

From our Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday at the 9 am Mass, **The Encounter Band** will be joining with Michael Hamilton, our Parish Music Director. The Band brings a guitar, drums and a keyboard to enhance the music. The music at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday will remain in the current style and will not change. If you don't like the Encounter Band, you have other options.

Starting September 16, the Children's Liturgy of the Word will be expanded to a whole half hour at the 9 am Mass. The **Kid's Chapel** in the Daily Mass Chapel starting at 9 am. The Daily Mass Chapel is accessible through the sacristy door by the St. Joseph shrine in the right transept of the church. A team of adults will be assisting Sister Rosella to provide a fine experience in the Kids' Chapel. Hospitality ministers, please inform young families of this option and be ready to lead young families back to the Daily Mass Chapel.

Small Groups are forming. We have more people who want to participate than we have leaders. If you signed up, then you should be receiving a phone call soon informing you of the location and time of your group.

Pictorial Directories: If you got your picture taken, please pick up your copy of the directory from the vestibule of the church. If you want a copy but did not get your picture taken, please look for a sign-up list in the vestibule for those requesting an additional copy.

God bless you! Msgr. Paul Hudock

MEN'S RETREAT: A Day of Reflection with Rev. John Beckley, S.M. will be held at the Marist Centre Saturday September 29th. We begin at 8am with a continental breakfast (registration at 8:30am) and ending with Mass (around 5pm). Cost is \$30, and includes breakfast and lunch. For more info, call Don Klamut at 304-280-4626 or visit the website at: <http://www.laymensretreatleague.org/>

VOLUNTEERS WANTED **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Valley Hospice is in need of Greeter Volunteers for Liza's Place Care Center South. If you are interested, please contact Tracey Dickerson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 304-230-6167.

RCIA SESSIONS BEGIN THIS WEEK!



Are you someone or do you know someone who. . .

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist?

St. Vincent's Parish offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children and younger teens. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Sister Rosella at 304-242-0406.

RCIA sessions will begin here at St. Vincent's on Thursday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Caveney Room in the office area of the Marist Centre.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Catholic 2018
Sharing Appeal

St Vincent's has more parishioners participating in the **Catholic Sharing Appeal** than any other parish in the

diocese! 209 households have made gifts totaling \$124,955. At this stage, your gift to the CSA will be free of diocesan assessments and will be matched by the diocese.

Help us to **Pay the Priest, Protect Education, Pave the Lot,** and reach our goal of \$227,000 by the end of the year. You can give online at: www.dwc.org/csa

We have reached over half of our parish goal!
Thank you to all who have participated!

"REBUILT" DISCUSSION CLASS: Msgr. Paul will be leading a discussion on September 12, 19, and 26 in the Youth Room starting at 6:30 pm; to discuss the book **"Rebuilt."** Copies of the book are available in the priests' sacristy.





Please Pray For Those who are sick. . Lora

Bishop, Patricia Bock, Barbara Brayec, Jodie Ferrera Bricker, Fred Chipkar, Tom Clatterbuck, Maggie Conley, Urban Danahey, Phyllis DeGencinto, Kathy Dietrich, Samara Edmund, Gerald and Louise Elliott, Janet Ferrera, Tom Flatley, Edna Foose, Lou Frasnelli, Bob Hughes, Fred Jaquay, Elena Kime, Phyllis Kosem, Mary Jane Langmyer, Marcia Laughlin, Lee Merinar, Mary Ellen McCann, Linda Melko, Harold Miller, Kathleen Miller, Denise Mull, Bill Meyers, Lois Naegele, Bill Palmer, Darren Reed, Shirley Seamon, The Petruccioli Family, Lori Plants, Maddie Russell, Nick Stephan, Austin Strawn, Anita Tankovits, Chester Jay Taylor, Rick Terry, Wilma Thomann, Jim Tighe, Chuck Vanyo, Kathy Wagner, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, S.M.; Mitzi Wiczorkowski

UPCOMING EVENTS - This Week

Wednesday—September 12

Rebuilt Class 6:30 pm Youth Rm

Thursday—September 13

RCIA 6:30 pm Caveney Rm

Saturday—September 15

Knight at the Races 6:00 pm Main Hall

Mass at OLSD for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows: **Saturday, September 15, at 10 am**

Finance Council—Thursday, Sept. 20, 6:30 pm

Reflection for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good (see [Genesis 1:31](#)).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (mogilalon, or "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see [Revelation 21:1-5](#)). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God, and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then, in the Eucharist, again give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Let us say with Isaiah, here is our God, He comes to save us. Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him. - Dr. Scott Hahn, PhD



INFANT OF PRAGUE NOVENA: will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph from September 17 through November 12. Nine consecutive Mondays at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Theme for this year is The "I Am" Statements of Jesus.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH: Your St. Vincent de Paul Society parish outreach continues its work to help those among us who are in critical need. Our preliminary data for 2018

through July shows that we have helped 174 individuals. This, in turn, allowed us to directly assist a total of 478 adults and children residing in these homes. This help included vouchers for food at Riesbeck's, personal care and cleaning supplies, and utility assistance. Our growing bed ministry was able to provide beds and bedding to many of these families — by rough count, 63 homes were served. Each household helped received personal contacts and visits from members of our Society.

Your generosity and support makes all this possible. The Society and our outreach depends entirely on donations, volunteers, and—most of all—prayers. Prayers for the continued work of our Society and prayers for those we serve.

If you know of anyone needing assistance or want further information on St. Vincent de Paul Society and its work, please call our hotline at 304-242-8868 and leave a message. A volunteer will get back to you promptly. Thank you and god Bless You!

St. Vincent's School and Youth News

"KNIGHT" AT THE RACES: It's Post Time!! Join us Saturday, Sept. 15 at 6 pm in the Marist Centre! CCHS Senior Class parents join the St. Vincent Warriors for a "Knight at the Races!" Purchase a Souvenir Cup for \$5 and fill it with draft beer all Knight long!



Tickets are \$15 each; Sponsor a horse: \$25 Sponsor a race: \$100

Grand Champion Package: \$50—includes 2 tickets, 1 horse, and \$10 in Racing tokens

Winners Circle Package: \$100— a table for 6 people, \$25 in betting tokens, and a shout out during the event (Priceless!)

Diocese Safe Environment Program:

Anyone who volunteers for church or school and may be in contact with children (directly or indirectly) is required to complete the three components of the Safe Environment Program:

- Policy Relating to sexual abuse of children
- Background Check
- Awareness training session (online or class)

Our Lady of Peace will also have a live session Thursday, September 13, at 6:00 pm at the school. Call the school office for more information.



Parish School of Religion (PSR): St. Vincent de Paul Parish School of Religion (PSR) will begin on Sunday, September 16, 2018, from 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., in the Marist Centre.

If you have not received registration form(s), please call Sister Rosella or stop by the parish office. All children of the parish (K-8) attending public schools should be attending the PSR program and not just for sacramental preparation. **Special Note: All first graders of the parish attending public schools must attend PSR classes in first grade in order to prepare for the sacraments of reconciliation and first communion in the second grade. This is a diocesan policy.**

We also have a 2 year preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation. All 6th and 7th grade youth are to be attending class this year, and next year to be confirmed in the spring of 2020 as 7th and 8th graders. Registration forms & schedules are in the vestibule of the church.

SVS 2ND ANNUAL
FALL CRAFT AND VENDOR
FESTIVAL

ATTENTION!

Be sure to Join us for your 2nd Annual Fall Craft and Vendor Festival! We have over

45 vendors, delicious food, and much more!! Come out and get your holiday shopping done early—items for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas available! Admission is free!

When: Saturday, October 27

Time: 10 am—2 pm

Where: St. Vincent de Paul School Gym

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:



- **Mark your Calendars for PARENT KNIGHT**—Thursday, September 13, at 6:30 pm. Parents can walk through their students' schedules, meet teachers, and
- explore the school. Please plan to attend!

Our Parish School is open and excited about the new school year ahead!

The 2018-19 school year gives us many reasons to CELEBRATE and we have YOU to thank!

Our school doors opened to 141 students—that is a 20% increase from the end of the last year.

Our gym has a new sound system and it is surely a welcome addition to the school. We are most grateful to Dr. John and Michelle Wolen for their generous donation of the funding to purchase and install the equipment. **John Wolen Surgical Associates** has blessed our students with a professional system to use during all competitions, performances and sporting events! We are most grateful!

The STEM Classroom is already making a BIG hit! The renovated all purpose room now includes new seating, tables, a large screen TV wired for technology, an interactive white board, new paint and murals, a new Science curriculum, books and resources as well as many hands on resources. We thank everyone for Supporting the Amazing Raise! Our STEM classroom will continue to AMAZE our students! **And once again...our teachers have all returned to model for our students and families what it means to Learn, Lead and Love.**

Mass Schedule

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (Sept. 15/16, 2018)

Masses This Weekend

Saturday Sept. 8 (23rd Ord. Sunday/Vigil)
5:00 pm Dr. Charles Porter
Sunday Sept. 9 (23rd Sunday in Ord. Time)
9:00 am Margie Fitzpatrick
11:30 am Madeline Belby (B)

Masses This Week

Monday Sept. 10
7:50 am Albert and Margaret Kreitzer
Tuesday Sept. 11

Miraculous Medal Novena before 5:30 pm Mass
5:30 pm Nancy Meredith

Wednesday Sept. 12 (Most Holy Name of Mary)
7:50 am Lucy Bleifus (B)
Thursday Sept. 13 (St. John Chrysostom, Bishop/Doctor of the Church)
7:50 am Dr. Tom Przybyz
Friday Sept. 14 (Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
9:00 am Joe Front

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday Sept. 15 (24th Ord. Sunday/Vigil)
5:00 pm Stacy Manter
Sunday Sept. 16 (24th Sunday in Ord. Time)
9:00 am Grace Neidert (B)
11:30 am Dr. Robert Bianco

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Sept. 2, 2018

Collection	\$9,191.00
WeShare	550.00
Attendance	497

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Sept. 9	Diocesan Scholarship
Sept. 16	Religious Education at St. Vincent's
Sept. 30	Catholic University

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held each Sunday during 9:00 Mass. Four year olds through 4th grade are welcome to attend.



GLEANING! We will continue to collect fresh Produce each weekend through the beginning of October. Food will be taken to Catholic Neighborhood Center by 12:30pm each Sunday.

Saturday—5:00 pm

Servers: Angelina Robrecht, Hunter Kerr, Vincent Rodak
Greeters: Jeannie and Dave Miller
Lector/Announcer: Vickie Joseph
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Roberts, Jim Baller, Carol Harris, Jeannie Miller, Andrea Witzgall, Rita Gallo, Jim Roberts

Sunday - 9:00 am

Servers: Isabella and Charlie DiSaia, John Anders
Greeters: Mary Cook, Ellen Kuhar, Lynn Hetzel
Lector/Announcer: Paul Dimmey
Eucharistic Ministers: Garry Ferrell, Bob Krajewski, Richard Oswald, Ty Miller, Matt and Susie Koval, Katie Kreitzer

Sunday - 11:30 Mass

Servers: Thomas and Luke Minor
Greeters: Paul and Susie Newmeyer
Lector/Announcer: Beth Trunzo
Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Soloninka, Janet Thomas, Mary Lou Kent, Susie Newmeyer, Judy Stadler



BEREAVEMENT GATHERING: If you, or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving, please join us at 6:00 pm at St. Alphonsus Church in Wheeling. Everything is kept confidential. Facilitator is Deacon Doug Breiding. **Next gathering is September 24**

Sunday, October 14, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 1:00 pm in the Church. Benediction will be held at 5 pm.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: 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 1-800-352-6513. Report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 1-888-434-6237.