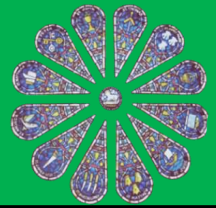




# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003



## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Year A) - July 30th, 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

**Website:** www.saintvincentparish.org

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

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**Finance & Accounting:** Geri Saari

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**Maintenance & Facilities:** Gary Shaver

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**Music Ministry & Event Coordinator:** Jacqueline Laurine

Email: jlaurine@saintvincentparish.org

**Parish School of Religion:** Derek Dimmey

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**RCIA:** Cynthia Dimmey

Email: cdimmey2015@icloud.com

**Technology and Media:** James Laurine

Email: technology@saintvincentparish.org

### Liturgy / Holy Mass Schedule

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

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

**Wednesday:** 5:30 pm

**Thursday:** 8:00 am

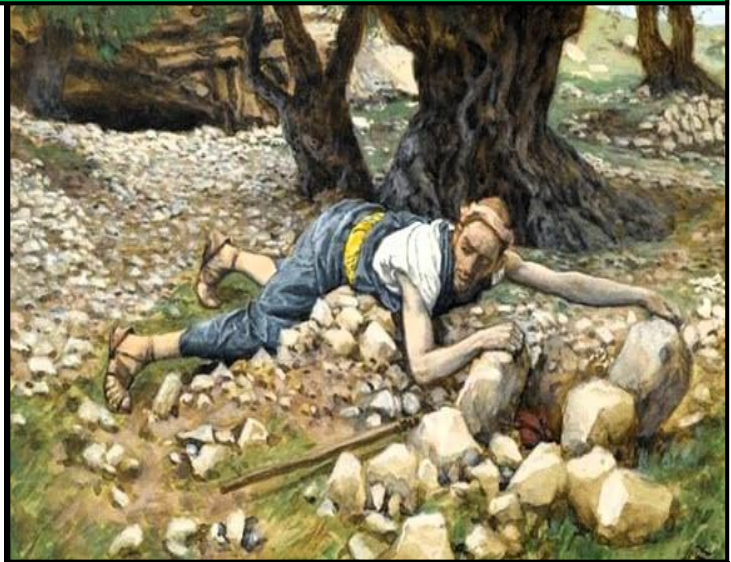
**Friday:** 8:00 am

**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



*The Hidden Treasure (Le trésor enfoui), 1886-1894.  
James Tissot (French, 1836-1902)*

### First Reading - 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

**Responsorial Psalm** - Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130 The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

### Second Reading - Romans 8:28-30

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Living the Word This Week

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

Commit to some time for spiritual reading (the Bible, the lives of the Saints, the Catechism, papal documents, etc.) each day for the next month.

### Next Mass at OLSD

Sunday, August 6th 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](https://www.facebook.com/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

**Wednesday, July 26th**  
**Wednesday, August 9th**  
**Wednesday, August 23rd**

**St. Vincent BINGO**  
BINGO, CONCESSIONS, TIPS, DOOR PRIZES, FUN AND MORE!

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

**St. Vincent Parish Center**

## 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](https://www.venmo.com/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)

## Question of the Week

*Why do priests kiss the altar at Mass?*

Before celebrating every Mass, the priest approaches the altar and kisses it. To some this practice seems rather odd, as altars are material objects of stone or wood and don't seem to warrant any particular reverence. What is the significance behind this ancient custom?

This liturgical custom is one of the oldest, dating back to the 4th century. Kissing holy and sacred objects has been part of various world religions for thousands of years. The practice comes from cultures where the kiss was viewed as a sign of respect or used as a greeting and was naturally applied to objects that represented the divine.

As Christians developed the liturgy, they adapted customs from their own culture and gave them new significance. Kissing the altar was one of them and was quickly attached to the actions of the priest at Mass.

The altar receives its importance in connection with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that is celebrated upon it. It has been set apart for this purpose and the bishop consecrates it when it is installed in a new church. Kissing the altar can then be viewed as honoring the special role it has in the liturgy and the consecration it was given by the bishop.

Symbolically the altar is often said to represent Jesus Christ. During the history of the liturgy the priest would sometimes kiss the altar before blessing the people, symbolizing how the blessing came from God, not the priest. So, while it is true that altars are material objects, they have been set apart for a specific purpose and kissing the altar recognizes its privileged role and relation to the divine sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

# Parish Information

## Liturgy and Minister Schedule

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Year A) - July 30th, 2023

**Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Mt 11:25** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

#### Greeters for July 29th & 30th

**5:00 pm** - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / **9:00 am** - Cynthia Dimmey & Nancy Georges / **11:30 am** - Paul & Susie Newmeyer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
<b>Saturday, July 29th</b> <i>*Vigil</i>	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ Mary "Chris" Koch All the People of the Parish	Larry Bandi	<b>Bread:</b> Wally McMasters <b>Cup:</b> Dave Soloninka & Tom McFadden
<b>Sunday, July 30th</b>	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Eleanor Bandi + Cecil Comer	Jeanne McKeets Richard Oswald	<b>Bread:</b> Barb Napple <b>Cup:</b> Denny Beiter & Lynn Hetzel <b>Bread:</b> Judy Stadler <b>Cup:</b> Karen Bates & Susie Newmeyer
<b>Tuesday, August 1st</b>	5:30 pm	♥ Nataliedrew Georges	<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 Thomas, Emma Thompson, Justin Wilson	
<b>Wednesday, August 2nd</b>	5:30 pm	♥ Ken Keyser		
<b>Thursday, August 3rd</b>	8:00 am	+ Thomas Varkey		
<b>Friday, August 4th</b>	8:00 am	+ CMA		

#### Greeters for August 5th & 6th

**5:00 pm** - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / **9:00 am** - Tammy & Trenton Rosenthal / **11:30 am** - Nancy Freeman & Gwen Porter

<b>Saturday, August 5th</b> <i>*Vigil</i>	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ Anna Sengewalt + Bill Gibson	Dave Soloninka	<b>Bread:</b> Dave Soloninka <b>Cup:</b> Vickie Joseph & Carol Harris
<b>Sunday, August 6th</b> <i>*OLSD</i>	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:30 am	+ Zita Husick + Mary "Chris" Koch + William "Dean" Bishop	Dorothy Dudzik Lori Buchanan	<b>Bread:</b> Matt Koval <b>Cup:</b> Susie Koval & Marilyn Delbrugge <b>Bread:</b> Judy Stadler <b>Cup:</b> Karen Bates & Susie Newmeyer

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**M - JULY 31ST** - MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Ex 32: 15-24. 30-34 / Ps 106: 19-20. 21-22. 23 / Mt 13: 31-35

**T - AUGUST 1ST** - MEMORIAL OF SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Ex 33: 7-11; 34: 5B-9. 28 / Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 / Mt 13: 36-43

**W - AUGUST 2ND** - Ex 34: 29-35 / Ps 99: 5. 6. 7. 9 / Mt 13: 44-46

**T - AUGUST 3RD** - Ex 40: 16-21. 34-38 / Ps 84: 3. 4. 5-6A AND 8A. 11 / Mt 13: 47-53

**F - AUGUST 4TH** - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

Lv 23: 1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34B-37 / Ps 81: 3-4. 5-6. 10-11AB / Mt 13: 54-58

**S - AUGUST 5TH** - Lv 25: 1. 8-17 / Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 7-8 / Mt 14: 1-12

**S - AUGUST 6TH** - FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dn 7: 9-10. 13-14 / Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 9 / 2 Pt 1: 16-19 / Mt 17: 1-9

*My just Judge, You see all things and know all things. You know my heart through and through. Please cleanse me of every sin and all complacency in life. Fill me with a holy zeal for Your Kingdom. May the joy of the discovery of You fully motivate me to remain diligent in my journey to Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.*



# Prayer & Worship

## Prayer List, Gospel Reflection & Weekly Themes



### 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, Ethan Eckman, 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, Gary Shaver, Julie Shiess, 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*

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

### Themes for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time for Year A are about the wisdom of God which is very different from the wisdom of the world. The first reading recalls how Solomon requested the gift of understanding instead of material goods or power. The psalm reminds us that God's commands are more precious than gold. The second reading tells us to work for God's purpose. And in the gospel Jesus gives us more parables related to the Kingdom of God, including the treasure in the field, the pearl of great price, and treasures new and old.

**The Kingdom of Heaven's Value:** The gospel highlights the immense value of the Kingdom of Heaven, comparing it to a treasure hidden in a field and a pearl of great price. It emphasizes the worthiness of sacrificing everything to possess and experience the Kingdom's blessings.

**Joy and Sacrifice:** The response of the person who discovers the treasure and the merchant who finds the valuable pearl exemplifies the joy and willingness to sacrifice worldly possessions in order to obtain the Kingdom's eternal riches.

**Discernment and Understanding:** Jesus emphasizes the importance of discernment and understanding in relation to the mysteries of the Kingdom. He likens the scribe instructed about the Kingdom to a householder who brings out treasures both old and new, suggesting the need to appreciate the timeless truths of Scripture while also being receptive to new revelations from God.

**Separation of the Righteous and the Wicked:** The parable of the dragnet highlights the final separation of the righteous and the wicked at the end of the age, emphasizing the importance of making choices that align with God's righteousness and the consequences of rejecting the Kingdom.

**Scribes as Teachers of the Kingdom:** Jesus elevates the role of the scribes in teaching the Kingdom of Heaven, indicating the significance of sharing the truths of the Kingdom and its implications with others.

**The Call to Hear and Understand:** Jesus concludes by urging His disciples to become like scribes trained for the Kingdom, emphasizing the need for attentive listening, understanding, and the application of Kingdom principles in their lives.

# Parish Ministries

## Religious Education, Councils & Committees, Announcements

### 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**

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Classes meet every Sunday from 10:30 - 11:30 am from September through May.  
Registration coming soon in August!

### BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic Christian can contact the parish office for information regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Spiritual preparation and instruction for becoming Catholic begins in late September / early October. (RCIA is also a wonderful "refresher course" for Catholics wanting to deepen their faith!)

### 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.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm**, concluding with a Benediction at 5:30 pm followed by Mass.

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.

### 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.

### 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.

### FLOCKNOTE

To receive your weekly bulletin by mail, please contact the Parish Office. To receive your weekly bulletin (in PDF format) by email or text message, please join **Flocknote** by texting **Stvdpw** to **800-950-9952** or go to **Flocknote.com/stvincentdepaulparish1**

### COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

**Altar Society Chairs:** Jim Baller and Mary K Bell  
**Development Committee Chair:** Libby Reasbeck  
**Pastoral Council Chair:** Joann Drnach

**Building & Property Chair:** Bob Smith  
**Finance Council Chair:** Larry Bandi  
**SVS School Advisory Board:** Anne Ricci

#### Attendance for July 15th & 16th

5:00pm - 116 / 9:00am - 122 / 11:30am - 90  
**Total Attendance: - 328**

#### Offertory for July 15th & 16th

SVDP: \$3,222 / OLSD: \$645 / WeShare: \$1,361.56  
**Total Collection - \$5,228.56**

**Upcoming Second Collection, August 20th - Education of DWC Seminarians**

When writing checks for any collection, please make all checks payable to **St. Vincent's Church**.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL PARISH SUPPORT!**

**CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL - Goals & Progress, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Wheeling**

**Raised \$20,437 of \$38,655 with 77 gifts**

**53%**

# Parish Outreach

## Service Organizations



### **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 **July 31st.**

### **AUGUST HOLY HOUR**

To Celebrate the Year Of the Holy Eucharist, as proclaimed by Pope Francis, Corpus Christi Parish is hosting an evening Holy Hour every third Monday of the month for a specific cause.

You are invited to attend this event in the month of August, to pray for those struggling with mental health issues and addiction. It will take place on **August 21st at 6:30pm** in Corpus Christi Church.

This is one significant way we can help our loved ones through these difficult issues. Prayer changes lives. "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." Mathew 21:19



**NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival**



**PARISH YEAR  
JUNE 11, 2023 - JULY 17, 2024**

### **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, August 15th at 6:15 pm** in the Youth 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.

We are also looking for a few more drivers who would have a truck or access to a truck to help us deliver beds for our bed ministry. 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**.

# ***Parish Outreach***

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

### **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**.)

### **FOOD HANDLERS CLASS**

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

Volunteer Food Service Worker's Cards are issued at no cost to individuals working in volunteer settings.

These individuals receive no pay and the cards can not be used in a paid food service setting.

Volunteer cards are good for 1 year.

### **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** or call **(800) 919-9332**.

### **ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

Know Jesus Through the Eucharist with ONLINE LEARNING opportunities from Catholic Distance University. Enhance your understanding of the source and summit of our faith through our Lifelong Learning Continuing Education program at CDU.

#### **Courses include:**

**The Mass**: History, Theology, and Spirituality – dives into the historical development, theological significance, and spiritual aspects of the Mass. Sign up here: **<https://www.pathlms.com/cdu/courses/38039>**

**Eucharistic Devotions**: – explores the history, theology, and significance of Eucharistic devotions outside the Mass. Sign up here: **<https://www.pathlms.com/cdu/courses/37998>**

**Why Do We Need the Church?** - This 3-week seminar will run from August 14 – September 4, 2023. Many people today believe in God and Jesus but do not feel the need to belong to a church or attend religious services. They may consider themselves to be “believers but not believers.” This likely includes some of your own family and friends. Therefore, the need to equip Catholics to credibly, convincingly, and compellingly explain and share why we need the Church, the sacraments, and the Mass has never been greater. This apologetics seminar will help us respond to this alarming and growing trend by exploring key reasons why active involvement in the life of the Church, especially the Mass, is Christ's will for his followers. We are confident that you will find this unique seminar to be an opportunity to strengthen the practice of your faith and learn valuable information for sharing with family and friends who do not regularly attend Mass. As such, this seminar will help you better perform the Spiritual Works of Mercy to “counsel the doubtful” and “instruct the uninformed.” Sign up for this course at: **<https://www.pathlms.com/cdu/courses/38066#>**

For more information about CDU go to **<https://cdu.edu>**

# Parish Information

## Weekly Calendar & Upcoming Events

### SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...

<b>Sunday, July 30th</b>	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Tuesday, August 1st</b>	<b>Stitching Group</b> (McFadden), 5:00 - 7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, August 2nd</b>	<b>Small Group</b> (Mazzzocca), 6:00 - 8:00 pm <b>Small Group</b> (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm
<b>Thursday, August 3rd</b>	<b>Crafting Class</b> (McFadden), 6:00 - 7:30 pm
<b>Friday, August 4th</b>	<b>Rosary</b> (Mazzzocca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm
<b>Sunday, August 6th</b>	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i>

#### ST. VINCENT'S 50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets are now available!

Tickets are \$5 each.

If we sell all 2,500 tickets,  
the winner has a chance to win **\$6,250**

Winner will be drawn on St. Vincent's Feast Day  
**September 27th, 2023**

If you would like to help sell 50/50 Tickets,  
please see Jacki Laurine for a pack of tickets.

**THANK YOU!**

#### UPCOMING SVDP SOCIAL EVENTS!

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

**October 1st**, Quarter Auction

**October 21st**, Euchre Tournament

**November 12th**, Spaghetti Dinner

**November 18th**, Trivia Night (*Holiday Edition!*)

**December 16th**, Cookie Sale

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

#### PARISH PICNIC

Our Parish Picnic will be held on

**Sunday, September 10th**

at the Sonneborn Shelter atop Wheeling Park!

We are currently seeking donations of the following items for our picnic:

##### Items needed for Auction Baskets:

Gift Cards, Pet Supplies, Scratch Off Lottery Tickets, Snacks,  
Women's Items, Men's Items, Boys Items, Girls Items, etc.

##### Items for Kids Games

Candy, Toys, Games, etc.

We will have a **Duck Pond**, **Ring Toss**, **Water Balloon Toss**,  
**Spin the Wheel Game** as well as outdoor games and activities.

If you would like to donate a basket to the picnic, please contact the Parish Office. Thank You!



**DONATE  
AUCTION  
ITEMS**



#### 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**.



Now is the  
time to  
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