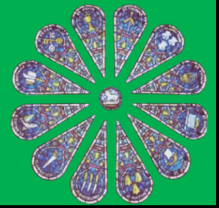




St. Vincent de Paul Parish

2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 9th, 2023

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: 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



Come Unto Me:

"Consolator" - Jesus Christ Consoling and Comforting Christianity by Carl Bloch (1834-1890)

First Reading - Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14

A prayer of praise to God who is our king .

Second Reading - Romans 8:9,11-13

Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh .

Gospel Reading - Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly .

Living the Word This Week

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

Consider contributing your time, treasure, or talent to a local agency that aids the poor, such as the Saint Vincent de Paul Society or Catholic Charities.

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

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9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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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

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 & card / Apple Pay: \$28 / Person

Call or Email for more information

(304) 242-5844 / 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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 9th, 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 8th & 9th

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Saturday, July 8th <i>*Vigil</i>	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ Mary Lou Andrich + Jack & Theresa Savage	Tom McFadden	Bread: Wally McMasters Cup: Carol Harris & Tom McFadden
Sunday, July 9th	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Pam Ammirante All the People of the Parish	Dorothy Dudzik Gwen Porter	Bread: Derek Dimmey Cup: Lynn Hetzel & Dennis Beiter Bread: Karen Bates Cup: Susie Newmeyer & Jarett Kuhns
Monday, July 10th	8:00 am	+ CMA	<u>ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses)</u> 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	
Tuesday, July 11th	5:30 pm	+ Mary Lou Andrich		
Wednesday, July 12th	5:30 pm	+ Nancy Shalvey		
Thursday, July 13th	8:00 am	+ Harold Miller		
Friday, July 14th	8:00 am	+ CMA		

Greeters for July 15th & 16th

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

Saturday, July 15th <i>*Vigil</i>	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ Harold Miller + John Powell (B)	Wally McMasters	Bread: Vickie Joseph Cup: Dave Soloninka & Tom McFadden
Sunday, July 16th	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Chris Thomas + Nancy Shalvey	Mary K Bell Lori Buchanan	Bread: Barb Napple Cup: Lynn Hetzel & Derek Dimmey Bread: Judy Stadler Cup: Susie Newmeyer & Karen Bates

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M - JULY 10TH - GN 28: 10-22A / Ps 91: 1-2. 3-4. 14-15AB / Mt 9: 18-26

T - JULY 11TH - MEMORIAL OF SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT

GN 32: 23-33 / Ps 17: 1B. 2-3. 6-7AB. 8B AND 15 / Mt 9: 32-38

W - JULY 12TH - GN 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7A. 17-24A / Ps 33: 2-3. 10-11. 18-19 / Mt 10: 1-7

T - JULY 13TH - GN 44: 18-21. 23B-29; 45: 1-5 / Ps 105: 16-17. 18-19. 20-21 / Mt 10: 7-15

F - JULY 14TH - MEMORIAL OF SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN

GN 46: 1-7. 28-30 / Ps 37: 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40 / Mt 10: 16-23

S - JULY 15TH - MEMORIAL OF SAINT BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

GN 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26A / Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7 / Mt 10: 24-33

S - JULY 16TH - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55: 10-11 / Ps 65: 10. 11. 12-13. 14 (Lk 8:8) / ROM 8: 18-23 / Mt 13: 1-23

Prayer & Worship

Gospel Reflection, Prayer List & Weekly Themes

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

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, 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 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The readings for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A encourage us to praise God for all of the blessings in our lives. The first reading is a song of praise for the coming Kingdom of God. The second reading tells us to live by the Spirit, for the Spirit will bring life to our mortal bodies through Christ Jesus. And in the gospel, Jesus praises the Father and then invites us to follow him, for he helps us when we are stressed and overwhelmed.

Revelation to the Childlike: Jesus praises the Father for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to those who approach God with childlike simplicity and humility, highlighting the importance of having a receptive and humble heart.

Divine Wisdom and Knowledge: Jesus acknowledges that true wisdom and knowledge come from the Father and are revealed to those whom He chooses, emphasizing the dependence on God's revelation for understanding spiritual truths.

Invitation to Find Rest: Jesus extends an invitation to all who are burdened and weary to come to Him for rest, offering solace and relief to those who seek refuge in Him.

Gentle and Humble Heart: Jesus describes Himself as gentle and humble in heart, portraying His compassionate and approachable nature that provides comfort and support to those who come to Him.

Learning from Jesus: Jesus invites His disciples to take His yoke upon themselves and learn from Him, illustrating the importance of being His student, growing in knowledge, and finding guidance and rest in Him.

Easy Yoke and Light Burden: Jesus assures His followers that His yoke is easy and His burden is light, suggesting that the path of discipleship with Him is not burdensome but rather filled with grace and empowerment.

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**

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.

FATHER JOSEPH

Next Weekend, **July 15th** and **16th**, will be Father Joseph's last weekend with us. He has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Ann Parish in Shinnston, WV, St. James the Apostle Parish in Clarksburg, WV, and Sacred Heart Mission in Salem, WV.

We are going to have Cookies and Refreshments after each Mass. If you would like to bake cookies, please drop them off before whatever mass you will be attending next weekend. Thank You!

MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gary Shaver - Our Maintenance Director here at St. Vincent's will be having shoulder surgery on July 14th. He will be out for at least 4 months. We are looking for volunteers to help with the grass cutting at SVDP and at Seven Dolors. If you are interested or if you know of someone, please have them contact the Parish Office. Thank You!

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 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.

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

*Our **PARISH PICNIC** will be held on **Sunday, September 10th** at the Sonneborn Shelter atop Wheeling Park!*

Attendance for July 1st & 2nd

5:00pm - 109 / 9:00am - 94 / 10:15am - 46 / 11:30am - 105

Total Attendance: - 354

Offertory for July 1st & 2nd

SVDP: \$4,607 / OLSD: \$2,940 / WeShare: \$2,956.09

Total Collection - \$10,503.09

Upcoming Second Collection, July 16th - Catholic Communication Campaign
and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL PARISH SUPPORT!

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 July 31st.

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 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.

OHIO VALLEY TRADES AND LABOR ASSEMBLY DUNK TANK FOR CHARITY



UNDO'S OHIO VALLEY ITALIAN FESTIVAL
FRIDAY, JULY 28 - 5PM TO 9PM
SATURDAY, JULY 29 - NOON TO 9PM



FRIDAY, JULY 28

- **5:00PM:** JAKE MCGLUMPHY
WTRF CHANNEL 7 NEWS
CHARITY: EASTER SEALS
- **6:00PM:** JIM BLAZIER
WHEELING FIRE CHIEF
CHARITY: AUGUSTA LEVY LEARNING CENTER
- **7:00PM:** TOM HOWARD
OHIO COUNTY SHERIFF
CHARITY: SHOP W/ THE SHERIFF • COPS & KIDS PROJECT
- **8:00PM:** DOUG "GLENN" GIFFIN
IBEW BUSINESS MANAGER
CHARITY: SEEING HAND ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, JULY 29

- **12:00PM:** FR. JEESON STEPHAN
PASTOR ST. VINCENT PARISH
CHARITY: ADOPT A STUDENT
ST. VINCENT SCHOOL
- **1:00PM:** JOHNNY O
WOMP FM 100.5 DJ
CHARITY: WHG HOSPITAL
SCHIFFLER CANCER CENTER
- **2:00PM:** KEVAN LAPOSTA
OSIRIS SHRINER
CHARITY: SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
- **3:00PM:** CHAD THALMAN
VICE MAYOR OF WHEELING
CHARITY: YMCA
- **4:00PM:** RON SCOTT
CULTURAL DIVERSITY OUTREACH DIRECTOR
CHARITY: YWCA
- **5:00PM:** JESSE CAIN
WTOV CHANNEL 9 NEWS
CHARITY: LACY UP FOR KIDS/UNITED WAY
- **6:00PM:** JAMES ZUSACK
BELMONT CO. CHIEF DEPUTY
CHARITY: ROAD HOME ANIMAL PROJECT
- **7:00PM:** DAVE ROTRIGA
OWNER - MIKLAS MEAT MARKET
CHARITY: MIRACLE LEAGUE FIELD
- **8:00PM:** TIFFANY HOFFMAN
OHIO COUNTY ASSESSOR
CHARITY: UNDO'S ITALIAN FESTIVAL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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**.)

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**.

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!



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**.

The Light Burden of Grace

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” Matthew 11:28–30

Around the year 167 BC, two new groups of religious leaders emerged within Judaism: the scribes and Pharisees. By the time that Jesus walked the earth, these religious leaders had developed many customs, false doctrines and religious practices that they claimed were derived from the Law of Moses. However, Jesus condemned their teachings as scrupulous, self-centered, and hypocritical. What they taught was often a distortion of the Law. Recall, for example, that the Pharisees condemned the disciples for picking heads of wheat and eating them on the Sabbath, claiming that this violated the Third Commandment. Clearly, Jesus taught that it didn’t.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks to those “who labor and are burdened” and invites them to carry the light and easy yoke that He will give them. In other words, Jesus is identifying the fact that the scribes and Pharisees had so distorted the Law of Moses that the practice of the Jewish faith had become a burden that was too difficult to carry. In contrast, Jesus’ New Law of grace was freeing, light, and easy.

When you consider Jesus’ many teachings, do you see them as easy to follow? Or do they seem to be too much at times? For example, Jesus said to “be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). This was not only an invitation, it was also a command and a requirement. So are Jesus’ teachings easy? Or are they overwhelming?

Of course, since Jesus Himself says that “my yoke is easy, and my burden light,” then we can be certain that they are. Jesus not only calls us to moral perfection, He also gives us the means by which we can obtain it. By analogy, say someone told you to move a boulder that weighed 2,000 pounds. Could you do that? You could if the person also gave you a large tractor to use for the task. In that case, it would be as easy as using the machine correctly. So it is with all that our Lord asks of us. When we find some moral obligation to be difficult or even overwhelming, then we are not relying upon the grace that God has given us to fulfill His command.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus’ gentle invitation to you to embrace the “yoke” of perfection. Do not see it as too much. Rather, see it as a joyous invitation from our Lord. Ponder the fact that God not only calls you to the heights of holiness, He also provides you with the means to obtain it. Have faith in His almighty power and open yourself to it more fully so that You will be able to do anything and everything our Lord asks of you with ease and joy.

*My gentle Lord, You place upon my shoulders Your own yoke to carry.
I say “Yes” to all that You ask of me, and I thank You for bestowing Your mercy upon me.
Please remove every yoke from me that is not from You,
so that I can follow You with the joy of the light burden of Your grace.
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
WHEN YOU GROW UP?
(REGISTER AT WVPRIESTS.ORG)**



Parish Information

Weekly Calendar & Upcoming Events

SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...

Sunday, July 9th	<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tuesday, July 11th	Stitching Group (McFadden), 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 12th	Small Group (Mazzzocca), 6:00 - 8:00 pm Small Group (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Friday, July 14th	Rosary (Mazzzocca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Sunday, July 16th	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

UPCOMING SVDP SOCIAL EVENTS!

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!

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September 27th, 2023

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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.

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