the Industrial Revolution, according to the History Channel.

On September 5, 1882, New York City union leaders organized what is now considered the country's first Labor Day parade, according to National Geographic.

On this day, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march through the streets of New York City, in an event culminating in a picnic, fireworks, and dancing. Organizers declared the day "a general holiday for the workingmen of this city." Their idea spread across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing the workers' holiday.

It wasn't until 1894, however, that Congress legalized the holiday following the Pullman strike, a nationwide railroad boycott that turned fatal and shined a national spotlight on workers' rights. Amid this massive unrest, Congress sought to make peace with American workers by passing an act making Labor Day a legal holiday.

President Grover Cleveland officially signed it into law on June 28, 1894.

More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day remains unknown, although many credit labor union leader Peter J. McGuire for the idea. The world may never know this detail, but now you know enough about Labor Day to truly celebrate everything it stands for.

The Year of Saint Joseph

December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

Why do Catholics celebrate St. Joseph on Wednesdays?

Wednesday is the middle of the week for Christians — a day which serves as a pivot point, just as St. Joseph is in the Bible. This sense of being in the center of things can be better understood by the image of a bridge, and Wednesday is like a bridge from one part of the week to another. It's true that St. Joseph is like a bridge for us, too — a bridge between the Old and New Testaments. Through the little we learn about him in the Gospels, we get the impression that St. Joseph is like the patriarchal figures of the Old

Testament. For example, the ancient patriarch Joseph was a man of dreams, and so is our own St. Joseph. Abraham received God's promise because he was a man of faith, and those promises are realized through the Messiah — who is being cared for faithfully by St. Joseph. Hence, St. Joseph is a figure who invites us to ponder over the patriarchs. Why?

To better understand him while, like Mary, he leads us to our savior, Jesus Christ. St. Joseph knows that it is in the Messiah that the promises given to the patriarchs gain fulfillment. Thus, in this light, I think we can see why Wednesday is a fitting day to honor St. Joseph, a man who helps us travel between not only both the Old and New Testaments but also this life and eternal life with his Son.





St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is offering

“FINDING HOPE IN LOSS: A SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE”

On September 11, 2001, and for the past 19 months, our community has experienced loss in many forms. Friends and loved ones have gone to eternal rest, and we were not able to properly mourn. Many mourn the loss of what was once considered ‘normal’ daily living. Some mourn the loss of a job, home, pet, or special relationship. All people, whether Christian, or of no faith at all, experience loss at some time in our lives. Our faith, and foundation in the belief that God loves us and knows us by name, enables each of us to come together and support each other as sisters and brothers in Christ through the process of grief.

At 9:59 a.m. on September 11, 2021, St. Francis Xavier is hosting an ecumenical prayer service with our Christian friends and neighbors to prayerfully remember and memorialize our loss. We want to take this time to come to our heavenly father in prayer, united, to remember our losses, seek Christ’s peace and comfort and fellowship in support of each other.

Part of this service provides a moment for each participant to bring an item that represents his/her loss to be blessed. Please bring an item that you wish to bring forth during the service to represent the loss(es) you have experienced. Your item should be able to be easily carried into the church and laid at the temporary memorial.

Those who wish, may leave their memorial item or prayer request to remain on the altar for our celebrations this weekend. Others may wish to bring their memorial item back home after the service. We will also have prayer intention cards available in the church for your memorial to be recorded and left at the altar of The Lord.

We welcome all to join us for
this service.



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