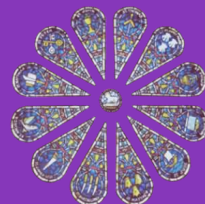




St. Vincent de Paul Parish

2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003



The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B) - December 24th, 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

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

* Evening Adoration 3rd Tuesday of the Month from 6:00 - 9:00 pm (Next evening Adoration is December 19th)

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

* Reconciliation 1st Saturday of the Month after morning Mass

Next Mass at OLSD

Sunday, February 4th, at 10:15 am

Love



Candle Name: The Angel's Candle

The Fourth Week of Advent Represents: Love

Candle Color: Violet (Purple) - During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.

Advent Wreath Prayer: Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

First Reading - 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16

The Lord promises David that he will raise from his descendants a kingdom that will endure forever.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 89:2-5,27,29

A prayer of praise to the Lord for his faithfulness to his covenant.

Second Reading - Romans 16:25-27

Paul praises God for making his revelation known.

Gospel Reading - Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus

Living the Word This Week

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

In the busy days of the Christmas holidays, take some time each day for silent prayer.



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

Office Hours: Monday through Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Email: info@stvincentschool.org

SVS Week Ahead

Sunday 24 4th Sunday of Advent 	Monday 25 Merry Christmas! 	Tuesday 26 	Wednesday 27 	Thursday 28 	Friday 29 	Saturday 30 Greenbacks Dinner & Auction Tickets now available!
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Follow your heart this Christmas...

- * to a place filled with family and friends, even if they aren't physically present.
- * to open up to the joy of carols and bright lights twinkling.
- * to the manger, where the baby who changed everything was born.



Parish Information

COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Altar Society Chairs: Jim Baller and Mary K Bell
Building & Property Chair:
Development Committee Chair: Libby Reasbeck
Finance Council Chair: Larry Bandi
Pastoral Council Chair: Joann Drnach
SVS School Advisory Board: Anne Ricci

Attendance for December 16th & 17th

5:00pm - 102 / 9:00am - 174 / 11:30am - 157

Total Attendance: - 433

Offertory for December 16th & 17th

SVDP: \$4,166 / OLSD: \$775 / WeShare: \$2,045.01

Total Collection - \$6,986.01

Special Second Collection , January 14th - CNEWA Holy Land Collection
Upcoming Second Collection , January 21st - Church in the Developing World

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 (CSA)

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to our parish through this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your support, whether large or small, is a vital piece of the puzzle that will help us reach our goals. You can make a secure donation online at dwc.org/CSA, you can send a check payable to **Catholic Sharing Appeal** in an envelope, or you can drop it by the parish office or in the collection basket. Our parish will receive 100% of your donation! We will use the gifts we receive to repair the roof over the parish school and boiler in the church.

Current Catholic Sharing Appeal - Goals & Progress, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Wheeling, WV

Raised \$30,067 of \$38,655 with 105 gifts

78%

Parish Information

Liturgy and Minister Schedule

The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B) - December 24th, 2023

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 1:38 Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

Greeters for December 23rd & 24th

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

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, December 23rd <i>*Vigil</i>	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ James Alig ☉ John & Dorothy Dudzik 35th Wedding Anniversary	Tom McFadden	Bread: Joann Drnach Cup: Carol Harris & Tom McFadden
Sunday, December 24th	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Sharon Basham All the People of the Parish	Larry Bandi Heather Mazeroski	Bread: Susie Koval Cup: Matt Koval & Mary K Bell Bread: Barb Napple Cup: Karen Bates & Susie Newmeyer
Monday, December 25th	9:00 am	<i>See Bulletin Insert</i>	ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses) Logan Buchannan, Charleigh Carr, Georgia Carr, Claire Connley, Emma Dean, Ava Dominquez, Eleanor Hortet, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Billy Looney, McKenzie Looney, Luke Minor, Angelene Ricci, Austin Schwanker, Ava Thomas, Emma Thompson, Justin Wilson	
Tuesday, December 26th	5:30 pm	+ Lee Childers		
Wednesday, December 27th	5:30 pm	+ Leona Pietro		
Thursday, December 28th	8:00 am	+ Sharon Basham		
Friday, December 29th	8:00 am	+ Mary Lee Behrens		

Greeters for December 30th & 31st

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

Saturday, December 30th <i>*Vigil</i>	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ Guy Bellanco + Jonette Bauer	Tom McFadden	Bread: Nancy LaBrosse Cup: Vickie Joseph & Tom McFadden
Sunday, December 31st	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Harold Bandi All the People of the Parish	Richard Oswald Jeanne McKeets	Bread: Matt Koval Cup: Marilyn Delbrugge & Mary K Bell Bread: Barb Napple Cup: Karen Bates & Susie Newmeyer
Monday, January 1st	9:00 am	<i>See Bulletin Insert</i>		

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M - DECEMBER 25TH - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
VIGIL: Is 62: 1-5 / Ps 89: 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2A) / Acts 13: 16-17. 22-25 / Mt 1: 1-25.
DURING THE NIGHT: Is 9: 1-6 / Ps 96: 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13 / Ti 2: 11-14 / Lk 2: 1-14.
DAWN: Is 62: 11-12 / Ps 97: 1. 6. 11-12 / Ti 3: 4-7 / Lk 2: 15-20.
DAY: Is 52: 7-10 / Ps 98: 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 (3C) / HEB 1: 1-6 / Jn 1: 1-18
T - DECEMBER 26TH - FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR
 ACTS 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59 / Ps 31: 3CD-4. 6 AND 8AB. 16BC AND 17 / Mt 10: 17-22
W - DECEMBER 27TH - FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
 1 JN 1: 1-4 / Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12 / Jn 20: 1A AND 2-8
T - DECEMBER 28TH - FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
 1 JN 1: 5 -- 2: 2 / Ps 124: 2-3. 4-5. 7B-8 / Mt 2: 13-18
F - DECEMBER 29TH - 1 JN 2: 3-11 / Ps 96: 1-2A. 2B-3. 5B-6 / Lk 2: 22-35
S - DECEMBER 30TH - 1 JN 2: 12-17 / Ps 96: 7-8A. 8B-9. 10 / Lk 2: 36-40
S - DECEMBER 31ST - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
 GN 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 OR SIR 3: 2-6. 12-14 / Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 (7A. 8A) / HEB 11: 8. 11-12. 17-19 OR COL 3: 12-21 / Lk 2: 22-40
M - JANUARY 1ST - SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
 NM 6: 22-27 / Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2A) / GAL 4: 4-7 / Lk 2: 16-21

Gospel Reflection:

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Luke 1:26-28

My dearest Mother, you lived a life of perfect virtue and holiness.

You continuously pondered the mysteries of God in your heart and always surrendered to the will of God with perfection.

Please inspire me so that I may not only learn from you but also be able to share in the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit given to you.

Mother Mary, pray for us.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Prayer & Worship

Prayer List, Mass & Adoration Opportunities, Religious Education



At St. Vincent de Paul Parish we believe in prayer, its power and the daily necessity for it. We invite you to submit your requests to us and we will pray for you. We get it that prayer needs happen anytime all the time. We understand that you might not know how to ask or what to say. You don't have to be a member of our church family, just someone who has a prayer need.

Charles Ballard, Jim Baller, Barb Bennett, Patricia Bock, Marsha Boissy, Steven Bonenberger, Carl Bott, Mary Kay Britt, Bill Childers, Theresa Comer, Gerald Cook, Holly Custer, Betty Dietrich, Allison Dunlap, Harry Ebert, Ethan Eckman, Melissa Hipkiss, Joe Holly, Frederick Jaquay, Jack Klug, Flavia Langan & Family, Ray Laudermilt, Marcia Laughlin, Jacqueline Laurine, Geralyn Latz, Brandi Mackey, Brandt Mazerowski, Ted McKeets, Wally McMasters, Kelsey Miller, Arlene Muccioli, Mike Perring, Madelyn Reed, Vincent Rodak, Jenna Russell, Paul Russell, Gary Shaver, Julie Shiess, Addison Stephens, Joe Tankovits, Marlene Trischler, Katrina Turkaly, Glen Ullom, Lynn Uraco, John Wagner, Chris Walker, Pete Walker, John Walt, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, Ann & Charlie Wolfe, Dick Wolfe, All Homebound, Sick and Shut-Ins

COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION

for December

Deceased Members of OLSD, William & Catherine Straughn, Leonard Monteleone, James Doyle, Patrick & Peggy Straughn



Birthday Wishes
to **Betty Dietrich**



who celebrated her 100th birthday on December 10th!

She is at Good Shepherd if anyone would like to send her a card.



Birthday Wishes
to **Fr. Joe Wilhelm**



who will celebrate his 92nd birthday on December 30th!

He is at Good Shepherd if anyone would like to send him a card.



THEMES FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Advent Year B speak of the original Ark of the Covenant and of the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, the new Ark of the Covenant. In the first reading, David wants to build a home for the Ark of the Covenant, and instead God promises to establish the house of David forever. The psalm reiterates God's promises to David. The second reading praises God. And in the gospel, Gabriel the Archangel appears to the Blessed Virgin Mary and brings her the news that she has been chosen to be the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ

* **The Incarnation of Christ:** Gabriel's announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary introduces the central Christian theme of the Incarnation. This event signifies God becoming human in Jesus Christ, a foundational truth of Christian belief.

* **Favor and Choice by God:** Mary is described as "highly favored" by the Lord, highlighting the theme of divine selection and grace. This emphasizes that God chooses individuals for specific purposes according to His divine plan.

* **Mary's Faith and Obedience:** Mary's response, "Let it be to me according to your word," exemplifies faith and obedience to God's will. This theme underscores the virtue of trusting and submitting to God's plan, even when it is unexpected or challenging.

* **The Role of the Holy Spirit:** The angel's explanation that the Holy Spirit will come upon Mary and the power of the Most High will overshadow her highlights the Holy Spirit's role in the Incarnation. This theme reflects the work of the Holy Spirit in the mystery of Christ's conception and in believers' lives.

* **The Virgin Birth:** The concept of Mary conceiving as a virgin is a significant theme, representing a miraculous event in Christian theology. It signifies God's power and the beginning of a new creation in Christ.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HELPERS

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** and for the Evening Adoration time slots of 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month.

Please call **Joann Drnach** at **304-238-6534** to sign up

FUNERAL LUNCHEON WORKERS

We are in need of Funeral Luncheon Workers. If you would like to help with prepare and serve our luncheons, please contact **Rea Stein** at **304-280-8948**

NO MASS AT OLSD

There will be no Mass at Our Lady of Seven Dolors during the month of January due to all of the kneelers being refurbished!

Next Mass will be Sunday, February 4th.

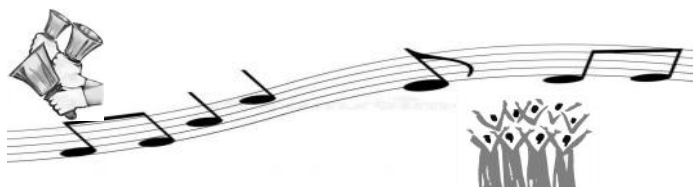
LATIN MASS

Missa Cantata (Traditional Sung Latin Mass) will be celebrated at 3:00 pm on the **FOURTH Sunday** in the month of January at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Triadelphia, WV.

Next Latin Mass will be Sunday, January 28th.

THANK YOU

To Jacki Laurine and all of the Church Choir Members, the Bell Choir Member and special musicians for all of the beautiful music during the Advent and Christmas Masses.



Parish Information

Weekly Calendar & Upcoming Events

SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. **December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.** The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as of Advent and are represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

Sunday, December 24th	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> , Mass at 9:00 am and 11:30 am PSR, 10:15 am - 11:15 am <i>Christmas Eve</i> , Mass at 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm at St. Vincent's and 9:30 pm at OLSD
Monday, December 25th	<i>Christmas Day</i> , Mass at 9:00 am
Tuesday, December 26th <i>Adoration, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm</i>	Small Group , (LaBrosse), 2:00 - 4:00 pm, in the Youth Room Stitching Group , (McFadden), 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 27th	Small Group , (Mazzocco), 6:00 - 8:00 pm Small Group , (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Friday, December 29th	Rosary (Mazzocco), 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 31st	<i>The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>
Monday, January 1st	<i>Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God / New Year's Day</i>

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to the **Wilson Family** for all of their hard work decorating the Sanctuary at St. Vincent's for the Advent and Christmas Seasons!

Our Church always looks wonderful because of your talents!

And a BIG THANK YOU to all of those that decorated
Our Lady of Seven Dolors for Christmas! The Church looks wonderful!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, January 12th

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Marist Centre

Doors open at **6:30 pm** / Trivia Starts at **7:00 pm**

\$10.00 per person

Pizza and snacks provided.

Fill out a Trivia Team Form
and return it to the Parish Office
with payment **by January 10th.**

Forms are available in the vestibule!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Friday, January 19th

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Marist Centre

Doors open at **6:30 pm**

Tournament Starts at **7:00 pm**

\$10.00 per person

8 Hand limit per table / then rotate with partner



MARIST CENTRE RENTAL

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

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

SVDP PARISH FESTIVAL MEETING

The next festival planning meeting will be
January 23rd, at 6:30 pm in the Marist Center.

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

Festival Dates: Friday & Saturday, June 7-8, 2024

Christmas Eve Information

Liturgy and Minister Schedule

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass - December 24th, 2023

Gospel Acclamation: Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Savior of the world will reign over us.

Greeters for Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:30 pm - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / 7:00 pm - Paul & Susie Newmeyer / 9:30 pm - Joann Drnach

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Sunday, December 24th	4:30 pm	+ Carl and Joan Baller	Heather Mazeroski	Bread: Carol Harris Cup: Lynn Hetzel & Tom McFadden
	7:00 pm	+ Ballard and Finnegan Families	Dorothy Dudzik	Bread: Dorothy Dudzik Cup: Susie Newmeyer & Barb Napple
*OLSD	*9:30 pm	+ Living and Deceased Members of the Bandi Family	Mary K Bell	Bread: Joann Drnach Cup: Minister needed & Minister needed

ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses)

Logan Buchanan, Charleigh Carr, Georgia Carr, Claire Connley, Emma Dean, Ava Dominquez, Eleanor Hortet, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Billy Looney, McKenzie Looney, Luke Minor, Angelene Ricci, Austin Schwanker, Ava Thomas, Emma Thompson, Justin Wilson

READINGS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Gospel Reflection:

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Luke 2:16-19

Merry Christmas! Our Advent preparations have been completed, and we are now invited by our Lord to enter into the glorious celebration of His birth!

Reflect, today, with our Blessed Mother. Ponder the Incarnation. Place yourself into the scene that first Christmas. Hear the sounds of the town. Smell the smells of the stable. Watch as the shepherds come forth in adoration. And enter the mystery more fully, acknowledging that the more you know about the mystery of Christmas, the more you know how little you actually know and understand. But that humble realization is the first step to a deeper understanding of what we celebrate this day.

Lord, I gaze at the wonder of Your birth.

You Who are God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, God from God and Light from Light, became one of us, a humble child, born of a virgin and laid in a manger.

Help me to ponder this glorious event, to reflect upon the mystery with awe and to more fully grasp the meaning of what You have done for us.

I thank You, dear Lord, for this glorious celebration of Your birth into the world.

Jesus, I trust in You.



Christmas Day Information

Liturgy and Minister Schedule

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass during the Day - December 25th, 2023

Gospel Acclamation:

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth.

Greeters for Christmas Day, December 25th

9:00 am - Denny & Brenda Beiter

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Monday, December 25th	9:00 am	+ Living and Deceased Members of the Bartsch and Shepard Families	Gwen Porter	Bread: Denny Beiter Cup: Vickie Joseph & Minister needed

ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses)

Logan Buchanan, Charleigh Carr, Georgia Carr, Claire Connley, Emma Dean, Ava Dominguez, Eleanor Hortet, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Billy Looney, McKenzie Looney, Luke Minor, Angelene Ricci, Austin Schwanker, Ava Thomas, Emma Thompson, Justin Wilson

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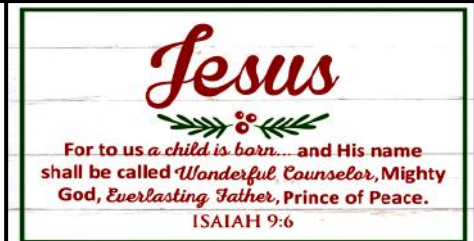
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Gospel Reflection:

Christmas Day is among the most celebrated feasts in the world. Everything else in life stops while the Christian world, in particular, celebrates the birth of the Savior of the World that took place over 2,000 years ago in the small town of Bethlehem. The first Christmas was celebrated by Mary and Joseph, but a multitude of angels saw to it that poor shepherds from the nearby fields joined the celebration as representatives of the entire Christian world to come. Though the Incarnation took place nine months prior when the Archangel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would conceive a Child, that Child exited her sacred womb and breathed His first breath of air on that holy night.

As we celebrate this annual Solemnity, the historical accuracy of the date must give way to the liturgical calendar. God, in His perfection of humility, molds His grace around the structures that His Church has been inspired to create. For that reason, we can be confident that the December 25 liturgical Solemnity is a day in which an abundance of grace is poured forth upon those who believe and honor His birth. Commit yourself, this year and every year, to a celebration of Christmas that goes beyond mere gifts, good food, and gatherings. Choose to celebrate Christmas Day for eight straight days. Don't pack away the decorations and nativity scene. Keep pondering the Christmas story. Prayerfully give thanks to God for His Incarnation and Birth. Make this Christmas celebration one that is permeated with faith, so that the Light of the World can permeate the darkness of the world in which you live.

Most Holy Savior of the World, You are the Light that scattered the darkness.

You chose to be born in the most humble conditions, elevating humility as a means of great holiness.

As we celebrate Your birth, I pray that You will also be born in my life, and through me, into the world.

May this Christmas be a time in which I come to know You more fully and intimately, joining the shepherds in their adoration of You, so that I can share in the abundant new life You came to bestow. Holy Savior, have mercy on me.

Jesus, I trust in You.



Parish Outreach

Service Organizations, Community Events & Announcements

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, January 16th** at **6:15 pm** in the Youth Room. *(We are attending Mass at 5:30 pm and meeting after Mass.)*

Christmas Party / Dinner Meeting
Thursday, December 14th at Golden Chopsticks

OLSD ALTAR SOCIETY

Next Meeting: The Seven Dolors Alter Society will not be meeting in December, but we will have our **Christmas party on Thursday, January 4th, 2024**.

Please call **Mary K** at **304-242-2355** or **304-238-3752** for a reservation by December 10th. The Christmas party will be at Seven Dolors church.

On **Thursday, February 1st, 2024** we will be having a **Cleaning Party** to prepare the church for the upcoming Fish Fry during Lent. All are welcome to help.

MARIST THIRD ORDER OF MARY

There will be no meetings in January and February.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ???

Kids Winter Wear Drive

Because of your generosity, **137 coats, 55 hats, 53 pairs of gloves, 15 pairs of socks and 7 scarves** were donated to Youth Services System (YSS) through the Knights of Columbus - Council 504's Kids Winter Wear Drive.

The Knights thank you for your generous support!

ST. JOHN'S BEREAVEMENT GATHERING

Grief from a Faith Perspective:

6:00 pm usually 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 **Monday, Janusry 29th**.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA!

Please Support Catholic Charities West Virginia!

It is more blessed to give than to receive. – Acts 20:35

Catholic Charities West Virginia helps tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters in need every year. Your donation allows us to provide hope, provide safety, provide food and provide care.

Join us in our mission of love! Give to Catholic Charities:

- * Through the second collection at Christmas masses
- * Online at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org
- * By mail to 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

In giving, we live honorably before God who gives us all we have. Through your support, we can continue providing caring and compassionate support to West Virginians in need. Thank you for your heart to give.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

If you and your spouse need a break from the busy-ness of everyday life, join us at Together in Holiness on **February 10th** at St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Charles Town, WV, and be rejuvenated by inspiring presentations, the Sacraments, and time for intentional discussion with your spouse. On-site childcare is also available, so you can focus on your marriage without a worry! **Click here to read our FAQs about childcare and more.**

Early Bird Couple **\$27** | Childcare **\$5** per child

Early Bird discount available through January 8th.

Full and partial scholarships available, **click here to apply.**

Questions? Email Conference Coordinator **Cameron Kelly** at cameron@forlifeandfamily.org.

Registration link: <https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th24-wcww/>

2024 WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Our annual St. Vincent de Paul Parish World Marriage Day celebration will be held on **Sunday, February 18th, 2024** in the Marist Centre. Details will be announced later.

This year we would like to resume babysitting services during our dinner. We are asking for a Virtus trained adult volunteer to oversee youth providing this service. We are also in need of anyone interested in helping our group with organizing, planning and/or setup.

If you are interested, please **contact Denny or Brenda Beiter (304-238-4904)**. Thank you.

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Sisters will be providing music during Holy Hour. This is a great way to enter into this time of Eucharistic Revival in our Church. All are welcome, and bring a friend!

LUKE 1:38

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