



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003



## The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time - February 19th, 2023



### Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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### First Reading - Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 103: 1-4,8,10, 12-13

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

### Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:38-48

My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.

### Liturgy / Holy Mass Schedule:

**Sunday:** 9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Monday:** 5:30 pm (*During Lent*)

**Tuesday:** 5:30 pm (*Adoration from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm*)

**Wednesday:** 5:30 pm

**Thursday:** 8:00 am

**Friday:** 8:00 am

**Saturday:** 8:00 am / 5:00 pm (*Vigil*)

\* Rosary 30 minutes prior to each Mass

\* Reconciliation every Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm

\* Reconciliation 1st Saturday of the Month after morning Mass

\* 10:30 am Mass at OLSD 1st Sunday of the Month

### Next Mass at OLSD

Sunday, March 5th at 10:30 am

### Councils & Committees:

**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



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish School

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



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**Tracy Thomas, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant to the Principal**

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## SVS - A LOOK AHEAD...

<b>Monday, February 20th</b>	<b>President's Day, No School</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 22nd</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins</b> School Mass, 9:15 am
<b>Thursday, February 23rd</b>	<b>DWC Science Fair at CCHS</b>
<b>Friday, February 24th</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross 9:15 am</b>
<b>Sunday, February 26th</b>	<b>Warrior Mass, 11:30 am</b>

### Lenten Reflection

Pope Francis tells us that Lent is a new beginning, a path toward continual conversion of the heart. We invite you to join the local parochial schools in this journey of prayer and reflection. On **Sunday, March 5th**, the Catholic Schools in the Upper Ohio Valley (from Wheeling to Weirton) will gather for a Lenten Reflection. This collaborative ministry will include choir members from each of the schools....one voice, on a journey together. Readings, narratives, dramatic interpretations and opportunities for reflection will encourage those in attendance to pray and think about the importance of Lent as a time to transform minds and hearts.

This Lenten Reflection is open to ALL school families, parishioners, neighbors, friends and members of the community. It will be held at the **Cathedral of St. Joseph** (1300 Eoff St, Wheeling, WV 26003) beginning at **3:00 pm**. This is a beautiful way to journey through Lent and ignite the HOPE in our hearts for a Blessed Easter season. LORD, LET ME WALK..

<b>Wednesday, March 22nd</b>	<b>All School Lenten Retreat Day - (During the School Day)</b> The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus will be coming to our school to lead a kid friendly, all school Lenten retreat (even for Preschool). They will be working with students in different age groups. We will NOT have Mass on this day but we will have Reconciliation and a Holy Half Hour. School Mass will proceed as usual on the 23rd. This retreat will take most of the day so please be prepared for mostly no instruction on that date.
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# Greenbacks

## Dinner & Auction

### Saturday, March 25th

*St. Vincent de Paul Parish Center*  
**6 - 10pm**

**Honoring the Savage Family**

### Raffle Tickets

**\$20 each**

1st Drawing- \$2,000  
2nd Drawing- \$2,000  
3rd Drawing- \$2,000  
4th Drawing- \$2,000  
5th Drawing- \$2,000

**6TH DRAWING \$10,000**

### Silent Auction

Thousands of dollars in Silent Action items!

### Dinner Tickets




**\$40 single or \$70 couple**

Dinner prepared by *Chef Adam Luise*

Raffle and dinner tickets can be purchased at the Parish or School Office.


*Undeniably YOU*  
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**OPEN HOUSE**

**7 MARCH 2023**  **9:00AM-11:00AM**

**14 MARCH 2023**  **6:00PM-8:00PM**

**APPLY | TOURS | SHADOW DAYS | MORE INFORMATION**

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# Parish Information

## Liturgy and Minister Schedule

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
<b>Saturday, February 18th</b>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	+ CMA + Tom & Marianne Finan	Vickie Joseph	Tom McFadden
<b>Sunday, February 19th</b>	9:00 am 11:30 am	All the People of the Parish + Allan Latz	Team McKeets Gwen Porter	Marilyn Delbrugge Dave Soloninka

### Greeters for February 18th & 19th

**5:00 pm** - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / **9:00 am** - Susie & Lydia Koval / **11:30 am** - Paul & Susie Newmeyer

<b>Tuesday, February 21st</b>	5:30 pm	+ Dolores Wiethe	<b><u>ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses)</u></b> Logan Buchannan, Charleigh Carr, Georgia Carr, Riley Chiazza, Mallory Connley, 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	
<b>Wednesday, February 22nd</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	*9:15 am 5:30 pm	*School Mass + CMA + CMA		
<b>Thursday, February 23rd</b>	8:00 am	+ CMA		
<b>Friday, February 24th</b>	8:00 am	+ CMA		
<b>Saturday, February 25th</b>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	+ CMA All the People of the Parish	Larry Bandi	Vickie Joseph
<b>Sunday, February 26th</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Joseph & Mary Margaret Latz + Nancy Riser	Dennis Beiter Richard Oswald	Mary K Bell Susie Newmeyer

### Greeters for February 25th & 26th

**5:00 pm** - Jeff Klosinski & Nancy LaBrosse / **9:00 am** - Tammy & Trenton Rosenthal / **11:30 am** - Lisa Armstrong & Nancy Freeman

### Background on the Gospel Reading

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God’s love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**FEBRUARY 20** - SIR 1: 1-10 / Ps 93: 1AB. 1CD-2. 5 / Mk 9: 14-29

**FEBRUARY 21** - SIR 2: 1-11 / Ps 37: 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40 / Mk 9: 30-37

**FEBRUARY 22** - **ASH WEDNESDAY** JL 2: 12-18 / Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6AB. 12-13. 14 AND 17 / 2 COR 5: 20 -- 6:2 / Mt 6: 1-6. 16-18

**FEBRUARY 23** - DT 30: 15-20 / Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 AND 6 / LK 9: 22-25

**FEBRUARY 24** - Is 58: 1-9A / Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6AB. 18-19 / Mt 9: 14-15

**FEBRUARY 25** - Is 58: 9B-14 / Ps 86: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 / LK 5: 27-32

**FEBRUARY 26** - **The First Sunday of Lent** GN 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7 / Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 17 / ROM 5: 12-19 / Mt 4:1-11



# Prayer & Worship

## Prayer List & Announcements



### *Please Pray for:*

*Jim Baller, Barb Bennett, Patricia Bock, Mary Kay Britt, Shirley Carter, Bill Childers, Gerald Cook, Holly Custer, Allison Dunlap, Melissa Hipkiss, Frederick Jaquay, Ginny Johnson, Ray Laudermilt, Marcia Laughlin, Dave Mallery, Brandt Mazerowski, Mike Perring, Jenna Russell, Paul Russell, Isaac Salva, Nancy Shalvey, Addison Stephens, Kera Stidd, Marlene Trischler, Glen Ullom, Lynn Uraco, Ryan and Krystyn Wamsley, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, Ann & Charlie Wolfe, Dylan Wolfe, All Homebound, Sick and Shut-Ins*

If you would like to add friend or loved one to our prayer list, please contact the Parish Office at (304) 242-0406.

### MASS INTENTIONS

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.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm.**

Helpers are needed for Eucharistic Adoration, especially between the hours of **1:00-2:00 pm** and **4:00-5:00 pm**. Please call **Joann Drnach** at **304-238-6534** to sign up.

### COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION

The Commemorative Mass Association - "CMA" is a means for parishioners and friends to honor their loved ones with a total of 18 Masses throughout the year. The Masses are said on the **First Friday of each month** as well as on **Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, the Feast of the Assumption, All Souls Day, and Christmas Day**.

The annual cost is **\$50.00** and you may add multiple deceased family members. Contact the parish office at 304-242-0406 for more information or to register your deceased loved ones.

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

### 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.

### LECTOR & EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULES

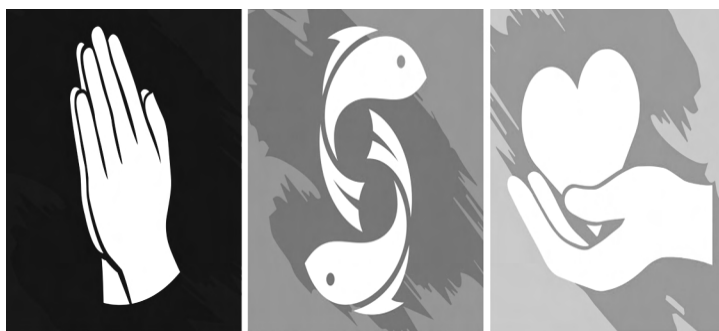
Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Greeter Schedules for February and March are located on the table in the vestibule. Please pick up your copy!

### CHURCH CHOIR

The Church Choir rehearses each Sunday at 10:10 am (between the 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses) in the Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel.

All are welcome to join!

Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!



**PRAY FAST GIVE**

*God of justice and mercy, help me to forgive.*

*Help me to offer mercy as a remedy for the injustice I face in life.*

*May I heed Your words and follow the perfect example You set while on the Cross when You prayed,  
"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."*

*Help me, Lord, to imitate Your love and forgiveness.*

*Jesus, I trust in You.*

# Prayer & Worship

## Religious Education & Announcements

### SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

### ST. VINCENT'S YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Vincent's Summer Camp has been officially scheduled for **Sunday, June 18th through Saturday, June 24th, 2023!**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**PSR:** Classes meet every Sunday from **10:15 - 11:15 am**. For more details, contact **Derek Dimmey**.






**RCIA:** Classes meet on **Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm** in the Youth Room. Contact **Cynthia Dimmey** at **304-650-5857** or **cdimmey2015@icloud.com** for more information.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

Daily Inspiration for Your Lenten Journey | February 22-April 9 | [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

# LENT 2023 | Reflect. Repent. Restore.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>February 22</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins</b> Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.	<b>February 23</b>  "Lent ... is a time of grace, a time for letting God gaze upon us with love and in this way change our lives. We were put in this world to go from ashes to life." Pope Francis, Homily, February 26, 2020	<b>February 24</b>  "The season of Lent has traditionally been a time of prolonged penance for the Christian community. Together we prepare for the great Easter mysteries by committing ourselves to fulfill our baptismal call to maturity, holiness, service, and community." <a href="#">Penitential Practices for Today's Catholics</a>	<b>February 25</b> Those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil will celebrate the Rite of Election tomorrow. Say a prayer for the elect, for those who will be received into the Church, and for all who seek God with a sincere heart.
<b>February 26</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4b	<b>February 27</b> <a href="#">Make going to confession</a> a priority during Lent this year.	<b>February 28</b> "Voluntary fasting from food creates in us a greater openness to God's Spirit and deepens our compassion for those who are forced to go without food. The discomfort brought about by fasting unites us to the sufferings of Christ." <a href="#">Penitential Practices for Today's Catholics</a>	<b>March 1</b> "In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity." Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2022	<b>March 2</b> During Lent, we are called to give alms to those who are in need. Explore ways to give in you parish, diocese, or through a national collection: <a href="#">Help Now   USCCB</a>	<b>March 3</b>  Today is the memorial of Saint Katharine Drexel. She "taught a spirituality based on prayerful union with the Eucharistic Lord and zealous service of the poor and the victims of racial discrimination (Pope Saint John Paul II, October 1, 2000). Pray the prayer to heal racial division: <a href="#">Prayer to Heal Racial Division   USCCB</a> "	<b>March 4</b> "The need for conversion and salvation is unchanging, as is the necessity that, confessing our sinfulness, we perform, personally and in community, acts of penance in pledge of our inward penitence and conversion." <a href="#">Statement on Penance and Abstinence, no. 2</a>

# Lenten Season

## Journey With Us

### LENT

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

**FASTING DAYS:** include Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (one full meatless meal is permitted), and meatless Fridays during Lent (fish and shellfish are permitted).

**THE THREE PILLARS:** of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In addition to fasting, many also choose to abstain from other comforts during Lent.

**HOLY WEEK:** begins with Palm Sunday, April 2nd, a celebration of Christ's triumphant return to Jerusalem.

**EASTER TRIDUUM:** begins with Holy Thursday, April 6, at Sunset, signaling the end of the Lenten season.

### LIVE LENT BOOK STUDY

A Lenten Study is planned for each Tuesday during Lent. The book "**Live Lent**" by Sr. Theresa Rickard O.P. will be our guide and reference. Facilitators are Bryan & Maria Minor and Dave Soloninka.

We will meet from **6:15 pm to 7:15 pm** in the Youth room of the Marist Center, beginning on **Tuesday, February 28th.**

*We always focus on giving things up for Lent. But what better way to enrich your Lenten season than by doing something extra for God and yourself.*

Please contact Dave Soloninka if interested at **304-780-1692** (call or text)

### SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTIONS

There will be a special second collection at each Mass on **Ash Wednesday and through the First Sunday of Lent**, (February 26th.)

These special Second Collections are for Catholic Relief Services, as they are providing urgent disaster relief and assistance for the long-term recovery of Southern Turkey and Northwestern Syria, after suffering a 7.8 magnitude earthquake that devastated large areas in these regions. Donations can also be made by going to <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated **Wednesday, February 22nd, at 9:15 am and 5:30 pm**

### MONDAY MASSES DURING LENT

Mass will be celebrated at St. Vincent's Parish **each Monday at 5:30 pm** during Lent (beginning on Monday, February 27th.)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Vincent's Parish **each Friday** during Lent at **9:15 am (school)** and at **6:00 pm.**

On **Good Friday**, Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Mission at **3:00 pm.**

### FISH FRIES DURING LENT!

Our Lady of Seven Dolors famous Fish Fries are set for **every Friday** during Lent from **11:00 am** through **5:30 pm** at the OLSD Church Hall!

Eat in, Carry Out, and local Delivery available.

Please call OLSD at **304-547-5342**

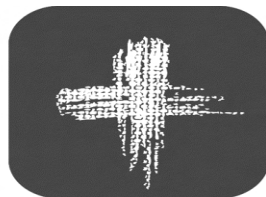
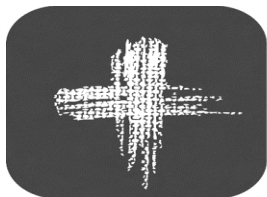
### Lenten Mission with Bishop Waltersheid

The Most Reverend William J. Waltersheid, V.G., S.T.L., Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will lead a three-night Lenten Mission at the **Cathedral of St. Joseph** in Wheeling, WV on **March 5th, 6th, and 7th** beginning each evening at **6:00 p.m.**

The theme for the Lenten Mission is "**The Holy Eucharist: The Source of Our Life, Salvation, and Mission**". A mission is a wonderful way to encounter Jesus and deepen or reawaken our faith with special talks, prayer, music, and reflection. There will also be the opportunity for confessions. Everyone is invited!

### RESOURCES FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

As Catholics around the world gather for Mass and prayer services on Ash Wednesday, we are bonded by the physical and spiritual connection we share as followers of Jesus. Use the resources on this page to further your knowledge and appreciation of the sacred rituals of Ash Wednesday. [www.lovolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/ash-wednesday/](http://www.lovolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/ash-wednesday/)



# ***Lenten Season***

## ***Spiritual Exercises & Question of the Week***

### **LENTEN ACTIVITIES & SPIRITUAL EXERCISES!**

- Attend one extra Mass per week.
- Spend at least 30 minutes in Eucharistic adoration per week.
- Go to confession at least once during the season of Lent after making a good examination of conscience.
- Make a decision to read some Scripture every day during Lent.
- Attend the Stations of the Cross each Friday during the Season of Lent. If you have children, bring them!
- Pray the Rosary often during Lent. If you've never done a family rosary, begin doing it.
- Lenten fasting and abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and all Fridays of the lent are days of abstinence.
- Works of mercy for lent: Find a local homeless shelter, soup kitchen, or crisis pregnancy center, and volunteer some time there throughout Lent. Visit someone who is sick at home, in the hospital or at a nursing home.
- Pray each day during Lent for the intentions and health of the Holy Father. Pray each day for your bishop and all the bishops of the Catholic Church, for your priests and deacons, for the millions of Christians suffering under persecution.
- Almsgiving: Help someone make their life better.
- Refocus your priorities for lent: If you are married, it would be an awesome Lenten idea to spend some special, focused time with your spouse, strengthening your marriage. Start praying together or make praying together a more frequent occurrence. Spend some focused time together with each of your children, or your siblings, or your parents.



## **Question of the Week**

### ***Why do we observe Ash Wednesday?***

Ash Wednesday (dies cinereum), is the Church's Yom Kippur or the "Day of Atonement." Its very name comes from the Jewish practice of doing penance wearing "sackcloth and ashes." The Old Testament tells us how the people of Nineveh, the Syrian King, Ben Hadad, and Queen Esther fasted wearing sackcloth and ashes. The priest dipping his thumb into ashes marks the forehead of each with the sign of the cross, saying the words, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return" or "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

The ashen cross gives us a firm conviction that: **a)** we are mortal beings, and **b)** our life-span is very brief and unpredictable. It also gives us a strong warning that we will be eternally punished if we do not repent of our sins and do penance. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we need to purify and renew our lives during the period of Lent by repentance, which means expressing sorrow for sins by turning away from occasions of sins and going straight to God.

We need to express our repentance by getting reconciled with God daily, by asking for forgiveness from those whom we have offended and by giving unconditional forgiveness to our neighbors who have offended us. It also challenges us to do prayerful fasting and little acts of penance for our sins, following the example of Jesus before his public ministry.

# **Parish Outreach**

## **Organizations & Charities**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus, Wheeling Council 504, will be distributing baby bottles on **Sunday February 26th**. The bottles are filled with donations / loose change and **returned to the Parish on Palm Sunday**.

All proceeds from this collection are donated to **The Gabriel Project** which provides all necessary support for mothers in need, including pregnant mothers.

Your support with this project is greatly appreciated.

### **THE GABRIEL PROJECT**

***The Gabriel Project is in need of volunteers!***

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

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

### **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**.

The next meeting is **Tuesday, February 21st** at **5:30 pm** in the Caveney Room

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES' NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER**

***C.C.N.C. is looking for volunteers to deliver 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 **Betty** at **bsimeth@ccwva.org** or at **304-232-7157** if you are able to assist.

### **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 & Michelle McFadden.

Call St. John's parish at **304-232-6455**

Next gathering will be **February 27th**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

#### **Help Needed for Food Packing Event!**

The Wheeling-area Knights of Columbus, in collaboration with Cross Catholic Outreach, are working together to address hunger related causes.

On **Saturday April 15th, 2023**, a Food Packing event will be held from **8:00 am** until approximately **12:00 noon** at the Wheeling University Alma Grace McDonough Center auxiliary gymnasium.

Our plan is to pack 60,000 nutritious vita-meals on that day to help alleviate world hunger. 90% of the meals packed will go to places such as Dominican Republic and Guatemala, while 10% of the meals will be distributed locally to feed the hungry here.

Since inception a few years ago these West Virginia Knights of Columbus/Cross Catholic food packing events have resulted in feeding over 440,000 people. Our April 15 event should put us over 500,000 meals packed state-wide, a significant accomplishment!

To accomplish this task we are in need of volunteers and donations. It will take approximately 125 volunteers working over a 4-5 hour period to finish the job. Volunteers are invited to participate from local parish and church organizations, school students, and civic-minded organizations. No skills are necessary – only a desire to serve others. All ages are welcome but parental consent is required for volunteers under the age of 18. Volunteer groups are welcome and encouraged.

Most importantly, donations are needed! Contributions will enable us to purchase supplies needed to accomplish our goal. At 33 cents per meal we will need to raise approximately \$20,000 to provide 60,000 meals. Any additional funds will enable us to pack even more meals.

Please see the flyer located on the bulletin board in the vestibule for details on how you can assist financially or by volunteering. Use the QR codes on the flyer to donate and/or volunteer.

Checks should be made payable to Cross Catholic Outreach. Eligible contributions are tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Please thoughtfully consider helping in any way that you can. This is an excellent opportunity to manifest our community's capability and resourcefulness to serve others.

Contact Thomas J. Burke for more information at **304-281-6640** or **tburke1038@aol.com**



# Parish Outreach

## Outreach, Trainings & Announcements

### BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be sponsoring a Blood Drive at the St. Vincent de Paul Marist Centre on **Tuesday, March 14th**, from **10:00am to 3:00pm**.

Give in March and get a \$10 Visa Prepaid Visa Card by email. Plus, get a chance to win \$3,000 Visa Prepaid Card to help with gas or grocery expenses! You could be one of five lucky winners.

Lend an arm; we will lend a hand.

### TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

To all Teens Encounter Christ Volunteers, Past Participants, and Interested Individuals:

You are invited to an informational and planning meeting about and for renewing and strengthening the TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) movement in the Diocese. The meeting has been scheduled at **Corpus Christ Parish**, in Wheeling, on **Tuesday, March 7th**, at **6:30 pm**. Dinner will be provided. We're asking that you please let us know if you plan to attend.

Please contact Daniel Abram Maul by email or phone at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.  
**dmaul@dwc.org** or **(304)233-0880, ext. 376**

### VIRTUS TRAINING

If you plan on volunteering for the Parish, School or any Ministry here at St. Vincent's and have not yet completed your Virtus training; please go to **www.virtusonline.org** to complete the requirements.

If you need any assistance, please contact the Parish Office.

### FOOD HANDLERS CLASSES

FOOD HANDLERS CLASSES are for those working with foods and food service. The Wheeling - Ohio County Health Department requires all food service workers to have a current food handler card, issued by / through the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department.

There are 2 upcoming Food Handlers Classes being offered if anyone needs to renew their cards:

- 1) Wilson Lodge at Oglebay **Wednesday, February 22nd @ 4:00 pm**
- 1) City Building on **Thursday, February 23rd @ 10:30 am**

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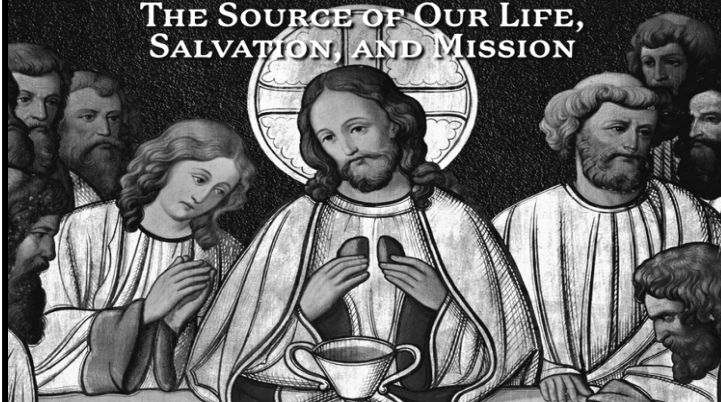
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# ***Parish Information***

## ***Weekly Calendar & Upcoming Events***

### ***SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...***

<b>Sunday, February 19th</b>	<b>PSR</b> , 10:15 - 11:15 am (All Meeting Spaces) <b>Small Group</b> (Dmarch), 10:15 - 11:15 am
<b>Tuesday, February 21st</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl Group</b> (Kreitzer), First and Third Tuesday of each Month, 1:00 to 3:00 pm <b>Small Group</b> (LaBrosse), 2:00 - 3:30 pm <b>Stitching Group</b> (McFadden), 5:00 - 7:00 pm <b>St. Vincent de Paul Society</b> , Third Tuesday of each Month, 6:00 to 8:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, February 22nd</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>School Mass</b> - 9:15 am <b>Mass</b> - 5:30 pm <b>Small Group</b> (Mazzocco), 6:00 - 8:00 pm <b>Small Group</b> (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm
<b>Thursday, February 23rd</b>	<b>RCIA Meeting</b> , 6:30 - 8:00 pm
<b>Friday, February 24th</b>	<b>Rosary</b> (Mazzocco), 4:00 - 5:00 pm
<b>Sunday, February 26th</b>	<b>PSR</b> , 10:15 - 11:15 am (All Meeting Spaces) <b>Small Group</b> (Dmarch), 10:15 - 11:15 am

### **MARDI GRAS FAT TUESDAY SOCIAL**

**Tuesday, February 21st, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, in the Marist Centre**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Rabbi Joshua Lief from Temple Shalom in Wheeling, has kindly agreed to a visit and presentation at St. Vincent's Parish on **Wednesday, March 15th**. This event will take place in the Church **from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**. Rabbi Lief will be speaking on the similarities between the Passover and the Eucharist, and will then be conducting a Question and Answer session to address any questions that we, as Catholics, may have about the Jewish faith. Rabbi Lief is very excited by our invitation, and in return, we hope to have a nice turn-out for his presentation and show him **our St. Vincent's hospitality!**

### **EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT WEEKEND**

There is a Eucharistic Retreat Weekend, March 10th - 12th,  
at the Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, 100 Hodges Rd, Charleston, WV  
There are flyers in the vestibule, for more information.

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

There is a Women's Retreat, March 24th - 26th,  
at the Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, 100 Hodges Rd, Charleston, WV  
Registration pamphlets are in the vestibule.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES**

There are six spots remaining for the Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes! Please join Fr. Timothy Huffman and Fr. Bradley Greer, of the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes June 9th - 18th, 2023. Departing from Pittsburgh. \$4295 includes round trip airfare, hotels, deluxe motorcoach transportation and more. For more information, please visit [www.qohtours.com](http://www.qohtours.com) or call 1-800-213-4295

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