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Parish Council Chair: Joann Drnach Finance Council Chair: Larry Bandi Building & Property Chair: Bob Smith Development Committee Chair: Matt Padden SVS School Advisory Board: Anne Ricci * Reconciliation every Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm * Reconciliation 1st Saturday of the Month after morning Mass

Readings for the Week

<u>December 19</u> - Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25а / Ps 71: 3-4а. 5-6ав. 16-17 / Lк 1: 5-25

<u>December 20</u> - Is 7: 10-14 / Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ав. 5-6 / Lк 1: 26-38 <u>December 21</u> - Sg 2: 8-14 ок Zep 3: 14-18а / Ps 33: 2-3. 11-12. 20-21 /

LK 1: 39-45 **DECEMBER 22** - 1 Sm 1: 24-28 / 1 Sm 2: 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd / LK 1: 46-56 **DECEMBER 23** - Mal 3: 1-4. 23-24 / Ps 25: 4-5ab. 8-9. 10 and 14 / LK 1: 57-66

DECEMBER 24 - 2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8B-12. 14A. 16 / Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27 and 29 / LK 1: 67-79

DECEMBER 25 - **VIGIL**: Is 62: 1-5 / Ps 89: 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2A) / ACTS 13: 16-17. 22-25 / MT 1: 1-25.

<u>December 25</u> - Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98: 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 (3с)/Heb 1: 1-6/Jn 1: 1-18

> <u>Next Mass at OLSD</u> Sunday, January 1st at 10:30 am



St. Vincent de Paul Parish School



Education for Your Child's Mind, Body, & Soul

127 Key Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003 (304) 242-5844 Jarett T. Kuhns, M.Ed., Principal Julie Peroni, Assistant Principal Tracy Thomas, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant to the Principal

School Year Office Hours: Monday through Friday 7:45 am - 3:45 pm

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SVS - A LOOK AHEAD...

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa, (originally scheduled on December 3rd,) has been **rescheduled** for **Sunday**, **December 18th**, from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. The event is sponsored by the 6th grade class.

Sunday, December 18th	4th Sunday of Advent Breakfast with Santa - 10:00 am to 11:30 am - Marist Centre
Monday, December 19th	 Holiday Spirit Week Continues sponsored by PSA * (<u>Movie Monday</u> - Christmas PJ's and Holiday Movie in Class) Gameshow Monday: Christmas Family Feud - 7th vs. 8th with PS-6 Audience 10:00 am- Gym - Wear Pajamas / Book Bingo (over announcements) for Other Grades Classroom Christmas Parties: Preschool, 3 and 4 at 11:00 am / All Others at 2:00 pm
Tuesday, December 20th	Holiday Spirit Week Concludes sponsored by PSA * (<u>Twinkle Tuesday</u> - Light up Like a Christmas Tree) Christmas Soiree 9:30 am in Gym (reward for Sarris Sales Incentive for those who Qualify) Noon Dismissal - No Lunch Served
Sunday, December 25th	Merry Christmas!

Wednesday, December 21st through Tuesday, January 2nd - Christmas Break



Parish Information

Liturgy and Minister Schedule

Today is the Fourth of Advent

On this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

Date	<u>Time</u>	Mass Intentions	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, December 17th	8:00 am	+ Bernard, Helen and Brenda Murphy		
	5:00 pm	+ Patrick Clutter	Team McKeets!	Nancy LaBrosse
Sunday, December 18th Second Sunday of Advent	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Bob Battista All the People of the Parish	Dennis Beiter Richard Oswald	Laura Dominquez Dave Soloninka
Tuesday, December 20th	5:30 pm	+ Nancy Riser	<u>ALTAR SERVE</u>	RS (WEEKEND MASSES)
Wednesday, December 21st	5:30 pm	All the People of the Parish	Logan Buchannan, Charleigh Carr, Georgia Carr, Riley Chiazza, Patrick Childers, Mallory Connlley, Emma Dean, Ava Dominquez, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Billy Looney, Sarai Macias, McKenzie Looney, Luke Minor, Angelene Ricci, Austin Schwanker, Ava Thomas, Emma Thompson, Justin Wilson	
Thursday, December 22nd	8:00 am	All the People of the Parish		
Friday, December 23rd	8:00 am	+ Leo Bartsch		
Saturday, December 24th * Children's Program! * OLSD	8:00 am * 4:30 pm 7:00 pm * 9:30 pm	+ ??? All the People of the Parish + Leah Newmeyer All the People of the Parish	Dave Soloninka Gwen Porter Mary K Bell	Lynn Hetzel Susie Newmeyer Joann Drnach
Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day!	9:00 am	+ CMA	Larry Bandi	Dennis Beiter

Please Pray for:

Jim Baller, Richard Blatt, Patricia Bock, Mary Kay Britt, Shirley Carter, Bill Childers, Gerald Cook, Holly Custer, Allison Dunlap, Melissa Hipkiss, Ginny Johnson, Ray Laudermilt, Mike Perring, Jenna Russell, Isaac Salva, Nancy Shalvey, Marlene Trischler, Samara Wamsley, Ann & Charlie Wolfe, John Zumpetta, All Homebound, Sick and Shut-Ins If you would like to add the name of a friend or loved one to our prayer list, please contact the Parish Office at (304) 242-0406.

<u>Attendance Update - December 10th & 11th</u>	Offertory Update - December 10th & 11th		
SVDP 5:00 pm - 96	Collection: (SVDP) - \$4,914		
SVDP 9:00 am - 135	Collection: (OLSD) - \$586		
SVDP 11:30 am - 111	Collection: (WeShare) - \$2,433.10		
Total Attendance: - 342	Total Collection: - \$9,565.10		
Offertory Update - December 8th	Second Collection Update - December 10th & 11th		
Immaculate Conception Mass - \$1,199	Retirement Fund for Religious - \$1,632		

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Upcoming Second Collection - December 24th & 25th

Catholic Charities

Catholic Sharing Appeal

Our Annual Appeal is progressing nicely. The first 50% of our CSA goal (\$19,360) goes to the Diocese. Anything exceeding 50% of our CSA goal comes directly back to our Parish!

St. Vincent's CSA progress is currently at 150% of our goal having raised \$57,984 of \$38,720 with 95 gifts.

Our Lady of Seven Dolors CSA progress is currently at 5% of our goal having raised \$265 of \$5,225 with 5 gifts.

This year, through the generous hearts of the members of our Parish Councils and Committees; a matching grant has been offered to our Parish. These members have decided to match up to \$67,000 of gifts exceeding 50% of our CSA goal!

That means if our Parish raises \$86,360 in Annual Appeal funds, their matching grant will add an additional \$67,000

which would bring our Annual Appeal total to \$153,360!

We ask that you please prayerfully discern a gift to the Annual Appeal and join others around the Diocese in supporting its work.

When writing checks for any collection, please make all checks payable to St. Vincent's Church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL PARISH SUPPORT!

Prayer & Worship

DAILY MASSES

We are now celebrating daily Masses on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm** and on **Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 am**.

We will be taking Mass Intentions for any Mass. If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one or for your intention, please contact the Parish Office.

The offering for any Mass on weekdays is \$10. For Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation \$20.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm.

We will be praying the Miraculous Medal Novena at 5:00 pm, followed by Rosary, Benediction and Mass at 5:30 pm.

Helpers are needed for Eucharistic Adoration, especially between the hours of **12:00 - 1:00 pm**. Please call **Joann Drnach** at **304-238-6534** to sign up.

ROSARY

We will be praying the Rosary **30 minutes prior to** each Mass. The Rosary is also prayed each Friday at **4:00 pm** in the Mary Mother of MercyChapel.

If you would like to lead the Rosary before Mass, please contact the Parish Office to sign up.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word returns to St. Vincent de Paul! Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed to make the gospel message and the celebration of the liturgy relevant to the lives and experiences of young children.

During the **9:00 am Sunday** liturgy, **Pre-K through 2nd Grade** parishioners (*those that have not yet received first communion*) will be invited to be dismissed before the first reading and will return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

For more details, contact Derek Dimmey!

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND, SICK & SHUT-INS

The Parish is updating our Pastoral Care and Communion to the Sick ministry. Please call the parish office if you or a family member would like a visit or communion.

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

If you would like to have your child Baptized, contact **Fr. Jeeson**, or the **Parish Office** to make arrangements.

Engaged couples should contact **Fr. Jeeson**, or the **Parish Office** preferably six months prior to the desired wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Individual reception of the sacrament can be arranged by contacting **Fr. Jeeson**, or the **Parish Office.** Anyone who is anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to entering the hospital.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)

RCIA still has space available! It is ideal for anyone interested in joining the Church, or simply learning about the Catholic faith. We meet on **Thursday evenings at 6:30** pm in the Youth Room. Contact **Cynthia Dimmey** at **cdimmey2015@icloud.com** or **304-650-5857** (call or text) for more information.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Classes meet every Sunday from <u>10:15 - 11:15 am</u>. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church. For more details, contact **Derek Dimmey.**

ANGELUS PRAYER

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, **R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord, **R. Be it done unto me according to your Word.** Hail Mary...

> V. And the Word was made flesh, **R. And dwelt among us.** Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, **R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Parish Outreach

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"It is better to give than receive." This Catholic lay organization leads women and men to join together to service those who are needy and suffering. If you would like to attend a meeting, call Mary Lou Kent at (304) 242-1019.

GIVING TREE UPDATE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone who bought gifts for the Giving Tree!

Together with Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center we were able to help over 50 children and teens!

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

OLSD ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society of Our Lady of Seven Dolors will be having their Christmas Party on **Thursday**, **January 5th**, **2023** at **12:00 noon** at Seven Dolors Church.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

C.C.N.C. is looking for volunteers to deliver meals!

Each day, the Neighborhood Center feeds approximately 180 people through its meal delivery program. Our clients are homebound and unable to prepare their own meals.

Volunteers are urgently needed to deliver meals to individuals receiving this service. It would be greatly appreciated if you could support and help us. Please contact **Jodi Fogle at 304-650-4937** or **jfogle@ccwva.org** if you are able to assist.

THE GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is in need of volunteers! The Gabriel Project is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. and located in the St. James Lutheran Church at 1409 Chapline Street.

Please contact Jenny Matz by phone at **304-639-5039** or email at **J.MatzNPGP@gmail.com** if you are able to help!

ST. JOHN'S BEREAVEMENT GATHERING

Grief from a Faith Perspective:

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** on the **last Monday of each month** at St. John's Fellowship Hall in Benwood, WV.

Facilitators are Deacon Doug Breiding and Tom and Michelle McFadden. Call the parish at 304-232-6455

Next gathering will be December 26th

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus, Council 504 would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Knights of Columbus's Kids Winter Wear Drive!

Thanks to your generous support, we were able to donate:

88 pairs of gloves, 99 coats

40 scarves, 105 hats

20 pairs of socks, 2 blankets

28 pants and 2 pairs of boots

to Youth Services System (YSS) in Wheeling!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Thank you to all bakers and helpers for all you have done to help make our first Cookie Sale successful!

Reminder that cookie orders can be picked up on Saturday, December 17th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Marist Centre.

If we have any extras, we will sell them after the Masses this weekend.

Catholic Charities West Virginia

Catholic Charities West Virginia is on a mission to end poverty, one family at a time.

Join us! Please donate.

- Give to the second collection at Christmas masses
- Donate online at:
- www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org
 Mail donations to: 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

It is more blessed to give than to receive. - Acts 20:35



SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD			
Saturday, December 17th	Cookie Sale (Pick-Up) 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Marist Centre)		
Sunday, December 18th <i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Breakfast with Santa - 10:00 am to 11:30 am - Marist Centre Small Group (Drnach), 10:15 - 11:15 am (Youth Room)		
Tuesday, December 20th	Small Group (LaBrosse), 2:00 - 3:30 pm (Youth Room)		
Wednesday, December 21st	Small Group (Mazzzocca), 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Parish Library) Small Group (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Youth Room)		
Friday, December 23rd	Rosary (Mazzocca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm (Church Sanctuary)		
Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve!	"That manger, poor in everything yet rich in love, teaches that true nourishment in life comes		
Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day!	from letting ourselves be loved by God and loving others in turn," Pope Francis		

THE PURPOSE AND SYMBOLISM OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES



The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

Even the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses - Saturday, December 24th at 4:30 pm / 7:00 pm and 9:30 pm at OLSD

Christmas Day Mass - Sunday, December 25th at 9:00 am

New Years Eve Mass - Saturday, December 31st at 5:00 pm

New Years Day Mass - Sunday, January 1st at 9:00 am / 11:30 am and 10:30 am at OLSD





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. 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.

