

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

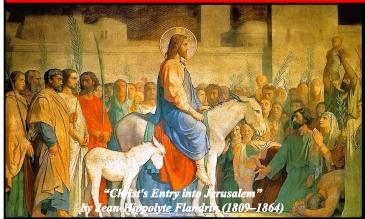
2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003







Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - April 2nd, 2023



Gospel at the Procession with Palms - Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "Hosanna!"

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 26:14—27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.

Parish Office Hours:

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

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Liturgy / Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:00 am / 11:30 am

Monday: 5:30 pm

Tuesday: 5:30 pm **Adoration 10:00 am to 5:30 pm*

Wednesday: 5:30 pm Thursday: 6:00 pm Friday: 6:00 pm

*Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm (OLSD)

Saturday: 8:00 pm (Easter 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, April 2nd at 10:30 am

Councils & Committees:

Pastoral 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



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

Email: info@stvincentschool.org Website: www.stvincentschool.org Facebook, Instagram & YouTube: @SVS.Wheeling

SVS - A LOOK AHEAD...

Monday, April 3rd	Rosary, 8:45 am
Tuesday, April 4th	Regular School Day, (No 2hr Delay)
Wednesday, April 5th	Dress Down Day, sponsored by 8th Grade Living Stations, 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm
April 6th - 12th	Easter Break - No School

B-I-N-G-O!

The school will be bringing back bingo twice per month starting at the end of this school year. We are in need of volunteers to work 2 Wednesday nights per month for setup, the bingo floor, concession, door, cleanup, etc. This will be an ongoing fundraiser and proceeds will help our school continue to satisfy operating expenses and support student learning. We welcome parishioners school parents, alumni, and friends of the St. Vincent community to help us out.



Volunteers must be 18+

Please contact the school office at **304-242-5844** or email **tthomas@stvincentschool.org** to signup to help. Thank you for your support!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M - April 3rd - Is 42: 1-7 / Ps 27: 1. 2. 3. 13-14 / Jn 12: 1-11

CHRISM MASS: IS 61: 1-3A, 6A, 8B-9 / PS89: 21-22, 25, 27 / RV 1: 5-8 / LK 4: 16-21

T - April 4th - Is 49: 1-6 / Ps 71: 1-2. 3-4a. 5ab-6ab. 15 and 17 / Jn 13: 21-33. 36-38

W - April 5th - Is 50: 4-9a / Ps 69: 8-10. 21-22. 31 and 33-34 / Mt 26: 14-25

T - APRIL 6TH - AT EVENING, BEGIN EASTER TRIDUUM OF THELORD'S PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Ex 12: 1-8. 11-14 / Ps 116: 12-13. 15-16bc. 17-18 / 1 Cor 11: 23-26 / Jn 13: 1-15

F - APRIL 7TH - GOOD FRIDAY. DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT - MASS IS NOT CELEBRATED TODAY.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Is 52: 13-53: 12 / Ps31: 2. 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17. 25 / Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9 / Jn 18: 1-19: 42

S - April 8th - Holy Saturday

READINGS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL, WHICH IS AN EASTER SUNDAY MASS:

GN 1: 1-2: 2 OR 1: 1.26-31a / Ps 104: 1-2. 5-6. 10. 12. 13-14. 24. 35 OR Ps 33: 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20-22 / GN 22: 1-18 OR 22: 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18 / Ps 16: 5. 8. 9-10. 11 / Ex 14: 15 -- 15: 1 / Ex 15: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18 / Is 54: 5-14 / Ps 30: 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13 / Is 55: 1-11 / Is 12: 2-3. 4. 5-6 / Bar 3: 9-15. 32 -- 4: 4 / Ps19: 8. 9. 10. 11 / Ez 36: 16-17a. 18-28 / Ps 42: 3. 5; 43: 3. 4 OR Is 12: 2-3. 4BCD. 5-6 OR Ps 51:12-13. 14-15. 18-19 / ROM 6: 3-11 / Ps 118: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 / MT 28: 1-10

S - APRIL 9TH - EASTER SUNDAY. THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

ACTS 10: 34A. 37-43 / PS 118: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 / COL 3: 1-4 OR 1 COR 5: 6B-8 / SEQUENCE VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES / JN 20: 1-9 OR MT 28: 1-10 OR, AT AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING MASS, LK 24: 13-35 EASTER TRIDUUM ENDS AFTER EVENING PRAYER

Parish Information

Liturgy and Minister Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - April 2nd, 2023

Greeters for April 1st & 2nd

5:00 pm - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / 9:00 am - Tammy & Trenton Rosenthal / 11:30 am - Paul & Susie Newmeyer

<u>Date</u>	Time Mass Intentions		<u>Lectors</u>	Eucharistic Ministers	
Saturday, April 1st	8:00 am 5:00 pm	+ Witt & Brookover Families ▼ Living Members of the Purcell, Smith and Drnach Families Tom McFadden & Vickie Joseph		Nancy LaBrosse	
Sunday, April 2nd Palm Sunday *OLSD	9:00 am *10:30 am 11:30 am	# Sue Hohman & Mary K Bell Joann Drnach		Leo Boissy Joann Drnach Susie Newmeyer	
Monday, April 3rd	5:30 pm	▼ Living Members of the Purcell, Smith and Drnach Families	ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses) Logan Buchannan, Charleigh Carr, Georgia Carr, Riley Chiazza, 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		
Tuesday, April 4th	5:30 pm	▼ Living Members of the Purcell, Smith and Drnach Families			
Wednesday, April 5th	5:30 pm	▼ Living Members of the Purcell, Smith and Drnach Families			
Thursday, April 6th Holy Thursday / Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	6:00 pm	▼ Living Members of the Purcell, Smith and Drnach Families	Richard Oswald	Barb Napple & Tom McFadden	
Friday, April 7th Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	6:00 pm		Dorothy Dudzik & Lori Buchanan		

Greeters for April 1st & 2nd

5:00 pm - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / 9:00 am - Cynthia Dimmey & Nancy Georges / 11:30 am - Nancy Freeman & Newmeyers

Saturday, April 8th Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil	8:00 pm	+ Edward Toepfer	Tom McFadden & Joann Drnach	Barb Napple & Vickie Joseph
Sunday, April 9th The Resurrection of the Lord	9:00 am	+ Pam Ammirante	Dennis Beiter	Marilyn Delbrugge & Susie Koval
	11:30 am	All the People of the Parish	Gwen Porter	Judy Stadler & Karen Bates

Please Pray for:

Jim Baller, Barb Bennett, Patricia Bock, Mary Kay Britt, Bill Childers, Gerald Cook, Holly Custer, Allison Dunlap, Melissa Hipkiss, Joe Holly, Frederick Jaquay, Ginny Johnson, Flavia Langan & Family, Ray Laudermilt, Marcia Laughlin, Dave Mallery, Brandt Mazeroski, Harold H. Miller, Mike Perring, Connie Pietranton, Jenna Russell, Paul Russell, Isaac Salva, Bobby Schinkovec, Nancy Shalvey, Addison Stephens, Marlene Trischler, Glen Ullom, Lynn Uraco, Ryan and Krystyn Wamsley, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, Ann & Charlie Wolfe, Dylan Wolfe,

All Homebound, Sick and Shut-Ins

Prayer & Worship

Gospel Reflection & Prayer List

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: "... for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.



Prayer & Worship

Religious Education & Announcements

SACRAMENTS

<u>BAPTISM</u>: If you would like to have your child Baptized, contact **Fr. Jeeson**, or the **Parish Office** to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples should contact Fr. Jeeson, 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. Jeeson**, or the **Parish Office**. Anyone who is anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to entering the hospital.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

<u>PSR:</u> 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.

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.

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. Helpers are needed for Eucharistic Adoration, especially between the hours of 4:00-5:00 pm. Please call Joann Drnach at 304-238-6534 to sign up.

Attendance & Offertory for March 25th & 26th

5:00pm - 101 / 9:00am - 160 / 11:30am - 133 **Total Attendance: - 394** SVDP: \$3,052 / OLSD: \$831 / WeShare: \$1,569.40 / **Total Collection - \$5,452.40**

Upcoming Second Collection - April 6th & 7th

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land - \$85

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL PARISH SUPPORT!

* Copies of the Parish 2022 Financial Report are available in the Vestibule and on the Church Bulletin Board

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Pastoral Council Elections will be held the weekend of May 6th and 7th, 2023.

Four people need to be elected to the council.

See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

Nomination cards are available in the vestibule.

Cards can be returned in the collection basket or the Parish Office.

Lenten Season

Journey With Us

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



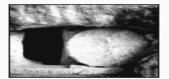
Holy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.

My saving Lord, You entered this week of Your Passion with courage and determination.

You freely chose to embrace every suffering and every humiliation You would endure so that You could enter my life more fully. Please be present to me throughout this week and help me to not only ponder this mystery of Your love but to also encounter that love in a real and transforming way.

Jesus, I trust in You.











RESOURCES FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Palm Sunday is a day of high emotions, teetering on the edge between happiness and heartbreak. Christ and the disciples meet the approaching crowd. The big, docile donkey drives a wedge into the crowd, plodding forward with humility and good will, come what may. Christ on the donkey's back is determined, blessing the crowd as he advances, his gaze resting on the boy waving the palm. His face is a visual depiction of the line from Isaiah: "I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame." It is a face that is resolved but peaceful, with a quiet gratitude for the crowd that exclaims "Hosanna!" to welcome him and a deep trust in the love of the Father to see him through what he is approaching.

The exclamation "Hosanna!" is a way to praise God, but also carries the literal meaning "God save us." The children climbing up and tangled in the trees, the palm frond raised above the donkey like a scourge, the donkey as the humble beast of burden, and the people stripping down their garments all evoke moments of the passion and hint at what is to come after this Palm Sunday. Between happiness and heartbreak, this day calls us to let go and give our fears, sorrows, and burdens over to Christ as he approaches Calvary. Click on the link to open. https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/arts-and-faith-for-lent/cycle-a/arts-and-faith-palm-sunday-cycle-a/



Lenten Season

Question of the Week & Spiritual Exercises

Why should we participate in the Holy Week liturgy?

It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus.

The liturgy also enables us to experience in our lives, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. No wonder Greek Orthodox Christians greet each other with the words, "Kali Anastasi" (Good Resurrection), not on Easter Sunday but on Good Friday. They anticipate the resurrection. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus, we shall be able to live more fully the divine life we received at Baptism.

Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRED CUP TO BE REINSTATED!

The reinstatement of the distribution of the Sacred Cup to the faithful who wish to receive it will be **effective on April 6, 2023**. This date is most appropriate as it is Holy Thursday, when we recall that our Lord Jesus first gave the Church this precious gift of His Body and His Blood at the Last Supper.

If you would like to receive the Precious Blood, **please sign up!** That will help us to know how much wine is to be consecrated. The sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule.

Daily Inspiration for Your Lenten Journey April 2 - April 9 www.usccb.org						
Sunday April 2nd	Monday April 3rd	Tuesday April 4th	Wednesday April 5th	Thursday April 6th	Friday April 7th	Saturday April 8th
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Matthew 21:9	As Lent draws to a close, reflect on your Lenten journey. How have you grown closer to God? How have you grown in holiness? Give thanks to God for accompanying you in this season.	Say a prayer for all the elect, who are waiting to be bap- tized into the Church on Holy Saturday.	Lent officially ends tomorrow as the Mass of the Lord's Supper begins. Try to participate in the moving liturgies of the Triduum in your parish.	Holy Thursday "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:28	Good Friday On this day when we recall the Lord's Passion, pray the Stations of the Cross (https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/prayers-devotions/stations) and reflect on Jesus' love expressed in his saving death.	Holy Saturday As we await with hope the celebration of the Resurrection, let us keep silent vigil like the women who sat facing Jesus' tomb (cf. Matthew 27:61)
Sunday April 9th Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord "This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it." Psalm 118:24 Dear Brothers and Sisters, Lent is a favorable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2023, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (kairós), let us do good to all" (Gal 6:9-10). Pope Francis, Message for Lent, 2023						

Parish Outreach

Organizations & Charities

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you would like to attend a meeting, call Mary Lou Kent at (304) 242-1019. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 18th at 6:15 pm in the Caveney Room. (We are attending Mass at 5:30 pm and meeting after Mass.)

Bed Ministry

The St Vincent de Paul Society, is in need of usable beds, size queen and smaller. Also we need blankets and sheets. We are most in need of twin blankets and queen sheets.

We are in great need of young people willing to help carry beds into homes. Thank-you,

Donate Riesbeck's Points

An easy way to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Society is when you shop at Riesbecks. If you never accumulate enough Riesbecks points to earn a reward, consider donating your points to the St Vincent de Paul Society. We use the points to purchase hygiene and cleaning items for our neighbors in need.

At the check out, put in the SVdP Society telephone number, 304-242-8868.

VIRTUS TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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.

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.

Call St. John's parish at **304-232-6455**Next gathering will be **April 24th**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

BABY BOTTLES / CHANGE FOR LIFE

Please fill bottles with donations / loose change and return to the Parish on **Palm Sunday**.

All proceeds from this collection are donated to **The Gabriel Project**

which provides all necessary assistance for mothers in need, including pregnant mothers.

Your support with this project is greatly appreciated.

40 CANS FOR LENT

The Knights of Columbus 504 Council is sponsoring the annual 40 Cans for Lent. Please donate non-perishable food items in the blue bin in the back of Church. All donations will benefit the clients at the 18th Street Center. The Knights of Columbus thanks you for your generous support.

HELP NEEDED FOR FOOD PACKING EVENT!

The Knights of Columbus 504 Council is packaging 60,000 meals on **April 15th** to fight world hunger, including those affected locally.

If you or your group wishes to be among the 120 volunteers working that day, or if you are unable to volunteer but wish to donate to help purchase food and supplies, please contact Tom Burke at tburke1038@aol.com

or call/text (304) 281-6640 for more details.

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.

OLSD CEMETERY CLEAN UP

On **Monday, April 3rd**, we will begin cleaning up the Cemetery at OLSD.

If you have anything on a grave that you want to keep, please make sure you remove it before then.

Thank you!



Parish Outreach

Trainings, Announcements & Events

ST. VINCENT'S YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Vincent's Summer Camp scheduled for

Sunday, June 18th through Saturday, June 24th, 2023!

Registration is now open at **syscamp.com**

We have several fundraising events scheduled to help defray the cost of St. Vincent's Summer Camp. Please consider supporting our fundraising efforts!

March 12 - Little Ceasar's pizza kit sale begins benefits the Camp.

April

April 1 - Calendar fundraiser begins - benefits campers & counselors.

April 16 - Little Caesars fundraiser ends.

April 30 - Calendar fundraiser ends, all sales due back to the parish.

May

(TBD) - Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser - benefits the Camp.

May 1 - The week Little Caesars' orders are deliv-

May 31 - All Camp forms and fees due.

June 3 - Chipotle dine-to-donate @ the Highlands. June 18 - Bus departs St. Vincent's for Camp in Huttonsville, WV.

June 24 - Bus returns to St. Vincent's.

For more information, please contact StVincentsSummerCamp@gmail.com



STEAK FRY

Hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians May 20th, 7:00 pm Bethlehem Community Park Shelter \$30/person

Live Irish and Contemporary Music. Raffles. Fun! Text or Call 304-280-5820

> Proceeds benefit AOH Charities and Scholarship Fund

SVDP UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS!

TRIVIA NIGHT:

SVDP Parish will be hosting a Trivia Night on Friday, April 21st at 6:30 pm in the Marist Centre!

Come have fun while testing your skills at trivia! \$10.00 per person Up to 8 people per team / table.

Flyers are in the vestibule. Please take a copy of the flyer and form a team. Reservations need to be in by Friday, April 14th.

PAINT-N-SIP:

SVDP Parish will be hosting a Paint-n-Sip on Sunday, May 7th from 2:00 - 4:30 pm in the Marist Centre!

GOLF SCRAMBLE:

SVDP Parish will be hosting a Golf Scramble on Sunday, June 25th (2:00 pm tee time) at Oglebay's Crispin Course!

OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

SVDP Parish will be hosting an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social on Saturday, July 8th after the 5:00 pm Mass in the Church Court Yard!

RETURN OF THE ST. VINCENT'S FESTIVAL!

The St. Vincent's Festival will make it's return in the summer on 2024! An organizational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 pm in the Marist Centre. Committee Members and Volunteers Needed!

PROCEEDS FROM ALL SOCIAL EVENTS WILL BENEFIT OUR CHURCH!

LIVING THE WORD THIS WEEK

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

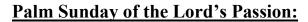
Spend time this week meditating on the Lord's Passion and offering your daily struggles and sufferings in union with him.

Parish Information

Weekly Calendar & Upcoming Events

SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD		
Sunday, April 2nd PALM SUNDAY	Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 - 11:00 am (Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel) PSR, 10:15 - 11:15 am (All Meeting Spaces)	
Monday, April 3rd	Mass on Monday's during Lent - 5:30 pm	
Tuesday, April 4th	Small Group (LaBrosse), 2:00 - 3:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, 4:15 - 5:15 pm (Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel) Stitching Group (McFadden), 5:00 - 7:00 pm "Live Lent" Book Study (Minor & Solononka), 6:15 - 7:15 pm	
Wednesday, April 5th	Small Group (Mazzzocca), 6:00 - 8:00 pm Small Group (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm	
Thursday, April 6th HOLY THURSDAY	Parish Office - CLOSES at NOON.	
Friday, April 7th GOOD FRIDAY	Parish Office - CLOSED Stations of the Cross, 3:00 pm at OLSD	
Saturday, April 8th	HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER VIGIL	
Sunday, April 9th EASTER SUNDAY	EASTER SUNDAY	
Monday, April 10th	Parish Office - CLOSED	

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, April 1st - Mass at 5:00 pm **Sunday, April 2nd** - Mass at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
April 6th - Mass at 6:00 pm

Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

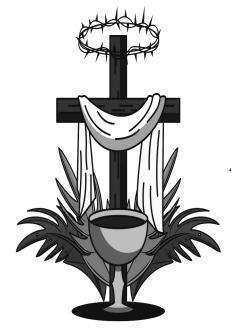
April 7th - Stations of the Cross will be at 3:00 pm (OLSD) **April 7th** - Celebration at 6:00 pm

Holy Saturday:

April 8th - Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord:

April 9th - Mass at 9:00 am and 11:30 am







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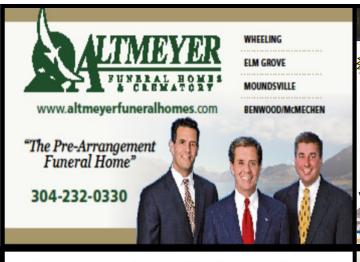


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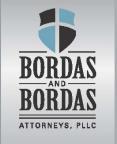
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