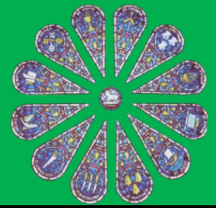




# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003



## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 2nd, 2023

### **Parish Office Hours:**

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

**Office:** (304) 242-0406 **Fax:** (304) 243-0837

**Email:** [info@saintvincentparish.org](mailto:info@saintvincentparish.org)

**Website:** [www.saintvincentparish.org](http://www.saintvincentparish.org)

**Facebook:** @StVincentWheeling

**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Jeelson Stephan

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**Parish Secretary:** Susie Newmeyer

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Email: [ddimmey@stvincentschool.org](mailto:ddimmey@stvincentschool.org)

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**Technology and Media:** James Laurine

Email: [technology@saintvincentparish.org](mailto:technology@saintvincentparish.org)

### **Liturgy / Holy Mass Schedule**

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

**Monday:** 8:00 am

**Tuesday:** 5:30 pm \*Adoration 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



### **Carrying the Cross of Christ:**

Carrying the Cross of Christ: Mosaic in St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen, Great Britain by Gabriel Loire (1904-1996) *Although the figure carrying the cross represents Simon of Cyrene, the power of the image reminds us of Christ's admonition to take up the cross and follow him. Photo by Lawrence OP.*

### **First Reading - 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a**

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

### **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 89:2-3,16-19**

Sing God's praises forever.

### **Second Reading - Romans 6:3-4,8-11**

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

### **Gospel Reading - Matthew 10:37-42**

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

### **Living the Word This Week**

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

Read and reflect on Strangers No Longer: [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/strangers-no-longer-together-on-the-journey-of-hope](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/strangers-no-longer-together-on-the-journey-of-hope)

### **Next Mass at OLSD**

**Sunday, July 2nd at 10:15 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**

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Email: [info@stvincentschool.org](mailto:info@stvincentschool.org)

Website: [www.stvincentschool.org](http://www.stvincentschool.org)

Facebook, Instagram & YouTube: @SVS.Wheeling

## SAVE THE DATES



**June 30**

**SVS Adopt a Student Program**   
Paper Applications Due to School Office

**July 20**

**SVS Summer Pool Party!**   
Benwood Park from 5pm-9pm. Contact the school to RSVP

**July 31**

**Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP and FACTS)**   
Phase 2 will close on July 31

**August 11**

**SVS PSA Steak Fry**   
Sonneborn Shelter: 6pm-11pm. Purchase tix: [www.svstickets.com](http://www.svstickets.com)

**August 17**

**Welcome Home Night**

### SVS Steak Fry

Sponsored by the SVS Parent School Association (PSA)

**August 11th, 2023 / Sonneborn Shelter**

**6:00 pm - 11:00 pm / Adults Only**

Includes Steak, Potato, Salad, Desert, Beer and Pop/Water  
Bring your own Place Settings, Utensils & Seasonings

**Advance Sale Tickets Recommended**

Cash/Check: \$25 / Person

Venmo @svswarriors: \$26 / Person

Online at [svstickets.com](http://svstickets.com) & card / Apple Pay: \$28 / Person

**Call or Email for more information**

(304) 242-5844 / [psa@stvincentschool.org](mailto:psa@stvincentschool.org)



## St. Vincent

# BINGO

is back!

**BINGO - 6PM**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM**

**Wednesday, June 14th**

**Wednesday, June 20th**

**Wednesday, July 12th**

**Wednesday, July 26th**

**Wednesday, August 9th**

**Wednesday, August 23rd**

**St. Vincent Parish Center**

# Parish Information

## Liturgy and Minister Schedule

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 2nd, 2023

**Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 2:9** You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

#### Greeters for July 1st & 2nd

5:00 pm - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / 9:00 am - Matt & Susie Koval / 11:30 am - Lisa Armstrong & Gwen Porter

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
<b>Saturday, July 1st</b> <i>*Vigil</i>	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ Richard Wiczorkowski + Mary Lou Andrich	Dave Soloninka	<b>Bread:</b> Nancy LaBrosse <b>Cup:</b> Vickie Joseph & Tom McFadden
<b>Sunday, July 2nd</b>  <i>*OLSD</i>	9:00 am  10:15 am 11:30 am	+ Eleanor Bandi  + Mary Lou Andrich + Betsy Queen	Dennis Beiter  Heather Mazeroski	<b>Bread:</b> Marilyn Delbrugge <b>Cup:</b> Mary K Bell & Jarett Kuhns  <b>Bread:</b> Judy Stadler <b>Cup:</b> Karen Bates & Maria Minor
<b>Monday, July 3rd</b>	8:00 am	+ CMA	<b><u>ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses)</u></b> Logan Buchanan, Charleigh Carr, Georgia Carr, Riley Chiazza, Claire Connley, Mallory Connley, Emma Dean, Ava Dominquez, Eleanor Hortet, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Billy Looney, Ivan Lopez-Prianti, Sarai Macias, McKenzie Looney, Luke Minor, Angelene Ricci, Austin Schwanker, Ava	
<b>Tuesday, July 4th</b>	5:30 pm	+ Mary Lou Andrich		
<b>Wednesday, July 5th</b>	5:30 pm	+ Nancy Shalvey		
<b>Thursday, July 6th</b>	8:00 am	+ Harold Miller		
<b>Friday, July 7th</b>	8:00 am	+ Sharon Basham		

#### Greeters for July 8th & 9th

5:00 pm - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / 9:00 am - Tammy & Trenton Rosenthal / 11:30 am - Newmeyer's & Derek Reed

<b>Saturday, July 8th</b> <i>*Vigil</i>	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ Mary Lou Andrich + Jack & Theresa Savage	Tom McFadden	<b>Bread:</b> Wally McMasters <b>Cup:</b> Dave Soloninka & Tom McFadden
<b>Sunday, July 9th</b>	9:00 am  11:30 am	+ Pam Ammirante  All the People of the Parish	Dorothy Dudzik  Gwen Porter	<b>Bread:</b> Derek Dimmey <b>Cup:</b> Lynn Hetzel & Dennis Beiter  <b>Bread:</b> Karen Bates <b>Cup:</b> Susie Newmeyer & Jarett Kuhns

*Lord of perfect love, I give to You my whole mind, heart, soul and strength. Help me to love You above all things and in all things and, from that love, help me to love those whom You have put in my life. Jesus, I trust in You.*

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**M - JULY 3RD - FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE**

EPH 2: 19-22 / Ps 117: 1BC. 2 / JN 20: 24-29

**T - JULY 4TH** - GN 19: 15-29 / Ps 26: 2-3. 9-10. 11-12 / MT 8: 23-27

**W - JULY 5TH** - GN 21: 5. 8-20A / Ps 34: 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 / MT 8: 28-34

**T - JULY 6TH** - GN 22: 1B-19 / Ps 115: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 / MT 9: 1-8

**F - JULY 7TH** - GN 23: 1-4. 19; 24: 1-8. 62-67 / Ps 106: 1B-2, 3-4A, 4B-5 / MT 9: 9-13

**S - JULY 8TH** - GN 27: 1-5. 15-29 / Ps 135: 1B-2. 3-4. 5-6 / MT 9: 14-17

**S - JULY 9TH - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ZEC 9: 9-10 / Ps 145: 1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13-14 / ROM 8: 9. 11-13 / MT 11: 25-30

# Prayer & Worship

## Gospel Reflection, Prayer List & Weekly Themes

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

### Please Pray for:



*Charles Ballard, Jim Baller, Barb Bennett, Patricia Bock, Marsha Boissy, Steven Bonenberger, Mary Kay Britt, Bill Childers, Theresa Comer, Gerald Cook, Holly Custer, Allison Dunlap, Melissa Hipkiss, Joe Holly, Frederick Jaquay, Flavia Langan & Family, Ray Laudermilt, Marcia Laughlin, Dave Mallery, Brandt Mazeroski, Dale Naegele, Mike Perring, Jenna Russell, Paul Russell, Bobby Schinkovec, Addison Stephens, Joe Tankovits, Marlene Trischler, Glen Ullom, Lynn Uraco, John Wagner, John Walt, Ryan and Krystyn Wamsley, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, Ann & Charlie Wolfe, Dylan Wolfe, Jacob Wolfe, All Homebound, Sick and Shut-Ins*

### Themes for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The readings for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time encourage us to make our relationship with God first in all we do. The first reading recounts how a woman provided hospitality to Elisha and was rewarded for her generosity. The psalm reminds us that all of the good things in our lives come from God. And in the gospel Jesus tells us that we must stop clinging to our own self-interests in order to follow him.

**Discipleship and Priority:** Jesus emphasizes the supreme importance of following Him wholeheartedly, even if it means putting Him above family relationships. He challenges His disciples to prioritize their commitment to Him above all else.

**Cost of Discipleship:** Jesus acknowledges that following Him may result in division and conflict within families, highlighting the potential sacrifices and challenges that disciples may face for their faith.

**Love for Jesus:** Jesus calls His disciples to love Him above all, indicating the depth of devotion and allegiance required in discipleship.

**Taking Up the Cross:** Jesus instructs His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him, signifying the willingness to bear the burdens and endure hardships that come with following Christ.

**Hospitality and Reception:** Jesus encourages His disciples to show hospitality and receive others in His name, emphasizing the importance of caring for and supporting fellow believers and those who proclaim the message of the Gospel.

**Reward and Recognition:** Jesus assures His disciples that even the smallest acts of kindness and service done in His name will not go unnoticed by God, promising a reward and recognition in the kingdom of heaven.



# Parish Ministries

*Religious Education, Councils & Committees, Announcements*

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS

We are still in need of a few more Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for **5:00 pm Mass on Saturdays** and **11:30 am Mass on Sundays**.

Contact the Parish office if you are interested in serving on either of these ministries.

## EUCCHARISTIC 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 Dmarch** at **304-238-6534** to sign up.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the **9:00 am Mass on Sundays**.

If you are interested please speak with **Derek Dimmey** or contact him via email at **ddimmey@stvincentschool.org**

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** 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.

## 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**.

## COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

**Altar Society Chairs:** Jim Baller and Mary K Bell

**Building & Property Chair:** Bob Smith

**Development Committee Chair:** Libby Reasbeck

**Finance Council Chair:** Larry Bandi

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Joann Drnach

**SVS School Advisory Board:** Anne Ricci

## 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.

## CHURCH ENVELOPES

Please make sure to pick up your Church envelopes as you leave after Mass. They are located in the vestibule of Church.

If you can take any other envelopes to family members or neighbors, that would be greatly appreciated.

If you can't find your envelopes, please call the Parish office and we will get a box ready for you.

**Thank you!**

## PARISH PICNIC MEETING

There will be a Parish Picnic Meeting on **Thursday, July 6th** from **6:30 pm to 7:30 pm** in the Youth Room.

Anyone interested in helping with this year's Parish Picnic is invited to attend!

### Attendance for June 24th & 25th

5:00pm - **98** / 9:00am - **175** / 11:30am - **89**

**Total Attendance: - 362**

### Offertory for June 24th & 25th

SVDP: **\$8,645** / OLSD: **\$595** / WeShare: **\$1,644.98**

**Total Collection - \$10,884.98**

**Upcoming Second Collection, July 16th - Catholic Communication Campaign**

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

# Parish Outreach

## Service Organizations

### OLSD ALTAR SOCIETY

#### **MISSA CANTATA** (Traditional Latin Mass)

Our Lady of Seven Dolors Church, Triadelphia, WV.

**Sunday, July 16th @ 4:00 pm**

Dinner / Social will follow Mass.

Pizza and beverages / **\$3 per person.**

Consider bringing a dessert or cold sides to share.



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Catholic Charities of Wheeling is in need of volunteers who can deliver meals to the homebound in the greater Wheeling area.

Meals are picked up at the Neighborhood Center around 10:00 a.m. and delivery is done within an hour or two. No need to enter homes, meals can be left at the door. Volunteers can work in pairs.

This is a great service to our community and the commitment level is up to you!

If interested, please contact **Tracey Dickerson**, Volunteer Manager, at **(304) 232-7157 ext. 2004** or email at **tdickerson@ccwva.org** for more information.

### ST. JOHN'S BEREAVEMENT GATHERING

*Grief from a Faith Perspective:*

**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 June 26th.

### 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, June 20th at 6:15 pm** in the Caveney Room.

*(We are attending Mass at 5:30 pm and meeting after Mass.)*

#### **Did You Know?**

All money that is collected in our poor boxes goes to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

#### **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, 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**.

### WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Walking with Moms in Need is a process through which Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need.

Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances.

While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women.

And where there are few local resources, we can create our own, based on the gifts of the parish community!

We hope you and your parish will join us in Walking with Moms in Need.

If you would like to learn more about Walking With Moms in Need, please contact **Kathy Barton**, Director of Social Ministry at **304-233-0880, Ext. 289** or **kbarton@dwc.org**.



NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival



PARISH YEAR  
JUNE 11, 2023 - JULY 17, 2024

# ***Parish Outreach***

## ***Community Events & Announcements***

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, on **Tuesday, July 11th** from **11:00 am to 4:00 pm** in the Marist Centre / Parish Hall. Appointments are needed. Schedule online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call **1-800-RED CROSS**.

Use the code **MARIST** when registering.

Maximize your donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type **O**, **B-** or **A-** donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Rocky Railway Vacation bible School  
**July 17th - 20th** / 9:00 am - 12:00 pm / Grades K-5  
Elm Grove United Methodist Church  
125 Kruger St., Wheeling, WV. / 304-242-1206

### **HOLY HOUR**

To Celebrate the Year of the Holy Eucharist, Corpus Christi Parish will host an evening Holy Hour on **Monday, July 17th** at **6:30 pm**.

The Holy Hour will be to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please join us.

### **WANT TO LEARN A NEW CRAFT?**

Come and learn how to create beautiful projects / Easy and portable / Take it with you anywhere.  
**English paper piecing (Sewing fabric around a paper piece) - 4 week class** starting on **July 20th**.

You will have confidence the very first night.

Cost is **\$25**, per person and includes all supplies needed.

Young, old, men or women, all are welcome. Wonderful class as a mother / daughter night out.

For more information and to sign up please contact **Michele McFadden** at **304-280-5863**. Happy Stitching!

### **FOOD HANDLERS CLASS**

The Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department will provide a Food Handlers at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, on **Monday, September 25th** at **4:00 pm** in the Marist Centre / Parish Hall.

### **SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS**

Emmaus Ministry and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are offering a day-long, spiritual retreat for grieving parents, on **Saturday, October 14th, 2023**. It will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, at 2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003.

Any grieving parent whose child of any age has died by any cause, no matter how long ago, is welcome to attend. The cost is **\$25 for an individual** and **\$40 for a couple**. The day will go from **9:30 AM to 7:30 PM**, and lunch and dinner will be provided. For more information and to register, please go to [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org) or call **(800) 919-9332**.



**Thursday, July 6th 6-10 pm**  
**Friday, July 7th 5-11 pm**  
**Saturday, July 8th 5-11 pm**

*Live Music Lineup*

**Thursday:**  
Brother Randall and Friends  
Taylor Jo and the  
Copper Creek Band

**Friday:**  
New Age Adenas  
MSM

**Saturday:**  
Hoard & Jones  
Eli and the Mojo Kings

**50/50**  
**Basket Raffles**  
**Games**  
**Live Music**  
**BINGO**

**THE ST. MICHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

# Parish Outreach

## Community Events & Announcements



### SVDP PARISH FESTIVAL 2024

Mark your calendars! St. Vincent de Paul Parish is bringing back our **Parish Festival!**

**Friday & Saturday, June 7-8, 2024**

The next festival planning meeting will be held on **August 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm** in the Marist Center.

Please consider helping with the Parish Festival as a Planning Committee Member or Volunteer!

### MARIST CENTRE / PARISH HALL RENTAL

Did you know that our Marist Centre / Parish hall is available to rent for Baby Showers, Wedding Showers, Birthday Parties, Family Reunions, Community Events and more?

For more information, pricing and rentals agreements, please contact Susie Newmeyer in the Parish Office at 304-242-0406.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS

Calling all single Catholics! **August 25th - 27th, 2023** - Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics at St. John's Resort, in Plymouth, MI OR participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions.

This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles (of all ages). The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship and more. (If joining us in-person, use the promo code (**PARISH23**) when you register to get \$50 off! Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code.) Visit **NationalCatholicSingles.com** for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call **512-766-5798**.)

### INFANT OF PRAGUE NOVENA

After thirty years celebrating and hosting the Infant of Prague Novena at St. Mary Church, Martins Ferry, the decision was made no longer to do so. Shirley Moczek, who died in 2020, faithfully and lovingly supported and directed this novena. With no one replacing her commitment and work and for other reasons, attendance has greatly declined. So, for all who had joined us in this prayer over these past thirty years, may the grace and blessings given through the intercession of Christ continue to bless you and keep you in God's peace.

### CCHS FOOTBALL DISCOUNT CARDS

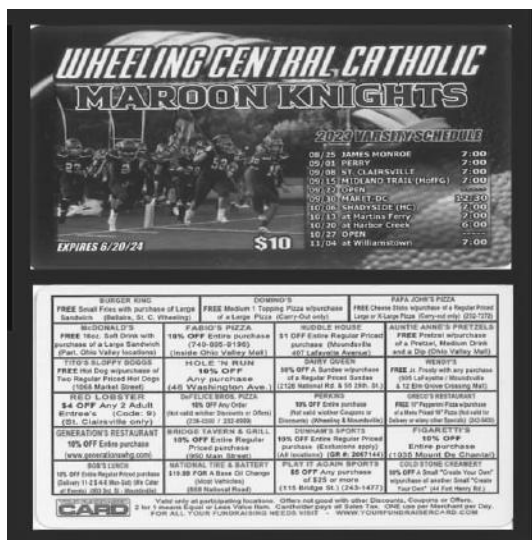
CCHS Football Discount Cards are now available!

Great discounts are available and you will be supporting many of our local businesses!

Discount cards are still a bargain at only \$10 each!

See a player, coach, parent or contact the school to get yours now!

Supplies are limited and cards always sell out, so don't delay, get your today!





# ***Selfless Living***

***Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A***

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Matthew 10:37–39

Clearly, this saying is a play on words that is meant to make you pause and think. It’s almost like a holy and sacred riddle, spoken by Jesus to get your attention and to communicate a very deep and foundational truth about how you are to live. Essentially, this saying teaches that those who live in a selfish, self-centered way do not accomplish their goal. The goal of those who are selfish is to elevate themselves with the thinking that this is what is best for them. But Jesus clearly points out that when you live selfishly, seeking to put yourself above others, you lose what is most important in life. You lose your very soul. On the contrary, if you live selflessly, putting others before you, it is in this act that you actually find your true purpose in life and fulfill yourself on the deepest level.

Think, for example, of Jesus. He is God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, existing for eternity in perfect union with the Father and the Holy Spirit. His soul radiates pure love. And for that reason, He chose to become human, suffer greatly and be killed. Was that fulfilling to our Lord? Most certainly. Why? Because His sacrifice went to the heart of Who He is. He is Love itself. And love is always self-giving. It is always fulfilling. It always seeks the good of the other. Love fulfills the lover when it is pure, holy, selfless and total. Jesus’ sacrificial death on the Cross not only redeemed us, but it also manifested the Son of God’s own perfect fulfillment and satisfaction in His human nature because His death was an act of pure love.

Sin confuses us. Selfishness especially clouds our thinking. As a result, it becomes difficult to clearly see that the way to fulfillment in life is by the complete and unwavering sacrifice of our lives given to others, in imitation of and in union with Jesus’ perfect sacrifice. The moment that sin leads us to think first about ourselves, we begin to become blind to who we are and what makes us truly fulfilled.

Reflect, today, upon the divine mission you have been given to lose yourself for the sake of Christ, which is for the sake of true love. By loving God and others in this pure way, selflessly, you become who you are and who you were created to be. You find yourself only by choosing to lose yourself in this world. Ponder this deep mystery and believe it. Once you do believe it, commit to live sacrificially, casting aside every doubt, so that you will never hesitate to love everyone sacrificially. For in that radical act of selfless love, you will discover and become who you were created to be.

*My sacrificial Lord, You are not only the perfect model of human love,  
Your sacrificial love is the source of human fulfillment itself.  
Please give me the grace I need to love all people in a perfect and selfless way and, in that act,  
also discover and become who I was made to be.  
Jesus, I trust in You.*


## **Quo Vadis Retreat**

**Priestfield Pastoral Center**  
**12pm June 26th - 1pm June 29th**


Prayer Ropes Course  
Kayaking Discernment  
Camp Fires Games  
Priestly Olympics

Opportunities for  
Charitable and Spiritual  
Works of Mercy

Boys from 6th to  
8th Grade are  
welcome!



**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE  
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# Parish Information

## Weekly Calendar & Upcoming Events

### SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...

<b>Sunday, July 2nd</b>	<i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <b>Small Group</b> (Drnach), 10:30 - 11:30 am
<b>Tuesday, July 4th</b> <i>Happy Independence Day!</i>	Parish Office is Closed <b>Stitching Group</b> (McFadden), 5:00 - 7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, July 5th</b>	<b>Small Group</b> (Mazzzocca), 6:00 - 8:00 pm <b>Small Group</b> (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm
<b>Friday, July 7th</b>	<b>Rosary</b> (Mazzzocca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm
<b>Sunday, July 9th</b>	<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

### UPCOMING SVDP SOCIAL EVENTS!

#### **OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL:**

**Saturday, July 8th** after 5:00 pm Mass  
Live Entertainment / Children's Games & Activities  
Plan to attend this event for fun and fellowship!

#### **TRIVIA NIGHT:**

SVDP Parish will be hosting a Trivia Night on **Friday, July 14th** in the Marist Centre  
Doors open at **6:00 pm** / Trivia begins at **6:30 pm**

**\$10 per person** (Teams up to 8 players)  
Pizza will be served!

You can bring your own drinks and snacks!

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**September 27th, 2023**

**September 17th**, Tournament of Games!

**October 1st**, Quarter Auction

**October 21st**, Euchre Tournament

**November 12th**, Spaghetti Dinner

**December 16th**, Cookie Sale

**December 31st**, New Year's Eve Dinner / Dance

### **SAVE THE DATE!**



Our **Parish Picnic** will be held on  
**Sunday, September 10th**  
at the Sonneborn Shelter atop Wheeling Park.

### **A Prayer for the 4th of July**



*On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.*

*Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.*

*Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.*

*Amen*

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