

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

AUGUST 8, 2021

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*



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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
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Welcome & Hospitality
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Children's Liturgy
Leone Burd 304-482-2613

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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: Janet Heron; Margaret Patrick
- *WYNGATE: Theresa Nedeff



St Francis Xavier

Aug 1	\$6410.30
Poor Fund	\$1185.00
Attendance	261

St Monica

Aug 1	\$1130.00
Poor Fund	\$73.00
Attendance	41

Parish Center Renovation \$1157.00

The second collection Sept 5th is for the Poor Fund

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.

19TH 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 - 8 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 St. Monica Mass 8:30 †Alice Shemo
 (Tom & Natalie Linder)
 St. FX Mass 10:30 †Mark Engle
 (Bobby & Charlene Nedef) /
 St. F X Mass 5:00 †People of the Parish

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/
 Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday - 9 *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*
 Holy Hour 11am
 Mass 12:10 †Jim Randall (Paula Linder)

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/
 Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday - 10 *St. Lawrence*
 Mass 8am †Msgr Daniel Kirwin

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday - 11 *St. Clare*
 Mass 7pm †Juanita Ferguson

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and
 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday - 12 *St. Jane Frances de Chantal*
 Mass 8am †Sr Mary Jane Buhrman (Lois Hicks)

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
 Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday - 13 *Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus*
 Holy Hour 11am
 Mass 12:10 †Theresa Criss (Mary Ann Weinheimer)

Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday - 14 *St. Maximillian Kolbe*
 Confessions 4-4:45
NO MASS (Mass at Southwood Park tomorrow)

Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/
 Mt 19:13-15

Sunday - 15 *The Assumption of
 the Blessed Virgin Mary*
MASS AT SOUTHWOOD PARK 10:00am

†Ricky DeVore (Martha DeVore)
 †Isabel Linder (Tom & Natalie Linder)
 †Mary P. Soplinski (John Soplinski)
 †People of the Parish

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/
 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

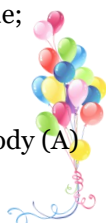
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ALL Servers	A LANTZ	K O'BARA	T BORRELLI	PURCHASE IN OFFICE OFFICE
Mass	S LASKO	S RICHARDS	M HEFFNER	PURCHASE IN OFFICE
August 15 10:00 am	G RICE	J SERENO	J KALTENECKER	PURCHASE IN OFFICE OFFICE
Southwood Park		M YOCUM	N LINDER	PURCHASE IN OFFICE OFFICE
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 7 - Jodie Boylen; Ben Keeney; Haadiza Ogwude;
Pat & Kimberly Cavanagh (A)
Aug 8 - Kristine Fry
Aug 10 - Patricia Long
Aug 11 - Joe & Emily Bailey (A); Dave & Cindy Woody (A)
Aug 12 - Jim & Sara Daniels (A)
Aug 13 - Rysa Rigos
Aug 14 - Evelyn Gonzalez; Aubrey Lantz; Damon Smith;
Al & Kathleen Stiefel (A); Kevin & Yvonne Watson (A)
Aug 15 - Tony Ferch; Ed Haislop; Patty Johnson;
Carson Logston; Leila Marlow



The **Book Club** will meet
August 16th at 10am in the
Parish Center Library.

The book for August is **Serious
Little Catholics** by **Kathy Geneau**.

Join us for lively discussion!

BOOK CLUB



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

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord. Eternal
rest grant unto them, O Lord, Let your perpetual light
shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

"AND BEHOLD,
I AM WITH
YOU ALWAYS,
UNTIL THE
END OF
THE AGE."

MATTHEW 28:20

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THE GABRIEL PROJECT is grateful to each of you who
donate so generously to our needs. Without your help we
would not be able to help our clients. Our needs this week
include baby wash, shampoo, butt cream and lotion.

PRO-LIFE

"From your first moments of existence, you had all the
DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, phy-
sique, and the color of your skin, hair, and eyes. At 24
days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs
were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming.
Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, som-
ersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you
heard loud music." *USCCB "Another Look at Abortion"*

Join Fr. Casey Mahone on a **pilgrimage** to Italy/Sicily
departing from Dulles Airport on Monday, April 18, 2022,
and returning April 30, 2022. The total cost of the trip is
\$4,995.00 per person for a double or triple occupancy
room. Price includes: round trip airfare, hotels, breakfast
daily, four dinners, taxes, baggage handling, motorcoach
transportation in Italy, tips, and all entrance fees. Sites
visiting include: Rome (optional Scavi tour), Assisi, Na-
ples, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast (Ravello and Almalfi), Capri,
Palermo, Catania, Taormina, Modica, Ragusa, Erice and
Monreale. Any questions, or to make a reservation,
contact Anita Petrella at ampetrella@yahoo.com or
304-481-3222.

"How much do you love me?"

JOIN THE STATE-WIDE
**TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST
FAMILY FOR**

RE-TEC

A Re-Boot and Renewal of TEC in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

10:00am - 5:00pm

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV

Schedule includes:

- Keynote speaker Todd Faller
- Mass with Bishop Mark E. Brennan
- Breakout sessions
- Reconnecting with old friends and acquaintances
- Opportunity to get more involved with TEC WV
- Making new friends
- Lunch



Please visit dwc.org/tec-reunion to register.

The "Fourth Day" of TEC Never Ends!

Scriptural Roots of the Mass

Our Summer Adult Faith Formation series will focus on the Scriptural Roots of the Mass.

This series, held on Monday evenings at 6:30 in the Parish Center, will conclude on August 16th.

PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S

46th Annual Blue & White Golf Tournament
Saturday, September 4, 2021 @ 8 a.m.

Worthington Golf Club

4 person scramble & lunch

\$85 per golfer or \$340 per team

\$500 1st place/\$250 2nd place

To register a team,

email aweatherwax@pchs1.com or

klewis@pchs1.com or call 304-485-6341 or visit [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/registerbluewhitegolf)

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Parkersburg Catholic Schools 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. Your donation could be used for such things as: books, computer software, classroom supplies and much more. Your support will be recognized with a plaque outside of the classroom that you adopt.

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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

Catholic Charities will hold a 'Pasta-bilities' Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, September 12, from 11:30 - 4:30. \$15 per meal tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance. St. Francis Xavier Parish Center, 609 Market Street. Proceeds benefit programs and services in the Catholic Charities Western Region. (depending on State and Diocesan COVID protocols, take-out and eat-in options are under consideration)

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HOLD YOUR EYES
ON GOD AND LEAVE
THE DOING TO HIM.

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ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

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Saint Jane Frances de Chantal's Story

Jane Frances was wife, mother, nun, and founder of a religious community. Her mother died when she was 18 months old, and her father, head of parliament at Dijon, France, became the main influence on her education. Jane developed into a woman of beauty and refinement, lively and cheerful in temperament. At 21, she married Baron de Chantal, by whom she had six children, three of whom died in infancy. At her castle, she restored the custom of daily Mass, and was seriously engaged in various charitable works.

Jane's husband was killed after seven years of marriage, and she sank into deep dejection for four months at her family home. Her father-in-law threatened to disinherit her children if she did not return to his home. He was then 75, vain, fierce, and extravagant. Jane Frances managed to remain cheerful in spite of him and his insolent housekeeper.

When she was 32, Jane met Saint Francis de Sales who became her spiritual director, softening some of the severities imposed by her former director. She wanted to become a nun but he persuaded her to defer this decision. She took a vow to remain unmarried and to obey her director.

After three years, Francis told Jane of his plan to found an institute of women that would be a haven for those whose health, age, or other considerations barred them from entering the already established communities. There would be no cloister, and they would be free to undertake spiritual and corporal works of mercy. They were primarily intended to exemplify the virtues of Mary at the Visitation—hence their name the Visitation nuns—humility and meekness.

The usual opposition to women in active ministry arose and Francis de Sales was obliged to make it a cloistered community following the Rule of Saint Augustine. Francis wrote his famous Treatise on the Love of God for them. The congregation consisting of three women began when Jane Frances was 45. She underwent great sufferings: Francis de Sales died; her son was killed; a plague ravaged France; her daughter-in-law and son-in-law died. She encouraged the local authorities to make great efforts for the victims of the plague, and she put all her convent's resources at the disposal of the sick.

She is the patron saint of mothers, wives, and widows.

The Children's Corner

Find and circle eight things that are different.



Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compared himself to manna. A long time ago God's people ate manna in the desert, because there was no other food to eat.

By sending manna falling from the sky every morning, God taught his people to trust him. Manna tasted good, and it kept them healthy. God took care of them and gave them all they needed. Then, hundreds of years later, God sent Jesus down from heaven, so people could have everlasting life with him.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus down from heaven so that we can look forward to living with you forever in heaven. Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of manna falling out of the sky.

Mission for the Week

The Hebrews often baked manna into little cakes. Ask your parents if you can make pancakes this weekend, and talk about how Jesus is like manna.

**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



The **'DOG DAYS OF AUGUST'** are upon us! Fr. John would like to extend his invitation to everyone to participate in a 30 day challenge to end summer. Pick a goal, any goal that you want to work on, then commit yourself to working on it for 30 days. Fr. John's goal this year is to walk 5 miles every day! Will he succeed with his goal?? Will you succeed with your goal??

Children's Liturgy
of the **Word**

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 or with questions.

2021 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

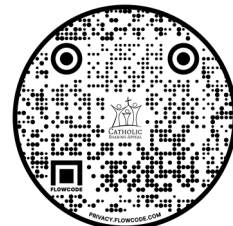
As in the past, after St. Francis Xavier or St. Monica reaches 50% of the goal amount, all 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal donations return to the parish.

Three Options to Donate: **(1)** You now have the option to use your phone to donate to the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal, by using the QR Code. Point your camera at the QR code. ...Then tap the magnifying glass icon to scan the QR code. ...Finally, tap the pop-up notification. **(2)** You can make your gift online at dwc.org/csa. **(3)** If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail that check, along with a detailed list of the donor's name, address and gift amount to the Diocese office – Catholic Sharing Appeal, PO Box 230 Wheeling WV 26003.

St. FX goal is \$26,450 and St. Monica's goal is \$3,250

St FX has met 71% of their goal

St Monica has met 266% of their goal



*St. Francis Xavier and St. Monica churches
cordially invite you to attend a*



August 15th will be a **One Parish Mass** to celebrate The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.



Mass will be held outside at Southwood Park shelter at 10am.

Bring your own chairs.



Immediately following the Mass will be a pot-luck picnic.

Please bring entrees, salads, and/or dessert. The church will be providing the plates and cutlery and pulled pork for sandwiches to accompany the meal.



Please bring your own non-alcoholic drinks. (Alcohol is not allowed in the park)

This park offers many activities for the families throughout the day.



Swimming pool entry (\$4 up to age 17, and \$6 for adults) comes with a wristband that also includes the water slide at the park for the day!!



Volleyball court, badminton, children's playground, and tennis courts are on site.



We will also have games and activities for kids and adults alike. Corn hole, bingo with prizes. Kids activities and crafts. Plan to spend the afternoon fellowshiping and enjoying the festivities.



There will be only one Mass for the weekend of
August 14/15 (no Saturday or Sunday Mass at the churches)